

June – July 2024

St Martins
Village
Life



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Clubs and Groups

Bell Ringing

Parish Church Tower Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30pm Sun Service 9:00 - 9:30am
Contact: Tower Captain Dai Cartwright 01691 778215

St Martins Craft and Chatter

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 07730407327 Secretary: Lynn Morgan 778174

Age UK

Cedar Close every Tuesday 10:00am - 2:00pm
Contact: Dee Barnhart 01691 777842 or Marilyn Berry 07769 915201

Ifton Meadows Management Committee:

Workdays on 2nd Sunday of the month 1:30pm at the Meadows
Chair: Ann Williams 01978 710327

St Martins Youth Club

St Martins Centre Fridays in term time 7:00 - 8:00pm
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 - 8:30pm Ellesmere Road Chapel

Contact: Rainbows - Mrs Heather Lloyd 01691778598 mobile 07506280482

Brownies - Pam 079320231734 email archerpam@gmail.com

Judith Phillips 01691 690435

2nd St Martins Scout Group

Beavers (6-8)	Monday	Not currently running	Meet in the Scout Hut
Cubs (8-10.5)	Thursday	6:00 - 7:15pm	Meet in the Scout Hut
Scouts (10.5-14)	Thursday	7:30 - 9:00pm	Meet in the Scout Hut

Contact: Dave Cripps 2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com

St Martins Village Life - stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com

St Martins Village Hall/Centre: **Email: stmartinscentre@mail.com**

Coffee & Chat Drop-in Tues 10:00am—12:30pm All welcome

Anti-Ageing Aerobics Thurs 10:45am - 12:00noon

Computers available for public use by appointment in the library

Community Speedwatch:

Anyone interested in joining the monitoring please contact Di Slater **01691 772767**
or email on dislater@protonmail.com

Parish Council

FROM THE CHAIR

In the blink of an eye, Spring became Summer and what a joy it is to see glorious sunshine, feel the warmth on our backs and get into the garden or enjoy a long walk.

Our wonderful village continues to be vibrant with activities and I, alongside all of our hard-working village Councillors, support as many activities as possible. As I write, I am preparing to be the question-master at our Quiz Night at the Village Hall; I know its going to be a great fundraising night. Then the Flower & Vegetable show on 17th August (already being well publicised on local Media). I know that our local Facebook pages are a hive of information, and I congratulate them for their voluntary public service.

The Parish Council are continually looking to improve the 'look' of our village and are presently in communication with Shropshire Council to see how we can work together to achieve our request. We are also in continual communication with partners as to progressing a general MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) location, but progress is much slower than expected.

With some sadness, we have been aware that our Community Playing Field behind Stans is being used as a general dog-walking area and the notifications we receive of "Canine Residue" strewn across the football pitch is annoying in the extreme. For that reason, the Parish Council have installed new signs at both ends of the pitch identifying the responsibilities of dog walkers.

Just as a point of reference, the Public Footpath which should be used by EVERYONE runs from the rear of Stans (the Car Wash), along the right end of the pitch to the corner of the field, then follows the hedge and then straight across the field to exit at the footpath gate on Clarks Lane. There is **NO** Right of Way or Public Footpath from the rear of the football pitch dug-outs, over the fence and to Clarks Lane.

I wish you all a successful Summer period, whatever you may do.

George Smith MBE
Chairman: St Martins Parish Council

Current Parish Councillors

Neil Arthan	01691 777751
Andrew Cast	01691 773389
Vivienne Fisher	01691 770049
Mark Hayball	01691 770207
Alan Langley	01691 772368
Duncan Laing	07702 991845
Nina Mistry	01691 657324
Natalie Rowley	07870 507509
Sophie Hughes-Saunier	01691 778806
Sue Schofield	01691 777710
George Smith	01691 770286
Helen Williams	01691 777561



Football field.

Clean up to
stop it being
covered in
dog poop!

Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The Annual Meeting of St Martins Parish Council was held in St Martins Village Hall on the 9th of May 2024.

Councillor George Smith was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council with Helen Williams taking over as Chairman of the Finance Committee following its previous Chairman, John Hodgson, leaving the area.

