

# Update from the **Village Life** Magazine Committee

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I always seem to be asking for volunteers in this piece in the magazine, but sadly we have lost one of our delivery team this month, so I do need a replacement. The area concerned is one side of Cottage Lane, about 46 homes in total, so if you could manage that set of deliveries once every two months, please get in touch.

In similar vein, we really could do with at least two more members (though more would be welcome) to join the **Village Life** editorial committee. It is not an onerous role. We meet every other month to review and agree the planned content for each new issue of the magazine and members also volunteer to help print it at the St Martins Centre.

If you are willing to take on either of the roles above, please call me 01691 770677 or drop me an email at [hjohn.stevens@btinternet.com](mailto:hjohn.stevens@btinternet.com)

I had hoped to be able to report the outcome of the planning application for the proposed new recreation ground in this issue, but sadly Shropshire Council haven't quite finished their detailed work on it yet, so we will have to wait just a little longer.

To finish on a more positive note, have you noticed the contrast between the standard of grass cutting around the memorial garden compared to the rest of the verges in the village? The Parish Council did, so they decided to improve things by taking over the regular grass cutting from Shropshire Council so that it matched the standards over the rest of their contract for the football field and the St Martins Centre. What an improvement – well done to them and to the guys from Royce Landscapes who actually do the work!

Have a great Summer!

John Stevens

Chair of the Editorial Committee

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# Parish Council

## **Greetings from the Chair of St Martins Parish Council.**

This is my first report having been elected Chair at May 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Council Meeting. It was an honour to be elected and in this role I will strive to serve our community of St Martins. I appreciate that it will be a challenge, especially following in the footsteps of our previous Chair, Cllr Glenn Pennington, who performed the task superbly and only had to step down as a result of our standing orders 2 year rule. I also congratulate Cllr Helen Williams on being elected Vice Chair, and I look forward to us working together for the Parish.

My first duty within minutes of being elected was the very happy job of presenting the two “2019 Unsung Heroes” awards, of which there is a full report in this edition of Village Life, so all I will say is that it was an honour and a joy to take part in the recognition of these two wonderful people.

Unfortunately, we have had to accept the resignation of two councillors: Cllr John Sands and Cllr Sue Schofield, both of whom have given excellent service: John for so many years “that I can’t remember how long” and Sue, a previous Chair has been an active enthusiastic member for a little less! They will both be missed, and on behalf of the Parish Council and indeed the whole community I would like to thank them for their selfless service and wish them a happy retirement from the Council.

In light of this I would encourage all members of the community to respond to the notices asking for new councillors to serve on St Martins Parish Council. Despite its’ name “Parish” Council, under the Local Government Act dating from the 1880’s the Council is completely separate from the Church. In fact there is no requirement at all for councillors to be members of the congregation, or of any congregation, or of holding any religious beliefs. I am aware that this may have been a concern that has led to some of you not to apply, so in light of my making this clearer clarification, and as long as you meet the other criteria on residence etc, that appear on the application forms then ALL are welcome. So come on, become an key part of our community as a Councillor and get involved with the exciting future plans for our village.

In closing, I look forward to the coming year as your Chair, and remind you that all councillors welcome any comments and concerns you may have. Our contact details are published in the magazine alongside the latest Council meeting report from the Parish Clerk.

Andrew C Cast

Chair St Martins Parish Council



# **Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in St Martins Centre on 9th May.

Also at the Annual Meeting Cllrs were elected to the various committees including the 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 Councils, the Local Joint Committee, Wrekin Housing Trust and Oswestry Heath Group.

In addition the Parish Council presented two Unsung Hero Awards. The Parish Council are aware that there are many people in their community that work quietly behind the scenes and never get any public acknowledgment. This year the Chairman presented awards to Effie Cadwallader, the volunteer Community First Responder and Rachael King who is a very well-known soprano cornet player with the Ifton Colliery Band and who played at the Remembrance Day Service in November..

Repairs to the new bus shelter (outside the Miners Welfare Institute) to make it more stable had been completed.

The small area of the grass along the verge in front of the Memorial Garden has now been included in the main grass cutting contract the Parish Council has with Royce Landscapes.

Reports were received that the road drains at the junction to Colliery Road were still blocked and street lights 2 & 3 in Ellesmere Road were still not working. The litter bin in the Memorial Garden is now to be moved to a better location within the garden.

Although the police were unable to attend the meeting, an incident where a play area sign had been removed from the entrance to the field at the back of Stans Superstore on the 26th April had been picked up on St Martins Centre CCTV and reported to the police. We now await a report from the police. Concern was expressed over the number of youths around the village late on Friday nights.

On planning an application on Land adjacent to Croft Cottage, Moors Lane, St Martins Moor, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7BQ for the erection of one dwelling and a detached 3-bay garage/store; formation of vehicular access (modifications to previously approved), the Parish Council agreed to support the modifications to this application but requested that the decision is taken away from the delegated planning officer and referred to the North Shropshire Area Planning Committee for a decision.

The next parish council meeting will be held on the 13th June 2019 at 7.00 pm in St Martins

Edward Davies

St Martins Parish Clerk.

## **Current Parish Councillors**

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John Stevens	01691 770677
Helen Williams	01691 777561



# St. Martins Parish Church

## Service times

**Sundays: 9:30am** our usual Morning Worship Service with Communion (except on 4th Sunday when it is a Service of the Word)

## Weekly Events

**Tuesday** Coffee morning at 10:30am in the Church hall.

## Pray for Our Parish

We are continuing to prayer walk our village.

