

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

Welcome to the Summer edition of the magazine - though as I write this it is raining steadily - but the forecast does suggest that we are about to enter a hot, sunny period, so here's hoping!

First though, my thanks for the response to my appeal for delivery volunteers in the last issue. We are now back to full strength and even have a couple of reserves. It is good to know that you value the magazine enough to want to help with its delivery - all we need now are a couple more volunteers to join the editorial committee to keep us on a good sustainable track (and to come up with new ideas for content). We only meet for about two hours on a Wednesday morning every other month, so any volunteers?

In this issue you will find all the usual items from our regular contributors and also a few new items from first time writers, plus a wealth of detail about events and activities being organised over the school holidays.

Still no final news from Shropshire Council on the outcome of the planning application for the St Martins Recreation Partnership (which is how the new development behind St Martins School will be known), but they have indicated the specific details that they need in order to approve it, so it should be through by the end of the Summer. Those of you who called in at the School Open Day in June will know that our plans are progressing well, and it was good to get the positive feedback on this exciting new development from students, parents and staff alike.

That's it from me for this edition. Whether you are going away or staying at home, I hope you enjoy the Summer - see you in September.

John Stevens

Chair of the Editorial Committee

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Parish Council

FROM THE CHAIR

Summer is nearly half way through and hay is being made on the days that make this rural area where we live a joy. It's just a shame that so many people are unable to take home all the rubbish that they feel impelled to throw out of their car windows or from open hands, turning some of our lanes into longitudinal rubbish dumps. If only they thought of the consequences of their thoughtless actions - and don't start me on the topics of fly-tipping and people who don't clear up after their dogs! Let's just keep St Martins tidy. These thoughts were going through my mind on a recent walk through our own and neighbouring villages when we came across 3 hedgehogs that had been run over by vehicles. In Great Britain we appear to have lost over half of the hedgehogs from our countryside since the millennium. I know that not all of those are due to being run over, but if we could all be a little more careful when driving through our narrow lanes it might help. Obviously the highway code states that you must not endanger any person in seeking to avoid hitting an animal.

In this month's Parish Council meeting we got some very positive news from our Unitary councillor Steve Davenport regarding the resolution of the unsatisfactory (and dangerous) roundabout by Stan's, with possible progress on the redesign of this junction. Steve will no doubt cover this further in his articles in the magazine.

Councillors also agreed that in future, whenever possible, there would be a site visit to review all planning application sites in the village, to better understand each application and to assess its impact on the area.

Councillor Glenn Pennington, reporting on the activities of the Community Speed Watch team, stated that they were very short of members which is limiting their ability to carry out this vital task. If you have some free time and would like to help, please contact Councillor Pennington, whose details you can find on the next page.

Finally, in the spirit of public service I mentioned in the last issue that we need 2 new councillors to fill the places left by recent resignations. Notices have now been put up in the village, so if you are interested in joining us on the Council please contact our Parish Clerk who will send you details of how to apply.

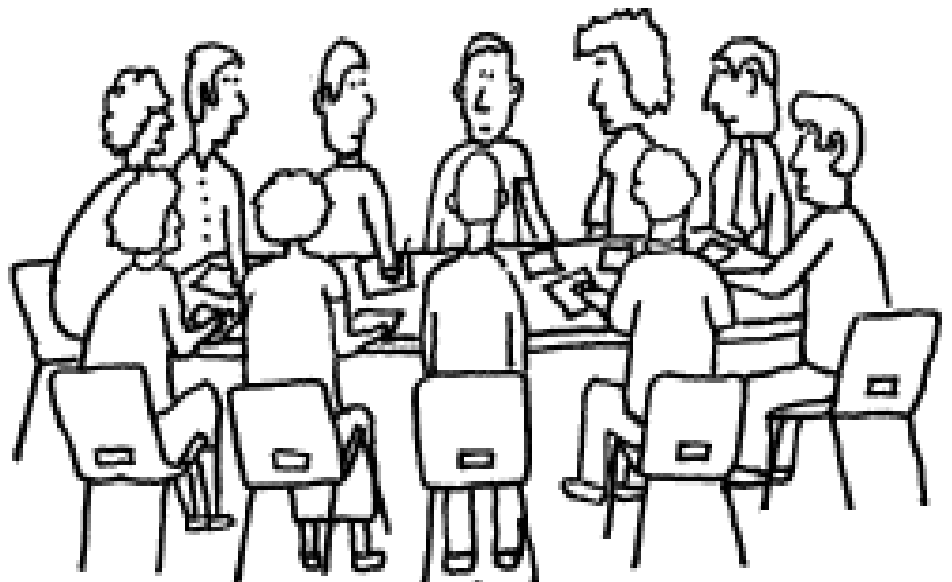
All applications received will be considered at our September meeting.

