

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

Well where do I start? This is the most unusual update piece I have ever had to write for the magazine and in the current coronavirus pandemic situation whatever I put in this article may well have changed by the time you read it!

Perhaps that is the first point that needs to be made. In this issue we have provided details of all the events and activities that we know have been cancelled because of guidance and/or instructions issued by the government, but it is highly likely that even more of the “What’s On” events in our centre spread will also fall victim to the effect of the COVID-19 emergency.

Please check with the organiser before going to any advertised event as it may have been cancelled since they told us it was taking place.

We have been able to produce this issue thanks to the efforts of our many contributors - despite the fact that they have had to plan and deal with a rapidly changing situation themselves. We shall continue to prepare for our next edition at the end of May in the hope that the position will have improved, but we cannot guarantee that we shall be able to publish or distribute. We may not even be able to hold our AGM in May, but if we do go “off air” it will only be temporary. We shall return - and if any issue does have to be missed, our advertisers can rest assured that we shall simply roll forward their advertising timetable so that they pay only for what gets published.

Various articles in this issue refer to contingency plans and processes that are being created and in some cases already put in place, so we hope you find the information helpful as well as informative. At the foot of the next page you will also see details about some new and worthwhile initiatives that are being created to provide services to people in our community. Again, please check with the providers as they may be subject to change and will have terms and conditions.

Finally, most importantly, follow the guidelines and advice on social distancing and self isolation. Above all, please stay safe.

John Stevens

Chair of the Editorial Committee

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FROM THE CHAIR

Hello

We have a lot to think about at the moment, we have had Brexit, no more on that, then we had flooding, luckily most of us escaped the worst, but we did have local flooding which impacted greatly on some. Spare a thought for those that did suffer, with flood water in the house and grounds, and brooks overflowing, roads blocked, hopefully we can look at causes and rectify problems. We have been warned, now we have to look at ways of flood water management, whether it is digging silt from ditches or emptying blocked gullies, work has to be done when the flood water has receded.

Our road through the village has been resurfaced, not without disruption and problems. The contractors were not the most helpful, but part of their attention to Health and Safety restrictions were because at a previous roadworks job they had two workers hospitalised, they said it was due to being helpful to adjacent home access. Nice new road surface, but what a shock to find it being dug up 4 days after completion. We were not amused, and Severn Trent have been informed of our disgust at their actions.

Coronavirus, COVID-19, rules and recommendations are changing by the hour, so just please watch out for your neighbours, ask if they want you to shop for them, and keep on washing hands, wipe door handles with anti bacterial wipes, think about taking wipes in the car with you, wipe your hands or steering wheel, shopping trolley handles, all surfaces that other people are touching, but most of all, if you get a cold or fever, stay at home.

I hope you all keep healthy, but please look out for your neighbour.

From Helen Williams, Chair of St Martins Parish Council.

New Local Initiatives you might want to know more about

- ◆ Stan's Superstore are offering free home deliveries to over 60's within a 5 mile radius of the store. Phone 01691 772358 for details, terms and conditions
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- ◆ A new St Martins Food Bank service is being launched, For more information phone 07598 972767 or see them on Facebook @SM foodbank

Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

Under the public session one member of the public expressed concern over the lack of finished road surfaces in Irvine Gardens. Nick Scott from the developers had told him that they were waiting for Welsh Water to complete their work before this could be carried out. The Parish Council would contact Welsh Water for a response. He also asked for an update on the Section 106 money for this area and was advised that £55,000 would be allocated to the new village recreation ground development, with a further £26,000 for play equipment. He felt that residents of Irvine Gardens should be consulted on this as some play equipment should be on their development.

Another member of the public brought to the attention of the Parish Council the frequent flooding from Ifton Meadows into the road known as Glyn Morlas Lane. Water flows freely across the lane and vastly increases the volume of water carried by the small stream that flows along the front of Four Oaks, through Hazeldene land and into the Morlas Brook. The Parish Council supported their concerns and agreed to forward these concerns to the appropriate officers at Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Councillor Steve Davenport reported on the issues raised by the public about the resurfacing of Overton Road and his concerns that within days Severn Trent were digging the road up again.

