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Contributions

We always welcome contributions from people living in the parish. If you’d like to air your views on a
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Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month except August when there is no meeting.
Details of agendas and minutes of previous meetings can be viewed on the Council’s website
www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk. Current agendas are also posted on the parish notice boards in Selattyn bus shelter,
outside the Library on St Martins Road, outside the Co-op on Station Road in Gobowen, and outside
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The telephone kiosk in Hengoed
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Chairman’s Report

One daffodil does not a spring make, however by the time that this Roundabout reaches you we will hopefully have an abundance of yellow beauties swaying in a warm spring breeze.

We as a Parish Council set ourselves a number of targets for this last year and they have been achieved.

The commitment to upgrade the streetlights to LED continues. The areas benefitting from this is determined by the condition of the existing lighting stock. The best will be left till last. When completed our power usage and hence cost will have seen a major reduction.

Remedial action has been taken to secure the boundary fence between The Playing Field and St Martins Road which has also been supplanted with some hedging plants.

The long running saga to secure an acceptable solution to the repair of the Selattyn wall is getting closer with Shropshire Council eventually accepting responsibility for it. Its current condition is to be surveyed and monitored and appropriate action taken as and when required.

We have followed through for a second year with a payment for the running of the Library. It is important to have this as a village and parish facility as so much can emanate from within this hub. It is still very much in the development stage and new initiatives are always welcomed for further discussion and inclusion.

With so much talk nowadays focusing on ever increasing obesity levels within our population we decided to have an emphasis on the inclusion of as great a proportion of our community as possible in outside recreation. Where better to start than on the circumference path of the pavilion playing field. It is indeed a most pleasant walk at any time of the year.

Allied to this it was decided to replace an existing failing play structure with a newer more physically challenging one. This will shortly be installed and hopefully it will generate endless hours of healthy enjoyment. Such equipment does not come cheap and I am pleased to announce that the entire cost of its provision and installation has been met by outside funding. We are extremely grateful to all the providers for their generous support.

In order to provide a more diverse walking experience it was decided at our 2016 Annual Parish Meeting to establish a Parish Paths Partnership. This has now been done and at the helm we have secured the services of Mr Mike McKenna who will be co-ordinating activities related to this initiative. So please do contact him to render assistance and support wherever possible and to be included in all walking activities within our parish.

With the disappearance of the red iconic phone boxes from our streetscape and landscape we moved forward and adopted the one in Hengoed. We are now seeking suggestions for uses for this structure so please do contact us with your ideas.

Selattyn will benefit from the provision of a further planter bringing colour and fragrance to the village.
The Parish Council are looking for ways to celebrate our coming half a century celebration of our existence.

One proposal is to produce a booklet to commemorate the sacrifice made by the individuals named on the war memorials within our parish. We would be most grateful for assistance of any sort from individuals or organisations who could help us bring this project to fruition.

If you are in a position to render assistance in this very worthwhile cause then please do contact our parish clerk.

Any further suggestions for other suitable activities would be greatly appreciated.

Many of you will know councillor John Davies who is a very loyal member of our Parish Council. It is indeed possible that not all of you will be aware of his involvement and interest in many areas of life.

He is also a Bishop and recently he celebrated a very important milestone in reaching 30 years of service within this post. I am sure that you would all like to join with me in congratulating John on this wonderful achievement.

Huw Ellis

Gobowen Pavilion and Playing Field Booking Details
Gobowen Pavilion is ideal for a variety of events including meetings, children's parties, social gatherings, training sessions and sporting events. Features include padded folding chairs, folding tables, full Wi-Fi access, central heating, a water boiler, a fridge/freezer, cups, plates and cutlery, an overhead projector, a wipe board, washing facilities. The building is wheelchair accessible, it has 4 showers, toilets, parking for 18 vehicles and the area is monitored by CCTV.

The cost for the main hall with kitchen and access to toilets is just £10 per hour. For further details and a booking form, please contact Nigel Thomas, Assistant to the Parish Clerk, Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council on 07906 468 460 (office hours apply), email leisureattendant@yahoo.co.uk. If you wish to use the playing field for an activity/event, this is free of charge but you do need to go through the booking process to ensure it is not already booked on that day or that maintenance work is not due to take place. If you wish to book the playing field, please use the contact details listed above.

Parking at the Gobowen Pavilion
Please can we remind parishioners and visitors to the parish that there is ample parking available at the Gobowen Pavilion. The Car Park is accessible at all times and is monitored by CCTV. Parking in and around Gobowen is limited so if you are attending an event at the school or maybe a club at the Church, please consider parking at the Pavilion and utilising the space available.

Community Meals Project
Thanks to the support of a dedicated team of volunteers, the Parish Council runs a successful Community Meals Project. Hot meals are delivered every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the cost of £4 (per meal) which includes a main meal and a sweet. As the meals are provided by the hospital, a range of diets can be catered for.
There is no long term commitment and meals can be had for as little as a week at a time, perfect if you are a carer who wants to take a break or if you have just returned from hospital. If you would know of anyone who would benefit from this sort of service please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details on page 2).