**If you would like to join us - let me know.**

You can pray with us at our meetings (and on prayer walks) or at home. We will publish the streets we are praying for each week on our website.

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

**Wednesdays** 9:30am Mid-week Communion service.

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**For more information or to book a Christening or Wedding and for any other enquiry please contact.**

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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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It's very pleasing to hear so many good responses from St Martins about the Village Life magazine - it really does keep people in touch with what's happening locally.

I've been asked why we didn't have Overton Road resurfaced as planned and I'm very sorry, but there were so many complaints about having to close the road that I had to put it off for now. I'm now hoping to reschedule the work for July, at which time it will be done in the evenings and over a weekend. I've had lots of people saying how good Church Lane and Ellesmere Road now look. Thank you.

There are other road improvements I'm trying to sort, but unfortunately things in the Council work very slowly, but I will let you know when I can.

It's nice to see the new sports facilities are moving forward there is a small group from the Parish Council working hard to make this happen.

And I have to say a big thank you to two Parish Councillors Sue Schofield and John Sands who have worked very hard over the years, doing their very best in and for the community but who have decided to move on to other things. I'm sure their ideas and experience are always needed and will be missed

Please if you need any help. As you know, you can get in touch with me at the Centre or just leave a message if I'm not there. You can also contact me by phone or email as shown at the top of this page.

Many thanks

Steve

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**PCSO Pete Roberts – 07870 219019**

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## FRIENDS OF IFTON MEADOWS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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You may have noticed that we have erected 4 round wooden posts with metal bracket on top. These are camera posts and the bracket on the top is for your camera or phone. We would like **YOU** to use them to take pictures of that area throughout the year. The first post is in the Horse Field and takes pictures across the field towards the Skylark Mound. No 2 is near the Mosaic, No 3 on the path towards the Birch field and No 4 in the Birch Field. These last three allow pictures to be taken from both sides. Two more will be erected in Prices Dingle. Could you please send your photo's to our Friends of Ifton Meadows Facebook page along with the date and time that the pictures were taken and also the Number that is on the post. By the end of the year we will have built up a good idea of how these areas change with the seasons.



We are also conducting a Butterfly survey each week. Once the season is ended these records will be collected and sent on to be included in the National Butterfly Survey. On my first survey on a beautiful sunny day I recorded 30 butterflies but in the second week (which was overcast) only 8 butterflies were out. Surveys are only taken when the temperature is around 17 degrees or more so it was not completed last week which was wet and windy.

Sunday's survey was disappointing - a lovely sunny day but only 17 butterflies were around covering 9 species.

Forward dates:- Meetings at St. Martins Centre 7.30 p.m. on June 11th, July 9th, Aug 13th.  
Workdays at Ifton Meadows Colliery entrance 1.30 p.m.-June 9th, July 9th, Aug 11th.

All are welcome at any of these events.



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St Martins	M & A Davies 11.00	12b 10.00	Rev Shoreman Messy Church 11.00	Moors 6.00	Molyneux Chapel Anniversary 11.00
Moors 11.00	Shoreman HC	Watts	St Martins 11.00	Moors 6.00	St Martins 11.00

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
St Martins	12b 10.00	Jackson 10.00	Moors 4.30	Moors 11.00
Moors 11.00	Bennett	Watts	Chapel Anniversary 4.00	12b

## **'Messy Church'**

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**11.00**

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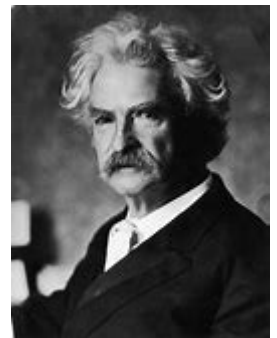




# Quiz May 2019

## Questions

1. In rugby union which player wears the number 9 shirt?
2. Relating to weapons, what does the G in RPG stand for?
3. Semtex is a type of explosive originally manufactured in which country?
4. What is the first name of General de la Billière, the Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in the Gulf War?
5. What is the longest river in France?
6. What was the comment made when PM Spencer Percival was shot and he said "I am dying" (He is the only UK Prime Minister ever to have been assassinated)
7. The city of Jeddah is in which country?
8. How many humps does a Bactrian camel have?
9. What is the state capitol of New York?
10. Who wrote Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn?



Answers on page 36



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# St Martins Unsung Hero 2019

Heroes of St Martins were recognised and applauded at the AGM of St Martins Parish Council on 9 May 2019. The Council are aware that there are many people in their community that work quietly, often behind the scenes, and never get any public acknowledgment. They may be volunteers or have done something courageous to help the community.



This year the council responded to two nominations. First, Helen Williams wrote a glowing citation for Effie Cadwallader, the volunteer Community First Responder. Helen highlighted Effie's dedication to the job, her unwavering kindness and her ability to put people at their ease when faced with a potentially catastrophic health situation. Effie also gives First Aid and Defibrillator training and other very interesting talks to community groups, all free of

charge. Clearly a winner on all fronts.

Second, Lesley-Anne Roberts put forward Rachael King (who was unable to be with us, but her mother Angela Redman received the certificate on her behalf). Rachael is very well known in the village as a soprano cornet player with the Ifton Colliery Band but had an accident which left her with some injuries and her confidence was severely knocked and she was not able to play. When she was asked to play the Last Post and Reveille for the community Remembrance Sunday, she didn't say no. With great courage she stood there in front of a large crowd and played with such passion that it brought tears to many eyes that day, especially those who knew of Rachael's struggle.



