

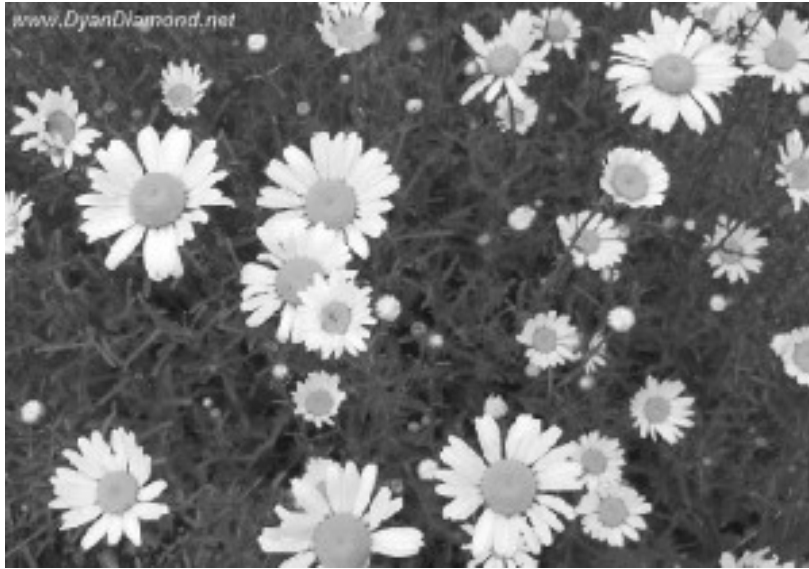
What's on in May 2022!

Tues 3rd	WI Ellesmere Amateur Dramatic Society.	The Lounge of the Miners Institute	7:30pm
Wed 11th	Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club 'Making summer hanging baskets'	Weston Rhyn Institute,	7:30pm
Thurs 12th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Centre	7:00pm
Sat 14th	Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club Annual PLANT SALE,	Weston Rhyn Institute	doors open at 10.30am
Fri 27th	CAR BOOT DAY By Stans, refreshments available	St Martins Village Hall Centre	

Please let us know the time and date of your events in June & July for the next edition of Village Life (free on the What's on pages) by no later than Wednesday 11th May 2022

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

“I’ll give you a daisy a day.”



There was a song my grandparents loved called, “I’ll give you a daisy a day.” (By Jud Strunk) It is about a husband and wife who enjoyed life, love and one another. It is a beautiful tribute to romantic love. In the song, the husband brings the wife a daisy a day – even after she passes on.

After my grandfather first heard this song he began to bring my grandmother daisies every day. Years later, when he became ill, he brought some wild daisies from their farm and planted them in their yard. He wanted her to always have daisies, even after he was gone. They had a beautiful relationship. They left nothing unsaid.

A friend of mine lost her best friend very recently. It was sudden and tragic. She was comforted by the fact that they had said everything to one another, they never held anything in. They gave each other daisies every day.

Never leave love unspoken. Be sure to give everyone you love a daisy a day. You never know how important a little daisy, a little love, can be.

Note: The photograph on top is the actual daisies my grandfather brought from the farm.

They still grow in their yard.



Desiderata

GO PLACIDLY amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

By Max Ehrmann © 1927



St Martins Community Speedwatch

We have been out and about again checking on the speed of traffic through the village. I have to say for the most part the driving is very reasonable, keeping to the limits, not trying to overtake etc. I have to say a big thanks you to all those who do respect the people of the village by driving carefully.

BUT there are the few who not only driving erratically but also too fast and sometimes far too slow pass the team . There are those who try to be abusive, hand signals, rev there engines as they pass and drive far too close to the vehicle in front.

I'd just like to remind everyone that it is 30pmh from just before St Martins School all the way to beyond Arthans Pond on the Ellesmere Road and officially just before the Old School on the Overton Road (this might change once the development at the Old School is finished.