On street lighting, all the street lights owned by the Parish Council have now been converted to LED. There are still a few teething problems with a number of these lights. Shropshire Council have reported that when contractors were undertaking the clean and test on their lights they found a number of high earth loop impedances on four columns along Ellesmere Road. For safety reasons those lights have been disconnected and a job ticket raised for the investigation and repair of the high earth loop impedances as soon as possible. They are also looking at three lights adjacent to Irvine Gardens that are not working.

On planning the Parish Council supported the erection of an outbuilding for use as dog grooming room following removal of existing shed at 16 Garden Village, St Martins, additional use of land for the siting of up to 65 shipping containers for use as self-storage and erection of security fencing at Bank Top Industrial Estate and agreed the proposed 11KV overhead electricity line rebuild on land between Chirk and Ifton.

Next Meetings; Decisions on whether the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual meeting of the Parish Council can be held as 'virtual' meetings are awaiting government

The next normal meeting of the Parish council is due to be held at St Martins Centre on Thursday 9th April at 7pm, circumstances allowing, but for further information on this, or on the delegated arrangements for Council decisions in the event of public meetings (such as Parish Council meetings) being prohibited and for updates to public information generally, please visit the Parish Council website at

www.stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Edward Davies,

St Martins Parish Clerk. 19 March 2020

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I'm writing this in extremely extraordinary times. I don't think there is more I can say, than that the governments experts are already telling us all.

If there is anything I can do to help anyone, either by picking something up or asking the council to help in anyway, please ask.

Also Keith Allum is setting up a food bank, please keep looking on Facebook and he will keep you updated. This is being funded by a combination of the school, local business, the Three Parishes Big Local and donations. Times for collection will be in the evenings from 6.30 - 7.30pm for self employed, employed, unemployed, and the elderly, except those who are already using a food bank else where.

I was going to talk about our new road, so just to update, clearly things weren't straight forward. Firstly they weren't letting people through, this was because two of the workmen had been run down in Bridgnorth, so they were being very cautious about health and safety, which we all understand. I'm sorry to some residents who were more inconvenienced.

As we all know, Severn Trent dug up the road before the tar was cold, I can promise you, I went ballistic. Just so you understand, any utility company can go onto a road without pre-ordering it with Shropshire Council, so they could have done it at anytime. They do require a permit, but they apply retrospectively, but that's the least of our worries right now, but I hope you agree a good job has been done,

Please don't hesitate to contact me in the usual way,

Steve

## CHIRK HOSPITAL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS.

Chirk Hospital Circle of Friends have been left bereft with the sudden death of their Life President Sybil Jones who was the mainstay of the group and who will be very sadly missed by all. They intend carrying on all the good work Sybil achieved during her 51 years with the Circle and hope to place a special memorial at the hospital to Sybil during the summer months – she will never be forgotten. Due to the coronavirus situation the rummage sale planned for April 4<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled but it is hoped to hold one on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>. On June 20<sup>th</sup> they hope to hold a special celebration tea and sing- a- long with the James Lambert Singers at Chirk Parish Hall to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day from 2pm – 5pm and a warm welcome is extended to everyone to come along.

All these events are subject to change depending on the situation with coronavirus , so please check in local press and social media beforehand. If you require more information please call 01691 773642



# St. Martins Parish Church

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that **public worship is suspended** until further notice.

**The church will, however, be open during the day (10am - 5pm) for private prayer.** Please come and light a candle and pray.

As the Archbishops have wisely said, these precautions are taken because of our responsibility to love our neighbours, - not to contribute in any way to the spreading of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

It does not mean, however, that we stop being 'The Church'; rather, we are invited to experiment - and be creative - with praying, worshipping and serving differently. Some excellent online resources for daily prayer can be found on the Church of England's website. Our overall aim will be to offer support to those who need it, and the opportunity to continue connecting with God through the ministry of the church throughout the coming days.

Please join us in praying for all who may feel anxious at this time. Please do contact us via telephone or email, or through our website

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

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Or check out our website: [www.stmartinsparish.org.uk](http://www.stmartinsparish.org.uk)



# St Martins Methodist Church

(Ellesmere Road)

Minister for St Martins

Rev Julia Skitt - phone: 07810 360778

In these uncertain times we are unable to publish an accurate plan.

