

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

Well I don't know whether it was in response to my appeal or just a question of the time of year, but either way I am delighted to see that the 'What's On' entries for both June and July have filled the centre of this issue of the magazine! I hope that gets repeated in every issue from now on.

Following the issues raised recently around the village over car parking, you will see an appeal for your views on those issues and their impacts. Whatever your views may be, please take the chance to air them by responding to the request on page 17.

On a positive note, the end of season reports in this issue from both our local football teams - St Martins FC and St Martins Village FC - record excellent seasons with both winning league and cup trophies to go in their cabinets. Well done to the players and backroom staff of both teams – and here's hoping it won't be long before you are both using good modern facilities here in the village whose name you carry.

Finally, an appeal for more advertisers. Sadly, we have lost a couple of our regular advertisers, one through retirement and another due to refurbishment of premises. To try and keep our revenue income in step with our (ever rising) costs we really need to see a few more local businesses advertising in our pages. We can only continue to produce the magazine if income from adverts and donations cover our costs, so please help if you can. If you are not a business, you can still help as an individual by dropping your loose change in the collection box at the kiosk in Stan's. Many thanks in anticipation of your continuing support.

John Stevens

Chair of the Editorial Committee

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people with sight impairment.**

Parish Council

From the Chair

Occasionally I get the comment, “ You’re on the Parish Council? And its Chairman?” Well, yes, I am, and also its Chairman, for one more year. It is not hard to know that fact. Names of Parish Councillors are in the Village Life Magazine. Our names are printed on Parish Council Minutes which are publicly displayed on village notice boards and on our Parish Council website. The information is there, if one has the time to read it. And, if one has the interest.

The trouble with modern life is that there is a cyberspace competition to download as much information into our lives as possible. One effect is that we learn to filter out that information which we consider irrelevant to our own lives. Another effect is that we learn to safeguard our own free time, to protect our own time so that it is hopefully free from stress, hassle, and unwarranted intrusions. The downside to that exclusion zone is that we can get inward-looking and not consider the affairs of others – unless they are our immediate family. But, in a sense, village life is like a big family. Families love one another, and then they fight with one another; they look out for each other, and then cross the road to avoid speaking to one another. “Nowt so strange as folk” says ancient wisdom.

Your Parish Council is officially recognised as the first tier in local government. In ancient times and in other cultures, the village elders held council in order to make decisions that would affect local communal life. Today, your Parish Council is extremely limited in its decision making but those that we make we do so with the intention of benefitting our local community. Why? Because we care about our community. We care to try and protect our village from over-development and we care to encourage correct development, such as the new Recreational Site. But this takes time, effort and an outward-looking heart. The majority of our Councillors are pensioners who do have the time, and the interest, and acquired wisdom from life’s experience. But we are not immortal and vacancies occur. So let me encourage the younger members of our community – if you have taken the time to read this – to consider getting involved in the affairs of the Parish Council. If you have the free time, and are wondering what to do with it, and be treated with respect, look out for any vacancy on the Parish Council and think about applying for it. After all, you will be getting involved in village family life.

Glenn Pennington
Chair,
St Martins Parish Council



Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

During May the Annual Meeting and Parish Council meeting were held in St Martins Centre.

At the Annual Meeting Cllr Glenn Pennington was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council and Cllr Andrew Cast re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllrs were elected to various committees including Executive, Recreation Services, Finance, Street Lighting and Planning. Cllrs were also appointed as representatives to Outside Bodies and Organisations such as the Area Committee of the Shropshire Association of Local Council, Local Joint Committee, Wrekin Housing Trust and Oswestry Heath Group.

At the Council meeting a number of police issues were raised which included Oak Drive – still parking vehicles on verge by Post Box, concern over lack of police presence in village, a requirement to monitor vehicles going on wrong side of mini island by Stan's and the need to monitor speed of traffic coming from Gledrid Roundabout to try and beat traffic lights outside Top Bank Top Industrial Estate.

