

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

Welcome back from your summer break if you had one. I have to confess that I had a long break this year, travelling around Shropshire and well beyond, taking a friend from Australia on a road trip to places she had not previously seen and it reminded me just how green and pleasant our land really is - but then I got home to a letter from a local resident telling of unpleasant rubbish being dumped on our doorsteps. The same issue came up at the September Parish Council meeting. A couple of places in our village, especially around the Cottage Lane area, seem to have become "popular" as dumping areas. If you see anyone littering in this unnecessary and unpleasant way, don't keep it to yourself. Report it to the Parish Council and we'll take it up with Shropshire Council, but if you know who is responsible ask them (politely) not to do it!!

Back to the magazine. I am pleased to report that support from our advertisers is helping to keep the books balanced, so we are becoming sustainable as we had hoped and planned, but we notice that the various collections boxes - in Stans and in the Centre - are not getting as much support as they have previously enjoyed. If you find yourself with any spare change from your shopping trip, please drop some into our Village Life collecting tin. As the advert (not Stans!) says, every little helps!

Talking of help, our community Speedwatch team could do with some. While the core team is there, they could do with some extra members to make sure they can always muster a regular team to monitor the speed of traffic through our village, so if you can help even a little please respond to the item in this month's magazine.

Finally on a positive note, you'll find a couple of small items in this issue that illustrate just how helpful people in St Martins can be - and at least two of our local residents are very grateful for their kindness and honesty. If you have a good news story, share it with us and we'll include it in a future edition.

John Stevens

Chair of the Editorial Committee

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Parish Council

FROM THE CHAIR

Well, another two months have sped by and summer is gently fading towards colourful Autumn. I always feel that this time of year is a peaceful contemplative time, when things come to fruition and the passing year makes it both melancholy and restful.

I seem to have caused a little confusion in my previous article regarding the intention of Parish Councillors to make site visits to planning applications. This has been interpreted as "Parish Councillors will site visit all planning applications"! This was never what I was meaning to convey. What the Council decided was that it would be a good idea to consider a visit to any site of an application if it was felt there would be a significant impact from the proposed development and a site visit would enlighten the position. That really only applies to new and large scale developments, not alterations to individual homes. I hope this clears up any confusion amongst those of you worrying about having the Parish Council traipsing over your hoped for conservatory!

This month's meeting was a rather thin affair due to the sudden and shocking illness of our Clerk, Edward Davies, who had to undergo an urgent operation a couple of weeks ago. Thankfully he is starting on the slow road to recovery, and all the councillors have conveyed their good wishes to him. This terrible news made the planning of the meeting very difficult, with access to documentation, correspondence, emails etc, impossible with him being uncontactable for most of the time. We were able to arrange at short notice locum Clerk cover for September's meeting and have also arranged long term clerking cover to the end of the year. I would like to apologise to those of you who appeared to have been ignored after contacting the Clerk, as I'm sure you will understand, there was nothing he could do about it. It also means that no decision could be made over the applications for the vacant councillors positions as at the time of the meeting we were not aware of all the applicants, so apologies to those who have applied and heard nothing more. Systems are now being put in place and we will have full access and will be able to both deal with your issues, and have a full meeting in October when all the necessary decisions will be able to be made,

I recommend that until Edward is back in position you address any questions or issues you may have to me at andrew.cast@stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact any of the Councillors.

Andrew C Cast, Chair St Martins Parish Council

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 10th 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



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

Edward Davies, the Parish Council Clerk, is recovering from a major operation and will not be able to return to his duties for a number of weeks. The Council has appointed Lydia Bardsley as Acting Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer until Edward is able to resume his role of Clerk. In the meantime, any resident who wishes to contact the Council can still do so by emailing clerk@stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The Parish Council received a presentation from Gareth Edwards of Design & Planning Associates about a planning application for 80 homes on land at Rhos-y-llan Farm. The development will comprise a mix of 2,3 and 4 bedroom houses, 10% of which will be affordable homes. If granted, the development will be built in three phases. Councillors were pleased that the application had addressed the issues that had been raised in pre-submission discussions regarding provision of public open space, improved pedestrian/cycling links etc. The application can be viewed on Shropshire Council's Planning Portal, where residents can submit their comments if they so wish. The Council also heard that planning permission had been granted for its application for the change of use of agricultural land behind St Martins School to recreational and educational. This includes changes to the access to the School as well as additional car parking. The Parish Council is now looking to deliver a scheme on this site in partnership with the School, the Football Club and other interested parties to provide recreation facilities for the community and the school, including a 3G football pitch, a Multi Use Games Area, a cricket field and an archery ground.

