

What's on in March 2022!

Tues 1st	WI Bev and Ray Langton talk about Morris and Mayhe	The Lounge of the Miners Institute	7:30pm
Wed 9th	Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club 'Create an interesting twelve month garden' by Malcolm Mollart.	Weston Rhyn Institute,	7:30pm
Thurs 10th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Centre	700pm

Please let us know the time and date of your events in April and May for the next edition of Village Life (free on the What's on pages) by no later than Wednesday 9th March 2022

If you send us an article for the next edition, please bear in mind that it will be delivered at the end of March, 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 April and May (or Later).

Coronavirus in Shropshire 7 – 13 January 2022

2,815

New cases reported

47%

decrease on previous week

865

per 100,000 Shropshire's 7 day infection rate

1128.9

per 100,000 for the West Midlands

69

Hospital beds were occupied by COVID-19 patients

3

COVID-19-related deaths in a local hospital



Shropshire Council

Please check dates above

Rachel Robinson, Shropshire Council's director of public health, said:-

“The number of COVID-19 cases in Shropshire has fallen by nearly 50% in this time period. This rapid decrease mirrors national and regional trends. We have, however, continued to see outbreaks, particularly in our schools and care homes. We do need to be cautious with the interpretation of the data on total cases compared to previous weeks, as the overall numbers will be impacted by recent policy changes, particularly the removed need for a confirmatory PCR test. We are reminding residents to continue to upload their Lateral Flow Test positive results.

“Although cases have dropped, there are still very high numbers of patients being treated for COVID-19 in our local hospitals and, sadly, there were 3 further deaths during this time.

“On Wednesday the Prime Minister announced an end to ‘Plan B’ restrictions from Thursday 27 January 2022. I would urge everyone in Shropshire to proceed with caution. The infection rate remains high, so I encourage you to be sensible and think about taking measures to protect yourself, while also minimising the spread of the virus, particularly in high risk settings, or when in deliberate contact with the vulnerable.”

Simon Jones, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for adult social care and public health, said:-

“It is very promising that cases are falling and we are moving forward, but let's not forget that coronavirus is still in our communities and we must do what we can to say safe.

“The vaccine remains the best defence against the effects of COVID-19, so if you haven't yet had the jab, please do.



St Martins Community Speedwatch

I hope you have all had a Merry and safe Christmas.

We have had a break over the festive period but we will be back out again soon.

I was shocked on our last session to have logged 6 vehicles doing more than 35 mph (one we logged at 44mph) along the Ellesmere Road. Can I remind everyone the 30mph extends to Arthans pond so please keep your speed down, after all it's not a case of *how fast can you go*, it's *how fast can you stop* if you have to! A child running after a ball, a dog in the road, or it might be an elderly person who has fallen. Please take that little extra care throughout 2022.

We are still looking for more members of the team. I am looking to have teams out every week at any one of 5 approved sites and I need more volunteers to do that.

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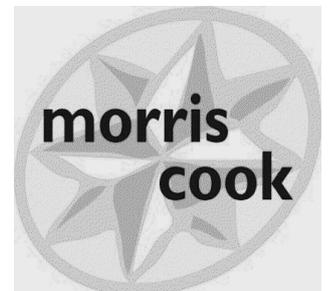
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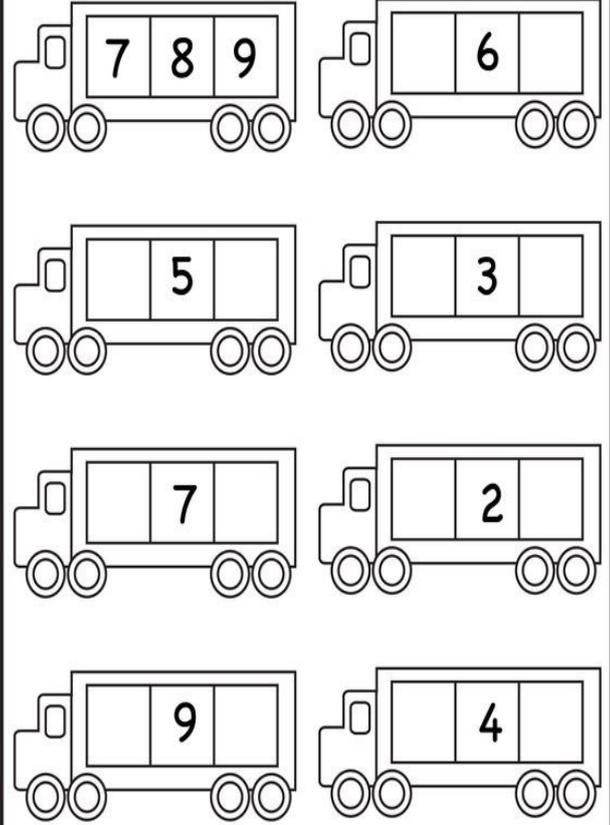
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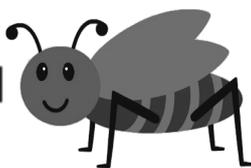


