### October - November 2024

# St Martins VIIIOGS Life

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#### **Bell Ringing**

Parish Church TowerWednesday7:00 - 8:30pmContact: Tower Captain Dai Cartwright01691 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 2ndstmarti	nsscouts@gmail.com	

St Martins Village Life - stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com

St Martins Village Hall/Centre:	Email: stmartinscentre@mail.com
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Coffee & Chat Drop-in Tues 10:00am—12:30pm All welcome

Computers available for public use by appointment in the library

#### **Community Speedwatch:**

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

Sun Service 9:00 - 9:30am

## Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

Hello Everyone.

Gosh! October already! The nights are drawing in, the children are back at school and winter is coming (not that we've had a great summer) and thoughts start to turn to Christmas (sorry for mentioning that word!). I have put in a Christmas cake recipe you might like to try, do it now and it has time to mature and soak in the brandy.

Thank you to those who got in contact regarding deliveries, I still need someone to deliver down the road to Chirk, Nevod Lane, Avon Dale and towards Belmont Bridge, also Ifton Green. If you have an hour or so every other month please do email me (address below).

Is there anyone out there who has the skills to manipulate a desk top publisher that could put together this magazine? It is not getting any easier for me to see, and anyway, a new and perhaps more arty view of the magazine will bring new ideas and look to this 10 year old publication.

My apologies for bringing it up again, but DOG POO! For some reason which I cannot fathom, owners of lovely dogs are neglecting to pick up after them. Bless them, dogs do have to do what comes naturally, like us all. If you could train your dog to use the indoor facilities (best of luck on that one!) or use their own garden, that would make things so much easier. Owners, be thankful you don't live in Spain where if you are walking a dog and you do not have poo bags with you, you get fined on the spot!

How's your eyesight? Would an audio version of this magazine help you or a relative? There is no cost involved, just let us know the name and address and it will pop through your letter box every other month. To return it, just pop it back in the red pouch, turn the address label over and put it in a post box.

**Photo competition:** Looking to Januarys issue the editorial committee have decided to ask the community to develop the next picture for the cover of their/this magazine. We will decide in January between all the pictures sent us which one bests reflects the village. Sorry to say the only prizes we can give, is to add your name to the front cover.

It needs to bee in a .jpeg format and needs to be somewhere in or around the village. Just one picture please not several views made into one. If you need more guidance please ring me on 777710 or email us stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com

Someone ask for the Website to lookup any planning applications see below:

https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/planning/applications/viewing-plan

## If you wish to submit an article or advert in the next publication please email your submission to <u>stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com</u>

#### by no later than Wednesday 13th November 2024

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<u>stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com</u>

## **Parish Council**

#### FROM THE CHAIR

As Chairman of your Parish Council, it is expected of me to take a calm and moderate approach to everything that crosses my desk; however as the coordinator of our village Speed-Watch Group I am going to make an exception...

#### THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ALONG ELLESMERE ROAD IS SHOCKING AND **UNACCEPTABLE!**

What is it with drivers that think Ellesmere Road is a racetrack? So, in an attempt to "name and shame" I am going to list the registrations of vehicles and their speeds that were recorded.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August between the hours of 8am and 9am at a location on **Ellesmere Road:** 

RB12RLB	35	BJ73OBM	38	X11GBR	35	KU63AXS	36
DK14TJU	44	H13DWC	35	CA67UGW	38	MA59CTZ	38
DA19MVN	36	PW58PDW	38	X90ELY	35	GF06FUW	39
YD55UKM	39	BN57UOS	38	NV63DYB	39	X1ERW	37
NU13GXW	36	J888MNR	36	DX72WKZ	36	MW23OPS	36
and finally	RA54R	DS – 45 Y	′ES… 4	5mph in a 3	0 area!		