On planning issues an Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of one dwelling on land adjacent to 69 New Ifton, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AA was supported although access to the site was of concern. An application from Shropshire Council for the variation of condition No.1 attached to permission 17/01284/VAR to allow for the family to remain on site at Ifton Heath Former Primary School for a further temporary period of twelve months was again supported although concern was expressed that Shropshire Council who have a legal position to house this family seem to be doing little to look for an alternative site for them.

All local councils want to serve their local communities and make a real difference to the lives of the people that live there. Therefore the Parish Council has signed up to the Local Council Award Scheme at the Foundation Level. This scheme offers councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector, assessed by their peers, and to put in place the conditions for continued improvement. The scheme also demonstrates that a council meets the requirements for operating lawfully and according to standard practice.

Edward Davies Fellow SLCC - St Martins Parish Clerk.

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At long last the summer seems to have started after our what felt like an everlasting seems winter, While we all hope the good weather lasts for more than a few days, it will certainly take more than that to deal with the effects of the winter weather which took its toll on the roads not only here in St Martins but also across the whole of Shropshire — and indeed the country — with a record number of potholes appearing as a result of those winter weather conditions.

Shropshire Council repair teams are already out and about starting to fix those pothole problems, and you will have noticed that they started in the village last week. I would like to say that they will all be done quickly, but the sheer volume of work means that it could still take some time to complete. Please let me know if you spot any severe problems that are still outstanding and I'll do my best to ensure that they receive the appropriate priority.

Potholes aside, there is a lot going on behind the scenes. I continue to work with the Parish Council working to secure land donated by Iain Hill-Trevor as a sports facility.

We are also still working on the future development of the former Ifton School site to provide mixed use housing and office accommodation as well as looking for a solution to the problems caused by the mini-roundabout junction at Ellesmere Road and Overton Road.

All this is part of working to make St Martins a village of the future without forgetting its past. On that topic, I attended a fundraising event last Friday with the committee and friends of the Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project. I have to say that the planned statue celebrating the people who worked there and the contribution the mine made to the development of our community is awesome and I wish them every success in their efforts to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of coal production at Ifton.

As always, please contact me for any issues you have I will always call and see you to discuss and try and help in the community and personally where ever possible,

*Steve*

**St Martins W.I.** have marked their 90th birthday by erecting a bench up on Ifton Meadows by the mosaic. It has a commemorative plaque recording the dates. The bench is made from 100% recycled waste agricultural polythene plastic.



Thank you to all concerned for making this

# St. Martins Parish Church



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

**Sunday FIRST Messy Church** at 11am.

A short family service with songs, Bible story and prayers and afterwards coffee, cake and some **craft activities**.



**Introduction to Christianity Evenings** beginning in June for those wanting to be Confirmed or Baptised.

**Church Family BBQ 1st July 12:30.** Fun games and food.

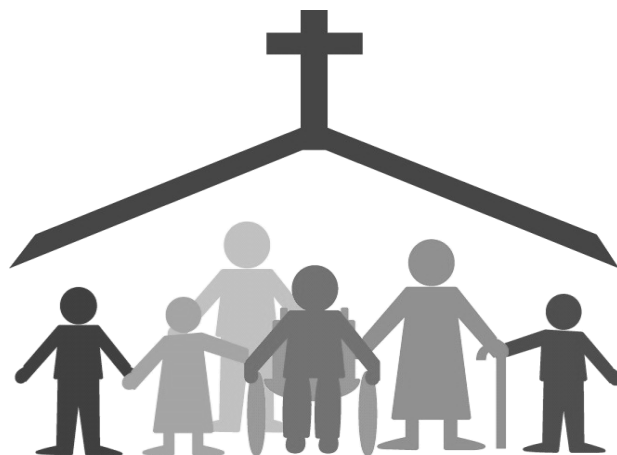
## Weekly Events

### **Tuesdays**

Coffee morning at 10:30am in the Chapter house.

