

# Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

First, I am delighted to be able to start this month's update by thanking the latest volunteers to join the Village Life team. John Hodgson, Cecilia Young and Ron Jones all responded to my appeal for help with deliveries by offering to join our team of helpers. John is taking over the deliveries to Greenfields, Cecilia is taking on delivery to the Glyn Morlas area, while Ron has agreed to be added to our reserve list and to be available to cover when anyone takes a holiday or is off sick. Welcome all three. If anyone else wants to join the team, please give me a call on 01691 770677. The more the merrier – and new members of the editorial committee would also be very welcome.

Second, a reminder to all of you involved with pubs, clubs, groups or organisations in the area. The centre pages of Village Life are deliberately set up to publicise events in or around St Martins in the two months ahead. Entries are free, but just lately we get the feeling that not everyone is taking advantage of the free advertising this offers. You will see that this month's list is less than full, even though December and the run up to Christmas is always teeming with events and activities. Make sure you are not missing out for your club or organisation by sending notification of your future events to the email address below ( by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for inclusion in the next issue).

Finally, as this is the last Village Life issue of 2017, on behalf of the Committee I must thank you for your support for the magazine in the past year, and wish you, your families and your friends a quiet and Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2018.

We'll be back at the end of January to start another year of Village Life publication.

John Stevens (Chair of the Editorial Committee)

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people with sight impairment.**

# Parish Council

## From the Chair

In the good old days when there were just newspapers and TV, we had true factual reporting of events, along with misinformation, disinformation, distortions, and fake news. Today we have mob-rule by Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and so forth: instant judge and jury of topical events – plus all the illnesses of bad media reporting just mentioned. The wise man said long ago “Do not believe everything you read, or hear, check it out at source, every story has two sides.” Your Parish Council has a policy of open transparency. Villagers can sit and listen to our discussions in Parish Council meetings, our Minutes are published publicly and are on our website and we, as unpaid volunteers, are ready to listen should you talk to us or ring us. But we are not responsible for that which another source or person may say about us. If you are perturbed that the Parish Council is purported to have said or done something scurrilous, then check it out with us. As Councillors, our motivation is always to serve our community for its best welfare, we do not seek to aggrandise ourselves but to serve yourselves.

As we come to Christmas may I remind you our local churches will be celebrating the greatest gift of self-sacrifice ever recorded. The Bible tells us that God so loved the world that whoever should believe in Jesus as their Saviour from sin (their spiritual separation from God) that person would experience life after death. That gift, of course, came in the form of a baby, then a boy, then a man, named Jesus Christ. God gave the gift of His only Son. Now that is not misinformation or fake news. You can check it out at source. And just like believing in, or not believing in, something said about your Parish Council, you can choose to accept or reject the news about Jesus. Just as you can accept or reject whether Santa Claus is real or just a legend, your research will tell you the truth. Recently I saw the film Paddington 2. The bear is a non-existent CGI marvel, but his animators made him stand for goodness and love in human beings. Let us, this Christmas, pass on that sentiment of good cheer amongst ourselves, for as a wise bear said in another film, it is a “bear necessity”.

Every blessing for the New Year.

Glenn Pennington

Chair St Martins Parish Council.

### **A BIG THANK YOU**

I would like to say THANK YOU to John and his staff at the Keys restaurant for their care and consideration when I was taken ill.

Also, especially to the First Responder Effie and the Ambulance Crew for their kindness.

Thank You all again

Jean Imbery

A BIG  
THANK  
YOU

# Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The November meeting of the Parish Council which was held in St Martins Centre.

The Police have looked into the collision involving the bus shelter on Overton Road opposite St Martins Centre. The Police were informed of damage to the bus shelter by a passing motorist at 00:25 hours on 7th October. It would appear a vehicle had been in collision with it and then made off. No-one has reported to the Police that they were the driver. The police have made enquiries with Stan's Superstore and the Miners Institute in relation to their CCTV, unfortunately both cameras had not picked up anything. The Parish Council have now applied through their insurance company (and had approval) for a new replacement bus shelter.

