

# What's on in June!

Sun 2th	Sunday Social Club	St Martins Centre	3pm
Tues 4th	WI Heritage Sewing Circle The Tudors	St Martins Institute	7:30pm
Thurs 6th	Strawberry & Cream Tea	Ellesmere Road Methodist	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Sat 8th	Car Boot	St Martins Playing Field	from 9am
Sun 9th	Green Gym	Ifton Meadows Colliery Entrance	1:30pm
Tues 11th	IMMC	St Martins Centre	7:30pm
Thurs 13th	Parish Council meeting	St Martins Centre	7:00pm
Sat 22nd	<b>Summer Race Night</b> Ifton Colliery Project	St Martins Miners' Institute	7:30pm
Sat 22nd	Car Boot	St Martins Playing Field	from 9am
Sat/Sun 24th/25th	Medieval to WWII Living History	Whittington Castle	from 10am

Please let us know the time and date of events in August/ September for the next edition of Village Life by no later than **Friday 14th July 2017**

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

# Grow It, Make It, Show It

It's that time of year that we need to plan ahead for this years show. Getting that bit of knitting finished or sowing those seeds, completing that picture, whatever it is that shows your capability, that flair. The list of classes are as follows, what can you do?

Please note that the show this year is at the Miners' Institute on Saturday 9th September 2017. The RAFFLE tickets will be on sale soon **1st prize** will be a Helicopter Ride. **2nd prize** £50 cash. **3rd prize** 2 bottles of Vintage Wine and many, many more. Last year we were able to donate £100 to the Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project and would love to do the same this year, so please support us and know we can continue next year.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Section A : Vegetables</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Section B : Flowers and Plants</u>
A1.	3 Potatoes	B20.	5 Dahlias Pompom, any size
A2.	5 Runner Beans	B21.	3 Dahlias (decorative)
A3.	3 Onions (10 oz. and under)	B22.	1 Dahlia (large)
A4.	3 Onions (over 10 oz.)	B23.	3 Dahlias, Cactus or semi Cactus
A5.	5 Shallots	B24.	1 specimen HT Rose
A6.	1 Pumpkin	B25.	3 Gladioli
A7.	3 Leeks	B26.	5 Sweet Pea Stems
A8.	3 Carrots (with tops trimmed and tied)	B27.	1 Lily home grown stem (any verity)
A9.	3 Beetroot (with tops trimmed and tied)	B28.	3 Hydrangeas
A10.	3 Courgettes (not exceeding 150mm/6 ins)	B29.	1 Vase of Flowers (5stems any variety)
A11.	1 Marrow or oversized courgette (Heaviest)	B30.	Pot plant (flowering)
A12.	1 Cucumber	B31.	Pot plant (foliage)
A13.	Any Brassica	B32.	1 Cactus or Succulent
A14.	3 Tomatoes (any variety)	B33.	Fuchsia in any size pot
A15.	5 Cherry Tomatoes	B34.	Pelargonium (Geranium-upright only)
A16.	3 Cooking apples	B35.	Flower Arrangement in an unusual container (overall Height and width not exceeding 6")
A17.	3 Dessert apples		<b><u>Special Section: Allotment Holder Only</u></b>
A18.	Any Other 3 Fruit (same variety)		Best Exhibit by an Allotment Holder
A19.	Any other 3 Vegetable (same variety)		
<u>Class</u>	<u>Section C : Children's</u> <small>open to children aged 11 and younger on 1st September 2017, age to be stated on exhibit.</small>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Section D : Photographic</u> <small>(Un-mounted and Un-framed Max 7" x 5" )</small>
C36.	Decorated Egg Carton (6)	D41.	Photograph – Within the Parish
C37.	Decorated Wooden Spoon	D42.	Photograph – Single Flower
C38.	Necklace made of Vegetables	D43.	Photograph – Pathways
C39.	Collage made from SEEDS	D44.	Photograph – Humours Photo with Caption
C40.	Picture any Medium, Bees & Butterflies		
<u>Class</u>	<u>Section E : Cookery</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Section F : Craft</u>
E45.	Victoria Sponge/Sandwich (Jam filled & Caster Sugar on Top)	F53.	Any Crochet Article
E46.	Fruit Loaf/Tea Loaf	F54.	Any Knitted Article
E47.	Apple Pie on an 8" plate	F55.	Any Patchwork/Quilting/Applique
E48.	Savoury Flan Max 8"	F56.	Any Tapestry/Cross-stitch
E49.	3 Sultana Scones (2" cutter)	F57.	Any other Embroidery
E50.	Homemade Soft Fruit Jam	F58.	Handmade Soft Toy
E51.	Homemade Jar of Chuney <small>(Recycled glass jams acceptable with either a new lid or cellophane)</small>	F59.	Art (Paintings or Drawing)
E52.	Man Cake (must be made by a MAN)	F60.	Any Other Craft

# Village Volunteering

Village Volunteering is a Qube project that aims to **spread the word about local volunteering opportunities and support people to become involved in local community groups.** It is funded by the Three Parishes Big local Programme.