Councillors were elected onto various committees including Executive, Finance, Recreation Services, Planning, and Street Lighting. In addition, Councillors were appointed to the following Outside Bodies and Organisations; St Martins Recreation Partnership, Area Committee of the Shropshire Association of Local Councils, a P3 Footpaths Committee (Rights of Way ROW) and a Place Plan Review which, like the Planning Committee, all Councillors attend, and the Oswestry Health Group.

A new Councillor, Nigel Court, has been co-opted onto the Parish Council. There are still two vacancies to fill.

The accounts for the year ending (31st March 2024) were passed off by our Internal Auditors, Audit Solutions Ltd. There were no issues to report on. The Parish Council acknowledges the importance of prudently investing their surplus funds (ear-marked Reserves and CIL money) on behalf of the community. The Parish Council's objectives when investing money is to strike an appropriate balance between risk and return and have therefore invested some of its reserves in the CCLA – The Public Sector Deposit Fund, which as of the beginning of May was showing a yield of 5.2052%. In the financial year ending 31st March 2024 this brought in an income reinvestment of £16,430 which has been earmarked in a new cost code for 'St Martins Amenities Fund'.

Part of this money will now be used to replace damaged street nameplates following a report from Shropshire Council Highways department that they are currently subject to essential spending only which has meant that any street name plate renewal works has been put on hold for the foreseeable future.

Another area of concern which many residents bring to our attention is the poor standard, and in some cases missed areas, of grass cutting. This is part of the KIER contract who we have now found out that KIER has sub-contracted this out. These areas are scheduled to be cut every four weeks but as of this May this has never been achieved. Again, as part of the 'St Martins Amenities Fund' we were going to use this to provide extra cuts so that we had the grass cut every two weeks. We had appointed a contractor to either carry out these extra cuts, or even take on the whole contract, and despite a visit up to Shropshire from Shropshire Councils new Alliance Executive Manager for Street Scene, Juan Hernandez, who is still based in Devon, to discuss running a 'Pilot' scheme in St Martins, and a promised a decision on this Pilot before our May meeting, sadly we are no further forward.

Other outstanding issues with Shropshire Council include setting up a meeting with the relevant officers to discuss safety issues at Escob Bridge and the removal of redundant street lighting columns on Overton and Ellesmere Road and the levelling-up of the newly installed columns on Overton Road.

The Parish Council have now installed new streetlights in Cottage Lane and Coopers Lane, we're now waiting for Scottish Power to connect the power.

Edward Davies, St Martins Parish Clerk

Shropshire Council

Councillor Steve Davenport

County Councillor for St Martins, Dudleston, Dudleston Heath,

Mobile 07944097876 Email steve.davenport@shropshire.gov.uk
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Both the parish council and I, along with the councillors, continue to work together in the best interest of the village. There's always a lot happening behind the scenes. At the moment, we're focused on improving the village's appearance by properly cutting the grass, placing hanging baskets, and removing the old lamp poles. It's don't know why they didn't remove them when the new ones were installed. Finally, the roads have dried up, and the teams are busy catching up on repairs that were difficult to do in wet conditions.

It's good to see numerous events taking place in the village. The flower and vegetable show, organized by Paul Gurnett, is scheduled for August 17th. Additionally, Terry Ellis has arranged for the Fron choir to perform at the Stute on June 8th—a concert that promises to be a sell-out in support of the church.

The village hall is bustling with activity, including car boot sales and a special Auto Jumble event on June 22nd. We also welcome our new trustee, Bryon Huckle, who is new to the village. If you're interested, we're always looking for volunteers at the hall—whether it's gardening or making tea, etc. And don't forget, our new library room is now open!

Regards, Steve

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## **St Martins Family and Local History Society**

**7PM**

**last Monday of each month.**

**St Martins village hall.**

**Please come and join us.**

**£2.00**

**Visit the face book page.**

**If you have any photos, articles or stories to share please get in touch**



# St Martins Parish Church

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

Revd Stuart Jermy  
 saintmartinjohns@icloud.com  
 Telephone: 778 468 or Mobile: 07766 255436