The Awards were presented by the newly elected Chairman, Councillor Andrew Cast, who said "What a way to start a new role in the community. To have the honour of presenting such an award to 2 great people who give of themselves so readily for no monetary reward. Fantastic". Both awards are well deserved and the recipients received a standing ovation from the Parish Council.

If you live or work in St Martins and know of anyone you think is deserving of this honour please do contact our Parish Clerk by emailing the details to him at ; - [clerk@stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk)



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## Spring Village Life Report

**St Martins FC** have experienced a very disappointing period of their first season in the North West Counties Division One South and suffered a particularly painful defeat to Bridgnorth on penalties after extra time in the semi-final of the TJ Vickers Shropshire Premier Cup.



The club has suffered injuries and suspensions of key players, a burden that has proven fatal in recent games. The pain began in a home game v Sandbach who scored an early goal in the 6<sup>th</sup> minute as their danger-man James Kirby created an opening in the Saints defence and circled the ball into the top opposite corner of the net. St Martins fought hard and played some attractive football creating several chances that sadly, were not taken.

The game was closely contested until the 68<sup>th</sup> minute when Christopher Smith fired home for Sandbach followed by Josh Lane who scored his team's third goal in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute. In the dying minutes of the game Saint's top scorer Karl Bailey was cautiously brought onto the field following an ankle injury that he had picked up and he soon made an impact, latching on to an excellent long ball from Tawanda Melusi and calmly beating the goalkeeper with a low drive into the corner of the net but the goal was scored in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute which proved too late to retrieve any points.

St. Martins next game typified their ongoing misfortune. With Club Manager, Dan Stevens suspended, two late player withdrawals meant that they had to play the away game against Cheadle Heath Nomads with only ten players. Miraculously however, the Saints scored twice in the opening 13 minutes. They played a direct game from the kick-off with Jamie Hands opening the Nomads defence with a long pass that Harvey Plumber latched on to, sped passed two defenders, then crossed to the far post to find Tom Ash who calmly fired home. Man of the match Plumber won a fight for the ball in midfield, then played a defence splitting pass to Karl Bailey who fired into the corner of the net to register Saints second goal leaving the Nomads bemused trailing by two goals to a 10 man opposition. Tall striker Andrew Simpson out-jumped the Saints defence to head home the Nomads opening goal in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute building their confidence for the second half.



The significant change in the Nomads fortunes came when substitute, Richard Tindall entered the field of play scoring the equaliser in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute and heading home the winning goal in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute, then missing a penalty that he had to take twice because of an infringement in the box before being sent-off in the final minute of the game for a dangerous foul on Saints Goalkeeper George Austin.

The opening goal scored in the 2nd minute for the Saints at home to New Mills was a classic text-book move and conclusion of a mesmerising dribble created by winger Jordan Davies, who beat two defenders before crossing to Tawanda Melusi who powerfully headed the ball into the opposite corner of the net. Sadly for the Saints the mesmerising run from Davis proved to be his last in this game as he had to leave the field with a recurrence of the injury that had prevented him from playing in games recently. This lead was short lived however as New Mills Joe Roth took advantage of a questionable penalty, scoring from the spot in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute. The Saints did not respond to this setback and dropped heads allowed George Wheymant to take the lead for New Mills in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute and Liam Delaney extended that lead in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute. In-form Tawanda Melusi grabbed the Saints a life-line with his second goal in the 57<sup>th</sup>



*St, Martins players celebrate  
their victory v FC Oswestry*

minute, only to suffer a counter attack as Remecee Brown scored the first of an impressive hat-trick of goals scored for New Mills in the 57<sup>th</sup>, 59<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> minutes. Brown proved to be a constant threat to the St Martins defence, who were weakened when centre back Stuart Diken had to leave the field with yet another injury for St Martins.

St Martins were proud of their progression to the semi-final of the TJ Vickers Shropshire Premier Cup with impressive performances defeating Wem Town, Wellington and Shawbury in their path to the semi-final. They came desperately close to clinching a place in the TJ Vickers Shropshire County Premier Cup final but lost in a sudden death penalty shoot out to AFC Bridgnorth.

Two opportunist goals scored by Jordon Davis and Karl Bailey gave the Saints a deserved two goal lead after a hectic opening ten minutes of an epic semi-final played at Shrewsbury Sports Village ground. Bridgnorth fought back with the goal of the game scored by Jason Pike firing home an amazing shot from at least 30 yards providing a momentum for his team minutes before half time. The Saints were pegged back by Bridgnorth at the beginning of the second half and eventually conceded two penalties, both scored by Pike registering his hat-trick and taking a 3-2 lead for Bridgnorth.

Centre Back Jay Stoker's penalty scored eight minutes from time levelled for the Saints at 3-3 so that took the game into extra time but they had to play the added 30 minutes without goalkeeper George Austin who was injured in a clash close to the end of the 90 minutes. Centre forward Tom Ash took over in goal, but with no further scoring the game was decided by a penalty shoot-out. The Shropshire Tournament rule states that a fourth substitute should not be allowed so the Saints haven already made three substitutions were not allowed to bring on a fourth substitute, so had to play the extra time with only 10 players. It was Bridgnorth, the West Midland Regional League Premier Division side, who subsequently emerged 8-7 victors after the penalty shoot out went to a sudden death result. A tragic conclusion to the Saints first venture into the TJ Vickers Shropshire Premier Cup but a performance that they can take great pride in!