Please check out the noticeboard by the Chapel front door for service times.



ALL Rainbows, Brownies and Guides activities have been **CANCELLED** due to the ongoing current health issues.

No further meetings or planned activities until further notice..

Dear All,

This is to let you know that after a brief interruption for the collection of new personal protection equipment, Effie has now resumed service as our local Community First Responder.

Planned CPR/Defib courses are not currently affected, but that might have to change, unfortunately.

We'll let you know if/when circumstances change.

Les Cadwallader





## FRIENDS OF IFTON MEADOWS

Following the recent storms we are at last seeing a bit of sun even if it comes with very strong winds. Since my last article the Friends have been working on removing birch scrub from the skylark breeding area. We remove scrub so

that the area is kept clear of trees which might be used by predators who would take the skylarks and their young. Early March is the last time we can work in this area so any further work must wait until next Winter/Spring.

By the time you read this the signs asking you to **keep off** the mound between March and September will have been returned. PLEASE keep both yourselves and your dogs off the mound during this period - we already have two breeding pairs nesting. Just to put your minds at ease the conservation cattle ie: Dexters are not a problem for the skylarks - conservation cattle are used widely throughout the country on many sites without any problems. The main problem/danger to skylarks are PEOPLE and their DOGS that is why we ask you not to disturb them by walking over the top of the mound. The Dexters do not seem bothered by dogs or people and have proved popular with some, but I would like to remind dog owners that they **must not** allow their dogs to run up onto the nesting area.

Mike from Shropshire Council is trying to sort out the new kissing gates so please be patient if they are not yet finished. Both kissing gates have the same disabled access as the main entrance - a RADAR key opens the lock on the top of the gate allowing a section to open out to let a wheelchair through. If you need to use a wheelchair and do not have a RADAR key, they can be obtained from Shropshire Council (Radar keys open many doors throughout the UK including disabled toilets).

We continue to work on Second Sunday of each month 1.30 to 4 p.m. if you are interested please come and join us.

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## NEW CHARITY ASKS FOR ANY UNWANTED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS!

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At first we are looking to offer vocal, string and woodwind lessons, so we are asking if anyone has any unwanted instruments to be in touch with us:

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**Registration with Charity Commission in progress**

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**PCSO Pete Roberts – 07870 219019**

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# The Ifton Colliery Memorial Statue

in St Martins has received a donation of £500 towards CCTV protection for the Miner's Memorial Gardens in St Martins.

Partners at Stans Superstore, Peter and Robert Faulks, can be seen presenting the cheque to former miner and statue campaigner Terry Ellis.

Peter and Robert regard this good cause as an important part of the community's heritage and were very happy to see this donation aid the preservation of this important memorial for future generations.

Terry said that "this latest donation by Stan's was very welcome. I can't praise Stan's enough, Rob and Peter especially, for their unwavering support for the project. I must also mention that the Parish Council also put a large donation toward this part of the project".

The project is nearing completion, the latest part is to fund the three bronze plaques for the base. One will record the names of the men that lost their lives whilst at work, a fitting memorial to them all. Two more will tell the story of why the statue is there, thinking that in another 50 years, when all has passed from living memory, people will be able to read the story of the communities that came together to raise the money to mark the history and heritage of the area. The Hilton Jones Trust has pledged 50% of the costs and we have at least another £500 which leaves £2,000 to raise. Please help if you can and look out for any events going on to raise this money. There are still some commemorative medals available at £25 each if you want your own souvenir.

It has been suggested that a silhouette of the pit buildings be painted on the white wall of the Old Co-op building which would act as a back drop to the statue. Let me know your thoughts on this please, Sue Schofield Email: [suescho@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suescho@hotmail.co.uk).



