

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

The response to our short July article “Is St Martins a Great Place to Live?” was another piece from a resident to illustrate why the answer is yes (see page 4), together with the suggestion that we should make it a regular feature! We would love to do that, so please send us a paragraph (with photo?) to say what you love about our community. It may be a person, a place, or an event that you are aware of – tell us about it and we’ll share it in the magazine.

In this issue you will find details of the event on Saturday 24th November to unveil the statue commemorating the 50th anniversary of the cessation of coal production at Ifton Colliery, as well as the activities of our local schools contributing to the programme surrounding the event. Everyone is welcome to the actual unveiling of the statue and to the entertainment in the ‘Stute afterwards, but we also hope that there will be a great turnout of ex-miners and their families at the church service that starts the day at 11am. There are a number of invited guests, so we advise an early arrival to ensure a seat in the church!

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 14th November 2018

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 11th November at 10:45am

War Memorial (by Stan’s Superstore)

Led by Rev Stuart Jermy

And after a Service of Remembrance at

St Martins Parish Church

All are Welcome



Parish Council

From the Chair

Some bullet points for your interest

- “A lesson that our country learned early and very well, and which some countries never learned or learned too late, is that each citizen had better take an active interest in running his country or he may suddenly find the country running him!” (Art Linkletter, US TV personality, d.2010). Being on a Parish Council, one learns to listen and accept the views of others; one may agree to disagree, but democracy prevails through majority decision. Parish Councillors have their own opinions but essentially they represent the opinions of local villagers. We have a vacancy and I am encouraging any community minded person to consider applying to be a Parish Councillor. That quote is applicable to all levels of government and, as the old maxim says, ‘If you want to change the rules of the game, get out of the spectator stand and get onto the pitch’, so if you want to affect change in village life, then become a player on the Parish Council team. Please email Edward the Parish Clerk to let him know of your interest.
- “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jesus, John 15:13). War is abhorrent and will never go away whilst injustice, revenge, and hatred abide within the human heart. We are approaching the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War of 1914-1918. The poet Stanley Cooper wrote perceptively about it: “The war to end all wars” they said, and were naively believed by those who now are honourably dead, never knowing they were deceived”. Deceived or not, we can still remember their sacrifice. Willing and unwilling; naive and with eyes open; conscripted and volunteers; hundreds of thousands of young and not-so-young men and women fought and died for a better existence for their future generations. We are those generations and more wars have come and gone and more have died; many needlessly, yet the fact remains we live in a democracy not a dictatorship. Thanks to them. We will be having our Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, Sunday 11th November.
- The Parish Council organised for the War Memorial to be cleaned – you may have noticed it now looks a different colour. We are not finished our restoration work and Councillor Hayball is working with the Parish Clerk to see if the names can be made clearer. This is specialist work and will take some time.
- Finally, “To be, or not to be?” wrote William Shakespeare when referring to Hamlet’s dilemma about life, the universe, and everything. Bill continued, “...that is the question”. Too often questions get rude replies: ‘20mph speed limit in the village?’ Fill in your own response. ‘Cattle grazing on Ifton Meadows?’ Fill in your own response. ‘Insufficient parking in the village?’ Fill in your own response. Whatever your response may be, please remember that when your Parish Council discusses such things and forms a democratic decision, please treat these decisions with respect. If you think we are failing you, then come and join us, and show us how it could/should be done. We will welcome you with respect.

Enjoy the leaves turning golden brown before they fall; I will not tell you how many days to Christmas, the shops are already doing that.

Regards

Glenn Pennington

Chair St Martins Parish Council

Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The September Parish Council Meeting was held in the Moors Community Centre. There is now a vacancy on the parish council following the resignation of Ashley Allum. Notices will be put up advertising this vacancy.

The Chairman said that the hanging baskets, which this year were the best they had been thanks to the planting by Neil Rheade and the frequent watering by Huw Manford, will now be taken down during the coming weeks.

Concern was again expressed over vehicles speeding through the village. Several Councillors and residents have now put their names forward to take part in a Community Speed Watch Scheme although issues around the mini roundabout by Stans Superstore are still ongoing and we are waiting for a report from our Shropshire Councillor Steve Davenport on proposed new designs for this area. Steve Davenport is still looking at a trial 20 mph scheme in the village although some feedback from residents has suggested extending the speed limit on all main roads into the village should be considered instead.

PCSO Pete Roberts reported on the crime figures for July and August. He added that they had been out on a number of occasions with their speed gun along Overton Road. Councillors felt more police presence was required outside the school at the start and end of the school day as more and more vehicles are now parking on the grass verges on either side of the entrance to the school. On a question of police numbers, and a report that more officers are planned for the West Mercia area, Councillors want to know what impact this would have, if any, in our area.

Planning applications for the erection of commercial building and external yard area for B1, B2 and B8 use on Plot 2, at Bank Top Industrial Estate, St Martins; Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing farmhouse and redundant farm buildings at New House Farm, Pen-Y-Bryn, St Martins and the redevelopment of New House Farm to facilitate the establishment of a commercial equine stud enterprise; and the erection of a commercial unit (B1, B2 and B8 use) on the Bank Top Industrial Estate, St Martins were all supported.

Councillors all agreed that the War Memorial Restoration Company had carried out a very good job in cleaning the War Memorial. An assessment will now be carried out to establish what further restoration work may be required and possible.

