What's on in May 2024!

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Sat 4th	Car Boot Sale	St Martins Village Hall/Centre	8am—12pm
Tues 7th	WI	The Lounge of the Miners Institute	7:30pm
	Oswestry In Bloom.		
Wed 8th	Hearing Loss Support Hubs	Oswestry Library	Booking required
	Usually 1 st Wednesday month		01743 342168
Wed 8th	Weston Rhyn & District	Weston Rhyn Institute	7:15pm
	Gardening Club		
	Ideas and Plans for a Shady Spot		
Thurs 9th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Village Hall/Centre	7:00pm
Sat 11th	Plant Sale	Weston Rhyn Institute	10:30am
Sat 11th	Quiz Night	St Martins Village Hall/Centre	7:30pm start
Sat 25th	St Martins Village Life AGM All are welcome	St Martin Village Hall/Centre	9:30am
Sat 25th	Car Boot Sale	St Martins Village Hall/Centre	8am—12pm
Mon 27th	St Martins Family and Local History Group	St Martins Village Hall/Centre	7:30pm

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 15th May 2024.

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 or July (or later).

St Martins School



One of the amazing things about being an all through school is to see students of different ages working together and learning together— three year 10 Design and Technology students taught three year 6 students, how to make robot head keyrings. Harley Castle-Green led a demonstration on how to attach the eyes, ears and eyelets and then showed the year 6 students how to use a saw to make a mouth. Dylan Williams and Warren Nash also helped with the construction of the robots. All involved agreed that this was a great opportunity for those teaching and those being taught. Other year 10 Design and Technology students in the group were discussing possible ideas for lessons to teach year 6.

It's a big "thank you" to Town & Country Estate Agents who have sponsored our new football strip. Not only does the new strip look fantastic but students get a boost of confidence in the new kit



when out representing the school. Looking forward to seeing lots amazing photos at future tournaments! Continuing with the sporting theme, the primary indoor athletics



looks ready for action!!!

A huge "thank you" to Aico for hosting an enterprise day with our year 8s as part of our second WOW day. Students

worked in teams of 8-10, going through the process

of starting a business, creating a product and launching it to market. The product had to be a safety product and they had to present their idea and plan to the rest of the groups. Some of the products included a safety belt, a smart watch and a safety power shower. The group voted for the product they would invest in and the wining team is POWER SHOWER and all the team will receive housepoints!





Celebrating extra curricular achievement, we are very proud to share the news that Charlotte Walsh and Martha Green from Year 9 have been awarded an Outstanding Young Citizen Award for their work setting up a Youth Garden with OSNOSH. They also meet with Oswestry Council looking at how local transport can be improved as part of the local Youth Forum. What a bright future these students have ahead of them !!



Faith Warner in year 7 enjoys art and has been inspired to create her own comic strips at home— look at the amazing level of detail we particularly love the cat with the Haribo! amazing!



DATES FOR THE DIARY 11 March—Year 6 SATs mock 14 March—Year 10 parents evening 15 March—Comic relief day £1 suggested donation for non uniform 25 March—Easter holidays begin 8 April—return to school 14-18 April—Malaga trip 18-19 April—bronze DofE practise 23-24 April — ART GCSE exam 6 May—Bank holiday 9 May—Year 8 parents evening 13 May—Year 6 SATs week 27-31 May—half term 13 June—Pizza Express trip year 4 17-18 June—Bronze DofE qualifier 19-21 June—Year 6 residential 20 June—BIG BANG Year 7 and 8 24 June—WOW day 3 28 June—SPORTS DAY TBC 8-12 July—Year 10 work experience week 10 and 11 July—Quinta camp for Year 6 15 July—Oscars 18 July—last day before summer holidays





