

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

First, I am delighted to be able to start this month's update by welcoming Lynn Morgan who joined our Editorial Committee this month. She is very welcome, but there is still room for more if anyone else wants to join us.

This month's magazine is, I'm happy to say, back to the normal 40 pages, but please keep your contributions coming – and as the Summer(?) approaches – news of your events for the "What's On" centre spread.

In this issue you will see several references to the proposed new community recreation ground and if you have any thoughts on what facilities you might wish to see there please send them to Andrew Cast, chair of the Parish Council Recreation Services committee at accast@hotmail.com.

Next, an apology. The January issue of Village Life was only 36 pages, but every one of them was full! It turns out, however, that about 30 copies had a number of blank pages due to a malfunction with our printer that went unnoticed until after the magazine had been delivered, so sorry to those who received faulty copies, but thanks for telling us. While we don't expect it to happen again, it might!. If you receive a faulty copy, please drop into the Village Centre where we always keep some spare copies.

Finally, a reminder to anyone looking to start a business serving St Martins. We will happily print a free introductory article about your new business to make people aware of it, although we hope you might then place a paid advert in the magazine to further promote it. As well as needing to keep up our number of advertisers, we also welcome donations towards the cost of production. If you have any loose change after shopping at Stan's, you will find a collection box on the service counter. Thank you in anticipation.

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 Wednesday 16th May 2018

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Parish Council

From the Chair



“Read all about it!” was the cry from the old-fashioned newspaper seller on the street. A glance at the newspaper kiosk and News-grabbing headlines caught the eye. The Advertiser continues that tradition and recently caught one’s attention with their good news proclamation about the new sports facilities to be built in St Martins. £1 million to be invested! Wow! Good news, indeed! The article was responsibly written and commendably outlined the exciting potential of Brynkinalt Recreational Site that is to be landscaped around St Martins All-Through School.

Local Councillor Steve Davenport was quoted, “No longer the question, ‘Will it happen?’ But rather the affirmation, ‘It will happen.” Indeed, it will happen, but in our enthusiasm

let us consider that there is much work and attention needs to be paid to detail before it can happen. For instance, in the past, when a communal facility was centred at the School, eventually it became part of the School. That will not happen in this case.

Your Parish Council will put safeguards in place to ensure the sports facilities are for our local community in perpetuity. All sorts of things must be considered and thought through and discussed. Another safeguard needs to be in place should the School close down – not that we expect that to happen, but then the unexpected does happen; so we need to safeguard so that the land donated by Mr Iain Hill-Trevor for our new Recreational Site adjoining the School will still be our recreational land for communal use in perpetuity. This means we cannot rush details. Issues will crop up that we have not thought about and must needs be sorted. So we are taking a steady approach. After all, this is a new venture for most of us, and we want to get it right for ourselves and for the enjoyment of future generations. Work on ground development should start in 2019. In the meantime, we will copy the good things of Dad’s Army: we shan’t panic, nor do anything stupid, nor kid ourselves that this is easy, and we will play our games, with a smile.

Best Regards

Glenn Pennington

*Chair St Martins
Parish Council*



Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The March meeting of the Parish Council was held in St Martins Centre. The Chairman welcomed John Hodgson who had been co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the one remaining vacancy.

Following issues raised at the last meeting over the state of some gardens belonging to rented properties from Star Housing and cars and a van parking on the footpath in Oak Drive, including making access to the post box impossible, Tom Pawley, Housing Officer – Neighbourhoods - Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing, will ask a member of his team to visit the area to note STAR Housing/Shropshire Council properties which may not be to the standard expected. Once identified, they can then write to these properties to request that they are brought to the expected standard within an appropriate timescale, but can also look at support where required. He will also discuss any concerns around rodent problems with Public Protection at Shropshire Council at this time. With regard to the parking issues; he will discuss with West Mercia Police and CSO Hughes about a coordinated approach to remind residents of their responsibilities. We had not received a report from the police.

