

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

Autumn is here – and as you will see in this edition – with it came the third annual St Martins Grow It, Make It, Show It. Show It event which was yet again well supported. The event goes from strength to strength and thanks for that must go to the committee of volunteers who do all the hard work behind the scenes, and particular thanks must go to Sue Schofield who put the original show together and who continues to involve, cajole, and encourage the rest of her team to make it such a great event. Well done to all – and we look forward to the 2016 show which is doubtless already being planned!

From the first edition in May 2014, the **Village Life** committee set out to make the magazine totally self-sustaining and, thanks to our many regular contributors and to the volunteers who deliver it to every home in the Parish, it is already physically sustainable. In financial terms, the same is also very close to being true – this issue marks the halfway point of our second year, and we now only need a small handful of new advertisers to ensure that we can break even for the full year, and continue into a third, so if you know anyone who has a business or service looking for new customers in the village please let us know so that we can offer them advertising space. You can either send a message by email to stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com, contact me by phone (on 01691 770677), or drop the information into the Centre.

John Stevens (Chair of the Editorial Committee)

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for people with sight impairment.**

Parish Council

From the Chair

Hello Everyone.

I do hope you have all had a good summer, despite the weather not being too good. The flowers on the lamp-posts seem to be doing well - I smile every time I go down the village.

Did you know that the Parish Council give grants to local groups and charities each year? In every annual budget we put a small pot of money aside to help groups in the village in some way. How do you go about accessing this pot of money? There is an application form at the Centre or you could write/email the Clerk (detail on next page). All applications need to be in by the end of October (31st) and our Finance Committee will initially consider them in November.

So come on you Guides, Scouts, Football teams, Craft Groups, Historians etc. what have you got planned for the next 12 months, do you need some kind of financial backing? Are you thinking of starting a 'not-for-profit' group and need a bit of start up money. If the answer to any of these questions is YES then fill in a form and tell us about it, how much you need and how it's going to benefit your group or the wider village.

Something new has appeared in the play park by Stan's! It's what is known as a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) End. Goal Post and Basket Ball ring with a porous base. The children had painted goal posts on the fence but as the fence has sharp spikes the footballs were forever being burst. The Parish Council were able to secure some money from some investment by housing developers for recreation purposes and thought this was the best place to build something for the youngsters and it has been very well used since completion.

Unfortunately, the Quad Spinner was too close to the area and so has been taken down. Does anyone have any strong feelings about whether or not this should be put back in somewhere? If you do please drop a note/email into the Centre Trustees.

Sue Schofield

Parish Council Chair

(stmartinscentre@mail.com).



Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The September meeting was held in The Moors Community Centre following the short break when no meetings are held in August. The Council welcomed a new Member to the Parish Council, Mrs Lesley-Anne Roberts, which now brings the Parish Council back to full membership.

The Chairman expressed concern at the start of the meeting that Nick Scott from J. Ross Developments Ltd, who had been invited to attend to update Members on the development at Irvine Gardens, did not attend. One area of concern was that the proposed wet area for surface water attenuation. Members remember the original proposal many years ago, but have seen nothing lately. On the removal of the hedge they cannot agree. They have had a look at it and cannot see where the large gaps are (except for the gateway). The hedge has been there a lot longer than many have been in the village and is very dense in places, good for birds and other wild life and it would take many years for a new hedge to provide the same sort of habitat. They also think it would be a good idea to consult with the people living opposite the site to get their views before a decision is made. A further meeting would be requested.

Police issues again raised a lot of debate. The main concern again being the speed of traffic through the village and also overtaking at speed on Moors Bank before the bridge. Members would suggest to the police that a 40 mph buffer zone is introduced on all approach roads to the village before the 30 mph restriction, with a 20 mph zone outside the school in force at either end of the school day. It was also discussed whether speed enforcement guns could be used by volunteers to feedback data to the police. This would require training but some Members questioned whether members of the public would put their names forward. The first approach would be to contact the Community Speed Watch (CSW) to take speed data on the roads of concern. If speeds are particularly high it maybe that CSW is not the best form of intervention and enforcement by Safer Roads Partnership or some form of engineering by Shropshire Council may be more suitable.

During the Summer repairs have been carried out to the ramps on the Skate Park and two new litter bins installed (the latter thanks to a donation from the St Martins Youth Club). Also a new Multi User Games Area (MUGA) has been installed next to the skate park.

Twenty of the street lighting columns along the main road have had hanging baskets fitted and feedback from residents has been encouraging. A donation from the previous St Martins Summer Fayre Committee partly funded this project which the Parish Council very much appreciated.