### **Thursdays**

9:30am Mid week service in church.



**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); phone 778 468 or text 07766 255436

Or check out our Website [www.stmartinsparish.co.uk](http://www.stmartinsparish.co.uk)



# St Martins Methodist Church

(Ellesmere Road)

Minister: Rev Stella Long 01691 622274

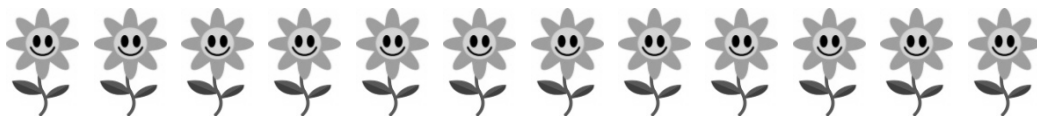
**Thursday Coffee Mornings 10.30 - 11.30**

|            | June 3rd               | June 10th              | June 17th               | June 24th              |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| St Martins | At Moors<br>11.00      | AWT<br>11.00           | AWT<br>10.00            | Jackson/Long<br>11.00  |
| Moors      | J.Molyneux<br>11.00 HC | At St Martins<br>11.00 | Songs of<br>Praise.6.30 | At St Martins<br>11.00 |

|            | July 1st           | July 8th                   | July 15th               | July 22nd              | July 29th         |
|------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| St Martins | At Moors<br>11.00  | Rev Shore-<br>man<br>11.00 | AWT<br>10.00            | M & A Davis<br>11.00   | At Moors<br>11.00 |
| Moors      | M.Bennett<br>11.00 | At St Mar-<br>tins 11.00   | Songs of<br>Praise.6.30 | At St Martins<br>11.00 | Jackson<br>11.00  |

## **'Messy' Summer Sunday Service**

**SUNDAY July 8<sup>TH</sup>**



Listen to a story told by Rev Ruth Shoreman

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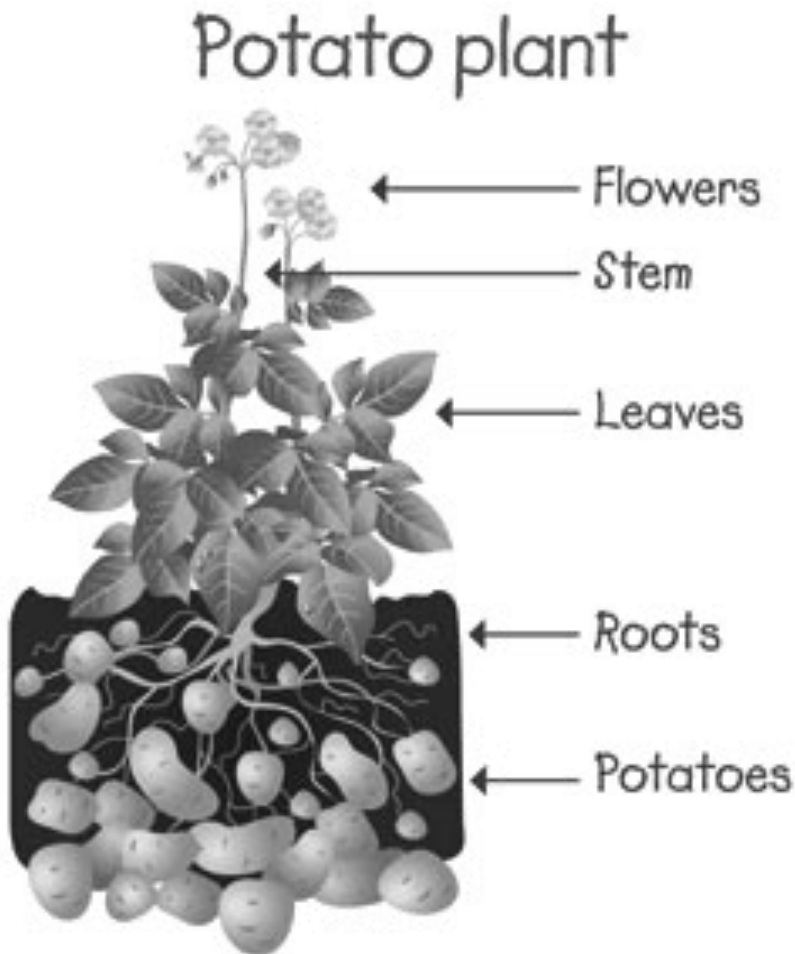
THURSDAYS 10.30 - 11.30