Streetlights
If you see a streetlight that is not working or burning during the day please report it to the Parish Clerk and if it is owned by the Parish Council we will arrange to have it repaired as soon as possible. As we do not undertake routine patrols of streetlights we rely on the public to report any issues. There are stickers on each of the streetlights owned by the Parish Council so, where possible, if you can quote the reference number on the streetlight when reporting it, it will help us to locate the light for repair.

Telephone Kiosk
The Red Telephone Kiosk in Hengoed is being adopted by the parish council and they wish to consult with residents to put forward their views on possible alternative uses for the phone box. If you have any ideas or suggestions for how the kiosk could be used in a way to better benefit the local community, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

2017 Parish Council Elections
Parish Councillors hold office for a period of four years and retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election. The newly elected Councillors take office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

The next ordinary election for Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council will take place in 4th May 2017. In the lead up to the elections, all information will be published on our website, shared in the Roundabout and on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Nomination Packs
Nomination period opens on Monday 13th March. Candidates will need to complete the Nomination Form and return to the Returning Officer no later than the deadline of 4pm on Tuesday 4th April.

Nomination packs may be returned by the candidate, or a person whom they trust – they can no longer be posted to the Returning Officer. In addition to being able to do this at the Shirehall in Shrewsbury, Shropshire Council will be publishing details of additional “local offices” where completed nomination packs may be returned. These will however be on specific dates and times only, not throughout the whole of the nomination period.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please visit our website (www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk) where more information is published or to discuss things in more detail, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01691 829571.

Gobowen I.T. Project
This is a free opportunity to start using your computer or tablet and increasing your knowledge. Please call in to see us, in term time, from 10am to12noon on Thursdays at the Pavilion on the Playing Field. We ask for a £1 donation towards coffee and biscuits. You may bring your own computer or tablet, or use one of ours. We are a friendly group and try to help no matter what your problem or interest. Everyone works ►
at their own level on what they are interested in. Look forward to seeing you, age is no barrier.

Phil Crow

New Play Equipment
In Summer 2016 the wooden multi-play had to be removed from the play area, in the view of safety, as its condition was deteriorating. The good news is that the Parish Council have purchased a new piece of equipment (shown below) and this will be installed in March/April (TBC).

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council
Gobowen Play Area

Target Multiplay Climber

The new piece of play equipment was 100% funded through grants. Organisations who kindly contributed to the project were:

- 3 Parishes Big Local
- Hilton Jones Trust
- Gobowen Youth Fund
- Big Lottery

Once installed the Parish Council will be holding an event on the Playing Field to invite people down to try out the new equipment and see what else is on offer. At the official opening of the new play equipment a plaque will be unveiled, crediting the organisations who granted funds to make the project possible.

To Broadband or Not to Broadband?
Selattyn rests in the 5% of the UK that BT says it is unlikely to connect to a decent broadband signal in the near future, if ever. Oddly the village has never felt itself to be an outpost of the empire being only 2 miles from the A5, and not that far from the hub of the universe, Oswestry and a BT HQ! But such a provision is increasing important in our lives, and has even been known to impact on house prices.

I write as Chair of the Selattyn Primary School governors, who have received an offer of grant funding for £20,000 via the Community Fibre Partnership, towards the necessary installation work. The inevitable downside is that the Selattyn community would need to raise the balance likely figure of £30,000 to match fund this grant. (the precise figure has yet to be confirmed) If raised Selattyn would then gain a new green box in the village and provide a speed of up to 50 megabits within a kilometre of the box, diminishing the further out the service goes from the box, so 1.5ks would get around 15 megabits.

This is all relatively new and with the help of the two Selattyn parish councillors we hope we can find a way to raise such funds. Inevitably this will mean a meeting in the village to go through the options. Watch this space for a date.

Tim Kirk
Chair of Selattyn School Governors

2016 to February 2017 on the Old Racecourse Common
There are changes afoot bordering the Racecourse South Common. The end of the Candy Wood is being felled after 35 years.
When we came to live here the trees were very small and the views were spectacular but as the wood grew it also gave shelter not only to us but to the woodland birds, conifer loving birds such as goldcrests and coal tit moved in. However the trees and scrub on the Common have also grown and we hope the exposure to the elements won’t affect the birds too badly and that they can find shelter.

The early months of 2016 saw large numbers of redpoll and siskin to the bird feeders, as many as 20-30 birds came attracted by the niger seeds. Plenty of goldfinch, which are doing well according to a BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) survey and all the more common birds up to 16 different species on a regular daily basis, a fortune in bird food!

Spring saw a good increase in early purple orchids followed by common spotted orchids, 140 counted with two specimens of common spotted orchid appearing a long way from the main spread and increasing amounts of hayrattle, which is good news.

