



## Friends of Ifton Meadows

As you can see we have a new logo which represents the history of the site i.e. mining to meadows.

We have a different version on the front of our new leaflet which will be officially launched

The new information boards are coming along and will follow in the next few months. It is

surprising how much work and time these things take to come together but if the boards turn out as good as the leaflet I will be happy.

Work continues on the scrape and hopefully the wildlife will appreciate our hard work in the future.

The May workshop also saw us at the top of the Dingle trying to keep the water course open - it makes you wonder where all the silt comes from. On the plus side we found a frog and also some frog spawn which was already starting to break down and form small tadpoles. Hopefully next Spring we shall see frogs and spawn in our new scrape.

It is now the breeding season for ground nesting birds which means that the Mound is now **out of bounds for both people and dogs**. This little brown bird is on the RED ENDANGERED SPECIES list and we are fortunate that they have decided to honour us with their presence.

I am sure that the majority of you love to hear them singing just as much as I do. So **PLEASE KEEP BOTH YOURSELF AND YOUR DOGS OFF THE MOUND**. We do not want a repeat of last year when we lost at least one nest, due to an uncontrolled dog.

2018 is the 40th anniversary of Ifton Meadows becoming a Green space and to mark this, we shall be holding a **NATURE FUN DAY** on **Sunday 19th August from 11am to 4pm**. There will be lots to do on the day for both children and adults, plus a scarecrow competition. So mums and dads get your thinking caps on and keep a lookout for further details. Let's see who can make the best scarecrow!

Are you enjoying the new seat at the top by the mosaic (did you notice the photo on page4 - editor?). You can thank St.Martins WI for providing this new resting place to mark their 90th anniversary.

Unfortunately I have to end on a sad note. Once again a few mindless people have vandalised the remaining picnic table/bench. **WHY DO THEY DO IT??**

If you see anyone causing problems on site - please take a picture and send it to us via our Friends of Ifton Meadows Facebook page or by phoning 01691.624448.

# Answers

To Quiz on page 8

1. Margaret Thatcher P
2. Michael Holding C
3. Thomas Hearn B
4. Ian Botham C
5. Eric Bristow D
6. Michael Heseltine P
7. Ron Harris F
8. Curtly Ambrose C
9. Peter Wright D
10. David Beckham F
11. Pete Sampras T
12. Ricky Hatton B

**Legend: P =Politics C = Cricket  
B = Boxing F = Football T = Tennis  
D = Darts**



## Shropshire Archery Society

In the last issue of the Village Life we reported that an introduction session was to cost £45. It has been brought to our attention that it is **£45 for a 6 week course**. If you are interested in learning to handle a bow and arrow please contact Tony Hall on 01691 777952

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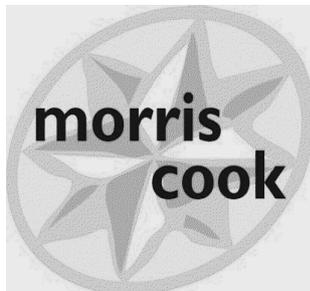
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## April Report

Shirley Willis presided at our April meeting and welcomed three visitors.

A bench made from recycled plastic is being ordered to commemorate our 90th anniversary. This will be placed by the mosaic at Ifton Meadows. On our visit to Wedgewood in August we plan to visit the ceramic poppies weeping willow window which is on display that day.

Our speaker for April was Caroline Wix, who told us about Tropic, which is made from only natural ingredients. Members all enjoyed having a hand treatment and testing other products. One member had a facial. Caroline was thanked by Helen Williams.

Linda Standish was thanked for embroidering new dates on our tablecloth. The competition of a flowering plant was won by Ann Sadler, with Helen Williams second and Morfydd James third.

The exhibition of a powder compact was won by Alice Wilding, with Morfydd James second and Shirley a Willis third.



## May Report

On Tuesday 1st May our President Shirley Willis welcomed everyone including two new members Sue and Yasmin. We discussed and voted on the resolution "Mental Health Matters" which will be going forward to our National Federation of Womens Institute at the AGM on 6th June.

Shirley was our delegate at the Shropshire Federation Annual Meeting and gave her report and said that she had thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially one of the speakers, Gyles Brandreth, who was apparently quite hilarious and a bit naughty! She was quite pleased to have ended up sat next to him at one point during the meeting.

We had an inspirational speaker at our May meeting. She is Lieutenant Commander Victoria Graham, retired, who was a burns specialist nurse. Her talk was called "The Biscuit Club" and it came into being when she and the trauma team serving in Afghanistan during the war came together for tea and biscuits each day which they found helped with the stress and long hours of working on the front line and nursing the wounded and dying. It helped them to reconnect with home as a typically British thing to do. They literally sampled 100's of types of biscuits and rated them all. She now gives talks to many clubs and groups about that time in her life and she donates whatever she receives to Forces Charities. See the centre pages of this magazine for details of our future meetings which visitors and new members are always welcome.