# Clash of the (potato) Titans!

The Grow It Make It Show It show this year will see both young and not so young competing with their potato growing skills. Our show president was lucky enough to obtain some seed potatoes from an internationally renowned, multiple award winning vegetable grower.

These have been distributed to those children who responded to the competition in the previous edition of Village Life, along with the soil and the bags to grow them in. They have also received detailed growing instructions.



At the same time, members of the Allotment Association have also been provided with the same potatoes, bags and compost.

All are expected to bring them in to the Grow It Make It Show It show on the morning of Saturday Sept 15th between 09.30 and 11.00 am. This will be at The Institute, opposite Stans.

The potatoes will be weighed. The growers in each category who have grown the heaviest potatoes will be the winners.

Adult or child? who knows???

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## Water Forum



Many people in the village are unaware that  
The Water Forum, that got St Martins its  
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# Tea and Coffee Shop



The former provisions store and bakery 'Ushers' at St Martins Moor Bridge has now re-opened as a 'Tea and Coffee shop'.

Jan and Mike Crowe will now provide a wide range of teas, coffees, hot chocolate and soft drinks and of course some wonderful cakes on a 'pop up' basis for walkers, boaters and locals.

We also offer free-range eggs, homemade jam, and a variety of homemade breads (made to order Tel: 01691 587224). There is also a bric-a-brac and gift stall. Opening hours will be flexible (look for the 'A' board outside). We have inside seating available. Ushers will also offer bed & breakfast to visitors to the area and details can be found on the Airbnb website.

All profits from this venture will be allocated to local charities

## Quiz May 18

### Nicknames

1. The Iron Lady
2. Whispering Death
3. The Hitman (American)
4. Beefy
5. The Crafty Cockney
6. Tarzan
7. Chopper
8. Big Bird
9. Snakebite
10. Golden Balls
11. Pistol Pete
12. The Manchester Mexican (lesser known nickname)

Answers on page 32

## CHIRK HOSPITAL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS CREAM TEA

An Invitation is extended from Chirk Hospital Circle of Friends to everyone to come and enjoy a Cream Tea on Saturday June 2nd at Chirk Day Hospital from 2pm - 4pm .

There will be a bric-a-brac stall and raffle and also singing by the Chirk Karaoke Choir to enjoy .

*Wishing a very special Uncle - David Burkhill of Kimberley Lane - a very happy 80th Birthday for June 7th. Lots of love from Julie, Stuart and family and Derek and Ella and family.*



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Below is the list of classes for this year's show. Please remember that you will need to book your entry into the Show on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

