

# Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

In this edition of the magazine you will see an excellent article setting out the process needed to access and use the newly installed defibrillator (to be read just in case you need to use it), news about the start of consultations to update the Parish Plan and to identify community desires for the new recreation field at Rhos-y-llan Farm, the suggested formation of a club for those keen on motorbikes, a description of the facilities available to all at the Miners' Institute and the results of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual St Martins Show - the highly successful "Make It, Grow It, Show It" show.

So much great material this time that we have had to hold back some submitted items for future issues. But please keep it coming and make sure that any news from your club or organisation is published and shared with the entire village (and of course, contact us if you want to be involved in any of the consultations taking place during this Autumn).

Finally – and importantly – we need your help again. We are still (and always) looking for new people to help produce and deliver the magazine. There are times when some of our volunteers either move away, or are no longer able to help deliver the magazine. Also, as the number of houses in St Martins continues to increase, so we need to increase the print run for each issue. To cope with this, we would like to identify more volunteers who can give just a couple of hours of their time once every other month to help, either with the physical printing of the magazine at St Martins Centre, or with the task of delivering it to a specific area within the village. At the moment, we urgently need cover for both Greenfields and for the Glyn Morlas area. If you can help with either of these specific places, please get in touch. If you can cover any other part of our community, or if you can help with printing, please let us know so that we can build up more regular members to our team.

Email to the publication address below, or phone me on 01691 770677 – as someone's well known marketing slogan says, "every little helps"!

John Stevens (Chair of the Editorial Committee)

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# Parish Council

What is a Parish Plan? Simply put, it is a community-led plan. Village residents volunteer to canvass other residents as to how their community can be changed for the better. A document is formed that sets out a vision for the future of the parish of St Martins and outlines how that can be achieved in an action plan. Canvassing can take different forms, such as household questionnaires, interactive workshops, or mobile displays, to stimulate inquiry and response. When completed, the final document is forwarded to Shropshire Council for their perusal and notice. The hope is that the Unitary Authority will take note of the concerns and wishes of villagers in the Parish Plan. When used in conjunction with the Place Plan (a Parish Council-led document) both can be a persuasive force, particularly in the province of planning.

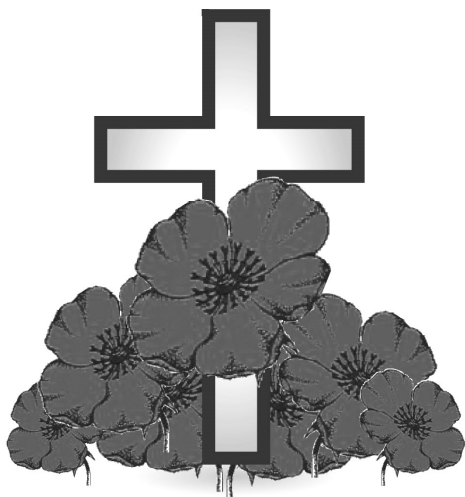
Two local volunteers, Helen Williams and Shirley Willis, will be leading the research and asking the questions. It is hoped that you can help them. Tell them what you think the village needs.

- \* What new resources?
- \* What can be upgraded?
- \* What can be changed?

And so forth. The more information you give them, the better will be their document. Helen and Shirley will be out and about with their team in the coming months. Don't confuse them with another intrepid group. This other group will be asking you what amenities you think should go on the new recreational site, on land donated to the Parish by the Brynkinalt Estate. We hope to start making the land fit for purpose in 2019, and fingers crossed, even have it completed in that year! Yes, when folks commit to work for good of our community?

Finally, please remember that our Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at our war memorial. Over the years attendance numbers have grown as more generations have come to pay their respects to those who died that we might live in freedom from tyranny.

Best regards      Glenn Pennington



## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2017**

**Starting at 10:45am**

At St Martins War Memorial by Stan's

Led by Rev Richard Hall

Then at the Ellesmere Road Methodist Church

**All are Welcome**

# Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The September meeting of the Parish Council which was held in the Community Centre, St Martins, featured a detailed presentation from the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion. John reported that since his election in May 2016 he had been working on the Safer West Mercia Plan 2016-2021. He added that taking a good service and making it great represents a big challenge. This challenge means giving his officers the tools, skills and processes to do their work more effectively and more efficiently.

