

July 2022

St Martins

Village Life



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Clubs and Groups

Bell Ringing

Parish Church Tower Tues. 7.00 - 8:30pm Sun Service. 9:00 - 9.30am
Contact: Tower Captain: Dai Cartwright 01691 778215

St Martins Craft Guild

Chapter House Wednesdays 2:00 – 4:00pm
Contact: Debbie Shaw 01691 777130

St Martins Women's Institute

Lounge of St Martins Miners' Welfare Institute. First Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
President Eileen Rosamond 774630 Secretary Pam Doyle 777034

Age UK

Cedar Close every Tuesday 10:00am - 2:30pm
Contact: Val Brown 01691 662837

Ifton Meadows Management Committee:

St Martins Centre 2nd Tuesday in month 7:30pm
Chair - Ann Williams 01978 710327

St Martins Youth Club

St Martins Centre Fridays in term time 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Contact Sue or Nick Heard 01691 774097

Youth Groups

1st St Martins Rainbows (4-7years) Tuesdays 5:00—6:00pm Ellesmere Road Chapel
1st St Martins Brownies Tuesdays 6:00 — 7:00pm Ellesmere Road Chapel
1st St Martins Guides Tuesdays 7:00 — 8:30 pm Ellesmere Road Chapel
Contact: Mrs Heather Lloyd 01691 778598 Mobile: 07854 799 058 or
Judith Phillips 01691 690435

2nd St Martins Scout Group

Beavers (6-8)	Mondays	Not currently running	Meet in the Scout Hut
Cubs(8-10.5)	Thursday	6:00 -7.15	Meet in the Scout Hut
Scouts (10.5-14)	Thursday	7:30 – 9:00	Meet in the Scout Hut

Contact: Dave Cripps 2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com

St Martins Village Life—stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com

St Martins Village Hall/Centre:

Coffee & Chat Drop in	Tues	from 10am all welcome
Drop-in Computer Skills	Tues	10:00am - 2:00pm
Anti-Ageing Aerobics	Thurs	10:45am - 12noon

Community Speedwatch:

Anyone interested in joining the monitoring please contact Sue Schofield 01691 777710 or email: suescho1951@gmail.com

Update from the **Village Life** Magazine Committee

.Hi Everybody

Welcome to the 40th edition of Village Life, summer, well the sun is shining, holidays are booked, frustration over the cost of living and traveling abound but let us be grateful we are not living in the Ukraine.

A couple a weeks ago on my evening walk I came across a couple who had walked around the village **Litter Picking**. They had a large bin bag full of plastic bottles, Soft drinks Cans, Burger boxes, plastic wrapping and sweet wrappers. Considering that the County Council send men every Tuesday to pick up Litter I was very surprised at the amount they had collected. Have all the litter bins been taken away, NO, so why is there so much litter around our village. I put out an appeal to all residents, car and van drivers PLEASE take your litter home and put it in your household bin. While I'm at it, there are still a few irresponsible dog owner who don't clear up after their dogs. Have you ever, inadvertently trod on dog mess and took it home with you! Hooo smelly. One other thing, a villager mentioned to me about the May Pole that had been erected on the Memorial Garden for the Queens Jubilee, I have to agree, I don't know who did it but WELL DONE & THANK YOU it looked great. They then went on to say how the grass verges looked compared to the Memorial Garden and why can't the grass verges be treated the same. I have to agree with that too, the verges are left too long before cutting by the County that it leaves great clumps grass that rot, get slimy and smell not to mention how it looks, it really lets our village down. There must be some compromise between keeping the grass tidy but leaving a patch for the wild flowers to grow. I appeal to Steve Davenport to champion this in County Halls.

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it to stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com
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Parish Council

FROM THE CHAIR

Once again we are having some lovely weather, blue skies, warm nights, washing out drying in minutes, and of course plants out drying. Spare a thought for the small trees planted earlier this year, take a bottle of water out with you and pour some on the base of the tree.

Our gardens are lovely with all this sunshine, but where are the butterflies? I have many flowers planted for butterflies and I'm not seeing any. Probably raining again when you read this, Oh well!