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April the Saints completed a rewarding victory over close rivals FC Oswestry Town, winning a close fought game 3-2 and scoring the winning goal in the 91<sup>st</sup> minute. Ironically, the opening goal was scored early in the game as David Howarth's powerful header flew into the top corner of the Saints net in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute. Saints Centre forward Karl Bailey equalised in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute lifting his team's spirit before half time with an accurate shot that nestled into the corner of the net in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute. Advantage swung back and forth in this typically hard fought local derby, but it wasn't until the 70<sup>th</sup> minute that Stuart Dicken headed home Callum Bennett's deep cross taking his team into a brief lead, as Oswestry hit back immediately via a simple tap-in by Louis Moss in the 75<sup>th</sup> minute.



*Karl Bailey celebrates as he scores the Saints second goal within the opening minutes of the TJ Vickers Shropshire Premier Cup semi-final.*

An exchange of passes between Twanda Melusi and Harvey Plummer opened up the tightest of spaces for Karl Bailey who cleverly chipped the ball passed Town's Keeper Louis Mackin, to score the winning goal for St Martins in the 91<sup>st</sup> minute in time added on for injuries.

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April St. Martins travelled to Cammell Laird FC optimistic of a win following their defeat of FC Oswestry in their previous game, but the plague of missing players via suspension and injury came back to bite them, losing a close fought encounter 1-0. Dan Sheerwood, Cammell Laird's centre forward, fired home the only goal of the game in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute, finishing off a counter attack that followed a long period of siege from St. Martins. During this dominant period Saints winger Harvey Plummer ran the Cammell Laird defence ragged, but his many crosses from the bye-line were not converted. Balls skipped past the post and/or into the six-yard box but were either punted to safety or grasped by Cammell Laird Keeper Tomas White, who's excellent performance kept Saints at bay and proved sound testimony to his Division 1 South 'North West Counties' Goal-Keeper of the Month Award.

The Saints final game of 2018/19 season v Alsager Town provided a worthy conclusion to what has proven to be a fascinating experience playing at level 6 of the football league, a fact celebrated by a 'Guest Day' event that invited ex-players, sponsors, fans and associates to remember the glories of the past and consider the exciting future for the club. The Saints started the match with confidence, spraying the ball across the pitch splitting the Alsager defence open time and again, but attempts at goal were denied by an outstanding performance from Ben Curtis-Smith, the Alsager goalkeeper, saving shots from Karl Bailey, Tawanda Mulusi, Jordon Davis, Brendon Price and Jamie Hands. The Saints frustration at not scoring when in command of the game was deepened when Decon Arber scored in the 29<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> minute to secure his team's two goal lead. Karl Bailey restored the Saints confidence however in the 41<sup>st</sup> minute latching onto a Melusi pass to complete a classic Bailey goal and increase his team's morale before half-time.



*Stuart Dicken leads the St. Martins Team out before their semi-final clash v AFC Bridgnorth.*

The second half however didn't provide the expected early breakthrough until Stuart Dicken rose to head home a perfect cross from Callum Bennett into the top corner of the Alsagaer net. The Saints were back in command and a mesmerising run by Melusi created space for Karl Bailey to shoot hard and low but the ball bounced off the post to safety as the final minutes of the game ticked past. Just as it appeared that this would be the Saints last chance of the game, a penetrating run from Bailey opened up space for Brendon Price to drive home the winning goal in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute.

A win on the final game of the season was received with delight by all those who attended the Club's 'Guest Day'. Ex-players joined current players, sponsors and fans in a celebration of the result, which proved to be a fitting testimony to the history and past glories of the club whilst providing exciting activities for children, some of whom embraced their role on the day as 'Match Day Mascots'. The children proudly wore St. Martins FC shirts, hats and badges throughout the day, celebrating the clubs longevity whilst enjoying the result on the day.

An epic conclusion to an epic season! The club lost in two semi-finals this season to Bridgnorth Town in the Shropshire Premier Cup and Oswestry Town in the Commander Ethlestone Cup, but the season has established St Martins FC as a respected member and a worthy competitor in the North West Counties League Division One South.

WELL DONE LADS!

# What's on in June 2019!

Every Tuesday in June	Guided Bat Walks	Chirk Castle	9:00pm - 11:00pm
Tues 4th	WI Wendy Davies on The History of Hats	Miners Institute Lounge	7.30pm
Wed 5th	Hearing Aid Clinic	Oswestry Library	10.00am - 12noon
Sun 9th	Ifton Meadows Workday	Ifton Meadows Colliery entrance	1:30
Tues 11th	IMMC	St Martins Centre	7:30pm
Thurs 13th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Centre	7.00pm
Sat 15th	Wuthering Heights Outdoor Theatre	Erddig Wrexham Book online : £9.25 - £16	6:30pm - 9:30pm
Sun 16th	Messy Church Father's Day Service	Ellesmere Road Methodist Church	11:00am
Thurs 20th	Life & Times of the Tudors Magnificent Costumes	Brynkinalt Hall, Chirk	Gates open 6:30pm
Fri 21st - Sun 23rd	Flower Festival	St Mary's Church Chirk	From 10:00am
Fri 28th	Summer Fayre	St Martins School	From 2:30pm
Sat 29th	An Evening with Jack Dent MEMBER OF THE MAGIC CIRCLE proceeds to The Severn Hospice.	Miners Institute St Martins	7.15pm
Sun 30th	<b>The BIG TEA PARTY</b> In aid of Severn Hospice	Old Post Office Chirk Bank	10:00am

