# What's on in November 2021!

Wed 3rd	WI	the lounge of The Miners Institute	7:30pm	
Sun 7th	Sunday Social	Chapter House Parish Church	3:30pm	
Wed 10th	'Low Maintenance Techniques for your Garden'	Weston Rhyn Gardening Club at Weston Rhyn Institute	7:30pm	
Thur 11th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Centre,	7:00pm	
		te of your events in December and		

Please let us know the time and date of your events in December and January for the next edition of Village Life (free on the What's on pages) by no later then Wednesday 17th November 2021.

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 or November (or Later).

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- Pizza wrapping film Flower wrappers
- Petfood wrappers

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cling scheme. As such, not all soft plastics will currently be labelled as recy-

clable. We are working hard in this space to ensure that labelling is clear, and hope to bring an updated label early next year.



## Clean it. Scrunch it. Co-op it.



### **Changes at St Martins Scout group**

At the minute due to a shortage of leaders, St Martins are only operating a Scout Troop, running on a Thursday night. However we are pleased to announce that after October half term, we will be restarting the Cub Pack. Cubs is open to all children ages 8 to 10.5, and we may be able to take current Beaver age children aged 7.5 or older. We apologise that the Beaver Colony cannot currently run.

From November 2021, the details are:

Cubs (age 8-10.5): Thursdays 6-7.15 at the scout hut. Contact Chris Burnell on

openfields@btinternet.com

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## **Ifton Meadows**

By Wilfred J. Evison

If we take a walk on Ifton Meadows, then all around we'll see Views of the Berwyn Mountains and Shropshire hills and trees The Wrekin shows up a hazy blue, the Longmynd a greyish white, The Breiddens looking strong and black, against the failing light.

For fifty years this was a pit, with dirt and filth and grime, The chimney belching smoke all day, the spoil heap thick in slime Over a thousand miners hued the coal from down below

And by the gate you'll see a coal tub set in concrete, on show



The mine's been shut since sixty eight, the chimney taken down. The winding gear has long since gone, but the weighbridge is still sound. As we wonder aimlessly around, let your thoughts turn to the past And in your mind you'll see the men, and hear the hooter's noisy blast.

No doubt you'll wander what's the reason for the council's loving care Could it be the fact that a local man was mayor? No, I think the real reason was the Aberfan disaster And the children buried there.

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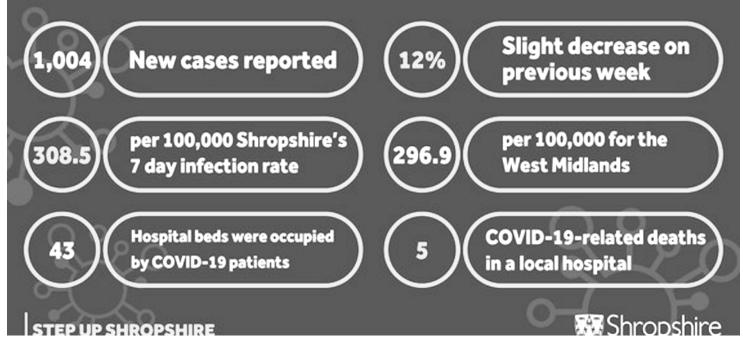


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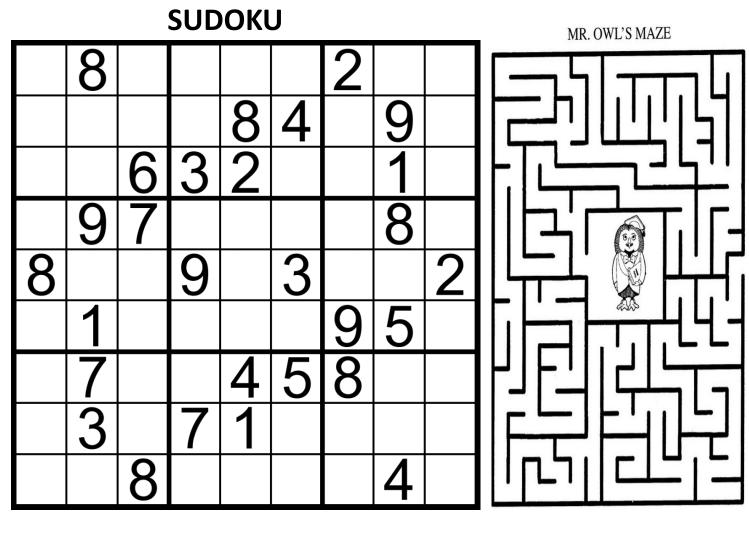
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#### St. Martins FC 0 Ellesmere Rangers FC 8

The long local-rivalry between these clubs has traditionally provided some classic games over the years as both clubs have explored their playing options with both teams raising to their highest ever level of football playing in the; 'North West Counties League' Division 1 South, which stands at level 6 in the 'English FA System'. Sadly, this game didn't live-up to those 'classic game' standards with Ellesmere dominating the game from start to finish leaving St. Martins pondering if they have ever been beaten by so many goals in their long history?