A bus shelter has been agreed for Oak Drive and is now awaiting final siting agreement from Shropshire Council.

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Shropshire Council

Councillor Steve Davenport

Unitary Councillor, St Martins School Governor, Chair of St Martins Centre Trustees

Please call or email me if you have any queries

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As Autumn is approaching rapidly it seems that it was only a few weeks ago I was wishing you a happy summer - how time flies. As the wet and cold arrives so do pot holes, so please let me know if we have any long term ones that haven't yet been attended to at all.

I have also been asked about the Ifton Heath School site as it's looking untidy. I have asked for this area be tidied up, also what the future plans are for this site - I am trying to move this to a conclusion.

As you may be aware, Dart Energy have now dropped their plans to drill for Gas in Dudleston. This is great news and proves that determination and lobbying from a great team does still work, and long may it do so.

We are going through challenging times in the Council but I assure you of my continued help and support, so don't hesitate to contact me. Steve

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On planning, a number of planning applications were considered on which Members raised no comments. These applications included the erection of a single detached garage at 7 Marsland Close, the erection of a detached garage and workshop with

St Martins Parish Council

Appointment of Handyperson

The Parish Council has a vacancy for the appointment of a Handyperson.

Details of the job description can be obtained from the Parish Clerk at the contact details shown below, to whom applications should be submitted in writing, together with the names and addresses of two references.

Edward Davies Fellow ILCM
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room above at 2 Phays Cottages, Thimble Lane, the erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at 10 Willow Close, the erection of a two storey side extension at 2 Baytree Close and conversion of the detached office/music room to additional accommodation and the erection of a link extension at Woodside, 4 Glynmorlas.

The Parish Council are still looking for a General Handyman to carry out minor maintenance work in the Parish. Further details can be obtained from the Chairman Sue Schofield on 0169 777710 or the Parish Clerk Edward Davies on 01743 366420.

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 8th October 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre, St Martins.

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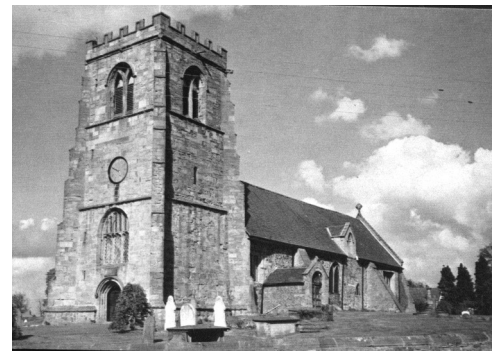
St. Martins Parish Church.

The Benefice of St. Martins and Weston Rhyn.

Church Website: www.stmartinsparish.co.uk

Contact Revd Stuart Jermy - sjvicar@btinternet.com;

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A note from the Vicar.

Having been inspired by the creativity of our God which was exhibited by people in the village at the September show and as we come to give thanks at Harvest time I was reminded of the story of the Atheist and the Bear. Hope it blesses you!

An atheist was walking through the woods.

'What majestic trees!

'What powerful rivers!

'What beautiful animals!

He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him.

He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him.

He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him.

He looked over his shoulder again and the bear was even closer.

He tripped and fell on the ground.

He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him...

At that instant the Atheist cried out,

'Oh my God!'

Time Stopped.

The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky.

'You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident.' 'Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament?

Am I to count you as a believer?

The atheist looked directly into the light, 'It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian'?

'Very well,' said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

'For what I am about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful, Amen.'

Some future Events

Silent Action 2nd Oct 7pm Chapter House.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - 10:30am Sunday 4th October

Harvest FISH and CHIP SUPPER - Monday 5th Oct 6:30pm RSVP

School Harvest service 2pm 5th October

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AFTERNOON TEA and CHAT

Sunday 18th Oct and 15th Nov. at 3:00pm - 4:30pm. Join us in the Chapter House (next to the church) for scrumptious cakes, sandwiches and as much tea/coffee as you can drink. You bring the conversation. Cost £4. Please let us know if you would like to join us - contact Mrs Sands on 772 394.

ALPHA Course - GOT ANY QUESTIONS about faith, life and God.

We are holding a series of evenings for people wanting to know more about the Christian faith. Come and join in the discussions and share your experiences with others.

Meeting at the Vicarage starting 7th Oct. 7:45- 9:15pm. See website.