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that following a recent site meeting with officers from Shropshire Council highways on concerns over the mini roundabout opposite Stans Superstore, they were still trying to establish the owner of grassed area adjacent to this junction before they can come up with a design. As regards additional yellow lines outside school to improve the safety there, this would need a traffic order and require lines that are enforceable.

Councillors expressed concern over the out of date St Martins to Ellesmere, No. 53 bus timetable which had now been altered. No new timetables have been displayed in St Martins, and internet information was incorrect, timetables displayed are out of date. The Parish Clerk would contact Arriva.

Highways would be contacted over a hedge overhanging the highway in Puddle Lane and a large pot hole on the Overton Road just past the Keys Public House car park as you approach the village. The police would be asked to investigate the number of cars that are now parking on the pavement outside The Keys, especially on a Sunday Lunch Time. Concern was also expressed over a car for sale parked on the grass verge opposite St Martins Centre. The police and highways would be informed.

On planning issues Cllrs expressed concern over the size of a development at the junction of Overton Road/Puddle Lane against the agreed planning application, including the position and orientation of the garage and boundary fencing close to the highway which restricts visibility for traffic coming out of Puddle Lane. The Parish Council understand that highways had already expressed their concerns over this fencing, with no action taken from Shropshire Council Planning Enforcement officers.

On the subject of street lighting faults, the Parish Council continue to chase up the loss of power to the light in Colliery Lane and the one in Green Lane that have been reported some months ago to Scottish Power. The main problem now is that Scottish Power sub-contract this work to contractors.

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As this edition of Village life is delivered, I had hoped that our winter season was over but the winter blasts continue to play havoc with our roads. It will be a few more weeks until we can start to undertake major road repairs and improvements

Shropshire Council have appointed a new contractor to undertake the works, starting after the end of March, and we are looking forward to working closely with the national firm Kier of which many of you may have heard.

As many of you may have recently read of the fantastic new opportunities for St Martins and the wider community on land donated for sports and recreation facilities by Ian Hill Trevor. This has come about through working together with the Brynkinalt Estate, St Martins Parish Council, St Martins School (and the Priory Multi-Academy Trust to which it now belongs) and myself. While we still have some way to go, this offers great opportunity for the future generations and the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to praise the work of your Parish Council who work very hard and achieve an awful lot on your behalf.

I am working with the Parish Council on how best we can change the mini roundabout outside Stans, not only to improve traffic calming but also traffic flows at this junction. Before we make any changes it is important that we do not simply increase the speed of traffic on Ellesmere and Overton roads which is already a significant problem.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any issues you may have that concern you in the village. My contact details are at the top of this page.

Regards to all. Steve

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*Continued from Parish Clerks Report*

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th April 2018 starting at 7.00 pm in St Martins Centre. This is the meeting where the Parish Council reports to its electorate on what it has accomplished in the preceding year. Electors, public and press are invited to hear reports from the Chairman, Shropshire County Councillor, community groups and any organisation that the Parish Council has funded during the year. Other local community groups will be invited to address and inform the audience on community matters.

Edward Davies Fellow SLCC - St Martins Parish Clerk.



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# St. Martins Parish Church

- \* Every **Sunday: 9:30am** our usual Morning Worship Service
- \* **3rd Sunday** (15th April; 20th May) Evening Praise and Wor- 6:30pm
- \* **Sunday FIRST Messy Church** 6th May at **11am**. A short family service with songs, Bible story and prayer and afterwards coffee, cake and some **craft activities**.

## Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday Passover Meal 6.00pm.** Join us as we remember Jesus Last Supper before His crucifixion. A Jewish Passover meal in which Jesus gave us The Lords Supper within this traditional Jewish Passover Meal. *Food served, children welcome.*

## **Easter Holiday Club**

On the morning of **Saturday 31st March. 9.50am until 12.15pm**

Our Easter Clubs have been enjoyed by many in the past and so we thought we'd run another one this year. There will be a whole host of craft activities available which we know children of all ages love. *We may also have a new born visitor from a local farm!*

Children over the age of 5 can be left, but we would ask that fives and under are accompanied by an adult.