On the subject of CCTV, following a presentation by one of the Centres Trustees at the October meeting on their project to 'Keep Everyone Safe' in the centre and surrounding area, the Parish Council have agreed to fund the CCTV part of this project. This included updating the CCTV with 14 cameras to ensure full coverage of all areas around the building and to cover the field behind Stan's. The Parish Council and the Centre Trustees will continue to liaise through their joint contracts review group to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of camera locations generally and future improvements specifically, while the Centre will be responsible for the costs of annual maintenance, repair, and insurance of the installed CCTV system.

The Parish Council now has six volunteers for the Community Speed Watch scheme. Training will commence once the police can set this up.

Councillors will be considering any amendments to our part of the Oswestry area Place Plan before our December meeting along with any comments on the second stage of consultation on the Shropshire Council Local Plan Review, the 'Preferred Scale and Distribution of Development'. Both consultations end on the 22nd December 2017.

On planning only one application was considered which was for prior notification under Schedule 2 Part 11 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 for the demolition of existing units at Bank Top Industrial Estate, St Martins, Shropshire. The Parish Council supported this application.

As regards Street Naming & Numbering for any new developments, Shropshire Council had proposed the street name 'Green Lane' for the new development on land east of 8A, Moors Lane. With a Green Lane already in the village, and to eliminate any postal address confusion, the Parish Council proposed that this street should be called 'Lilac Lane'.

Although the Parish Council continues to monitor the development along Overton Road, following intervention from Shropshire Council Highways, the developers have removed the undergrowth that was protruding over the footpath. The Parish Council had no further updates from Shropshire Council on improving the yellow lines outside the school and plans to improve the mini island at the junction of Overton Road and Ellesmere Road.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14th December 2017 starting at 7.00 pm in St Martins Centre.

Edward Davies Fellow SLCC  
St Martins Parish Clerk.

## **Current Parish Councillors**

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# Shropshire Council

**Councillor Steve Davenport**

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

Tel 07944097876 Email [steve.davenport@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:steve.davenport@shropshire.gov.uk)

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I just can't believe this is our Christmas edition - I'm sure these years are getting shorter!  
As far as Shropshire Council goes we are trying to keep a tight rein on building in the village and of course on design.

Speed is still high on the agenda to control all our roads especially those through the centre of St Martins.,

I would like to hear your thoughts on the mini roundabout at the junction of Ellesmere Road, Overton Road and Green Lane. While I have heard various people who comment differently, personally I do not think the junction as it is laid out works, nor is it safe. Shropshire Council says there aren't any reported accidents, so therefore it does.

What do you think?

St Martins School is going from strength to strength with many parents now making it their first choice of school. As a result there are now nearly 550 students on roll. Improvements are being made all the time to the buildings and the grounds.

I have residents in touch all the time , so I hope all your problems are being dealt with. Please feel free to contact me at any time ,

I'm also working together with the Parish Council to try to make sure we all pull together, - and I'm pleased to say that most of the time we do.

Thank you to the very many hardworking volunteers in the village. While there are truly too many to mention them all, a big thank you must go to Lesley Roberts for the recent very successful promise auction at the Centre. A job well done!.

Finally, I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. **Steve Davenport**

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## **ST MARTINS ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

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Vice Chairman contact me on  
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# Christmas Services at St. Martins Parish Church

You and your family are warmly invited to our **Advent and Christmas services**. Details below.

|                                                  |         |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>3rd Dec</b>                  | 11.00am | <b>Sunday FIRST (MESSY CHURCH) Toy Service</b><br>A short service with music, story and prayer and afterwards coffee, cake and some <b>craft activities</b> .              |  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>17th Dec</b>                 | 10:30am | <b>St. Martins Church Carol Service</b><br>Telling the Christmas story with Carols and drama and readings.                                                                 |                                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>23rd Dec</b><br><b>4pm</b> | 3.30pm  | <b>Christingle and Carols round the Crib</b> Short service with candle Christingles given out <b>and a very special visitor!</b> Great for all the family. Mulled wine and |  |
| <b>Christmas Eve - 24th December</b>             | 11.15pm | <b>Candlelit Christmas Eve Midnight Service</b><br>A candlelit Carol service with Communion . The best way to start Christmas day!                                         |                                                                                     |
| <b>Christmas Day 25th</b>                        | 9.30am  | <b>Christmas Day Family Communion</b><br>A family service celebrating the birth of Christ. Short communion                                                                 |                                                                                     |

