

What's on in September 2019!

Sun 1st	The Beaufort Companye Wars of the Roses Living History Weekend	Whittington Castle	10.00am - 4.00pm
Tues 3rd	WI Sue Bossom talk on "Plants that inspired William Morris"	Miners Institute Lounge	7.30pm
Sun 8th	House of the Black Star Medieval Day	Whittington Castle	11.00am - 4.00pm
Tues 10th	IMMC	St Martins Centre	7.30pm
Wed 11th	3 Parishes Big Local Drop-In	St Martins Centre	9.30am - 2.30pm
Thurs 12th	Parish Council	Moors Lane Chapel	7.00pm
Sat 14th	'Grow It, Make It, Show It' Show	Miners Institute	Doors Open 2pm
Thurs 19th	Chirk Hospital Circle of Friends Coffee Morning	Chirk Parish Hall	10.00am - Noon
Sun 22nd	Trust 10 Trail Run	Chirk Castle	8.00am - 11.00am
Wed 25th	3 Parishes Big Local Drop-In	St Martins Centre	9.30am - 2.30pm
Thurs 26th	Chirk NSPCC/Childline Fron Male Voice Choir	St Marys Church, Chirk	7.30pm

Please let us know the time and date of events in October and November for the next edition of Village Life by no later than **Wednesday 18th September 2019**

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

St Martins School



Summer 2019

Its been a very busy half term with lots of exciting things happening around school.



The highlight has to be our inaugural whole school sponsored walk - I am very proud of our students who took part in the walk either as part of the teddy bear's picnic in Activate or along the canal for the rest of the school.

The walk was a great way to promote a healthy lifestyle, encourage sociability and was a testament to our ethos of being 'Self less, Self assured and Successful. We are still receiving sponsor money but so far I have been overwhelmed by the efforts of our students who have raised hundreds of pounds for house charities.

Open house session will continue next term on Monday's at 2.20pm - 3.20pm. This is for parents and members of the community to discuss anything with Ms Lovecy. Have a lovely summer.

Ms Lovecy



+++++Breakfast and after school club UPDATE+++++

Mrs Heather Jones will no longer be running Breakfast Club Sarah Barnett has been appointed as Breakfast Club and After School Club Leader. Bookings for After school club can be made by emailing afterschoolclub@stmartins3-16.org.



Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and attended our Carnival summer Fayre - it was a great day and everyone enjoyed the various stalls that were planned and manned by the students. Some of the costumes in the parade were outstanding - it was very difficult to pick a winner but well done to Dylan and Jessica Arias, Gabriel and Micah Pearson and Oscar and Phoebe Vickers. Year five wowed the audience with a demonstration of circus aerial work following a workshop with Berzerkas Circus



St Martins 7th Annual Show

At St Martins Miners Institute

Saturday September 14th 2019

Competition Entry 25p

(Children's Competitions Free)

Spectators 50p

(Under 12 years and Exhibitors Free)

Refreshments & Raffle

Door open for exhibitors 9:15am

Judging 11am – 1 pm

Doors Open to Public 2:00pm

Prize Giving 3:00pm

All entries must be booked in on

Friday 13th Sept

Between 5:30 - 7:30pm at

St Martins Miners' Institute

18th Century water feature fights against floods at Erddig



The team of rangers at National Trust Erddig in Wrexham are advising visitors to take extreme care if choosing to visit the estate during floods.

Footage of William Emes' historic water feature shows deluge of water falling through the cylindrical cascade.

As severe flooding continues throughout the country, National Trust Erddig in Wrexham shares its own flood perspective and highlights that the challenge is nothing new.

Landscape designer William Emes was commissioned by Philip Yorke I in 1768 to not only create an aesthetically attractive landscape but also to increase the agricultural value of the land by reducing the serious flooding of the Afon Clywedog.

Cup and Saucer waterfall

Emes created gravelled walks throughout the large pleasure grounds, planted many trees which are still thriving today, and manipulated the flow of water across the park through a series of cascades and weirs.

His most unique alteration to the Erddig landscape was the Cup and Saucer waterfall. This feature, which can still be seen today, works by gathering water in a shallow circular stone basin with a cylindrical waterfall at its centre, the water falls through this cascade and then emerges from a tunnel several yards downstream.



