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Valuation Day

Promise Auction

Thursday November 9th

Promises include: Spa Day & Lunch for 2: Garden table & Chairs: Planter: Jewellery:

Round of golf for 4 (2): Bird House & Feeder: Log basket: Garden Centre voucher:

Sunday Lunch for 2: 10 Pin Bowling & meal for 4: Bed & Breakfast for 2:

Coach trip for 2: Bottle of wine.

All proceeds to St Martins Centre.



SOMETHING TO DO IN HALF TERM

Monday October 23rd 11-2pm Gobowen playing fields

Wednesday October 25th 11-2pm St.Martins playing fields

Thursday October 26th 11-2pm Weston Rhyn Rec



Free lunch and activities including new age curling, dodgeball, relay races and obstacles, space hoppers and big feet, outdoor twister, large connect4 and lots more. Bookings taken via naomi@gotothvenue.com, registration forms must be completed.



Monday Night Curry Night 5pm-8pm

Curry and a pint £8.50

Tuesday Night Fish Night 5pm-8pm

Beer Battered Cod, Breaded Plaice, Scampi or Salmon and a pint £9.95

Wednesday Night Steak Night 5pm-8pm

Rump Steak and a glass of wine of your choice £12.00

Thursday Night Sizzler Night 5pm-9pm

Any Sizzler and a pint £10.50

HAPPY HOUR TIMES MONDAY—FRIDAY

2PM-6PM

Fosters	£2.50	Guinness	£2.70	Real Ales All £2.50
Carling	£2.50	John Smiths	£2.20	
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BRAIN TEASER

Can you win eight tricks for the N/S partnership?

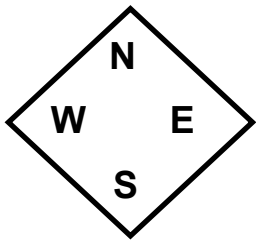
You are player S. W begins the game by laying down ♥7. Then N puts his cards face up on the table so everyone can see them. Apart from these, nobody can see anybody else's cards. As S, you alone choose which cards to play from both the N and S hands for the whole game. The order of play is clockwise and you, S, decide to play ♥2 from N's hand. Then, E plays the ♥J from his own hand.

Rules:

1. There are four players. E/W play as a team against the N/S pair.
2. There are no trumps. Each trick is won by the pair playing the highest card in the suit led. So in this example the first trick is won by whoever plays highest ♥.
3. Everyone must follow suit if they can, but each player can choose which card in a suit to play, e.g. S - who chooses for N - decides to play ♥2 from N's hand after the ♥7 had been led by W, rather than ♥A.
4. If you can't follow suit, you can play any of the cards remaining in your hand. Remember that as S, you will also play N's hand.
5. The player (N, S, E or W) who wins a trick starts the next trick. He/She can choose any card they want from their hand. For example, if you (S) choose to win the first trick with ♥K by overtaking E's ♥J, then you choose any of the remaining cards left in S's hand to start the second trick. If you ever win a trick from N's hand then you must start the next round from N's hand.

Oh, yes: and the other rule is you must assume that everyone plays to the best of their ability, so your opponents (E/W) won't throw away their best cards to make it easy for you! If you get stuck, see below for the answer.

♠ J 6 3
♥ A 2
♦ A 9 6 5
♣ Q J 10 6



♠ A K 7 2
♥ K 6
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ K 9 2

The brain teaser is a bridge hand but you don't need any previous knowledge of bridge to solve it.

Bridge is a mind game played as a partnership. It helps to develop communication skills, improve memory and reasoning, and promotes social interaction. In other words, it helps to do for the brain what physical exercise does for the body.

If you want to learn more, whether you are new to the game or returning to it after an interval, contact Nat White (01691 830376) or use the Contact Form on the Oswestry Bridge Club website.

