



St Martins Flower and Vegetable Show 2024.

The Flower and Vegetable Show took place on Saturday 17th August in the St Martins Miners institute.

The emphasis this year was on the children's classes. To this end, the committee approached local businesses, and they kindly donated seeds, compost and wood for us to construct raised beds for St Martins School. Seeds and compost were also donated to St Martins "Rainbows".

Judging for the show started at 11 am and finished at 1 pm and the show opened to the public at 2pm.

Outside, there was a Raptor stand provided by Harry Hamilton from Close Encounters who brought along some of his owls to display for the public. This proved to be a great success, especially for the children as well as the adults. Harry was accompanied by his granddaughter who helped with the educational content of the display.

Also, there was an educational stand provided by Claire Mulvey from Shropshire Ornithological Society (SOS). This provided a "hands on" display of coloring for the children and wildlife activities.

The show included classes in Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers, Photography, Cookery and Craft. There were children's classes in two age groups – up to 7 years of age and age 8 to 13 years in Vegetables, flowers, craft and cookery.

The winners were:

Children's Class: up to 7 years

Fruit and Vegetables:	1 st Arthur Wyn Davies	2 nd Ava Parry.
Flowers and Plants:	1 st Arthur Wyn Davies	2 nd Ava Parry.
Cookery:	1 st Corey Clarke	2 nd Ava Parry.
Craft:	1 st Bobby Willis	2 nd Ava Parry.

Children 8 to 13 Years of age

Fruit and Vegetables:	1 st Corey Clarke	
Cookery:	1 st Connie Clarke	2 nd Connie Clarke.
Craft:	1 st Connie Clarke	

Adults:

Fruit and Vegetables: Bryan Swain
Flowers and Plants: Ann Sadler
Photography: Margaret O'Neill
Cookery: Margaret O'Neill
Craft: Margaret O'Neill
Best Man Cake: Cody Clarke
The Children's cup: Bobby Willis
Best in Show: Ann Sadler



Ann Sadler

The judges were:

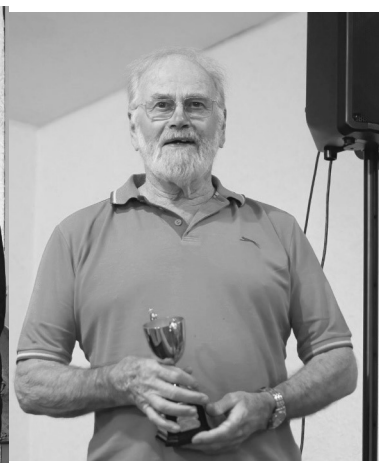
Flowers and Plants: Pete Evans
Vegetables: Mary Thomas
Photography: Claire Mulvey
Cookery: Kathryn Mottram
Craft: Sandy Forde



Arthur Wyn Davies



Margaret O'Neill



Bryan Swain



Connie Clarke

The committee would like to thank the Miners Institute for hosting the event and all of our sponsors that kindly and generously donated raffle prizes for the show. Also, thank you to local businesses that donated seeds, compost, BBQ Gas, Gazebos and food for our BBQ. Finally, to Hayley Davies from Curteis, who kindly presented the prizes.

The committee:

Paul Gurnett: Chair
 David Hibbert Deputy/Secretary
 Shirley Willis Member
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 Dona Salisbury Member
 Gwyn Davies Member
 Heather Lloyd Invitee



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2nd St Martins Scout Group

The Scouts and Cubs had a busy end to last term culminating in a day of archery at the start of the holidays, with a lot of arrows shot and quite a few hitting the target, and a fabulous 4 day camp for the Scouts in mid Wales. There they built a camp, cooked their own food, did loads of activities including pioneering, and a night time river crossing on low ropes, and climbed Cadair Idris.



At the time of writing this, the leaders are putting finishing touches to their plans for loads of activities for this term, so why don't you think about joining us and finding out for yourself how much fun it can be? We meet at the scout hut from 6-7.15 (Cubs) and 7.30 – 9 (Scouts) on Thursdays evenings. Just turn up, or for more info, please contact Dave Cripps on 2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com

CAN YOU HELP?

We are still looking for some adult help to ensure the group can continue to operate as our current adults are very stretched. If you've a few hours to spare a year/month/week, we have some flexible tasks to fit your availability including:

- Occasional maintenance tasks for the hut

- Mowing/hedge cutting in summer

- Support to the Committee, including the Treasurer role

- Support to the committee for fund raising: which could be setting up events, and/or applying for grants.

