What's on in July 2024!

Tues 2nd	WI	The Lounge of the	7:30pm
	Helping Hand for Ukraine	Miners Institute	
Wed 3rd	Hearing Loss Support Hubs	Oswestry Library	Booking required
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Wed 10th	Weston Rhyn & District		
	Gardening Club	Coach Outing	
	Outing to Birmingham Botanical Gardens & Winterbourne House		
Thurs 11th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Village Hall	7:00pm
Sat 13th	Car Boot Sale	St Martins Village Hall	8:00am –12:00pm
Sat 27th	Car Boot Sale	St Martins Village Hall	8:00am –12:00pm
Mon 29th	St Martins Family and Local History Group	St Martins Village Hall	7:30pm

Please let us know the time and date of your events in August-September for the next edition of Village Life (free on the 'What's On' pages) by no later than Wednesday 17th July 2024.

If you send us an article for the next edition, please bear in mind that it will be delivered at the end of July, 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 August—September (or later).

St Martins School



Our St Martins Unlimited enterprise team have been very busy preparing the primary garden— they have now officially handed it over to staff and students. We are sure you'll agree that the garden looks absolutely wonderful—thank you for all your hard work and for the very generous donation's from local companies including **Dobbies and ECT Sawmills and the support of Be a Better Fish, and Paul and David, the organisers of the St Martins Flower and Vegetable show**.



Promotions were awarded this week for some of our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) - achieving the required level of skills in activities including first aid, shooting, map and compass reading and physical training. Those that have Corporal rank have also been heavily involved in supporting the development of skills



with the more junior members. Well done everyone! LANCE CORPORAL— Dylan Arias, Faye Bamford-Griffiths, Jack Bamford Griffiths, Lyla Evans, Michael Evans, Taya Evans, Thomas Gaskin, Daryl Jones, Caitlin Lewry, Liam Lloyd, Louie Vagg, Charleigh Rae—Cooke, Daryl Jones

CORPORAL—Mathew Jones and Keira Penniall

Congratulations to Michael Bradshaw in Year 6 who won the silver medal for the year 5/6 boys' cross-



country championships this year. Michael has competed for St Martins in all four races and his total placings have resulted in him coming second overall for the area. Well done, that is a massive achievement!

PCSO Peter Roberts from Oswestry Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team came to visit Nursery as part of our Beep Beep Day, to help us share the message about road safety.



He talked to the children about how to cross the road safely, the importance of sitting in car seats in the car, and how we should all wear helmets when we are on our bikes or scooters.

We all got to have a sit in his police car, and see the lights flashing.

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... We are always proud and impressed at the achievements of all our students in and out of school and none more so when I read about Alfie Wrigley.

Alfie in year 11 is a police cadet and was nominated by PC Katie Le'Clere - Youth Engagement Officer for West Mercia Police. She nominated Alfie for an Outstanding Young Citizen Award, for his commitment to citizenship and the wider community. Pc LeClere works with the cadets and was particularly impressed with Alfie on a recent hospital visit where he was warm and engaging with patients and helped other cadets to improve their confidence. Alfie was presented with his award by the High Sherriff of Shropshire at a recent awards ceremony. He is a fantastic ambassador.

Year 10 enjoyed a fabulous trip to Malaga, Spain. Students spoke Spanish during the visit and were praised several times for their politeness and good manners. It was a pleasure to take such a lovely group of students and we hope that they have all been inspired to travel in the future and have made some memories for life. Muy Bien ano 10.



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition took place —here's the group getting on with preparing their food and getting ready for the days walking and map reading, well done everyone but I think that perhaps the Malaga trip may have won with the weather on this one!





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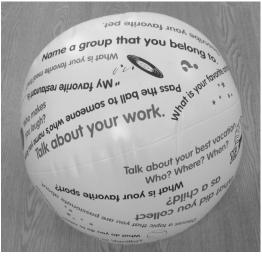
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What will the Question Ball ask you? Why not come in and find out?

The Day Centre is open on Tuesdays every week from 10am till 2pm at the Cedar Close Community Centre in St Martins, near the St Martins Parish Church. We provide older people with both practical assistance and a chance to socialise and have plenty of fun, while providing a day of respite for their carers. We offer lots of activities, including games, seated exercises, crafts, bingo, dominos, seated bocce, as well as a two-course hot meal from Stans. Transportation is free, and the carer can come for free if they wish. Come in for a day and meet the

group and join the fun. You get a lot for the cost of only £15 per day.