There will be a small entrance charge of £2 to help towards costs but we will happily give a discount for families with more than one child.

Our leaders are all DSB checked in accordance with church the safe guarding policy.

**It would be good to have an idea of numbers, so if you think you might like to send your child along, just let us know to book a place.**

*email :sjvicar2@sjvicar.plus.com; phone 78 468; text 07766 255436.*

**Easter Day Family Communion 1st April 9:30am with Egg hunt afterwards.**

## Weekly Events

**Monday** Morning Prayer - *Local House Of Prayer linked with Ffald y Brenin.*

**Tuesday** Coffee morning at 10:30am in the Chapter house.

**Thursdays** 9:30am Mid week service in church. **Fridays** 7:30pm St. Martins and Weston Rhyn Church Youth Group (12-19yrs)

**To book a Christening or Wedding and for any other enquiry please contact** Revd Stuart Jermy - sjvicar2@sjvicar.plus.com; 778 468; text 07766 255436

Or check out our Website [www.stmartinsparish.co.uk](http://www.stmartinsparish.co.uk)



# St Martins Methodist Church

(Ellesmere Road)

Minister: Rev Stella Long 01691 622274

**Thursday Coffee Mornings 10.30 - 11.30**

Come along and join us for coffee, biscuits & a chat.

|            | April 1 <sup>st</sup> | April 8 <sup>th</sup> | April 15 <sup>th</sup> | April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | April 29 <sup>th</sup> |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| St Martins | M & A Davis<br>11.00  | Chirk Bank<br>11.00   | At Moors<br>11.00      | Cunliffe<br>10.00      | Rev Long<br>11.00      |
| Moors      | At St Martins         | Chirk Bank<br>11.00   | J.Molyneux<br>11.00    | AWT<br>11.00           | At St Martins          |

|            | May 6 <sup>th</sup> | May 13 <sup>th</sup> | May 20 <sup>th</sup> | May 27 <sup>th</sup> |
|------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| St Martins | Woolley<br>10.00    | At Moors<br>11.00    | Drury<br>10.00       | J.Molyneux<br>11.00  |
| Moors      | Watts<br>11.00      | Rev Long<br>11.00    | Bennett<br>11.00     | At St Martins        |

The minister for St Martins is Rev Stella Long 01691 622274

Join us for Coffee, biscuits and a chat  
THURSDAYS 10.30 - 11.30



# FIRST AID AND DEFIBRILLATOR COURSES

## IN ST MARTINS

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**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, St Martins Centre, 2-4 pm**

### **HEARTSTART EMERGENCY FIRST AID COURSE**

In this session we will be covering how to recognise and deal with a heart attack and a stroke, major bleeding and choking, as well as an unconscious patient. These five emergencies need quick action when bystander knowledge can make all the difference.

The course will be made up of a mixture of videos, interactive instruction and practical activity, and everyone who completes it will receive a Heartstart certificate.

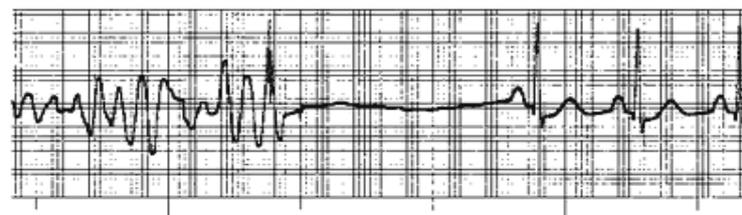
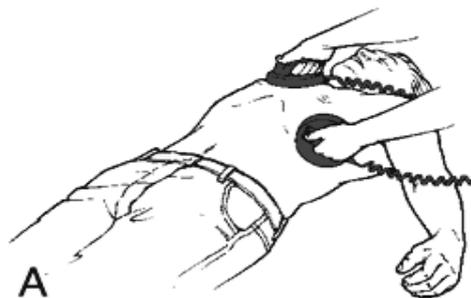
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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, St Martins Centre, 10 am – 12 noon**

### **DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS AND CPR COURSE**

There are Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) to be found everywhere these days, all of which are available for the general public to use. They really can make the difference to someone who suffers a sudden cardiac arrest. During this course we'll be looking at the St Martins' AED, finding out how it works, practising how to use an AED, and dispelling some of the myths attached to AEDs and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

The course will be made up of live demonstrations, interactive discussion, videos and practical activity, and will include how to deal with cardiac arrest in children and infants.



