

What's on in September 2022!

Sat 3rd	Car Boot St Martins PlayingField	Contact Lesley Roberts to book a pitch	9am
Sat 3rd	Battle of Crogen Re-enactment	Chirk Castle	10—5pm
Tues 6th	WI Shirley Willis Glasses & Cocktails.	The Lounge of the Miners Institute	7:30pm
Thurs 8th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Centre	700pm
Wed 14th	Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club Horatios Garden by Alex Law, head gardener.	Weston Rhyn Institute,	7:15pm
Fri 16th	Youthie restart	St Martins Village Hall	7:00pm
Sat 17th	Car Boot St Martins PlayingField	Contact Lesley Roberts to book a pitch	
Sun 25th	Harvest Festival Sunday	St Martin's Methodist Church	11:00am
Mon 26th	Harvest Supper	St Martin's Methodist Church	6:30pm

Please let us know the time and date of your events in October and November for the next edition of Village Life (free on the What's on pages) by no later than Wednesday 14th September 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 October and November (or later).

CLIMATE RISKS: 1.5°C VS 2°C GLOBAL WARMING

EXTREME WEATHER

100% increase in flood risk. | VS | 170% increase in flood risk.

SPECIES

6% of insects, 8% of plants and 4% of vertebrates will be affected. | VS | 18% of insect plants and 8% will be affected.

WATER AVAILABILITY

350 million urban residents exposed to severe drought by 2100. | VS | 410 million urban residents exposed to severe drought by 2100.

SEA ICE

Ice-free summers in the Arctic at least once every 10 years.

PEOPLE

9% of the world's population (700 million people) will be exposed to extreme heat waves at least once every 20 years. | VS | 28% of the world's population (2 billion people) will be exposed to extreme heat waves at least once every 20 years.

SEA-LEVEL RISE

46 million people impacted by sea-level rise of 48cm by 2100. | VS | 49 million people impacted by sea-level rise of 56cm by 2100.

COSTS

Lower economic growth at 2°C for many countries, particularly low-income countries.

OCEANS

Lower risks to marine biodiversity, ecosystems and their ecological functions and services at 1.5°C compared to 2°C.

CORAL BLEACHING

70% of world's coral reefs are lost by 2100. | VS | Virtually all coral reefs are lost by 2100.

Every half degree consistently leads to lower nutrition and health outcomes.

Summer Gardening Tips

With colourful blooms to enjoy, fruit to pick, wildlife to watch, seeds to sow and veg to harvest, the summer months are rewarding for many

To help you make the most of the season we've asked our gardeners to share their tips on a variety of topics, including roses, pruning, lawn care, and much more.

At this time of year, it's a good idea to trim your perennials so that they flower for longer and keep their strength and vigour. It's also important to deadhead flowering plants to keep them healthy and blooming for as long as possible.

Many gardeners like to do the 'Hampton Court' hack in July. This method involves taking the shoot of a plant in your flower border and cutting back by roughly a third.

You may not need to water as much as you think, especially if the soil is healthy and the ground is covered by plants or mulches. Give your plants a drink if they are starting to wilt but don't just water the surface of the soil as this will cause shallow rooting. It's best to water your garden first thing in the morning or in the evening.

Our gardeners warn against a lot of digging in dry weather as it damages the soil structure, increases moisture loss and disturbs plant roots.

Late summer is a good time to plant autumn bulbs, including cyclamens, colchicums and dahlias. You can also take and raise cuttings from your favourite flowering plants, so you have a plentiful supply for next year.





St Martins Community Speedwatch

Our Community Speed-watch Campaign has been extremely active over the past couple of months at various locations across our village and we have to give our thanks to the small group of volunteers who continue to act as a monitoring team to maintain safety for everyone.

We continue to be dismayed at the number of vehicles who still completely ignore the regulatory speed limit of 30mph and over the past 8 weeks, we have reported 31 vehicles to West Mercia Police.

