

What's on in August!

Sun 4th	Sunday Social Club	St Martins Centre	3:30pm
Tues 6th	St Martins School	Autumn Term begins	
Tues 6th	WI "Happy Feet" Debbie Shaw Foot practitioner	Miners Institute Lounge	7.30pm
Thurs 8th	St Martins Parish Council	The Moors Community Centre	7pm
Sat 10th	Party at the Meadows	Ifton Meadows	1pm-5pm
Sun 11th	Green Gym	Entrance to the Meadows	1pm
Tues 13th	IMMC	St Martins Centre	7:30pm
Sat 17th	Car Boot Sale	St Martins Playing Field	10am-2pm
Sat 17th	Grow it, Make It, Show It, Show	St Martins Centre	1:30pm
Sun 25th	St Martins Methodist Church Harvest Festival	Harvest Service Harvest Supper	10am 6.30pm

Please let us know the time and date of events in October and November for the next edition of Village Life by no later than **Friday 16th September 2016**

If you send us an article for the next edition, please bear in mind that it will be delivered at the end of September, 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).

St Martins School News



It has been another busy term for St Martins School. We celebrated the 'end of an era' with our year 11 students at their recent Prom, held at Henlle Golf Club. A big thank you to all the staff and the golf club for making it a night to remember.

**Prom King and Queen (voted for by their peers) –
Melissa Williams and Jack Purkiss**



**Oscar Night comes to
St Martins!**



The big event in our reward calendar took place at the end of this term. Students from across the school received awards and enjoyed a celebration of achievement with family and friends ...dressing to impress as they walked the red carpet!

House point winners in primary and secondary were Cayden Piercy and Sonny Lewis who each won an IPOD!

	Academic	Progress	Star of the Year	Contribution to School Life	Credit to the Community
Rec	Evie Macdonald	Lilly Mae Wright	Freya Thomas		
1	Leah Anderton	Noah White	Isabelle Jebb		
2	Amelia Vickers	Bailey Jones	Joshua Smith	Amy Downes	Lyla Evans
3	Annabelle Smith	Skye Pritchard	Leon Hope		
4	Sonny Lewis	Owen Davies	Daniel Lewis	Lexi Thomas	Chloe Downes
5	Naomi Anderton	Kaitlin Smith	Nathan Sloan		
6	Mille Jones	Sophie Lee Trowell	Kazys Cullis	Melissa Hughes	
7	George Henson	Euan Fleming	Rhys Evans	Dylan Bolton	
8	Emma Hamer	Ethan Harrington	Aynsley Roberts/ Jamie Partridge	Ramzi Lovecy	Spencer Parish
9	Molly Jones	Katie Pickles	Chloe Evans	Matthew Jones	Emily Rowlands
10	Morgan Drinkwater	Lewis Jones	Aiden Rawlinson - Jones	Jack Nicholas	Lloyd Evans





Head Girl for the coming year will be

Savannah Dutton

and Head Boy

Jack Nicolas...

well done to all our students!

OPEN EVENING

This year our Open Day and Evening for prospective students and their parents takes place on TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER with tours at 9.00am and 11.30am to see the school at work, with the evening taking place from 7.00pm – 9.00pm with lots of activities in departments with staff and students on hand to answer any questions or queries. Many of our feeder primary students in years 5 and 6 at Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and Selattyn will have already experienced ‘first hand’ our supportive family ethos through their involvement in our Community Curriculum.

Please come along and see the changes at St Martins School for yourself!

A Battle of the Bands took place in school on Tuesday 5 July. An inter-house competition of student and staff bands blew the roof off the school hall with very special guest and judge Uli Roth, legendary guitarist from The Scorpions.

Ceri James, Head of Performing Arts said “we are very fortunate to have some talented musicians at school so a battle of the bands seemed a great way to have some fun with an inter-house competition and to have the legendary Uli Roth here as judge and also performing is a real coup for the school and students.” Money raised will be going to support arts in school.