The crab apple blossom was prolific and beautiful and full of the sound of insects, just in time for the breeding season. The North Common with its more open heathland habitat has lousewort, heath milkwort, tormentil and bedstraw as well as many sedges growing on its damp northern edge. Years ago there used to be mountain pansy on the top corner but there is still whinberry providing pickings for man and beast, several small patches of wood anemones as well as the annual spectacle of bluebells and in March there will be frogspawn in the pond and common newts.

The ladies smock by the South Common Pond attracts the orangetip butterfly. Early on the wing – peacock, tortoiseshell, gatekeeper, meadow brown, small heath and just one common blue during the summer. Later a good hatching of ringlets, the long grasses essential to their survival and other butterflies who lay their eggs at the base of these grasses. In autumn we see speckled wood butterflies in the shady woodland areas.

The insect population was good due to a late mowing, plenty of hoverflies and various bees, predominantly red tailed bumble bees. The fungi on the common not so prolific last autumn, but two more unusual finds were geastrum triplex or earthstar and clavariadelphus fistulosus (fine tube like fungi).

The dry weather through the autumn resulted in beautiful colours in the beech and birch and the trees kept their leaves longer than usual, with plenty of natural food around such as acorns, beechmast, blackberry and whinberry and the birch full of seed.

Late autumn saw the return of the flocks of fieldfare and redwing, the Racecourse being a regular yearly stopover for feeding on the abundant hawthorn and rowan berries.

The fallen crab apples attract a huge gathering of blackbirds when the weather is bad. Two ‘wilding’ apple trees probably grown from someone throwing away an apple core many years ago are a particular favourite being sweeter, we use them ourselves.

As the year turns and winter closes in, the bramblings arrive, mixing with the chaffinch, nuthatches, great spotted woodpeckers,
long tail tits and again the redpoll and siskin but only a few this time, perhaps due to there being plenty of natural food still about, it has been a good winter so far.

The sparrow hawk patrols the edge of the wood coming through like a rocket to take the occasional victim off the feeder. February the birds have been pairing up, the collard doves carrying nesting material to an ivy covered tree nearby; they bred successfully last year as did the great tits now doing their housework in the same nest box.

The bullfinch are on the crab apple and black-thorn buds, birds not loved in the past by people with orchards but what beautiful birds. The catkins are out, full of pollen, attracting the odd insect brave enough to venture out and last year we had two hedgehogs and hopefully they have survived this changeable winter weather.

Below ground the bluebell corms are stirring one or two green spikes already showing here and there. There is the scent of fox about in the mornings, a visitor looking for leftovers. A big dog fox, we have seen him on the track, dark coated with a magnificent brush. Mouths to feed back at the den.

Badgers cross the common, their poo pits marking the edge of their territory. Both disturbed by the felling of their familiar wood with its track and scents. We hear the conifers are to be replaced by deciduous trees, good news indeed, with them will come shelter and habitat and all the good things that come with deciduous woodland, we and the birds are looking forward to it.

_Gobowen School Report_

There are many different things going on at Gobowen Primary School and in this report we’ve written about some of the most exciting events that have been happening in our school.

**Classes**

In Gobowen School we have a class for each year group and they’re called: Oak (year 6), Birch (year 5), Ash (year 4), Maple (year 3), Hazel (year 2), Sycamore (year 1) and Willow (reception). Mr. Lawson teaches year 6, Mrs. Jones teaches year 5, Mrs. Hughes teaches year 4, Mrs. Pugh teaches year 3, Mrs. Cameron teaches year 2, Mrs. Grady teaches year 1 and Mrs. Talbot teaches reception.

**Houses**

We have six houses in our school: Henlle, Perry, Rhewl, Bryn, Castell and Afon. All children in these houses have thought of one way for each house to raise money for the school. This money will be spent on new equipment to improve the school.

Pupils get tokens for good behaviour. At the end of every week, the tokens are counted up and the house with the most tokens wins that week, then the amount of tokens are put on a wall chart and at the end of every school term the house with the most house points gets a special treat of their choice. At the end of the year all the tokens given out over the school year are counted up and the winning house gets a trophy and a bigger treat of their choice.

**House Projects**

The different houses each have a project to improve the school and a way to raise money for their projects. Castell are building a sand
Pupils at Gobowen Primary School

The Three Parishes Community Wildlife Group

The Three Parishes Community Wildlife Group met on 16 February at Gobowen. It was a very well attended meeting with Brian Swain giving a talk on Mason and Bumble Bees. The wildlife group is newly formed and is mainly for anyone who lives in and around the three parishes of St Martins, Weston Rhyn and Gobowen & Selattyn although everyone is welcome to come to meetings. The next meeting is on 16th March 7.30 at St Johns Church, Weston Rhyn when Leo Smith a consultant Ornithologist will speak on the serious decline in both the Lapwing and Curlew population.