| <u><b>Class</b></u> | <u><b>Section A : Vegetables</b></u>                                                     | <u><b>Class</b></u> | <u><b>Section B : Flowers and Plants</b></u>                                           |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A1.                 | 3 Potatoes                                                                               | B20.                | 5 Dahlias Pompom, any size                                                             |
| A2.                 | 5 Runner Beans                                                                           | B21.                | 3 Dahlias (decorative)                                                                 |
| A3.                 | 3 Onions (10 oz. and under)                                                              | B22.                | 1 Dahlia (large)                                                                       |
| A4.                 | 3 Onions (over 10 oz.)                                                                   | B23.                | 3 Dahlias, Cactus or semi Cactus                                                       |
| A5.                 | 5 Shallots                                                                               | B24.                | 1 specimen HT Rose                                                                     |
| A6.                 | 5 Radish                                                                                 | B25.                | 3 Gladioli                                                                             |
| A7.                 | 3 Leeks                                                                                  | B26.                | 5 Sweet Pea Stems                                                                      |
| A8.                 | 3 Carrots (with tops trimmed and tied)                                                   | B27.                | 1 Hydrangeas                                                                           |
| A9.                 | 3 Beetroot (with tops trimmed and tied)                                                  | B28.                | 1 Vase of Flowers (5stems of 1variety)                                                 |
| A10.                | 3 Courgettes (not exceeding 150mm/6 ins)                                                 | B29.                | Patio Container (18"Max pot size)                                                      |
| A11.                | 1 Marrow                                                                                 | B30.                | Pot plant (flowering)                                                                  |
| A12.                | 1 Cucumber                                                                               | B31.                | Pot plant (foliage)                                                                    |
| A13.                | Any Brassica                                                                             | B32.                | 1 Cactus or Succulent                                                                  |
| A14.                | 3 Tomatoes (Not  Cherry)                                                                 | B33.                | Fuchsia in any size pot                                                                |
| A15.                | 5 Cherry Tomatoes                                                                        | B34.                | Pelargonium (Geranium-upright only)                                                    |
| A16.                | 3 Cooking apples                                                                         | B35.                | Flower Arrangement in an unusual container (overall Height and width not exceeding 6") |
| A17.                | 3 Dessert apples                                                                         |                     | <b><u>Special Section: Allotment Holder Only</u></b>                                   |
| A18.                | Any Other 3 Fruit (same variety)                                                         |                     | Best Exhibit by an Allotment Holder                                                    |
| A19.                | Any other 3 Vegetable (same variety)                                                     |                     |                                                                                        |
| <u><b>Class</b></u> | <u><b>Section C : Children's</b></u>                                                     | <u><b>Class</b></u> | <u><b>Section D : Photographic</b></u>                                                 |
|                     | open to children aged 11 and younger on 1st September 2015, age to be stated on exhibit. |                     | (Un-mounted and Un-framed Max 7" x 5" )                                                |
| C36.                | Decorated Cress Egg head                                                                 | D41.                | Photograph – Within the Parish                                                         |
| C37.                | An Animal made from a paper plate                                                        | D42.                | Photograph – Single Flower                                                             |
| C38.                | Build your own Lego model. Theme: Out Of This World.                                     | D43.                | Photograph – Water                                                                     |
| C39.                | A printed leaf and/ or vegetable pattern.                                                | D44.                | Photograph – Humours Photo with Caption                                                |
| C40                 | A portrait of a family member in any media.                                              |                     |                                                                                        |
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| <u><b>Class</b></u> | <u><b>Section E : Cookery</b></u>                                                        | <u><b>Class</b></u> | <u><b>Section F : Craft</b></u>                                                        |
| E45.                | Victoria Sponge/Sandwich (Jam filled & Cast-er Sugar on Top)                             | F53.                | Any Crochet Article                                                                    |
| E46.                | Fruit Loaf/Tea Loaf                                                                      | F54.                | Any Knitted Article                                                                    |
| E47.                | Decorated Cake (Max 8")                                                                  | F55.                | Any Patchwork/Quilting/Applique                                                        |
| E48.                | Savoury Flan Max 8"                                                                      | F56.                | Any Tapestry/Cross-stitch                                                              |
| E49.                | 3 Sultana Scones (2" cutter)                                                             | F57.                | Any other Embroidery                                                                   |
| E50.                | Homemade Soft Fruit Jam                                                                  | F58.                | Handmade Soft Toy                                                                      |
| E51.                | Homemade Jar of ChuneY                                                                   | F59.                | Art (Paintings or Drawing)                                                             |
|                     | Recycled glass jams acceptable with either a new lid or cellophane                       | F60.                | Any Other Craft                                                                        |
| E52.                | Man Cake (must be made by a MAN)                                                         |                     |                                                                                        |



**At St Martins Miners' Institute**

**Saturday 30th June**

**Bar opens at 7pm ♦ Races start at 8pm**

This is the latest event to raise funds for the 'Miner of the 60's' statue, to be placed on the Memorial Gardens in St Martins to honour the miners who worked in the pit until it closed in 1968. This coming November will be the 50th anniversary of that closure.