The St Martins School Supporters Club (also known as the PTA) has completed fund raising activities for this year, raising almost £3,000 for school. At the last meeting it was agreed that money would be allocated to Gardening club, Pet Club, books for the new literacy programme Accelerated Reader, gazebos for sports day, a specialist science projector and outdoor equipment for primary quad and laminators. Please contact school if you are interested in creating a new group for next year.

To all our students,

parents and friends, we wish you a lovely, relaxing and safe summer.

School re-opens on TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER



**Message from the Head of School
to members of the**

St Martins School Community

Since last October, the Governors and I have been investigating the benefits of an Academy conversion for St Martins School. The advantages of belonging to a Multi Academy Trust for our small school are numerous. Because we are such a small 'all through' school, from time to time we need to seek specialist advice, support and collaboration, and since I took over as Head in May 2014, we have worked with a number of schools and the Local Authority. As the Local Authority is reducing its capacity, it was necessary to secure the support we need for the future.

We investigated and evaluated many possibilities but have finally been offered the chance to join The Priory School Trust led by Michael Barratt. This is the best possible outcome for our students. The Priory School is a teaching school in Shrewsbury and has frequently had the best academic results in Shropshire. Their ethos and values are remarkably similar to ours, and as a team we will move forward with a shared wealth of educational expertise and best practice in all areas of the school.

The team at St Martins will remain the same and the day to day running of the school will not feel very different. We will keep our special identity, school uniform, logo, name and our small school family friendliness. We will gain from the vast experience of a talented and successful team in helping to ensure that St Martins School becomes an outstanding, aspirational School for our community.

There have been a number of meetings as part of the formal consultation to discuss the conversion to Academy status. Now we are all really excited by this fantastic opportunity and cannot wait to get started.

Sue Lovecy – Head of School

Funding success for Qube Social Group

Qube is thrilled to have been awarded funding from the Morgan Foundation to continue their popular social group and shopping services for the next three years. Since 2011 Qube has been running a successful social group as part of the CHUMS project which offers people the opportunity to make new friends and try out activities ranging from exercise classes to flower arranging. The group has been a real lifeline to people feeling lonely and isolated in Oswestry and surrounding areas and has helped many people feel connected with their community again.

Whilst CHUMS sadly closed in June, Qube will move forward with this new funding to run the social group weekly rather than monthly, creating the opportunity for even more people to come and join in. Victoria Hughes, Co-ordinator of the social group and shopping services at Qube reports "I am delighted that we can now run the social group weekly as loneliness is such an important issue to tackle. Our group is full of laughter and we



always welcome new faces. I want people to know that if they turn up at Qube on a Tuesday morning they can expect a warm welcome from great friends".

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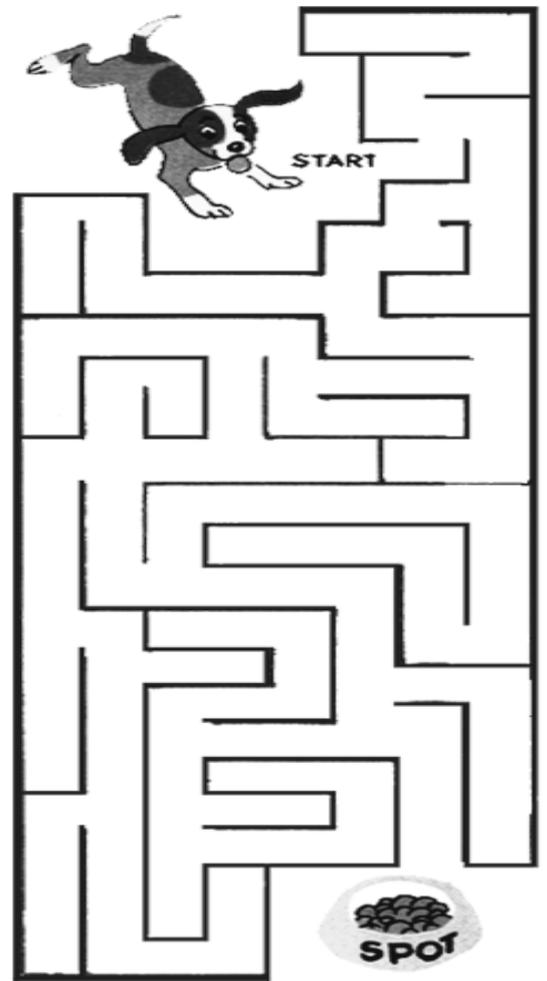


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Friends of Ifton Meadows

In the last edition of Village Life I told you about the additional land that was returned to our site this year, i.e. Railway and Horse fields.