| Regular Weekly Events |         |                                                                  | Regular Monthly Events   |        |                                       |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday                | 10.00am | Little Saints Baby & Toddler Group<br>(Term time)                |                          |        |                                       |
| Tuesday               | 9.30am  | Morning Prayers                                                  | 1st Tuesday of the month | 9.30am | Monthly Communion                     |
| Wednesday             | 10.30am | Coffee Morning                                                   | 4th Tuesday of the month | 2.00pm | Women's Fellowship                    |
| Wednesday             | 2.00pm  | Craft & Chatter                                                  |                          |        |                                       |
| Wednesday             | 7.00pm  | Bell Handling - new ringers welcome                              |                          |        |                                       |
| Friday                | 10.00am | Walking Group - meets in the car park                            | 1st Sunday of the month  | 3.30pm | Sunday Social                         |
| Sunday                | 9.30am  | Service of the Word or Service with Communion - streamed on zoom | 3rd Sunday of the month  | 6.30pm | Praise Night at St Johns, Weston Rhyn |

## Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm - Fron Male Voice Choir at Ifton Miners' Welfare Institute with guests St Martins School Choir. In aid of church repairs. Tickets £15 – available from St Martins Parish Church, The Kiosk at Stans Superstore and [www.fronchoir.com](http://www.fronchoir.com)**
- **Church Family Picnic – more details to follow** 🍷



Our Chapter House (Church Hall) is available for hire.

We are a friendly village church which enjoys worshipping in different styles to suit all ages.

**Check out our website: [www.stmartinsparish.org.uk](http://www.stmartinsparish.org.uk)**

# **Sunday Social Club**

***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**

Where we meet for a chat with like-minded people and also share afternoon 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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## **The Moors Chapel & Hall**

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The hall is not currently used at all and we are trying to find ways of keeping the premises in use to ensure the survival of our little Chapel  
Rates are negotiable

Contact steward Val Knowles on [v.knowles@btinternet.com](mailto:v.knowles@btinternet.com)  
Or telephone on 01691 773374





# St Martins Methodist Church

(Ellesmere Road)

Minister for St Martins

Rev Julia Skitt - phone: 07810 360778

| June       | 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 9 <sup>th</sup>          | 16 <sup>th</sup>    | 23 <sup>rd</sup>       | 30 <sup>th</sup>   |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| St Martins | 11.00<br>At Moors  | 12.00<br>Community lunch | 10.00               | 11.00<br>A Skitt       | 2.00<br>Messy      |
| Moors      | 11.00<br>Edlington | 12.00<br>At St Martins   | 11.00               | 11.00<br>At St Martins | 2.00<br>At St Mar- |
| July       | 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 14 <sup>th</sup>         | 21 <sup>st</sup>    | 28 <sup>th</sup>       |                    |
| St Martins | 11.00<br>At Moors  | 11.00<br>At Moors        | 11.00<br>Brown      | 11.00<br>At Moors      |                    |
| Moors      | 11.00<br>M Bennett | 11.00<br>Rev J Skitt     | 11.00<br>At St Mar- | 11.00<br>At Moors      |                    |

## COFFEE MORNING

Join us for coffee & chat.

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 - 11.30

## Bring & Share Community Lunch

Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> 12.00

Follow us on FB: StMartinsMethodistChurch

& St Martins Chatter.



## **St Martins Flower and Vegetable Show 2024**

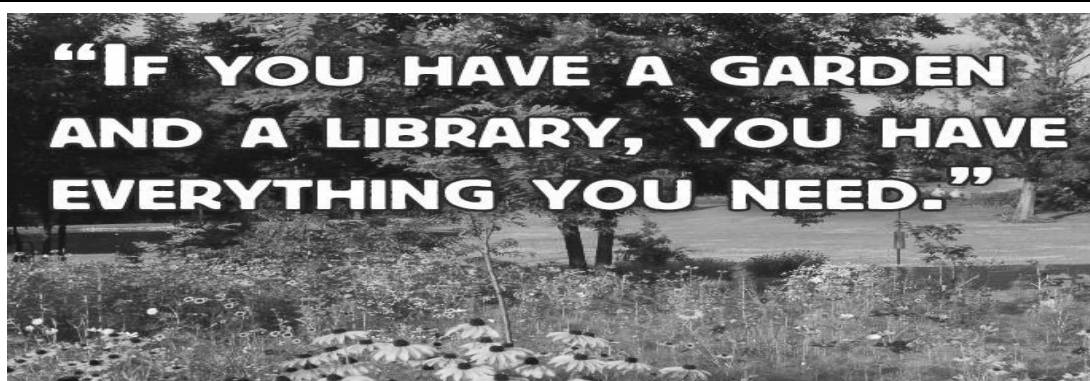
This year's Village Flower and Vegetable Show is now well into its planning phase. The showcase is promoting the education of children into growing and the arts. Already, with the generosity of local businesses, the committee have been able to team up with St Martins school and have assembled a growing bed, compost, seeds and a water Butt. All the materials have been kindly donated by ETC Sawmills and the Derwen College.

