What's on in JULY 2022!

Tues 5rd	WI is Pen Turner on Travels with a Penguin.	The Lounge of the Miners Institute	7:30pm	
Sat 2nd	Car Boot St Martins PlayingField	Contact Lesley Roberts to book a pitch	9am	
Sat 2nd	Great Expectations Outdoor Theatre	Whittington Castle £12 – £15	7pm	
Wed 13th	Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club bs by Cathy Preston	Weston Rhyn Institute,	7:30pm	
Thurs 12th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Centre	700pm	
Sat 16th	Car Boot St Martins PlayingField	Contact Lesley Roberts to book a pitch		
July 21 @ 2:00 pm	Alice in Wonderland Matinee Outdoor Theatre from Folksy Theatre	Whittington Castle	2pm	
Sat 30th	Car Boot St Martins PlayingField	Contact Lesley Roberts to book a pitch	9am	

Please let us know the time and date of your events in August & September for the next edition of Village Life (free on the What's on pages) by no later than Wednesday 13th July 2022

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 June & July (or later).

St Martins School





The weather is slowly improving which means that more outdoor trips and visits can take place. Year 1 went on a dry but chilly trip to The British Ironworks Centre last Friday. They had a lovely time walking the extinction trail and learning all about extinct and endangered animals to inspire their independent writing. They have since written beautiful fictional adventure stories based on the book 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'.

The better weather also adds to the type of activities we can offer in PE—pictured is a class enjoying a run along the canal. The group thoroughly enjoyed it— and it was a great activity for their mind, body and soul!!

As part of our work on local history, Year 4 and 5 pupils visited Chirk Castle this week. Activities took place in the garden and in the castle. Pupils were also able to visit the dungeon!





It was lovely to meet our new year 7 students and parents who will be joining us is September—this year we are really looking forward to being able to run our full transition programme, with taster day, tutor





St Martins School



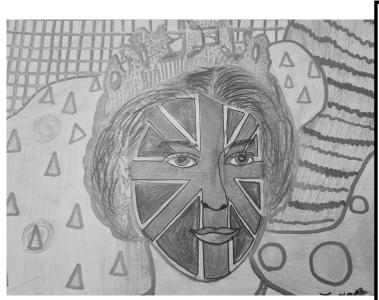
Our primary library has been revamped and re launched ! We welcomed author and illustrator Jen Carney to officially open the "Library Garden". Jen Carney read from her book series The Accidental Diary of B.U.G in a hilarious presentation and later signed books for pupils. As well as new books for the library each classroom has been equipped with lots of new and exciting reads!



Year 11 vs Teachers— Well done to staff and students ! Staff won the day with goals scored by Mr Ward, Mr Edwards (primary) Mr Spelman and Mr Powell.

£180 was raised to go towards the Year 11 Prom. Ex student Rhys Edwards kindly refereed the match.





Jessica Portlock from year 7 has produced this amazing piece of art work and has submitted it to the "Grayson's Art Club" for the Queens Jubilee.

Grayson Perry is one of the Britain's leading artists, and his show on Channel 4 explores various forms of art.

Fingers crossed that's this lovely art work is shown on the television program in the next few weeks.



St Martins Community Speedwatch

We are still finding drivers speeding through our village, please think about other people, watch out for them. Last week there was a car waiting to turn into the Centre/Village Hall and another car came and ran straight into the back of it, such a mess of both cars. This should not happen if drivers were observing the highway code. How would you feel if it was a member of your family.

We have a wonderful village with some wonderful people in it, I believe it's a very special place to live, let's all try to keep it that way.

We will continue to monitor the speed through the village at different stations and times.

For the first time at one of our sessions we had a very abusive reaction which we did report, that gentleman will be getting a visit from a policeman in due course. I will make the point that we are not there to be abused but to try and make our village a safer place to live.

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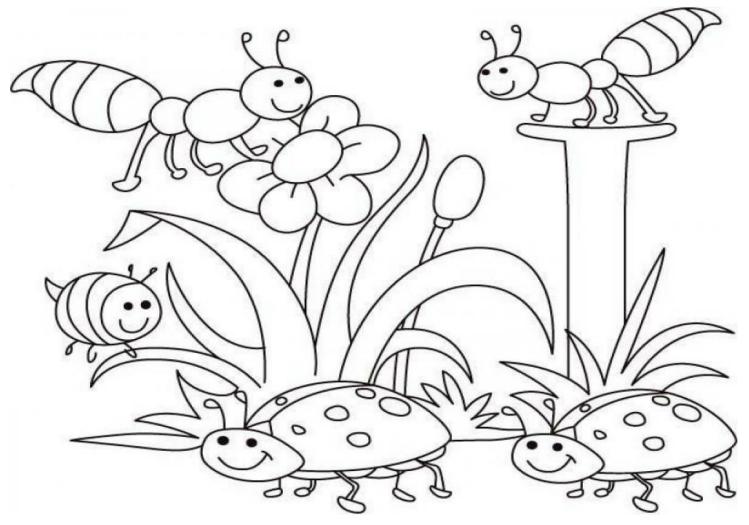
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A season lost, but exciting challenges for the future