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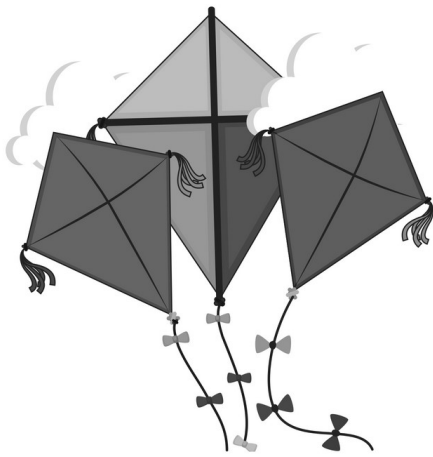
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Firstly we are incredibly grateful to the 3 Parishes Big Local Organisation for providing funding to subsidise the cost of the activities to you and to allow us to bring some free activities to Ifton Meadows.

Following our successful first trail at Ifton Meadows during May half term, we have developed our "Tracks and Trails" discovery trail which is running throughout the summer holidays. You can get a paper copy of the trail from any of our sessions and at St Martins Centre, or alternatively we can email a copy to you or you can download it from our Facebook group.

We are running an activity at St Martins Centre each week of the holiday. These sessions will include pottery painting, crafty fun, customising a bag or baseball cap and puppet making. So for a couple of hours you can relax with a cuppa, cake and conversation while we provide some boredom busting activities! Drinks are included at all of our sessions and home baked goodies are available to buy. Full details on our Facebook page.

On 24th August come along to Ifton Meadows where we will be pitching up in our rainbow bell tent and sharing FREE craft activities and showing off some of the puppets made in our puppet activity session. We invite you to bring a picnic and sit down and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Contact us by email at hello@coapcic.co.uk or on Facebook @COAPCIC for details and to book your place for our pre-book sessions.

Moreton Hall Music Student Performs at International Chamber Music Festival

Moreton Hall GCSE music student Selina Shi performed as part of the 'Young Musician Ensemble' in this year's International Chamber Music Festival in Whittington.



CHIRK HOSPITAL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our 50th Anniversary Flower Festival held at St Mary's Church Chirk in June. The floral displays were simply stunning and truly reflected this special anniversary so beautifully. The story of the important part that the local miners played in the building of the first Chirk Cottage Hospital was



so very poignantly depicted in the display arranged by the Pentre Ladies Guild, complete with the 'pit wheel' and also the original miners helmet, lamp and 'snappin box' kindly loaned by Terry Ellis of St Martins and which gave a real authenticity to the display. Thank you also to Cor Meibion Dyffryn Ceiriog who opened the Flower Festival with a most delightful concert in perfect harmony.

Thanks also to Angela Ree for the lovely display on behalf of St Martins W.I. and also her delightful display of Chirk Railway Station in perfect miniaturised form.

We are now looking forward to the start of our regular Rummage Sales and which begin on Saturday September 14th at Chirk Parish Hall from 10am - 12 noon when the customary bargains will be up for grabs. We shall also be piloting a new venture in the Autumn and that is to hold regular Coffee Mornings with a theme - we shall be including a 'book swap' when you can come and pick up a good read and maybe swop one of your own books, also jigsaws and games mornings. These begin on Thursday September 19th at Chirk Parish Hall from 10am - 12 noon and we look forward to seeing you there. We still have copies of the special booklet compiled by local historian Graham Greasley celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Hospital Circle of Friends and which also includes photos of the original hospital plus many of the local GP's who have been involved with both hospitals. These are priced at just £2.50 and we shall have copies at the Rummage Sales and Coffee Mornings.



Paintings in the Pub

Jon Young Art and Holly Hayward Art

**New exhibition at The Keys in St Martins,
2nd - 4th October**

MINING HISTORY COMMEMORATION



Following on from Jon Young's successful Coastal Exhibition last year, John and Vicky Smout will be hosting a second art exhibition at The Keys in St. Martins this October. To continue the commemoration of the closure of Ifton Colliery, a second artist, Holly Hayward, will also exhibit. Holly, from Hordley, whose grandfather worked at Ifton Colliery, has drawn upon her personal links to the local coal mining industry and interviews with many former miners to produce paintings with a personal touch under the theme "The Miner's Lamp". The numbers on the lamps can be traced back to their owners and the stories from the lamps' owners are a feature of her work.