Weekly Events and Service times

Sunday: 9:30am our usual Morning Worship Service

Sunday FIRST messy church - 4th Oct **10:30am** Harvest. November 1st at 11am.

Tuesday Coffee morning at 10:30 in the church hall

Wednesday 9:30am Mid week communion

Fridays 7:30 St. Martins and Weston Rhyn Church youth group @ St. Johns Weston Rhyn

Baptisms/Christenings

We welcome Edith Bellingham and Edward Perrin

Weddings - Congratulations to Helen and Jason Owen married on the 19th Sept

St. Martin's Village FC

St. Martin's Village FC would firstly thank all the local people who supported them last season. Over the last couple of months the club have now merged with St. Martin's FC as a Reserve team and pre-season has seen a very good start to our campaign with us playing teams like Llansantfraid (draw), Overton (win) and Four Crosses with another good result.

We have managed to sign some more local players as well to strengthen the squad.

All our home games will continue to be played on the playing field behind Stan's Superstore.



St Martins Allotment Association

We are now well and truly into our harvesting season. All our hard work is now (hopefully) coming to fruition. When growing organically, we are always trying to find ways to stop the pests from spoiling our crops. Butterflies laying eggs to make caterpillars, slugs and snails, mice, rabbits not to mention a myriad of possible diseases. I have picked up an expression from Joe Swift – “If you don’t net it, you don’t get it”

Having netted most vegetables this season, they have been very successful. All my brassicas are secure under a cage. (More fondly known as ‘Barassic Park’).

Most of my neighbours in The Hollies have benefited from carrier bags full of runner beans, plus loads have gone in the freezer. My potatoes have been a great disappointment due to a bad attack of scab, so I am now searching for a cure or varieties that are scab resistant.

The raspberries have been wonderful, and there are plenty more waiting to be used in the freezer



The Keswick Codling apple tree (a very old variety) is so loaded with apples; the branches are bending down to the ground. Also I have the best crop ever of Egremont Russet eating apples.

We had an allotment barbeque on 16th August. We had a great few hours apart from the biting wind that made us all feel quite cold. I would like to thank all those who helped to organize it and supply and prepare the food. Tony and Martyn did a great job on the barbeques. Tony, Inga, Brian, Fred and myself supplied plenty of food and drinks whilst Vicky made a wonderful trifle and Helen a fabulous courgette and walnut cake. Yum!



Needless to say we got round to checking out some of the planned entries for the Grow It, Make It, Show it, St Martins 3rd Annual Show which took place on 2^h September. Guessing the weight of a marrow is never an exact science. Val Williamson.





St Martins Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Heather Wilson 01691 769164

Thursday Coffee Mornings 10.30 - 11.30

Come along and join us for coffee, biscuits & a chat.

	4th Oct	11th Oct	18th Oct	25th Oct
St Martins 10.00	Wilson HC	M Bennett	Shoreman	AWT
Moors 11.00	Wilson HC	Edlington	AWT	J Williams



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Includes Roast Dinner & Sweet

All for only £4.29

*NOT AVAILABLE ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAYS



ST MARTINS COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

August was a record month for CFR jobs: John was sent to 34 and I attended 40. No particular reason, not even seasonal difficulties, just the way it was. I had a bit of a laugh one day when the car door bounced back as I was getting out at a job, catching me on the chin. I was mopping up my patient's blood at the same time as he was mopping up mine! I also had a smile when I heard someone referring to the little red CFR car as

"The Stanbulance."

I have given 2 talks to interested groups about what CFRs do. It's a surprise to hear that still not everyone knows CFRs exist, though we keep spreading the word. At one I was thanked

by a lady who was pink, smart and happy, whom I didn't recognise because the last time I saw her she was grey, miserable and covered in – *use your imagination!* Forgive us when we don't recognise you some time afterwards, but do say Hello because it's always nice to know you are feeling better.

Then there was the First Aid course we did in two 2 hour sessions at the Village Centre under the umbrella of the 3 Parishes Big Local. Although fewer than a dozen people came, they all joined in animatedly and shared their stories to illustrate what we were teaching. Two more of these courses are planned for the autumn, in Weston Rhyn and Gobowen, which anyone can attend. It was heartening to know that within just a few days one of the "students" on our course had followed our guidance at an incident and had been confident enough to take the right action.

Don't forget Stan's pharmacy for advice, and the Minor Injuries Unit in Oswestry for ... well ... minor injuries!

