

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

Thanks yet again for the response to my request for more help in the last magazine. This time we welcome Sue Goode to our delivery team – she has offered to deliver to School Lane from this issue onwards. Thanks also to Effie Cadwallader who has offered to act as a reserve to cover any of the current team when they are not able to deliver any specific edition.

As St Martins grows in size, with more new houses being built and lived in, we will continue to need two things in particular – more volunteers and more money to cover the increasing cost of production. When we first started **Village Life** we needed 1,250 copies for each issue, but by the end of this year that number will have risen to at least 1,400 and we know it will grow again in 2017 and beyond with the resulting extra cost. You can help sustain the magazine by dropping your loose change in the collection box at the Kiosk in Stan's – or if you prefer, make a direct donation through the Centre.

We continue to give publicity for local clubs, organisations and projects and the highlights in this issue include the results from the 4th Annual "Grow It, Make It, Show It" Show, the recent "Party at The (Ifton) Meadows" together with the first news about the idea to commemorate in 2018 the 50th anniversary of the closure of Ifton Colliery.

If your club, organisation (or new business) wants to let people know what it is doing, or if you have an opinion that you want to share, please get in touch. You can email Village Life at the email address below, or you can phone me direct on 770677 or 07850 837481.

Finally, we list a range of (hopefully useful) contact numbers at the back of the magazine, but we rely on you to keep them up to date. If you know of any changes to those numbers, please let us know so that we can keep the list correct and accurate.

John Stevens (Chair of the Editorial Committee)

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**If you wish to submit an article or advertise in the next publication
please email it to stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com
by no later than Friday 18th November 2016**
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This publication will be delivered FREE to every household within the Parish of St Martins.

Should you not get one please email
stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com

**There is a large print version at the St Martin Centre for
people with sight impairment.**

Parish Council

From the Chair

Hello Everyone

Well, what a summer, very little rain (except on Car Boot Sale day), and lots of warm sunshine (even hot at times). Great for people but the hanging baskets succumbed to the ravages of not enough water. The Parish Council had a watering contract in place which under normal British summer condition would have been adequate but this year they did not last very long and I had them taken down in July as they were mostly dead. We will try again next year. Is there anyone who can take on the watering next season?



The RoSPA report is in. This is the Annual report compiled by a RoSPA inspector. It looks at every aspect of the equipment on the play areas at the front of the Centre. It reports that there are no major concerns and only a few remedial maintenance issues to be looked at. As you may have seen in the press, there is a perceived issue of the gate to the skate park being a danger. The inspector concluded that given that the opposite side of the park is not

gated it would allow for the gate being removed and replaced by a chicane. The Parish Handyman has been instructed to do this. There is a copy of the full report at the St Martins Centre should anyone wish to read it.

Talking about the Play Park there was a new disclaimer notice at the entrance and someone ripped it off the bars and took it down the road and lent it up against a lamp post. Did anyone see anything? Please get in touch if you did.

Traffic issues are still a major area for concern to the Council. The HGV's, the speed and the confusion on the mini roundabout by Stan's are all major issues which we are working with the Police to resolve.



***Don't forget the
Annual Act of Remembrance on
Sunday 13th November 2016***

***Starts at 10:45 at the War Memorial (by Stan's)
service will then continue at the Parish Church led
by Rev. Stuart Jermy.***

Sue Schofield
Chair of St Martins Parish Council

Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

Following the summer break in August the September parish council meeting was held in The Moors Community Centre. During the public session a number of residents from Moors Lane expressed concern over scramble type motor bikes using the bridle track at the end of this lane. When questioned by the public the riders stated they have the right to use this area. Shropshire Council will be asked to clarify the situation but in the meantime members of the public were advised to note any registration numbers they can get and report to the police and also document the evidence including photos if possible.

Councillor Paul Milner (Oswestry Town Council Mayor) attended the meeting to explain his campaign to support the retention of Accident & Emergency Services at Shrewsbury. The known difficulties regarding finance and staffing within the NHS and the county of Shropshire. Telford is already jointly served by Shropshire and its proximity to Accident & Emergency Services in the Wolverhampton and Stoke areas. However, in Shropshire, and in particular Northern Shropshire, serious difficulties and factors apply that put patients at significant risk of loss of life if facilities at Shrewsbury are removed. If A&E facilities were sited only in Telford, the distance to travel from certain parts of North Shropshire, journey times along the A5 and the Shrewsbury bypass together with problems of access to public transport - and being mindful of the projected growth of Oswestry and its surrounding parishes - would put lives at risk. The Parish Council agreed to support this campaign.