There have been a number of outstanding issues to the repair of street lights. Although the lights along Overton Road and Ellesmere Road belong to Shropshire Council, they seem to take a long time to repair a fault. All other lights belong to the Parish Council and when a fault is reported these are usually repaired within a week by our contractors, Highline Electrical. Faults in Cherry Tree Drive have been mainly caused by utility companies working in the area and damaging the underground power cables. When this happens Scottish Power have to repair the fault and they send the majority of their work to a sub-contractor. The Street Lighting Committee will shortly be looking at quotations to convert all the street lights owned by the Parish Council to LED.

The next parish council meeting will be held on the 11th October 2018 at St Martins Centre.

Edward Davies St Martins Parish Clerk

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As our beautiful summer comes to an end I'm sure we have all taken advantage to some extent of being in our gardens, taking holidays in the uk, and even walking on Ifton Meadows. For those who attended the open day on the meadows in August, what a lovely day had been organised by the Ifton Meadows committee - so thank you to them.

Now the school have returned back from summer holidays I would like to congratulate Sue Lovecy and all her staff on an excellent job for education in St Martins - which is now becoming the school of choice in St Martins and across the wider local area.

Also, in conjunction with the Parish Council, the school are continuing to work on the new recreation field and facilities for the community - something to look forward to into the future.

Whilst we have continuing issues with funding at Shropshire Council locally, I am working with the Parish council to make sure St Martins receives its fair amount of funds to help in every way we can.

I asked in the last issue of Village Life about your thoughts on a 20mph speed limit in the village. I had quite a lot of response and while the balance was in favour, there were also clear reasons for not doing so. While it is a long term aim, I'm happy to continue to receive your thoughts.

If you need a chat I'm often to be found in the St Martins Centre, so please get in touch and let me know if you would like to meet.

*Steve Davenport*

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In the July Publication there was a small article titled "Is St Martins a Great Place to Live?" and I think it's great if people could add to this every month!

We moved into the village in March just after the loss of our baby Son.

At the beginning of July we were going on Holiday and were worried about the potted plant we have on his grave wilting and dying in the heat. With no Family near by to water it for us and no friends in the village, I wrote a short note asking people passing by to keep check on it while we were away and taped it to the back of the board currently acting as his headstone. Not expecting anybody to actually take notice, we were pleasantly surprised to find that someone had been looking after it for us and had even written a little note back! This small act of kindness means so much to us and we are very grateful to whoever has been silently helping us out during our difficult time and myself and my husband can not thank them enough

Thank you Mrs Evans





with  
4th  
service

# St. Martins Parish Church

## Service times

**Sundays: 9:30am** our usual Morning Worship Service  
Communion (except on  
Sunday when it is a  
of the word)

## SPECIAL SERVICES Coming

Our **Harvest Festival** All age service (with Comm) Sunday 7th Oct 9:30am we are collecting food for the **FOODBANK** - desperately needed this year.

**Harvest Supper** - Tuesday 9th Oct 6pm in the church hall. All welcome. Hot Pot meal - £6:50. Bingo afterwards.

**Confirmation and Baptism Service** with Bishop Michael of Lichfield. Friday 14th Oct at **10am**

**Christianity Explored evenings** beginning in September for those wanting to be Confirmed or Baptised.

## **Thanksgiving Remembrance Service - 4th November**

A service to remember and give thanks for the loved ones who are no longer with us.

## Weekly Events

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

**Thursdays** 9:30am Mid-week prayer & Communion service.



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

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

## Bereavement

### Mrs Beryl Stephens (Penrose)

A popular lady of the village, Beryl passed away 8th June 2018. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Donations in memory of Beryl of £938 were given to

Cancer Research            British Heart Foundation  
Ifton Colliery Statue       Meadowbrook Care Home  
Hope House                 St Martin School (for books).



All at Village Life commiserate with the family and know that Beryl is already missed.

## Moreton Hall GCSE Results 2018

Moreton Hall is once again celebrating a vintage set of GCSE results, with over half of all the grades awarded the equivalent of A\* and A and with 98% of students achieving the English Baccalaureate (5 or more passes in core GCSE subjects).

Principal Jonathan Forster paid tribute to the hard work of staff and students who have successfully negotiated the transition to the reformed GCSE system.

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|            | October 7 <sup>th</sup>  | October 14 <sup>th</sup>   | October 21 <sup>st</sup>  | October 28 <sup>th</sup>  |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| St Martins | Jackson 10.00            | Messy Church 11.00         | Moors 11.00               | Bennett 11.00             |
| Moors      | Bennett 11.00            | Messy Church 11.00         | J.Molyneux. 11.00         | St Martins 11.00          |
|            | November 4 <sup>th</sup> | November 11 <sup>th</sup>  | November 18 <sup>th</sup> | November 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| St Martins | AWT 10.00                | Cenotaph/<br>Parish Church | Moors 11.00               | Robert 11.00              |
| Moors      | Watts 11.00              | Cenotaph/<br>Parish Church | Songs of Praise 11.00     | St Martins                |



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 11.00

## HARVEST SUPPER

MONDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 6.30

## AUTUMN MESSY CHURCH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 11.00



Join us for Coffee, biscuits and a chat

**THURSDAYS 10.30 - 11.30**



# Tea and Coffee Shop



The former provisions store and bakery 'Ushers' at St Martins Moor Bridge has now re-opened as a 'Tea and Coffee shop'.