Thank you and have a great summer.

Andrew C Cast

Chair,

St Martins Parish Council



Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

There are now two casual vacancies on the Parish Council following the recent resignations of Sue Schofield and John Sands. No by-election has been requested, so these vacancies will be filled by co-option. Expressions of interest are welcomed from anyone in the community who is over 18 years old. As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. If you are interested in joining the Council please contact the Parish Clerk Edward Davies for an initial application form and more information on 01743 366420, or by emailing him at clerk@stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Members of the Parish Council attended St Martins School Open Day on the 28th June 2019 to provide an update on the proposed new recreation site being planned for development behind the school under the banner of *St Martins Recreation Partnership*. A TV screen showed a rolling PowerPoint display with schematics of the proposed site around the School and an accompanying explanation of the background. A copy of the Power Point was left with the School. These plans are still at the planning application stage with Shropshire Council. The overall impression is that there is a growing interest and excitement in the community about the new recreational site.



A working group from the Parish Council are looking at various options for the installation of a number of Vehicle Activated Signs to try and encourage motorists to reduce their speed through the village. Councillors expressed concern that the Safety Camera Partnership team do not operate in St Martins with their speed enforcement cameras compared with adjoining villages and would be requesting a change to this procedure and alternate their vehicle more between all our rural villages.

Shropshire Councillor Steve Davenport reported that he was now awaiting design work to start on various options to improve the junction at the mini roundabout at the junction of Overton and Ellesmere Roads. As regards the postponed resurfacing of Overton Road, he reported that due to the many concerns he received about the road closures for this work he had now lost this money to another scheme in the County, but that he was working to obtain new funding that would allow the work to take place in the near future.

There is no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on the Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7.00 pm at The Moors.

Edward Davies

St Martins Parish Clerk.

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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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Councillor Steve Davenport

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

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As the summer moves swiftly along I hope those who can get away have a lovely time and by the time this comes out, Brian and Sue Atherton will have come back from a well deserved holiday. To those who can't get away, I hope you will be able to enjoy our lovely countryside, we are so lucky where we live.

I've been asked to update you on our recycling in Shropshire and how we compare nationally, well there's more to do, but we recycle 54.7% compared with the national average of 44.8% so while it could be better, its not too bad.

In terms of actual figures, it looks something like this,
86,170 tonnes goes to be recycled
67,620 tonnes goes to be burned in Shrewsbury to produce electricity
3,300 tonnes goes to landfill.

I hope this helps, but I can go into more detail if requested

Update on roads in the village. Overton Road is still due to be resurfaced soon, but this will be done over the weekends and evenings to avoid less disruption to business.

We have now got funding to improve the mini roundabout outside Stans, although at the moment I'm not sure how as I'm still waiting for junction design options.

If you need any help or advice please call or email and I will contact you or meet in the St Martins Centre

Many thanks

Steve

PCSO Dave Hughes – 07870 219190

PCSO Pete Roberts – 07870 219019

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As you know we have been surveying the butterflies on the Meadows over the last few months, although the mixed weather has meant that some weeks we have been unable to do surveys. Dull days mean fewer butterflies are out, but the sunny days that we have been having have made a huge difference.