The opening score for Ellesmere in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute was gifted to them via an own goal from their Saints keeper Jack Jones? who miss-judged a cross into the box from Adrian Barnet. Painfully and ironically for St. Martins that mistake typified the nature of the team's performance on the night which Ellesmere took full

advantage of scoring three goals in a comparatively competitive first half and an astonishing five goals scored against a bedraggled Saints in the second half concluding with a staggering 8 -0 victory.

Following this early gift, Ellesmere's pace and precision finishing punished the Saints whose continual loss of possession and dubious marking provided opportunities that Ellesmere grabbed via goals scored by Harvey Lewis in the 16<sup>th</sup> and Ex-Saints forward Karl Bailey in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute.

Ellesmere were able to maintain their dominance by scoring early goals in the second half as David Howarth grabbed his hat-trick scoring goals in the 46<sup>th,</sup> 56<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> minutes. In contrast, Saint's Sharif Mussa chipped attempt to score flew past Ellesmere keeper Asley Spittlehouse but over the bar to safety. Reeling with confidence now, Harvey Lewis headed home a perfectly placed cross from Branon Tanomjit and to emphasise his team euphoria Joseph Loughnane scored the goal of the game, as his pace saw him latch onto a long ball down the left wing from Owen Lloyd to fire past Jack Jones to complete Ellesmere's 8<sup>th</sup> goal securing his club's place at the top three of the 'North West Counties League Division 1 South' and leaving St. Martins bottom of that league.

#### New Mills FC 4 St. Martins 0

St. Martins FC made the longest journey of the season to play New Mills FC, with a degree of apprehension as their opponents were sitting high in the 'North West Counties League Division 1 South ' in contrast to the Saints who are struggling close to the bottom of the League.

The opening play provided evidence of that situation with New Mills dominating the early stages of the game as their winger, Jack Polland, shot hit the Saints bar following several rapid attacks. The Saints weathered the storm and created several chances, the most impressive of which was Danial FatiCone break-through as he sailed past two markers but his shot skimmed the New Mills post.

Shocked by the Saint's close attempts, New Mills hit back in the 37th minute as Richard Tindall took advantage of the space allowed him to tern from just inside the box and fire home past a despairing dive from Saint's keeper Jack Jones. To add to the Saint's anxiety their centre-forward, Tom Ash, who was leading the forward line really well, had to leave the pitch with a damaged ankle.

Early in the second half Jack Jones was called open again as he made two consecutive stunning saves. In turn, New Mills keeper, Dylan Forth made a spectacular save from Saint's Steve Affonga as the tempo of the game rouse with both teams creating chances. It was New Mills however who eventually grabbed their chance in the 74 minute, as their winger Teddy Osipiton turned Saints Craig Barnett drove into the box and fired home from a difficult angle 25 yards out to create a 2-goal lead.

As the Saints embarked on their counter-attack they left their defence frail as two mistakes caused them the concession of a third goal, first Elliot Cooke's gave the ball away in his attempt to pass to his keeper then Keeper Jack Jones in an attempt to resolve that mistake promptly passed the ball to New Mills forward, Benito Lowe who gladly accepted the gift by firing the ball into the empty Saint's net in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute.

Man of the match Benito Howe who had commanded the midfield for New Mills added insult to injury for Saints, when receiving a defence splitting pass to fire home into the top corner of the net scoring his team's 4<sup>th</sup> goal in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute, confirming a 4-0 win that took them to the top of the 'North West Counties League Division 1 South' and leaving Saints reflecting on the fact that they had conceded late goals again, a reality that could have been worse but for several outstanding saves from their keeper Jack Jones.

#### St. Martins 2 Alsager Town 2

Seeking their first win of the season St. Martins FC started this game with a degree of caution which Alsager took advantage of dominating possession and threatening with swift and direct passing particularly via the wings. The first chance fell to Alsager as Addi Osmand's long-ball split the Saints defence and fell conveniently at the feet of James Forest who cut inside from the left wing and fired just wide of Saint's keeper <u>Ricardo Longato</u>. Longato was

tested again minutes later saving Alsager's George West's fears drive from distance. Asager scored what hadbecome an almost inevitable first goal in the 19<sup>th</sup> minute as Ben Darby's shot was saved yet again by Longato but this time the ball fell to George West whose low drive from the six-yard box opened the scoring.