Jan and Mike Crowe will now provide a wide range of teas, coffees, hot chocolate and soft drinks and of course some wonderful cakes on a 'pop up' basis for walkers, boaters and locals.

We also offer free-range eggs, homemade jam, and a variety of homemade breads (made to order Tel: 01691 587224). There is also a bric-a-brac and gift stall. Opening hours will be flexible (look for the 'A' board outside). We have inside seating available. Ushers will also offer bed & breakfast to visitors to the area and details can be found on the Airbnb website.

All profits from this venture will be allocated to local charities

## Sept. 18 Quiz

### Wedding Anniversaries

(not in chronological order)

Answers on page 33

1. Opal
2. Crystal
3. Wool
4. Diamond
5. Leather
6. China
7. Silver
8. Pearl
9. Emerald
10. Coral



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## FRIENDS OF IFTON MEADOWS

Nature Fun Day at Ifton Meadows Local Nature Reserve, St.Martins on Sunday 19th August, 2018.

Firstly, I must thank our Sponsors:- St.Martins Parish Council, 3 Parish-Big lottery and IMMC/Friends of Ifton Meadows - without their support this event would not have taken place.

The Day stayed dry and the sun came out for our Nature Fun Day to mark the 40th Anniversary of Ifton Meadows becoming a green space.

20 bug/bird boxes were made, mainly by children with the help of Sian and Pete from Orchardfield Ecological.

Refreshments were supplied by Brownies (hot and cold drinks and lovely homemade cake) and Steve Davenport's barbeque.

Entertainers were The Silverman (Paul Thorne) Juggler, stilt walker, Haulwen Nicholas - storyteller and The Gracechurch Historical Dancing Society, music by the Fizz Giggs plus Doug, who entertained us by making large and small soap bubbles - particularly enjoyed by the dogs.



Thanks must also go to the people who manned the stalls and to those who joined in with the dancing.

7 scarecrows were entered into the competition and the winners were  
1st - St.Martins Allotment Society,  
2nd - St.Martins WI  
3rd - Codey Clarke.

Judges were Sian and Pete who must have found it difficult because they each went around twice (individually) if not three times before deciding on the winners.

Thanks to everyone for turning up and for helping to erect and take down the marquee and also everyone who helped prepare the site before hand.





# IFTON COLLIERY

Commemorative Project

Calling all ex-miners to gather on

Saturday 24th November 2018

to

## **Commemorate the 50th Anniversary**

of cessation of coal production at

### **Ifton Colliery**

The day starts at

#### **St Martins Parish Church**

At 11am for a Service of Commemoration.

Followed by a march down Green Lane

Led by Ifton Colliery Band

To Statue Unveiling at about 12:15pm

By Mr Hefin Looker and Mr Terry Ellis

Then into the 'Stute for hot drinks and a cup of soup

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## St. Martins FC in the North West Counties Football

### League 2019-20

St. Martins F.C has made a creditable start to their first season the North West Counties Football League 1<sup>st</sup> Division South, even though they played five of their first seven games away from home.

Recognising the significant step that the club has climbed, Manager Dan Stevens has been modest in his pre-season expectations stating that consolidation at this high level in the immediate future would be an achievement for St. Martins F.C... Dan remains optimistic however, in spite of the cruel pre-season injuries that have struck key players Harrison Millington and Callum Graybrook, plus the frustration of waiting for international clearance for players. He has utilised the club's squad of players to manage this early absence of key players, and develop a fighting 'team spirit' that has enabled them to provide staunch opposition in every game played to date and bounce back from defeats.

After 9 league games St. Martins find them-selves in a creditable 4<sup>th</sup> place in the League, registering impressive early victories versus established North West Counties League, Clubs such as Cammell Laird (3-1), Stockport Town (2-1), Abbey Hulton (2-1) Main Road (3-2) and Wythenshawe Town (4-1).

Following impressive early victories, St. Martins F.C were facing a fourth consecutive defeat before their away game to Wythenshawe Town on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. A loss to Wellington Town in the 'FA Vase', a League Cup defeat away to Nelson and a home league defeat to Eccleshall provided a bleak possibility of four defeats in a row, in light of recent mistakes that had gifted the opposition victories.



*Jamie Hands wins his tackle with the Abbey Hulton defender in St. Martins F.C s 2-1 away win in a close fought 'North West County League Division One South' game played on 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. Jamie had the misfortune of scoring an own goal away to Wellington in the FA Vase on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, but scored impressive hat-trick of penalties away to Wythenshawe Town on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.*

A stunning goal by Dave Easthope and a hat-trick of penalties from Jamie Hands however, calmed the nerves of the St. Martins F.C supporters and provided relief to Manager Dan Stevens who had stated in the local paper recently, “Good sides don’t lose 3 games in a week” but the Saints registered a hard fought (4-1) victory against a robust Wythenshawe Town.



