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Please send us your news!

We are always on the lookout for news articles, reports, artwork, photographs, local info and events from across the Parish and surrounding area for future editions.

The Parish Roundabout magazine aims to be interesting and useful for residents across the Parish but we can only include events and articles that we know about so please keep us in the loop!

If you have anything to contribute to our next edition, or ideas for features, please send it to the Parish Clerk by **27 October 2023**

Parish Council meetings

Full Council: 13 September 7pm

Full Council: 11 October 7pm

Full Council: 8 November 7pm

Full Council : 13 December 7pm

Committee meetings

Amenities & Services: 27 September 7pm

Finance & Executive: 25 October 7pm

Finance & Executive: 22 November 6:30pm

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Agendas and venue details are posted on the Parish Council website and noticeboards around the parish a few days before each meeting. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Your Parish - Some facts!

There's much more to Selattyn and Gobowen Parish than you may realise. With an area of just over 12 square miles, it's one of the largest parishes in Shropshire. Sharing a boundary with Wales in the west and with the Llangollen canal running along the parish's north-eastern border, places of interest to visit within the parish include Selattyn Tower, Old Oswestry Hillfort and the north common of Oswestry Racecourse. The Parish has approximately 31 miles of footpaths including parts of Offa's Dyke Path, Wat's Dyke Way, and St Oswald's Trail!

Did you know that Derwen College and The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital are in the parish? Nowadays they are key employers and service providers to local people but they are a significant part of the history of this parish. Read a brief history of Derwen College and the services that they now offer to this community on page 20. If you have a story or history of a local landmark for future editions of this magazine please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

The Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Roundabout is printed using environmentally friendly FSC approved papers from a sustainable source, vegetable oil based inks and chemical free processes.

Welcome

I was honoured to be elected to Chair the Parish Council for the coming twelve months at the Council's Annual meeting held on 10th May. Cllr Sylvia Dyke was elected as Vice-Chair. I would like to thank Cllr Craig Emery for his service to the Parish as Chairman for the last 2 years.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish took place on 24th May. I would like to thank all the local residents and community groups that attended and contributed to the meeting. As outgoing Chairman, Cllr Emery, reported on behalf of the Parish Council—see page **18** for his report. Copies of all the reports to the meeting are available on the Parish Council website.

Community spirit has been in abundance across our parish over the last few months—Coronation events, Selattyn Fete and Gobowen Family Fun Day to name just a few. These events wouldn't happen without the hours of organising and support by dedicated volunteers and I'm sure that everyone in our community will join me in thanking them for their efforts. You can read about many of the events later in this edition. If you are organising an event within the parish, please let the Parish Clerk know so that we can help spread the word in this magazine or on our noticeboards and social media.

By the time this edition is distributed, the Parish Council should have completed the scheduled memorial safety inspections at Hengoed Cemetery. These inspections are an essential part of managing a cemetery for the safety of all visitors. Any memorials found to be unsafe will have had temporary supports installed and a sign put up asking the family to contact us. Whilst we make every effort to contact families ourselves we often find that we don't have up to date contact information. If you are the registered owner of a grave at the cemetery, please don't forget to keep us informed if you move house or change your email address or telephone number.

Visitors to Gobowen Playing Fields in recent weeks may have noticed that the engineering works to the banks of the River Perry have happened. In places, the bank has been changed from a steep drop to a gradual incline to reduce the risk of bank erosion when the river levels are high. The soil along the banks, and near the hedge has been planted with a grass seed and wildflower mix and we are now working on a plan to manage the river bank to support nature and biodiversity. We are looking forward to seeing the results next summer!

Cllr Erica Morgan
Chairman

Cover image: Oswestry Hill Fort, Selattyn and Gobowen Parish, 2014. Credit Alistair Reid.

Coronation celebrations

Coronation celebrations took place across our parish in early May. Here's how some groups marked the historic occasion!



The residents of Selattyn and surrounding area all enjoyed a get together in the pub (The Docks) on Monday 8 May to celebrate the Kings Coronation. Despite the bad weather everyone was in good spirits and brought picnics ranging from curly ham sandwiches to the full works with hampers and bottles of champagne.

Ian Landers (local councillor) kindly made a short speech and everyone raised a glass to toast the new King.

The Coronation Quiz had everyone scratching their heads but the Pearson family managed to score an impressive 60 out of 64. Sadly they weren't around to receive the prize of a box of chocolates so it was given to the runners up who scored 58 out of 64.



The children were also kept busy decorating crowns with jewels and

stickers in the hopes of winning the Coronation Teddy as a prize (name was picked out of a hat). Delilah (age 5) was the lucky winner.

Thank you to all who attended.



Residents of Perry Road and the surrounding streets in Gobowen hosted a street party attended by about 65 people.

A road closure had been organised so the party was set up near the end of the Perry Road cul-de-sac.

Guests enjoyed a bring and share buffet, quiz, bingo, raffle, music and fun and were thrilled when King Charles made a surprise appearance! All the children went home with a goodie bag.



Coronation celebrations

Residents of City Lane, Hengoed held a wonderful Coronation street party for friends and neighbours. Coronation day had been grey and wet but Sunday 7th May was a day of sunshine, we were so lucky, but....just after a red white and blue balloon arch was erected, the wind started to blow and some balloons when whizzing down the road! It calmed down, thank goodness.