**Christmas** is, for many, a busy time of year filled with the joys of celebrations with friends and family. For others, Christmas can be a lonely time shaped by sadness and memories. Christmas can also be a time to pause and reflect on the wonderful gift that was given to us - "in the darkness a light has come," **God with us.**



The Christmas starts with Christ website begins with these thoughts

Have you ever stood back and wondered what Christmas is all about? Whether there is something missing? It's not that roast turkey, giving presents or spending time with family are bad - those are all great things. It's just that some people believe that maybe we're missing something more, something that gives it all a sense of meaning and purpose.

A little over 2000 years ago the birth of an ordinary looking baby boy in a dirty stable started something special.

In fact for two millennia that moment has divided history in two. Our very calendar is based on that baby's birth. Whatever you believe about who Jesus actually was, it was one of the defining moments of world history.

And that's why we wanted to remind everyone.

We think the reason that otherwise normal birth was so world-altering is because Jesus was someone very special. God had entered into our world on a mission to help it.

Christ started something back in down-town Bethlehem, and he continues to start things in people around the world today.

He's worth checking out for yourself.

*For more about Christmas, our activities & our services please check out our **Website:** [www.stmartinsparish.co.uk](http://www.stmartinsparish.co.uk),*

*Phone anytime: 778 468; phone/text 07766255436 or email: [sjvicar2@sjvicar.plus.com](mailto:sjvicar2@sjvicar.plus.com)*