For more information, please contact Marilyn at 07769 915201 or Dee at 01691 777842 or deannbarnhart@gmail.com.

Dee (DeAnn Barnhart)

St Martins Day Centre at Cedar Close

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- 2... Take the time to listen..
- 3.. Never make excuses..
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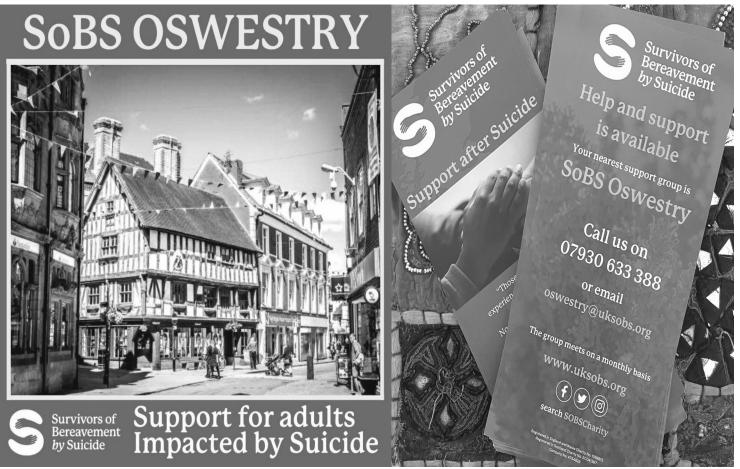
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• Allotments can provide a valuable sense of community and are a great way of connecting with people and nature.

• As the cost of living continues to rise, being able to grow your own fresh tasty produce offers a cost-effective way of putting food on the table.

• Nothing beats the sense of achievement in growing something from seed and putting food on the table, and being able to say 'I grew that!'

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We are a space for young people to socialise and have fun, as well as being a place to discuss difficult topics and "open up" if there is the need to.

It may look like pool, table football or whatever other activity we're offering that day, but these are the tools to create the safe space our young people need.

30th birthday celebrations

Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate our anniversary. Sorry that the climbing wall wasn't available (we hope to rebook for the Autumn), but it was great to receive support on the day from SYA, West Midlands Ambulance, Police, and TNS. The High Sheriff of Shropshire paid us a surprise visit to present Sue and Nick Heard with an award in recognition of their great and valuable services to the community.



St Martins Village Hall

SY11 3AY Auto Jumble

Saturday 22nd June 10.00 - 16.00 £10 per pitch To reserve a pitch call 07776173678 or 07506280482 Reg'd Charity No 1088872

Whitchurch Alport FC 5 St. Martins FC 3

St. Martins FC will reflect on this game with frustration as they were pipped at the post in a game in which they should have achieved at least a draw. This end-to-end match was certainly entertaining for any natural watching and obviously for the winning side Whitchurch, but the subsequent result for the Saints was frustrating as the final score was cruel and flattered Alport.



The score-line was particularly frustrating for Saints Goal-scorers Shawn Mellusi, who scored twice, and Kai Hurdman, who scored once to equal the scoring at the time at 3 - 3. The match was certainly a game for the goal scorers who were clearly striking home confidently, but both clubs' goal-keepers were not to blame, in fact, they both made several excellent saves.

The win for Whitchurch leaves them sitting at the centre of the Shropshire Premier League with 39 points. The Saints currently have 17 points but their performance in this match and several recent games suggests that they could start climbing up the Shropshire Premier League!

St Martins FC 5 Church Stretton FC 2

This match was a game of positive investment from both teams as they drove forward with 100% commitment in attack, but it was the Saints who grabbed the points via that positivity but associated with the more secure of the two clubs' defences.

Things didn't start well for the Saints as a loose back-pass in the 6th minute fell to Stretton's Charlie Nicholas, gifting him with an opportunity which he was pleased to accept, firing home the opening goal of the game.

This lively match was blessed with a 'goal to remember' scored by Saints forward Reece Humphreys, who received the ball in the 18th minute on the outside of the penalty box, dribbled passed two opponents, and shot the ball which flew into the top corner of the Stretton's net.