Shropshire Councillor Steve Davenport reported that action was being taken against Severn Trent Water following Moors Lane being blocked. The resurfacing of the main road through the village would take place during the February half-term week 2020. In relation to the housing development at the former Ifton Heath primary school site, Councillor Davenport had asked Shropshire Council officers to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the proposals.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 10 October 2019 at 7pm at the St Martins Centre.

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St. Martins Parish Church

Service times

Sundays: 9:30am our usual Morning Worship Service with Communion (except on 4th Sunday when it is a Service of the Word)

Family Harvest Festival - Sunday 6th October at 9.30am

22 November - Quiz night with cheese and wine - see notices for details.

Pray for Our Parish

We are continuing to prayer walk our village.

If you would like to join us - let me know.

You can pray with us at our meetings (and on prayer walks) or at home. We will publish the streets we are praying for each week on our website.

Weekly Events

Monday Life group - in the Vestry- 7pm.

A small group meeting for Bible study prayer and fellowship. Anyone welcome.

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

Wednesdays 9:30am Mid-week Communion service.

New Youth Group - for school years 6-8.

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Meeting St. Johns Church Weston Rhyn Fridays (Term time) 5:30pm.

Run by Matt Barkley - Rural Church Youth Minister.



For more information or to book a Christening or Wedding and for any other enquiry please contact.

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I hope the summer has been kind to you, whether you have been away or if you stayed at home.

During the summer months Shropshire Council and indeed St Martins PC do take time off. I have been working on other things regarding our roads locally as in the A5 and A483. There has been a lot more going on to dual them to enable the traffic flow easier, albeit a lot of work and negotiations to be done yet.

But more locally I have managed to secure the funding again to resurfacing Overton Road through the village, I think it is going to be done in the February half term,

I attended the 'Grow it, Make it, Show it' show last week - lovely to see plenty of brilliant flowers, cakes, big vegetables, even paintings.

As you know, I'm the chair at the St Martins Centre and we are looking for at least two more trustees. It's not a big task, probably 6 meetings a year to help keep the Centre going. If you are interested in joining us, please apply to either me or in the Centre reception.

I'm really pleased to see, the sports field behind the school has now had planning permission. Now we have to raise more funding to deliver the facilities there, for the use of everyone the community. I have commented before, but this is largely thanks to a great team working together from the Parish Council and the School.

Steve

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**PCSO Dave Hughes – 07870 219190**

**PCSO Pete Roberts – 07870 219019**

For more crime prevention advice please feel free to get in contact with your local police team and please report anything suspicious to the police on 101.

**Kate Le'Clere, PC 3718**

**Oswestry Rural North,**

**Safer Neighbourhoods Team**

**Mobile – 07870 219518**

Please contact us on the above numbers if you have any issues you wish to discuss.

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## FRIENDS OF IFTON MEADOWS

### YOUR LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

We continue with our surveys of butterflies - we started in April and will finish at the end of September. The completed charts will be handed to Lee (Shropshire Council) who will then put them onto the nation Butterfly survey. Alongside the National survey we have obtained information on the butterflies who inhabit Ifton Meadows, we can then use the information over the coming years to check whether or not our numbers of butterflies increase or decrease.



You may have noticed the two resting posts that have been erected. Hopefully they will give your legs a short break when you walk around.

Jen Heard and COAP put on a nature day on the afternoon of 24th August - the sun shone and the families that attended had a good time.

Today was one of our workdays - we cut back the nettles etc around the Colliery entrance (see

before and after pictures). We disturbed three frogs, 2 large and one small, they looked very healthy with shiny colourful bodies, they can certainly move fast but I did manage to get a picture of one of them.



We continue to work on the 2nd Sunday of each month (weather permitting) 1.30

to 4 p.m. We need to remove birch and brambles particularly off the Skylark mound and also the ditches and drains need to be cleared over the next few months ready for the winter rains. Can you help?

Ann Williams



# St Martins Methodist Church

(Ellesmere Road)

Minister for St Martins is now

Rev Julia Skitt - phone: 07810 360778

|            | <b>October 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>  |
|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| St Martins | H Watts 10.00                  | Messy Church<br>11.00           | M Bennett 10.00                 | Moors 11.00                     |
| Moors      | J Skitt 11.00                  | Messy Church<br>11.00           | Chirk . 11.00                   | Rev Shoreman<br>11.00           |
|            | <b>November 3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>November 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>November 17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>November 24<sup>th</sup></b> |
| St Martins | M Bennett 10.00                | Cenotaph/St<br>Martins Chapel   | Moors 11.00                     | H Watts 11.00                   |
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## Here's an Email from one of our readers, THANKS Dave

Well, a good news story from my own mess up!

