

What's on in March 2023!

Wed 1st	Hearing Loss Support Hubs Usually 1 st Wednesday of every month	Oswestry Library	Booking required 01743 342168
Tues 7th	WI David Lock will be telling us about Chirk Castle Gardens	The Lounge of the Miners Institute	7:30pm
Wed 8th	Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club Tea, bags, bras and tights (gardening tips) by Darren Rudge.	Weston Rhyn Institute	7:15pm
Thurs 9th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Village Hall	7:00pm

Please let us know the time and date of your events in April and May for the next edition of Village Life (free on the What's on pages) by no later than Wednesday 15th March 2023

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



UK Quiz



1. How many countries are there in the UK? Can you name them?

2. Describe the flag of the UK. Do you know its nickname?

3. How many people live in the UK?

4. What's the capital of England?

5. Where does the Queen live?

6. Name a Scottish water monster.

7. Which flower is also a symbol of England?

8. What's the national sport of Wales?

9. What's the capital of Scotland?

10. What's the name of the most popular British band of the 60s?

11. Which brown, fiery liquid is made in Scotland?

12. Name 6 typical things that can be found in an English breakfast.

13. Which London attraction has a body part in its name?

14. What's the capital of Northern Ireland?

15. How many leaves does the national flower of Northern Ireland have?

16. What's the name of the skirt men sometimes wear in Scotland?

17. A prehistoric circle of stones dating back 5000 years is a big tourist attraction. What's it called?

18. What's the capital of Wales?

19. Name the two most famous English universities.

20. What's the highest mountain in the UK?



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“I urge patients who are at risk from flu and COVID-19, particularly those with health conditions, to have both vaccinations to protect themselves, their family and friends this winter. Having these jabs reduces the chances of catching flu and COVID-19 at the same time, which could be dangerous or even life-threatening.

“It is safe to have both vaccines at the same time and if this is offered then please take it up, but people may need to book them separately. You don’t need to wait to be contacted to get vaccinated as you can book online for a booster or contact your GP practice for an NHS flu jab or at a pharmacy that offers one.”

Adults aged 18 to 49 with a health condition can also have a free flu vaccine by contacting their GP surgery or at a pharmacy that offers the service (to book at a pharmacy see here) or visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/book-flu-vaccination/>

For more information on the NHS flu vaccination and COVID-19 booster vaccine including how to book, where to get the vaccines and to find out who is eligible see here or visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>







Trust Delia Smith to show you how to make the perfect pancake recipe – and enjoy Pancake Day without any flops.

Each pancake provides 88kcal, 7.5g carbohydrates (of which 0.9g sugars), 5g fat (of which 2g saturates), 0.4g fibre and 0.2g salt.

Try one of these



 <p>1</p> <p>Chocolate-filled pancakes</p> <p>WITH caramelised banana, maple syrup, chopped hazelnuts</p>	 <p>2</p> <p>American blueberry pancakes</p> <p>WITH golden or maple syrup, blueberries</p>
 <p>3</p> <p>Red velvet pancakes</p> <p>WITH maple cream cheese frosting, chocolate chips, blueberries</p>	 <p>4</p> <p>Sweet potato masala dosa</p> <p>WITH coconut raita, lime wedges, coriander leaves, Indian chutneys & pickles</p>

St Martins Community Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch in St Martins has been running for a few years now. All volunteers give up their time to try and keep our roads safe. Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to Sue Schofield for being the local co-ordinator and organising the Speedwatch team and liaising with West Mercia Police.

We don't issue speed tickets, it is all about raising awareness of the speed limit on a particular local road and whether people keeping to that limit, while hopefully improving the quality of life in our area when speeding is a concern.

Where the team stands to check drivers' speed is decided in advance by the Police, so you will usually see us on a straight piece of road with our high viz jackets on. If you feel we should be monitoring elsewhere, where you think there is a speeding issue, remember our hands are tied, but we do try to vary where speed checks take place.

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Further information can be found on the Electoral Commission’s website:
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And some information is also available on Shropshire Council’s website, this page will be updated when further information becomes available: Voter ID in polling stations
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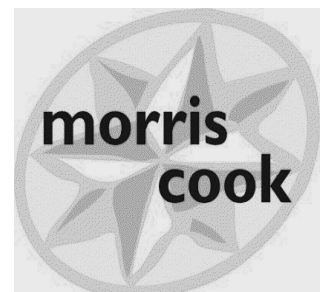
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Curlew and Lapwing Survey



If you enjoy seeing Curlew and Lapwing, and would like to do something to help stop their disappearance from the local countryside, we would like your help, please.