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The course tutor will be Effie Cadwallader, one of St Martins' own Community First Responders, who is also a Heartstart Tutor with the British Heart Foundation,

It is recommended that attendees wear clothing suitable for grovelling around on the floor.

Both courses are open to all ages including youngsters over 12, and disability is no problem. There is no charge for either course but donations towards the CFR fund would be welcomed!

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# **Easter Half Term Activities**

The New Saints FC Foundation are delighted to be able to offer activities for children age 4-16, with free healthy lunch provided as shown below. Children of all abilities can take part and are welcome.

The activities will be held on the following dates:

Monday 9th April 11-2pm

\*Gobowen Playing Fields and Pavilion

Wednesday the 11th April 11-2pm

\*St.Martins Playing Fields and Centre

Oswestry Cae Glas Park 3pm-5pm

Thursday the 12th April 11-2pm

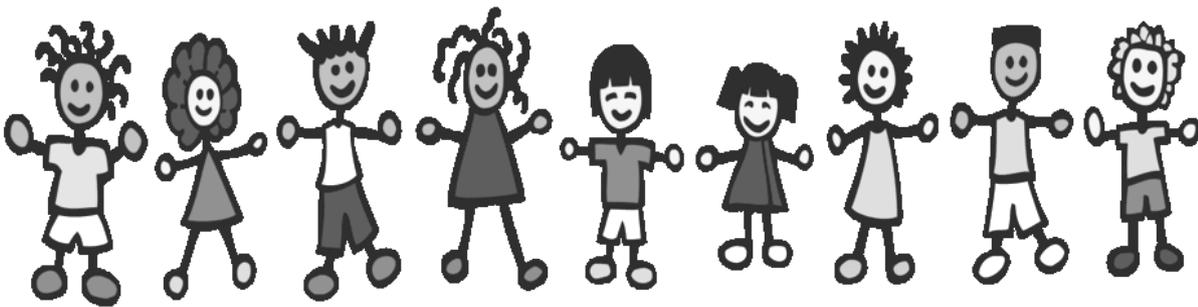
\*Weston Rhyn Recreation Field

Friday the 13th April 3-5pm

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## St. Martins FC Report

The 'Beast from the East' has had its impact on the fixtures that St. Martins FC has been able to play in recent weeks.

Following an exciting 3-2 loss in the Quarter Final of the T.J. Vickers Shropshire Premier Cup, on 30<sup>th</sup> January 20018, to Houghmond FC from the Premier Division of the Midlands League, the club have only played two League games. The 'Shropshire Premier Cup' game verses Houghmond was cruelly taken from them following captain 'Jamie Hand's' disputable 'sending off' early in the second half with the game tied at two all. The Saints held their own and came close to a winning goal on several occasions but conceded in the dying minutes of the game to lose to Houghmond, who have subsequently reached the final of the T.J. Vickers Shropshire Cup by defeating Oswestry Town in the semi-final.

The Saints recent run of consecutive wins in the West Midland League continued however, with a close and hard fought 3-2 win at home against Allscott on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The club are due to meet Allscott in the semi-final of the Ethleston Cup, so fingers crossed that we can reach the final of such a prestigious competition.