Further details from Polly Smith 01691 239087 or email polly.j.smith@hotmail.co.uk

Polly J. Smith

Gobowen Playing Field

The vast majority of dog owners who exercise their animals on Gobowen playing field treat the area with respect by picking up, but there are some regular users who allow their dogs to soil the area.

A number of complaints have been made on this issue by responsible dog owners frustrated at the amount of mess left on the field during the winter. In addition it has been noted that bags of dog faeces have been discarded on the field despite the fact that there are three bins at the official exit points from the area and a further one on Fernhill Lane. People using the area are reminded that it is primarily a play area used by children and that all dogs should be kept on the lead and that owners should pick up and dispose of their dog’s faeces using the bins provided. Thank you.

Assistant to the Clerk

Class Swaps

All KS2 classes swap classes during the school week so that teachers can teach a specialist subject. Mr. Lawson teaches computing, Mrs. Jones teaches yoga, Mrs. Hughes teaches music and Mrs. Pugh teaches French. The children really enjoy being taught by the different teachers and everyone looks forward to the class swap each day.

These are just a few of the fun and exciting things that are happening at Gobowen School.

Charlotte and Lowri

Sporting events

In Gobowen Primary we have lot’s of different sporting events and teams. Our cross country team recently took part in the Marches cross country races. Our team got through to the next round and Rebecca Tinsley-Edwards (Ash), Milly Lockley (Ash) and Harry Evans (Oak) represented our school in the next round. The netball team took part in a netball tournament at the Marches school. The netball team also got through to the second round of the competition.

Pit in the ks1 playground and did a swap shop on Friday 17th February. In the swap shop you could swap sand pit toys for bags of sweets. Bryn are buying goalposts for the playground, are holding a cinema club on Tuesdays after school and you can buy popcorn and a drink of squash for a pound. Perry, who are building an outdoor science lab, are raising money by hosting the great Gobowen bake-off. Henlle are doing a cake sale to raise money for their project.
Derwen College Events
Derwen Sponsored Walk – Sunday 2nd April 1.30pm. New 10k route in 2017 – starts and finishes at college, including an optional 6k route. Sponsor forms can be requested by emailing bookings@derwen.ac.uk or phone 01691 661234.

A special Walk Lunch will be served in the Garden Café from 11am and the Farm Shop will be open to stock up on chocolate, fruit and energy bars. More information at www.derwen.ac.uk/events

Saturday May 13th – 1920s Electro Swing Ball
An evening of fun and dancing 1920s style. Food platters, cocktails, entertainment and live music. 1920s dress code optional. Tickets £40. More information at www.derwenat90.co.uk or email bookings@derwen.ac.uk

Join us at Derwen College as we celebrate our 90th birthday with events and activities taking place throughout the year. Founded in 1927 by Dame Agnes Hunt we are looking forward to sharing our story with you. Take part, join in and find out more about how life has changed at Derwen College over the years.

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- We can't advise you what to do but we can give you information to support your choices.
- If we don't have the information you need, we will signpost you to any relevant organisations which we think may be able to help.
- If you want to make a complaint about a service, we will let you know how you can do this as well as anonymously record details of the complaint (unless you would rather we didn't record it).

To support this role, we have specially selected some useful websites to help you find and choose local and national services
and support organisations. We also have a list of useful websites for health and social care information. Information regarding complaints processes and advocacy services is available in our Tell us section.

For information about services in Telford & Wrekin please contact Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin.

NHS Complaints Advocacy

Healthwatch Shropshire provides an independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Service across the county.

Although most people using the health service are happy with their care and treatment, things can sometimes go wrong. If you’re not satisfied with the service you’ve experienced from a hospital, doctor, dentist, local surgery or other NHS provider, you are entitled to complain about it.

Healthwatch Shropshire's IHCAS service can:

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- Monitor the progress of your complaint with the organisation responsible and keep you updated
- Signpost you to the right organisation if we think we are not the right organisation

Healthwatch Shropshire's IHCAS service can not make or process a complaint for you.

Please find below Healthwatch Shropshire's Health Complaints 'Self Help' pack so you can understand how to make a complaint about NHS services.

- Guide to 'How to make a complaint about an NHS service'
- Fact sheet on Obtaining Patient Records
- Fact sheet on the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)
- Fact sheet on the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman
- Fact sheet on How to write a complaint letter
- The Advocacy Charter
- Copy of a 'log sheet'

If you would like paper copies of the above documents, please contact the office at:

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Shrewsbury
Shropshire, SY2 6LG

T: 01743 237 884
F: 01743 342 179
E: enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk

Ifton Colliery Sculpture

Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project 2018

November 2018 will mark the 50th anniversary of the closure of Ifton Colliery. To commemorate this it has been proposed that a sculpture representing a miner be placed in the St Martins parish memorial garden as a permanent and lasting memorial to all those who worked there from Gobowen, Weston Rhyn, Chirk, Oswestry and further afield.
There are two proposals Sculpture A, Fabricated in Core 10 Steel depicting what happens over time, memories get further and further apart and things deteriorate and nature takes over. Sculpture B, a commissioned bronze sculpture, giving a very life like depiction of a miner in the 1960’s the final decision will be made by the Ex-Miners.