One of the most shocking episodes was recently witnessed close to Marsland Close, Ellesmere Road, where an already speeding van was OVERTAKEN by a Grey coloured 68-plate Skoda Octavia car, travelling towards Ellesmere, which was then recorded at a speed of FIFTY ONE mph by the time it reached Mount Bradford Lane. If any vehicle had been exiting Firs Close or Oakfield Close, then there would surely have been a serious accident/fatle crash!

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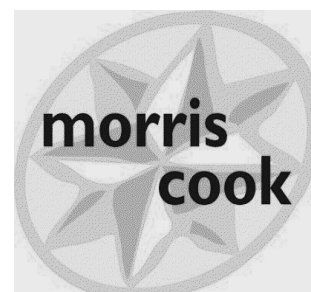
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Here's a picture for you to colour.



Family Day Word Search

Search for the words hidden up, down, left and right.



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Change Yourself and not The World

Long ago, people lived happily under the rule of a king. The people of the kingdom were very happy as they led a very prosperous life with an abundance of wealth and no misfortunes.

Once, the king decided to go visiting places of historical importance and pilgrim centres at distant places. He decided to travel by foot to interact with his people. People of distant places were very happy to have a conversation with their king. They were proud that their king had a kind heart.

After several weeks of travel, the king returned to the palace. He was quite happy that he had visited many pilgrim centres and witnessed his people leading a prosperous life. However, he had one regret.

He had intolerable pain in his feet as it was his first trip by foot covering a long distance. He complained to his ministers that the roads weren't comfortable and that they were very stony. He could not tolerate the pain. He said that he was very much worried about the people who had to walk along those roads as it would be painful for them too!

Considering all this, he ordered his servants to cover the roads in the whole country with leather so that the people of his kingdom can walk comfortably.

The king's ministers were stunned to hear his order as it would mean that thousands of cows would have to be slaughtered in order to get sufficient quantity of leather. And it would cost a huge amount of money also.

Finally, a wise man from the ministry came to the king and said that he had another idea. The king asked what the alternative was. The minister said, "Instead of covering the roads with leather, why don't you just have a piece of leather cut in appropriate shape to cover your feet?"

The king was very much surprised by his suggestion and applauded the wisdom of the minister. He ordered a pair of leather shoes for himself and requested all his countrymen also to wear shoes.

Moral:

**Instead of trying to change the world,
we should try to change ourselves.**



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The Marches School in Oswestry

This week (20th – 24th June) students from The Marches School in Oswestry have taken part in Futures Week, an opportunity to spend time on Citizenship, PSHE and spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development. This time around and to correlate with national awareness days taking place this month such as Pride, the theme has reflected the important topic of Diversity and Equality. Staff at the school organised some brilliant activities to help promote this important topic:

Monday saw a first for The Marches, as the whole school, staff and students, came together to celebrate their inclusive ethos and mark the start of Futures Diversity Week. As a school they recreated the Pride Flag – which was no mean feat to get 1500 people in the right place at exactly the right time, but in true Marches fashion they did it! Thanks go to Matty and Richard from the team at Quadcapture who supported the school with the drone and went above and beyond to make sure the school got exactly the footage they wanted - <https://www.quadcapture.co.uk/>

During the week, students also took part in theme focussed lessons exploring topics such as Future Women Leaders and Gender Equality. Thursday also saw the school celebrate with a Rainbow Day with students and staff accessorising themselves with bright colours before a small group headed off into Oswestry Town Centre for The Marches School's first ever Pride March, there they handed out postcards to help spread the positive message about what they do to support their LGBTQ+ community.

Finally, the week concluded with a performance of "Unacceptable" - a play all about gender equality, by Alter Ego Creative Solutions. A donation of £750 was kindly given by Star Housing in order for the school to be able to fund this.

A really great week!

The Marches School in Oswestry has been celebrating diversity and equality during their Futures Week (took place over 20th – 24th June) and managed to capture some great drone footage.

Video link - https://youtu.be/crsOm-Z_WIY

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Watch out for updates on Facebook:

'St Martins Village Centre'

'St Martins Chatter'



Spot the tide mark, we need rain!



What is this life if, full of care, we have no time
to stand and stare?