# What's on in July 2019!

Every Tuesday in July	Guided Bat Walks	Chirk Castle	9:00pm - 11:00pm
Tues 2nd	WI Make Up Demonstration	Miners Institute Lounge	7.30pm
Wed 3th	Hearing Aid Clinic	Oswestry Library	10.00am - 12noon
Sun 7th	Workday Ifton Meadows	Ifton Meadows Colliery entrance	1:30
Tues 9th	Books Aloud - we read, you relax	Oswestry Library	2pm - 3pm
Tues 9th	IMMC	St Martins Centre	7:30pm
Thurs 11th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Centre	7.00pm
Sat 13th	The Secret Garden Outdoor Theatre	Erddig Wrexham Book online : £9.25 - £16	6:30pm - 9:30pm
Sun 14th	West Felton Carnival	West Felton	1:00pm - 6:00pm
Tues 23rd	Books Aloud - we read, you relax	Oswestry Library	2pm - 3pm
Thurs 25th	Carer's Trust	Oswestry Library	10:30am - 11:30am
Fri 27th - Sun29th	Multi Period Living History Weekend	Whittington Castle	
Wed 31st	Bohemian Rhapsody Cinema Outdoor	Chirk Castle	7:00pm - 9:00pm

Please let us know the time and date of events in August and September for the next edition of Village Life by no later than **Wednesday 17th July2019**

If you send us an article for the next edition, please bear in mind that it will be delivered at the end of **July** 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 August and September (or later).

# St Martins School



We had a fabulous week for our first 'house charities' week.

The student council worked really hard to organise events to raise money for their chosen charities. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have donated cakes, taken part in activities and donated money .



**Moors House** - we met guide dog Zara during a house assembly and she showed us what an amazing difference she makes to her owner's life. We hope she will come back to school to be presented with the cheque. We also had fun trying to match the pet to the member of staff!

**Rhyn House** held a mini sports activity shooting basket ball hoops with the PE team

for the British Heart Foundation.



**Ifton House** held a disco at lunchtime enjoying classics of 'baby shark' and 'big fish little fish cardboard box' for Cancer Research.



**Heath House** hosted the biggest cake

sale for Water Aid!



It was lovely to meet the students and their parents who will be joining us in year 7 in September at our recent 'meet and greet' evening. This starts our transition process which

is all about getting to know each other; our school and ethos, staff and our community.

**Thirty one students have returned from a fantastic trip to Udine, Italy over the Easter holidays. The students spent days playing sport and enjoying the Italian countryside and culture. Our students behaved impeccably. The trip was such a success that we hope to be able to offer a similar trip again.**

**We currently have the 'Around the Rhyn' board on display in school please come and have a look at the photos during our Summer Fayre on the 28 June from 2.30pm. My Open house session will be on Monday at 2.20—3.20 as usual.**  
Ms Lovecy





Our under 16 boys football team were proud to wear the new football kit that was kindly sponsored by **Stans Superstore**. Andrew Faulks, one of the partners from **Stans Superstore** came to cheer on the boys and had a first glance of the impressive new kit.

This kit will be used for many years for both boys and girls and will be worn by our students in Italy this Easter. Thanks again to Stans Superstore for the generous donation. The students and staff really appreciate the new football kit and I know that many teams in the future will proudly wear the kit against other schools.

**Dates for the diary (remember to look at the website for more information!!!)**

- 10 June—year 7, 8 and 10 exams start
- 25 June—Activate sports day
- 26 June—year 6 taster day
- 28 June—Summer Carnival Fair—2pm finish more details to follow
- 4 July—Advance and Aspire sports day (DATE CHANGE)
- 3 July—year 6 parents day
- 9 July—Through school sponsored walk
- 8-11 July—Curriculum Week
- 12 July—rewards trips
- 15-16 July—Quinta trip year 6
- 18 July—the 'Oscars'
- 19 July—last day (2pm finish)
- 4 September—beginning of Autumn term

## All welcome to enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> St Martins School

Animated

# Film Competition

(Drawn . Stop motion . Digital)

Summer 2019 - Date of screenings to be announced.

**Make a short film about or titled**

**'Going Green'**



Films should be at least 45 seconds and not more than 2 minutes. Include a title, credits and a soundtrack.

Films need to be presented in a digital format and suitable for a family audience.

Films maker's categories: aged 13 and under, aged 14 and over.

**Prizes for film makers.**

Films judged by expert panel.

**For an entrance forms and guidance sheet, please see school website.**

**[www.stmartins3-16.org](http://www.stmartins3-16.org)**

# **CHIRK HOSPITAL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS.**

## **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CARING FOR CHIRK HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY**



At the end of 1968 Chirk Cottage Hospital was under threat of closure due to the urgent need for an electric lift at the cost of £5,000- no mean feat in those days. Dr Roberts, who was a well known and much respected GP in Chirk and who was also on the Board

of Management at the hospital, made an urgent telephone call to Phyllis, Lady Trevor, who immediately got to work to form a Circle of Friends to the Hospital. The decision to call it a Circle and not a League of Friends was because it was to encompass the surrounding villages of Weston Rhyn, St Martins, Chirk Bank and other communities within the radius of Chirk. The members soon got to work in fund raising on a huge scale with everything from whist drives to grand balls and soon the money was raised to purchase the urgently needed lift to transport patients to and from the second floor of the hospital. 50 years later three members of the original committee are still active on the Circle of Friends and they are Mrs Sybil Jones ,who is the Chairman of the Friends, Mrs Jan Sides and Mrs Kit Jones and to whom we offer our grateful thanks for all their hard work and commitment to Chirk Hospital and the Circle of Friends.