Volunteering is a great way to get to know people, help in your local community and gain new skills and experience; and there are lots of opportunities available locally with things such as admin, helping the elderly or outdoors conservation.

Come and find out more about volunteering opportunities in the area at one of our **drop in sessions**. They are on the First Tuesday of every month in the **St Martins Centre**. The upcoming dates are:

10am-12pm on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

10am-12pm on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

There are also drop ins in Weston Rhyn and Gobowen. For more information contact **Alex Drury**, Volunteering Officer at Qube - **01691 656882** or email [volunteering@big-local.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@big-local.org.uk).



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# St Martins School News

## Year 11

Year 11 have now begun their revision and exam timetable. Staff will be supporting students all through the exam period with targeted revision sessions. Quality revision for the next 6 weeks at home is now crucial; a quiet area away from tech distractions will help to ensure our students are well prepared. Well done to all those students and thank you to staff for attending the Saturday morning version of our 'Revision Café'

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE UNTIL YOU ENTER THE EXAM ROOM** - with revision a little knowledge is better than none at all and could make the difference between a pass and fail.

*"Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."*

If parents need to discuss any issue please come to my Open Door session on a Tuesday, 2.20pm - 3.20pm. If you can't attend in person a phone call can also be taken. Ms Lovecy



## PRIMARY NOTICE BOARD

- Please could all children bring a water bottle in to school as the weather is getting warmer.
- Trainers need to be in school for the summer term. Swimming lessons will start and all of KS2 need swimming hats, girls to wear one piece costume.
- Reminder that if children arrive after the gate has closed they must be brought to the main reception to sign in. This is for fire safety reasons and so that accurate numbers for lunches can be given to the kitchen.
- Fidget hand spinners that are sometimes used by children with autism, seems to be the new 'craze'. These are not permitted in class unless the class teacher gives permission

### Year 3

Sorry another head lice outbreak—please check your child and treat accordingly

Year 11 prom takes place on 29 June at Henlle Park Golf Club.

Tickets are on sale now from Mrs Scott Seabury for £25. A deposit of £5 is needed by Friday 26 May with payment in full by 9 June.

This is always a fabulous night and a great way to mark the end of secondary school life.



## MESSAGE FROM PC LE CLERE

We've recently been informed of some potential safeguarding risks with the app *Roblox*. *Roblox* is a game available for Xbox One, Playstation 4, Windows 10, Apple Mac, iPhone, iPad, Android and Amazon Fire devices. It allows users to create user generated games and share them with their friends in a virtual massively multiplayer world.

*As the game is designed to centre around user generated content, some inappropriate content may be shared with the community.*

It also has social elements built into that allow both public and private chats. This has created some reported instances of this app being used by some adults to make inappropriate contact with children.

*As always, we recommend that you keep an open dialogue with your children about the websites and applications they use online and if needs be ask them to no longer use it, explaining to them the potential dangers.*

## Communication with School

We value greatly the positive working relationships we have with our parents which support our students and our staff work hard to maintain these relationships.

If you have a query about school or your child please contact school through email or phone and we will ensure that the correct person gets the message.

We expect all our staff to use school based forms of communication and not personal texts or social media to contact parents about school issues.

If parents need to discuss any issue please come to my Open Door session on any Tuesday between 2.20pm and 3.20pm.

If you can't attend in person a phone call can also be taken.

Ms Lovecy

## **Monday Morning Baby and Toddler Group**

Monday mornings just became fun again!!

We are pleased to confirm that a new parent led baby and toddler group is coming to St Martins School from Monday 8th May.

Based in the school nursery from 9am until 11am, every term time Monday.

Please come along and join us!!