Age UK St Martins Day Centre at Cedar Close

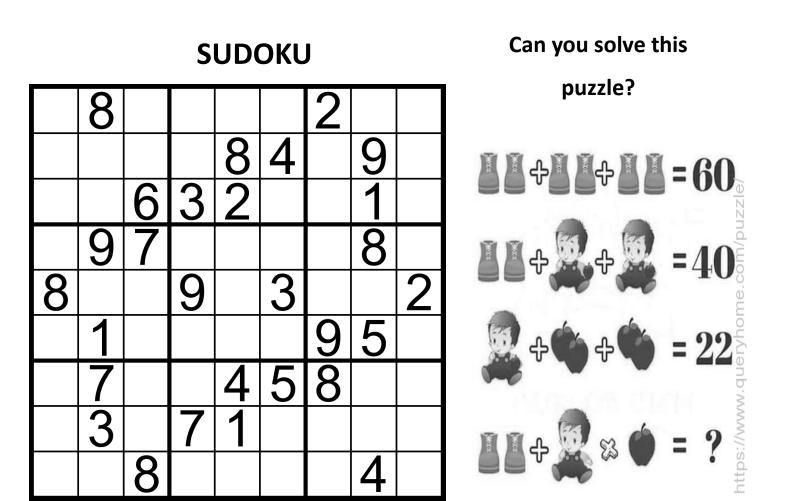
What do our clients enjoy most about their day at the Day Centre? They answer is lunch (of course!), conversation, laughter, and throwing things. And indeed, the clients have

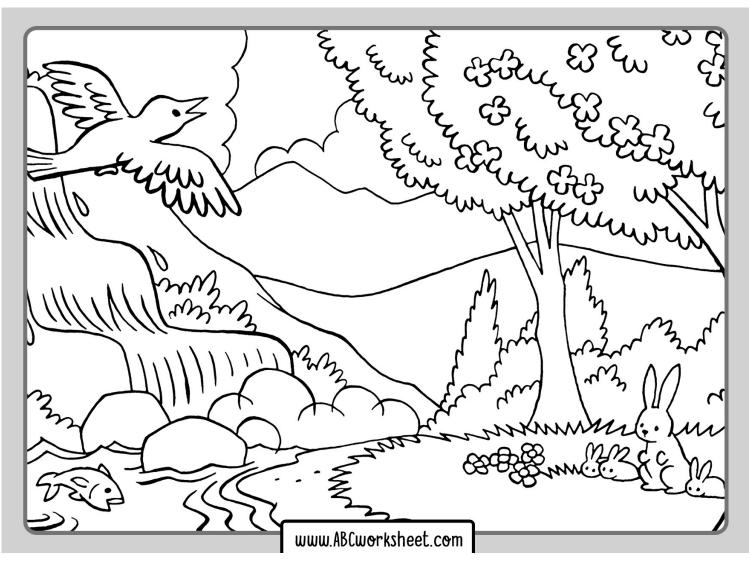
become very good at throwing things. To show off their talents, we have an activity we call HOOPLA. This consists of three events: netball, ring toss and darts. The events bring out team spirit, cheering, encouragement, enthusiasm and just a little bit of cheating. And of course whoever has the most fun, wins! What would your best event be? Why not come in and join the fun? The Day Centre is open on Tuesdays every week from 10am till 2pm at the Cedar Close Community Centre in St Martins, near the St Martins Parish Church. 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 is free, and the carer can come for free if they wish. Come in for a day and meet the group and join the fun. You get a lot for the cost of