The Saints achieved a convincing 5-2 home League win over Wryley FC on February 24<sup>th</sup> completing an impressive ninth league win in a row. The team were hoping to achieve a tenth league win away to Worcester Raiders on Saturday 10th March but the game was postponed because of a flooded pitch however, the team managed to win a friendly against Midlands Premier League team Wellington Armatures 6-2. This game provided a confidence boost for the Saints prior to this weekend's game against Darlestone who sit in 5<sup>th</sup> place, one place behind the Saints in the West Midland League Division One. Sadly, the win came at a cost, as the Saint's Centre Back 'James Durman' was injured in the game and the injury condition will not allow him to play for 6 weeks. During this fantastic run of wins the team have maintained a high quality of football that is truly entertaining so the club confidently encourage people to come and watch the forthcoming games

## West Midland League Division One Table

Division Last Updated: 16:29, Wednesday 14th March 2018

Overall top five teams

|                 | P  | W  | D | L | F  | A  | GD  | PTS |
|-----------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Wem Town        | 27 | 20 | 2 | 5 | 84 | 31 | +53 | 62  |
| Newport Town    | 24 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 79 | 30 | +49 | 50  |
| Gornal Athletic | 25 | 14 | 4 | 7 | 79 | 38 | +22 | 46  |
| St Martins      | 24 | 15 | 0 | 9 | 63 | 37 | +26 | 45  |
| Darlaston Town  | 23 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 61 | 43 | +18 | 44  |

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# SPUD IN A BUCKET

## Can you be St Martins Young Vegetable Grower of the Year??

If you will be under 12 years old on September 1 this year, read on....

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All you have to do, to have a chance of growing these potatoes, is complete the form below and hand it in at Stan's Superstore Kiosk by 20<sup>th</sup> April. Twenty lucky children will be selected and we will arrange to supply your potatoes, soil and growing bag to you.

The potatoes will come with full growing instructions. You simply need to find a bucket to place the bag in, look after your potato plant and bring it, still in its bag to the Grow It, Make It, Show It show at the Institute on Saturday September 15 between 09.30 and 11.00 am. The bags will then be emptied, the potatoes will be weighed and the heaviest potatoes will win.

Could you grow the heaviest potatoes? Why not try and see if you could be **St Martins Young Vegetable Grower of the Year?**

Name.....

Address.....

Tel:.....

Hand in at Stan' Superstore kiosk by 20th April 2018.



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## **St. Martins FC Report**

St. Martins FC would like to express their thanks to St. Martins Parish Council for the exciting proposed sports developments that they have presented. We have had the privilege of contributing to the construction of ideas of what the sports development will subsequently become. These developments would allow the club to play in the village at the highest possible level. We are excited by these fantastic developments for the progression of St. Martins FC, but we are also excited at the benefits that these developments will provide for the whole community of St. Martins, creating facilities that will be available to the public for generations to come.



# IFTON COLLIERY

## Commemorative Project

Members of the Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project visited the foundry where our statue of a 'Miner of the 60's' is to be made.

Standing before the full size clay model was awe inspiring, amazing to look up into his face and wonder what he was thinking. It is far from finished as yet but standing at 7' 6" it looks impressive. The level of detail in his face and the look of quiet contemplation is captivating.



Tickets are now available for the **Favours Draw.**

They are £5 a ticket and at present we have 12 items that you would not necessarily be able to buy.

**First prize:** A Guided Tour around Westminster and Lunch with Owen Paterson in the member's dining room afterwards,

**Second prize:** A guided tour for two around Castle Fine Arts Foundry and to watch parts of our statue being poured.

**Third prize:** A guided tour around Bershham Miners Museum.

**Fourth prize:** 2 Tickets to a show at Theatre Clwyd.

See poster for other prizes, which will be updated as other prizes are added.

**The Grand Draw will be at the AAA's Chirk on Friday 18th May 2018 starting at 7:30pm.** We will be showing videos and reading poems related to the pit's. Please come along and support us and if you buy a ticket you might win!