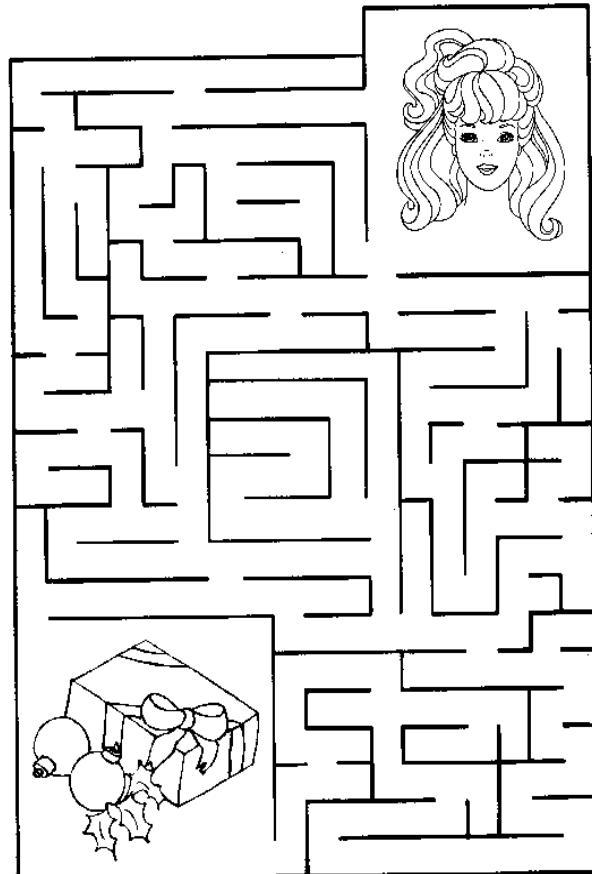
If you have any questions please contact Jen on 07803594788 or [tillyandflo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tillyandflo@yahoo.co.uk)