Effie CFR St Martins



Grow It, Make It, Show It

What a very successful show we had this year. There were more entries than ever and I think over all better quality items from Tomatoes to Potatoes and someone even brought some Fennel. Crafts were beautiful Knitting, Tapestry, Paintings and just one

handmade greetings card (we hope to have more of these next year). Miss Carol Jones, Assistant Head Primary Phase did a grand job in presenting the prizes to all section winners and Best in Show Winner, Well done Duncan.



Above: Harry Turner winner of the Man Cake for his beautiful sponge cake.

Left: Mary Thornton winner of the K.A.P.M.S Cup for the Craft section.

Below: Heather Lloyd winner of the Salver for best Flower/Pot Plant



Above: Shirley Willis winner of the Cookery Section.



Above: Tony Hall Winner of the TOP TRAY

Left: John Stevens winner of the St Martins Service Station Cup for the best Photograph.



Section Winners



Left:
Molly Mackenzie
Receiving her
Trophy for
Best in Children's
Section in School
Assemblé



This Year we had a special
competition in conjunction with
Garden News magazine.

Top Tray (right): From a List
of 15 vegetables choose 3 to
display within a given area.

Top Vase (left): 5-10 stems of
at least 2 varieties.

The photo of both these entries
will be sent up to the national
competition





WHO grew the tallest sunflower?

The Allotment Society sent out a challenge to everyone who lives in St Martins earlier this year. Who could grow the tallest sunflower?

All that village residents had to do was collect their seeds at St Martins Centre.

After that it was just a matter of nurturing the seeds through the St Martins summer.

The final measurements were made on Sunday September 6, the week before the Grow it Make it Show it Show

Everyone had seeds from the same batch. Not all grew well. One person found they did not grow at all (but discovered they were not planted). Someone else found their plant looked more like a courgette..... better luck next time!

The winners were: **Mr G Pennington** (1m 67, 5' 7" Flower grown in open ground);

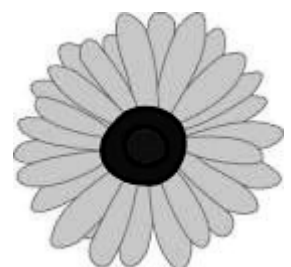
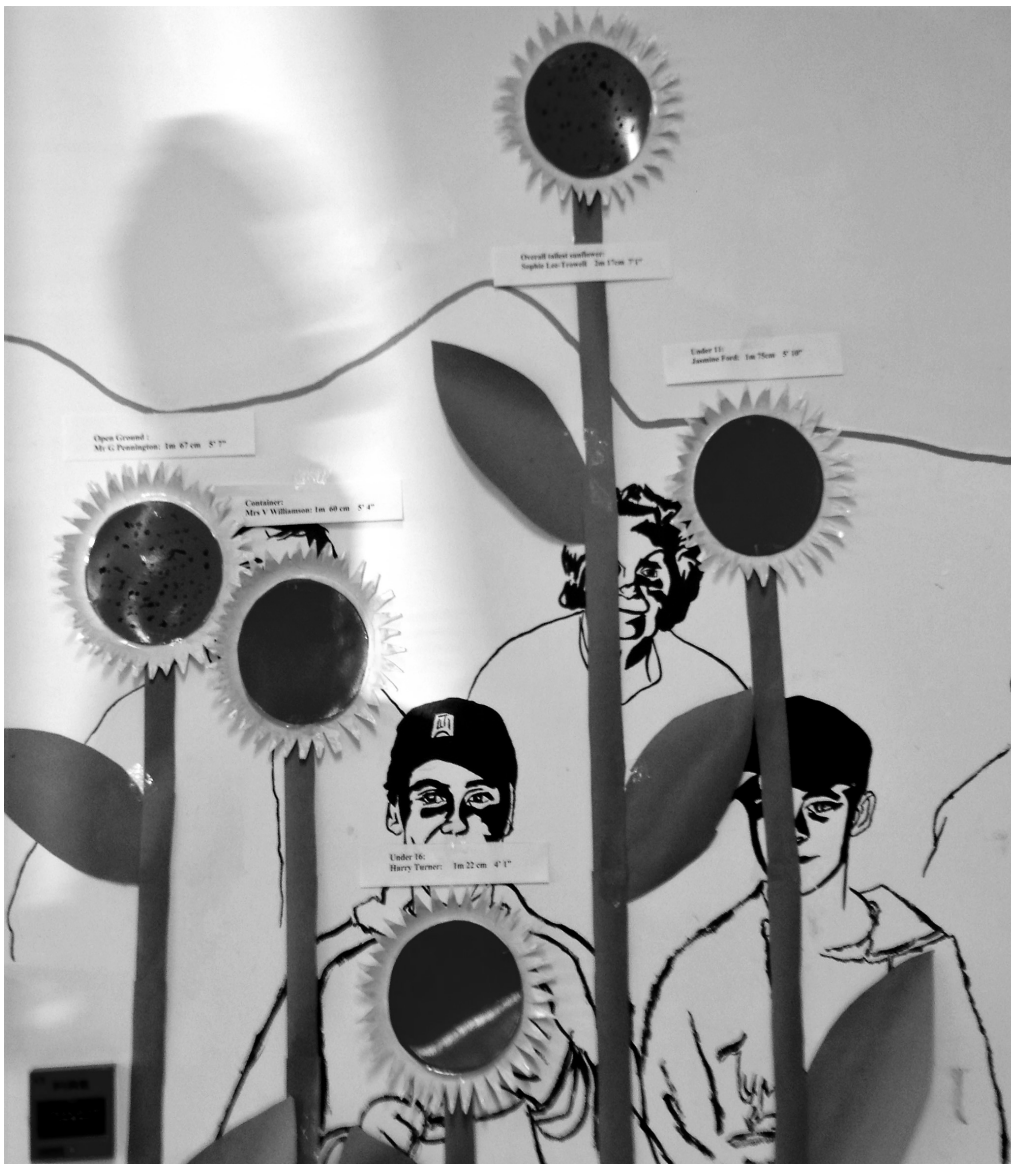
Mrs V Williamson (container grown - 1m 60, 5' 4");