This goal appeared to have awakened what had been a heather-to inactive Saint's attack so the game swung from end to end as Harry Murray's pass into the Alsager box found Rahuf Mak. Mak cut into the box and played the ball into Jordon Harper's feet who's first movement in possession was obstructed by Alsager's Craig Sigley leaving Referee Craig Sigley with no doubt at deciding a penalty for St. Martin's which Jordon Harper confidently placed into the back of the net. What had become a classic end-to-end encounter was typified in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute by an excellent long pass from Saints Fernando Osagie that split the opposing defence to find Craig Barnett whose shot whistled past the post followed by a header from Alsager's Stefan Sorenson that was punched to safety by Longato.

This hectic encounter continued at the start of the second half as Alsager's substitute Ryan Malone's right-wing attack concluded with a shot that flew over the bar and minutes later Malone latched onto a James Forrest cross only to see his volley disappear out of the ground. Alsager had started the second half positively and it was no surprise when Joseph Collins played into a gaping space in the Saints defence but the Alsager winger shot flew over the bar. The Saints were caught out again with a similar defence splitting pass which fell to Patrick Davin who chipped the Saints keeper to take the lead for Alsager in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute.

Just minutes later Saints stalwart, Tom Ash, followed Davin's chip strategy but his chipped shot dipped just wide and minutes later Jordon Harper saw his volley sail over the bar. The game ebbed and flowed with both teams failing to finish off good creative moves. With the last seconds of the game ticking away Alsager looked victors but a Mark German's long floating free kick into the six-yard box deceived Alsager keeper Oldham, who caught the ball but fell over the line into the back of the net to provide Saints with a deserved equaliser drawing the game 2-2.

#### St. Martins FC 1 Cheadle Town FC 5

Keen to register their first win of the season St Martins FC dominant the opening minutes of their home game v Cheadle Town in the North West Counties League Division 1 South, yet the first real chance of the game fell to Cheadle as their centre forward Andy Hunt hit the bar. In the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute a close exchange of passes spilt the Cheadle defence to leave Sam Roberts free to calmly and accurately place the ball into the back of the net taking a deserved lead for the Saints. Towards the end of the first half Cheadle started to take control of the game missing a couple of easy chances until the 40<sup>th</sup> minute when Andy Hunt levelled the score with a simple tap-in from the six-yard box.

Cheadle started the second half as they concluded the first, on the front-foot, so it was no surprise when Pat Davin caught the Saints defence square yet again to take the lead for Cheadle in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute. Cheadle direct play particularly via the wings frequently opened the St's defence and Ryan Usher confirmed his team's dominance in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute blasting home one of many crosses that were bombarding the Saints defence, to secure his team's third goal.

To add to the St's despair, In the 89th minute Christian Soda scored Cheadle Heath's 4<sup>th</sup> goal following a controversial scramble in the goalmouth which left the Saint's keeper, Ricardo Longato injured. Two minutes into extra time (90 & 2) Andy Lunt finished-off a carbon-copy break down the wing and cross into the box to score his second and his team's 5<sup>th</sup> goal, leaving the Saint's still searching for the first win of the season.

#### Cammell Laird FC 4 St. Martins FC 1

St. Martins FC raised the expectations of those fans that were able to travel to Cammell Laird 1970 FC to view the Saint's attempt at registering their first win of the season, as Rahuf Mak calmly placed the ball into the corner of the goal to take an amazing goal lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> minute of this game.

The Saints managed to maintain that lead until the 30<sup>th</sup> minute when following a period of pressure that saw Cammell Laird hit the woodwork and several chances fly past the posts, Nathan Haynes tapped home the equalizer from six-yard box finishing a two-touch exchange of passes between several sharp thinking forwards that opened up the space to score far too easily.

In the 48<sup>th</sup> minute of the game Ryan Smith scored another simple but effective goal to take a deserved lead for Cammell Laird leaving the Saints with, what suddenly appeared a large hill to climb. The Saints tried their best but were now playing against a strong wind and were dealt a deadly blow in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute, conceding what appeared to be a questionable penalty which was swiftly hammered home by Kieran Hamm to increase the home team's advantage to 3-1. To ad insult to injury for the Saint's, Regan Rubin hammered home Cammell Laird's forth and decisive goal to leave St. Martins reflecting on another game they lost even though they had initially taken the lead significantly conceding fatal goals in the last quarter of the game.