*St. Martins F.C full-back Callum Bennet plays one of his several defence splitting passes in the club’s first home victory in the North West Counties League Division One South, versus Cammell Laird on 7<sup>th</sup> August.*

|    | Team                 | Pld | W | D | L | G F | G A | GD  | Pts | Promotion, qualification or relegation                     |
|----|----------------------|-----|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Wythenshawe Amateurs | 9   | 6 | 1 | 2 | 18  | 12  | +6  | 19  | Promotion to <a href="#">Step 5</a>                        |
| 2  | Rylands              | 8   | 6 | 0 | 2 | 28  | 8   | +20 | 18  | Possible promotion to <a href="#">Step 5<sup>[a]</sup></a> |
| 3  | Cheadle Heath Nomads | 10  | 6 | 0 | 4 | 24  | 17  | +7  | 18  | Pos                                                        |
| 4  | <b>St Martins</b>    | 9   | 5 | 1 | 3 | 17  | 12  | +5  | 16  |                                                            |
| 5  | Vauxhall Motors      | 8   | 4 | 3 | 1 | 15  | 11  | +4  | 15  |                                                            |
| 6  | Abbey Hulton United  | 8   | 5 | 0 | 3 | 16  | 15  | +1  | 15  |                                                            |
| 7  | Cheadle Town         | 9   | 4 | 2 | 3 | 17  | 22  | -5  | 14  |                                                            |
| 8  | New Mills            | 8   | 4 | 1 | 3 | 25  | 22  | +3  | 13  |                                                            |
| 9  | Wythenshawe Town     | 7   | 4 | 0 | 3 | 13  | 10  | +3  | 12  |                                                            |
| 10 | Eccleshall           | 8   | 4 | 0 | 4 | 16  | 16  | 0   | 12  |                                                            |
| 11 | FC Oswestry Town     | 10  | 3 | 3 | 4 | 16  | 24  | -8  | 12  |                                                            |
| 12 | Stone Old Alleynians | 5   | 3 | 2 | 0 | 8   | 5   | +3  | 11  |                                                            |
| 13 | Alsager Town         | 8   | 3 | 1 | 4 | 17  | 17  | 0   | 10  |                                                            |
| 14 | Sandbach United      | 6   | 3 | 0 | 3 | 13  | 4   | +9  | 9   |                                                            |
| 15 | Barnton              | 8   | 3 | 0 | 5 | 8   | 16  | -8  | 9   |                                                            |
| 16 | Stone Dominoes       | 9   | 2 | 1 | 6 | 10  | 21  | -11 | 7   |                                                            |
| 17 | Maine Road           | 6   | 2 | 0 | 4 | 14  | 15  | -1  | 6   |                                                            |
| 18 | Cammell Laird        | 9   | 1 | 3 | 5 | 16  | 24  | -8  | 6   |                                                            |
| 19 | Stockport Town       | 7   | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7   | 12  | -5  | 5   |                                                            |
| 20 | Ellesmere Rangers    | 8   | 0 | 2 |   |     |     |     |     |                                                            |



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## Class Timetable 2018

|                 | Monday                                            | Tuesday                  | Wednesday                       | Thursday                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                 | <i>Gobowen Scouts Hut</i>                         | <i>St Martins Centre</i> | <i>St Martins Chapter House</i> | <i>Weston Rhyn Institute</i> |
| 9.30 - 10.25am  | <b>Pilates</b>                                    | <b>Pilates</b>           |                                 | <b>Pilates</b>               |
| 10.30 - 11.15am | <b>Legs, Bums, Tums</b>                           |                          |                                 | <b>Legs, Bums, Tums</b>      |
| 6.00 - 7.00pm   | <i>St Martins Chapter House</i><br><b>Pilates</b> |                          | <b>Legs, Bums, Tums</b>         |                              |
| 7.00 - 8.00pm   | <b>Legs, Bums, Tums</b>                           |                          | <b>Pilates</b>                  |                              |

So you don't know what to buy your loved one at Christmas? Inspire them with a Time and Fitness For You, Body Transformation Gift Voucher. Ask for details.

# Grow It, Make It, Show It

## St Martins Annual Show

What a wonderful day we had, so many people supporting the show this year. Thanks to everyone of you. The Spud in a Bucket was a New Class with 10 entries. Both adults and children entered which made it quite unusual. The seed potatoes and bags to grow them in, were donated by Medwyn of Anglesey, many thanks to him.

Mr John Roberts MBE gave the prizes, our thanks goes to him for a good job done.



# St Martins Annual Show



Cody Clarke  
Children's Section Winner



Noah O'Brien  
Spud In A Bucket  
weighing 45.25 oz.



Special Section—Allotment Holders



# What's on in October!

|                                 |                                                                        |                                        |                                      |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tues 2nd                        | Open Day                                                               | St Martins School                      | Tours<br>9.30am &<br>12.00pm         |
| Tues 2nd                        | Open Evening                                                           | St Martins School                      | 6.30pm<br>onwards                    |
| Tues 2nd                        | WI<br>Gill Castle<br>'Adventures in Uganda'                            | St Martins Miners Institute<br>Lounge  | 7.30pm                               |
| Sat 6th                         | Auction                                                                | Weston Rhyn Institute                  | 10:30am                              |
| Sun 7th                         | Sunday Social Club                                                     | St Martins Centre                      | 3:30pm -<br>5.00pm                   |
| Weds 10th                       | Weston Rhyn Gardening Club<br>David Austin Roses                       | Weston Rhyn Institute.                 | 7:30pm                               |
| Thurs 11th                      | St Martins Parish Council                                              | St Martins Centre                      | 7:00pm                               |
| Wed/Thurs/<br>Fri<br>10/11/12th | Jon Young Art<br>Paintings of seascapes from<br>North Wales and beyond | The Keys, St Martins                   | 10.00am -<br>2.00pm                  |
| Wed 24th                        | The New Saints Half Term<br>Holiday Activity                           | St Martins Playing Field<br>and Centre | 11am -<br>2pm                        |
| Wed 24th                        | 3 Parishes Big Local<br>Annual Open Event                              | Presshenlle<br>RUC Church              | 7:30pm                               |
|                                 |                                                                        |                                        |                                      |
| Mon 8th -<br>Sat 27th           | 'Oswestry Makes' Exhibition                                            | Oswestry Library                       | During<br>normal<br>opening<br>hours |

