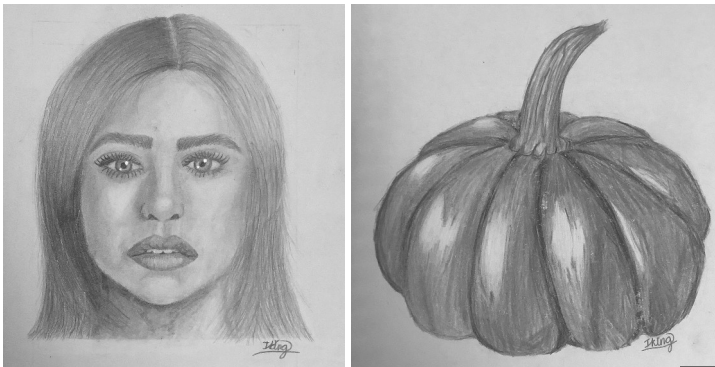




Amy Gaskin in year 8 has decided to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children who have lost their own hair due to illness. She has also decided she would like to raise money for them to go towards some of the costs of making and fitting the wigs for the children. If you would like to support Amy please see the link to her Just Giving page

Amy's Sponsored Haircut for The Little Princess Trust



With the Christmas festivities

only just over, for many children Christmas would have seen the arrival of devices that allow them to go online.

If parents or carers need any advice or support about on line safety please scan the QR code on the poster. Or contact school

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



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It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

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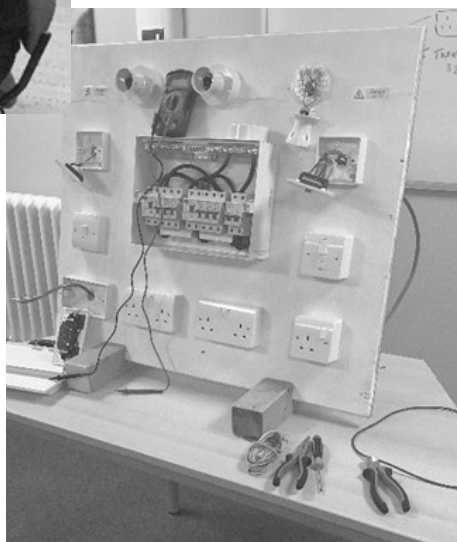
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Our careers programme goes from strength to strength with regular guest speakers coming into school and our annual careers fair. We hosted over 25 businesses and educational establishments who gave up their time to talk to students in years 9-11. **This annual event helps to showcase some of the great careers that are literally on our doorstep.** This is invaluable; it helps broaden our students horizons and inspires them in future career paths. Thank you to all who gave up their time, we couldn't do it without you! Our next major careers event is our year 10 work experience week 8-12 July. If you are a company that wishes to become involved in our careers programme please get in touch - we would love to hear from you!!!



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Happy New Year to you all. The sharp cold spell after all the rain over the seasons festivities is a welcome respite but roll on summer, I say.

On 13th of December Tammy Weaver from TMS Events which specialises in Floral Design And Venue Dressing came and demonstrated Christmas wreath making.

The session was relaxed, informative and many useful tips were shared. Tammy made it look effortless and I'm sure many of us had a go at home. I certainly did and this is my effort.

Tammy's wreath looks bright and cheerful and she emphasised that she is conscious of being sustainable in using materials that are biodegradable.

On the 10th of January we had our Annual Christmas Dinner held this year at the Last Inn Hengoed. On February the 13th our next meeting is held at Weston Rhyn Institute 7:15 for 7.30pm start. Look forward to seeing you there.



St Martins Day Centre at Cedar Close

Did you know that a group of cats is called a clowder, a group of sharks is called a shiver and a group of hedgehogs is called a prickly? To cheer up the dark, chilly winter months Dee has been creating quizzes such as the Collective Noun quiz to challenge the memory and spark the imagination. Another great game we have been doing is the alphabet challenge. Can you name an animal for every letter of the alphabet? We never know what creative ideas the clients will come up with! And speaking of a prickly, our leader Val came up with an idea that we could make hedgehogs from folded books. The clients got to choose the eyes, noses, feet, and all accessories for the hedgehogs. What an adorable prickly they created! Why not come and join in?