We need to know how many breeding pairs there are, and where, before we can try and help them. The area is roughly bounded by Oswestry in the south, the border with Wales to the west and north, and Duddleston Heath and Lower Frankton in the east (the three parishes of Weston Rhyn, St Martin's and Gobowen, plus an area to the east, towards Ellesmere). So far, we've found up to three pairs of Curlew, and, in some years, over 40 pairs of Lapwing.

A report of our results in 2022, and a summary of what we've found each year since we started in 2017, will be distributed shortly.

The survey work is starting again this coming Spring. People who have helped previously have volunteered again, but new helpers will be very welcome.

Participants take on a survey square of 2x2 kilometres and visit it three times, using lanes and public footpaths. You choose the dates, to suit you, around 1st April, 1st May and 15th June. Each visit takes less than half a day, so it doesn't take much time. It's easy to do, and participants are provided with simple survey instructions and a map to record sightings on. If possible, we'd also like you to record Kestrel, Cuckoo, and other target species, but that's an optional extra.

There will be a practical training session, explaining how to go about the survey and record what you see, around the end of March - if you feel you need it.

If you definitely want to help, please let us know by contacting Julie at julieclark960@btinternet.com

You will then be sent a map showing the squares which really need volunteers.

Curlew Nests

The survey (described above) is especially important this year because it will link to Shropshire Ornithological Society's Save our Curlews Campaign. The bird survey is a vital first stage of the Curlew project, as it locates the pairs of Curlews. Then the practical conservation work begins.



Nest finders then find as many nests as possible and protect them from predation and trampling with an electric fence. Then a radio tag is fixed to the chicks that hatch; they can then be tracked to see how they use the landscape, and what happens to them. We need to find out why their breeding productivity is so poor in order to working out an effective conservation plan.

We need more helpers for this practical conservation work too. If you are interested in helping with this nest finding and tagging work please contact Leo Smith at leo@leosmith.org.uk