(W. H. Davies)

izQuotes

JUNE

On 7th June St Martins WI celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee, all our members wore



either red, white and blue or purple for the occasion with many sporting hats or fascinators. The photograph shows members gathered around the tree we planted in the Memorial Garden in honour of the Queens seventieth Jubilee. The evening commenced with the singing of Jerusalem to a recording made at the NFWI AGM and welcoming two visitors. Our speaker was Alison Utting who gave a fascinating talk about the life of Eglantyne Jebb who was born in Ellesmere in 1876, she died in Switzerland in 1928. Eglantyne Jebb was a British Social Reformer who founded the Save The Children organisation at the end of the First World War in 1919 to relieve the effects of famine in Austria-Hungary and Germany. She also drafted the document that became the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. The celebration meeting closed with the cutting of our Queens Jubilee cake and raising a toast to the Queen with a glass of prosecco.

JULY

Our meeting on 5th July started with various business matters being discussed and welcoming four visitors. Following which Pen Turner gave an inspiring talk on her Travels with a Penguin, hastening to add the Penguin was a small cuddly toy named Scott of the Antarctic, Scott for short. Pen a huge animal lover, was devastated when her pet dog Bella died and she started to question her humdrum lifestyle. She pondered "What If I Had?" then decided not "IF" but "I WILL" and began to plan her lifetime dream of travelling around the world. Her travels started in the USA visiting NASA Space Centre and the Grand Canyon. She then travelled to New Zealand, which she described as breath taking, amazingly beautiful and of needing a thesaurus when she ran out of expletives to describe the country. Her next port of call was Australia where she walked over Sydney Harbour bridge. Moving onto Japan, Sri Lanka and finally home to the UK. Settling in Shropshire and acquiring a new pet dog.

Our August meeting is our annual outing, therefore we won't be at The Miners Institute. On September 6th Shirley Williams will be talking about Glasses & Cocktails.

Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. new members and visitors are all welcome.

News from Big Local

Grants

Over the last 8 years Three Parishes Big Local have awarded over **£400,000** in grants through 3 streams. Community chest grants to Community Groups and places of up to £500, Small Business grants and support of up to £500 to small businesses in the Three Parishes, and Big Grants for projects, community groups and buildings that met the 3PBL Community Aspirations.

Some of this money has been match funded, bringing even more money into the area. Some has supported new initiatives and others have left legacies – making a lasting impact on the Three Parishes Big Local area.

Health & Wellbeing

The Managing arthritis session was very well attended and people found it very beneficial. There will be another of these coming in the autumn.

We are planning 3 dementia awareness sessions for the early autumn, one in each village. Details of these will be shared on local notice boards and facebook pages.

My Money Matters

This service is still 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 £800k 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.

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

St Martins Unlimited

Paul Newman of Beabetterfish has been working with some pupils at St Martins school introducing the idea of self-employment and generating business ideas. This pilot project has been funded to continue in September, allowing more young people to take part.

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

Again, time is running out, so please do get in touch soon – grants are no longer available.

Creativity in the Community

The Legacy art pieces have begun. Upper and lower school have joined forces to create a piece. Look out for the first part as your drive past. Work will continue in September to finish the piece.

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.

Please get in touch if you would like any more information about any of the projects or anything

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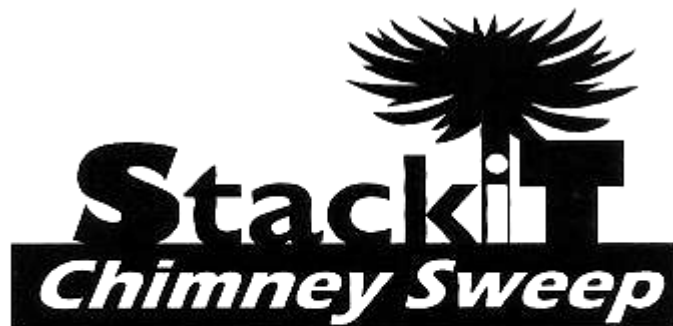
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