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# Connecting Shropshire programme update, March 2020



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**MARKET INTELLIGENCE REVIEW (MIR)**  
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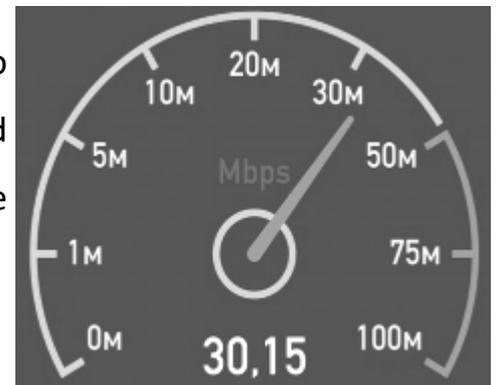
Market Intelligence Review launched:

Shropshire Council remains committed to its aspiration of enabling access to superfast broadband (30mbps) across the Council area where the broadband infrastructure market is failing to provide it. So that we can better understand current

and planned (next three years) coverage of broadband infrastructure, we've launched a Market Intelligence Review (MIR). The Review asks broadband infrastructure suppliers to provide premise-level information by the end of March 2020.

We will use this information to publish anonymised maps to show the availability of both current and planned broadband infrastructure, and to provide an update to our 2017 Coverage Map, see:

<http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/broadband-coverage-map/>



## **How to check superfast broadband (30mbps) availability:**

Most people in the Shropshire Council area can access a superfast broadband connection from one or more of the existing broadband infrastructure networks. If your broadband speed is not as quick as you'd like, you may need to switch networks to get a faster connection.

The following page on our website, <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/when-and-where/>, provides information about the six main broadband infrastructure networks in Shropshire and gives information about how to check coverage.

## **If you can't access superfast broadband (30mbps), let us know**

Once you've checked what broadband infrastructure and speeds are available to you, if you don't think you can access a superfast broadband connection of 30mbps, please let us know. We can use this local intelligence to sense-check what the broadband infrastructure providers are telling us in the Market Intelligence Review.

Any questions?

If you have any broadband-related queries, please contact Connecting Shropshire with your question as well as providing your address and landline number (if you have one).

# March Quiz

## Battles

1. In which country did the Battle of Waterloo take place?
2. In which battle did Admiral Nelson lose his arm?
3. Who were the combatants at the Battle of Bannockburn
4. What was the year of the Battle of Stamford Bridge?
5. Who won the battle of Hastings?
6. The Battle of Britain was fought over which months in 1940
7. Who were the opposing sides in the battle of Shrewsbury?
8. Who were the opposing armies in the battle of Naseby?
9. What year was the battle of the Nile?
10. In what year was the 6 day war?



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**Alsager Town 1 St. Martins 0.** The opening exchanges were understandably hectic resulting in the Saints Goalie, George Austin making an outstanding save in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute and minute's later a header from Saints 'Centre back', Jeff Agyeman skimmed past the Alsager post. The Saints defended stoutly and looked dangerous from swift counter attacks led by centre forward Will Wells. Man of the match, goalkeeper George Austin kept the Saints in the game in the first half when he saved a penalty, but a free kick in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute fired into the top corner of the net captured the points for Alsager Town.

**Wythenshawe Amateurs 5 St. Martins 0.** The night-mare of losing continued when Saints travelled to Wythenshawe on a cold Tuesday evening. They found themselves behind after conceding a penalty in the 6<sup>th</sup> minute and went 2-0 down before half time. . . Despite Saints Goalkeeper George Austin making save after save to achieve a man-of



the match award three more second half goals completed a 5-0 drumming

**St. Martins 0 Wythenshawe Amateurs 3.** St. Martins conceded early in the third minute of their return visit of Wythenshawe Amateurs and though the Saints fought back for 75% of the game, they were stunned by two further goals resulting in a 3-0 loss.

**Barnton FC 1 St. Martins 0.** This clash was a very important game as both sides currently sat in the bottom 3 of the North West Counties League Division 1 South, so both desperately required points and the subsequent manner of the game epitomised both teams' anxiety resulting in few chances throughout the game. Neither side really took control of the game, as defences dominated.