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♥ 3 <sup>n1</sup>	LEATHER	CRYSTAL/CLASS	SUNFLOWER
🖤 4 <sup>n</sup>	FRUIT/FLOWERS	APPLIANCES	HYDRANGEA
👻 5	WOOD	SILVERWARE	DAISY
🕿 6°	CANDY/IRON	WOOD	CALLA
₹ 7*	WOOL/COPPER	DESK SETS	FREESIA
* 8*	BRONZE/POTTERY	LINENS/LACE	LILAC
♥ 9 <sup>*</sup>	POTTERY/WILLOW	LEATHER	BIRD OF PARADISE
🎔 10 <sup>e</sup>	TIN/ALUMINUM	DIAMOND JEWELRY	DAFFODIL
🍧 11 <sup>n</sup>	STEEL	FASHION JEWELRY	TULIP
• 12 <sup>*</sup>	SILK/LINEN	PEARLS	PEONY
💌 13 <sup>n</sup>	LACE	TEXTILE FURS	CHRYSANTHEMUM
🗶 14 <sup>n</sup>	IVORY-	GOLD JEWELRY	DAHLIA
👻 15*	CRYSTAL	WATCHES	RÓSE
	CHINA	PLATINUM	ASTER
💌 25 <sup>th</sup>	SILVER	SILVER	IRIS
* 30"	PEARL	DIAMOND	LILY
♥ 40 <sup>™</sup>	RUBY	RUBY	CLADIOLUS
♥ 50 <sup>th</sup>	COLD	GOLD	YELLOW ROSE
🗢 60 <sup>e</sup>	DIAMOND	DIAMOND	WHITE ROSE

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Who can put a name to this place.





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## Times Gone By



Have you seen this mural recently? And who painted it?



Can you name all these miners?

And do you remember when it was taken and why?



### St Martins W.I. August Outing

Our August meeting was an outing to a National Garden Scheme garden at Welshampton. This was

kindly opened just for our W.I. There was a guided tour and talk first and then we had the lovely gardens and pond with ducks all to ourselves. The weather was beautiful and our hosts served us tea, coffee and homemade cakes to complete a perfect afternoon.

Our W.I. have a meeting on 6th October and 3rd November at 7.30 pm in the lounge of The Miners Institute and visitors will be very welcome to come along.

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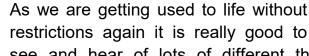


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#### **Functional Fitness MOTs**

We are partnering with Shropshire RCC to deliver a range of Health and Wellbeing sessions and workshops. This is starting with the Functional Fitness MOT's for over 65s, providing a personalised plan to help improve your strengh and balance and prevent falls. The sessions in Gobowen and Weston Rhyn are open to everyone and there will be one in St Martins at a later date. Places are limited so booking is essential.

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An exciting step towards a return to a face to face service with offering a monthly drop-in in each village for those who cannot receive over the phone support. Free citizens advice telephone support from Karen will continue for residents living or working in the Three Parishes. For more information or to arrange a telephone appointment, contact Karen Williams mon-weds from 9-5 on 07526 169 305 or 01743 644 941.

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Partnering with OsNosh in Oswestry we are hoping to help tackle food waste and to 'Eat Well for Less' by putting together some helpful videos and running a few sessions. OsNosh currently have a Community Share Table on Wednesday and Fridays at The Centre, Oswestry, 10.30 – 1, where you can choose to make a donation towards a hot meal and groceries. This is helping to save food from going to landfill and supporting the work of OsNosh - providing fresh produce and meals to those in need. This service is available to everyone in Oswestry and surrounding area.

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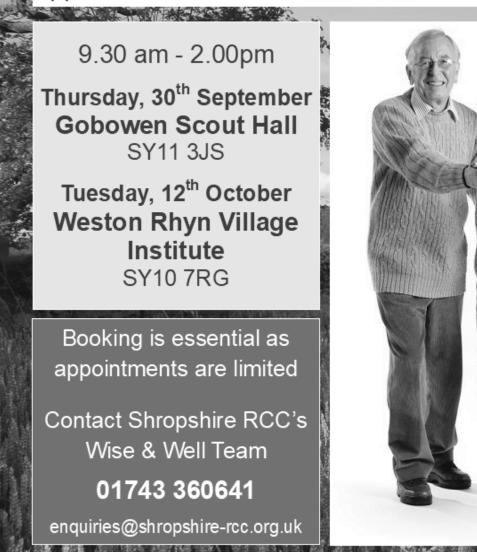
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