Please put in your diaries Saturday 24th November 2018. The statue will be unveiled at about 1pm. There will be a service of Commemoration in St Martins Church starting at 12-15pm followed by a march from the church to the gardens led by Ifton Colliery Band. Hot drinks or soup will be served in the St Martins Institute from about 1-15pm and the Moreton Hall School in conjunction with St Martins School will perform a new short play about the closure. The event will finish with a song or two from St Martins School Choir.

Fundraising is going well but we still need another £16,000 to complete the project. If you were thinking of giving a direct donation please make cheques payable to St Martins Parish Council and give it to a committee member or post to Sue Schofield, Hawthorns, School Lane, St Martins SY11 3BX.

Many Thanks to all those who have given so far.

# Scout and about

**‘Nobody can be uncheered with a balloon’**

**A.A. Milne (Winne the Pooh)**

What better way to spend a sunny Monday evening, than to enjoy a visit from two hot air balloons for our cubs and beavers! Thanks to Lindstrand Balloons and Cloud 9 Balloons, 2<sup>nd</sup> St Martins Scouts had a wonderful opportunity to make the most of better weather and be amazed by two stunning hot air balloons.

## **Take a closer look!**

Scout leader and employee at Lindstrand Balloons, Luis Arias arranged the event, causing quite a stir opposite the scout hut on the playing fields behind Stan’s.

Luis said: “It took quite a bit of organising – and good weather - to pull the event off, but it was worth it to see the kids’ reactions.”



## **Smiles all round**

Several dads were on hand to join in and make the visit a success, helping to keep the balloon grounded and allow small groups of children the opportunity to get in the basket.

Dad Karl Evans (pictured left) said: “It was a great evening; I don’t know who enjoyed it more, me or my daughters!”



## **Magic, or just a lot of hot air?**

Leader, Luis Arias explained the simple science behind the magic of ballooning.

The children learned about the lightweight material that makes a hot air balloon, how the burner works to heat up the air, making it less dense than the cool air around it, causing it to rise up into the sky.



2<sup>nd</sup> St Martins Beavers meet on Mondays at 5pm to 6pm; Cubs meet Mondays at 6:15pm to 7:30pm; and Scouts meet Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm in winter, extending to 9pm in the summer. Contact Barry Evans on **07921 838120** if you would like to know more.