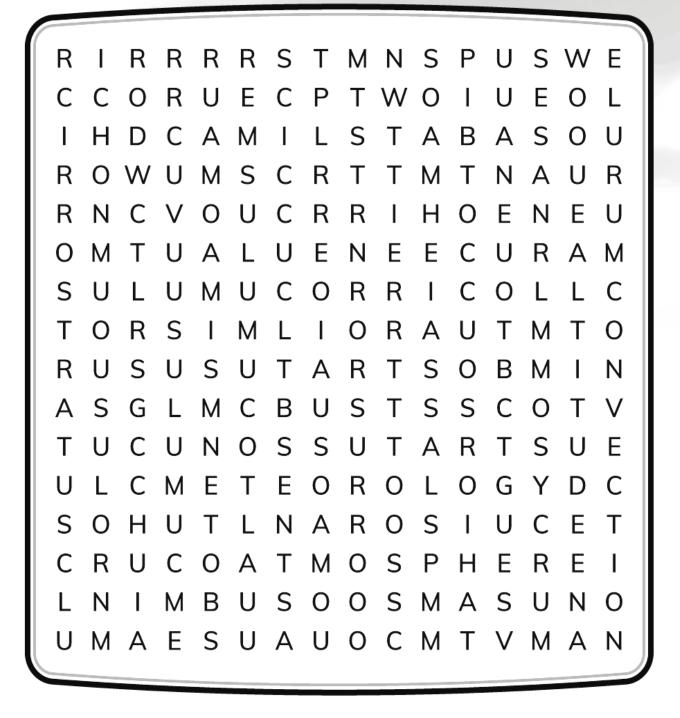


only £15 per day. For more information, please contact Marilyn at 07769 915201 or Dee at 01691 777842 or deannbarnhart@gmail.com. Dee (DeAnn Barnhart) St Martins Day Centre at Cedar Close.





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Hezekiah (Heze) Roberts

Passed away peacefully on 6 January 2024 at Meadowbrook Nursing Home.

Lesley Ann (wife) and Steven (Son) would like to thank everyone for all the sympathy cards, donations and flowers. The actual donations came to £395 which will go to the Activity Group at Meadowbrook Dementia Unit, as there are very little resources there for things like paper, pencils, paints for crafts etc.

Heze will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

He has been interred at Oswestry Cemetery and is currently marked by a beautiful wooden cross made and given by Alan Jones



of Bramhall Joinery. Lesley Ann would like to send her thanks and appreciation for the beautiful work and time taken.

Three Parishes Community Wildlife Group covering the parishes of St Martins, Weston Rhyn and Selattyn & Gobowen

Curlew and Lapwing Survey



If you enjoy seeing and hearing 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 at least three pairs of Curlew, and, in some years, over 40

pairs of Lapwing.

We make sure the data is put on a national database which is used to inform planners and others who need biodiversity information. The more data we have the better.

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

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 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 <u>julieclark960@btinternet.com</u>. You will then be sent a map showing the squares which really need volunteers.

Curlew Nests

The survey (described above) links 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, 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 <u>leo@leosmith.org.uk</u>





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St Martins Rainbows and Brownies enjoyed a trip to watch Cinderella during half term. The girls saw Chirk Pantoholics' performance, with Cinderella, Buttons and the Ugly Sisters being their favourite characters.



This term Rainbows welcomed a group of new girls, who made their promises and have already started earning badges. Brownies enjoyed a French-themed evening, playing a French game, learning some words in other languages, and enjoying crêpes with chocolate spread and squirty cream!

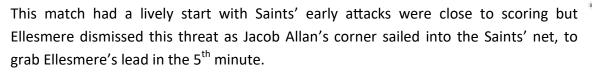
Rainbows is for girls aged between 4 and 7, and meets from 5pm-6pm every Tuesday at the Methodist church on Ellesmere Road. Brownies is for girls aged 7-10 and meets from 6-7pm, straight after Rainbows. Guides, for girls aged 10-14, meets from 7-8pm.

We always welcome new members and new volunteers (especially needed in Rainbows at the moment). To enquire about joining or volunteering please fill in your details at go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/



St. Martins FC 1 Ellesmere FC 3

Football matches between St. Martins and Ellesmere FC have taken place for many years in various different Leagues and Cup environments and this 'Shropshire League Premier League' match proved to be a typically entertaining example of these clashes.



To Saints' credit, they bounced back from this early threat as they were awarded a penalty in the 10th minute following Tom Otter receiving a foul in the Ellesmere penalty box, from which he stepped up to equalise for the Saints in the 10th minute.

This plus award for Saints was followed by a period of pressure delivered by a confident Ellesmere which resulted in several golden opportunities for them to score which were denied by excellent saves from Saints' keeper, Fin Gunn.