**Come and join in on Monday May 8th!**

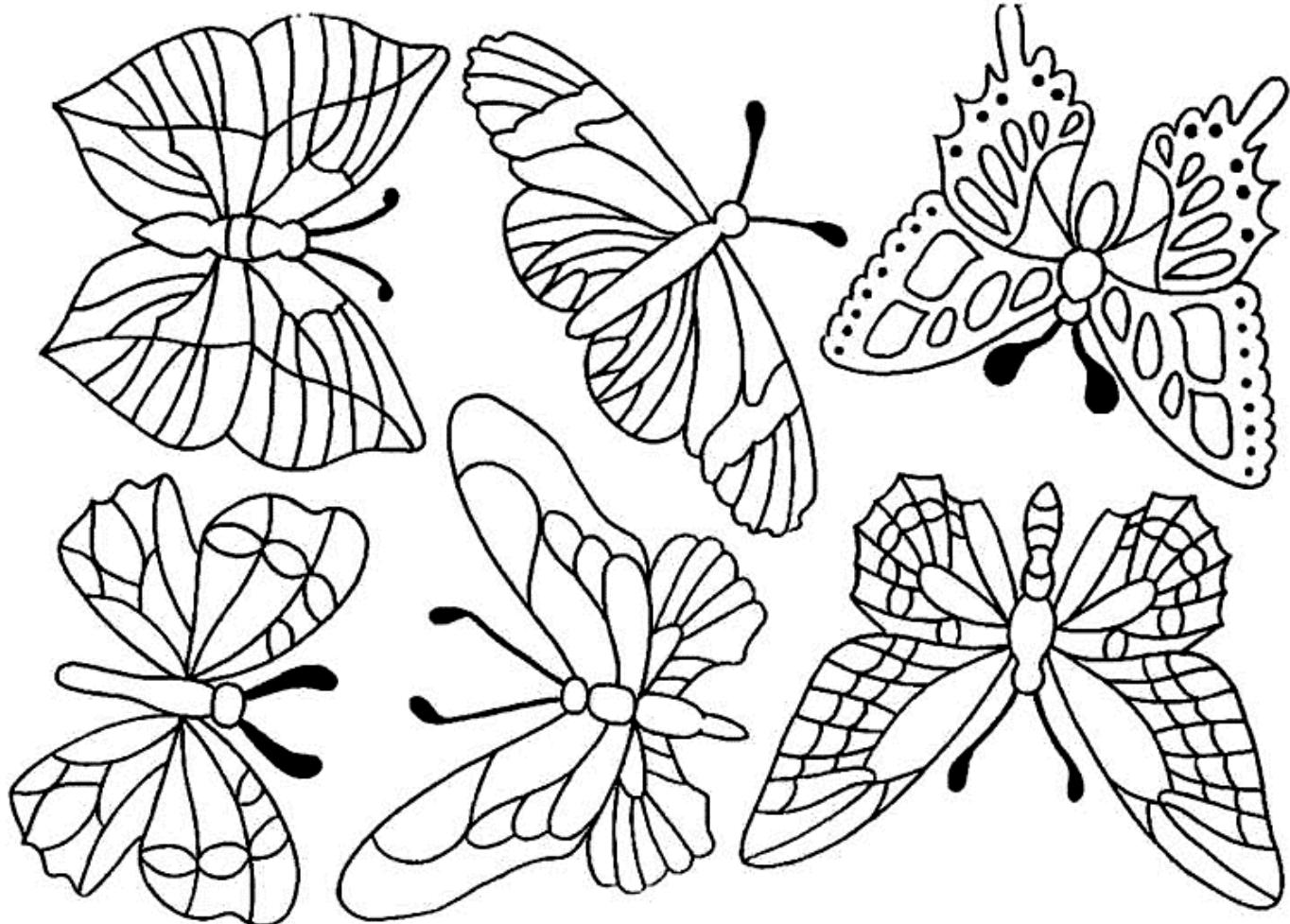


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**Here's a great picture for you to colour**





# At the Ice Cream Shop

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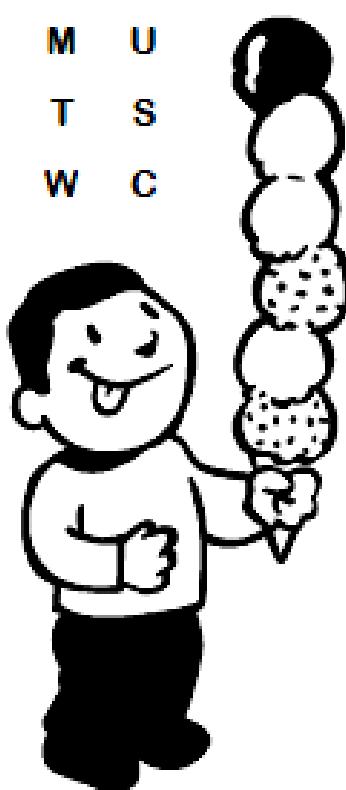
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# Brownies

This is one of the many activities on offer when the Brownies went to PGL. They had the opportunity to take part in this zip wiring over water, Fencing, Areoball and

Giant swing. They swung through the trees on trapezes after first climbing up a ladder, then on to the top of a telegraph pole to catch it. Times like these make the memories that last with a child, the sense of pride and achievement they feel, the many new friendships they make and the boost of confidence and self esteem it gives us all. We all had a fantastic tiring time. It also helps when the food is great as well.



## St Martins Brownies



## St Martins Rainbows

The Rainbows took a day trip on a canal boat called the Shropshire Lad, owned by the Lyneal Trust.

They had a lovely day, and everyone had a go at steering the boat and enjoyed their trip.

## The Three Parishes Community Wildlife Group

The May meeting of the group listened to a very interesting talk by Mike Goosey on the work of the Woodland Trust.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 a group of members attended a wildflower identification training session at Ifton Meadows.



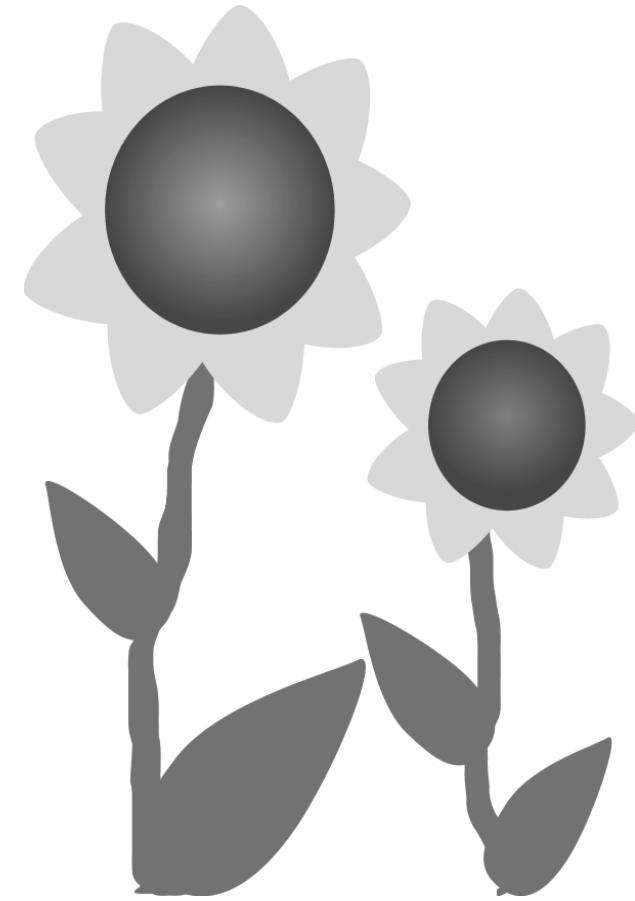
The next meeting, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, will be a talk by Ecologist Sara Hill from the Canal and Rivers Trust. The venue is St Johns Church, Weston Rhyn. Everyone is welcome. There is a charge of £2 each to include coffee or tea. Further information can be obtained from Polly Smith 01691 239087