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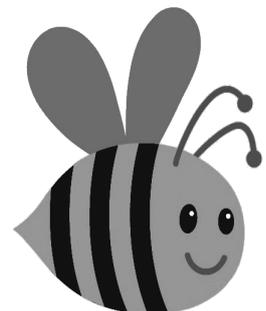
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St. Martins FC 0 Cammel Laird FC 6

As a result of the worst run of league-game results in the club's history, St. Martin's FC starting-point of late has been sensitive, so when the first ten minutes of this game v Cammel Laird FC realised a dominant period in which one of the Saint's shots hit the post and

another shot was cleared off the goal line, there was justified reason for optimism. Sadly however, in the 10th minute Ben Kerr scored Cammel Laird's opening goal to the amazement of all, as he appeared to be at least a yard offside, and in the 21st minute Kalif Koura's shot bounced off two Saint's defenders before settling in the back of the net, opening up a fortunate two-goal lead for Cammel Laird.

The Saints didn't recover from this bitter blow and Max Herbert finished off a swift inter-change of passing that opened up a demoralised Saints defence to score Cammel Laird's 3rd goal in the 28th Minute.

Goals scored in the second half by Ryan Smith in the 47th minute, Kalif Koura in the 60th and the final nail in Saints coffin scored by Kieron Hamn in the 90th minute showed the appetite in positive welfare for Cammell Laird FC but despair for St. Martins FC, leaving new manager Darren Wildman to reflect on what might have been if the Saints' positive opening 10 minutes had resulted in an early lead.

St. Martins FC 0 Brocton FC 5

St. Martins FC's vibrant start to this fixture gave their supporters hope that maybe they had turned the corner to better performance, until the 28th minute when Brocton's Roger Smith courted the Saints defence square, so his forward run into the space behind gave him a one-on-one chance that he took with aplomb, firing the ball in to the corner of the net to open the scoring for Brocton.

Saints maintained their spirit however and a one goal lead for the opposition at half time seemed salvageable. Regan Smith's goal in the 49th minute burst that optimism and gave Brocton an edge that they took complete advantage of, as Jake Thomas scored in the 58th minute, Regan Smith scored his second goal in the 65th minute and Saints received the final blow in extra time as Ben Haddaway scored Brocton's 5th goal in the 91st minute.

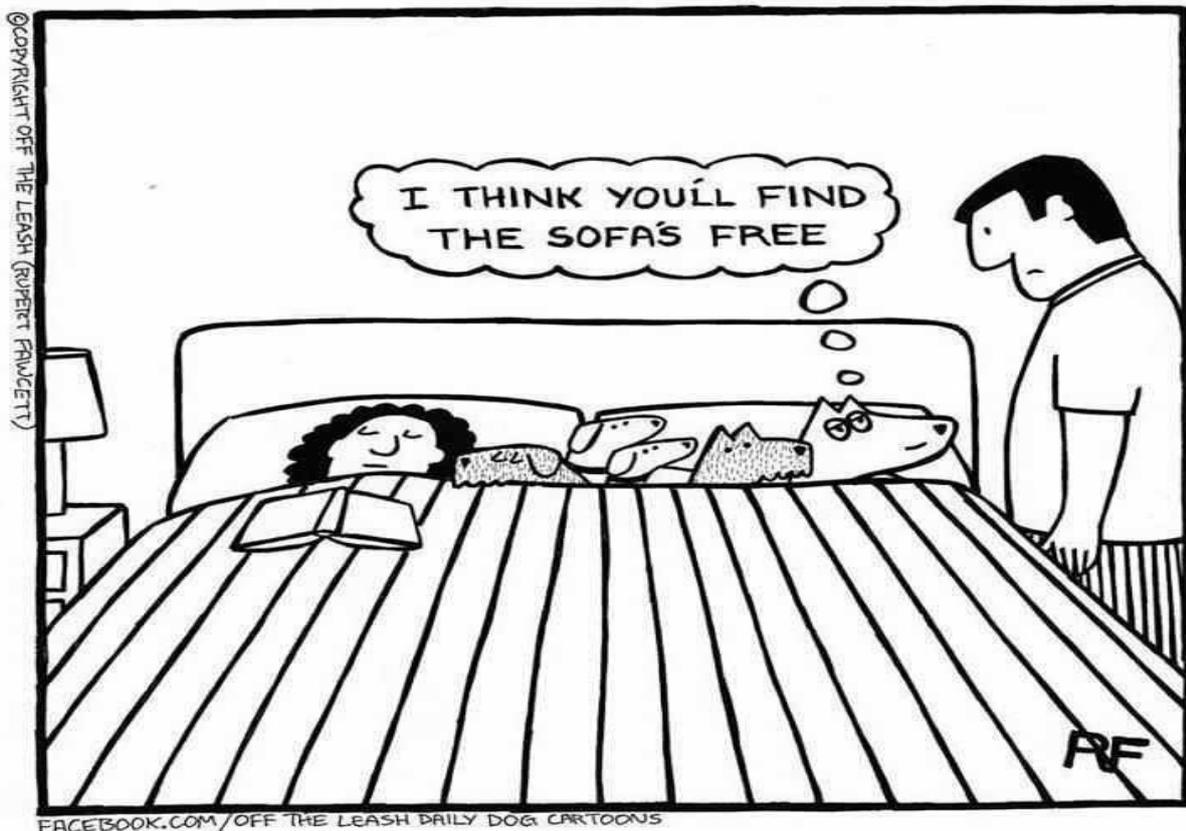
St. Martins Surgery (or rather the lack of it)