Saints made a confident start to the second half with Josh Davies making several impressive runs opening the Ellesmere defence, but sadly for the Saints following a progression of poor passes they were punished, as Owen Washington grabbed Ellesmere's 2nd goal in the 76th minute.

To add insult to injury, a break away move by the Saints that should have resulted in a goal was halted by Ellesmere via a rapid counter-attack that was completed by an accurate shot from Asa Deal registering his club's 3rd goal in the 80th minute. The Saints fought back as shots from Tom Otter and Shaun Mellusi sailed close to the Ellesmere's net but sadly for them their dominance of possession didn't result in scoring more goals, so they conceded three points to Ellesmere FC.

Morda FC 2 St. Martins FC 0

This local derby has a long history that has provided many a classic encounter over the years, so the crowd watching this match were playing their part in the sustainability of what could be described as a moment in history. Unsurprisingly therefore both teams started this match with stimulated energy, particularly so for Daryl Davis who has just taken over the player-manager role for St. Martins FC.

Saints were first to test the keeper as central midfielder Kie Hurdman struck a long shot that dipped just over the bar but fallowed by several close chances for Morda that were well-managed by Saints keeper Fin Gun.

Sadly, for the Saints a mistimed back-pass provided a gift that Morda's striker Carl Bailey was pleased to receive, scoring his club's first goal by calmly placing the ball past Fin Gun into the corner of the net in the 25th minute.

The Saints pressurized the opposition with Tom Otter leading the attack with confidence resulting, in the ball bouncing around frantically in the Morda box. As a result, they left themselves exposed in defence resulting in Daryl Davis clearing a shot from Carl Baily off the line.

There was a lively start to the second half that caught the Saints off-guard and a split defence provided Jordan Jerard with a chance that he took calmly, placing the ball into the back of the net and providing Morda's second goal.

The ball was equally shared in the second half with both teams creating chances, symbolised by a long shot from Carl Baily that sailed just wide for Morda and a long-shot from Saint's Tom Ash, that was saved minutes before Daryl Davis hit the Morda post, leaving the Saints to reflect on what could have been.



St. Martins FC 0 Wrockwardine Wood FC 4

Wrockwardine started this game with energy creating several early corners that resulted in confident saves from Saints keeper, Fin Gun. The Saints' decision to transfer Kai Hurdman into centre midfield from centre-back was justified as his command of the ball created chances for his side throughout the game. However, it was Wrokwardine who took the lead in the 30th minute via an accurate Mark Perry header that sailed into the back of the Saints' net from the edge of the penalty-box.

An impressive four man passing-move opened the Wrockwardine's defence, concluding via a Shawn Mellusi drive the skimmed inches past the oppositions post. The Saints then were caught on the counter-attack via a swift move that concluded with Jason Harris firing into the back of the Saints net to secure a 2-0 lead for Wrockwardine in the 40th minute.

The second-half began with the Saints appealing for a penalty which the referee didn't agree with, but only minutes later Wrockwardine were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the Saints penalty box which Mark Perry scored via an excellent shot that flew into the top corner of the Saints net securing his team's 3-0 lead.

Shawn Mellusi made several mesmerising runs sailing past the opposition but sadly for the Saints those runs didn't result in goals on this occasion, and to add insult to injury following several excellent saves from Saints Keeper Fin Gun, Tye McFarlan concluded a Wrockwardine Wood four-man move by scoring his side's 4th goal.

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, 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 oppositions 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 striker 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.



2nd St Martins Scout Group

Spring term has been busy for our cubs and scouts, with scouts focussing on navigation, fire lighting, pioneering and personal challenges, whilst cubs have been busy with cooking, emergency first aid, their environmental conservation badge, and personal safety. In addition, a number of our scouts have been representing the troop at a shooting competition.

The leaders are now busy planning the summer term, which will involve lots of outdoor activities such as canoeing, sailing, climbing, tracking and lots of outdoors games

We asked our cubs and scouts why they came along on a Thursday night, and these are some of the responses: 'making new friends', 'being with friends', 'sawing wood', 'earning badges', 'games and activities', 'learning new skills', 'going on camp', being with the amazing leaders', 'lighting fires', 'cooking', 'team work', 'fun activities', and overall 'HAVING FUN!'