## What's on in November!

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|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|            |                                                                                |                                                                                |                               |
| Fri 2nd    | COAP CIC<br>'Coolest Guy in Town'                                              | St Martins Centre                                                              | 11.30am -<br>2.00pm           |
| Sun 4th    | Sunday Social Club                                                             | St Martins Centre                                                              | 3:00pm                        |
| Tues 7th   | WI<br>Debbie Shaw<br>'Making Christmas Decorations'                            | St Martins Miners Institute<br>Lounge                                          | 7.30pm                        |
|            |                                                                                |                                                                                |                               |
| Wed 14th   | Weston Rhyn Gardening Club<br>Head Gardener of Bryngwyn Hall,<br>Bwlch y Cibau | Weston Rhyn Institute                                                          | 7:30pm                        |
| Thurs 15th | St Martins Parish Council                                                      | St Martins Centre                                                              | 7:00pm                        |
| Thurs 15th | Year 12 Presentation Evening                                                   | St Martins School                                                              | 7.00pm                        |
|            |                                                                                |                                                                                |                               |
| Sat 24th   | Ifton Colliery<br>Commemoration Day                                            | St Martins Parish Church<br>Unveiling of Statue<br>St Martins Miners Institute | 11:00am<br>12:15pm<br>All Day |

Please let us know the time and date of events in October, November for the next edition of Village Life by no later than **Wednesday 14 November 2018**

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

# St Martins School



Our new students are not so new anymore! They have all settled into St Martins School life well.

Just a reminder that if parents need to contact school, please call reception 01691 776500, email [reception@stmartins3-16.org](mailto:reception@stmartins3-16.org) - our helpful reception team will either help you with your enquiry or pass it on to the class teacher/tutor.

Information like term dates, curriculum details, 'show my homework' and more is all available on the school website.

Please let your friends and family know that we will be holding our Open Day and Evening on TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER.

As always I will be hosting my 'open surgery, but for this term, because I am teaching, this will be every MONDAY at 2.20pm to speak to members of the community, on a first come first served basis - so please pop in!

Ms Lovecy



## Open Day & Evening

Tuesday 2 October 2018

Tours at 9.30am & 12.00pm. Evening Event 6.30pm with talk from Head of School at 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

Contact (01691) 776500 to book a place on the day tour



Our Community Curriculum this term will be focusing on the Ifton Colliery. Students from years 5 and 6 in St Martins, Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and Criftins will be looking at life as a miner, the local history and social implications of the mine closing, as well as tasking a trip to Blists Hill the Victorian town living museum and a field trip to Ifton Meadows.

Runners - year 8 students are on a rota to support our reception. The students complete their class work whilst also supporting reception and the admin team. This work experience is a very good way for our students to get to know some of how the school operates, builds confidence in dealing with different people and different tasks and they get to know our admin team.



**Dates for the diary (remember to look at the website for more information!!!)**

Monday 24 September—Primary photos with Tempest photography

Tuesday 2 October—Open Day and Evening/meet and greet for primary parents

Friday 12– 17 October - ‘Malaga’ languages and arts trip

Wednesday 24 October—Study skills workshop year 10

Thursday 25 October—Review day, year 7

Friday 26 October— PD day followed by half term, returning on 5 November

Thursday 15 November—year 12 presentation evening

Tuesday 20 November—Community Curriculum weeks

Thursday 22 November—year 9 parents evening

6 December—school PANTO!

Thursday 13 December—primary Christmas shows

Friday 14 December—Christmas Fayre

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**POP IN WHEN THE CENTRE IS OPEN.**

# Oswestry Makes 2018

Here is an update on all the exciting ways to get involved with Oswestry Makes 2018, which is a festival throughout October to celebrate all the opportunities for learning how to make things, and all the incredible craft talent that exists around the town. This year's theme is Flowers of Peace and Remembrance and we are inviting you to make flowers to decorate the town.

First up there are still three weeks to go before hand in date for the Library exhibition (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September). The library exhibition will run from 8-27 October.

If you are still looking for ideas check out our website for patterns and workshops running around the town, such as the free paper flowers workshop at Qube on Tuesday 11 September (drop in any time between 1.30 and 5pm). There are also two free fabric flower workshops on Saturdays 29 September and 6 October, 10am-12pm at Lewis & Holmes on Castle Street. .

If you want to decorate your shop, business, school, favourite building or tree.... Go live date is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. There is a treasure hunt around participating shops with fabulous prizes.