Humphreys was certainly enjoying this match, a reality confirmed in the 30th minute as he received an excellent through pass from Ben Hughes and then calmly placed the ball into Stretton's net, taking the lead for the Saints.

The energy of this match was vibrant, a fact optimised by a sensational goal scored in the 43rd minute by Kai Hurdman, firing home from the edge of the opposition's penalty box, providing a very positive 'point of reflection' for the Saint's players at half-time.

The second half began with the same energy as the first half, with Saint's Reece Humphreys concluding an impressive five – man passing movement, shooting just wide of the Stretton Goal. Church Stretton's commitment was maintained, and this was rewarded in the 70th minute when substitute Paul Smith scored their second goal, heading home an accurate free kick taken by Charlie Nicholas.

Saints were swift in their response to conceding a goal, as a mesmerising run by Shawn Mellusi took him past several opponents, concluding with an accurate pass through to Harvey James whose shot flew into the back of the net in the 80th minute.

The Saints were able to feel more comfortable with their lead as Reece Humphreys completed his hat-trick and his club's 5th goal by scoring another impressive goal, shot from the edge of the penalty-box in the 85th minute.

Jobs in the Garden

In June, you can plant:

- Root vegetables like radishes, carrots, beets, and potatoes so their sprouts appear after the last frost.
- Hardy plants like peas, scallions, kale, and chard also do well sown straight into the ground.

June gardening tasks for your flower garden:

- 1. Deadhead any spent blooms to encourage new growth.
- 2. Pinch back any leggy stems to promote bushier growth.
- 3. Add a layer of mulch to help your plants retain moisture during the hotter months.

In July, you should:

- Cover all bare soil with mulches to prevent moisture loss.
- Sow lots more veg for late summer and autumn cropping, including French beans for a September crop.
- Take care of your fruit garden.
- Pick up annuals that garden centres put on sale and revitalize them during July and August for autumn flower beds and container gardens.
- Check that your automatic irrigation system is functioning properly.



Graham Edwards Memorial Football Tournament 2024

in aid of Leukaemia Research

Gobowen Playing Fields 7th July running until the final 28th July 2024

Sponsored by the Great Weston.

Dear St Martins Readers

This year we are celebrating fifty years of raising money for leukaemia research, this is an incredible achievement for all that have contributed to keeping the tournament going for so many years. Who would have thought back in 1975 the tournament would still be going strong today.

St Martins village has grown considerably during this <u>time</u> and the committee continue to encourage the whole community to get involved and support this worthy <u>cause</u>. We are so grateful to St Martins Parish council for a donation of £200.00 that will go towards the organising of this event.

For the benefit of new residents to the village I will try to give you an insight into how this long-standing football tournament began, although it's impossible to tell the story of fifty years of raising money for leukaemia <u>research</u> in one article.

Graham Edwards was a promising local footballer playing for local teams Gobowen and Weston Rhyn, Graham at just 21 years of age sadly died of Leukaemia in 1974, his friends decided to organise a football tournament in his memory and raise much needed funds for leukaemia research.

A disco was organised at the Last Inn Hengoed to raise money to buy an impressive trophy, in 1975 the first tournament was held down at the playing field in Gobowen. The tournament really took off in the coming years and local teams battled to win the impressive trophy, so many people have given so much time to this worthy <u>cause</u>, too many to mention. They did so in the hope that they could make a difference to people's lives that were facing their own battle with Leukaemia, the vision and dedication certainly laid the foundations and gave past and present committee members the inspiration to get involved and keep this incredible tournament going to this day.

Over the years we have seen many celebrities presenting the trophy.

Liverpool stars Ian Rush & Joey Jones have made appearances, Everton's Paul Rideout, England <u>International</u> Steve Bull, Gary Lineker and many more have given up their time for this worthy cause.



Current trophy donated by Kaye and Les Hartshorn in 2023

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Paul Merson, Ray Parlour, Duncan McKenzie, Lee sharpe, Mickey Quinn, Razor Rudduck, have all attended our sportsman's dinners which has resulted in raising additional funds for leukaemia research. We have had live music evenings with the Drifters and the Commitments (not tribute acts) helping raise more vital funds.

Celebrity football teams have also played at Gobowen and Park Hall Stadium, home of the New Saints. One year our long-standing committee member Andrew Faulks who most of you will know from Stans Superstore paid £50.00 for the privilege to play at left

back against the celebrities in a charity match. Andrew found himself marking Darren Campbell, gold medal winner in the 2004 Olympics in the first half and Iwan Thomas, another gold medal winner, in the second half.