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2. Tidy up flower beds and borders. Have a general tidy up, removing leaves and other debris from flower beds and borders. ...
3. Clean out and wash your greenhouse. Now's the perfect time to give your greenhouse a good clean, ready for the seedlings and cuttings of spring.
4. Sow any seeds that need a longer season. In January and February you can start sowing the seeds of plants which need a longer growing season, such as geraniums ...
5. Hunt down and remove garden pests. Hunt down and remove hibernating pests now - it will



save you a lot of trouble come spring and summer.

6. Install water butts and start collecting rainwater. Install a water butt in your garden this winter to make the most of seasonal rainfall.

7. Move deciduous shrubs. Winter is a great time to move any deciduous shrubs, as they'll still be dormant. ...

8. Maintain fences, gates and trellis. Winter is the ideal time of year to get those niggly little maintenance jobs out of the way. ...

9. Clean and sharpen gardening tools. Give your tools a clean and a sharpen during the winter months. ...

10. Create a composting area. If you haven't already, now's a great time to set up a compost area in your garden. ...






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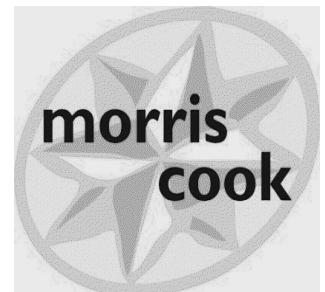
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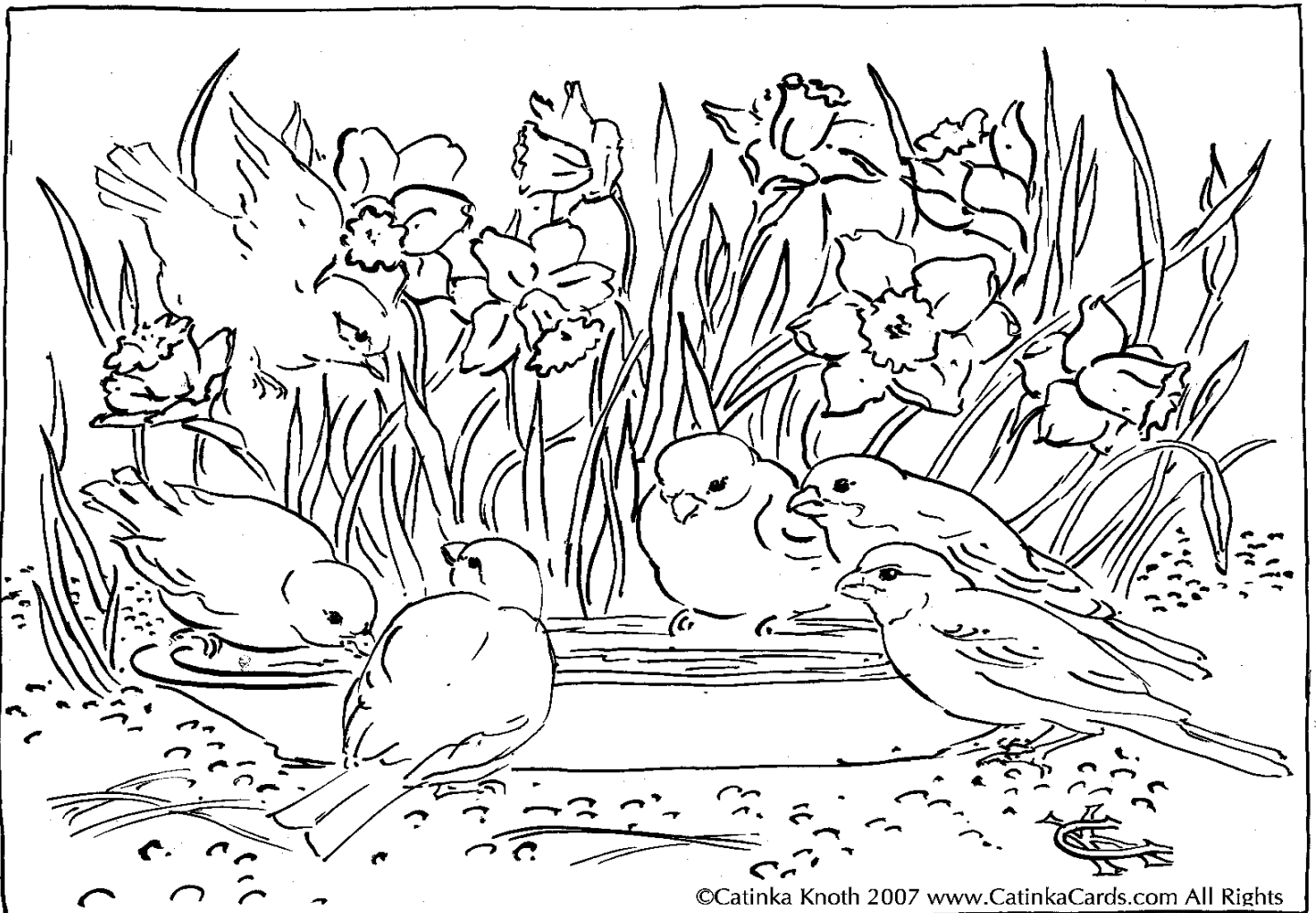
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St. Martins 0 Sandbach 8