Donations for the project have already been received with the ‘Grow It, Make It, Show It, Show’ at St Martins donating £100 and the Free Masons Lodge at Chirk donating £500. Anybody who would like to donate to the fund can contact Sue Schofield on 777710 or email her at suescho@hotmail.co.uk. Updates will appear in future editions.

Sue Crow

Plant a Tree!
The NHS are working in partnership with the Shropshire Wildlife Trust to plant 2,000 trees at the Princess Royal Hospital and the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. We need your help to plant trees at both of our hospital sites. We are holding tree-planting days on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 22 March 2017: Princess Royal Hospital, Telford**
- **Thursday 23 March 2017: Royal Shrewsbury Hospital**

If you can spare a few hours or a full day to get involved in this community activity then please contact us to book your place. This is a free event in partnership with Shropshire Wildlife Trust, and is open to all individuals aged 16 and over. To book your place please contact the Volunteer Office at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust on 01743 261473 or email members@sath.nhs.uk

Marches Growth Hub, Shropshire is going on tour to Gobowen Library

The Marches Growth Hub is a one stop shop for Business Support offering all Businesses across the county support on anything from funding to training. Visit www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk

The Marches Growth Hub, Shropshire have teamed up with Gobowen Library to give local Businesses the opportunity to experience what The Growth Hub, Shropshire has to offer. We will be offering free 1:1 Business Clinics in the Library from 10am - 1pm on the below dates:

- **Tuesday 7th March** – General Business Support covering start up’s, existing business and funding options
- **Tuesday 4th April** – Digital Support covering Facebook and Twitter

To Book or for more information please email amy.farley@shropshire.go.uk or call 01743 250525. The sessions will be 45 minutes long.

Bryn y Castell Coppice Conservation Group

We continue to monitor the coppice, remove litter and coppice some of the existing trees. The verge along side the approach road has a variety of plants. Many of the trees planted by the group are now well established and there are areas where more trees can be planted.

Future events

Saturday 18 March Tree planting Session 10:00 to 12:00. All welcome – bring gardening gloves and suitable foot wear.

Thursday 30 March AGM 19:30 Venue to be confirmed.

Chris Jenkins
SHROPSHIRE
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Thu 1.00-2.45pm  Stay & Play Session  Gobowen Primary School  655121

Thu 2.30pm  Mothers’ Union (4th Thu of month)  All Saint’s Church Hall  659674

Thu 4.00pm  Gobowen Old Friends Association (every 3rd Thu of month)  All Saint’s Church Hall  239709

Thu 7.30pm  Salsa Dancing Classes (fortnightly)  The Last Inn, Hengoed  659747

Thu 7.30pm  Ladies’ Guild (2nd Thu of month)  All Saint’s Church Hall  650516

Fri 9.00-10.30am  Little Badgers  Selattyn School Hall  659744

Fri 10.30-11.30am  Extend Exercise for Men and Women  Meadowbrook  07854 258 087

Fri 5.45-7.30pm  Cubs  Gobowen Scout Hall  658016

Fri 7.30-9.00pm  Selattyn Youth Club  Selattyn School Hall  690511

Fri 7.45-9.30pm  Scouts  Gobowen Scout Hall  658016

Fri 8.00-9.30pm  Explorer Scouts  Gobowen Scout Hall  658016

Sat 2.00-4.00pm  Gobowen Celtic Football Club (August 2016 to May 2017 season)  Gobowen Playing Field  Gobowen  07896 804435

Sun Contact the Elderly  Various locations  0121 603 1331

If there are any changes to the arrangement of these Clubs & Organisations please contact the Assistant to the Parish Clerk via email (details on page 2) to keep the information printed here as up to date as possible.

Diary of Events

18th Mar ‘17  10.00am-12.00pm  Tree Planting  Bryn y Castell Coppice, Fernhill Lane, Gobowen

30th Mar ‘17  7.30pm  Bryn y Castell Coppice Conservation Group AGM  The Pavilion, St. Martin’s Road, Gobowen

12th Apr ‘17  7.00pm  Parish Council Meeting  The Pavilion, St. Martin’s Road, Gobowen

4th May ‘17  7.00am-10.00pm  Town and Parish Council Elections  The Pavilion, St. Martin’s Road & All Saint’s Church Hall, Old Chirk Road, Gobowen

10th May ‘17  7.00pm  Parish Council Meeting  The Pavilion, St. Martin’s Road, Gobowen

14th June ‘17  7.00pm  Parish Council Meeting  Selattyn School, Selattyn

12th July ‘17  7.00pm  Parish Council Meeting  The Pavilion, St. Martin’s Road, Gobowen
Free Training Course – Writing Exceptional Grant Applications on Thursday 6th April, 9:00 – 16:15 at St Martins Community Centre, Overton Road, St Martins.