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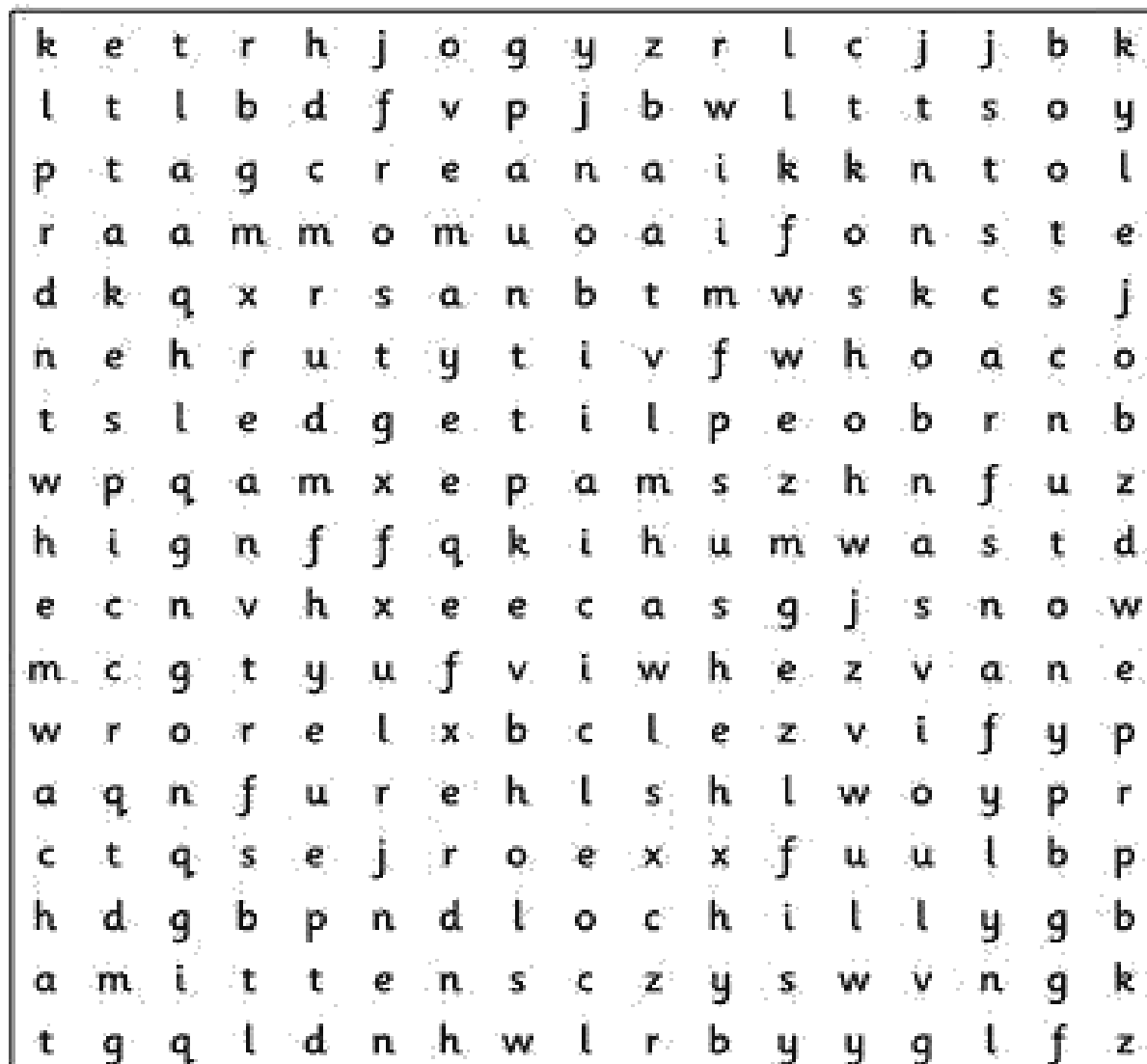
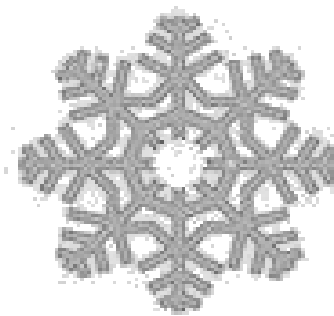
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Saha FC 3 St. Martins FC 6



As a result of the recent downpouring of rain this Shropshire League Premier Division match between Saha FC v Saint Martin's FC was played on the artificial pitch at Shrewsbury Town's Montgomery Waters Meadow, Outely Rd. An arrangement that proved excellent as both teams responded to the quality of the pitch and provided an entertaining game.

The match started at a pace as Saha took the lead in the 2nd

minute as their forward latched onto a free kick to fire past Fin Gun the Saint's Keeper to take the lead in their first attack.

The speed of the goals scored empathised the nature of the game, as Kai Hurdmans blasted the Saints equaliser just a minute later via a low-drive free kick taken well outside the penalty box.

In the 10th minute the Saints took the lead, as Logan Richards received an accurate defence - splitting pass tby firing a low drive into the corner of the Saha net.

The Saint's 'midfield maestro' Rob Wier provided a constant threat to Saha defence and was unlucky not to score via several amazing runs with subsequent shots hitting or flying past the woodwork.

Saints were dominating midfield when Dan Harrington fired home the Saint's 3rd goal via a 20 yard shot that was deflected into the Saha net.

The Saints were dominating the game at this point and Lloyd Evans reinforced that fact by firing home the Saint's 4th goal with Jake Cross then scoring the Saint's 5th goal

Saha did not give-up, and their goal scored from 25 yards verified that fact as this amazing long shot flew past Saint's keeper, Fin Gun.

The game continued to flow back and to, but the Saint's finishing won them this game; typified by their 6th goal, taken in style by Jake Cross flying past the final defender to calmly hammer the ball home.

The final goal of this extraordinary match was scored by Saha forwards punishing a Saints passing mistake to calmly slot home the club's 3rd goal.

Maintaining the theme of this match, both teams continued to attack until the final whistle was blown resulting in a universal reflection of an entertaining game but with

St. Martins taking the 3 points.



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2nd St Martins Scout Group

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In December the scouts and cubs came together for their winter camp, (in sub zero temperatures), where they enjoyed a camp fire and a day shooting rifles, pistols and crossbows.