Revd. Stuart Jermy, wishing you all a healthy and happy Christmas

# St. Martins FC



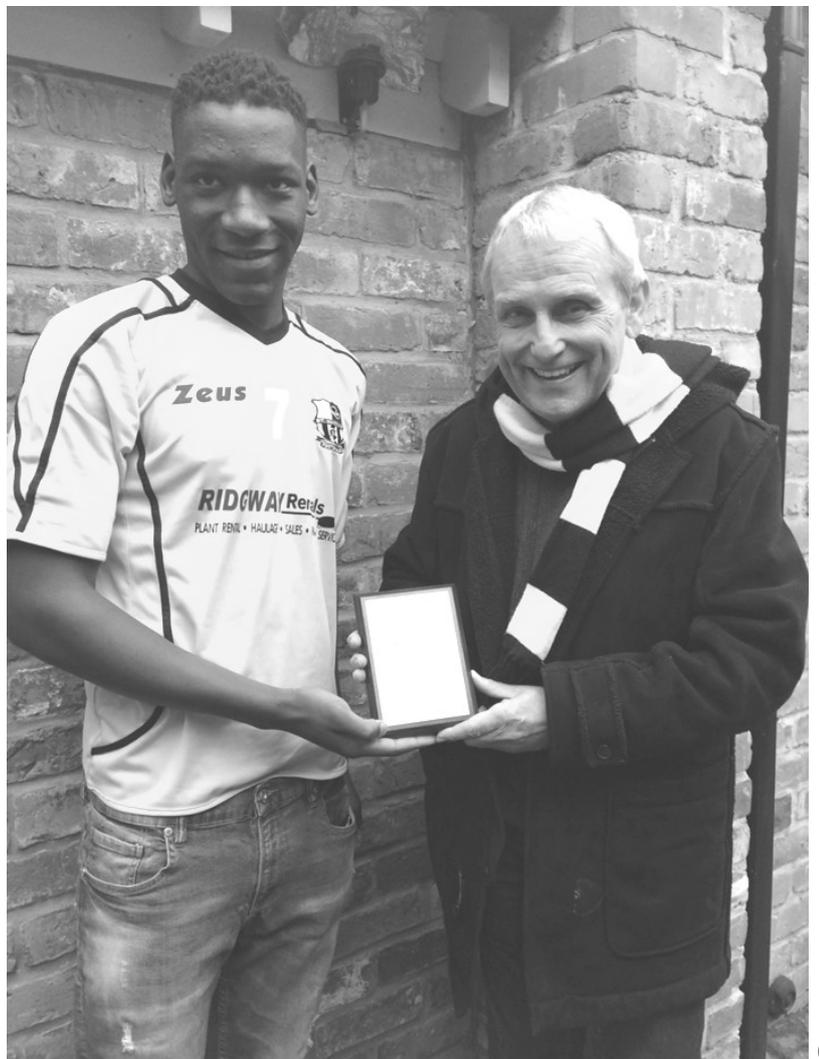
## West Midland League Division One



### Team of the month

St. Martins FC were handed an award by the West Midland League Management Committee for providing the best football performance in Division One of the West Midland League for the month of September 2017. This was a thoroughly deserved accolade following an impressive run of four consecutive wins which provided a sharp contrast to what had proven to be a difficult start to the season. The run that started with a 4-1 home win against high flying Tipton Town, continued with away wins against Willenhall Town, 3-0 and Telford Juniors 5-4, interspersed by a home 3-2 win against Wem Town in the Shropshire Cup. This is the first time that the Saints have been awarded this accolade since their arrival into the West Midland League in 2009 so hopefully this will be the trigger in their pursuit of winning the league, which, following this weekend's 5-0 trashing of Team Dudley is certainly possible.

St. Martins FC Players Representative Shawn Melusi and the club Vice Chairman, Les Williams, proudly hold the West Midland League Division One 'Team of the Month' Trophy.



# Milano's Café Fund Raising Initiative

Jonathan Roberts, Manager of Milano's Café in Oswestry passes over a £155 funding to St. Martin's F.C Vice Chairman Les Williams, Treasurer Andrew Joseph and Players Representative, Shawn Melusi who received the sponsorship on behalf of a grateful St. Martins Football Club. The money was raised by local sponsorship of the Milano's Café staff, who completed the sponsored walk around Lake Vyrnwy on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The Management Committee, Fans and Players of St. Martins Football Club say a big thank you to all those who sponsored the walk and to Jonathan & Amanda Roberts and the staff of Milano's Café who planned and completed the walk.

Left to right

Les Williams - Jonathan Roberts – Shawn Melusi – Andrew Joseph



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|            | Dec 3rd             | Dec 10th           | Dec 17th                 | Dec 24th                  | Dec 31st              |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| St Martins | ChirkAAA<br>1.00 pm | AWT<br>10.00       | Rev Shoreman<br>11.00    | J.Molyneux<br>11.00       | Moors<br>11.00        |
| Moors      | ChirkAAA<br>1.00 pm | M Bennett<br>11.00 | Carol Service<br>6.00 pm | Carol Service<br>11.15 pm | Rev Shoreman<br>11.00 |

|            | Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> | Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> | Jan 21st       | Jan 28th            |
|------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| St Martins | J Molyneux<br>10.00 | Rev Long<br>10.00    | Chirk<br>11.00 | Moors<br>11.00      |
| Moors      | Watts<br>11.00      | St Martins<br>10.00  | Chirk<br>11.00 | V. Knowles<br>11.00 |

## **'Messy' Christmas Service**

Sing carols accompanied by members of Porthywaen Band.

Listen to a story told by Rev Ruth Shoreman

Try some Christmas crafts

Join us for coffee & mince pies!





## Sunday Social Club

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# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

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# Den Baines—A Gift to the Village Children

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The money was from donations given following the loss of Denis Noel Baines, known locally as Den Baines, Pentre Nursery.

The money will be used by the school to set up a Reading Award Project in memory of Den. Den had lived all his life in St Martins and was a great reader himself. Den died on 17th August. The family thank everyone who gave donations for this project.



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## KEEP YOUR SHOPPING SAFE

Now that the festive season is nearly upon us, can I advise you all to be vigilant with regard to your Christmas shopping. Please don't leave it on view in your car in the car park. Make sure it is in the boot or covered up away from the watchful eye of thieves.