On 5th July we counted 173 butterflies around the seven sections monitored - mainly two species, Ringlets(63) and Meadow Browns(64), along with small white, common blue, Red Admiral, Painted Lady and some small skippers. This is the highest number we have ever recorded on any

one day. Over the last few months we have also seen a change in the type of butterflies found on site. We are not experts and they move so quickly it is sometimes difficult to identify them but we do our best.



The flower survey of the Horse Field on 14th June gave us 56 species, followed a week later by 11 types of grass - these are very difficult to ID.

You will have noticed several parties working on site, some from schools and some from business's. Work places now hold 'team-building days' for their employees and we have had several of these groups on site recently, overseen by either Mike or Lee (Rangers from Shropshire Council). At the moment they are working around the boundary, clearing scrub from along the fence line so that work can be done to make the boundary animal proof.

There are several events planned on site for August/summer holidays so keep an eye out for details.

We continue to work on the 2nd Sunday of each month (weather permitting) 1.30pm to 4pm. We need to keep pathways open and also remove birch and brambles which are taking over several areas of the site. Helpers always welcome.



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Claire Morris with her 2 boys, Fin and Jay, receiving the donated signed Liverpool Football shirt. Claire bought it for her husband who was away at the time at the Liverpool Tottenham match in Madrid. The whole family are avid Liverpool supporters, but he didn't know anything about it. How I would have loved to be a fly on the wall when he got home.

Picture: Terry Ellis, Claire, Jay, Fin Morris, Brian Collie

A BIG THANK YOU to the community for their support in not only nominating the committee for the

STAR OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD

run by the Advertizer, but also to all those who voted for us. Being up against Effie Cadwallader and Val Thompson both of who would have made worthy winners was humbling. It was with great sense of pride that Sue Schofield and Terry Ellis received the award on behalf of the committee and the community. The trophy will be in the Parish Church for a while should anyone wish to see it.



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Our deep commiserations to all those who have lost loved ones. If you would like a mention in the magazine, please email us with the information.

Grow It, Make It, Show It

Great news, we have two new members on the show committee, Eileen Rosamond and Helen Williams, they are both very welcome. If the craft and produce show is something you would like to get involved with, please give Sue a call on 01691 777710.

There has been some small updates to the schedule, so please check it out. **Saturday 14th September** is show day, please put it in your diaries. We'll look forward to seeing you there.

Do you have an unwanted gifts which you would like to give towards our Prize Draw. All good quality items help us earn enough money to put on the show next year. If we should make more than we need, we donate to others in the village. Last year we happily gave £50 to both the Guides and the Scouts.

There will be refreshments this year organised by the Guides and all profits from refreshments will go towards their next camp. We are hoping that the Scouts will lend a hand to set up all the tables as the members of the committee are getting older and find it almost impossible to move the chair and tables around like we used to.



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<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 Heaviest Potato	B24.	A specimen HT Rose
A6.	1 Longest stick of Rhubarb (not leaf)	B25.	3 Gladioli
A7.	3 Leeks	B26.	5 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 (Max 10")
A14.	5 Tomatoes (any variety)	B33.	Pelargonium (Geranium-upright only)
A15.	3 Cooking apples	B34.	Flower Arrangement in an unusual container
A16.	3 Dessert apples		
A17.	Any Other 3 Fruit (same variety)		
A18.	Any other 3 Vegetable (same variety)		
			Allotment Special Best Tray
<u>Class No</u>	<u>Section C : Children's</u>	<u>Class No</u>	<u>Section D : Photographic</u>
	open to children aged 11 and younger on 1st September 2019, age to be stated on exhibit.		(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.	Lego Land (max 10" board)	D44.	Humorous Photo with Caption
C40.	Picture any Media, Theme : Super Hero		
<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 /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 (3" cutter)	F57.	Any other Embroidery
E50.	Homemade Soft Fruit Jam	F58.	Handmade Soft Toy
E51.	Homemade Jar of Chutney Recycled glass jars acceptable with new lid or cellophane)	F59.	Art (Paintings or Drawing)
E52.	Man Cake (must be made by a MAN)	F60.	Any Other Craft