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1. Robert Louis Steven-son
2. Harold Wilson Ipswich Town
3. Badgers Sardinia
4. Edwared John Prescott Oxfordshire
5. Spencer Jonny Baristow (7 runs behind Joe Root)

# Why not grow a Sunflower this year?



Everyone loves a sunflower - there are so many stories, poems and pictures of them. Now it's **your** chance to grow one, and possibly even win a prize in the process. To make things easy, we have grown over 50 sunflower plants. All you have to do is collect one from **Sue Schofield Telephone 01691 777710**, grow it in a pot or in your garden, keep it watered, fed and supported. If by the August bank holiday Monday you're feeling pretty proud of your specimen, you may have a prize winner. Contact me, Helen Willows, on 778568 before September 1 and we'll come to measure the flowers in time for the Grow It, Make It, Show It show at the 'Stute on September 9. This year we have four categories:

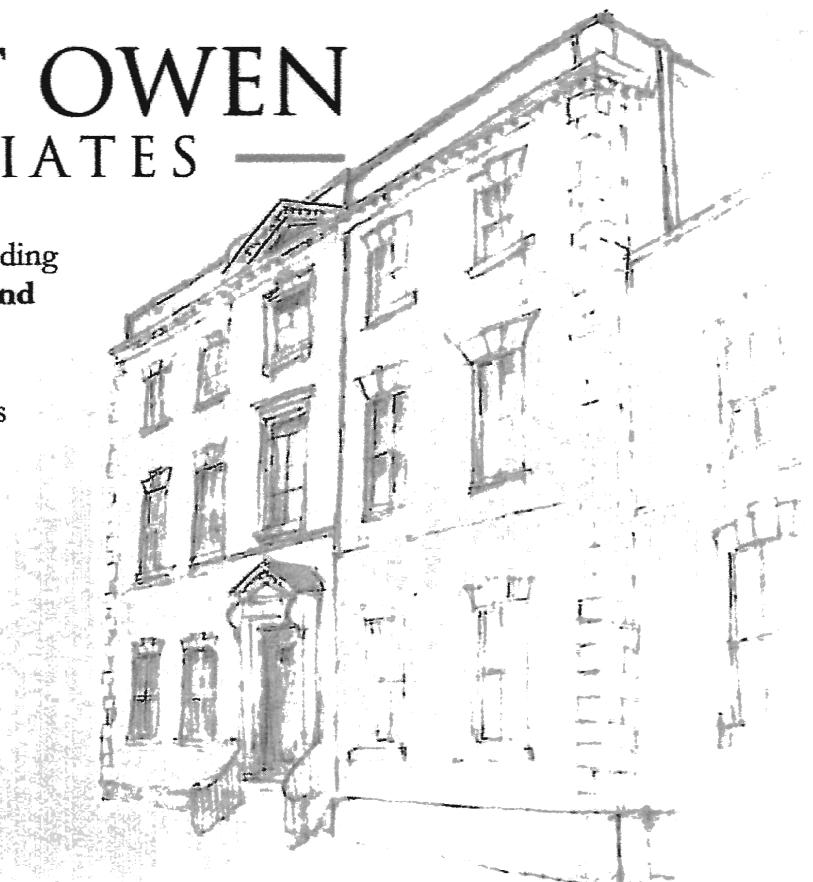
- **year 2 and below at end of August,**
- **year 6 and below,**
- **year 11 and below, and**
- **everyone else!**