St Martins did start the quicker of the two teams with a couple of efforts going close but yet again a goal conceded just before half time proved decisive. Despite Saints man of the match, George Austin saving a penalty following two Saints players receiving 10

**St. Martins FC 2 Cammell Laird 1970 0.** Saints hadn't kept a clean sheet since their win on the 10<sup>th</sup> August over Cheadle Town in what was then their third consecutive win at the beginning of this season, so a very impressive 2 – 0 defeat over Cammell Laird 1970 15<sup>th</sup> Feb was received with justifiable pride, winning via two well constructed goals and keeping a clean sheet in traitorous weather conditions. This hard fought result started with Saints Keeper George Austin making an early acrobatic save and from that early warning point the Saints defence led by Jeffery Agyman were excellent throughout the game. Cammell Laird's defence was split in the 11th minute by a Saints four man counter attack of precision passes that was completed by Will Wells' calm chip into the corner of the net. Joseph Foster secured a much needed win for Saints in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute scoring his side's second - and what turned out to be the match-winning goal.

**St. Martins FC 0 Vauxhall Motors 4.** Following recent improved performances Saints approached this game with a higher level of confidence even though their opponents sit at the opposite end of the North West Counties League Division 1 South. The game didn't reflect that optimism with the first goal conceded in the 6<sup>th</sup> minute. Vauxhall enjoyed the majority of the possession and Saints were caught out again from a free kick in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute. St. Martins started the second half with gusto, but two late goals, the last a scrappy affair in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute, led to the final 4-0 defeat.

**St. Martins FC 1 Stone Old Alleyns 4.** Saints dominated possession from the



start and created chances that they didn't convert into goals until a mesmerising run from Jamie Smith in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute was concluded with a low drive from outside the box which flew into the corner of the net to give Saints a deserved lead. That lead was wiped out a minute later when Saints Keeper George Austin was adjudged to have stepped back over the line when grasping hold of Mathew Thomas's cross. This seemed to impact Saints moral and Stone scored a second goal in the 58<sup>th</sup> minute. Two further goals saw Saints lose again, this time 4-1.

**Ellesmere Rangers 2 St. Martins F.C 0.** Both teams have struggled this season and have found themselves languishing near the bottom of the League, so this game was very important to both clubs. A catalogue of missed chances from both clubs provides perhaps an explanation why they find themselves in this position, but painfully for the Saints the two goals they conceded were scored by Carl Bailey and Twanda Melusi, both ex-Saints players, transferred this season. Although moving Joseph Foster from wing-back to striker definitely worked it was not enough to prevent Rangers from taking the points.

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# Ifton Heath Primary School Site



## Consultation on Proposed Re-development

The former Ifton Heath primary school site has, with the agreement of the Parish Council, been identified as suitable for housing and indicative plans have now been created by Cornovii Developments (Shropshire Council's new fully owned development company) who wish to share those plans with the community to gauge their reaction to them.

Following recent government guidelines surrounding the coronavirus outbreak, it will not be possible to hold a public event in the usual way. The health, safety and well-being of our staff, partners and the people of St Martins is of paramount importance to us and prevents the holding of a public display and meeting at St Martins Centre.

Instead, from Monday 20 April it will be possible for everyone to access the plans by visiting the Cornovii Development website [www.cornoviidevelopments.co.uk](http://www.cornoviidevelopments.co.uk). There you can share your views by completing the online consultation form.

The same indicative plans will have been shared electronically with Parish Councillors before the public consultation begins, so their comments can be made, but even in the present emergency, this initiative gives all residents a chance to express an opinion.

The consultation will run until Friday 1st May, so please take this opportunity to share your views. Cornovii Developments look forward to hearing from you.

The Oswestry Round Challenge  
6th JUNE 2020  
**cancelled.** It was due to take place on 6 June but Dave Andrews says that he and his committee have called off the event due to current health concerns.

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# THANK YOU FROM 2<sup>nd</sup> ST MARTINS SCOUT GROUP



2<sup>nd</sup> St Martins scouts, cubs and beavers would like to say a massive thank you to their current and recent past leaders, and in particular to Nick Pickles, Rob Pickles and Barry Evans. These three are stepping down from their full time roles with the group, having served well over a decade each running activities for the young people of St Martins and the surrounding area. Over the years they have held leaders roles with all three groups, with Rob also acting as our quartermaster for a time and Nick as Group Scout Leader. During their time they have taught a wide range of skills, including indoor and craft activities, cooking, knot tying, carpentry, First Aid, computing and games and outdoor in particular archery, tracking, orienteering, pioneering, water sports and climbing. The young people have also had a brilliant experiences in going away on camps across the county. But overall through the medium of the scouting organisation, Nick, Rob and Barry have taught the children valuable life skills such as working together, planning activities and trying out new things that they haven't thought they could do.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Debbie Jones, who is standing down having run Beavers for quite a few years. We very much hope we will see her again at the group in a few years' time, but in the meantime we wish her all the best with her studies (on top of work and family life).