Ifton Meadows became the first Local Nature Reserve in North Shropshire in 2005. Looking through our records we find that we missed our 10th anniversary but hope to put this right by marking

both events with

'A Party at the Meadows'

on the 10th September - 1 to 5 pm on the newly opened Horse field



Because I am writing this in June I cannot give you any definite details, so look out for posters nearer the time. We shall be asking other groups within the village to join us, so if you are interested please get in touch.

The path to the mosaic has now been completed and the 'friends' have been busy with monitoring and working at Green Gyms.

Like all groups/organisations we are still waiting for confirmation on how the Council's cuts will affect our site.

Dates: Meetings: Tuesday 9th August - 7.30 p.m. at Centre

Green Gym - Sunday 14th August - 1.30 p.m. at Colliery entrance.

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Sunday Social Club



Our first two Sunday Afternoon Socials were a great success. The people who attended had an enjoyable afternoon with lots of conversation, cups of tea or coffee and sandwiches and cake.

We have therefore decided to continue with this Club which will take place on the

1st Sunday of each month

the next date being the

7th August at 3.30pm

and the following one on the

4th September at the same time.

Please therefore feel free to join us and if you wish to contact us for more details or have difficulty in travel please call:

Mrs. Valerie Thompson On 01691 658756



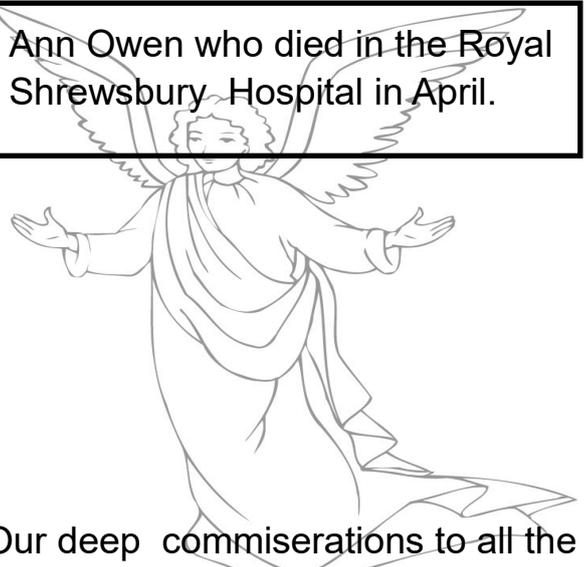
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St Martins Brownies

Each year we spend time planning with the girls to provide them with a fun packed programme. To do this we have Five Essentials that the girls have incorporated into the Guiding programme.



Working together in small groups, self-government and making decisions, sharing a commitment to a common standard, caring for the individual and to have a balanced and varied programme. I am telling you these because we know how much your child is giving to us as guiders and how much they learn from each other and good role models. We see a shy child become confident to put their ideas forward, to make plans and decisions after working things out with others, to have a balanced programme meeting new challenges head on and to share the fun with others. Guiding this year is proving to be bigger and better than ever.



So what have we been up to? Planting a greengage tree to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday and holding a tea party which was very well attended. A big thank you for the donations of pennies and to family members that attended.

The Brownies have been away for a camping weekend. We stayed at the old Lyneal school which is now a Guiding house. Twenty of us working together as part of a Boots, Boats and Bike badge. There were lots of vegetables to peel and dishes to wash.



The girls planned their menus and the activities they would like to do while there. There was one



activity we had all looked forward to and that was the boat ride with the promise of having a go at steering the canal boat and we were not disappointed. We all had a fabulous day and the skipper "ALAN" was great fun. The sun was shining and hot, walking was hard, but everybody was tired at the end of a perfect weekend. Many thanks to the Lyneal trust for doing that for us all.