Well done to organisers of The Jubilee Celebrations recently enjoyed, but it was a shame our parties didn't go ahead as planned, a few sharp thinkers got theirs inside, but most were cancelled.

There are so many events happening around our villages, so look on posters to see what to join.

The St Martins Surgery has now been closed by Chirk Practice, but we are now exploring other ways to get some health facilities in St Martins. As a very large village we know that Chirk Doctors need us for their numbers, but that has not stopped them from letting us down so as a community we will try to sort some sort of health provision in reach of our village.

Our plans for recreation facilities to be located by St Martins School are moving forward, and now we are getting some shape of what and when we can deliver.

We will start to hear a bit more soon.

Enjoy our summertime as much as you can, get out and join in some of the many activities that are being organised throughout the village. Coffee mornings, and group meetings, there is something going on for all of you, just look at the front page to see which group interests you, and make the phone call to join in.

Smile and be happy.

Kind regards

Helen Williams.



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Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The last meeting of St Martins Parish Council was held in St Martins Village Hall on the Thursday
14th July 2022.

As regards the future of the Doctors Branch Surgery in St Martins, as reported in the last issue two retired Doctors from Chirk Surgery did own the property in St Martins. However, Cllr's expressed concern over a number of false statements received from the Practice Manager from Chirk Surgery on why they had decided to close this branch surgery after the parish council had put a case forward that it should remain open. The surgery has been part of our community for many years and the building was originally a school and was owned by the Parochial Parish Council and the Lichfield Diocese until 1994 when it was then purchased by the then partners of Chirk surgery, at a purchase price reflecting its use as a community building. The parish council has now written to the Practice Manager at Chirk Surgery asking them to look favourably at our request for a valuation to enable us to work with partners and stakeholders, including themselves to provide local health and care services from the building. We are the largest village in Shropshire without local health care provision; therefore, we have requested a prompt reply to our offer to purchase the building at a fair and reasonable price on behalf of the community and retained as a community asset.

As regards the development at the old Ifton School (now called Ifton Green), as we reported in the last issue that for many years the parish council have been concerned over the capacity of the main sewerage system through the village following all the new development over the last few years. This resulted in a substantial delay in work due to issues specific to the drainage. However, an agreement had been reached with Welsh Water to use the pipe which runs towards Ridgeway Rentals. The pipe will be in need of some relining and the contractors confirmed that 100% of the water and waste will be directed to this pipe. No waste or grey water will run into the Overton Road pipes but the developers will re-line that pipe with a hope it helps the general area.

In the same area concern had previously been made to Shropshire Council over the insufficient staff parking at the Shropshire Home for children with special needs. The contractors on the adjoining housing development had liaised with Shropshire Council about the parking restrictions and had made provision for 4 off-road parking spaces during the development. Shropshire Council had approved this temporary scheme.

The parish council are looking into why we are experiencing intermittent breaks in power with the four speed indicator devices in the village. An engineer from Morelock Signs has visited the area and is now looking at the capacity of the batteries in relation to the power from the solar panels.

There is no parish council meeting in August, but residents should contact any of the parish councillors should they have any urgent parish matters of concern. Their contact details are all listed in this magazine.

The next meeting of the parish council will be held in St Martins Village Hall on Thursday 8th September at 7.00 pm.

Edward Davies, St Martins Parish Clerk

Shropshire Council

Councillor Steve Davenport

County Councillor for St Martins, Dudleston, and Dudleston Heath

Tel 07944097876 Email steve.davenport@shropshire.gov.uk

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Dear All

In the Village Hall this morning on this very hot day, 18th July, I don't remember it being this hot since 1976, If you haven't visited the hall recently please try and do so, the garden is looking so good now, having been planted up by a volunteer, lovely Ross. For a good time , come along on a Tuesday morning, where we have a Coffee and cake morning, open to all ages, good cake, good chat, good company.

Again post the Queen's Jubilee, what a lovely weekend that was not only in the village but the whole country, again I have to thank Keith Allum and his team for all there efforts and a big thank you to them,

On St Martins chatter I noticed mentioned Stan's roundabout, and accidents, we are getting closer to a new design from Shropshire council hopefully making it safer for all,.