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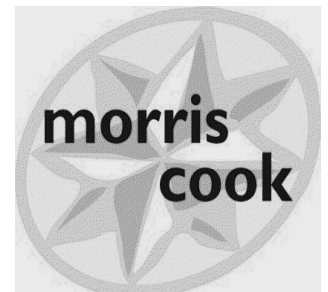
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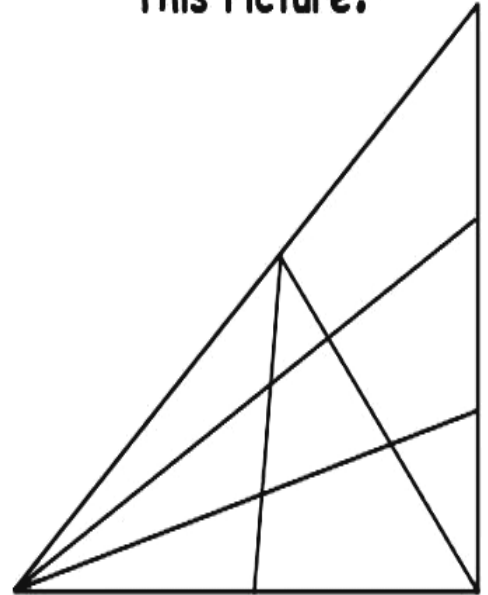
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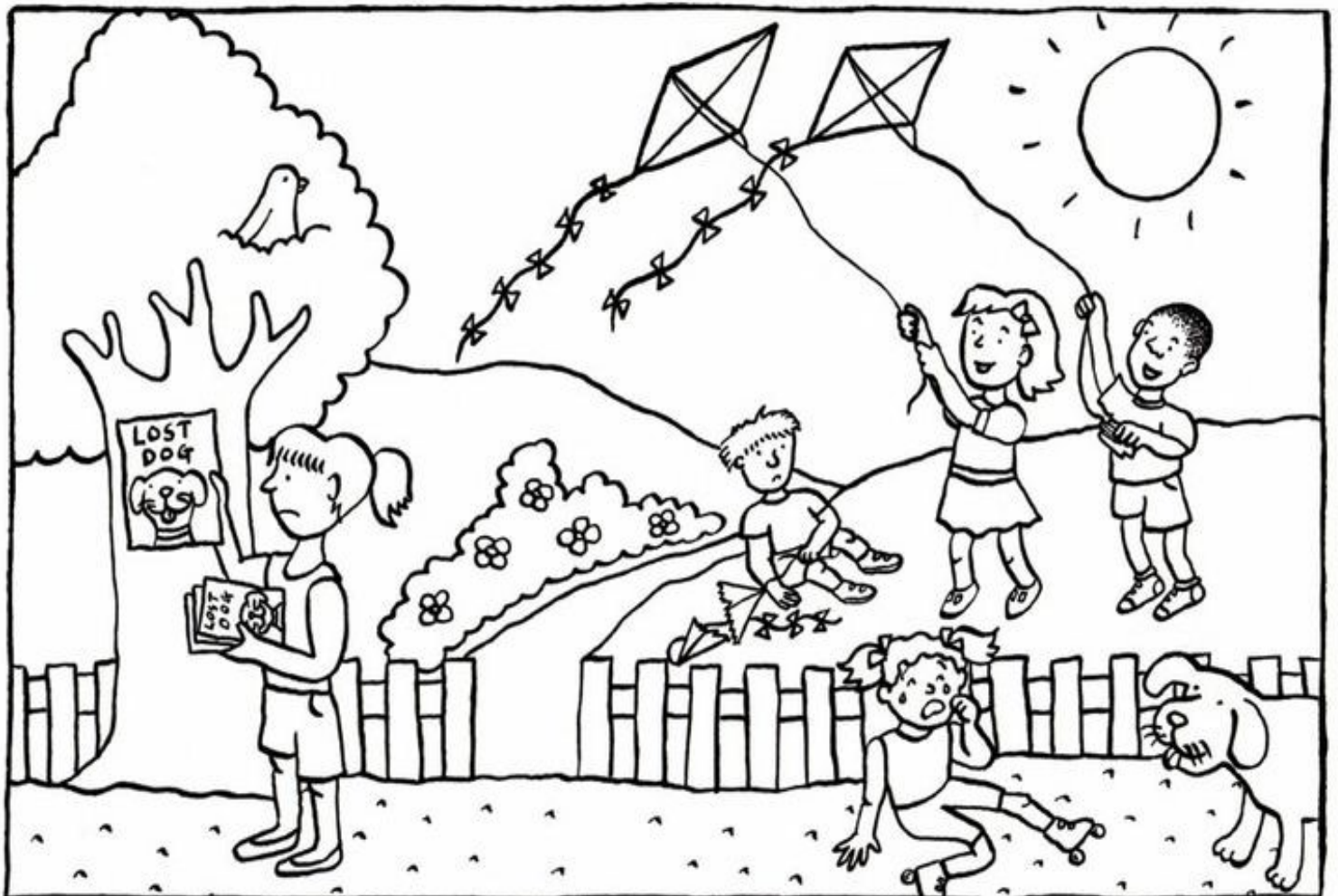
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How Many TRIANGLES In This Picture?