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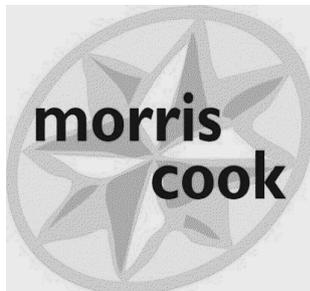
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June Report

What a lovely day with fantastic weather at the Derwen fete. The W.I. stall with prizes (donated by West Felton, Whittington, Gobowen and St. Martins) sold for just £1 each. These were fabulous gifts for Ladies, Gents, & children of all ages catered for (and which raised £171).

On the 7th at the Miners Institute we had a wonderful PAMPER EVENING. Lisa from Silhouette and Deb from Pretty Vintage came and gave a lot of the ladies hand therapy massage, and gel polished nails. All these and more enjoyable TREAT-ments are HERE on our doorstep. After tea/coffee & biscuits those who wanted to had huge fun playing blind whist (have you ever played this game? It's amazing how many people don't know how, even children can play it). On the 18th and 19th we catered at the Steam Rally at Park Hall. On July 26th, a week earlier than our planned trip, we went to Llandudno, joining with the Fellowship trip as each year it gets harder to fill a bus. September is going to be a busy month for the W.I. here in St Martins, especially on the 24th when we are hosting an Autumn Ramble for all of Shropshire W.I.s showing them the beautiful countryside we live in around us.

Come and see or ring for information. You don't have to join and you DON'T have to be over 40 !

July Report



Mary Flavell came and told us all about the AM in Brighton where both resolutions were passed. The avoid food waste resolutions came from a Shropshire lady (Snailbeach W.I.) and the other on NHS hospitals to improve care for patients with dementia came from a Cheshire lady (Norley W.I.). She said she felt very proud that both ladies were quite local to us. It was an experience that all members should see at least once. Next year the AM in June will be at the Echo Arena in Liverpool so ladies get your glad rags ready!

“Baz” - Mr Barry Fewster from Hawkstone Park Follies - wowed us with stories, slides and videos about the powerful and timeless landscape, which is only the other side of Shrewsbury.

A Big Local grant has been successful to help fund a Tie/Die workshop. This will be on October 15th in the lounge at the Miners Institute and it will be a great opportunity to come and try it. Why not come and have a go?

Names of volunteers for the Autumn Ramble on September 24th were taken, also numbers attending the Group meeting at Gobwoen on September 28th as there is no meeting in August. Our meeting on September 6th we will be having a “Happy Feet” presentation by Deborah Shaw, foot health practitioner.



St Martins Guides have linked up with the National Trust and have visited Chirk Castle and Erddig on several occasions this summer term. In May they joined Oswestry Guides for a Trail around the grounds of Chirk castle. Then they had a combined weekend camp with a group of Liverpool Guides also at Chirk Castle.

Lily Waring has written a report about it

'Putting up the tents was harder than we thought it was going to be! We had to re-start a couple of times. Shortly the Liverpool guides arrived and they joined us for lunch.

The next day we got to have a proper look around the castle. The Myddleton family home was amazing and we were told that they still lived in part of it. At dinner we made pizza and for pudding we had a choice of baked bananas or smores (toasted marshmallows between biscuits). We had to prepare and cook it all by ourselves without using utensils. After that we made bivouacs which are a type of den made of tarpaulin.'

In June, the guides joined the rest of Shropshire Guides at a sleepover at Dana prison after travelling to Shrewsbury in the train with their sleeping bags. During the evening they took part in several activities there.

The following morning they took part in a Monopoly challenge around Shrewsbury.

On June 21st the guides went to Erddig for an activity with a warden there which entailed paddling in the stream around the estate. This was followed by a small campfire and singing.

In July they have been canoeing on the canal at Queen's Head, joining a Guiding district picnic at The Ironworks, Queen's Head, and hosting an evening for Oswestry and St Martins Guides at Ifton Meadows.

The summer term will end with a five day camp at Chirk Castle. Planned excursions will hopefully include Chirk Leisure Centre and a trip to Llangollen for a horse drawn canal boat trip.