Concern was expressed over the development on land west of Cottage Lane and the lack of any response from Clive Wright, Chief Executive of Shropshire Council to our request in July on what action is being taken, or is planned to be taken, by Shropshire Council to ensure that this developer adheres to and fully complies with the conditions imposed on the approved planning application.

Members made no comment on a number of planning applications that had been received since the last meeting. However on an application for approval of all reserved matters pursuant to permission 13/05016/OUT for the erection of two detached dwellings and associated garages on land east of 8A, Moors Lane, St Martins Moor, Shropshire, Councillors expressed concern that the previous application was for four small dwellings and not two large dwellings. Safety grounds are being ignored and reserved matters should not be used for such a major change of the development. The new proposals were not in keeping with the area and again concern was expressed over access and flooding. Councillors also objected to a new Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of 8 more dwellings on land off Cottage Lane, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3BL as this was an over development of the land and provided inadequate and unsuitable access onto Cottage Lane from either proposed option.

The new Parish Council website is now up and running and can be viewed at www.stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Members of the public are being encouraged to sign in to this site to enable this to reach the top of the Google search engine.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a Full Council Meeting on Thursday 13th October 2016 at 7pm in The Community Centre, St Martins.

Edward Davies. Fellow ILCM

St Martins Parish Clerk.

Current Parish Councillors

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Irene Constable	01691 238357
Gordon Fryer	01691 774520
Neil Graham	01691 778427
Mark Hayball	01691 770207
Brian Herbert	01691 772647
James Hoos	01691 661218
Duncan Laing	07702 991 845
Glenn Pennington	01691 778477
Lesley-Anne Roberts	01691 776438
John Lewis	01691 774676
John Sands	01691 772394
John Stevens	01691 770677
Sue Schofield	01691 777710



St. Martins Parish Church

Sunday: 9:30am our usual Morning Worship Service
with Communion (no Comm. on 3rd Sunday)

Sunday FIRST Messy Church

2nd Oct and 6th Nov 11am.

A short service with music, story and prayer and
afterwards coffee, cake and some **craft activities**.



Weekly Events

Our Website www.stmartinsparish.co.uk

Tuesday Coffee morning at 10:30 in the church hall.

Thursdays 9:30am Mid week communion

Fridays 7:30 St. Martins and Weston Rhyn Church youth group @ St.
Johns Weston Rhyn

REMEMBRANCE Service 13th Nov. This year with the Ifton Colliery Band
after the 11.00 service at the war memorial.

Alpha Evenings

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Alpha is for anyone who wants to explore the
big questions of life. The talks are designed
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us know if you want to join us.

Alpha

Contact: Revd Stuart Jermy - sjvicar@btinternet.com; 778 468 or
text 07766 255436 - for weddings, Christenings or for a chat anytime.

Shropshire Council

Councillor Steve Davenport

Unitary Councillor, St Martins School Governor, Chair of St Martins Centre Trustees

Dear St Martins Residents

As soon as the schools go back Autumn approaches quickly, but I hope the summer was kind to everyone.

The end of the summer for me was the Grow It, Make It, Show It, Show at the Centre. It's really nice to see people bringing their produce and crafts. I was pleased to be asked to give the prizes and I hope to see even more of you there next year.

Also Ifton Meadows had a lovely event which I'm hoping will become a regular event. Please support this hard working group who look after the meadows, they are also looking for volunteers, so if you have a bit of time and a lot of willingness and love of birds and flowers this is for you. A big problem there is dog poo, so ideas of how to get the message across to inconsiderate dog owners would be very welcome.

This is the first term at St Martins School as an Academy and a step closer to being an outstanding school which it will deserve.

I am continuing with the battle against speeding in the village, talking to the Police and the Council to try and put new measures in place.

Please if you need any help don't hesitate to call at the Centre ,or call me - I will always come and visit with the upmost confidentiality,

Please call or email me if you have any queries

Tel **07944097876** Email: steve.davenport@shropshire.gov.uk

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## **September Quiz 2016**

1. What is generally considered to be the half way point between John o' Groats & Lands End?
2. What colour wine goes into sangria?
3. Mozzarella cheese is used to top which snack-food favourite?
4. Who was the first rock star to become chairman of a soccer club?
5. Which nutty chocolate is sold in triangular bars?
6. What does an entomologist study?
7. How many strings does a Spanish guitar have?
8. Who was the Brown Bomber?
9. What is Reuters?
10. In Australia what is a jumbuck?