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Dinosaur Word Search

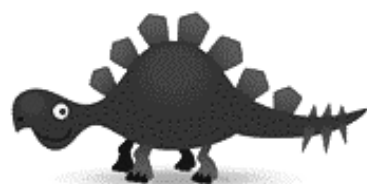


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Our eagle-eyed readers spotted that in the last issue of Village Life we still had the old number for Shropdoc - but that it longer exists. So we thought it might be helpful to highlight just what you need to do if you need 'out of hours' health services.

First, although it is often referred to as Shropdoc, the out of hours telephone service for a doctor or non-urgent problems is now NHS Direct and can be reached by dialling 111.

999 is still there for emergencies, of course.

111 takes details, often a doctor or nurse phones back and they triage over the phone for what happens next. They'll call 999 if they think that's what is needed, and then, of course, you'd get the CFR (Community First Responder) if available.

CFRs' number is 999! so cannot be reached directly. A CFR is allocated by Control when a 999 call comes in from this area, and the allocation is not even by phone, but by radio (and there is only one CFR in the village now).

If you are able to get there, another option is to visit the MIU (Minor Injuries Unit) in Thomas Savin Road (off Gobowen Road) in Oswestry. It is open from 8.30 - 18.00 Monday to Friday and 08.30 - 13.00 on Saturday and Sunday.

The MIU sees all patients with minor injuries, such as bites (human and animal), cuts and lacerations, foreign bodies in the eyes, nose and ears, fractures that require plaster only, minor burns and scalds, minor head injuries (with no loss of consciousness), soft tissue injuries (for example sprains and bruises) and wound infections



This is a self-referral service for people requiring treatment for minor injuries. This means that you do not need an appointment to come to the service.

If at all possible please bring any regular medications you are taking with you to the minor injuries unit. It may be useful for a friend or family member to accompany you



Wanted - Your Unwanted Wool

St Martins Craft Guild meets on Wednesday afternoons and knits blankets, hats, scarves, and premature baby clothes.

Our knitted items help various charities and hospitals via Loving Hands craft for charity.

Patchwork quilts are also made for the Linus Project.

Any wool that we cannot use is passed to either Loving Hands or donated to the Hope House charity shop, but at the moment we are in need of more wool, so if you have any spare, unwanted wool please consider donating it to us.

Any items can be dropped off at the Community room at Cedar Close (on Wednesday afternoons only) or you can contact me on 01691 777130.

Thanks for any help you can give us.

Deborah Shaw, Treasurer, St Martins Craft Guild

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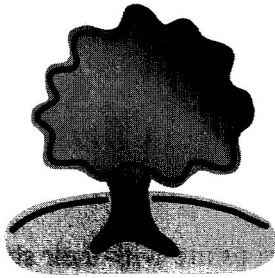
JULY MEETING

We had our meeting on Tuesday 2nd July and President Shirley Willis welcomed everyone. We had a short business meeting during which attention was drawn to the Report from the AGM in Bournemouth which was on the notice board. Shirley also praised the wonderful arrangement of flowers that Angela Ree had made for our W.I. to go into the festival of flowers at St Mary's Church in Chirk. Final details of our trip to The Anderton Boat Lift on 6th August was given out. Our speaker was Katy Holt who stood in for Caroline Wix who couldn't make the meeting. She gave a make-up demonstration using one of our members, lucky lady! Using the range of skin care and make up from the Tropic Range which is made of natural ingredients and environmentally friendly into the bargain. The results, everyone agreed, were excellent. She was thanked by Helen Williams. On the previous Saturday we had our Jack Dent Magic and Musical Show at the Miners Institute in celebration of the Shropshire Federation of W.I.'s 100th year. We want to thank all those that came along and supported us. The show proved to be an enormous success, with the children in particular enjoying Jack's magic! We raised the sum of £463.12p - this will be donated to The Severn Hospice which is our designated charity for this year. There will not be a meeting in August as we shall all be enjoying our day trip to The Boat Lift and a trip on the river Weaver. At our September 3rd meeting we will be having Sue Bossom talking on the plants that inspired William Morris. Visitors and new members welcome



Dave Hayes sent us this picture of 11 friends from St Martins and the Wrexham area, who walked through sunshine, cloud, rain, lightning and thunder to reach the summit of UK highest Mountain Ben Nevis on Saturday 29 June and raised over £2,500 in Aid of Nightingale House

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Topping Out Ceremony Marks Milestone for New Community Theatre

Twelve months on from the cutting of the first turf, the Holroyd Community Theatre moved into the final phase of development with the topping out ceremony marking the end of the external building phase.