St. Martins FC were understandably cautious as they persuaded their determination to break a run of defeats but good fortune didn't arrive, in fact basic misfortune influenced another heavy defeat. The opening two Sandbach goals scored by Bryan Barton in the 4th minute and Sheikh Islam in the 30th minute looked suspiciously off-side, sadly an opinion that the Lines-man didn't share.

A direct ball behind the Saints defence found George West who calmly placed his shot neatly into the corner of the net to increase Sandbach's lead in the 40th minute. In defiance of the score the Saints keeper 'Troy Taylor' was playing well but had been booked earlier for a misdemeanour disrupting a Sandbach attack so was devastated when his loose tackle halting another attack, resulted in him being sent off.

To add insult to injury Neil Cope increased Sandbach's lead in the 51st minute leaving the 10-man Saints team pondering their fate in the second half. That fait, was worsened when the Saints energetic mid-fielder, Daniel Fat-Cande, was sent-off for his behaviour in a violent incident involving a scramble of players from both sides but Daniel was the only player sent-off?

As a result, it was no surprise when Sandbach tore apart the Saints 9 men with goals scored by Stanley Tatters in the 75 minute and George West fired home his second goal in the 78th minute, Jim Burring completed Sandbach's rout scoring in the 81st and 89th minute. Unfortunately, this game, epitomised the Saints disappointing season involving a 100% effort but not equalled by good fortune.

St. Martins 1 Abbey-Hey 5

St. Martins FC hosted this clash with Abbey-Hey that started at pace with both teams utilising a cavalier approach so pursuing attacks but it was Abbey-Hey's Jake Parker who broke the deadlock in the 17th minute latching onto a through ball that split the Saints hitherto efficient defensive high-line and placing the ball calmly into the back of the net to give his side the lead.

In defiance of this opening goal the Saints maintained their efficient defensive high-line catching their opponents off-side time and time again but this was a strategy that held some anxiety for their fans who dwelt their concentration on that high line which was constantly close to exposure. A fear that was subsequently realised as Abbey-Hey forward Jordan Lazenbury timed his run perfectly and chipped Saints' keeper Troy Taylor as they faced a one-to-one clash so everyone in the ground watched the ball drop into the empty net, increasing the Abbey's lead in the 37th minute.

Sadly, for the Saints, this goal opened the door of opportunity for their opponents as the hitherto stout Saints' defence cracked conceding goals scored by Jake Parker in the 41st minute and Ben Haifacre in the 44th minute providing a bewildering 4 goal lead at half-time.

It must have been a difficult half time team-talk for Saints Manager Darren Wildman but to his despair, Jake Parker, who had proven to be a permanent thorn in the Saints side scored the third goal of his hat-trick and his team's fifth goal in the 48th minute.

In spite of the pressure via conceding more goals the Saints' had continued to attack but were subsequently easier to expose in the counter-attack so it wasn't a surprise when Ben Halfacre fired home his team's 6th goal in the 61st minute.