Last night went on this run. Needed some cash, so took my Bank Card and reader. Off I go, 5km later get to cash point at Stans. !!! No bank card or reader !!!

Rushed home, got bike out, re-traced route, no sign.

So, call bank cancel card, but more of the issue was the reader.

“Well today, knock on the door Policeman standing there, holding my Bank Card and reader. It seems someone found them, handed them in and Police sent tweet out and they had replies, hence they found me.

So from a problem I saw again the best side of human nature. Thank you to the person who found them, gave them in. Thank you to people who responded to the tweet and thank you to the Policeman who came around this morning.

**99 percent of Humans are brilliant,  
remember that.”**

*We, at Village Life, whole heartedly agree.*



## Repair Café

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*My grateful thanks to the very kind people who stopped to help me after my recent accident with my mobility scooter in Ellesmere Road.*

*The overgrown ivy on the wall by what used to be Duttons shop caught my scooter wheel and tipped me into the road. Several people stopped to help and made sure that I was OK - well after treatment at Oswestry minor injuries unit and the RSH I am recovering, but I'm not sure what might have been the case without you. It's good to know that people still care for others. Thank you all.*



I'm happy to report that our **Community Speedwatch Monitoring** sessions are going well. Drivers and pedestrians are very supportive as most of them recognise that too many drivers speed through our village. The group find it difficult to put a team out more than once every 4-6 weeks. Through feedback it seems it does have a lasting effect, well for a couple of weeks anyway. We need more people to help - could this be you? Could you join the group? There has to be 3 in a team and we go out for an hour in different parts of the village so you never know where we might pop-up. We can work around your schedule and holidays etc. Please contact me, Sue Schofield, on 01691 777710 or email [suescho@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suescho@hotmail.co.uk) and I'll get some training set up for you.

You notice I have written "monitoring" as that's what we are about. We are not out to catch local people speeding, but if you are speeding we will notify the Community Speedwatch managers and they will send you a letter pointing out the likely penalties.

**Safer Roads Partnership** are an arm of the Police service that run and support the Community Speedwatch teams among other things. Their attitude is to remind drivers to be diligent in built-up areas and drive with due care and attention. What they don't want to do is fill the courts with traffic offenders.



Operation SNAP is a new initiative where drivers with 'DashCams' can, if they capture poor driving, an incident or an accident, upload the footage to the SNAP website. For more information go to their website.

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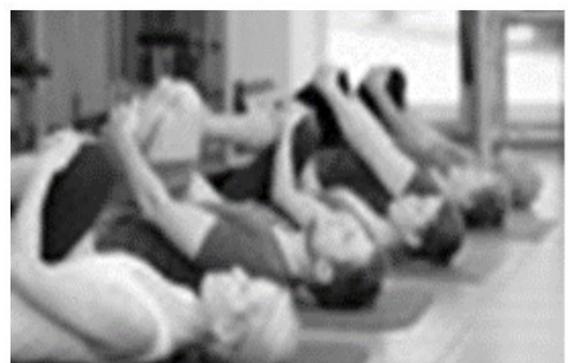
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**St. Martins FC's opening game of the season** was played in a blistering heat that proved too hot for visitors New Mills who succumbed to a 3 – 1 defeat in spite of taking the lead via a penalty in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute. Dave Easthope celebrated his return to playing for St. Martins FC with a goal cleverly guided home to equalise for the Saints, who dominated the game but it wasn't until the 40<sup>th</sup> minute that Jamie Hands grasped the lead. His goal scored minutes before half time provided the boost the Saints required to totally dominate the second half, but they had

to wait until the 70<sup>th</sup> minute to secure their win as Karl Bailey's cross into the box was pounced on by Easthope to fire home.

A bumper crowd witnessed St. Martins FC host local rivals Ellesmere and they were not disappointed as they witnessed a top quality match that St. Martins won 4 -2. It looked as though St. Martin's has shaken off their recent shyness in front of goal as a quick exchange of passes between Callum Bennett and Brendon Price split the Ellesmere defence. Bennett drove the ball into the six yard box where Karl Bailey slid the ball home in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute. The Saints Keeper, Jack Perry, missed kicked the ball directly to Ellesmere forward, William Wells who punished the mistake by firing passed Perry to equalise in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute. The Saints thought that Karl Bailey had scored twice but the first goal was disallowed for hand ball and the second disallowed for off-side.