Answers on page 19



# Grow It, Make It, Show It

Another successful Show. Thanks to all who exhibited for their time and effort in growing/making and tending their entry and coming on the day to make a contribution to this community event. I was pleased to hear from the two new judges (Vic Roberts and Andy Kenyon) that our show was one of the better ones this year with a lot of good quality entries. All winners of the raffle will be displayed at St Martins Centre. Next years show will be on Saturday 16th September 2017, so start planning now. Volunteers for the committee are always needed or if you are able to help as a steward on the day please contact me Sue Schofield on 777710 or at the Centre or email me at [suescho@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suescho@hotmail.co.uk)

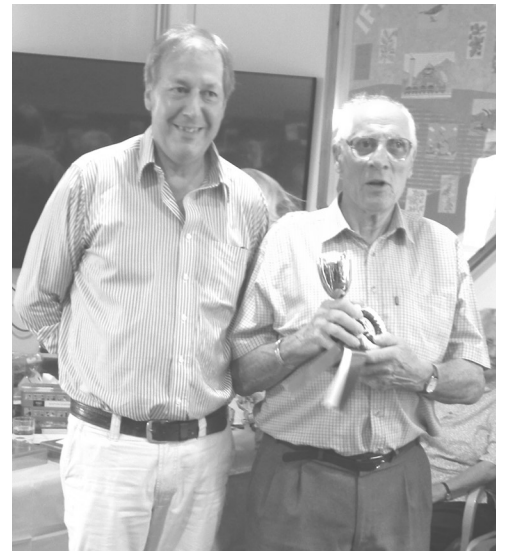
Once again Steve Davenport was kind enough to give his time to award the prizes to all the Section Winners, Best in Show and officiate at the Raffle.



Allotment Holders –Top Tray winner  
Alison Davie



Section F—Craft Winner  
Mary Thornton



A Section-Fruit & Veg Winner  
John Crain



B Section-Flowers & Pot  
Plants Winner  
Jude Williams



D Section-Photographic Winner  
Sue Schofield

## Section E—Cookery Winner Duncan Laing for his Man Cake

Unfortunately Duncan had to work on Saturday so his wife received the Cup on his behalf and also the Wooden Ladle for the Best Man Cake



**BEST in SHOW Winner**  
Mary Thornton



Section C—Children's  
Lexi Davies

John Crain's  
Marrow

Jude Williams  
Beautiful Dahlias

Sue Schofield's  
Photograph of a  
Spiders Web

Mary Thornton's  
Beautiful Hand  
Knitted Jacket

Duncan  
Laing  
Man Cake



Lexi Davies' Picture of Someone I Love

# Grow It, Make It, Show It



Not all the children were able to stay for the prize giving on Saturday at the Show but Sue Schofield the Chair of the Show Committee was able to join the Primary Schools Assembly on Friday morning 23rd Sept. She said "It was a great pleasure to share some time with the Primary School and what a privilege it was to present the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Highly Commended prizes to the

winners. It was also a great honour to present Lexi Davies with the Children's Best in Section Cup for her delightful picture entitled 'Someone I Love' (her Mum). All-in-all a very well spent hour in school".



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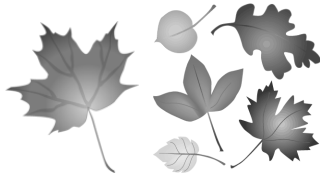


# St Martins Methodist Church

(Ellesmere Road)

Minister: Rev. Heather Wilson 01691 769164

**Thursday Coffee Mornings 10.30 – 11.30**



Fun for Families



## AUTUMN MESSY CHURCH

Ellesmere Road Chapel

**SUNDAY October 9<sup>TH</sup> 11.00 am**

Join us for lunch after the service.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>St Martins</b><br><b>10.00</b> | <b>October 2<sup>nd</sup></b><br>Watts   | <b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b><br>Messy Church<br>11.00 | <b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b><br>Drury | <b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b><br>M Bennett      | <b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b><br>Rev Wilson |
| <b>Moors</b><br><b>11.00</b>      | Rev Nickless                             | Holmes                                                 | Bennett                                 | AWT                                              | Rev Wilson                                   |
| <b>St Martins</b><br><b>10.00</b> | <b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b><br>Walker | <b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b><br>Parish Church       | <b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b><br>AWT  | <b>November 27<sup>th</sup></b><br>Rev Wilson HC |                                              |
| <b>Moors</b><br><b>11.00</b>      | Drury                                    | <b>Parish Church</b>                                   | G Winter                                | Rev Wilson HC                                    |                                              |



## Christmas Messy Church



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**



# **St Martins Youth Club**

**Friday evening sessions 7.30 – 9.00 (term time only)**

**All young people age 10+ welcome.**

**£1 entry (activities free)**

## **FREE TNS sports session**

A variety of sports for all ages (10-16)

WEDNESDAY October 26<sup>th</sup>

2.00 – 4.00 on field by The St Martins Centre.

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