We are also working with Gobowen parish council in a joint venture to plant tree all along the road between the villages, leading on this from St Martins side, is Sophie Hughes - Saunier



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# *St Martins Parish Church*



## **Service times**

**Sundays: 9:30am** our usual Morning Worship Service, also streamed on zoom. Goto our website for details

## **Weekly Events**

**Wednesdays 9:30am** - Morning Prayer.

**Wednesdays** - Coffee Morning - 10:30-11:30

**Fridays 10am** The Walking Group meets in the church car park

**Fridays Youth Group** - school years 5-7 and year 9 - 11 *for info please ask.*

**1st Sunday of month Afternoon Social** - 3:00pm in the Church Hall.

**Monthly “Praise Rave”** - a time of Praise and Worship.

**1st Wednesday** of the month - 7.30 -8:30pm

## **Alpha Evenings Starting 26th May**

Got any questions about the Christian Faith, about God or The Church ?

We are running a series of evenings for people to explore and ask those nagging questions about life and faith.

A time to chat with others and share thoughts - over some refreshments.



**To book a Christening or Wedding and for any other enquiry please contact.**

Revd Stuart Jermy - [saintmartinjohns@icloud.com](mailto:saintmartinjohns@icloud.com);

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

## **Psalm 145:9**

*The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made .*

# **Sunday Social Club**

*(Supported by St. Martin's Church)*

*Are you at a loss to know what to do on a Sunday Afternoon?*



This may be because you live alone and your family do not live close or are involved in other activities on a Sunday Afternoon. Or you may just want to chat to other folks. You are invited to join us at

## **St. Martins Church Chapter House on the first Sunday of each month**

For a chat with like-minded people and also share a cup of tea. There is a small subscription of £1.00. We look forward to seeing you.

If mobility is a problem it may be possible to provide transport if you live not too far from the Church

For further information please contact:  
Mrs Valerie Thompson on 01691 658756

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### **St Martins GP Surgery—Email from Helen Morgan MP**

Dear all,

Helen Morgan MP has asked me to thank you for kindly sending over a copy of the May edition of Village Life, and for including our efforts alongside the community to save St Martin's GP Surgery. We are keen to keep up the battle for fair provision of GP services in St Martins and the rural communities like it which make up a lot of North Shropshire.

Thank you again,

Office of Helen Morgan MP





# **St Martins Methodist Church**

(Ellesmere Road)

Minister for St Martins

**Rev Julia Skitt - phone: 07810 360778**

**Deacon Carys Woodley: 01939 235504**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

| <b>AUGUST</b>     | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>                       | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>               | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b>    | <b>28<sup>th</sup></b>       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ST MARTINS</b> | <b>At Moors<br/>11.00</b>                   | <b>H Watts<br/>11.00</b>             | <b>At Moors<br/>11.00</b> | <b>Own service<br/>10.00</b> |
| <b>MOORS</b>      | <b>Rev G Horsley<br/>Holy Com<br/>11.00</b> | <b>At St Mar-<br/>tins<br/>11.00</b> | <b>Jackson<br/>11.00</b>  | <b>Own service<br/>11.00</b> |

## **HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

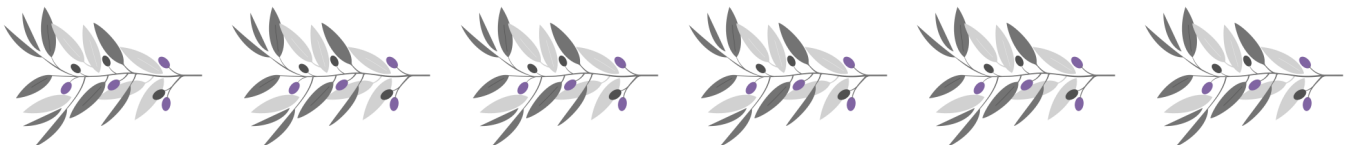
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 11.00**

**HARVEST SUPPER**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> 6.30**

**AUTUMN MESSY CHURCH**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 11.00**



**Thursday Coffee Mornings, check dates on the notice board**

**AND**

**FaceBook: St Martins Methodist Church. St Martins Chatter**


  
**St Martins' Jubilee Celebrations**
  
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St Martins JUBILEE:



Disco's, Chip baps, BBQ, live music, picnic on the field, bouncy castle, laughter & fun!