I attended an incident in Oswestry a few years ago where a lady had put her shopping in the boot of her estate car in view, before returning to the shops to continue her shopping. Unfortunately someone drew up in a vehicle next to hers, smashed the back window, grabbed all her bags before driving off at speed. It happened so quickly no one was able to take down the registration number of the car and the offenders got away. This was in broad daylight on a busy Saturday and having bought all the expensive presents that were for her children she was unable to afford to replace them.

It goes without saying that you also need to be vigilant at home. There have been occasions when people have been burgled and Christmas presents have been taken from under the tree all wrapped up. If you're going out in the evening, it's a good idea to draw the curtains and leave a light on, making it look like someone is at home. For obvious reasons the crime rate for burglaries and thefts do tend to increase on the lead up to Christmas, please take whatever steps you can to avoid being a victim of crime.

For more crime prevention advice please feel free to get in contact with me.

Please report anything suspicious to the police on 101.

**Kate Le'Clere, PC 3718**

**Oswestry Rural North, Safer Neighbourhoods Team**

**Mobile – 07870 219518**

**PCSO Dave Hughes – 07870 219190**

**PCSO Pete Roberts – 07870 219019**

Please contact us on the above numbers if you have any issues you wish to discuss. E-Mail - [oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

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# November Quiz

## All about phobias

1. Hydrophobia is a fear of what
2. Necrophobia \*\*\*\*\*
3. Hemophobia \*\*\*\*\*
4. Xenophobia \*\*\*\*\*
5. Autophobia \*\*\*\*\*
6. Botanophobia \*\*\*\*\*
7. Gynophobia \*\*\*\*\*
8. Agoraphobia \*\*\*\*\*
9. Cyberphobia \*\*\*\*\*
10. Androphobia \*\*\*\*\*



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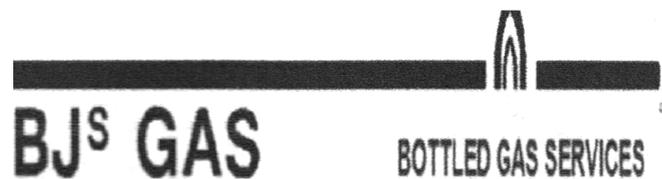
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**Restart January 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**ST MARTINS CENTRE- 7.30 – 9.00**

Age: school year 6 and older

£1 entry. All activities free.

## **Watch out for:**

**FREE TNS Christmas Activity** session at St Martins Centre on Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12.00-2.00 (including buffet lunch).

To book a place contact: [naomi@gotothevenue.com](mailto:naomi@gotothevenue.com)

**GOLF SESSIONS** – we have been offered FREE golf sessions at the Brow Golf Club. These evening sessions will take place in late Spring BUT we will need extra adults to help. More details in next edition of VILLAGE LIFE.

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SUNDAY 8AM-8PM

Ifton Colliery Project committee wish all their supporters a very Happy Christmas.

We know that you are all very busy meeting with family, buying of presents, partying etc. so we have not booked anything until Friday 26th January when Dave Roberts [Scouse] will be at the Keys and, starting at 7.30pm, will tell us of his experiences at House Race Meeting where he worked for many years on the Totes.

There have been some wonderful donations given, not least a £500 donation from Chirk Town Council, presented to Terry Ellis by the Chairman Mr Frank Hemmings, and another £500 from Mr Hefin Looker, the last manager of Ifton Colliery. He is 93 now and still remembers clearly the pit. We hope he will be able to attend and help to unveil the statue of 'The Miner of the 60's' on Saturday 24th November 2018.



The James Lambert Singers' concert on the 13th October was a fabulous evening, such a relaxed and smooth form of entertainment. There's a short video on our Facebook page [search for Ifton Colliery] you might wish to visit, you can keep up with all the news there too. The night raised £463, thanks to all who attended.