Statistically, a weird card distribution is always unlikely so assume that this game is no exception. Your weakest suit is clearly ♠ and E/W will exploit this if they can. Your best bet is to take the first trick with ♠K, then lead clubs – and if necessary keep leading them – until E or W play their ♣A. This strategy will leave you with the top cards in all suits, better enabling you to control the rest of the game and ensure eight tricks. With a fair wind

Answer:

THE VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

... is there for everyone. Anyone can use it

1. You only need a defibrillator if **breathing stops** and the patient is unresponsive, i.e. they look dead and when you shake them and shout at them they don't respond
2. The very first thing to do is to **RING 999**. You **HAVE** to do this before anything else.
Make sure you have the **exact location** of the patient ready
3. Ask for **AMBULANCE**
4. Don't rush into yelling everything at the Controller
Listen to the questions and answer them
The questions are in a specific order for the Controller to gather vital information and despatch the ambulance immediately to the right location
This is the moment the CFR will be activated if they are on call and nearby
5. The first question will be "Is the patient breathing?"
When you answer "No" the controller will give you the **combination code for the defibrillator box**
6. That's when **someone is sent for the defibrillator**
Write down the code to take with you/them
7. Make sure the **doors** where the patient is are **unlocked**, and at night all the **lights are on**, so the ambulance crew can get in
8. **IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO START CPR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ...**
... even before ringing 999 if there is more than one person with you, and all the time someone is collecting the defibrillator
The ambulance service Controller will talk you through how to do this and won't hang up
If possible put your phone on Loudspeaker and keep it nearby while you do what the Controller tells you
9. When the defibrillator arrives **DON'T STOP CPR**
Open the defibrillator case and switch the machine on
The defibrillator will take a few moments to get going but then **it will tell you what to do** and keep telling you until you have done it. **LISTEN CAREFULLY**
The defibrillator may or may not advise a shock or shocks but it will tell you exactly how to do this
Don't stop CPR until the defibrillator tells you to, which it will every now and again
Restart CPR when it tells you to
10. The CFR and/or ambulance is on its way
Keep going with the CPR until the CFR or ambulance crew tells you to stop



What's on in October!

Sun 1st	Sunday Social Club	St Martins Centre	3.30pm
Mon 2nd	Motorbike Club	St Martins Centre	7pm
Tues 3rd	WI - Libby Morris Arranging Supermarket Flowers	St Martins Miner's Institute Lounge	7:30pm
Tues 3rd	School Open Day	St Martins School	See page 23
Sun 8th	Green Gym	Entrance of Ifton Meadows	1:30pm
Tues 10th	My Money Matters Benefits Health Check	St Martin Centre	From 10am
Tues 10th	Ifton Meadows Management Committee and AGM	St Martins Centre	7:30pm
Wed 11th	Weston Rhyn Gardening Club—Looking forward to your Winter Garden	Weston Rhyn Institute	7:30pm
Thur 12th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Centre	7:00pm
Fri 13th	Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project - The James Lambert Singers	St Martins Institute	7:30pm
Thurs 19th	3 Parishes Community Wildlife Group - Barn Owl Conservation	The Pavilion, Gobowen	7.30pm
Sat 21st	3 Parishes Community Wildlife Group—Bat Walk	Chirk Castle	7:30pm
Tues 24th	My Money Matters Managing Debt Workshop	St Martins Centre	From 10am
Wed 25th	Half Term Activities for children	St Martins Playing Field	11.00am – 2:00pm

What's on in November!

Mon 2nd	Parish Plan	St Martins Centre	7pm
Sun 5th	Sunday Social Club	St Martins Centre	3.30pm
Tues 7th	My Money Matters Utilities Health Check	St Martins Centre	From 10am
Tues 7th	WI _ Posh Puds	St Martins Miners' Institute Lounge	7.30pm
Thurs. 9th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Centre	7:00pm
Thurs. 9th	St Martins Centre Promise Auction		
Sun 12th	Green Gym	Entrance Ifton Meadows	1:30pm
Tues 14th	Ifton Meadows Management Committee	St Martins Centre	7:30pm
Tues 21st	My Money Matters Christmas on a Budget Workshop	St Martins Centre	From 10am

Please let us know the time and date of events in December and January for the next edition of Village Life by no later than **Friday 15th November 2017**

If you send us an article for the next edition, please bear in mind that it will be delivered at the end of September, so any events you report on will have happened before then. If you want to mention any upcoming events or activities please make sure they are in December and January (or later).

Welcome back to school everyone! I have conducted assemblies this week and walks around the school and I am very impressed at the way our new students have settled in to school life here and are on task and working hard in lessons.