Congratulations to everyone who entered the competitions including

Charlie Allum & Melissa Owen for their Victoria Sponges and Val Baker for her Coronation Chicken.

The village looked fantastic, Lewis Close (Bower Farm) taking 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the best estate.



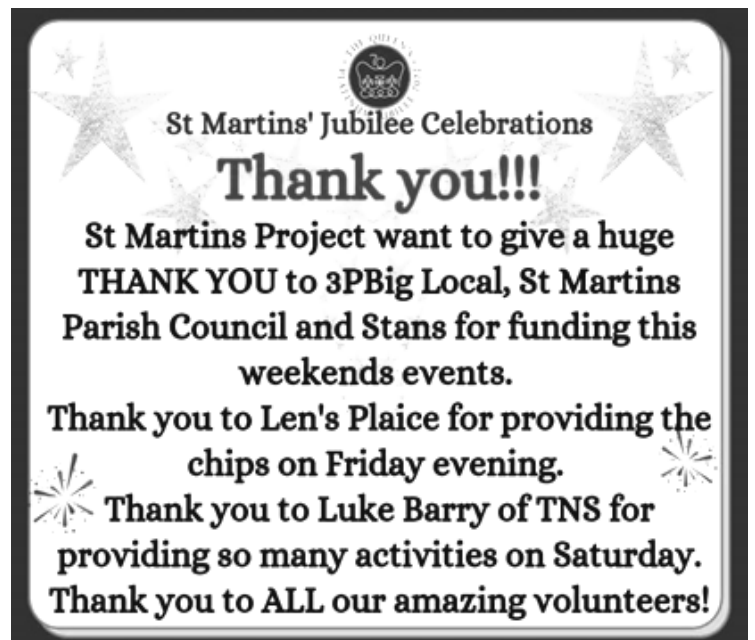
***"High Five to Keith, Heather & each person who volunteered to help with this fantastic weekend"***



***"I spent hours blowing up balloons at the Stute. We all had a laugh, made new friends, and met up with old ones"***

***"A new togetherness after the JUBILEE WEEKEND"***

***"Thanks for the bunting outside the Moors Chapel, so glad you didn't forget us"***



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# **St Martins Village Show**

## **St Martins 8th Annual Show**

**At St Martins Miners Institute**

**Saturday September 10th 2022**

**Competition Entry 25p**

**(Children's Competitions Free)**

**Refreshments**

**Raffle Ticket 50p**

**Selling at Stan's Friday & Saturday 2nd & 3rd September**

**Doors open for exhibitors 9:15am**

**Judging 11am – 1 pm**

**Doors Open to Public 2:00pm**

**Prize Giving 3:00pm**

**All entries must be booked in on**

**Friday 9th Sept**

**Between 5:30 - 7:30pm at**

**St Martins, Miners' Institute**

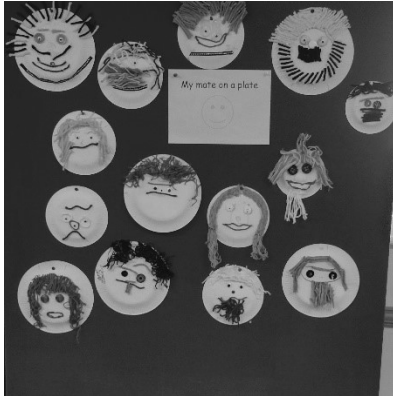
Below is the list of classes for this year's show. Please remember that you will need to book your entry into the Show on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