Second we are really excited this year, thanks to a generous grant from the Rotary Club of Oswestry's Mary Hignett Bequest Fund, to have our very first Oswestry Makes artist in residence. Local artist Ticky Lowe will spend one week at Oswestry Library (8-13 October) and one week at Qube (15-19 October) creating a pop-up Creative laboratory. Visitors to the lab will be able to see the existing collection of wildflowers and watch Ticky and her volunteers create a poppy and a cornflower, which will illustrate the detailed botany of these flowers of peace and remembrance. There will be public workshops in each venue.

Third - On Saturday 13 October you can have a go at various flower crafts at Oswestry Library 11am-3pm, free and open to all ages, and visit the craft fair at Willow gallery.

Visit our website [oswestrymakes.wordpress.com](http://oswestrymakes.wordpress.com) for more information about workshops, events, patterns and photos of the fabulous things people are making.

  
OSWESTRY MAKES  
sat 13 - Sun 14 October 2018



website: [oswestrymakes.wordpress.com](http://oswestrymakes.wordpress.com)

# **Sunday Social Club**



## **At a loose end on a Sunday afternoon?**

Our ladies and some gentleman (and we could really do with a few more gentlemen attendees) have a great time with lots of conversation, cups of tea or coffee sandwiches and cake, quizzes, music and the like.

**at St. Martins Centre Lounge.**

**The next meetings will be on**

**7th October & 4th November**

**Please do come along.**

## **Sunday Social**

We have now been running our Sunday Social for over two years which is enjoyed by all who attend. We have ladies and gentlemen who attend on a regular basis but it would be lovely to see our numbers increased by new members. So, if you are lonely and are at a loss to know what to do on a Sunday afternoon on the first Sunday of the month, it would be lovely to see you. It is a great time to chat with people in similar circumstances and we do provide sandwiches, cakes, scones and tea or coffee thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers who help out. We also provide some entertainment by way of quizzes, bingo and recently we have had musical entertainment provided by the Odd Bods which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. They are also entertaining us all again on the 7<sup>th</sup> October and again at our Christmas party on the 1<sup>st</sup> December so please do come along when you will be most welcome.

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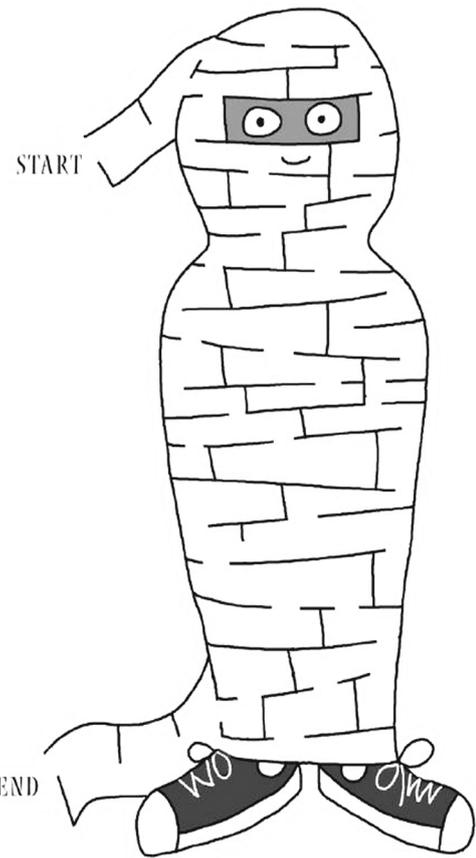


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Wow! That's a major mummy!



Here's a great picture for you to colour





## **You may have noticed a new organisation in the village this summer!**

We are COAP CIC Ltd, a not for profit organisation set up by Jen and Helen who both live in St Martins. COAP stands for Come Out And Play and that is what we stand for too. We will be arranging all sorts of fun activities for our community.

Helen is a mum to three lively, fun loving children. Two of her children have additional needs, and because of this it can be difficult to access the same out of school activities as other families. This has inspired Helen to want to help other families in the same position.

Jen is a mum to two adventurous livewires; both of her children are incredibly creative and love the outdoors. Seeing her children develop their own creative, adventurous personalities inspired her to want to offer creative and outdoor experiences to other children and provide opportunities for them to try new things.

The combination of our visions inspired us to set up COAP CIC. We want all families to be able to access our out of school activities regardless of their income and any additional needs their children may have. We also want to offer a wide range of activities, so please let us know what activities you'd like to see in your village.

During the summer holidays we ran a number of activity sessions including a free rock painting session which saw three or four generations of families enjoy a sunny afternoon doing just that - painting rocks. We had a lot of fun and had fantastic feedback from the families who took part.

On November 2nd we will be taking over the Centre again, this time our theme is Bonfire Night and we are inviting everyone to make a "Guy" and bring it along to take part in a competition for the "Coolest Guy in Town"! There will be a prize for every family who enters as well as other prizes.

**Follow us on Facebook (@COAPCIC) or for more details email us at:-**

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the best lighting and sound equipment, flooring and seats, as well as bespoke architectural design are being made so that audiences can benefit from some of the greatest theatrical performances touring the country.

A substantially sized foyer area will consist of a bar, café and seating area, designed not only for relaxing but also for smaller and more abstract performances.

Alongside professional touring theatre companies and music ensembles, the theatre will be used by local community and charity groups, arts organisations, choirs, orchestras and the surrounding primary and secondary schools.