The Day Centre is open on Tuesdays every week from 10am till 2pm at the Cedar Close Community Centre in St Martins. We provide older people with both practical assistance and a chance to socialise and have plenty of fun, while providing a day of respite for their carers. We offer lots of activities, including games, seated exercises, crafts, bingo, dominos, seated bocce, as well as a two-course hot meal from Stans. Transportation can be provided through Dial a Ride. Come in for a day and meet the team and join the fun. You get a lot for the cost of only £15 per day.

For more information, please contact

Marilyn at 07769 915201

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St Martins Day Centre at Cedar Close



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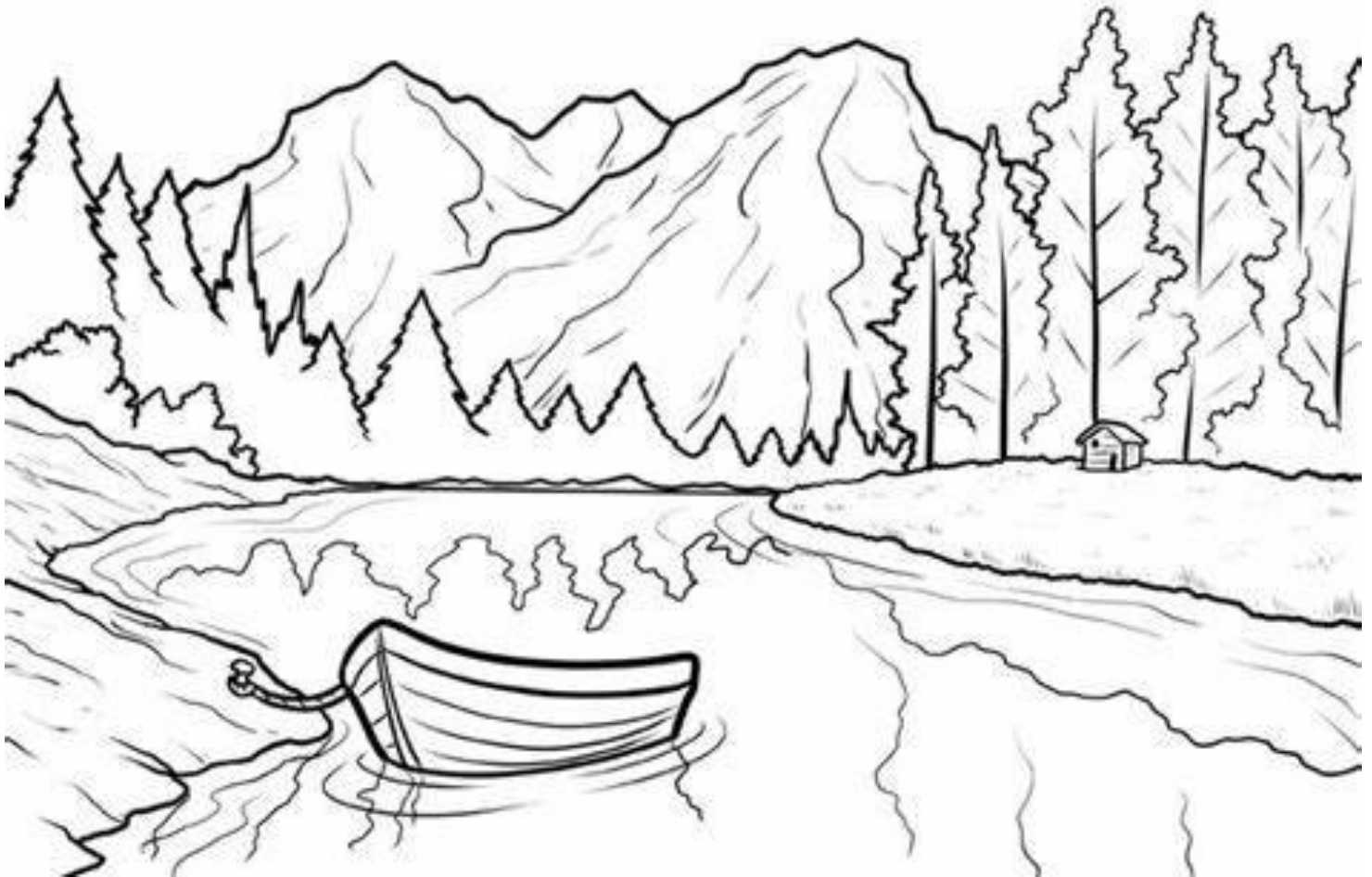
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Can you solve this
puzzle?