Would you like to learn more about how to develop and write grant or funding applications for your organisation or community group? As part of our commitment to developing skills and to bringing more grant funding into the area, we have arranged this training course for residents or people who are involved in community groups based in the Three Parishes Big Local area.

Places on this free course are limited and must be pre-booked. For more details about the course and to book your place, please contact Bridget or Paula on 01691 656882.

New for 2017 – “My Money Matters”.
Financial exclusion and basic money management skills were identified as areas of concern in the early stages of the Three Parishes Big Local programme. In our first 2 years, we have started to tackle this by promoting Credit Union Services in the local area but the aim of our “My Money Matters” project in Years 3-5 is to tackle a number of different, but inter-linked, issues. We will be working with local organisations to create new services and to promote existing money-related services that will include debt advice and opportunities to learn about budgeting and ways to save money. Look out for more information on our Facebook page, on notice boards and in village magazines over the coming months.

If you would like to know more about this project and how it could help you, please contact Bridget.

Listed below are some contact details that you may find useful if you would like to speak to someone about debt or money worries, including rent arrears and any benefits that you may be entitled to:

- FAIRshare Credit Union - 01743 240403 - www.fairshare.uk.com
- Stop Loan Sharks - 0300 555 2222 - www.gov.uk/report-loan-shark
Gobowen Primary School Saver Club
Finally, a big thank you to the staff and pupils of Gobowen Primary School for their continued support with the School Saver Club. Since it started back in June 2016, pupils have saved about £2,500.00 – which is fantastic! Any pupil of Gobowen Primary School can join the club, application forms are available from the school or by contacting us.

Got any ideas? Like to get involved? Want to keep up with 3 Parishes Big Local news? Contact Bridget, Paula, or the Three Parishes Big Local Partnership:

Mail: Qube, Oswald Road, Oswestry, SY11 1RB
Email: b.laraway@qube-oca.org.uk
Follow us on twitter: 3PBigLocal

Phone: 01691 656882
Website: www.big-local.org
Like our facebook page: 3PBigLocal

Village Volunteering is a local Qube project that wants to spread the word about local volunteering opportunities and support people to become involved in local community groups. It is funded by the Three Parishes Big local Programme.

Volunteering is a great way to get to know people, help in your local community and gain new skills and experience; and there are lots of opportunities available right here in Gobowen; things like helping at library events, or the FairShare school savers club or delivering meals to the older people.

If you think you could do any of these or would like to know more, come and have a chat at one of our drop in sessions. They are on the Second Tuesday of every month in Gobowen Central (Library). The upcoming dates are:

- 10am-12pm on Tuesday 14th March
- 10am-12pm on Tuesday 11th April
- 10am-12pm on Tuesday 9th May

There are also drop ins in St Martins and Weston Rhyn.

For more information contact Alex Drury, Volunteering Officer at Qube - 01691 656882 or email volunteering@big-local.org.uk.
New Guide to Care & Support in Shropshire – A Crucial Time for Information

A new, updated Shropshire Choices Support Finder has been published today in association with Shropshire Council. It gives readers crucial information on how to access, and pay for, care services throughout the county.

With Government plans to cap the costs of social care now postponed, it’s never been more important to have impartial information to guide you through choosing and paying for care and support. The guide helps readers to understand their options, highlights where to go for advice and gives information on how the paying for care system works.

With no cap on care costs at present, this independent information is invaluable to help navigate the system.

The new edition of the Shropshire Choices support finder and accompanying website give information on all aspects of arranging care and support in Shropshire. It includes how to stay independent for as long as possible, the different care and support options available and what to look for when choosing a care provider. It also offers guidance on important issues such as paying for care and what financial assistance may be available from the local authority. There are comprehensive listings of all registered care services throughout the county, plus checklists to help you ask the right questions when visiting services.

For a free copy of Shropshire Choices support finder contact Shropshire Council’s Customer Services on 0345 678 9005 or email shropshirechoices@shropshire.gov.uk It is also available throughout the region from outlets including carers’ centres, hospitals, GP surgeries, Age UK and the Alzheimer’s Society. It can be downloaded from www.carechoices.co.uk and is available in spoken word. Further help and information can be accessed via the guide’s free telephone helpline on 0800 389 2077.

Robert Chamberlain, Managing Director of the guide’s publisher, Care Choices, commented: “This is an invaluable source of information for anyone considering short or long term care in Shropshire, and contains vital information to help people decide what type of care and support is best for them.

“With no cap on the cost of care, finding a care service for yourself or a loved one that meets their needs and is affordable can be a daunting and unfamiliar task. This new Shropshire Choices Support Finder has been compiled to help people understand the process and offer them reassurance at every step of their journey.”

Care Choices is the UK’s largest independent publisher for social care and adults with additional needs. It is also the largest publisher of care directories for local authorities in England.