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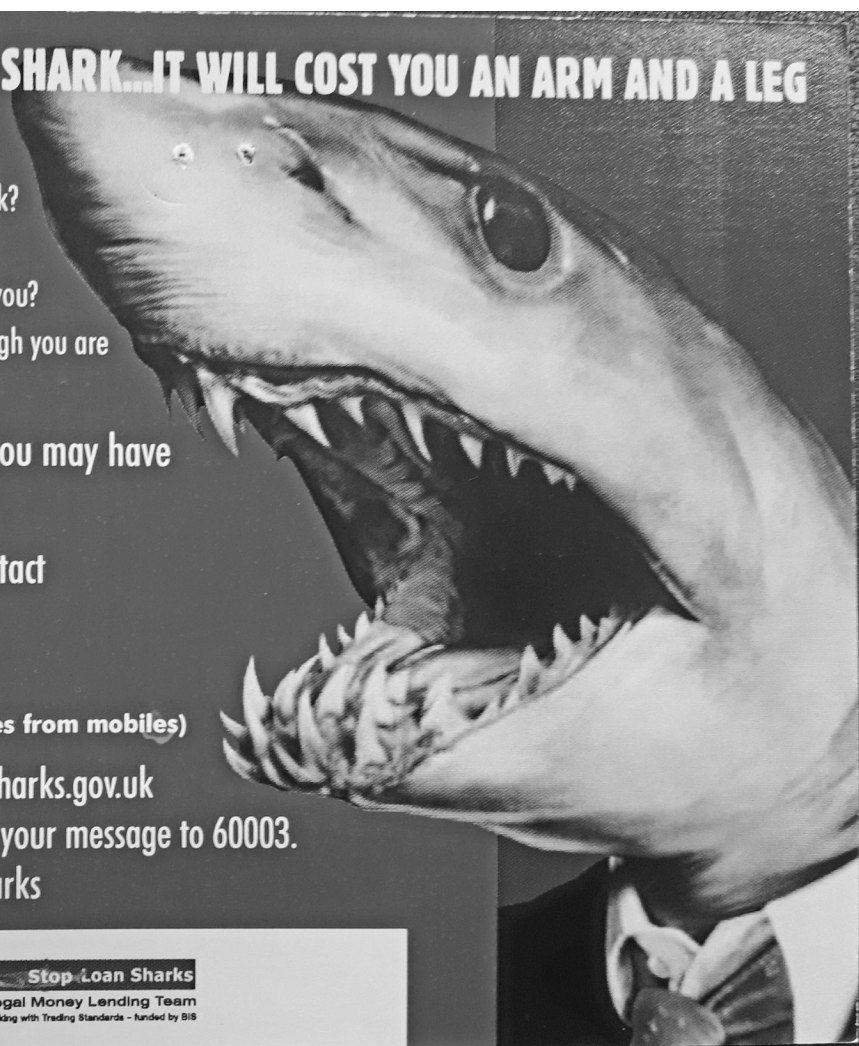
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# **TNS Activities for the Summer Holidays**

## **Want something to do during the School Holidays?**

**All village sessions will remain the same from the 25<sup>th</sup> of July to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and in the following format:**

**Mondays Gobowen playing fields and pavilion 11-2pm**

**Gobowen Youth Club 5pm-7pm**

**Wednesdays St.Martins playing fields and Centre 11-2pm**

**Thursdays Weston Rhyn Rec and Institute 11-2pm**

**Weston Rhyn Youth Club 3.30-5.30pm (institute)**

For any unforeseen changes can we indicate to regularly check our website and Facebook page [www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation](http://www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation) or email [naomi@gotothevenue.com](mailto:naomi@gotothevenue.com)

Indoor facilities will be arranged in the event of bad weather and all sessions with the exception of Youth Clubs will include a free healthy lunch. Sessions are supported by 4 members of staff who will provide:

### **Competitions**

### **Arts and Crafts**

### **Dance, Hula and cheerleading**

### **Zorb Football \***



### **Football**

### **Big Games**



### **Archery**

### **Dodgeball**



### **Volleyball**

### **Curling**

### **Hockey**



### **Pop up tennis**

### **Fun and Games**

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St Martins Centre is run by volunteers for the village. Please feel free to pop in and meet us. More volunteers would be lovely, sorting books, helping in the office or just making coffee and chatting to visitors!

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**The Parish Council is looking into the issue of car parking in St Martins. Councillor John Hodgson is co-ordinating the views from local residents.**

**Is parking an issue that affects you?**

**If so please contact John on 07841 451212 or by email on [johnhodgson1@nhs.net](mailto:johnhodgson1@nhs.net) and let him have your comments.**



# St Martin Village F.C.



St.Martins Village football club have enjoyed our most exciting season since Creation in 2014, currently sitting top of the league table only needing a win on the final day of the season against Denso FC who are currently propping up the table.