To conclude, Emanuel Ferandes calmly fired home what was one of the most impressive goals of the game but scored in the 76th minute, sadly too late for a St. Martins' recovery!

Wythenshawe Amateurs FC 9 St. Martins FC 0

St. Martins experienced a thrashing in their away game to Wythenshawe Town who sit in third place of the 'North West Counties League Division 1 South' leaving St. Martins FC floundering at the bottom of that League. Wythenshawe's dominance was soon identified as William Shawcross scored their opening goal in the 15th minute, the first of a hatrick that he completed scoring in the 31st and 48th minute.

Saul Henderson fired home Wythenshawe's second goal in the 19th minute and he too completed a hatrick then scoring in the 31st and 49th minutes. Samuel Adewusi placed his name on the score-sheet in the 24th minute whilst Arthur Okonkwo in the 82nd and Francesco Frangillo in the 88th minute placed the final nails in St. Martins coffin scoring the 8th and 9th goals for a delighted Wythenshawe Amateurs.

St. Martins FC 0 Ellesmere FC 5

This local derby between St. Martins and Ellesmere has a long and interesting history as both clubs experience ups and down, both are currently playing at the highest level of their club's histories in the 'North West Counties League Division 1 South'. This season has been the most challenging in that history for St. Martins, who have had three different managers within the recent campaign. Current Manager, Darren Wildman is determined to transform that negativity introducing new players but has still to turn that corner of form as the club languishes at the bottom of the league gaining only two points via two draws in the whole of the season.

Ellesmere were the initial home team but the recent severe weather resulted in the game being switched to the Saints current home-ground at Park Hall which has an artificial pitch but this didn't provide the opportunity for the Saints to capture their first win of the season.

Ellesmere took an early lead in the 14th minute via Owen Lloyd and two goals scored by Josh Dunne in the 45th and 87th minute and two fired-home by David Howorth in the 58th and 70th minute gave Ellesmere a comfortable win, following recent below-form performances. The Saints' manager, Darren Wildman maintains a determination to transform the Saints' form and finish the season, winning!

St. Martins FC 0 Maine Road 7

St Martins FC hosted their Manchester visitors 'Maine Road' with determination as their Manager Daren Wildman introduced some new players however, they were caught-out early in the game as Reece Lyndon opened the scoring for Maine Road in the 9th minute, an early blow that dented the Saints' moral. Maine Road pounced on this drop in moral with Ben Mooney scoring in the 24th minute and Mark Holdridge finishing calmly in the 34th minute.

Maine Road's, Ben Mooney dampened any potential Saints' fight-back firing home his second and his club's 4th goal in the 58th minute. Maine Road then dominated the second-half with Ron Mooney scoring his second goal in the 58th minute followed by Saijad Elhassan scoring in the 61st minute, Yousif Yousif in the 74th minute and Youssef Bellatar completed the execution in the 86th minute.

Times Gone By

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Why do I need a Will?

- To have complete control over what happens to your assets when you die.
 - To ensure your family, friends and any dependents have the security they deserve.
 - To be able to make a donation to a charity or good cause of your choice.
- To appoint a Guardian for any children who are still minors.

What happens if I don't have one?

- Without a Will, your assets will be divided according to the law, which may not meet your wishes. The Courts will decide who gets what.
- If you're married with children, your spouse may not automatically inherit everything you own.
- Instead, your assets may be *divided* between your spouse *and* your children.
- If you are not married, your partner may not get any of your assets.

Your children will initially be taken into care if there are no surviving parents.

It is essential to get the right legal advice when making a Will to ensure it will meet your expectations. A badly written Will can be misinterpreted and can cause issues when you're gone. A Will alone *does not* guarantee your children will inherit your home and savings. It *does not* protect your children's inheritance if they get divorced after your death. It *does not* help mitigate for future Inheritance Tax.

A Will is simply a directive to the Courts that whatever is in your estate, at the time of your death, will pass to those you wish to inherit from you. Get specialist help to ensure your wishes will be upheld, especially where you wish to protect your bloodline's inheritance against third party erosion, such as care costs, sideways disinheritance, divorce, loss of capacity and future IHT. A Will may not be enough!