Harry Turner (Under 16 category - 1m 22, 4' 1");

Jasmine Ford (Under 11 category - 1m 75, 5' 10").

The overall tallest sunflower was grown by **Sophie Lee-Trowell** and was a staggering 2m 17cm (7'1") tall.

Well done everyone – watch this space for the competition for next year.



September Quiz

1. Who took 8 wickets for 15 runs against Australia in the fourth test?
2. What in America is a streetcar?
3. Caviar is principally obtained from the eggs of which fish?
4. Which long running ITV drama series followed the lives of fire fighters at the fictional Blackwall Fire Station?
5. What is the more common name for Omelette Suprise?
6. Which 19th century painter cut off his own ear?
7. Which African country was historically known as Abyssinia?
8. Ermine is the white winter coat of which animal?
9. Who has become the first Briton to win two Tour de France titles?
10. Which golfer won the 2015 British Open at St. Andrews?



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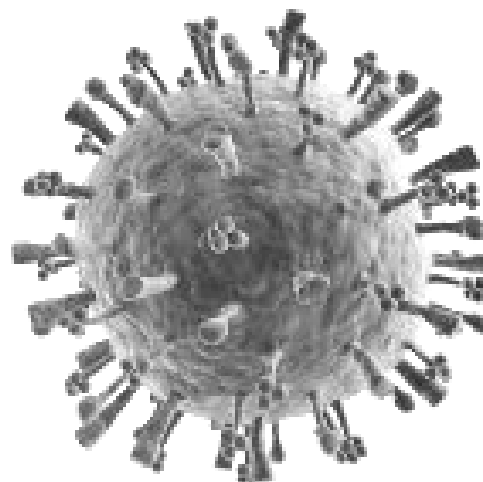


Magic Pills 6

The doctor was delighted to see so many people enjoying them selves at the Grow it Make it Show it Show in early September. It was wonderful to see people walking to the Community Centre, carrying their exhibits, chatting as they put them out and then eagerly looking after judging to see who had won what. Of course, not every exhibit won a prize – but they were all interesting to see. Taking part can be such fun. Once again we saw people keeping their minds and bodies healthy without magic pills!

Physical and mental fitness helps to protect us from many illnesses – but the flu virus can attack despite all our best efforts. So please, if you are in one of the at risk groups listed below, please protect yourself and others by having the flu vaccination which should be available now.

- **those aged 65 years and over**
- **those aged six months to under 65 in clinical risk groups**
 - chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, bronchitis or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
 - chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
 - chronic kidney disease at stage three, four or five
 - chronic liver disease
 - chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease or learning disability
 - diabetes
 - splenic dysfunction (absent or poorly functioning spleen)
 - a weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment for cancer
- **pregnant women**
- **all two, three and four year olds (but not five years or older) on 31 August 2015**
- **all children of school years 1 and 2 age**
- **those in long-stay residential care homes**
- **carers**



The Flu Virus