| <b><u>Class No</u></b> | <b><u>Section A : Vegetables</u></b>                                                                                              | <b><u>Class No</u></b> | <b><u>Section B : Flowers and Plants</u></b>                                                         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A1.                    | 3 Potatoes                                                                                                                        | B19                    | 5 Dahlias Pompom, any size                                                                           |
| A2.                    | 4 Runner Beans                                                                                                                    | B20.                   | 3 Dahlias (decorative)                                                                               |
| A3.                    | 3 Onions (10 oz. and under)                                                                                                       | B21.                   | 1 Dahlia (large)                                                                                     |
| A4.                    | 3 Onions (over 10 oz.)                                                                                                            | B22.                   | 3 Dahlias, Cactus or semi Cactus                                                                     |
| A5.                    | 1 Heaviest Potato                                                                                                                 | B23.                   | A specimen HT Rose                                                                                   |
| A6.                    | 1 Longest stick of Rhubarb (not leaf)                                                                                             | B24.                   | 3 Gladioli                                                                                           |
| A7.                    | 3 Leeks                                                                                                                           | B25.                   | 5 Sweet Pea Stems                                                                                    |
| A8.                    | 3 Carrots (with tops trimmed and tied)                                                                                            | B26.                   | Pot plant (flowering)                                                                                |
| A9.                    | 3 Beetroot (with tops trimmed and tied)                                                                                           | B27.                   | Pot plant (foliage)                                                                                  |
| A10.                   | 3 Courgettes (not exceeding 150mm/6 ins)                                                                                          | B28.                   | 1 Cactus or Succulent                                                                                |
| A11.                   | 1 Marrow or oversized courgette (Heaviest)                                                                                        | B29.                   | 1 Begonia (Max 8" pot)                                                                               |
| A12.                   | 1 Cucumber                                                                                                                        | B30.                   | Fuchsia (Max 10"pot)                                                                                 |
| A13.                   | Any Brassica                                                                                                                      | B31.                   | Pelargonium (Geranium-upright only)                                                                  |
| A14.                   | 5 Tomatoes (any variety)                                                                                                          | B32.                   | Flower Arrangement in an unusual container                                                           |
| A15.                   | 3 Cooking apples                                                                                                                  |                        |                                                                                                      |
| A16.                   | 3 Dessert apples                                                                                                                  | B33.                   | 1 Vase of flowers(5 stems of 1 variety)                                                              |
| A17.                   | Any Other 3 Fruit (same variety)                                                                                                  |                        |                                                                                                      |
| A18.                   | Any other 3 Vegetable (same variety)                                                                                              |                        |                                                                                                      |
| <b><u>Class No</u></b> | <b><u>Section C : Children's</u></b>                                                                                              | <b><u>Class No</u></b> | <b><u>Section D : Cookery</u></b>                                                                    |
|                        | 2 age groups in each class, open to children aged up to 7yrs and 8-11yrs, on the 1st September 2022, age to be stated on exhibit. | D43.                   | Victoria Sponge<br>(Jam filled & Caster Sugar on Top)                                                |
| C35a                   | Seaside in a Seed tray up to 7yr                                                                                                  | D44                    | Fruit /Tea Loaf                                                                                      |
| C35b                   | Seaside in a Seed tray 8-11yr                                                                                                     | D45                    | 3 Fruit Scones (3" cutter)                                                                           |
| C36a                   | Painted Stone up to 7yr                                                                                                           | D46                    | Savoury Flan 8"                                                                                      |
| C36b                   | Painted Stone 8-11yr                                                                                                              | D47                    | 4 Cup Cakes                                                                                          |
| C37a                   | Animal made of Vegetables Up to 7yr                                                                                               | D48                    | Homemade Soft Fruit Jam                                                                              |
| C37b                   | Animal made of Vegetables 8-11yr                                                                                                  | D49                    | Homemade Jar of Chutney<br><small>Recycled glass jars acceptable with new cellophane) lid or</small> |
| C38a                   | Picture any Media, Theme : Garden-Up to 7yr                                                                                       |                        |                                                                                                      |
| C38b                   | Picture any Media, Theme : Garden 8-11                                                                                            | E50.                   | Man Cake<br>(must be made by a MAN)                                                                  |
| <b><u>Class No</u></b> | <b><u>Section E : Photographic</u></b>                                                                                            | <b><u>Class No</u></b> | <b><u>Section F : Craft</u></b>                                                                      |
|                        | (Un-mounted and Un-framed Max 7" x 5" )                                                                                           | F51.                   | Any Crochet Article                                                                                  |
| E39.                   | Pet Portrait                                                                                                                      | F52.                   | Any Knitted Article                                                                                  |
| E40.                   | Photograph of a Single Flower                                                                                                     | F53.                   | Any Embroidery                                                                                       |
| E41.                   | Photograph of a Single Tree                                                                                                       | F54.                   | Handmade Soft Toy                                                                                    |
| E42.                   | Humorous Photo with Caption                                                                                                       | F55.                   | Any Other Craft Art                                                                                  |
|                        |                                                                                                                                   | F56.                   | (Paintings or Drawing)                                                                               |