Also, seeds and compost and a planter have been donated to the village "Rainbows". The committee along with help from the allotment holders are also helping with the preparation of the rainbows' garden. Again, the seeds and compost and planter were kindly donated by ETC Sawmills, Dobbies, Stans and the Derwen College.

The show itself is being held earlier this year to allow produce to be shown at its best. Added classes specifically for the children are included in all classes of Flowers, Vegetables, craft and cookery with prizes in all classes. After the show, there will be Prize giving and then a raffle, with a chance to WIN £250. Plus, many other prizes.

The show will provide plenty of classes for all entrants both from older and new people to the village. To this end, the committee are planning a day out for the family so that even if you do not enter the show competition you can come along to view the efforts of the entrants. There will also be a BBQ, a Raptor stand with Harry Hamilton from Close Encounters (Harry the Hawk). A Shropshire Ornithological stand and other entertainment (to be confirmed). In the Evening, there will be Live music entertainment inside the "Stute" with solo artists, "Shaunie" and "Charlotte Conlan."

So why not come along on August 17<sup>th</sup> and support YOUR VILLAGE.....





A lovely day spent learning camping skills in the Methodist garden.

The Rainbows put up a tent, made a fire, cooked dinner and that was just the morning activities. The afternoon was spent making bird nests, bird boxes, and teepees and afterwards the girls could climb into their sleeping bags for a rest and story.

A beautiful day made possible with the help of people willing to share their skills with the girls. Thank you.

If your daughter would like to join St Martins Rainbows please call Heather on 075060280482 or come along on a Tuesday from 5 till 6 pm.

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## **St. Martins Volunteer Car Scheme**

If you need to get anywhere local and you are unable to access local transport please ring to make a booking.

**Here to help 07931760879**

**Line open 9:00am – 5:00pm 7 days a week.**

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Please ring for more information if you would like to be a volunteer driver.

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**No distance too small.**

If you want to go to a Doctor's surgery, a hospital appointment, chiropodist, dentist, visit someone in a care home...ring and see how we can help.

## Email From a Resident:

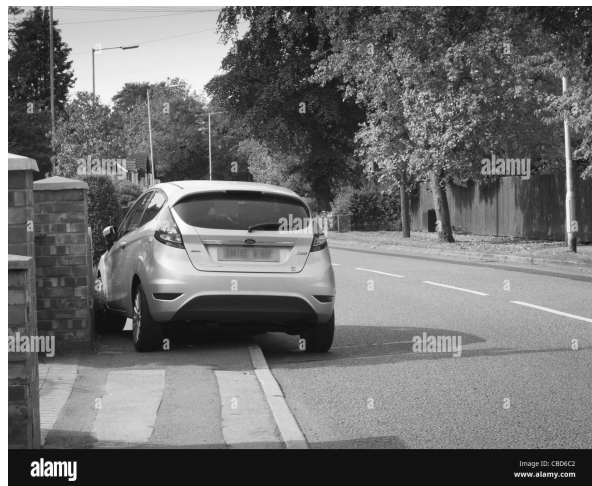
The email below was received from a local resident. What do you think? Have you come up against this kind of thing? If you do see scenes like this in the village you can report it to the Police by calling !)!.

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*Question, what are pavements for? I thought they were for pedestrians, prams, pushchairs or wheelchairs etc. But no, it seems as if they are for cars, vans or lorries to park on. Why I don't know is there not enough road to park on?*

*There should be a law against it.*

*I was in my wheelchair recently at the start of Church Road and a lady had parked right across the pavement, so I asked her why and she explained it was the nearest she could get to the business she was going to!!*



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# 2<sup>nd</sup> St Martins Scout Group



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Stans, who have supported the group financially through their community funding scheme, enabling us to make some much needed equipment purchases. However, fundraising is an ongoing mission, and we have three more missions at present which we would like to invite you to participate in.