I would also like to congratulate our year 11 students who collected their GCSE results at the end of August. The new GCSE's in English and maths have been a challenge for schools in England, resulting in sleepless nights for students, staff and parents. The new progress measures, which are the way the school results are judged, are complicated and will take time to calculate, but we are pleased with our results especially in English where students all performed particularly well.

Our year 10 students also sat some GCSE (called short/fat, studied in one year for double the curriculum time). Particularly well done to the three year 10 students who achieved straight A/A* (you know who you are!). This means they can now concentrate on other subjects as they start year 11.

If parents need to discuss any issue please come to my Open Door session which stays the same this year taking place on a Tuesday, 2.20pm—3.20pm. If you can't attend in person a phone call can also be taken.

This newsletter will be sent via email and will be on the website for the rest of the year with hard copies available at reception.

Ms Lovecy

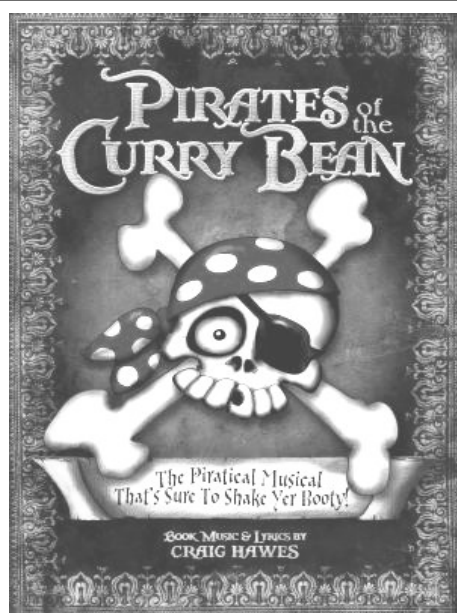
Pirates of the Curry Bean

Our year 5 and 6 will be joining with students from Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and Selattyn on a performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean. This is project one of this years' hugely enjoyable Community Curriculum which has been running now for four years. The auditions and rehearsals start next week

“Young twins Jack & Liza Periwinkle yearn for adventure, so imagine their joy at discovering a real life treasure map! But, when the infamous Redbeard and his pungent Pirates of the Curry Bean steal the map and kidnap their mother, the race is on to rescue her, reclaim the map and find the treasure”!

There will be activities for all, from main acting and singing to back stage crew and costumes.

The final show takes place on Friday 1 December at 4.30pm, watch this space for updates!!!



Launch of Parent Pay - coming next term!!! - this is an easy way for parents to pay for lunches either on line or through any pay point (Stan's, Spar and Coop in Chirk, Coop in Gobowen, Weston Rhyn stores)

MESSAGE FROM PC LE'CLERE

We've recently been informed of some potential safeguarding risks with the app *Roblox*. *Roblox* is a game available for Xbox One, Playstation 4, Windows 10, Apple Mac, iPhone, iPad, Android and Amazon Fire devices. It allows users to create user generated games and share them with their friends in a virtual massively multiplayer world.

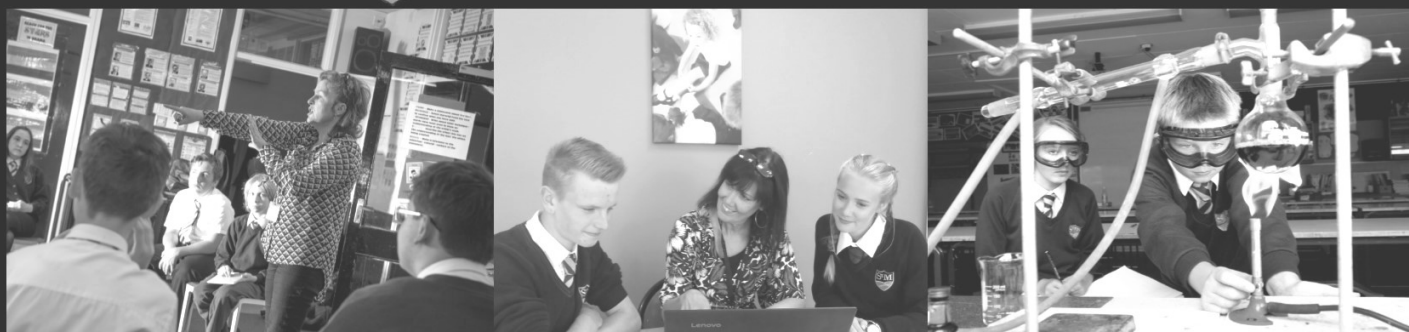
As the game is designed to centre around user generated content, some inappropriate content may be shared with the community.