Over the years there have been many changes to the hospital, not least of all the knocking down of the Cottage Hospital in 1987 to make way for an updated community hospital which opened in 1990. During all those years of change the Circle of Friends has remained an important part of the hospital providing essential items of equipment for the comfort and care of the patients and staff.

We have come a long way since the Circle of Friends began and in this year of 2019 we are marking our 50th anniversary celebrations with a Flower Festival at St Mary's Church over the weekend of June 21st - 23rd with the theme of 'Celebrations'. The Flower Festival will be open from 10am until late afternoon on Friday June 21st and Saturday June 22nd, with a concert being held on the evening of Friday June 21st at 7.30pm featuring Cor Meibion Dyffryn Ceiriog, tickets for which will be on sale priced at £6 by calling 01691 773642. On Sunday June 23rd the flower festival will be open from 12 noon and will conclude with a special Songs of Praise Service at 5pm. During the Flower Festival we shall be selling a new book on the history of Chirk Hospital specially written by Graham Greasley to mark the 50th anniversary of the Circle of Friends and these will be priced at £2.50 each.

We are also holding a special Afternoon Tea Party at Chirk Hospital on Saturday July 20th from 2pm - 4pm when it is hoped to unveil a special water feature in the hospital grounds in memory of those members who are no longer with us and also to mark the 50th anniversary of the Circle of Friends. Do come and join us with our celebrations. we would be delighted to see you.

# **Grow It,** **Make It,** **Show It**

<u>Class No</u>	<u>Section A : Vegetables</u>	<u>Class No</u>	<u>Section B : Flowers and Plants</u>
A1.	3 Potatoes	B20.	5 Dahlias Pompom, any size
A2.	4 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.	1 Large Potato	B24.	A specimen HT Rose
A6.	1 Longest stick of Rhubarb	B25.	3 Gladioli
A7.	3 Leeks	B26.	6 Sweet Pea Stems
A8.	3 Carrots (with tops trimmed and tied)	B27.	1 Vase of flowers (5 stems of 1 variety)
A9.	3 Beetroot (with tops trimmed and tied)	B28.	1 Begonia (Max 8" pot)
A10	3 Courgettes (not exceeding 150mm/6 ins)	B29.	Pot plant (flowering)
A11	1 Marrow or oversized courgette (Heaviest)	B30.	Pot plant (foliage)
A12	1 Cucumber	B31.	1 Cactus or Succulent
A13	Any Brassica	B32.	Fuchsia in any size pot
A14	4 Tomatoes (any variety)	B33.	Pelargonium (Geranium-upright only)
A15	3 Cooking apples	B34.	Flower Arrangement in a Tea Cup and Saucer
A16	3 Dessert apples	B35.	Top Vase (5-10 Stems, a least 2 varieties)
A17	Any Other 3 Fruit (same variety)		
A18	Any other 3 Vegetable (same variety)		
A19	<b>Allotments Holders Only</b> Top Tray of 3 Vegetables (from list of 15)		
<u>Class No</u>	<u>Section C : Children's</u> open to children aged 11 and younger on 1st September 2019, age to be stated on exhibit.	<u>Class No</u>	<u>Section D : Photographic</u> (Un-mounted and Un-framed Max 7" x 5" )
C36	Seaside in a Seed tray	D41.	Pet Portrait
C37	Painted Stone	D42.	Photograph of a Single Flower
C38	Animal made of Vegetables	D43.	Photograph of a Single Tree
C39	Picture any Media, Favourite Animal	D44.	Humours Photo with Caption
C40	Lego Land		
<u>Class No</u>	<u>Section E : Cookery</u>	<u>Class No</u>	<u>Section F : Craft</u>
E45	Victoria Sponge (Jam filled & Caster Sugar on Top)	F53.	Any Crochet Article
E46	Fruit Cake/Tea Loaf	F54.	Any Knitted Article
E47	Decorated Cake 8"	F55.	Any Patchwork/Quilting/ Applique
E48	Savoury Flan 8"	F56.	Any Tapestry/Cross-stitch
E49	3 Sultana Scones	F58.	Any other Embroidery
E50	Homemade Soft Fruit Jam	F59.	Handmade Greeting Card
E51	Homemade Jar of Chutney	F59.	Art (Paintings or Drawing)
E52	Man Cake (must be made by a MAN)	F60.	Any Other Craft
<b>Sat 14th September 2019</b>			

# 'Community Enterprise'

A new 'Community Enterprise' project in Shropshire is all set to help local people use their energies and talents to deliver sustainable community enterprises that can support other local people, creating jobs and volunteering opportunities.

This project is a new and exciting initiative, in partnership with social enterprise Community Catalysts and Shropshire Council to deliver long term services.