Members of the St. Martins FC have the uncomfortable task of reflecting on the worse progression of a season the club has ever experienced in its 125-year history however, the club are looking forward to its return to level 7 football following a fascinating period in which the club played at level 6, its highest ever level. During that period the club has maintained a high standard of form, for several seasons, first in the 'West Midland League' then in the 'North West Counties League' seeing the club playing at level 6 of the football league, thanks to the quality of performance delivered by their players, managed by fully committed managers and supported by the dedication of the Club Committee.

There has been a progression of Managers in recent times some of ex-professional status however an optimism that was well founded at the start was influenced by the reality of the Covid pandemic proving to be an obstruction that was beyond repair with the required rebuilding process nearly impossible so those managers have resigned. progression of a 'Club Youth Team' which has developed into the 'Club Reserves' this season. Managed by Liam Brais A definite plus for the club during these difficult times has been the dail the club has

performed well in the 'Shropshire League' maintaining a place in the top half of a competitive league. Liam's impressive performance won him the managers role for St. Martins FC whose only team next season will be playing in the Shropshire League.

A vibrant well attended 'Club Awards Evening' was conducted on Saturday 7th May at the Keys Public House in St. Martins,



where selected individual players and Club Committee Members were presented with well-deserved awards for their efforts this season. This event providing a very positive conclusion to what had been a very challenging season but a perfect starting point for next season.



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Times Gone By

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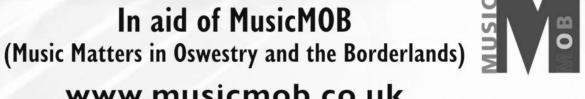
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APRIL

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There were impressive entries in Preserves, Cooking, Handicrafts and Photography & Art. Winners in each section were Isobel Banham for Preserves, Ann Sadler won Floral, Photography & Art was won by Sue Bedson, and Ruth Dean won both Cookery and Handicrafts. Ruth had the most points overall. The photograph shows our deserving winners

being presented with their cups by our President, Eileen Rosemond. In the Cookery category one of the entries was for the Great WI "Cake Off" 2022 which is a Root Vegetable cake cooked in a 2b loaf tin. Our entry to move forward to the next round was won by Debbie Shaw with her Root Loaf. The next round will took place at the North Oswestry Group Committee Social. We are very proud to say that Debbie's Root Loaf won that round and will now move forward to the next round. We



wish Debbie the very best of luck in that round.

MAY

3rd May was an Open Evening attended by other local WI members and visitors. We were entertained by Ellesmere Amateur Dramatics Society who performed "Last Panto in Little Grimley." A hilarious play regarding the pitfalls of amateurs performing a pantomime covering the period from their first disruptive planning meeting, quarrelsome rehearsals through to the disastrous opening night. Every credit must be given to the four cast members and their back stage crew for a polished performance. The play is the Society's first post Covid production and they told us how rewarding they found rehearsals and being able to perform to audiences once again. Two further performances are planned over the next week or so at other local venues.

Our next meeting is on 7th June when we will be celebrating The Queens Platinum Jubilee, members are encouraged to wear something purple and/or a hat!

July's meeting will be held on the 5th. The Speaker is Pen Turner on Travels with a Penguin. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. new members and visitors are all welcome.



NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDED



<u>Grants</u>

All grants schemes are now closed. We have been able to support some very exciting projects in these last few months which will leave some lasting legacies across the Three Parishes for many years beyond Big Local. More details about these will follow in the upcoming months.

News from Big Local

The Happiness Club (Emotional Management programme for children and young people).

The young people in years 7 & 8 who missed out on transition due to covid are taking part in this course through May & June. A great opportunity for them to reflect, process and learn lots of skills to help them with their emotional management through to adult-hood.

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.

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If you have been thinking about getting in touch please do so soon, as from September there will be no more appointments available.

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Please get in touch if you would like any more information about any of the projects or anything Big Local, we would love to hear from you Contact Tiz on 07709 674 619, 01691 656882 or email: t.deakin@qube-oca.org.uk

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One afternoon а fox was walking through the forest spotted and а bunch of grapes hanging from over lofty branch. а "Just the thing to quench mv thirst," quoted the fox.

Taking a few steps back, the fox jumped and just

missed the h a n g i n g grapes. Again the fox took a few paces back and tried to reach them but still failed.

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