It also has social elements built into that allow both public and private chats. This has created some reported instances of this app being used by some adults to make inappropriate contact with children.

As always we recommend you keep an open dialogue with your children about the websites and applications they use online, and if needs be, ask them to no longer use it, explaining to them the potential dangers.



St Martins School
3-16 Learning Community



Open Day & Evening
Tuesday 3 October 2017

Tours at 9.30am & 12.00pm

Evening Event 6.30pm with talk from Head of School at 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Contact (01691) 776500 for more information or to book a place on the day tour

House Names and Numbers

Have you ever thought about how easily the Emergency Services can identify your property if they need to attend in an emergency?

Police and the Ambulance Service find it very difficult at times to identify properties when they are attending in an emergency. We see so many houses without numbers visible from the road, and rural properties can be the same with no house name easily visible. Trying to find these properties can often delay emergency services when time is critical. If your house name or number isn't visible, please consider making it visible or putting up a new one, it could save your life.

For more crime prevention advice please feel free to get in contact with me.

Please report anything suspicious to the police on 101.

Kate Le'Clere, PC 3718

Oswestry Rural North, Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Mobile – 07870 219518

PCSO Dave Hughes – 07870 219190

PCSO Pete Roberts – 07870 219019

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We are also looking to hear from community groups in the area who need or use volunteers. We can advertise opportunities for you and support you with all aspects of managing volunteers. Come along to the drop-in or give us a call.



Every 1st Tuesday of the month
10am-12pm -
St Martins Centre
3rd Oct, 7th Nov etc

Or contact **Alex at Qube**
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Dervish

Great news for fans of Irish music. One of the best-known bands in the world of Irish music, Dervish, are playing at Black Park, Halton on Tuesday 3rd October, 8pm.

Dave Andrews of Offa Events, who are organising the concert, said 'Dervish's agent contacted me out of the blue. They're such

a huge name I just couldn't turn down the opportunity to put them on. It's another big moment for us. Dervish have played all over the world and don't tour in Britain very often. They're only here for one week so we've been very lucky to get them.'

Offa Events is run by Dave and his wife Jane Trudgill who live on the Wern by Weston Rhyn. Together they have organised over one hundred concerts during the last fifteen years, many of them at the Cross Keys in Selattyn and the Last Inn in Hengoed, and have specialised in attracting big names to the area. Other big name Irish bands have included Altan and Lunasa. With a focus on artists from the Celtic nations they have also hosted internationally-renowned musicians such as Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham from Scotland.

'Black Park is a new venue for us,' continued Dave. 'It's ideal in many ways. There's an excellent sound system, raked seating, a bar and a large car park. Also it's less than a minute from the A5/A483, no distance from MacDonald's on the Chirk by-pass.'

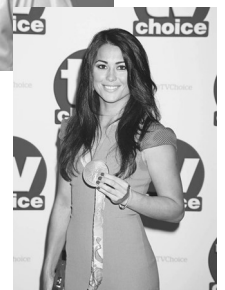
Tickets are £20 and can be bought by sending a cheque payable to Dave Andrews to the address below. Dave asks you to send a SAE if you want your tickets posted to you.

For enquiries email offaevents@aol.com or phone 01691 650293.

Quiz September 2017

In what sports have the following represented England/GB?

1. Sam Quek?
2. Nat Sciver?
3. Johnny Haynes?
4. Bill Beaumont?
5. Ricky Hatton?
6. Roger Bannister?
7. Ian Taylor?
8. Fred Titmus?
9. Jessica Ennis Hill?
10. Lucinda Prior Palmer



Answers on page 30

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MATH TEST!

$$3 + 3 \times 3 - 3 + 3 = ?$$

a) 18

b) 12

c) 03

d) 06

Here's a great picture for you to colour