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Wayn Martayn on 07956166060 or Keith Butterton on 07375880929 or leave a comment on our Facebook page.

Stans Super Store have over the years supported this tournament in many ways. We are very grateful to them and all the businesses that support us.

Here we are now in 2024 and the community has managed to raise an incredible $\pm 173,000.00$ for Leukaemia Research. This money has undoubtedly helped so many people.

With the football tournament starting on Sunday 7th of July and running until the day of the final, Sunday 28th July, the committee are really hoping that as a community you will support us this year.

We are delighted that once again St Martins F. C. and the Keys F.C. have entered their teams for the tournament, last year St Martins F.C. reached the final only to lose to Gobowen Celtic in what was a very entertaining game.



During each game we sell raffle tickets, with prizes that have been kindly donated. We cannot charge an entrance fee to watch the tournament as it's a public field. We rely on the generosity of the crowd. On the day of the final the first prize is a holiday for two in Spain. This will be drawn after the trophy presentation. There will be a licensed bar along with a BBQ so why not bring the family down and hopefully enjoy the summer weather and support this community fundraiser.

As it's our 50th anniversary we have some other events to support this incredible milestone, on Friday the 26th of July we are holding a race night at the Cross Foxes in Gobowen.

This is the original trophy 1975 to 2022 being held by Daniel Oakley

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We look forward to your support in what will be a fun evening.

We are grateful to management and staff for hosting this event.

On the 30th November, we will be holding a gala dinner at Park Hall showground. The Bartells, a very good local band, will be entertaining us along with a very good

comedian/compere John Martin. John has been on the comedy circuit for many years and is well known and I am sure this will be a very entertaining evening. Tickets £40 pp. More information on our Facebook page.

The Village Life is one of our main sources of promoting all that we do, and we thank them for all the help they give us. Our Facebook page was unfortunately hacked recently, and we lost touch with many of our followers. We have had to restart a new group still under the heading Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy. You can then be kept informed of what's happening. People sharing our posts really helps promote what we are doing. Thank you to the local parish councils that continue to support us.

But the biggest thanks go to the local Community that has for 50 years dug deep and raised so much money for such a worthy cause.

We aim this year to make 2024 an even more successful one but we need the community to help us achieve this. Hopefully we will see many of you at the tournament and race night - not forgetting the gala dinner.





APRIL

At our meeting on Tuesday 2 April we welcomed WI members and one visitor. Various items of business were discussed following which a cheque was presented to the local branch of

the NSPCC, our charity for the year. They thanked members for raising the money and gave an outline of the work they undertake locally. The photograph below shows the cheque being presented. Our Speaker for the evening was Chris Jones from Castle Fine Arts Foundry. Chris gave an extremely interesting talk and showed slides of the sculptures they make for national and international companies, events and commemorative statues. In 2008 they won the National Small Business Award. Their sculptures are mainly cast in bronze, thought they also do other mediums such as wood carvings. Chris took us through the manufacturing process of how they create a wax of the statue, then layer this with ceramic to create a hollow casting into which molten bronze is poured. Once cast, the ceramic layers are broken off thus creating the statue. They have undertaken a diverse range of projects including the commemorative Statue of Princess Diana in Kensington Gardens, Cilla Black and The Beatles in Liverpool and St Martins' very own statue of The Miner.

MAY

Our May meeting was held on Tuesday 7th. Our President welcomed WI members to the meeting and gave a short business report. We then greeted our Speaker for the evening, Natalie Bainbridge, Chairman of Oswestry in Bloom. Natalie first became involved in Oswestry in Bloom after opening her garden to the public some 5 years ago. Natalie explained that Oswestry in Bloom is a non-profit making organisation and gave a slide show of the areas in town that are beautifully planted up each year. Oswestry in Bloom are part of the Heart of England Region of England in Bloom and have been winners of gold medals. Oswestry was nominated by their region to enter Britain in Bloom and in 2023 won Best Large Town in Britain category.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 June, our speaker for the evening is Amanda Roberts who will be giving a Motivational Talk.

On Tuesday 2 July Gerrie Bayley will be telling us about A Helping Hand for Ukraine.

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



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