Over recent years they have had help from a number of previous leaders, including Kerry, Nigel, Marvin and Gareth, and we would like to thank them too for their involvement (and apologies if we've missed anyone off!). A big thank you also to our current leaders: Dave, James, Peter, Chris, Andy and Luis, and our occasional parent helpers and our Young Leaders. Without their dedication and commitment, the youngsters of St Martins would be missing out on a valuable opportunity in the village.



We are still urgently looking for adult help, so if you think you'd like to find out more, please get in touch on:

[2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com](mailto:2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com)



## 1st St Martins Brownies and Guides

would like to thank the Three Parishes Big Local Community Chest Grant for their kind donation of £220.00 each towards the Coach hire for our World Thinking Day trip to the NEC at Birmingham.

The girls and guiders had a fantastic time, over 13,500 girls from Shropshire alone were present.

Girls had the opportunities to have a go, to take part and try things they may never have done before, as well as meeting other groups from around Shropshire and big city areas.

The Girls are encouraged to be hands on and talk to many job providers (although they are sadly thought to be mainly male led!).

Companies like Rolls Royce, Engineering, IT companies, and science led activities in the hope of widening their horizons for their future and becoming Girl Guider ambassadors around the world.

Many thanks for making this all possible.

Brown Owl.



### The Parents and Family Of Tiffany Devlin

We would like to say thank you to everyone for the kindness and support shown to us during our time of the sad loss of our dear daughter Tiffany. Our special thanks to our neighbours Ben and Sian Reece for their wonderful kind generosity to Jack and to us, and to Olive Lebeder for her comfort and support. They have all been amazing throughout especially during the Christmas period. We would also like to thank St Martins School for their great support and kindness, and to John and Vicky at The Keys for providing facilities for the wake.

We would also like to thank the Revd Stuart Jermy for conducting the church service so compassionately and to the Funeral Directors for their guidance with the funeral arrangements. Thank you also to all those who attended the funeral and for the messages of sympathy and the kind donations to S.A.D. UK to whom the donations have been sent. It is at times like these that we have come to realise how many good people there are.

Dave & Doreen Devlin and Family

# What's on in April 2020!

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|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Wed 1st              | Hearing Aid Clinic                                         | Oswestry Library                   | 10 -12noon         |
|                      |                                                            |                                    |                    |
| Sat 4th              | Friends of Chirk Hospital<br>Rummage Sale                  | Parish Hall<br>Chirk               | 10 -12am           |
| Sun 5th              | Sunday Social                                              | Chapter House                      | 3:30pm             |
| Tue 7th              | WI<br>Our Spring Show - Pop and<br>Dare from Severn Trent. | St Martins Institute               | 7:30pm             |
| Wed 8th              | Weston Rhyn Gardening Club<br>Vicars                       | Weston Rhyn Institute              | 7:30pm             |
| Thurs 9th            | St Martins Parish Council                                  | St Martins Centre                  | 7pm                |
|                      |                                                            |                                    |                    |
| Sun 12th             | IMMC/Friends of Ifton Meadows<br>Work Day                  | Colliery entrance Ifton<br>Meadows | 1:30pm             |
| Tues<br>7,14,21,28th | Money Matters                                              | St Martins Centre                  | 10am - 1pm         |
| Tues 14th            | IMMC/Friends of Ifton Meadows                              | St Martins Centre                  | 7:30pm             |
| Fri 24th             | Singing for Health<br>with Chloe Murray (£7.50)            | Oswestry Library                   | 10:30 -<br>11:45am |
| Sat 25th             | Board Game Café!                                           | Oswestry Library                   | 10 -1pm            |
|                      |                                                            |                                    |                    |
| Thur 30th            | Carer's Trust                                              | Oswestry Library                   | 10:30 -<br>11:30am |