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Here's a picture for you to colour.

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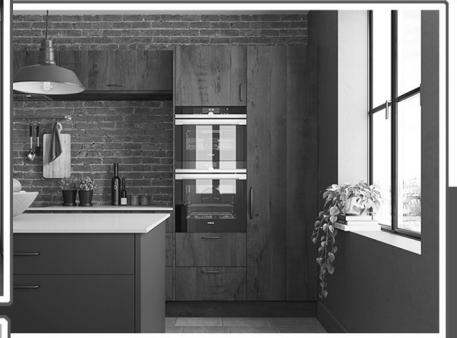
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Answers: Quiz on page 8

1. September (it is the ninth month and has nine letters)
2. October (14th October, 1066)
3. April
4. July (after the death of Julius Caesar)
5. Oysters (accept the answer shellfish)
6. November (7 Nov 1917 – 8 Nov 1917)
7. January
8. Ramadan (also known as Ramazan)
9. Leo
10. Daisy Duck



Do you remember filling in the Health Survey for St. Martins before Christmas?

Here are the results. Comments and /or queries are welcome

100 households took part.

Drs Surgery -

77% Chirk Surgery
3.5% Overton
5.3% Caxton
3.5% Plas Ffynnon
7.1% Cambrian

If there was a GP Surgery in St Martins, would you register?

89% Yes
3.7% Yes if it was a branch
6.4% No

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71.4% Own Car
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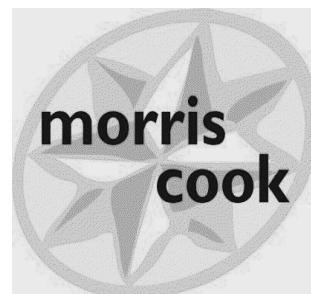
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St Martins FC 1 - Ludlow Town 7

St. Martins FC started this Shropshire Cup match with sensitivity so as a result gave the opposition several golden opportunities to score but fortunately their Goalkeeper 'Fin Gunn' made several excellent saves. Sadly however the resulting pressure on the Saints' defence resulted in a penalty being awarded to Ludlow in the 10th minute that was blasted home by their centre forward Shaun Evans.

The Saints' forward Alex Winstan drove a long shot that sailed just wide of the opposition's bar, then Kai Hurdman's low drive flew past the opposition's post but sadly for the Saints Ludlow increased their lead in the following attack, as Ryan Lewis chipped the ball over the Saints' defence into the top corner of their goal.

Ludlow grasped a positive lead prior to half time via two break-away goals confidently scored by Ryan Clark securing a positive 4-0 lead at half time.

The second half began with a mesmerising run from Saints' Kai Hurdman which resulted in an outstanding save from the Ludlow Keeper but this proved to be Saints' last scoring opportunity.

Saints experienced a devastating next-step of the second-half with a two-goal strike via Ludlow forward Josh Borall. To add insult to injury Ludlow's sticker Kirion Booth fired home his club's 7th goal.

Saints eventually found the net via a goal scored by Nouha Booth but sadly for them this was a match not to forget, but hopefully to learn from.



Community Wildlife Group

Curlews in North-west Shropshire.

The Tanat to Perry Community Wildlife Group area extends from Oswestry in the north to Kinnerley in the south, and eastwards from the Welsh border to Ruyton-XI-Towns; from the Tanat to the Perry. Our Group, together with the Three Parishes Community Wildlife Group (which covers Weston Rhyn, St Martin's and Gobowen), has been working with Shropshire Ornithological Society Save our Curlews Campaign to try and locate all the breeding pairs of Curlew, find as many nests as possible and protect them from predators with an electric fence. Then radio-tag and track the chicks to see what happens to them.



The two groups located 12-15 pairs altogether, 9-10 in the Tanat to Perry area, and 3-5 in Three Parishes. One nest was found and fenced (see photo), north of Oswestry. Three of the four eggs hatched, but all the chicks were predated, one definitely by a fox (the tag was recorded transmitting from inside its den), and the other two probably by a fox.