As many of you know we as a community have been campaigning to have the branch surgery in the village reopened or at the very least have confirmation of its closure. Since it closed ,when the pandemic started, there have been petitions in all the businesses, e.petitons ,letters sent to The practice manager at Chirk, the North Wales community health board ,the Advetizer and the M.Ps (past and present)

On May 17th 2021 all patients on the (English) side of the boarder were sent a letter. There has been nothing since . The Parish council discusses the issue at every meeting and Steve Davenport has had regular communications with the surgery. My last communication from the practice manager at Chirk was dated December 2021. It is brief and says” The closure application needs to be initially discussed within the health board at area level, which I am expecting to take place early January.”

We as a community cannot move forward until a decision has been reached. The early January meeting has just been cancelled. I just wanted you all to know that everything is being done to try to move forward but with little success.

Vivienne Fisher



Times Gone By

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Well done Helen Case, What an amazing memory

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, ?, ? , Carl Vickers , Carols daughter

Top of slide

Nia Richards , Tammy , Andrea

Top of frame

Kelly Ellis , Jenny Brownrigg , ?, Andrew Griffiths Mary Tinsley Claire Rose , Elizabeth Williams

Katharine Case , Sally Herbert , Clinton Vickers , Charlotte

Taken when a new climbing frame was installed probably 1979 or 1980 at playgroup
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Chocolate Swirl Pancakes Recipe.

Special Children's Treat for Pancake Day

These incredibly delicious chocolate swirl pancakes are a fresh twist on the classic pancake, using Nutella as an additional indulgent ingredient.

Prep time: 5 Mins

Cook time: 3-4 mins per pancake

Effort: Easy

Yield: 6 to 8 portions

Ingredients

150g plain, sifted

3 medium eggs, beaten until light and fluffy

1 tablespoon sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

480ml to 500ml semi-skimmed milk

1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted

120ml Nutella[®], melted



Image: Le Creuset

Method

1. Sift the flour and salt into a bowl. Make a well in the centre and add the sugar and beaten eggs.
2. Add the milk gradually and beat to a smooth and creamy consistency. Add the melted butter and swirl in the Nutella[®] (or other chocolate hazelnut spread).
3. Wipe the surface of a 28cm Frying pan with a little oil and heat gently on a medium heat setting turning to a low to medium setting when the required temperature is reached.
4. Pour just enough batter to thinly cover the surface of the pan. Lightly brown the pancake on one side, then turn and brown on the other.
5. Slide the pancake from the pan and stack as they are cooked and cover loosely with a piece of aluminium foil to keep them warm until you are ready to serve them.

Serve as soon as possible after cooking.

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Weston Rhyn Gardening Club

Happy New Year to you all. Despite Covid and the ever-changing restrictions and the variety of weather conditions, we can take some comfort in that the days are getting longer. Spring bulbs are emerging and pretty soon snowdrops appear. Nature never fails to let us down.

November's meeting gave us guidance on how to design a low maintenance garden. Darren Rudge has a wealth of knowledge and experience, having 30 years in horticulture. Darren's main message was to establish what kind of garden you want, in



my case with as little work as possible as I age!!

At December's meeting Izy Liston gave a demonstration on Christmas floral arrangements. Izy had a good rapport with members of the club, and it was nice to welcome members from various local flower arranging clubs who also knew Izy and her talent for floral displays.

The Club has its Christmas meal and quiz in January this year, held at the Key's, St Martins.

February the 9th we welcome Jill Cawthray to our meeting - the subject is 'Not All Nettles'.

March the 9th Malcolm Mollart talks about creating an interesting 12 month garden.

During February and March meetings, we have a seed and plant-cutting swap table.