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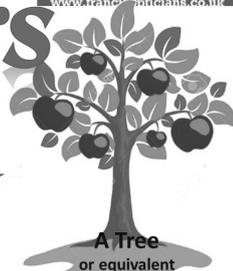
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# The Government's THINK! Campaign

West Mercia Police are supporting the Government's 'THINK!' Seatbelt Campaign. The forthcoming campaign will run in the UK for a one week period, commencing on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and finishing on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The Government's 'THINK!' Campaign publish the following facts regarding seatbelts;

## Seatbelts

### The facts

- In a crash you're twice as likely to die if you don't wear a seatbelt.
- Drivers and passengers aged 17-34 have the lowest seatbelt-wearing rates combined with the highest accident rate.

There is evidence that people are less likely to use seatbelts on short or familiar journeys - this puts them at serious risk of injury in a crash.

### The law

- Drivers and passengers who fail to wear seatbelts in the front and back of vehicles are breaking the law.
- Drivers caught without a seatbelt face on-the-spot fines of £100. If prosecuted, the maximum fine is £500.

## THINK! Advice

Always wear a seatbelt. In a crash you're twice as likely to die if you don't.

Not wearing a seatbelt can be a fatal decision even on short, familiar journeys and at low speeds. Wear your seatbelt correctly so it can offer you the best possible protection in a crash.

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**

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# St Martins School Saver Club

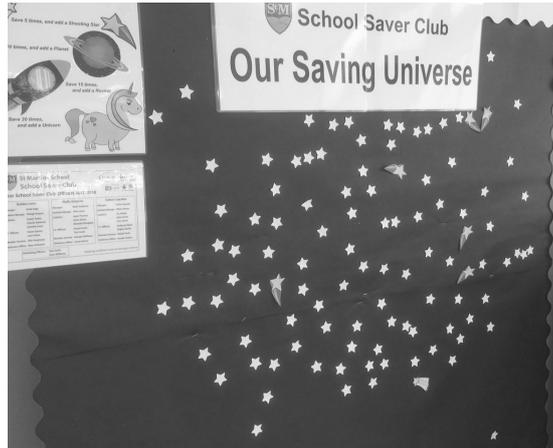
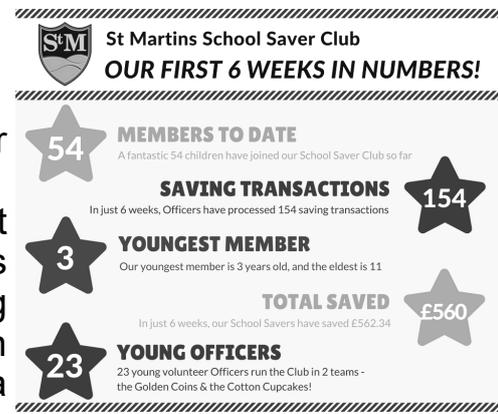
It's 6 weeks since the launch of the St Martins School Saver Club, and what an amazing 6 weeks it has been!

A partnership between St Martins School, FAIRshare Credit Union and the Three Parishes Big Local, the St Martins School Saver Club helps children learn about managing money and gives them the opportunity to save. Initially open to all primary and nursery children at St Martins School, a fantastic **54 children** have joined the Club so far.

Run entirely by Officers from years 5 & 6 under the supervision of Teaching Assistant, Mrs Hughes, and volunteer, Emma Allum, the Club enables children to develop their maths, literacy and social skills in a real-life environment. More than 30 children applied to be Officers, and 3 teams of children worked really hard to train with FAIRshare.

Whilst Officers have their own duties, teamwork is essential, and there have already been occasions when children have stepped in to cover for colleagues. Chloe Glover, 'Cotton Cupcakes' team Assistant Manager said "It's good to see the Officers working together and helping each other out."

In just 6 weeks, Officers have processed an impressive **154 saving transactions**. Each time a member saves, they add a star to our Saving Universe; we now have the first



'shooting stars' for members who've saved 5 times, and the display is already looking 'out of this world'! Manager of the 'Cotton Cupcakes' team, Chloe Downes said "It's nice to see so many people coming to save their money at the School Saver Club."