# ST MARTINS YOUTHIE

St Martins Village Hall, SY11 3AY

## We will be back, September 16th



Loads of activities and loads of Ice Cream sums up this term!  
A group from St Martins Youthie attended the Shropshire Youth Association AGM at The Cavalier Centre, Much Wenlock.

All school year 6 & older welcome.

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## FRIENDS OF IFTON MEADOWS

As stated in the May issue we are now back on our weekly butterfly survey for Shropshire Council and The Butterfly Conservation Trust. We will do this now until end of September - on site over the last month we have seen a reduction in the number of butterflies and also all the bumblebees seem to have disappeared. We have noticed this also happening in our gardens. Not sure if this magazine will be printed by the time the Big Butterfly Count takes place between 15th July and 7th August but if you are interested I have included the details. The **Big Butterfly Count** is a nationwide citizen science survey (similar to the Big Bird Count) aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Over 107,000 citizen scientists took part in 2021, submitting 152,039 counts of butterflies and day-flying moths from across the UK.

We count butterflies because not only are they beautiful creatures to be around but they are also extremely important. They are vital parts of the ecosystem as both pollinators and components of the food chain. However, they are under threat. Numbers of butterflies and moths in the UK have decreased significantly since the 1970s. This is a warning that cannot be ignored.

Butterfly declines are also an early warning for other wildlife losses. Butterflies are key biodiversity indicators for scientists as they react very quickly to changes in their environment. Therefore, if their numbers are falling, then nature is in trouble. So tracking numbers of butterflies is crucial in the fight to conserve our natural world. That's why taking part in this massive citizen science enterprise is of great importance not just for our butterflies but for the wider environment and biodiversity in general.

The Big Butterfly Count 2022 reopens on 1st July ready for the main event between 15th July and 7th August. All the counts can be viewed on the [interactive map](#). If we are too late for you to join in this year check the results on line to see whether the decline we are seeing here are the same Nationwide.

June saw us cut back the grass around the stone near the main entrance clearing the area around the Yew tree we planted last year. Our concern was that someone would come along with a strimmer and cut it down, unfortunately the dogs decided to use it to mark their territory so we had to put a guard around it (hopefully that will save it). We have also continued to cut back the birch which was growing in the ditch by the path to the Mosaic and treated the notice board with a preservative. We need more help with this type of job, so if you are interested please join us on 2nd Sunday of each Month 1.30p.m. or get in touch with Mike at the Rangers office 01691- 624448 or more details.

The Buttercups on site have given us a good display and if you look carefully underneath them you will find other flowers such as Common Spotted Orchid and the even rarer Bee Orchid. Take pictures with pleasure but do not remove, leave them for others to enjoy and for them to seed for next year.

On the down side following the Highway Departments work at the Railway entrance the pond is again silting up and I have never seen it looking so dead, hopefully when we start to get more water running through we can do something about it and bring it back to its former glory.



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# St Martins

## Allotment Association

Sited on the village outskirts, members of the St Martins Allotment Association enjoy the pleasure and challenge of growing a wide range of fresh fruit and veg using various techniques, from the traditional method of cultivation to a more recent approach of No-Dig.

The concept of allotments dates back many hundreds of years. Interest in growing your own experienced peaks during the first and second world war. More recently the covid pandemic has seen a resurgence in interest. Local councils have an obligation to provide allotment facilities where demand is present.

The membership is made up of individuals from a range of backgrounds, from fair weather gardeners to the intrepid all-weather enthusiasts.

Apart from enjoying the fruits of our labour, the opportunity to socialise can often contribute to a person's wellbeing.

Working together, membership presents an opportunity to increase our knowledge of gardening and exchange ideas in the way cultivation is approached.