The Theatre will be a hub for young talent to grow and its benefits are already in force with many community initiatives taking shape.

**The Face2Face Performance Academy** offers expert tuition in singing, dancing and acting for all aspiring performers between the ages of 9-18. The Academy runs over three ten week terms and holds workshops throughout the Easter and Summer breaks. For more information on how to get involved and learn about their yearly scholarships visit [www.moretonhall.org/face2face](http://www.moretonhall.org/face2face) or email [face2face@moretonhall.com](mailto:face2face@moretonhall.com)

**North Shropshire Music** is a hub for musical excellence in the region and has opened up musicianship opportunities for local students of all ages and abilities with sessions within term time. If you are a young instrumentalist and would like to get involved then please visit [www.moretonhall.org/north-shropshire-music](http://www.moretonhall.org/north-shropshire-music) to find session details and information on how to register.

We look forward to keeping everyone updated on the build progress of the Holroyd Community Theatre. Please visit [www.theholroydtheatre.co.uk](http://www.theholroydtheatre.co.uk), or, if you would like further information about the theatre or any of the community programmes mentioned then please contact us at [info@theholroydtheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@theholroydtheatre.co.uk).



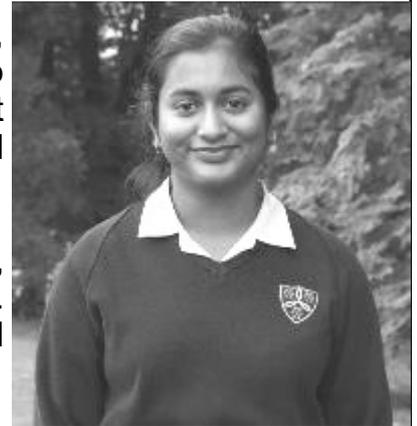
## Moreton Hall Student Awarded Young Speaker of the Year

Moreton Hall student, Simran Sajan, has been recognised as one of twelve Young Speakers of the year. Annually, thousands of candidates take part in the English Speaking Board (ESB) assessments in the hope of being one of the finalists. For four years Moreton Hall students have been selected for this prestigious achievement and this year Simran has taken up the mantle having competed against almost 30,000 applicants.

Simran joined Moreton Hall in year 7 without any prior public speaking experience and described her first ESB exam as 'a mess'. Throughout her time at the school her self-belief has grown and she has stated, after being asked how she felt about her recent success, that it was 'something she never expected to happen'. She continued to say the secret behind her growth was 'talking to a large range of people and slowly building my confidence over time'.

As the topic of her talk she discussed the subject of eating disorders, an issue very relevant to the target audience of teenagers. In order to stand out from the crowd of candidates who used a similar subject matter, her talk sparks a conversation on the introduction of mental health education to school pupils as part of the curriculum.

Head of Spoken English at the school, Merriel Halsall-Williams, commented: 'Simran's speech was engaging and thought provoking. She continues the legacy of young women from Moreton Hall succeeding in these competitive and challenging competitions.'



The speeches will be showcased at Liverpool's Crowne Plaza hotel on Saturday, 17th November and the school sends their best wishes to Simran in continuing her success in the Young Speaker of the Year award.

## New Head of Hockey Joins Moreton Hall

Experienced Hockey Coach Chris Prosser joined Moreton Hall at the start of the academic term continuing the sporting excellence the UK's highest achieving independent school is renowned for.

Chris's passion for the sport derived from his school days where he represented his local hockey club at a regional level. A graduate from the University of Worcester, Chris previously worked at Malvern College and coached Malvern Hockey Club's women's 1<sup>st</sup> team successfully in the regional league.

Chris has also worked across schools in Birmingham as a hockey coach and established a flourishing junior programme of talented athletes. Chris is keen to join Moreton Hall's Hockey provision at an exciting time of development and where the school's hockey teams are reaping the rewards on the field.

Speaking about his new position, Chris said, 'I am excited to be taking the role as Head of Hockey at Moreton Hall. I hope to share my love for the sport and provide students with lots of opportunities to continue to develop and improve their skills.'

Hockey, along with Lacrosse, are two of Moreton Hall's major sports where there is a strong tradition of competitive success, reflected in the outstanding results achieved by the teams every year.

Alison McDonald, Sports Director at Moreton Hall said, 'We are delighted to have Chris join our excellent sporting provision. His knowledge of the sport and his expertise will be a great asset to the school and our athletes.'





## **St Martins Youth Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.**

St Martins Centre is our third home as we started out at The Chapter House followed by the Scout Hut. We have always been totally self financed, using grants and entry fees to pay the rent, fund activities and pay for staff training. All of our helpers are volunteers giving up their time for free!!