**Got some time on your hands or looking for part time work?**

**Ever fancied becoming self-employed or setting up your own small community enterprise?**

**Are you already helping people and would like to do something more or different?**

**Do you need help to turn your ideas into reality?**

Andy Begley, Executive Director of Adult Services, Shropshire Council says 'We are excited to be working with Community Catalysts to develop and deliver innovative new approaches to support and care that will complement existing provision in Shropshire. When there is greater local choice and flexibility people will have more options when looking for support that maintains independence and well-being and that will be good for everyone'

Community Catalysts has a huge amount of experience helping local people become self-employed and/or establish community enterprises.

## **Support from the project**

Community Catalysts runs a development programme which can:

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- ⇒ support you to become self-employed or to develop your small community enterprise
- ⇒ give you practical information on regulation and training
- ⇒ tell you about opportunities in the health and social care sector
- ⇒ direct you to other organisations who can help

This initiative is initially focused on areas north and west of Oswestry, but we would particularly love to hear from anyone in St Martins, Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and surrounding areas.

To find out more get in touch with Chris Clarke by phone on 07878 836317 or by email on [c.clarke@communitycatalysts.co.uk](mailto:c.clarke@communitycatalysts.co.uk)





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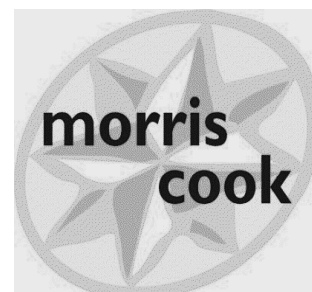
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# Curtain raised on Community Theatre's first Artistic Director

The Holroyd Community Theatre is delighted to announce theatre director Loveday Ingram as their first Artistic Director. Loveday has directed musicals and plays in the West End, for the Royal Shakespeare Company, internationally and throughout the UK. She was born locally and her first experience of theatre was as a pupil of Moreton Hall School, where the Holroyd Community Theatre is situated. Having come back to live in the area with her young family, Loveday is delighted to be leading this thrilling new venture. She says;

'The Holroyd Community Theatre is a hugely important development for our community. This first-class professional theatre space is being realised with great vision by a dedicated and inspiring team. It will provide access to the highest quality professional arts projects for young people and adults, as both audience members and as participants. The Theatre will host a range of professional productions and concerts, as well as providing a much welcome home for community and educational projects.'

Situated on the outskirts of Oswestry, the Holroyd Community Theatre will be a welcome and much needed resource for the local community in many forms. Under Loveday Ingram's Artistic Directorship the £1.45 million Arts venue will provide access to first class theatre productions, offer a state-of-the-art space for use by local theatre companies and community groups, provide trainee-ships and opportunities for young people, and access to learning resources for local schools.

Loveday's most recent productions include a highly critically acclaimed production of *The Rover* by Aphra Behn for the Royal Shakespeare Company and the British premier of Ken Ludwig's award winning play *Baskerville* at Liverpool Playhouse, which will soon be part of the 2019 International Arts Festival at the National Theatre of China. She has worked for several years as Associate Director at Chichester Festival Theatre where three of her productions transferred to the West End and she was the originating assistant director on the global hit musical *Mamma Mia*. She is about to start rehearsals for *Henry V* at Storyhouse Chester.

Announcing the appointment of the Artistic Director, Moreton Hall Principal, Jonathan Forster said: "This is a most exciting appointment - Loveday Ingram is a renowned writer and director with a national reputation over a range of theatrical genres. The Holroyd Theatre is on target to become a leading venue for music and drama - and who better to direct and lead this project."



Simon Baynes, Chairman of the Holroyd Community Theatre Company, added: "Loveday will bring not only her extensive theatrical experience but also a real understanding of our unique Shropshire and North Wales community. We are delighted that she will be at the helm of our wonderful community theatre".

For further information, photographs or interviews, please contact: Kelly Parsons ([parsonsk@moretonhall.com](mailto:parsonsk@moretonhall.com))  
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## APRIL MEETING

At our meeting on 2nd April we were all welcomed by Shirley Willis. We finalised our plans for our outing to visit Plas Newydd on 7th May which will be instead of our usual meeting at The Miners Institute.

We decided that our August outing on 6th August will be to the Anderton Boat Lift which provides a vertical link between the River Weaver with the Trent and Mersey canal. We will go up on the lift and then take a boat trip on the river.

After a short business meeting we welcomed Coral Hughes who was to show us all how to make Dragon Flies from used coke tins. She was an excellent teacher and soon we got cracking with some spectacular results. Everyone enjoyed the experience. She was thanked by President Shirley Willis.



## May Meeting

At the May meeting about 20 members went on a visit to Plas Newydd in Llangollen - luckily it was a dry evening. A small convoy of cars arrived there about 6.45pm and was met by a very nice man, whose name was Chris. He gave an informative talk which was very interesting about the history of The Ladies of Llangollen, who had also owned and lived on the 10 acre estate. The house is not very big, but we all managed to wander through it together.



The gardens are beautifully kept and paths meandering to a brook with many small bridges, lookout points, sun-house, water tower and a well. The stable block has been converted to a cafe where we had delicious tea and cakes to end our evening. Well worth a visit if you've never been.

On June 4th our speaker will be Wendy Davies on The History of Hats. On Saturday June 29th at The Miners Institute is An Evening with Magician Jack Dent when all proceeds will be going to the Severn Hospice.