A well grown chick from a nearby nest was found and colour-ringed, and it went on to fledge. Two other separate pairs near Trefonen each also produced at least one fledged young.

If you saw or heard a Curlew in 2023, particularly if you observed evidence of breeding, please tell us; don't assume we know about it.

The number of fledged young is less than half of the productivity that Curlews need if they are to maintain their population. The County Curlew population is estimated at 100 – 110 pairs, and at the current rate of decline it will half in 12 years, and become extinct in 25. We haven't got long to save them.

We will be carrying on this work next year, and we need more people to help with the Community Wildlife Group surveys. There will be a public meeting in Morda in March but if you're interested in getting involved, please email leo@leosmith.org.uk.

The surveys also monitor Lapwings and several other priority species, and a report with the 2023 results will be published early in the new year.

If you can help please let us know.



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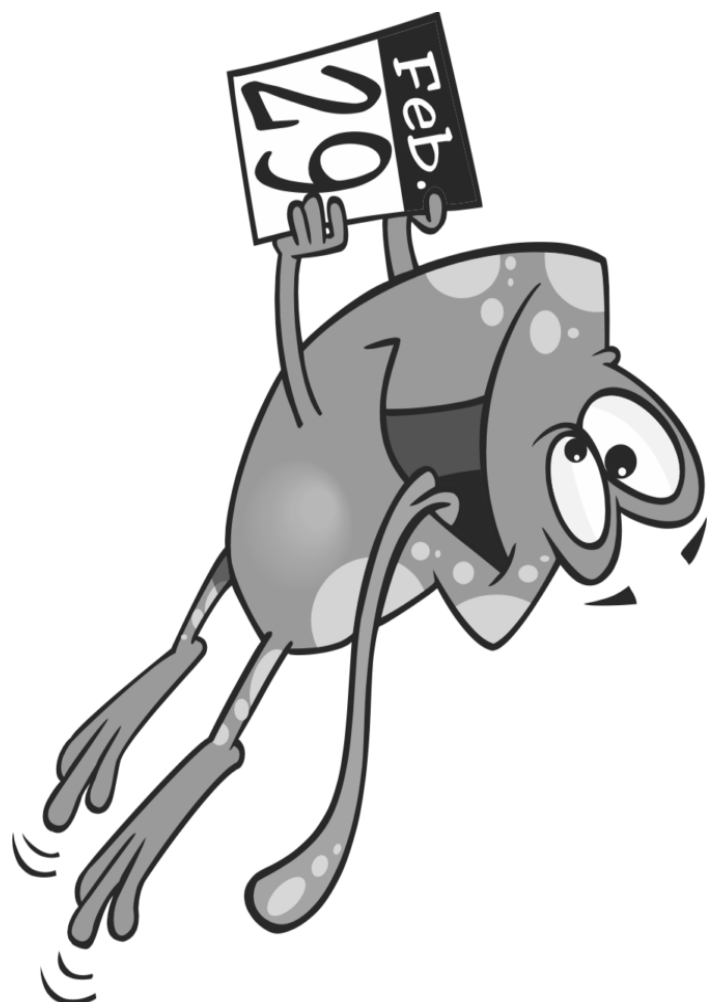
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Happy New Year from St Martins WI

December saw us enjoying our Annual Christmas Meal and Quiz at The Keys. We enjoyed excellent festive fare and a fun quiz, with the prize for the winners being afternoon tea for two at The Wynnstay in Oswestry, as well as a festive raffle. Presentation of prizes to the winners of our monthly Competition and Exhibition winners were presented. The Competition was won by Shirley Willis and the Exhibition winner was Sue Bedson. A presentation was also made to Jean Lunt and Pam Doyle for their years of service on St Martins WI Committee.

The photographs show the winners being presented with their prizes.

Our first meeting of 2024 was held on Tuesday 2 January when Eileen welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a happy New Year. Following various items of business an enjoyable game of fun was held, followed by social time and refreshments.

February's meeting is on Tuesday 6th when our Speaker will be Alison Utting outlining the Adventures of Dame Agnes Hunt.

On 5 March Ruth Martin will be telling us about Osnosh.





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