Anyone interested in joining the association should contact our secretary, Sophie Hughes-Saunier, who is responsible for maintaining our waiting list via 01691 778806, 07525457193 or [sophiehughessau-nier@gmail.com](mailto:sophiehughessau-nier@gmail.com)

Thank you to Carl Edwards for taking aerial photos of the allotments.

Wyn Evans, Chair



## 3Parishes Community Wildlife Group

On Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> the Wildlife group are pleased to welcome renown Tree Hunter Rob McBride who will be giving an illustrated talk on The Trees of Offas Dyke. This will be held at St Johns Church Weston Rhyn starting at 7.30pm and the cost will be £3.00.

Rob has recently finished a 177 mile walk logging the culturally significant trees along Offa's Dyke. This project has taken 13 years to complete. He is an Ambassador for TreesinNeed Europe/UK. Rob who is a passionate Tree hunter and campaigner for ancient trees lives in Ellesmere has been on BBC Countryfile several times and recently on ITV Wales. Everyone is welcome.



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|------|--------------|------------|
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| Tues | Closed       | Closed     |
| Wed  | 11:45 - 1:30 | 5pm - 8-00 |
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## **New**

### **RAD ballet classes for children**

Eleanor Moss School of Dance teaches Royal Academy of Dance ballet to children aged 3 and up and has new classes in St Martins starting from September.

These classes will be held at the St Martins Village Hall on Wednesdays for are ideal for children aged 9 to 13. All children are welcome whether they have previous dance experience or have never dance before and want to try something new.

Don't worry if you have children who are interested and are younger or older. Classes are available for other ages in the surrounding areas.

What is the benefit of dance for children? Not only is dance a great form of exercise and fitness, it also helps to develop a dancer's performance and musicality skills, creativity, self expression and is a workout for the brain too. For children it is a great way to meet new friends and interact with others.

Children who participate in classes with Eleanor Moss School of Dance have the option in the future to be entered for recognised RAD ballet exams and awards to demonstrate and celebrate their progression in dance, although children can also just participate for fun without taking exams.

The new classes start on Wednesday 7th of September and you can show your interest at <https://www.eleanormoss-schoolofdance.com/newclasses> or contact Miss Moss via email for further details: [elliemossdance@gmail.com](mailto:elliemossdance@gmail.com)

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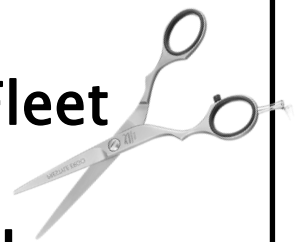
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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat 6th                     | <b>Car Boot<br/>St Martins PlayingField</b>                                  | Contact Lesley Roberts to book<br>a pitch | 9am                       |
| Tues 7th                    | <b>WI<br/>Trip out</b>                                                       | The Lounge of the<br>Miners Institute     | 7:30pm                    |
| Wed 8th                     | Weston Rhyn & District<br>Gardening Club<br><b>NO MEETING THIS<br/>MONTH</b> | Weston Rhyn Institute,                    | 7:30pm                    |
| Sat 13th &<br>Sun 14th      | War of the Roses<br>Re-enactment                                             | Whittington Castle                        | 10 –4pm                   |
| Wed 17th                    | Cinderella outdoor<br>theatre                                                | Erddig Hall<br><i>Please Book</i>         | 6:30—<br>8:30pm           |
| <b>Mon 29th</b>             | Whittington Village Fete                                                     | Whittington Castle                        | <b>12:00 –<br/>13:00,</b> |
| Sat 20th + 4<br>other dates | Have a go at Archery<br>Check out website                                    | Chirk Castle                              | 11—4pm                    |
| Sat 20th                    | <b>Car Boot<br/>St Martins PlayingField</b>                                  | Contact Lesley Roberts to book<br>a pitch | 9am                       |
| Sun 28th                    | <b>Much ado About Nothing</b>                                                | Whittington Castle                        | 9am—8pm                   |
| Mon 29th                    | <b>WhittingtonVillage Fate</b>                                               | Whittington Castle                        | 12 —1pm                   |