## **TEA, COFFEE, CAKE AND QUIZ!**

7PM Friday 7 June at St Martins Scout Hut.

Teams of 4

Adults £4, Children £2

Entry fee includes first drink and a plate of cakes on the table, additional charge for further cuppas.

Raffle!

## **GOT ANY EMPTY/UNWANTED INKJET PRINTER CARTRIDGES?**

We are collecting these at Stans Supermarket in St Martins, to raise vital funds for the group. Just drop off in the box located near the foodbank collection point (sorry, we cannot take laser or toner cartridges).

## **TESCO STRONGER STARTS**

If you shop in Tesco in Ellesmere, please vote for our scout group. The winning school/group will get up to £1500 and that would make a massive difference to the financial stability of the group.

Meanwhile, fundraising aside, the cubs and scouts have a very busy summer term in progress. The scouts are out and about most weeks this term, including going climbing, mountain walking, rafting, canoeing, cycling and sailing, and will be preparing for a summer camp at the end of August. Cubs have been very busy in April working on their personal and internet safety badge including a visit from the police, and will also be out and about having a go at sailing, canoeing and tracking amongst other things.

If you like the sound of this, why not come and see for yourself? Term times at the scout hut from 6-7.15 (cubs) and 7.30 – 9 (scouts) on Thursdays. For more info, please contact Dave Cripps on [2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com](mailto:2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com) as they will be out rather than at the hut many weeks.

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ROAD SAFETY

## St Martins School drop off and pick up

As part of our foot patrol, the local policing team attended St Martins school. We spoke to a number of parents about their parking as well as some pupils and teachers. We will continue to monitor the area (as well as other schools) to advise, educate and if necessary enforce. Please park and drive responsibly around our schools. Please consider other means of getting to and from school with the approach of the better weather.

This is a further write up from PC Mike Hogg on the situation:

We will speak to other agencies and partners for assistance in this issue, the main group we are trying to appeal to are parents, guardians etc. as these are the people who will be dropping off / picking up. We would also like input from the Parish Council on their thoughts, ideas and solutions. This is a problem in all schools throughout the country and we know that solving the problem without significant infrastructure investment will be difficult, but in the first instance we would like to see an improvement in the parking, and it would be nice to see more walking, for those that live locally.

A plan is being implemented to address the parking and traffic issues outside of St Martins school. Targeted patrols of this area will commence along with partner agency networking to try and address the issue and come up with ways to combat it and prevent the issues from continuing into the future. Should you have children, grandchildren or dependants that attend this school and are being dropped off by vehicle, please consider the safety of those you're dropping off as well as others. Do not park on pavements, yellow lines, school zigzag lines or in a position which could be deemed as hazardous or causing an obstruction and please always be aware of your surroundings whilst manoeuvring your vehicle as not everyone might be able to be seen from your seat.



For any 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.

### Oswestry Rural North Safer Neighbourhoods Team

**PCSO Dave Hughes – 07870 219190**

**PCSO Pete Roberts – 07870 219019**

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

Email -

[oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

To report a crime please dial **101** or in an



# YOUTH CLUB 30TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thank you to everyone who joined us on 20th April, over 100 people helped us celebrate Youthies birthday!

Thank you also to those who helped with funding and provided activities.



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A new activity funded by donations



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## FRIENDS OF IFTON MEADOWS



After the bad weather we have been having it was lovely to have a dry day for our April workday on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. We met as usual at 1.30 p.m. at the Colliery entrance where we decided to split into two groups, one to cut back brambles etc., the other to start the Spring survey at the Railway entrance down into Prices Dingle. I was in the second group and we started inside the gate then proceeded to survey the area to the right of the gate, continuing to the pond and then down towards the Dingle. This took quite some time, but we managed to find 52 species of

flowers etc., 23 different types of trees and several bugs, which included a tree guard protecting several ladybirds. Due to lack of time, we only made this part of the survey as far as the square wooden post on the left just before you enter the Dingle properly; We shall return to survey the lower part of the Dingle at another time.