If anyone has a bit more time for regular commitment, we are also looking for more leader support. All training and lots of support provided.

Please get in touch if you think you can help: 2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com

GOT ANY EMPTY/UNWANTED INKJET PRINTER CARTRIDGES?

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The survey is in response to some concerns raised by residents within the area regarding the perceived speed of some vehicles.

All data is collated and sent to our Roads Safety Team and shared with Parish Councils.

Speed surveys are conducted at various times and days

throughout your local area by the designated Safer Neighbourhood teams, in conjunction with Parish Councils

If you have any concerns or questions please direct them to your local parish councillors who can then liaise with ourselves.

Thank you

PC Mike Hogg



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

PC Michael Hogg - 07870

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Age UK

St Martins Day Centre at Cedar Close



The theme music starts and the first card in the series is flipped over. You have a seven! Will the next card be higher or lower than a seven? This is a tricky one. Much easier to have gotten a three or a jack! What will your guess be, and what will the next card read when it is flipped over? This is a new game for our clients that we have adapted from the popular game show of the 80s. It involves a pack of large-sized playing cards set up on a table in the middle of the room. Each client gets to decide if the next card is higher or lower, and points are awarded for correct answers. The game is simple enough that all can enjoy, yet challenging enough that strategy is needed. And we have learned who our card counters are!

What card will you get? 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 or through Facebook. Or message us or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AgeUKStMartinsDayCentre>

Dee (DeAnn Barnhart)

St Martins Day Centre at Cedar Close



FRIENDS OF IFTON MADOWS



Autumn is here and the weather cannot seem to make up its mind what to do.

Heavy rain now seems the norm with the odd dry and sometimes sunny days.

We were not able to do our September workday due to the heavy rain but hope that October will be better, when we can do twice as much work.

The weather has not helped the butterflies and numbers are down. August saw us pulling more ragwort. Ragwort is a flower which is great for insects like the Cinnabar moth which thrives on it. With this in mind, we only pull in certain areas; this allows other plants to continue to thrive allowing us to have different varieties of flowers/grasses.

We have received queries about the skylarks – I can report that they have been heard on site confirmed by various people that they have heard them.

Work for the future will include helping the Ranger to clear out the drains in the Dingle.

If anyone would like to join us, PLEASE make sure that we know, either by our 'Friends of Ifton Meadows' Facebook page or to the Rangers at:

michael.simms@shropshire.gov.uk.

We need to know so that we can look out for you.

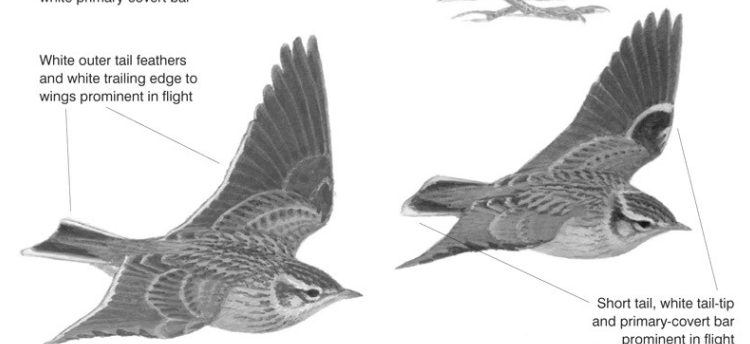
Could I remind you that this is primarily a 'LOCAL NATURE RESERVE'; planting of any kind must be allowed by the Rangers and be of Native Species, planting must also be in certain places otherwise it might be cut down or dug up.

Hope to have a more information about the Meadows next time.

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What's on in October 2024!

Tues 1st	WI Laughter Yoga	St Martins Miners Institute	7:30pm
Wed 2nd	Hearing Loss Support Hubs 1 st Wednesday of every month	Oswestry Library	Booking required 01743 342168
Wed 9th	Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club Colour vegetables and Foliage	Weston Rhyn Institute	7:15pm
Thurs 10th	St Martins Parish Council	NO MEETING	-
Thurs 24th	Carer's Support Drop-in	Please check with Oswestry Library	10:30am- 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Mon 28th	St Martins Family and Local History Group	St Martins Village Hall	7:30pm