With such great numbers of savers each week, we've reorganised Officers into 2 teams, and now have 4 cashiers at the collection point to improve member service. Chloe Glover, Cotton Cupcakes Assistant Manager said "It's good to see the Officers working together & helping each other out." After each collection, cashiers reconcile their collection trays, the I.T. Officers complete the collection spreadsheet to send to FAIRshare and the managers check everything and prepare the cash for banking. By the time the Officers return to class at 9.20am, they've completed a real-life maths workout!

The School Saver Club is open every Monday at 8:30am – 8:50am in the Studio and children attending St Martins School can join at any time. Simply complete an application form and return it to St Martins School – application forms are available from school or can be downloaded from [www.fairshare.uk.com](http://www.fairshare.uk.com). There is no cost to join and children can pay in whatever amount they wish. There are no charges for paying in or withdrawing money from the account, and account holders are eligible to receive an annual bonus.

In its first 6 weeks, members have saved more than £560 – congratulations to all our fantastic Young Savers and well done to the Officers who run the Club in such a professional, efficient manner!

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## March 2018 Quiz

*Answers on page 32*

**Who is/was married to whom?**

1. Coleen McLoughlin
2. Albina Genepri
3. Rachael Wools
4. Clementine Hozier
5. Silvia Plath
6. Norma Ball
7. Andy Hill
8. Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon
9. Margaret Roberts
10. Shelly Jenkins



# **'Birds, Beasts and Baritones'**

- **by the Cantiones Choir of Oswestry**

Oswestry's long-established and highly-respected concert choir, known simply as Cantiones, will be holding a concert in conjunction with Offa Events at Black Park



Chapel, Halton near Chirk on Saturday 23 June 2018 at 8pm.

It will be an evening of light-hearted music with a focus on songs about animals, birds and with the occasional surprise! The programme is varied and will on the one hand include madrigals, demanding pieces in several parts, but on the other hand there will be jovial and amusing songs by the highly-entertaining comic duo Flanders and Swann. Cantiones is expertly led by Musical Director, Gerry Howe, who is organist at St Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry, and this programme has something for everyone.

Dave Andrews, of Offa Events said 'I'm thrilled to be putting on Cantiones. They're an excellent choir and they've been tremendously successful over the years. It's a mixed choir of 38 voices drawn from Shropshire, Wrexham and Powys, and the range of their repertoire is really striking. They're based in Oswestry but they've sung in many places, of course - the Llangollen International Eisteddfod, Chester Cathedral, Lichfield Cathedral and so on. They've toured in France too.

'I'm excited about bringing them to Black Park Chapel. It's a delightful venue with excellent acoustics and I think the choir will love performing there. From the audience point of view the venue has raked seating, plenty of off-road parking and a bar. We've held a number of concerts there already and we've found Bridget and all the staff, an absolute delight to work with. They're always welcoming and helpful.'

Tickets for the concert will cost £9 and are available from OFFA EVENTS  
on 01691 650293 or [offaevents@aol.com](mailto:offaevents@aol.com)



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Curry and a pint £8.50

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| Tues 3rd   | Money Matters                                                                                 | St Martins Centre                      | 10:00 am -<br>12:00 pm |
| Tues 3rd   | WI<br>Caroline Wix—<br>Tropical Skincare                                                      | St Martins Miners' Institute<br>Lounge | 7:30 pm                |
| Sun 8th    | Sunday Social Club                                                                            | St Martins Centre                      | 3:00 pm                |
| Sun 8th    | Work day at the Meadows                                                                       | Colliery Entrance                      | 1:30 pm                |
| Tues 10th  | Ifton Meadows Management<br>Committee                                                         | St Martins Centre                      | 7:30 pm                |
| Wed 11th   | Young peoples<br>Easter Holiday activities:                                                   | St.Martins Playing Field<br>and Centre | 11.00 am -<br>2.00 pm  |
| Wed 11th   | Weston Rhyn Gardening<br>Club<br>Must Have Summer<br>Perennials - Nick Hamilton,<br>Barnsdale | The Marches School,<br>Oswestry        | 7.30 pm                |
| Thurs 12th | St Martins Parish Council                                                                     | St Martins Centre                      | 7:00 pm                |
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