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Gardening Tips for January/February

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Must Do

Avoid walking or driving on frozen lawns – This this can injure turf grasses. Once the crown is damaged, the grass is unlikely to grow back in spring.

Prune promptly – Any tree and shrub limbs damaged by ice or snow should be pruned off promptly to prevent bark from tearing.

Don't remove ice – In case of an ice storm, allow ice to melt off your plants naturally. Attempting to remove ice can damage the plants.

On icy paths and driveways – Scatter sand, bird seed, sawdust, cat litter or vermiculite to avoid slipping. Avoid salt or ice melters as these may injure plants.

Check for frost heaving on perennials – If you can, push them back into the ground and cover them with extra mulch as necessary.

Should Do

Gently brush off heavy snows from tree and shrub branches. Don't shake the branches or hit them with a broom or shovel as they could break.

Check all smaller trees for evidence of rodent injury to the bark – Be sure to pull away any snow around the tree as rodents will burrow under the snow to get at the tender bark on young trees. Use baits or traps where necessary, and wrap the bottom of susceptible trees with tree wrap (be sure to remove it when the snow melts).

Secure fencing and protective wrap – Make sure that any fencing or protective wrap around plants is secure. You don't want it flying away in the next wind storm!

Check for insect pests – You'll also want to check the bark and branches of ornamental trees and shrubs for scale insects and the egg masses of gypsy moth, tent caterpillar, and other harmful pests. Remove or destroy these egg masses (prune

Happy New Year from St Martins WI.

December saw us enjoying our Annual Christmas Meal and Quiz at The Keys. Excellent festive fare, a fun quiz, Secret Santa, Festive Raffle and presentation of cups to the winners of our monthly Competition and Exhibition, all took place during the course of the evening.

The Competition Winner was Shirley Willis and Shirley Willis and Sue Beddow were the Exhibition Winners.

The first meeting of the New Year was on Tuesday 4th January at St Martins Miners Institute.



Helen Williams, one of our members, gave a hilarious account of her trip to Australia with Pam and Ingrid. The intrepid three visited cities such as Sydney, Perth and Brisbane taking in various sights and activities along their journey. Swimming in a Billabong and the Southern Ocean,

encountering kangaroos, koalas, snakes and dolphins, learning to play poker, stopping in Youth Hostels and generally creating mayhem. To name but a few of their adventures. Eventually returning to the UK via Singapore, enjoying a few Gin Slings whilst they were there and, of course, visiting Raffles!

February's meeting is on Tuesday 1st when our Speaker will be Sarah Hopper with 'Tales of life behind and in front of guests at a B & B'.

On 1st March Bev and Ray Langton will talk about Morris and Mayhem.

Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. new members and visitors are all welcome.



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News from Big Local

We would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

As we start 2022, we know this is the final year of 3PBL. We are sad that some things are coming to an end, but excited that lots of the projects supported, investments made and grants awarded will continue to benefit the residents of Three Parishes Big Local for many years to come. Here is a brief update of what is happening.

Grants

It is exciting to hear of all the groups starting up again and the development of new ideas across the Three Parishes Big Local area. We will continue to award grants to community groups, activities, organisations, and new businesses in need of some financial support. Applications for Big Grants will need to be in by mid February and all other grants by mid May 2022, so please do get in touch if you would like more information.

The Happiness Club (Emotional Management programme for children)

This course has started in St Martins Primary School and is soon to start for years 7 & 8 too.

Mental Health First Aid

Looking after our Mental Health is just as important as our physical health and wellbeing. With this in mind, if there is interest and enthusiasm we would like to support ensuring there are Mental Health First aiders in businesses and workplaces across the Three Parishes Big Local area. Please do get in touch if you would like more information or something you are interested in.

Eat well for Less

Thank you to all those who took part in our Community Research 'Food Glorious Food' to help ensure this project is beneficial. We are using the responses to tailor the plans and will let you know more information about how this project will run in the next few weeks.

Three Parishes Big Local Equipment Library

The equipment library has now been closed and items are being distributed. A list of who has what will be compiled and made available so items can still be borrowed and shared between the villages through the community hubs.



Health & Wellbeing

Shropshire RCC have changed their name to Community Resource so you will see their new name on the posters. On 8th February there is a Functional Fitness MOT at St Martins Centre. For more information please see the flyer and note that pre-booking is essential.

My Money Matters

Unfortunately due to the increase of Covid the MMM service has had to return to a telephone service. Free citizens advice telephone support from Karen will continue for residents living or working in the Three Parishes. For more information or to arrange a telephone appointment, contact Karen Williams mon-weds from 9-5 on 07526 169 305 or 01743 644 941.



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If anyone would like to know more about the support available, please contact the Be a better fish Club via www.beabetterfish.com or call Paul directly on 07534 975 440.

Please get in touch if you would like any more information about any of the projects or anything Big Local, we would love to hear from you

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