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SECURING SAFE COMMUNITY SPACES

This project is to improve the community spaces around the Centre and at the Carrot & Carp Project (Allotments and Arthans Pond) including:

- ⇒ Re-lay the path around the Centre and make the 'temporary' path permanent.
- ⇒ Clear and improve the rear yard.
- ⇒ Re-model the front garden making it easier to maintain.
- ⇒ Carrot & Carp project:
 - Landscape and create new paths around the pond
 - Erect a communal shed and compost bins for the allotments

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St Martins FC have started in earnest the preparation for their second season in Division One South of the North West Counties Football League via training sessions held at the Venue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings delivered by the club's new Manager Paul Moore. Paul has an impressive CV successfully coaching Macclesfield Town with roles at Manchester City and for the FA. As an ex-professional footballer at Hull City and Portsmouth, followed by an impressive semi-professional playing career, Paul managed Congleton, Leek Town, Warrington, Clitheroe, Colwyn Bay and Northwich Vics holding a UEFA A License.

The club committee are eagerly awaiting the start of season 2019/20 looking forward to their second season playing at level 6 in the North West Counties League Division One, the club's third season competing for the FA Vase and considering the likelihood of a place in the FA Cup this season. By the time you read this, the club will have completed friendly games arranged at home on Friday 19th July v Lower Break and on Friday 26th July.

St Martins FC have long aspired to create a youth system to encourage local talent so are delighted by the fact that St. Martins FC will have a team playing in the West Midlands U18's Premier Development League in the 2019/20 season. Club Treasurer Ande Joseph's persistence has created an excellent starting point for this new initiative so the club is pleased that the team will be managed by Carl Mitchell.

Paul Moore has sound experience of coaching youth teams so will be closely linked to Carl Mitchell and has started this close link with the youth team by sharing training and coaching of the Youth Team alongside the First Team. Paul therefore has supported the Under 18 Team in representing St Martins FC in the Graham Edwards Memorial Competition this season. Although the team have lost their first two games in the competition v St Martins Village and Gobowen Celtic, they competed well in both games against two good established senior sides.

Their first game in the competition was played against St Martins Village, but a hat trick scored by prolific scorer Zach Ward and one goal scored by Jake Cross won the game for the Village 4 - 2. Goals scored by first team player Brendon Price and a late strike by Jay Stewart provided testimony the St Martins FC contribution to what proved to be an entertaining game.

St Martins FC second game in the competition against Gobowen Celtic was equally entertaining as their first game, but a header scored by George Hughes and a penalty scored by Eddie Rodgers - both in the second half - won the game for Celtic.

St Martins first team opened their friendly fixtures beating West Cheshire League club Greenall Pagnal 3 - 1 at the Venue. An accurately placed header by James Durman opened the scoring in the 3rd minute as St Martins pace and fluency dominated the early stages of the game.



Dave Easthope reinforced that control of the game scoring the goal of the game by finishing a progression of quick passing to drive the ball into the top corner of Pagnal's net in the 22nd minute.

In the 29th minute Harvey Plummer's mesmerising run past three defenders concluded with a cross into the box that Carl Bailey hammered home to take the Saints into a 3 - 0 lead.

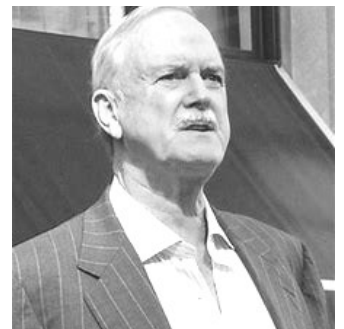
At this point in the game, St Martins were dominant but Greenall hit back in the 31st minute with a well taken goal by Eayn Woods and the remainder of the game was a close encounter with both teams creating but missing chances .