The Saints talisman, Tawanda Mellusi, tormented the Ellesmere defence dribbling past defenders and placing the ball home in 40<sup>th</sup> minute for the Saints to take the lead just before half time. Two goals from Mellusi in the 47<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> minutes achieved his hat trick and provided the Saints with a comfort zone, but a second goal scored by Ellesmere's James Gregory-Cork in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute created a rather anxious end of the game.

St. Martins made it three wins from three games as they grabbed a 1 – 0 away win at Cheadle Town, a win that they had to fight for to the dying moments of an exciting game. Man of the Match James Durman scored what proved to be the winning goal in the 58<sup>th</sup> minute heading home a cross from Harrison Middleton to complete a text book corner constructed straight from the training ground.

The Saints experienced their first defeat of the season going down 2 – 3 to Sandbach, even though they took the lead through a own goal conceded in the 4<sup>th</sup> minute following an intensive opening spell. Sandbach forward, Kera Garner-Knapper broke the defensive line to calmly stoke the ball home in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute, then St. Martins were caught on the break by Adam Clayton in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute. The Saints were shell-shocked when William Buckley was allegedly fouled and stood up to score the penalty to give Sandbach a 3 - 1 lead that they held until 58<sup>th</sup> minute when Jamie Hands scored from the penalty spot having been felled in the box.

St. Martins FC suffered a 5-0 defeat away to high flyers Vauxhall Motors. A collision between Jay Stoker and Ben Holmes resulted in medical attention for Stoker and a penalty awarded and converted by Holmes. Saints dominated the first half but were caught in the 45th minute by a Holmes goal, then they conceded a third goal to a shot from Joseph Sullivan shot in the 49<sup>th</sup> minute. Those two setbacks seemed to affect the team's morale and the second half was dominated by Vauxhall, Ben Holmes completing his hat-trick on the 59<sup>th</sup> minute and Karl Noon firing home his clubs second penalty and 5<sup>th</sup> goal in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute.

St. Martins were determined to return to winning ways at home against Stockport Town but several players were unavailable. Dave Easthope chipped the goalkeeper to take the lead providing the perfect start, but the game swung from end to end, with Easthope hitting the bar with a fierce volley. Saints keeper Jack Perry made several spectacular saves, but Stockport man of the match Jesurum Uchebulam scored an impressive equaliser weaving his way into St. Martins box and firing into the corner of the net to equalise in the 50<sup>th</sup> minute. Defender Ross Murphy jumped above everyone to head home a Calum Bennett cross to take a deserved lead for St. Martins in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute. Kyle Foley hit home a classic equaliser for Stockport in the 74<sup>th</sup>, then a controversial penalty secured Stockport Town's victory as Uchebulam scored in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute.

Hosts Cammell Laird inflicted the St. Martin's fourth straight defeat even though the Saints took an early lead via Dave Easthope's accurate placed goal in the 3<sup>rd</sup> minute. Laird soon hit back as Luke Blondel's low drive flew into the bottom corner of the Saints net in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute. Laird maintained their momentum as Colm Lynch fired his team into the lead with a goal struck from outside the box in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute that flew into the net bouncing off the goalpost. The home side increased their lead with a freak goal as Ricci Neil's free kick was deflected into the Saints net in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute. Blondel scored his second and the club's fourth goal in the 31<sup>st</sup> minute finishing a precise move initiated by Lynch. In the 42<sup>nd</sup> minute St. Martins hit back as James Durman fired home an accurate cross from Callam Graybrook. A stunning shot from Easthope brilliantly saved by visiting keeper Cowderoy was the Saints only real chance of a stalemate goalless second half leaving the Saints trailing 4-2.



The Saints despair continued with a 3-0 defeat by Shifnal Town at home in the first round of the FA Vase with goals from Craig Radford, Jake Lloyd and Tom Hill. Goals conceded at the end of the first and second halves resulted in a 2 – 0 defeat at Whythenshawe Town and goals scored by Michael Clarke and Brad Byrne inflicted the Saints 6<sup>th</sup> defeat in a row. Injuries and missing players proved a headache for Manager Paul Moore who had to play two of the team's best

forward players - Jamie Hands and Karl Bailey in defence. The Saints looked to have returned to winning ways when Karl Bailey gave them the lead at home to Barnton, but they were shell shocked when Conner Anderson equalised and Samuel Houghton stole a 2-1 victory for the visitors in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute inflicting the Saints seventh defeat.