Not only looking on course to win a league title, we also have a league up semi-final on the cards with the winner booking their place at the final to be played at the New Bucks Head, home of local Shropshire team Telford United. The possibility of a league cup double celebrates just how far the team, management and committee have come over recent seasons. The initial idea of bringing football back to the village sits deep in the make-up of the team, with a high number of players who live and have connections to the village returning to join up with players that have been helping the development of the team since 2014.

This current season has seen a local businessman John Smout return to management to help the team establish themselves further in the league campaign as well as cementing the links that have been developed with the local community. These relationships have really begun to show around the village with a number of people now both coming to watch the team as well as providing sponsorship for home games.

This leads on to how involved and impressive is the work done by the committee in the background. Committee members Linda McGowan, Claire Evans and Steve McGowan put in a huge amount of their own time to allow the club to compete on a Saturday afternoon and train during the week. They also put in the work to ensure the club can function and run as smoothly as possible. This includes organising fundraisers and making sure the club is sustainable in the long term should the progression seen over recent years continue. The amount of progress seen by the club over the past few years is extremely exciting, made more so by the announcement in recent weeks by the council on a new sports centre coming to the village. The prospect of the club being able to continue playing their football in the village at a sports centre with such modern day facilities is a very exciting time to be involved with the club.

Looking into the future the club is very enthusiastic about continuing developing and improving the level of football the club play, as well as keeping the development of local links with the community at the heart of the team's development. The extremely dedicated and inspired committee will hope to continue the behind the scenes work that they undertake on a daily basis allowing the team to turn up and deliver on a Saturday/

Club update:- We can now confirm that we are Division One League Champions of the Shropshire Premier Football League, plus League Cup winners of The Division One 2017-2018. On behalf of the Club we like to say thank you to the local community for all the support you give us.

S. McGowan

St. Martins Village F.C.



**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**

|                        |              |                      |              |                            |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Fosters</b>         | <b>£2.50</b> | <b>Guinness</b>      | <b>£2.70</b> | <b>Real Ales All £2.50</b> |
| <b>Carling</b>         | <b>£2.50</b> | <b>John Smiths</b>   | <b>£2.20</b> |                            |
| <b>Carling premier</b> | <b>£2.70</b> | <b>Worthington's</b> | <b>£2.10</b> |                            |
| <b>Wrexham Lager</b>   | <b>£2.50</b> | <b>Strongbow</b>     | <b>£2.70</b> |                            |

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## What's on in June!

|           |                                          |                                |                     |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sat 2nd   | Friends of Chirk Hospital<br>Cream Tea   | Chirk Hospital                 | 2:00pm -<br>4:00pm  |
| Sun 3rd   | Sunday Social                            | St Martins Centre              | 3:00pm              |
| Tue 5th   | Money Matters                            | St Martins Centre              | 10am -<br>12:00pm   |
| Tues 5th  | WI<br>Louise King<br>Cake Decorating     | St Martins Institute<br>Lounge | 7:30pm              |
| Tues 5th  | Ifton Meadows Management<br>Committee    | St Martins Centre              | 7:30pm              |
| Tues 5th  | Identifying Trees in Summer              | Chirk Castle                   | 10:30am -<br>3:30pm |
| Sun 10th  | Work at the Meadows                      | Colliery Entrance              | 1:30pm              |
| Tues 12th | Ifton Meadows Management<br>Committee    | St Martins Centre              | 7:30pm              |
| Wed 13th  | Weston Rhyn Gardeners<br>Club            | Weston Rhyn Institute          | 7:30pm              |
| Thurs 14  | Parish Council                           | St Martins Centre              | 7:00pm              |
| Sat 16th  | Dystonia Self Help Group                 | St Martins Centre              | 1:30pm              |
| Wed 20th  | An Invitation to View<br>Brynkinalt Hall | Brynkinalt Chirk               | 2:30pm              |
| Sat 23rd  | Cantiones Choir                          | Black Park Chapel              | 8:00pm              |
| Sat 30th  | Guided Bat Walk                          | Chirk Castle                   | 8:30pm -<br>10:00pm |