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Former Ifton Heath Primary School



Ahead of work starting on a new £5.8m housing development, invited guests have toured the site and learned all about the project being delivered by Cornovii Developments Ltd, Shropshire Council's wholly owned housebuilding company in partnership with McPhillips Ltd.

Guests, including community leaders, councillors and stakeholders, learned that work at the St Martins site will begin with the demolition of the former Ifton Heath Primary School and that 35 homes will be constructed.

Dean Carroll, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for physical infrastructure, said: "I am delighted to see another Cornovii Homes development getting underway and knowing that another 35 sustainable homes are going to be made available to local people."

Steve Davenport Councillor for St Martins, added: "Overton Road will offer a mix of house styles which means a natural community will develop around the development, from young families to people looking to downsize or seeking a home for their retirement."

To all Mum's, new and old,
we hope you had a
blessed day



H A P P Y
*Mother's
Day*

Weston Rhyn Gardening Club

Happy New Year to you all. Despite Covid and the ever-changing restrictions and the variety of weather conditions, we can take some comfort in that the days are getting longer. Spring bulbs are emerging and snowdrops have come and gone. Nature never fails to let us down.

November's meeting gave us guidance on how to design a low maintenance garden. Darren Rudge has a wealth of knowledge and experience, having 30 years in horticulture. Darren's main message was to establish what kind of garden you want, in



my case with as little work as possible as I age!!

At December's meeting Izy Liston gave a demonstration on Christmas floral arrangements. Izy had a good rapport with members of the club, and it was nice to welcome members from various local flower arranging clubs who also knew Izy and her talent for floral displays.

The Club had its Christmas meal and quiz in January this year, held at the Key's, St Martins.

February the 9th we welcomed Jill Cawthray to our meeting - the subject is 'Not All Nettles'.

March the 9th Malcolm Mollart talked about creating an interesting 12 month garden.

During February and March meetings, we had a seed and plant-cutting swap table.

We meet at 7.30pm at Weston Rhyn Institute. We look forward to new and faithful members always.



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FEBRUARY

Our meeting in February saw us welcoming 5 visitors, more than for a long time. Lots of people have been couped up through Covid, so perhaps more people are looking for places where they can socialize and enjoy meeting people again. We have plenty for them to join in with including our Spring Show on 5th April and our outing to The National Arboretum on 2nd August to name just a few.

Our Speaker for the evening was Sarah Hopper who runs Ferndell B&B in Shrewsbury. We got a behind the scenes look at some of her hairier moments. One particularly very satisfying moment was when returning from picking up her son, she found a cyclist just about to ride away. This man was Frank Charles, a man with terminal cancer who was doing a charity bike ride from Lands end to John O'Groats and was looking for a bed for the night. She got him settled and only then found out what he was doing and he had also been an Olympic Torch Bearer in 2012. There was a crowd to see him off the next morning, after she had got on facebook to highlight his efforts.

MARCH

March 1st meeting and things are looking up we actually had proper crockery for our tea and coffee instead of paper cups, Covid restrictions being lifted. A collection was taken for the Derwen Fete where we will be manning a lucky dip stall on 28th May to benefit Derwen College.

Our speakers were Ray and Bev Langton presenting "Morris and Mayhem". They are established performers across the country, having been on the folk and morris dancing scene for many years. They are members of The Shrewsbury Morris Dancers. First they gave us an interesting history of Morris Dancing in various parts of the country. Then Ray who is an accomplished musician accompanied the demonstrations with many lively tunes. At the end they taught us the steps to a dance so we could join in, dancing on the spot, this was the "mayhem" part of the evening!

On 5th April we will be having our Spring Show. On 3rd May we will be hosting the Ellesmere Amateur Dramatic Society. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. new members and visitors are welcome.

News from Big Local

Grants

The 3PBL Big Grants scheme is now closed. Grants of upto £500 are still available through the Community Chest grants scheme and the Business support grants. Please get in touch if you would like any more information about either of these.