A special thank you to the wardens at Chirk and Erddig for allowing the Guides to visit and another thank you to the parents who transport the guides to all these activities outside the normal meeting place.

FRUIT CAKE

8 oz Self Raising flour	4 oz soft margarine
4 oz castor sugar	12 oz mixed dried fruit
2 eggs	1/2 cup of milk
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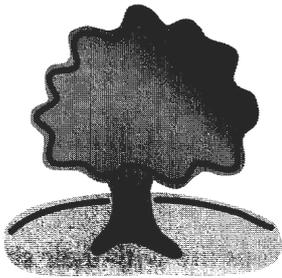
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Wheels2Work, managed by The Shropshire Rural Communities Charity, currently offers low cost scooter, electric bike or push bike loans along with transport advice and support with car maintenance to help people find or keep employment.



While **Wheels2Work** operates all over the county, the Three Parishes Big Local has specifically funded Wheels2Work to provide intensive support to residents of the Three Parishes Big Local area.

One **Wheels2Work** client, Eoin Blakeway, says, “it’s been a worthwhile thing. I’m home from work in half an hour, not having to rely on two buses, which were not even available on Sundays or late evenings”. Eoin also says that, consequently, the scheme had enabled him to do extra hours at work.



The scheme now helps around 200 people each year to find or stay in work and increase their independence, whilst helping businesses in the county to recruit and retain staff.

More information about the scheme and how to apply is available on the Shropshire RCC website

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Photo: Eoin Blakeway; a Wheels2Work client

During the last few months, the Three Parishes Big Local Partnership has been pleased to award a number of Community Chest grants to local groups. The groups that have been awarded grants are:

St Martins Angling Club, who have received £320 towards equipment for their pond including safety equipment for the Carrot & Carp site

Chirk Bank Community, who have received £500 towards the cost of a new door and frame for Chirk Bank Chapel building

St Martins WI, who have received £250 towards a craft workshop

Weston Rhyn Trust, who have received £400 towards a project to renew the outside area on the Weston Rhyn rec.

There are still grants available from both the Community Chest and Big Grants Scheme funds. Please get in touch with us for more information or if you would like to apply for a grant.

A BIG 'Thank You' to all the community groups and individuals that came along with their stalls or took part in a performance at our Big Celebration on May 14th at St Martins School. We have received some really positive feedback from many of the residents that came along. We hope that you enjoyed the afternoon and got the chance to sample some of the tasty refreshments provided by St Martins School Supporters Club. We received a staggering 182 entries for our 'Design a 90th Birthday card for the Queen' competition, and would like to thank all the children and young people who took the time to create a design. Congratulations to the prize winners: Cassie Edwards, Lyla Evans and Bailee-May Jones who all won £15 vouchers for Booka bookshop in Oswestry. Here is just a sample of the cards we displayed



As part of a Three Parishes Big Local funded project, Fairshare Credit Union have been working with Gobowen Primary School to develop a School Savings club. School staff and Year 5 and 6 pupils have been working with Andrea Broady from Fairshare to get the service up and running. The savings club finally opened its doors for pupils to make their first deposits on Tuesday 7th June, and is now open every Friday. The response from parents and pupils has been fantastic and by the end of June there are now 20 signed up members and between them they have saved a whopping £224.68.



Looking forward for something to do over the summer holidays? TNS will be providing FREE weekly multi sport activities for over 10's at St Martins Playing Fields (behind Stans) starting on Wednesday 27th July from 2.00pm until 4pm – Please contact Naomi Stocker at TNS for more information on 01691 684840 or email: Naomi@gotothevenue.com. They are also hoping to run sessions for younger children (aged 5 to 10 years old) at the same time –please keep an eye out for flyers that will be on the notice board at the end of Green Lane.

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Finally, the Three Parishes Big Local Partnership has welcomed a new member of staff to the team. Paula Pugh joined the Three Parishes Big Local team as Communications and Community Project officer at the beginning of June. One of Paula's first tasks will be to look at ways of supporting local groups to promote their events and fundraisers. If you are part of a group that is organising an event, please let Paula know.

To contact Bridget, Paula, or the Three Parishes Big Local Partnership:

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