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# Royal Marines Visit Marches School



Sixth Form Students and Year 10 Pupils at the Marches School were put through their paces this week by serving Royal Marines.

The Royal Marines, who are based at nearby Shawbury, visited the Marches to give a presentation on life with the Marines, their experiences and the benefits of being in the forces. They answered any questions the youngsters had who are seeking why the Marines could be a possible career path.

The Royal Marines finished the day by putting the students and pupils through a series of drills and exercises. This was hard work for the youngsters, but an enjoyable experience for them nonetheless.

The Marches School is excited about welcoming both the Royal Marines and the RAF during the Summer Term who will work with the Year 12 students.

Gareth Jones, Assistant Head of Sixth Form at the Marches School, commented: "It was a pleasure to welcome the Royal Marines to the Marches School and the students and pupils enjoyed listening to what they had to say and going through the tough drills. We find it extremely beneficial to have these sort of hands-on activities, to allow the students to think about their career path from current professionals, and we look forward to having these sorts of days again in the future".



# **The Hayley Higginson and Sophie Edwards Children Cancer Trust**

supports children suffering from cancer in Shropshire, Mid Wales & Powys. The Trust was founded in 2010 when charity events were organised to raise funds. Over the years the Trust has helped many children with holidays, family photo shoots, replacement hair, gifts which they request. It has also provided televisions, Xboxes and Kindles to the oncology ward at Telford hospital .... In fact the list is almost endless.

But sadly the Trust came across 11 year old Harry Chesworth Jones from St Martins who was diagnosed with lymphoma lymphoblastic cancer in June 2017. Harry has undergone a very tough year with his treatment and has a long way to go which is why the Trust wanted to help, so we asked Harry what he would like and he replied he wanted a bike so he could play with his friends. Harry went to Colour Supplies and came home with a bike, helmet, gloves and knee pads and also spending money for when he goes on his holidays.

The Trust is very grateful for all the donations it has received over the last 7 years and to anyone who has organised an event.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to help others can contact the Trust thorough Linda McGowan on 07930 851521.

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**at St. Martins Centre Lounge.**

**The next meetings will be on**

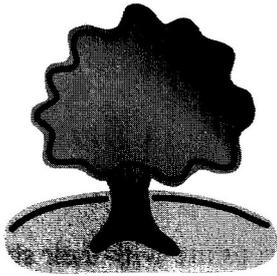
**3rd June and 8th July**

**Please do come along.**

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## **Three Parishes Big Local Update**

This month's update focuses on the developments in Three Parishes Means Business - our programme of free training and support for local businesses.

### **FREE Training for local businesses**

As part of Three Parishes Means Business, we've teamed up with Qube in Oswestry to offer free places for businesses based in the Three Parishes Big Local area on the following training courses being held at Qube:

#### Customer Service Excellence – 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 3pm – 6pm

Learn how to improve customer experience, strengthen relationships and boost sales.

Tutor: Heather Noble (Salt Solutions)

#### Marketing Masterclass – 27<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm – 6pm

Explore key marketing strategies and techniques and develop your own marketing plan.

Tutor: Hollie Whittles (Fraggleworks)

#### HR basics for small businesses

Learn how to engage with staff, deal with problems and the basics of recruitment, contracts and induction.

Tutors: John Skelton & Laura Birch (Shropshire HR)

Places on these courses are free. To book a place on one of these courses, please email [b.laraway@qube-oca.org.uk](mailto:b.laraway@qube-oca.org.uk).

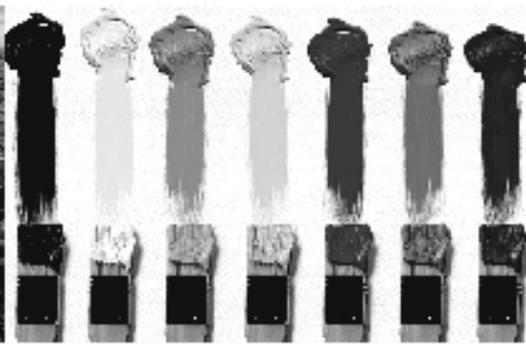
### **Small grants for local businesses**

Local businesses and enterprise can now apply for a grant of up to £500 from Three Parishes Big Local. Grants can be used for setting up a new business or to help with the cost of making that next step towards growth. Applications are made using a form which is available by contacting Bridget on 01691 656882 or emailing [b.laraway@qube-oca.org.uk](mailto:b.laraway@qube-oca.org.uk).

**Want to keep up with 3 Parishes Big Local news? Contact Bridget or Paula at Three Parishes Big Local on 01691 656882 or at [info@big-local.org](mailto:info@big-local.org)**

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