Shropshire Council
New Shropshire’s Great Outdoors Scheme Launches

Shropshire Council’s outdoor partnerships team have launched a new membership scheme in a bid to secure the future of the county’s country parks.

Perfect for dog-walkers, those who ride horses, cycle or if you just enjoy walking, the new Shropshire’s Great Outdoors membership scheme offers perks including free parking, invites to member exclusive events and being first to hear about news and offers.

For £3 a month, you will be supporting some of Shropshire’s most iconic, accessible and interesting countryside sites and helping people enjoy our Great Outdoors. Funding will help improve habitat management, encourage wildlife to flourish and look after historic monuments.

Stuart West, Shropshire Council’s Cabinet member for leisure and culture, said:

“Shropshire Council asked residents earlier this year (2016) how they would like us to prioritise the way we spend our budget. Following this conversation it was clear that we needed to find new ways of ensuring the future of our country parks, heritage sites and Rights of Way.

“We want to work with people to protect the future of our countryside, and the Great Outdoors membership scheme is a fantastic, and affordable, way of doing just that.”

The scheme will also help us make improvements to the Rights of Way network. We have over 5,500km of public Rights of Way in Shropshire – the same distance as Shrewsbury to New York on your doorstep.

Join us online at www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/join to support your local countryside.

For more information, contact Shropshire Council’s outdoor partnerships enterprise manager Clare Fildes on 01743 255067 or email clare.fildes@shropshire.gov.uk.

Further information

Rather than cease the active management of the countryside sites, as proposed in the council’s current Financial Strategy, we have put an ambitious plan together to raise income and reduce council support over the next few years...working towards a cost-neutral parks service.

This will ensure these wonderful sites are safeguarded for everyone’s enjoyment now and in the future.

We would also like to do more to promote and upgrade access to Shropshire’s Great Outdoors through the extensive network of footpaths and bridleways across the county – one of the largest networks in the country.

All proceeds raised through the Great Outdoors membership scheme will go to:

- Support your local country park, countryside heritage site or local Rights of Way
- Keep these sites and routes accessible and looked after for everyone to enjoy
- Help us encourage people to get out and active in the countryside
- Improve access to Shropshire’s countryside
- Encourage the development of
promoted walking, cycling and horse riding routes across the county and other outdoor activities

- Improve habitat management, encourage wildlife and help look after important historic monuments.

Your support will help enable us to retain our specialist staff, who can apply for funding for new projects that help people enjoy the parks, sites and Rights of Way.

In return, we will give you:

- A Shropshire’s Great Outdoors membership card, which will entitle you to free parking at the country parks
- Special members-only events and guided walks
- Information about upcoming events and the latest news
- Family-friendly walks brochure, with some great short walks for all at our sites
- A priority copy of future walking and riding leaflets/booklets.

Clare Fildes

Helping to Keep Your Child Safe Online

The NSPCC have produced a leaflet ‘A Parents’ Guide to being Share Aware’. There is lots of information and advice on the NSPCC website.

Here is the basic information on contacts:
We tell our children to share but online it's different. In fact, sometimes sharing online can be dangerous. That’s why we’ve joined forces with O2 to ask parents to be Share Aware and keep children safe online.

Talking to your child is the best way to help keep them safe. But with things changing all the time, it can be hard to keep up to date. You can always call our online safety helpline on 0808 8005002 to get advice on anything from the latest social networks to parental controls.

Or find out what other parents think about the most popular social apps and games, what's the right age and details on privacy and safety settings with our Net Aware tool.

Our straightforward, no-nonsense advice will untangle the web, and show you how you can be just as great a parent online, as you are the rest of the time. The internet is a great place for children to be. Being Share Aware makes it safer.

For Advice on all aspects of being safe online also look at www.getsafeonline.org there is a mine of information on all aspects of using computers, tablets etc. Please be safe.

New Government Grants Available!

100% FREE upgrade on electric storage heaters*. 100% FREE cavity wall and loft insulation*.

Shropshire Green Energy Centre are able to offer these new form of grants through a direct partnership with all the major utility providers and the Government. SOLAR PV also available, visit our website www.shropshiregreenenergycentre.co.uk

Call us today on 01952 505506 to find out more information. *Terms & Conditions apply.
Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council have a website where you can find details of all council meetings.

Visit
www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk

Like on facebook:
www.facebook.comSelattynandGobowenPC

And follow us on Twitter
@SandGPC

Social Media

Gobowen Old Friends Association
Gobowen Old Friends is open to any Gobowen resident over 60 and enquiries can be made to the secretary, Heather Ryan, on 01691 239709.

David Ryan (Chairman)

Get Active!
Easter Holiday Activities

A FREE 2 hour sports session will be held on Gobowen Playing Field during the Easter holiday.

Outdoor activities led by professional coaches. Get fit and try different sports including:

- Basketball
- Football
- Tennis
- Rounders
- Tag Rugby
- Ultimate Frisbee

Ages 4 to 10, open to all abilities.