Over the past year our volunteers have attended Shropshire Youth Association training courses gaining qualifications in Food Hygiene, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid at Work, Safeguarding and CEOP (Child Exploitation & On Line Protection)

### **ST MARTINS YOUTHIE:**

**EVENING:FRIDAY (term time only)**

**TIME: 7.30-9.00**

**AGE RANGE : school year 6 +**

**COST : £2**

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**PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES :dodge ball, fencing**

**ACTIVITIES: arts, crafts, cooking, PS111.**



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## Answers

From page 8

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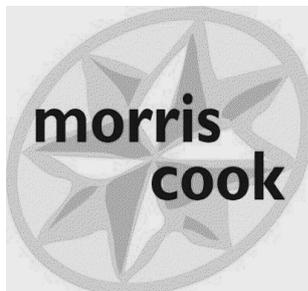
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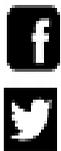
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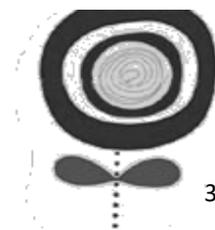
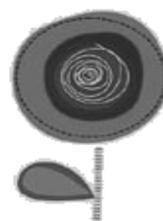
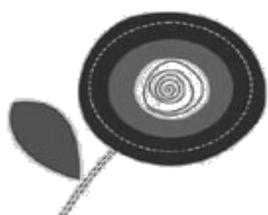
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### SEPTEMBER MEETING

At our meeting on 4th September St Martins W.I. held their Autumn Show. We had 109 individual entries which was fantastic. There were 6 categories, for which cups were awarded; Preserves - Isobel Banham. Cookery - Ann Sadler. Floral - Joint winners Ann Sadler, Morfydd James, Ruth Dean, Produce - Joint winners Ann Sadler, Shirley Willis. Handicraft - Eileen Rosamund. Photography - Joint Winners Isobel Banham, Pam Doyle. There was also a Best in Craft winner Lynda Standish and Overall Points Cup winner Ann Sadler. Congratulations to the winners and to all who took part. The evening was open to visitors because we also had a very interesting speaker for the evening Mr Viv Marsh. He has set up a charity in conjunction with the Church of England and other denominations to facilitate increasing the numbers of mason bees (*Osmia bicornis*). They fly at lower temperatures than the honey and bumble bee so are able to pollinate much more quickly. These solitary bees do not make honey, so do not need to sting to defend their honey stocks. The W.I. in Shropshire are helping in this project. Viv also helps to bring back natural meadows, which the mason bee loves. He works with the NHS who have suitable sites and The Airforce, Army and Navy who also have sites of natural habitat around many of their bases. The evening ended with tea/coffee and delicious cakes in honour of our 90th Birthday year. At our next meeting, on Tuesday 2nd October, we will have Gill Castle on the subject of her 'Adventures in Uganda.'



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## 'Wilfred Owen: Poet of Oswestry' - a new book by Dave Andrews

Many of us know that Wilfred Owen was born in Oswestry and that he was killed during World War One but most of us probably know very little else about him - except perhaps that he became famous as a poet after his death. Dave Andrews' new book on the town's most famous son provides a clear and concise introduction to Wilfred Owen's short but eventful life.

'I wanted to write a book that would give people the main facts about Wilfred Owen without going into great depth', says Dave. 'He deserves to be better known and better understood. I also wanted to remind the world that he was born here in Oswestry. Other places may claim him as theirs and commemorate his name, but we can all be proud of the fact that he was a native of our town, just as he himself was proud of his connection with the area and with his Welsh forefathers.'

As well as a biographical section on Wilfred, the book has separate sections on his poetic development and his Welsh identity. 'I realised that not everyone might be interested in his development as a poet,' says Dave 'so I decided to discuss this in a separate section. It will provide a solid basis for students of his work and for people who want to learn about the influences on his poetry.'

'*Wilfred Owen: Poet of Oswestry*' has been written to coincide with the town's centenary commemorations of Wilfred's death in battle in 1918. At the time of his death, his work was virtually unknown and it was to be several years before his poetry reached a wider audience. His reputation grew steadily during the twentieth century and in particular during the 1960s. Today his poems are read and studied throughout the English speaking world and beyond it in translation. Wilfred Owen - a son of Oswestry - is now regarded as one of the greatest poets of the twentieth century in the English language.

As Dave says in the introduction to his book - 'I wish to dedicate this book to the people of Oswestry. It was you I had in mind as my potential audience while I was writing it. Wilfred Owen was born in our town and we should be proud of his achievements.'

Dave is currently Reader and Writer in Residence at Oswestry Library and holds degrees in literature from the universities of Bangor and Oxford. He has published a number of books in Welsh and English including novels and guidebooks to the mountains of Wales. His two most recent books, *The Oswestry Round* and *Gobowen to Everest*, were both written to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Lingen Davies Cancer Fund, for whom Dave is a Community Coordinator. '*Wilfred Owen: Poet of Oswestry*' is Dave's tenth book.

'*Wilfred Owen: Poet of Oswestry*' is available in Booka and also online from [www.oswestryround.co.uk](http://www.oswestryround.co.uk) Price £5. You can also contact Dave direct for a signed copy at [dand103750@aol.com](mailto:dand103750@aol.com) Dave is also available to give talks on his books.



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We are holding a day of 1-2-1 business support sessions on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October with Zoe Slattery, Business Development officer, at a local venue.

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*For more information or to book a free place at one of these events, please ring Bridget on 01691 656882 or email [b.laraway@qube-oca.org.uk](mailto:b.laraway@qube-oca.org.uk).*

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*Local businesses – do you sometimes need someone to help with admin work on an occasional basis? Do you sometimes need a skilled person to do a particular piece of work?*

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Please get in touch with us if you are:

A local business that occasionally needs this type of help, or

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