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<sup>າ</sup> Aug	ust between	the hours	of 11am and 12 noon	<u>at the same</u>
location					
GR19LBD	35	M30DWR	35		
FE16OWA	36	KP23BCF	38	Current Parish C	ouncillors
YP63LLA	36	P5UPV	36		
GU15TZN	35	MK57VPZ	40	Neil Arthan	01691 777751
MJ64UJX	40	EX17SEO	35	Andrew Cast	01691 773389
R88 LAE	35	YF65YWZ	40	Nigel Court	07
DS23WCT	38	DY70RTV	35	Vivienne Fisher	01691 770049
DY21MVO	37	DG64RGO	38	Mark Hayball	01691 770207
VU67WXZ	35	YE13OCL	35	Peter Holmes	01691 772287
Y50MLE	35	MA17DGZ	37	Alan Langley	01691 772368
FX65VOF	35	CV16KBJ	40	Duncan Laing	07702 991845
GV15LUA	39	DG64SEF	38	Nina Mistry	01691 657324
HJN64SXR	35	DP73YED	39	Natalie Rowley	07870 507509
				Sophie Hughes-Saunier	01691 778806
and finally GV	/56Ol	JM – 45…		Sue Schofield	01691 777710
YES, another 45mph!				George Smith	01691 770286

Helen Williams

01691 777561

YES, another 45mph!

<u>Cont....</u>

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August between the hours of 4.45pm and 5.45pm at the same location:

EA14GCV	35	YF60RFJ	35	TB02BED	35	DA62DRZ	35
KU60JMX	42	SC03NJC	36	JH55OJH	35	OY23CDZ	35
DN18LDJ	36	DP19XFT	36	PO64NUX	35	K70SUD	36
R23KDY	35	EN08WRU	44	FL16XKX	48	S888AWC	48

#### 48...48mph in a 30 area !!!!

All will receive a warning letter from West Mercia Police and, if <u>YOU</u> are one of the drivers, feel free to be suitably embarrassed and **SLOW DOWN**!

Now, onto some more positive news...

Everyone knows about the traffic chaos around the school at drop-off and collection times, with cars seemingly abandoned here, there and everywhere. This is a SERIOUS HAZARD to YOUR CHILDREN. Working alongside West Mercia Police and Shropshire Highways, your Parish Council has fully funded the purchase and installation of concrete 'planters' for the grass verges around the school. Apart from being a deterrent to selfish drivers, they will act as a barrier to protect the pupils from wayward vehicles and will, after the planting of flowers and shrubs by the school, hopefully make the school surroundings an even more attractive area.

Furthermore, in line with previously published details concerning making the roads around the school a blanket 20mph area, we have also spoken to Shropshire Highways concerning additional road safety matters which will hopefully run in tandem with their works.

It was also brought to our attention that two children were recently 'clipped' by a passing car on the crossing next to Stans. Thankfully they were unhurt, but that does not override the fact that the safety of people at that location is paramount. I have recently met with Shropshire Highways and County Councillor Davenport to investigate the installation of a button-controlled 'Pelican Crossing' and which will hopefully also mitigate speeding traffic that ignores the expected protocol on the nearby roundabout.

George Smith, Chairman, St Martins Parish Council

## Shropshire Council

#### **Councillor Steve Davenport**

County Councillor for St Martins, Dudleston, Dudleston Heath,

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

Dear residents

The summer is coming to an end - well, not so much a summer for the UK, but I suppose we are lucky not to have had the baking heat of Europe.

Things in the world, and of course here, have changed so much this year (I'm not allowed to talk politics) but it's certainly worn me down, from all sides.

As far as things that have been happening in the village through the summer, both I and George (PC chairman) have had meetings to press Shropshire council on the school parking problems, which is moving forward but has to go through a legal process, and will include a 20mph by the school.

Clearly there's been ongoing road repairs, still more to do especially Moors Lane, but we are in a better position than most other villages.

There is definitely a problem of speeding in the village; Overton Road and Ellesmere Road are the main issues and we know something needs doing. We are discussing with the police, SC, etc, we are thinking Ellesmere Road should have a permanent speed camera.

At the Stan's crossing I met with Alan Ellis to discuss upgrading this crossing to a light-controlled model. My thanks Alan for attending the PC meeting, I think we need you on board.