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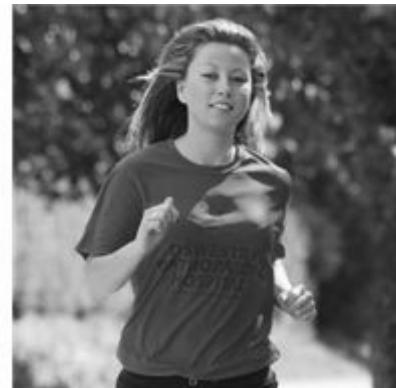
# **Oswestry Round Challenge (ORC)**

## **Saturday 10th June 2017**

The Oswestry Round Challenge (ORC) is now in its second year. It is a 33-mile walk combining parts of Offa's Dyke Path and the Montgomery and Llangollen Canals to form a complete circuit around Oswestry, starting and finishing at the Lion Quays Hotel and Spa complex on the A5 just to the north of the town.

Last year the ORC raised over £16,000 for Cancer Research UK and Lingen Davies Cancer Fund at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. The aim this year is to raise £25,000. The Challenge is based on a book by Dave Andrews and his wife Jane Trudgill. Dave was treated in the Lingen Davies Centre in 2014 and sees both the book he wrote and the annual Challenge as ways of saying thank you for the care he received. 'I wanted to put something back in as the staff at the Lingen Davies Centre were absolutely marvellous - always kind, helpful and compassionate.'

'Jane and I are delighted that the book, which we published with help from Borderland Rotary Club and the Lion Quays and others, has raised over £3,500 on its own. Last year's Challenge was a tremendous success and we've now raised nearly £20,000. We're very proud, naturally. I'm now working on a new book to raise more money for these two excellent cancer charities. It will be called 'Gobowen to Everest' and it's based on a diary I kept on a trek to Everest Base Camp.' This year's Challenge will be held on Saturday 10 June. Those who take part will be able to attempt either the whole route - all 33 miles! - or just half of it and stop at Llanymynech and get a lift back to the start. For more information or to register please go to the Oswestry Round Challenge at [www.oswestryround.co.uk](http://www.oswestryround.co.uk)



## **St Martins Youth Club**



**Every FRIDAY evening (term time only)**

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# Ifton Meadows

## Management Committee

The weather over the first few months of the year has meant that we have not been able to do much work on the Meadows but April saw us out planting 8 specimen trees, 4 *Malus sylvestris* (Crab apple) and 4 *Prunus padus* (Bird Cherry). St.Martins Parish Council paid for 6 of the trees along with fertilizer, stakes, compost and tree guards and the other 2 we paid for out of our own funds.

Some time ago the Parish Council asked if we could find a place for 6 trees to plant in lieu of the two mature trees that had to be cut down within the village. We were happy to do this provided that we could choose the type of trees. As the site is a designated Local Nature Reserve we can only plant native trees. Crab Apple and Bird Cherry were chosen to provide food for birds and bees. The day was dry and hot but thankfully we had a cool breeze which helped. The trees have been planted along the line of the old hedge and should provide lots of colour in the coming years as well as attracting bees and providing food for birds. It was also time to give our new hi-viz jackets with 'Meadows Volunteer' on the back an airing.



Over the winter we have been planning some new information boards for the Meadows. We have consulted with a designer and aim to provide one board with a map and some information about the flora and fauna and another on the history of the site and Ifton Colliery. We have been accepted for a grant from Tesco's "Bags for Help" scheme, so if you or anyone you know shop at Tesco's in Ellesmere any time over the next two months, the more tokens that go in the Ifton Meadows box the more money we are likely to get towards our new boards.

Meanwhile, keep enjoying the Meadows and watch for the early summer flowers. Bees and butterflies should be well in evidence too.

### **Dairy dates: All welcome**

Workdays - Sunday 11th June and 9th July - 1.30p.m. at Colliery Entrance.

Meetings - Tuesday 13th June and 11th July - 7.30 at St.Martins Centre.

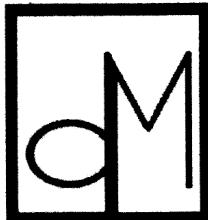
## **Sunday Social Club**



It will be the first anniversary of our Sunday Social Club on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June** and we intend to have a birthday celebration. It has been a fantastic year for the club with numbers growing and our attendees have such a lovely time. They have plenty of time to chat with friends they have made and we also arrange quizzes and other means of entertainment when we can. There is always plenty to eat with cakes, sandwiches and copious cups of coffee and tea, so if you are at a loss to know what to do on a Sunday afternoon please come and join us.