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## **Wolf's Den II: natural play expansion plans at Erddig**



**Erddig natural play area has been so popular since its launch in 2013 that the estate team is looking to expand it, but only after carefully considering wildlife habitats, consulting with the public and a range of partners.**

Climbing trees and getting muddy knees are treasured childhood memories for many. But when Erddig Hall in Wrexham built its Wolf's Den natural play area in 2013, it was fuelled by the National Trust's Natural Childhood report that had highlighted that children were losing their connection to nature. Time spent outdoors had halved in just one generation!

Since 2013, the natural play area complete with den building, rope swings, balancing beams and wooden carvings of wolves has seen thousands of families leaping and swinging into the woodland space next to the historic walled garden.

### **Giving nature a helping hand**

The play area has been so popular that the ground around the beautiful trees has been compacted, restricting their ability to draw in the nutrients they need to thrive and in turn restricting the Wolf's Den opening times. The team has been forced to close the natural play area for winter conservation several times, to allow the trees time and space to breathe; a big disappointment to visitors who like to visit us throughout the year.

### **Wolf's Den II**

A solution to this problem would be to develop another natural play area in the woodland next to Wolf's Den, so that there are two areas available to use and rotate. This would allow Erddig's visitors to play naturally throughout the year. The team has identified a potential space in the original historic pleasure ground designed by William Emes which runs next to the historic remains of the Norman Motte and Bailey castle.

Head Ranger and National Trust Project Manager James Stein said "It's very early days and there's still a lot of work to be done to research and investigate the area and its rich variety of wildlife. We'll be working with a range of partners over the coming months to see what's feasible, but we'd like to start the ball rolling, or sow seeds, by sharing some initial ideas and asking our Easter visitors what they'd like to see."

### **Informal consultation**

Take a look at the first artist's impression created for the space (likely to be the first of many over the coming months) and the kind of things the team is exploring, using natural materials from the estate.

The team is doing everything they can to ensure everyone who visits Erddig gets the most out of a special connection with nature and that will be the driving force for the project. From smelling wild garlic and listening out for the woodpeckers in spring to identifying fallen leaves and seeds in autumn and winter.



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*From page 8*

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2. Grenade
3. Czech Republic
4. Peter
5. Loire
6. He was the only politician to ever tell the truth.
7. Saudi Arabia
8. Two
9. Albany
10. Mark Twain

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# **BIG TEA PARTY, CHIRK BANK**

The Big Tea Party, in aid of Severn Hospice, will take place on Sunday 30th June, 10am onwards, at the Old Post Office, Chirk Bank, and canalside. Make a date in your diary! This year's line-up of bands is The Jazz Syndicate and The Alex Edy Experience and probably more to be added! Music starts around noon. Lovely refreshments, plenty of stalls, and of course the famous Wall of Money game! Donations of books, plants, small bric-a-brac gratefully accepted from May onwards. Cakes appreciated near the big day. Details/queries, tel Sue on 773453



## **"NAME THAT JOB" Quiz**

This year's Quiz in aid of Severn Hospice is "Name That Job". Solve 50 cryptic clues to find well known job titles. Copies cost £1, with a chance to win a £10 voucher and the Glory! Copies available from Chirk Library, Gobowen Central, Ellesmere Library, Weston Rhyn Stores, Teddy Bear Café in Chirk, Oswestry Severn Hospice Shop, Oswestry TSB Bank, Lady Margaret's Caravan Park, Advertizer Office in Oswestry, and the Old Post Office, Chirk Bank. Closing date October 31st. Queries/details, Tel Sue on 773453

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## **Here We Are Again** Letter received from a local resident.

Once again I am writing regarding the subject of dog mess.

We have a public footpath running along the top of one of our fields. On checking the fences ready for turnout, I found five bags of dog mess thrown into the bottom of the hedge or hung in the hedge just on that stretch of footpath, and also one bag left on a seat that is used by people who need a little rest while out walking. While I applaud people for picking up after their dogs, why on earth don't they take it home and use their own bins to discard it in. Also it would be appreciated if dog owners would pick up after their dogs if they go in the fields, as dog faeces isn't just unpleasant, it can carry diseases such as Neospora, which poses a serious risk to not only cattle, but other dogs too.

Please keep dogs on leads at all times.



## **The BIG Chat**

We would like to thank everyone who came along to one of our BIG Chats or filled in our online or paper survey. . We will be using your views to develop the new Community Plan which will be submitted to our funder, Local Trust, in July.

Once the Plan is accepted and signed off it will be published in September.

## **Co-Working & Drop-ins**

Our Co-working & drop-ins are ongoing and the next dates/times for Weston Rhyn are

9.30am – 2.00pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am – 2.00pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

9:30am – 2:00pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

9:30am – 2:00pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

## **Drop-ins -**

Come and see us if you have any questions about Three Parishes Big Local, would like to discuss funding for a project or activity or if you have an idea for something that we might be able to help with.

## **Co-working space –**

This free service continues at St Martins and is open to anyone who lives or works in the Three Parishes Big Local area. A Co-working space is where people who usually work at home, or on their own, can occasionally come together and work in a shared space with others. Both the drop-ins and the co-working space take place in the main room in St Martins Centre. If you would like to find out more, please get in touch.

We also offer co-working in Gobowen and Weston Rhyn, please get in touch if you would like to know more.

**Want to keep up with Three Parishes Big Local news?**

**Contact Bridget or Paula at**

**on 01691 656882 or at [info@big-local.org](mailto:info@big-local.org)**

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# Three Parishes Big Local Grants

Thinking of applying for one of our grants for your community group or project? The next Grant Panel meets in September, however you can contact us at any time to discuss your ideas and submit an application.

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