The Village Life Magazine is looking for help on the committee, please consider coming along to a meeting, have we got any budding magazine compilers out there?

In the village hall: anyone looking to volunteer would be made most welcome. Also please come along to coffee and chat on a Tuesday, all ages welcome and see our new mining displays all donated by ex -miners from the village. There are also many books in the library, if you haven't been please come in. I'm also there on a regular basis if you need a chat.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### Sunday 10th November

#### At 10:45am

#### War Memorial

(by Stan's Superstore)

Led by St Martins Parish Church

**Rev Stuart Jermy** 

All are welcome to this act of remembrance.



## 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

Reg	Regular Weekly Events			ar Month	ly Events
Monday	10.00am	Little Saints Baby & Toddler Group (Term time)			
Tuesday	9.30am	Morning Prayers	1st Tuesday of the month	9.30am	Monthly Communion
Wednesday	10.30am	Coffee Morning	4 <sup>th</sup> 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	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	3.30pm	Sunday Social
Sunday	9.30am	Service of the Word or Service with Communion – streamed on zoom	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	6.30pm	Praise Night at St Johns, Weston Rhyn

### Upcoming Events:

#### Sunday 6th October at 9.30am - Harvest Festival Celebration

A service for all the family. Please bring home grown produce and food for the foodbank. Refreshments and craft activity afterwards.

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 5pm – A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

A service to remember and give thanks for the loved ones who are no longer with us.

#### Sunday 10th November at 11.15am - Remembrance

Following the service at the Cenotaph there will be a short worship service suitable for everyone to remember those who gave their lives for us.

### Check out our website: 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

## 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.

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Are you able to drive and want to help in your community? We have become a victim of our own success WE NEED MORE DRIVERS

PLEASE give us a ring and volunteer today.

## St Martins Methodist Church

(Ellesmere Road) Minister for St Martins

Rev Julia Skitt - phone: 07810 360778

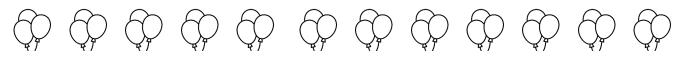
<u>Community Lunch Sunday October 13th 12:30</u>

## **COFFEE MORNING** 10:30 -11:30

October  $10^{\text{th}}$  and  $24^{\text{th}}$ , November  $7^{\text{th}}$  and  $21^{\text{st}}$ 

October	6 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
St Martins	At Moors 11.00	Community Lunch 12.30	At Moors 11.00	M Bennett
Moors	Woodley 11.00	At St Martins	J Brown 11.00	At St Martins

November	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
	At Moors 11.00	Remembrance Service Parish Church	At Moors 11.00	A Skitt
Moors	Woolley 11.00	Remembrance Service Parish Church	M Jackson 11.00	At St Martins



Need a room for a party or meeting? Our community room is £10 an hour. For more details call Nick Heard on 01691 774097

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

7:00 PM

Last Monday of each month

Next meet up is September 30th (then Oct 28th and Nov 25th)

St Martins village hall

#### Please come and join us

#### £2.00

Visit the facebook page

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



## **ST MARTINS VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Our Village Hall Centre is open many days and evenings.

We have a **<u>quiz night</u>** to entertain on **<u>12th October</u>**, teams welcome. Lots of fun was had at our last quiz night, so bring along a bottle of wine or two (we provide glasses) and have a fun evening!

We have a treat for the families and children in half term, a <u>Halloween party</u> from 10am till 2pm - it'll be a fun filled day! <u>On Halloween, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</u>

You are welcome to join in the local history group - last Monday of the month - or coffee and chat on Tuesday mornings. How about a yoga Pilates group on Wednesday morning or spinning on Tuesday evening? U3A is on a Thursday morning, or visit our extensive library.

We are proud of our well-provided library which has been newly renovated, please visit and help yourself to a book or three, all our books have been donated and are free to take out. We have more than 3000 books, alphabetically sorted (by author), just waiting to be read. Autobiographies, serious, classical, crime, travel, children's books, and so many more to choose from. Call in whenever the hall is open. You are welcome to browse our bookshelves and take as many as you wish, no records are kept, so bring along books you have read and find new books to take.