If you like the sound of that, why not come and see for yourself? Term times at the scout hut from 6-7.15 (cubs) and 7.30 - 9 (scouts) on Thursdays. For more info, please contact Dave Cripps on <u>2ndstmartinescouts@gmail.com</u> or just call into the hut.

Got any empty used inkjet printer cartridges?

2nd St Martins Scout Group are collecting these at Stans Supermarket in St Martins, to raise vital funds for the group. Just drop off in the box located near the foodbank collection point. (Sorry, we cannot take laser or toner cartridges)



St Martins Flower and Vegetable Show 2024

This year's Village Flower and Vegetable Show is set to enchant and inspire as it proudly showcases the creative endeavors of adults and children in growing flowers, vegetables, craft, cookery, and photography classes. Held in 'The Stute' on 17th August, this beloved community event promises to be a vibrant celebration of youthful talent and ingenuity.

Fostering a sense of community pride and encouraging the next generation of artists and chefs, the show's children's classes offer a platform for budding talents to shine. From intricate crafts to delectable culinary delights and captivating photographs, the children's entries are sure to captivate all.

In addition to the children's classes, the Village Flower and Vegetable Show will feature a variety of attractions, including displays of exquisite blooms, bountiful harvests, and friendly competitions for all ages.

The Village Flower and Vegetable Show invites residents and visitors alike to come together in celebration of creativity, community spirit, and the beauty of nature. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the talent and passion of our youngest artisans!

Designed as a day out for the family, there will be food and drink on sale and a BBQ outside. After the show, there will be a live band playing.

IFTON GREEN

Show home sparks interest in village homes development

A new show home on Cornovii Homes' £5.8m Ifton Green housing development is attracting attention and inspiring would-be buyers. The show home, a four-bed Maesbury style home, opened in January and is attracting customers to the development.

Debbie Hancox, Cornovii Homes sales and aftercare manager, said: "We are delighted at customers' reaction to our show home at Ifton Green. It is one of our four-bedroom Maesbrook-style properties which has an open plan kitchen/diner with French doors onto the garden, separate sitting room, main bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms and a main bathroom. There is also a separate garage and off-street parking.

"We are confident that the staging will inspire would-be buyers and attract more customers to our development."

Ifton Green brings a mix of two, three and four-bedroom homes, and a range of styles including detached, semi-detached houses and bungalows.

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FEBRUARY

At our Tuesday 6th February meeting we welcomed WI members and two visitors. Various items of business were

discussed following which Alison Utting told us about The Adventures of Dame Agnes Jones. Alison bought Dame Agnes to the meeting, enacting her life from childhood through to adulthood and the values she upheld during her lifetime. I for one truly felt that Dame Agnes' ghost was telling the tale herself, a truly spine tingling experience. Alison was a riveting speaker with the ability to act out not only Dame Agnes but her family and the characters she encountered during her lifetime.

MARCH

WI members and two visitors were welcomed to Tuesday 5 March meeting. Following some items of business we welcome Paul Newman from OsNosh, our speaker for the evening. Paul outlined OsNosh from conception to present day, how they operated during the Covid Lockdown running a food delivery service and their plans for the future, looking to become a registered charity. With some 10% of society living in food poverty they are understandably proud of their achievements in helping the less fortunate in Oswestry. Their Community Kitchen run on a 'pay if you can' basis, relying on food donations from supermarkets in the area, also running their own allotment to supply fresh vegetables, and how they create restaurant worthy dishes from the products they have on the day.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 April, at which subscriptions for 2024/25 are due, and our speaker for the evening is Chris Jones, Director of Castle Fine Arts Foundry, the company who cast The Miners Statue.

On Tuesday 7 May our Speaker is Natalie Bainbridge who will be telling us about Oswestry In Bloom.

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

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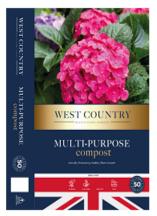
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