All officers are now being kitted out with radio recorder cameras, iPhones and iPads which result in less paperwork at the station but which improve relationships with local communities by improving engagement, visibility and accessibility. For our communities, it will mean empowering people to play a more active role in identifying and addressing local issues. One such area is speeding. Through the Community Speed Watch Scheme, reported in the last issue of the Village Life, where we still require more volunteers. As regards questions raised by Cllrs and members of the public he added that there were grants for crime reduction,. Speed limit enforcement was always on the police agenda, but changes to these limits were the responsibility of Shropshire Council. He also agreed to look at the way monthly crime reports are compiled and issued to the Parish Council.

As there had been no meeting in August, a large than usual number of planning applications were considered. Most of these were supported by the Parish Council. However the Parish Council had concerns on some.

On the proposed residential development on land West of Smithy Cottage, Overton Road, the Parish Council felt that this type of development is not an appropriate place for a house and not in keeping with area, but would prefer a bungalow type dwelling. With regards to conversion of farm outbuildings to form three residential properties and covered parking to include some demolition and rebuilding of one single storey extension at barns at Fach Farm House, Fach Lane, the Parish Council supports this application but believes that it should be subject to a condition being placed on this application that these three units are for agricultural use only.

On the erection of two storey side extension at number 15 Garden Village, the Parish Council were concerned that this two storey extension appeared to leave no through access to the rear of the property.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12th October 2017 starting at 7.00 pm in The Moors Community Centre, Moors Lane.

Edward Davies Fellow ILCM,  
St Martins Parish Clerk.

## **Current Parish Councillors**

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# Shropshire Council

**Councillor Steve Davenport**

*Unitary Councillor, St Martins School Governor, Chair of St Martins Centre Trustees*

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Summer is clearly over and Autumn is now well and truly in the air, so I hope those of you who managed to get away on holiday had a good and relaxing time.

Village issues are still progressing well. We are moving forward with plans on the former Ifton Heath School site, where we are looking to retain the old school building itself for use as small business units. In the rest of the grounds we want to create a mixture of some bungalows, together with possibly some assisted living housing for older people, giving a mixed use development to benefit the village as a whole.

At the last Parish Council meeting we welcomed the Police and Crime Commissioner, John Champion, who was questioned by Councillors, on a range of local policing issues, including the increase in traffic speeding in and through St Martins. To try and reduce this problem, I am continuing press for the installation of flashing 30mph warning signs in the village - and there will soon be in place a group of local volunteers who will be monitoring vehicle speeds with the help of the Police and the Safer Roads Partnership.

In my work as chairman of the St Martins Centre Trustees I am, with the other Trustees, considering leasing out the Arthan's fishing pond. If there are any parties interested in discussing this, please contact either myself or Sue Heard, the Treasurer, at the Centre.

My Shropshire Council Cabinet role on Highways and Transport means I have to spend more time in Shrewsbury than I would like, but I am still available to discuss local issues. So if there is anything you would like to talk to or see me about please don't hesitate to contact me. If you can't reach me straight away, please send a text message to my mobile number (see top of this page).

Steve Davenport

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## USHERS TEA & COFFEE SHOP

Jan & Mike would like to thank all their customers for their patronage and generosity. This has enabled donations to be made to St Martins Centre, St Martins Guides (Brownies & Rainbows), St Martins Scouts (Cubs & Beavers) and restore the Montgomery Canal.

We hope to continue to see you all



# St. Martins Parish Church



## Service times

Every **Sunday: 9:30am** our usual Morning Worship Service

**3rd Sunday** of the month **6.30PM** Evening Praise and Worship

## **Sunday FIRST Messy Church**

**3rd October at 11am.** A short family service with songs, Bible story and prayer and afterwards coffee, cake and some **craft activities.**