Plants that can be seen now and into early summer are: Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) - this is a spring plant that can be found growing along hedgerows and along the pathways of the meadows. It grows to about one foot high and has leaves that are spear shaped. It is topped with spires of delicate blue-white flowers. I don't know about your dog, but mine cannot resist taking a nip of this plant, which is a bit worrying because it is classed as poisonous, with a purgative and diuretic effect on the consumer; animal or human alike. Herbalists of old, and perhaps even now would make a tincture of this plant to treat gastro-intestinal upsets and also for rheumatism (information from Culpeppers Colour Herbal of 1983). But placing this information to one side and not advocating that anyone untrained in homeopathy should do this, it is quite a pretty plant and always in my opinion a joy to see as it reminds me that even though it is raining, it is summertime! Another pretty little plant that can also be found now and into summer in the woodland edges of the Meadows is a plant that has links with the capital of France. This is the plant we call Enchanter's Nightshade; its Latin name is *Circaea lutetiana* and according to Wikipedia (I know, I know...pinch of salt) the *lutetiana* bit comes from the Lutetia which is the Latin name for Paris and by the way back in Roman times Paris was known as "Witch City" and the *Circaea* bit is Greek "Circe" meaning "Enchantress". So, Pryce's Dingle where this plant can mainly be found has a strong link with Paris, cool aye! Well, I think so. Anyway, this is a pretty shortish plant and you can find it along the walkway in the dingle, the leaves are oval in shape, pointed and have a wavy edge to them, the flowers are on a delicate spire, and are small and white-ish. This plant is conspicuous from late May through to September. The Woodland Trust tells us that this is a good browse plant for Deer, in Austria they use the plant for flavouring tea and in the Scottish Highlands it has been considered an aphrodisiac...

Check our Ifton Meadows Facebook where you will find a large number of photos of the flora which can be found on site – This month we had a picture of a willow warbler but No skylarks yet. They have been heard and seen flying so please remember we are in there breeding season and keep off the mound - this also includes your dogs. They are on the Red Endangered list, and we are privileged to have them.

Next month's workday will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June.



# Moors Lane Methodist Church

Moors Lane, St. Martins. SY10 7BQ

## Thursday 6th June at 6pm AN HOUR OF PEACE, PRAYER AND MEDITATION, FOR WHOLENESS AND WELL BEING

A time of stillness and reflection,  
with space to gather your thoughts  
and feel cared and prayed for.

**everyone welcome**

those of all faiths and none

Future Date:

Thursday 4th July at 6pm



For more information  
contact: Rev. Julia -  
07810360778  
email: [juliaskitt@mail.com](mailto:juliaskitt@mail.com)

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|            |                                                                                     |                                       |                                             |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Tues 4th   | <b>WI</b><br>Motivational Talk                                                      | St Martins Miners<br>Institute        | 7:30pm                                      |
| Wed 5th    | <b>Hearing Loss<br/>Support Hubs</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of<br>every month | Oswestry Library                      | Booking required<br>01743 342168            |
| Thurs 6th  | <b>Healing service</b>                                                              | Moors Church                          | 6:00pm                                      |
| Sun 9th    | <b>Bring and Share Lunch</b>                                                        | St Martins<br>Methodist Church        | 12:00pm                                     |
| Wed 12th   | <b>Weston Rhyn &amp;<br/>District Gardening Club</b><br>A Passion for Penstemons    | Weston Rhyn<br>Institute              | 7:15pm                                      |
| Thurs 13th | <b>St Martins Parish<br/>Council</b>                                                | St Martins Village<br>Hall/Centre     | 7:00pm                                      |
| Sat 15th   | <b>Car Boot Sale</b>                                                                | St Martins Village<br>Hall/Centre     | 8:00am –<br>12:00pm                         |
| Thurs      | <b>Carer's Support<br/>Drop-in</b>                                                  | Please check with<br>Oswestry Library | 10:30am-<br>12:30pm<br>&<br>1:30pm - 3:30pm |
| Mon 24th   | <b>St Martins Family and<br/>Local History Group</b>                                | St Martins Village<br>Hall            | 7pm                                         |
| Sat 29th   | <b>Car Boot Sale</b>                                                                | St Martins Village<br>Hall            | 8:00am –<br>12:00pm                         |
| Sun 30th   | <b>Messy Church</b>                                                                 | St Martins<br>Methodist Church        | 2:00pm                                      |