The Club takes place on the first Sunday of each month at St. Martins Centre Lounge and the next meeting after the birthday celebration will be **2<sup>nd</sup> July**. **Please do come along.**

If you wish further details please contact Mrs Valerie Thompson on 01691 658756. If you have difficulty in travelling to the centre it may be possible to arrange transport for you.



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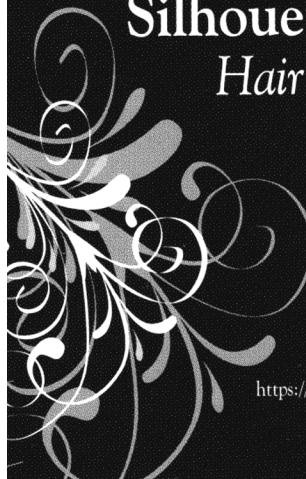
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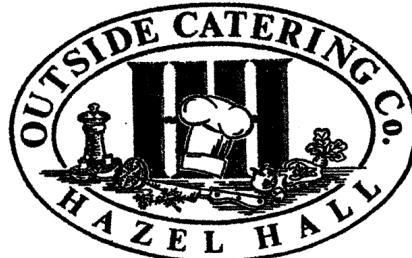
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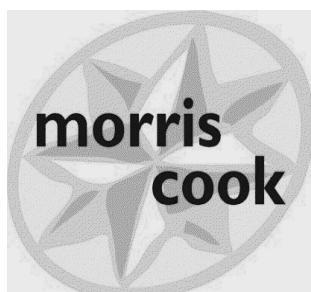
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## April Report

Our meeting was held on 4th April and we welcomed 4 visitors. Sue Schofield, Parish Councillor and Chair of the project to erect a memorial statue to remember the lives of the St Martins miners, also attended to answer any questions on the proposed

memorial. It was our Spring Show and she very kindly presented the trophies to the winners of the various categories. The winner of the preserves was Helen Williams, the winner of the cookery was Ann Sadler, the winner of the floral was Ann Sadler. Handicrafts was jointly won by Joyce Sands and Helen Williams. Overall show winner with the most points was Ann Sadler. Best in show was Alice Wilding and best in floral was Morfydd James. We had a wonderful selection of entries so well done to all who took part. Our speaker for the evening was Gillian Sturgess of Chimes Cakes. She demonstrated how to make animal characters using a Cadbury's Creme Egg. There was a chicken, a rabbit and a sheep. She made it look so easy and the results were amazing. Then we all had a go! Well it wasn't quite as easy as we thought but we did our best and I must admit there were some stunningly good results. Well we won't mention the bizarre looking sheep (mine). At the end Gillian gift wrapped them in cellophane with a bow so they could be given as Easter gifts and they looked really good. Gillian was thanked by Myfanwy Dulson. New members and visitors are always welcome.



## May Report

Our meeting of the 2nd May 2017 took place at the Derwen College, Gobowen where we were welcomed by Tonia Davies the Marketing and Communications Coordinator. She took us to see the lovely walled garden that the students had created. These students come from all over the country. The college provides training and development for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities. Afterwards we were served with tea or coffee and delicious sandwiches and cake. Then a fascinating talk given by Barbara Cooksey the Admissions Manager. She spoke of the life of Dame Agnes Hunt who founded the college 90 years ago this year, and of how things had been tough in the early years, but Dame Agnes always found a way to overcome them all. She also spoke of how they have progressed into the wonderful award winning college they now are, this being an ongoing struggle to always get better. One of the newer innovations being replicas of "Premier Inn" rooms in which the students can be trained to exactly the same standards and using the same products as those employed at any Premier Inn in the country, so acquiring housekeeping skills and gaining work experience placements at local Premier Inn Hotels. Some students may then be able to take up employment with them. We saw many archive photos covering the changes over the years. Tonia and Barbara were then thanked by Helen Williams on our behalf. We came away knowing much more about this inspirational college than we knew before. We also came away with a lovely goody bag and a wish to see more of what they have achieved in the future.

Our next meeting will be on 6th June and our speaker will be Kevin

New members are always welcome.