Our coffee and chat on Tuesday mornings are enjoyed by many, making new friends and renewing friendships. A warm welcome is there for anyone.

We have many regular groups that meet now, such as Parkinsons support, St Martins history group, ballet, and yoga move freely, spinning, U3A, and youth club, Parish council meetings, and many more. Our activity room is ideal for children's parties, and the lounge for more sedate parties.

We have a large group of volunteers to help at all times, and we welcome anyone who has spare time, or wishes to meet new people.





### St Martins Flower and Vegetable Show 2024.

The Flower and Vegetable Show took place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> /
Flowers and Plants:	1 <sup>st</sup> /
Cookery:	1 <sup>st</sup>
Craft:	1 <sup>st</sup>

Arthur Wyn Davies2ndArthur Wyn Davies2ndCorey Clarke2ndBobby Willis2nd

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Children 8 to 13 Years of age

Fruit and Vegetables: Cookery: Craft:

1<sup>st</sup> Corey Clarke 1<sup>st</sup> Connie Clarke 1<sup>st</sup> Connie Clarke

2<sup>nd</sup> Connie Clarke.

### Adults:

Fruit and Vegetables: Flowers and Plants: Photography: Cookery: Craft: Best Man Cake: The Children's cup: Best in Show:

#### The judges were:

Flowers and Plants: Vegetables: Photography: Cookery: Craft: Bryan Swain Ann Sadler Margaret O'Neill Margaret O'Neill Margaret O'Neill Cody Clarke Bobby Willis Ann Sadler

Pete Evans Mary Thomas Claire Mulvey Kathryn Mottram Sandy Forde



Ann Sadler





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
Reece Salisbury	Member
Dona Salisbury	Member
Gwyn Davies	Member
Heather Lloyd	Invitee



## ST MARTINS YOUTHIE

St Martins Village Hall, SY11 3AY

FRIDAY EVENINGS (term time only)

7.00pm - 8.00pm

All school years 6 & older welcome

## ENTRY FEE - £1 ON ENTRY

Crafts, Arts, Pool, Air Hockey,

Table Football

## Snacks & Safe Space

Watch our Facebook page: STMartinsYOUTHCLUB for details.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com</u>

## 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: <u>2ndstmartinsscouts@gmail.com</u>

## 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).

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## Local Speed Survey

PC Mike Hogg was out in the St Martins and Gobowen areas on Wednesday 21st August 2024, between 10:00 and 11:30, conducting speed surveys .

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

oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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

### emergency dial 999







## 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 <u>deannbarnhart@gmail.com</u> 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.

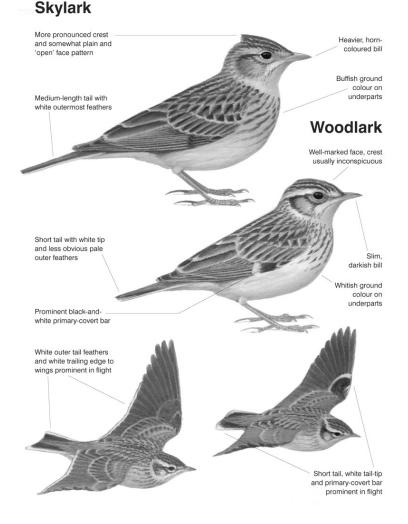
If anyone would like to join us, PLEASE make sure that we know, either by our 'Friends of Ifton Meadows' Facebook page or to the Rangers at:

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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- Pots, cowls, bird guards
- Flue and stack repairs
- Fire and stove maintenance
- CCTV camera inspection

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## Landscaping and tree care

- Trees pruned, trimmed & shaped
- Garden clearance
- Hedge cutting
- Patios and Fencing
- All rubbish removed

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## What's on in October 2024!

Tues 1st	<b>WI</b> Laughter Yoga	St Martins Miners Institute	7:30pm
Wed 2nd	Hearing Loss Support Hubs 1 <sup>st</sup> 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