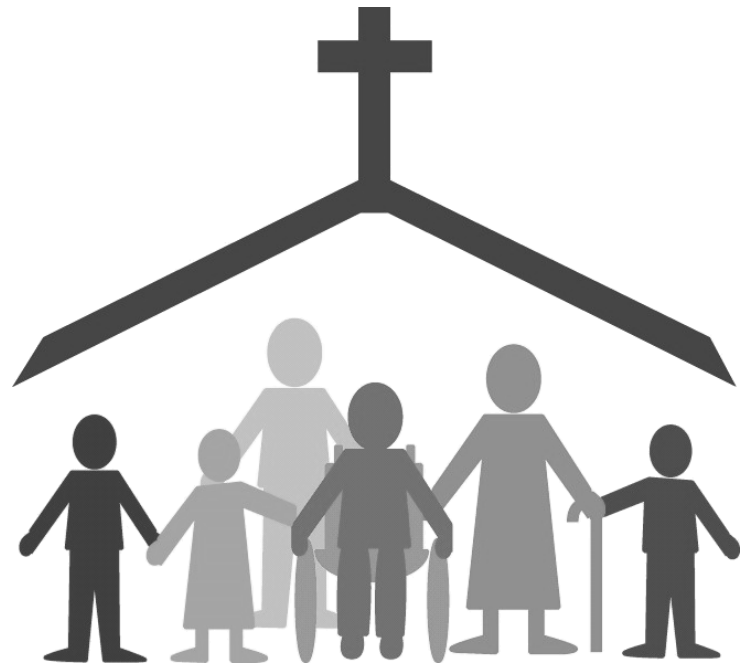
## Weekly Events

**Home groups** meet at different times - see weekly notices.

**Tuesday** Coffee morning at 10:30am in the Chapter House.

**Thursdays** 9:30am Mid week service in church.

**Fridays** 7:30pm St. Martins and Weston Rhyn Church Youth Group (12-19yrs) at St John Weston Rhyn.



**To book a Christening or Wedding and for any other enquiry please contact**

Revd Stuart Jermy - [sjvicar2@sjvicar.plus.com](mailto:sjvicar2@sjvicar.plus.com); 778 468; text 07766 255436 5

# Grow It, Make It, Show It

## St Martins 5th Annual Show

Due to the support of this wonderful community of St Martins the Produce and Craft show was a great success. Nearly 40 exhibitors with 250 exhibits. The judges again commented that the quality of the entries were very good, and a credit to the growers and crafters. Comment on the Man Cakes “Excellent Cakes which made it hard to choose a winner!!” and for the winning photo “Compositionally this is a beautiful image with rich autumn colour, I could see this as a postcard/wall art etc”.

The top award, BEST IN SHOW, was for some fabulous onions grown by Bryan Swain. Jack Perry, 5 years old, won the Sunflower competition. He told us that he “watered the plant, “collected from school back in June, “every day”. It grew to 1m 76cm more than twice the height of Jack. WELL DONE JACK. The 6 section winners trophies, the Best In Show shield and Jack’s award were all presented by Mr Terry Ellis, chairman of St Martins F. C., who also presented the raffle prizes. Barbara Eaton won the top prize of a Helicopter Ride kindly donated by Ridgway Rentals. A full list of prize winners will be published on our Facebook page (search for Grow It, Make It, Show It, Show).