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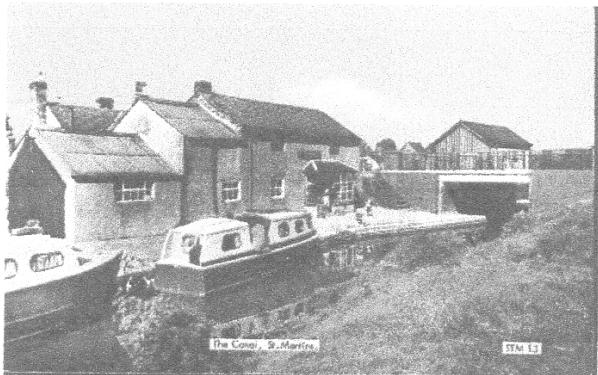
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## St Martins Age Concern Day Centre at Cedar Close

We were all delighted, members and volunteers, to receive the wonderful news that we were being given a grant of £500 from the Three Parishes Big Local Lottery Funds.

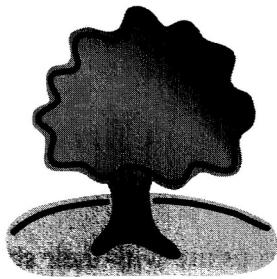
The goods we purchased were a camera, tablecloths, aprons, jig-saws, dominoes, CDs, a DVD, Life Story books, a talk ball and a Musical Bingo. Outings have been planned for the 4th and 18th of July to go on the canal boats at Lyneal.

We are all very grateful for the money we received and it has made a difference with new activities and lots of laughter.

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## June 2017



Do you like to take photographs?

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**Three Parishes Big Local** are offering you the opportunity to have your photo of the Gobowen, Weston Rhyn or St Martins area featured on the front cover of the Messenger. The Messenger is our fortnightly what's on guide to events and activities in our area. There are copies available to pick up in various points in the three villages. In addition to a printed copy, it is also available electronically.

We are looking for photographs of buildings, places of local interest and the local countryside that show the beautiful places we live in.

***The competition is open to anyone who lives or works in St Martins, Gobowen or Weston Rhyn.***

To be in with the chance of winning a £10 gift voucher and a framed copy of the Messenger that features your image:

Entries should either be emailed to [info@big-local.org.uk](mailto:info@big-local.org.uk) or dropped off at one of the collection points, clearly marked **Messenger Photograph Competition**, at:

**St Martins Centre , Weston Rhyn Village Institute    Gobowen Library or  
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Digital image needs to be .jpeg high resolution and landscape format (not portrait).

The printed photograph must be a minimum size 6" x 4" and in landscape.

Please remember to put your name, contact telephone number or email and your age (if under 18) on the back of your entry or in your email so that you can be contacted if you win one of the prizes. Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

Full terms and conditions for the competition are available on our website, [www.big-local.org](http://www.big-local.org), our Facebook page: 3PBigLocal, or by contacting Paula at Qube on 01691 656882.

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### **Message from our Chair**

Now the weather's brightening up thoughts turn to outdoor partying.....a great opportunity to get your local community together.

How about a community BBQ or street party?! This would be a great occasion to get the neighbours together and get to know one another.

Our Community Chest grants are ideal for funding this type of event and can be used for equipment, publicity and anything else that you might need, although we can't fund food and drink, unfortunately.

If this sounds like something you would like to follow up, contact: Bridget or Paula on 01691 656882, email: [info@big-local.org](mailto:info@big-local.org) or at the Qube, Oswald Road, Oswestry, Shropshire. SY11 1RB.

# Dyffryn Ceiriog

## Male Voice Choir

Saturday 13th May saw a packed house at the Miners' Institute. Over 120 people came to hear the choir do their stuff. The 23 strong choir, conducted by Helen Rayner and accompanied by the very able Sarah Morris, sang some classics, Myfanwy and Jacobs Ladder to name but two. Their soloist, Alan, and their Trio, Dave, Fred and Pete, did their choir proud and the audience even got to join in with Delilah. One comment heard was "*this concert was a feast for the ears*". *Big thanks to every member of the choir for a superb evenings entertainment.*

Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project committee would like to thank Sainsbury's for donating some of the 'nibbles' for the tables and committee members also contributed towards their cost.

We would also like to thank Colin for bringing his DVD's along to sell, of many images of the colliery.

The night raised over £900 towards the Miners Statue to be erected in the Memorial Garden in St Martins.

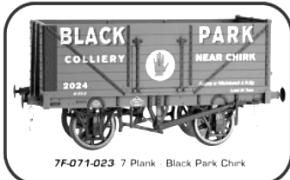


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