It was a poignant occasion for outgoing Moreton Hall Principal Jonathan Forster who has piloted the community theatre initiative from the initial suggestion and offer of anchor funding by Moreton parents and local philanthropists, Bill and Julie Holroyd. The Holroyds became the theatre's first patrons, donating £500,000 to raise the curtain on the project and through the generosity of many in the Moreton Hall community, as well as grants nationally from the Garfield Weston Foundation and locally from, the Millichope Foundation, the Walker Trust and the Lord Leverhulme's Charitable Trust, Jonathan Forster's long held dream has become a reality.

The topping out was led by Jonathan Forster and accompanied by Laura Holden from the Holroyd family and Chair of the Holroyd Community Theatre board, Simon Baynes.

Speaking about this pivotal moment, Jonathan Forster said, "Today is literally a dream come true.



Community is at the heart of what we do here and I am delighted that as I leave Moreton Hall, this wonderful community theatre is now in place." Simon Baynes added "For our local communities in Oswestry, North Shropshire and Wales this looks set to be a fabulous platform for a wide range of talent."



complete, we are now focusing on the interior, ensuring that everything is in place to make this a destination of choice for a range of diverse and exciting companies and shows."

Representing the Holroyd family, Laura Holden said: "This is a very special occasion. This is a long held dream of my family's and today we can see it really has come true."

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- a) Cut the lawn longer and less often
- b) Not cut the lawn in May or June and allow the flowers to grow (6 daisies feed a bee for 1 day)
- c) Leave an area of ground in the garden to grow wild
- d) Leave a few logs in the corner for the grubs (hedgehog food)
- e) Grow a few nettles in the corner (caterpillars love them)
- f) Stop using commercially bought insecticide & herbicide and allow a few weeds to grow
- g) Plant lots of wild flowers (our insects are adapted to live off our native wild flowers and plants)
- h) Plant a native tree or two (helps to clean our air of pollution, our native wildlife is again adapted to thrive on and in our native trees). if you want a free native tree or two, do ask and I'll get you some for free.
- i) Build a compost heap, loved by all our native amphibians and insects but most of all loved by our hedgehogs whose numbers have plummeted in the last 20 years
- j) Make holes in your fence and join with your neighbours so hedgehogs can move freely about to find their food. Create a wildlife haven for hedgehogs so they want to come and visit you time and time again.



Bill Jones

Letter (and plea) from a local resident

May I as a frequent pedestrian request, via Village Life, that motorists desist from parking on pavements? You may think this will assist the free flow of traffic on the road, but it obstructs the users of pushchairs, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pedestrians.

On several occasions I have been obliged to walk in the road because the space left on the footpath is too narrow for anyone to pass through. I have even been forced to peer round large vans parked outside the owner's premises to see if it is safe for me to step practically into the middle of the road. Given the amount of traffic which uses the main roads in the village, thoughtless parking can put the lives of the rightful users of footpaths at risk.

Leslie Cadwallader

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 has been submitted to our funder, Local Trust.

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

Grants

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

Over the last 5 years, we've supported more than 70 different projects with grants - if you'd like to have a chat about potential funding for your group or project, please get in touch.

Co-Working & Drop-ins

Our Co-working & drop-ins will restart in September dates are:

9.30am – 2.30pm on Wednesday 11th September

9.30am – 2.30pm on Wednesday 25th September

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 Village Centre 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 lounge at St Martins Centre, Overton Road. 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.

Finally we would like to welcome a new member to our team, Catherine Greenfield. Cath joined us in June as Big Local Administrator and will be supporting the partnership with all aspects of Big Local.

For those who missed it at our **Big Try** event in May, here are a few of the decorated gnome entries, including the winner from the friends of Chirk Bank Play Park, that were displayed on the day.



Want to keep up with Three Parishes Big Local news?

Contact Bridget, Paula or Cath

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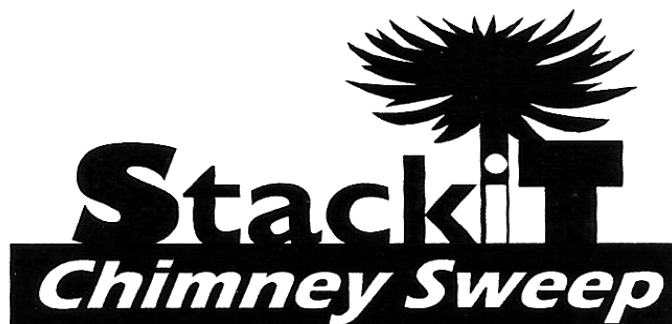
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