Our grateful thanks to Stan's Superstore for agreeing to have the Commemorative Medals on sale in their store. You will find the cabinet by the entrance to the Coffee Shop. Take a ticket of purchase to the counter in the foyer [by the Post Office] along with your £25 and the girls will get you one of the bespoke medals, designed by Mr. George Triggs of Oswestry. 100% of the money will go towards the statue 'Miner of the 60's' to be erected on the Miners Memorial Garden opposite the store. That's right, Stan's is not taking any commission for this service. Thanks again Stan's

We now have just over £15,000 in the kitty so far. In conjunction with the Foundry the process of scaling-up from the clay Marquette to the full scale of 7' 6" statue is about to begin.



The original whistle from the colliery has been donated to the project. A recording of the sound was played at the concert given by the James Lambert Singers, quite a haunting sound. We are hoping to sound it at the unveiling. We are now beginning to look at the programme for the day and would extend an invitation to anyone who might have an idea of what they would like to see or happen to commemorate this very poignant day to speak to either Terry tel: 01691778208 or Sue tel. 01691777710.



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**HAPPY HOUR TIMES MONDAY—FRIDAY**

**2PM-6PM**

|                        |              |                      |              |                            |
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| <b>Carling premier</b> | <b>£2.70</b> | <b>Worthington's</b> | <b>£2.10</b> |                            |
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# Drivers wanted..!!

**Can you spare a couple of hours once a month to help our ladies get to and from their tea parties ?**

Contact the Elderly's Mission statement :

*" There are over four million people over 75 in the UK. Over half live alone and one in ten feel that no one even knows they exist. This deep well of loneliness ruins many lives.*

*To reduce this loneliness, Contact the Elderly (CtE) uses volunteers to provide monthly outings, normally in a family home and on a Sunday afternoon, for people over 75 who are very isolated and live alone."*

St. Martins has its own CTE group of about 10 members, who enjoy getting out once a month to have a chat and a get together over cups of tea, cakes and sandwiches. The group, made up of ladies from in and around St. Martins, have a lovely time attending the tea parties and are always very grateful for the chance to get out and socialise. For some it is the only contact with others that they will have had all week.

At the moment, however, the St. Martins CTE group are desperately short of drivers to pick the ladies up from their homes, take them to the parties, have a natter over a cup of tea and a slice of cake, and then drive them home afterwards. If you have a full licence and a car that can comfortably fit two or three passengers, have a couple of hours spare once a month on the third Sunday of the month, and would like to get involved in helping those who live alone to get out to socialise with people like themselves, then we very definitely would love to hear from you.

The ladies of the group are all lovely and they'll leave you in no doubt as to how grateful they are to you for giving of your time. Those who host the teas in their homes are kind and generous one and all, and those couple of hours on a Sunday once a month give all of the group something to enjoy and something to look forward to.

*"The time I feel most lonely is after six o'clock at night but when I have been out to a Contact tea then I don't feel lonely at all, just fresh memories of a lovely afternoon out with friends" - Pearl, 89 (Contact the Elderly member, from CTE literature).*

So, if you feel like this is something that you might find rewarding, please come forward and get in touch. We would then arrange to meet with you to fill in a couple of forms and, once those things are in place, we would welcome you as a volunteer driver, helping make what might have been a quiet and lonely Sunday afternoon into something very special for our guests.

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If you have a couple of hours to spare, we've got something fine that you could do with them..!!



**CONTACT  
THE ELDERLY**



# What's on in December!

|                                          |                                                   |                        |                 |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Sat 2nd                                  | Christmas Frost Fair                              | St Martins Centre      | 9am – 5pm       |
|                                          |                                                   |                        |                 |
| Sat 's & Sun's<br>2&3, 9&10<br>and 16&17 | Christmas through the ages<br>- medieval weekends | Chirk Castle           | From<br>10.00am |
| Sun 3rd                                  | Sunday Social                                     | St Martins Centre      | 3.30pm          |
| Tues 5th                                 | WI<br>Outing to Chester                           | No meeting this month. |                 |
| Wed 13th                                 | Weston Rhyn Gardening<br>Club<br>Indian Winter    | Weston Rhyn Institute  | 7:30pm          |
| Thurs 14th                               | St Martins<br>Parish Council                      | St Martins Centre      | 7:00pm          |
| Fri 15th                                 | Christmas Fayre                                   | St Martins School      | 3:00pm          |
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