Both Scouts and Cubs have a busy programme lined up for this term, so why not come down and join them on a Thursday evening? We are particularly keen to hear from young people aged 8 to 10 and a half to join our cub pack.

Date	Cubs	Scouts
2 February	Model Solar System	Warhammer Modelling
9 February	Photo display and painting models	Coding Challenge
11/12 Feb		Shropshoot shooting competition
16 February	Pancake night - tin can cooker	Pancake night - lightweight cooking
2 March	Knots and pack forum	Warhammer Gaming
9 March	Chariot building	Night hike
16 March	Firelighting and first aid	Crossbow building
18 March		Warhammer Day?
23 March	Wide Game/tracking	Wide game
30 March	Easter cards and first aid	Caving – Llanymynech



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November 29th 2022

On behalf of all of us who attend the Coffee and Chat Drop In on Tuesday mornings we would like to say a huge thank you to Lesley and her brilliant team of volunteers.

The highlight was our Christmas Party. The room and tables were festively decorated and a magnificent 3 course meal was served to 47 residents.

Donations and a great raffle raised £300 - many thanks to all who donated prizes and bought tickets.

Lesley and the team warmly welcome everyone to join us on Tuesday mornings. No charge for drinks and eats - just pop in a donation if you want.

Attending these events really is a great way of meeting friends and making new ones.

Rita and Duncan



Saturday 18th March - Global Recycling Day

Every year, the Earth yields billions of tons of natural resources and at some point, in the not too distant future, it will run out. That's why we must think again about what we throw away – seeing not waste, but opportunity. Recycling is a key part of the circular economy, helping to protect our natural resources. Each year the 'Seventh Resource' (recyclables) saves over 700 million tonnes in CO2 emissions and this is projected to increase to 1 billion tons by 2030. There is no doubt recycling is on the front line in the war to save the future of our planet and humanity.



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3 Do I know what happens to my recyclables once they are taken away by my local municipality?

4 Do I, my family and my friends, mend, repair and reuse in order to sustain the usefulness of the items around us for as long as possible?

5 Am I committed to producing as little waste as I can?

6 Do I know how, and do the brands that I buy make it easy for me, to make the right 'recycling friendly' purchasing decisions?



To learn more about our role in supporting a thriving recycling industry log on to www.globalrecyclingday.com

To join voices across the world to have Global Recycling Day recognised by the UN please sign our petition by clicking [here](#).

Happy New Year from St Martins WI.

December saw us enjoying our Annual Christmas Meal and Quiz at The Keys. We enjoyed excellent festive fare, a fun quiz (of which there were 40 correct answers and the highest score was 23! Says an awful lot about our general knowledge - Mastermind potential we are not!) and a Festive Raffle. Presentation of prizes to the winners of our monthly Competition and Exhibition winners were presented. The Competition winners were Helen Williams, Sue Bedson and Shirley Willis. The Exhibition winner was Alice Wilding.

The photographs show the winners being presented with their prizes.

The first meeting of the New Year had to be cancelled therefore future meetings are:

February's meeting is on Tuesday 7th when our Speaker will be Jan Hedges with Little Cards.

On 7th March David Lock will be telling us about Chirk Castle Gardens.

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



Wrexham Rural Community First Responders, Welsh Ambulance Service Trust

Members of Wrexham Rural Community First Responders recently visited the drop-off point run by the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry which sponsors the collection and onward transportation of medical consumables to Ukraine.

This is the Wrexham Rural CFRs' second donation, with additional kit contributed by other CFR teams across North Wales. The first load was transported directly to the front line in Ukraine earlier in the year by British military veterans based on the Wirral.

The Wrexham Rural CFR Team has donated a significant amount of specialist resuscitation and trauma kit, plus associated response bags which will help to keep medical equipment in a clean and serviceable condition, providing much needed support to both civilian and army medics. The British Ironwork Centre is gathering donations together ready for transport to Ukraine early in the new year.

Pictured are Clive Knowles and Alice-Rose Langford of the British Ironwork Company
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Quiz Answers

From page 17

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2. Hockey
3. Kylian Mbappe
4. Cricket
5. Greengrocer
6. Peter (Snake Bite) Wright
7. One run short
8. 3 out of 3
9. England
10. 1966 Sir Geoff Hurst and 2022 Kylian Mbappe.

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