The Happiness Club (Emotional Management programme for children)

The children in St Martins Primary school really enjoyed and benefitted from this at the start of the new year. The young people who missed out on transition to St Martins upper school are soon to start this programme.

Health & Wellbeing

Following on from the Functional Fitness sessions a Postural Stability Class has started in St Martins Community Centre on Tuesdays, 1-2.30. For more information and to book in call Shelly on 07565529134.

For anyone who couldn't make the Diabetes Awareness session in St Martins last month, there is one in Weston Rhyn on Tuesday 5th April and in Gobowen on Tuesday 12th April. Advance booking is essential, call Susie on 01743 360341 or email susie.hancock@community-resource.org.uk

Mental Health First Aid

Looking after our Mental Health is just as important as our physical health and wellbeing. With this in mind, if there is interest and enthusiasm we would like to support ensuring there are Mental Health First aiders in businesses and workplaces across the Three Parishes Big Local area. Please do get in touch if you would like more information or if this is something you are interested in.

My Money Matters

This service is available 3 days a week and offers residents of the Three Parishes Big Local area free, confidential, support and advice identifying any benefits and/or tax relief they may be entitled to. So far, this has helped residents receive over £700k they previously didn't know how to, or that they could claim. If your household situation has changed and / or you think you maybe entitled to any government support and/or reductions on what you're paying, or just need some help with filling in forms, do get in touch with Karen. As restrictions continue to lift this service has returned to each village, and continues to be available over the phone for those living or working in the Three Parishes. This service is run by the CAS on behalf of 3PBL. The current timetable is available on our website, FB page and the village notice boards. 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.

Three Parishes Means Business

Paul Newman of Be a Better Fish and JC's Careers Services is still available to help residents affected by job loss or job insecurity, as well as being on hand to assist residents with their new small business or changes to business after Covid.

If anyone would like to know more about the support available, please contact the Be a Better Fish Club via www.beabetterfish.com or call Paul directly on 07534 975 440.

Three Parishes Big Local Equipment Library

The equipment library has now been closed and items are being distributed. A list of who has what will be compiled and made available so items can still be borrowed and shared between the villages through the community hubs.

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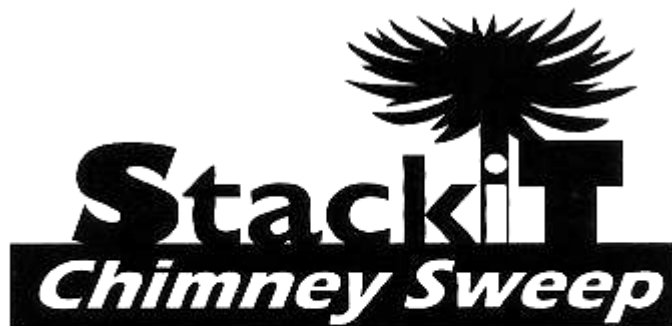
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Wrexham Maelor Hospital	01978 291100
Chirk Community Hospital	03000 850003
Spire Yale Wrexham	01978 803476
Oswestry Minor Injuries unit	01691 663617

Doctors' Surgeries

Chirk Surgery	772434	Chirk Out of Hours:	111
Caxton Surgery	654646	Cambrian Surgery	652929
Plas Ffynnon	655844	Churchmere/Ellesmere Surgery	242222
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Schools:

St Martins School:	01691 776500	Website:	www.stmartins3-16.org
Lakelands Ellesmere	01691 622543	Website:	www.lakelands-school.co.uk
Marches Oswestry	01691 664400	Website:	www.marchesschool.co.uk
North Shropshire College -	01691 688080	Website:	www.wnsc.ac.uk

St Martins Parish Church:	Rev. Stuart Jermy	01691 778468
Methodist Chapel Ellesmere Road & The Moors	Rev Julia Skitt	07810 360778

Parish Council: Edward Davies 01743 366420 Email: clerk@stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Shropshire County Council: 0345 678 9000

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Police: Emergency: 999 Non-Emergency: 101

PC Kate La Clere: 07870 219518

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