Parents are required to complete a registration form prior to the event or attend and complete on the day.

For more information visit www.tnsfc.co.uk or telephone 01691 684840.

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council wishes everyone in the area a very
Happy Easter
Useful Contact Information

**Medical**
- Cambrian Medical Centre, Thomas Savin Road, Oswestry ................................................................. 652929
- Cambrian Pharmacy, Oswald Road, Oswestry ......................................................................................... 670292
- Caxton Surgery, Oswald Road, Oswestry—Emergency & General Enquiries ........................................ 654646
- Appointments .................. 6536000 Dispensary .................................................. 659250 Repeat Prescriptions ........................................ 658519
- Chirk Surgery ........................................................................................................................................... 772434
- Child Health Centre, Victoria Road, Oswestry ......................................................................................... 653313
- Day Lewis Pharmacy (Gobowen) ............................................................................................................. 652377
- Plas Ffynnon Medical Centre, Middleton Road, Oswestry—Appointments & Enquiries .................... 655844
- Repeat Prescriptions ................................................................................................................................. 655538 Shropdoc NHS Out of Hours .................................................. 08444 068888

**Hospitals**
- Chirk Community Hospital, John’s Street, Chirk ..................................................................................... 772430
- Princess Royal Hospital, Apley Castle, Telford ....................................................................................... 01952 641222
- Robert Johns & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital .................................................................................. 404000
- Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury ................................................................. 01743 26100
- Shropshire Nuffield ................................................................................................................................. 01743 817144 Wrexham Maelor Hospital .......................................................... 01978 291100

**Schools, Playgroups and Colleges**
- Gobowen All Rounders ............................................................................................................................ 653147
- Gobowen Primary School (Head Teacher: Mrs. L. Luke) ........................................................................ 661343
- Marches School, Oswestry (Head Teacher: Mrs. S. Longville) ............................................................... 664400
- North Shropshire College, Oswestry ........................................................................................................ 688000
- Selattyn School (Head Teacher: Ms. C. Morgan) .................................................................................... 659744
- St. Martin’s School (Principal: Mrs. S. Lovecy) ....................................................................................... 776500
- St. Martin’s Arts Centre (Principal: Mrs. S. Lovecy) ............................................................................... 776502
- Sure Start Children’s Centre, Gobowen Family Support Drop-In, School Lane, Gobowen ................... 656513

**Churches**
- All Saints .................................................................................................................................................... 661226
- Our Lady & Saint Oswald’s Catholic Church ............................................................................................ 662248
- Preeshenlle United Reformed Church ..................................................................................................... 658016
- St. Mary’s Church, Selattyn ...................................................................................................................... 661226

**Police**
- Local Police ................................................................................................................................................ 0101 PC Kate Le’Clere ........................................... 07792 774024
- Reporting Crime Disorder (non-emergency) .......................................................................................... 0300 333 3000
- Crime Stoppers .......................................................................................................................................... 0800 555 111 (FREE CALL)

**Veterinary Surgeries**
- Border Veterinary Centre, Maesbury Road, Oswestry ............................................................................ 670395
- Park Issa Veterinary Hospital, Salop Road, Oswestry ............................................................................ 670067

**Travel**
- Arriva Midlands North, Oswestry Depot ................................................................................................. 0871 200 2233 Community Rail Officer .................................................. 772784
- Gobowen Railway Station ......................................................................................................................... 681010
- National Rail Enquiries for long distance travel (local call charge) ......................................................... 08457 484950
- Owens Coaches, Oswestry ....................................................................................................................... 652126
- Traveline (public transport information) ................................................................................................ 0871 200 2233
- Dial-a-Ride .............................................................................................................................................. 671571

**General**
- Age Concern .............................................................................................................................................. 01743 233123
- Childline (FREE) ...................................................................................................................................... 0800 1111
- Citizens Advice Bureau, 34 Arthur Street, Oswestry .............................................................................. 0344 499 1100
- Community Meals ..................................................................................................................................... 829571 Gobowen Allotments .................................................. 829571
- Domestic Violence Helpline (FREE) ........................................................................................................ 0808 2000 247
- Gobowen Library - Tues: 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm, Weds: 10am-1pm, 2pm-4pm (term time only), Thurs: 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm, Sat: 10am-1pm ................................................................. 653388
- Gobowen Post Office ................................................................................................................................. 658814 Helpmates ............................................................................................................................... 656882
- Oswestry Leisure Centre, Shrewsbury Road ............................................................................................ 677150 Qube ............................................................................................................................... 656882
- R.S.P.C.A .................................................................................................................................................... 08705 555999 Shopmobility ................................................................................................................ 656882
- Signature Smiles Dental Practice ............................................................................................................. 662719 Shropshire Council (General Enquiries) .................................. 0345 678 9000
- Social Services Dept (North Area) .......................................................................................................... 01743 253911 Volunteer Bureau ............................................................ 670021