Best In Show— Bryan Swain



Best in Section





Barbara Carman—Cookery



Bryan Swain—Veg & Fruit



Rebekah Eaton—Photography



Mary Thornton—Crafts



Cody Clarke—Children's



Paul Clarke—Man Cake



Alison Davie—Allotment Holders Special



Jack Perry—Tallest Sunflower



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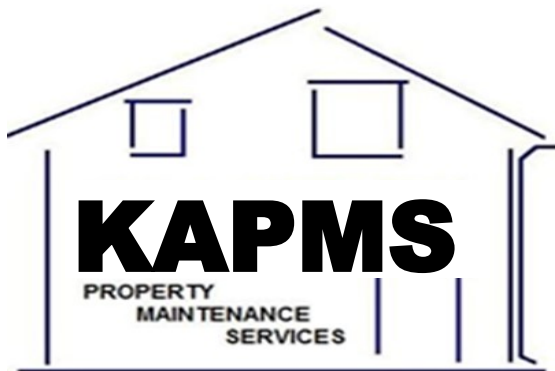
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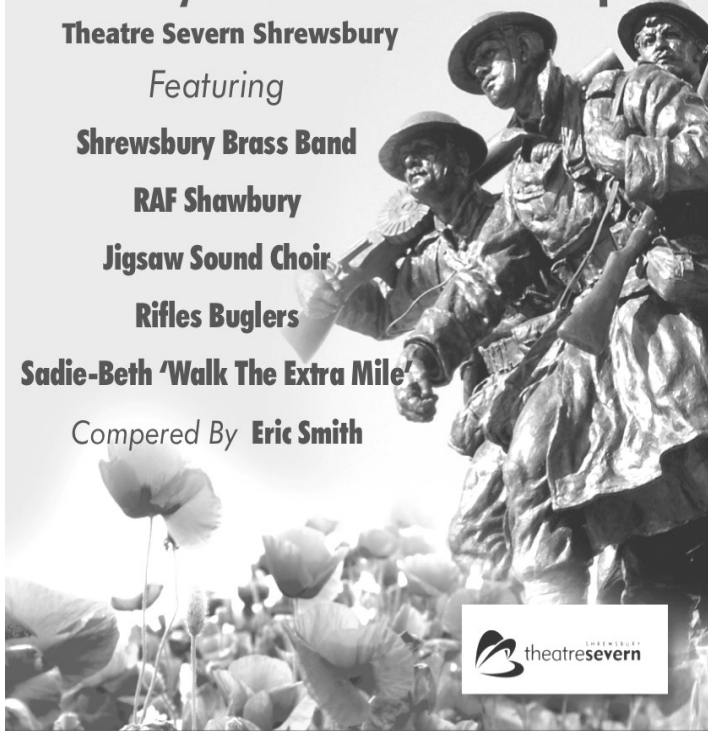
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|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| St Martins     | Moors<br>11.00          | Roberts<br>10.00        | AWT<br>10.00             | K.Edlington<br>11.00     | Chirk<br>11.00           |
| Moors<br>11.00 | Rev Long                | AWT                     | Holmes                   | St Martins               | Chirk<br>11.00           |

|                | November 5 <sup>th</sup> | November 12 <sup>th</sup> | November 19 <sup>th</sup> | November 26 <sup>th</sup> |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| St Martins     | AWT<br>10.00             | Remembrance<br>10.45      | Molyneux<br>10.00         | Rev Long<br>11.00         |
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## **Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>**

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Both services will be led by Rev Richard Hall (Circuit Superintendent).



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# Three Parishes Community Wildlife Group

The newly formed wildlife group has got off to a good start having the first meeting in January. All the meetings have been well attended and it was agreed that we would meet in each of the three parishes in rotation. Talks have been varied on subjects such as Wild flowers, Mason bees, garden birdwatching, the ecology of the Llangollen canal to name just some of them.

One talk was by Leo Smith a very knowledgeable ornithologist on the decline of the Lapwing and Curlews over the last few years. As a result of this talk over 20 members agreed to do surveys in the three parishes to try to ascertain the numbers in the area. Several of us attended a training session with Leo. There were mixed results from the surveys but with the help of a local landowner we were able to record a good sized colony of Lapwings within the parish. It is hoped that the survey work will continue. The surveyors do three surveys over a three month period and obviously keep to rights of way and public highways so it is possible that we could miss sightings of the birds. We would welcome information from anyone who has knowledge of either lapwings or curlews being seen to contact the chairman Polly Smith, contact details below.



On the 19th October we meet at the Pavilion in Gobowen for a talk by John Lightfoot on Barn owl conservation. Our final meeting for the year is in November when one of our members will give an illustrated talk on the Wildlife to be found in our area. The programme for next year is being compiled and will be available soon. The group is based in the parishes of Weston Rhyn, St Martins, Selattyn and Gobowen but anyone who has an interest in wildlife is invited to attend any of our meetings.



The aims and objectives of a Community Wildlife Group include:

- ◆ Bring together people interested in wildlife
- ◆ Undertake survey work to establish the status of key bird, plant and butterfly species and habitats.
- ◆ Encourage and enhance local interest in wildlife
- ◆ Actively promote conservation

If you are interested and want more information please telephone Polly on 01691 239087 Mobile 07938693561, email: [polly.j.smith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:polly.j.smith@hotmail.co.uk). We also have a Facebook page: **3 Parishes Community Wildlife Group**.

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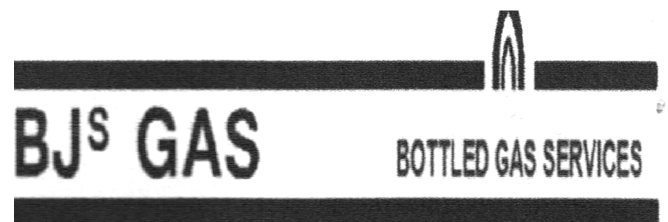
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