First Team player, Brendon Price supported the St. Martins Youth Team by scoring in their game v St. Martins Village in the Graham Edwards Memorial Competition.

Quiz July 2019

1. Which English cricketer holds the record for the quickest 100 test wickets?
2. What nationality was the boxer who beat Anthony Joshua?
3. Where is the headquarters of the DVLA?
4. Which type of berry is traditionally used to flavour gin?
5. Persia is a former name for which country?
6. How to Be A Footballer is a 2018 book by which former England player?
7. Alsace-Lorraine is an area of which European country?
8. In Africa what type of animal is Kudu?
9. Which milestone birthday will comedy actor John Cleese celebrate in October?
10. What type of snake was the nickname of former boxer Carl Froch?



Answers on page 36

ST MARTINS ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

This is the time of year when we plan. Where we plant, what we will plant, maybe try something different this year. We are full of hope that everything will be good this year. No heatwave, no late frosts, enough rain (but not too much) and no pests or diseases.

But not for me. Sadly, I have given up my allotment after 9 very productive years. When I first took on the allotment I had a very small garden, but since then I have remarried and my husband and I have bought a bungalow with a very big garden. We are constructing a fruit and veg plot in one small corner. I shall miss the friendships and the camaraderie of the allotments, but hopefully I shall still produce some wonderful crops.



I shall still be on the committee until the end of March, so if you would like a plot then please do let me know. There are still 2/3 vacant plots available for residents of St Martins. My old plot has already been taken, but there are others waiting for some TLC. Yes, it is hard work, but the rewards are amazing. You can contact me on 01691 770105 or email me at valbarker0@gmail.com.

This will be my last article for the Village Magazine, but hopefully another plot holder will take on the mantle of writing the articles. Happy Gardening, Val Barker.



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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Safe, supervised, fun activities
for children aged 4-10 years. For
children of all abilities – 3 hours
including a free healthy meal.

Activities to include Multi-sports, Traditional games and
races, Spacehoppers, Dance, Football, Tennis, Golf and
other surprise activities.

The activities will be held on the following
days throughout the summer holidays:

Every Monday

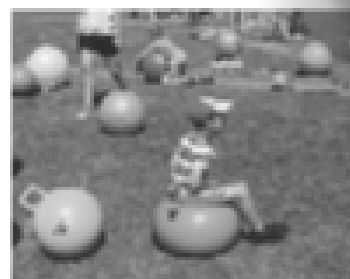
Gobowen Playing Fields 10am - 1pm

Every Wednesday

St Martins Playing Fields 10am - 1pm

Every Thursday

Weston Rhyn Rec Ground 10am - 1pm



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FREE ENTRY

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What's on in August 2019!

Sat 3rd	Oswestry Show	Park Hall Showground	From 8.30am
Wed 7th	TNS Foundation Holiday Activities	Stan's Field	10.00am - 1.00pm
Tues 13th	IMMC	St Martins Centre	7.30pm
Wed 14th	TNS Foundation Holiday Activities	Stan's Field	10.00am - 1.00pm
Thurs 15th	Theatre at the Castle Richard III	Chirk Castle	6.00pm - 10.00pm
Sat 17th	Have-ago-Archery with the Wrexham Bowmen	Chirk Castle	11.00am - 4.00pm
Wed 21st	TNS Foundation Holiday Activities	Stan's Field	10.00am - 1.00pm
Sat 24th	COAP CIC Craft Activities	Ifton Meadows	12 noon - 4.00pm
Sun 25th	Trust 10 Trail Run	Chirk Castle	8.00am - 11.00am
Wed 28th	TNS Foundation Holiday Activities	Stan's Field	10.00am - 1.00pm
Sat 31st	The Beaufort Companye Wars of the Roses Living History Weekend	Whittington Castle	10.00am - 4.00pm