City lane looked festive with the flags of England, Scotland and Wales on fences and hedges, the tables decorated with flowers and flags. By 2pm the people and food were arriving and a very good spread we had. Everyone enjoyed themselves. We were pleased to welcome two families who had recently moved to Hengoed - Ann and her daughter, and Mark, Nicola and baby Rupert.

A big "thank you" to all who worked hard to organise the day, to all who brought tables chairs, gazebos etc. and , of course, themselves.

A big "thank you" to Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council for a very welcome donation which helped towards the cost; it was very much appreciated.



At St Mary's Church, Selattyn, we had a 'Flowers -in-Praise' for the Coronation. The church was decorated with flowers

in all colours, as we know the King and Queen love their gardens and the environment. Our Church Café was open and we welcomed visitors.

The bells rang a Quarter Peal on Coronation Morning, and a Coronation Festival Services was held on Sunday 7th May.

To all our helpers and flower arrangers, a big 'thank you'. A big 'thank you' also to Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council for a very welcome donation towards the cost of the flowers, it was much appreciated.



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Selattyn C of E Primary School

We have had a busy and successful year at Selattyn Primary School. The children continue to receive a broad range of learning experiences in all our classes.

We have been working hard to continue to provide as many learning opportunities for all our pupils as possible, this has included organising a residential stay to Bryntisilio Outdoor Learning Centre in Llangollen which the children and staff enjoyed immensely.

Children have also been on trips to Chester Zoo, Bangor on Dee Racecourse for a numeracy day amongst other things. We have had various visitors to school to help with our learning including authors, The River's Trust and the NSPCC.

The children as always have been producing some very high quality work which we have all been proud of. We still have places available in September in most year groups, for further information please contact the school office on 01691 659744.

S&G Local History Group

Local Places of Worship

We are aware of six places of Worship in the Parish, of which three remain as Churches. The oldest by far is the Church of St. Mary, Selattyn which

celebrated 700 years since its known foundation in 1291, in 1991. Betty Shaw prepared an excellent booklet at the time, describing the church and its history. A copy of this is held for reference in Gobowen Library.

Preeshenlle Church also has a long, if more recent history and will be looked at in a separate article, together with the Church at Rhewl and the former Methodist Chapel by the Gobowen roundabout, both of which have been converted to dwellings.

St Barnabas Church at Hengoed was closed in 1981 and subsequently and controversially demolished later that decade. We have few facts and no photos of the Church. There is only a stone which marks its location in Hengoed Cemetery. We would welcome any information on St. Barnabas and the other closed church and chapel.

All Saints Church is the most recent, reflecting the growing population of Gobowen. The foundation stone was laid by the Earl of Powis in 1926 and the completed church was consecrated by the Bishop of Lichfield in June 1928. It suffered a devastating arson attack in 1979. This resulted in only the four main walls left standing together with the Church Tower and the Choir Vestry.

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These also suffered water damage. The fire brigade had to focus on successfully saving the Church Hall which was quickly dedicated as a temporary place of worship, just in time for a planned wedding.

Major fundraising events took place which, with insurance money, enabled a rapid rebuilding of the Church which was re-consecrated in October 1981. New fittings included items from closed churches elsewhere. A new east window was commissioned from Laurence Lee, a famous stained glass

designer who was also responsible for windows in Coventry, Gloucester and Guildford Cathedrals.

A war memorial for Hengoed took the form of a Processional Cross which came from St Barnabas Church and which is now held at All Saints and is a feature of Sunday Services. There are, of course, the permanent war memorials at St. Mary's Church and in Gobowen Village.

Details of those from the Parish who lost their lives in the two World Wars are provided by a booklet called 'Our Fallen' that was widely distributed a few years ago, and copies of which are held by the library.

The next meeting of the Local History Group will take place on Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm. Do please contact us if you would like to join us or have any information you would like to share.

Roger Foreman

rogerforeman44@gmail.com



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Chester to Shrewsbury Rail Line Anniversary celebrations

This year sees the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Chester to Shrewsbury Rail line which passes through Gobowen.

As part of the celebrations to mark the opening of the line, plans are being drawn up to mark the occasion at Gobowen Station.

On Thursday 14th September plans are to hold an open day at the station and all are invited to attend. Plans include opening a pop up shop in part of the main building, and a range of produce available in the cafe reminiscent of the Victorian times when the station was built.

People are asked to come along and take part in a questionnaire which will help

Breast Cancer now

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Louisesimpson15@gmail.com

future plans for the site to enable it to continue to support the local community. Posters will be distributed nearer the time as the event is finalised.

Oswestry Ladies Choir

Oswestry Ladies Choir that rehearses every Wednesday night in All Saints Church Gobowen at 7.15pm now seeks new singers



both Sopranos and Altos for the new season, starting September 13th 2023.

It is not necessary to read music but it does help. If you love music and love to sing, come and join this very versatile and friendly Ladies Choir that presents two concerts a year and performs to a high standard. Encouragement and help given to all.

Our Christmas Concert will be in Christchurch, Oswestry, on Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm. which will include a major work by Schubert and a compilation of beautiful Christmas Carols and Songs.

Please contact 01691 654802 if you would like to join or email

Dawn Jaffray at
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The Speed Watch Team have been actively monitoring speed in Gobowen since the end of May. Throughout June a total of 137 vehicles were identified driving in excess of the speed limit and these details have been passed onto West Mercia Police.

Much of the focus is currently on Chirk Rd, outside Gobowen School, where speeding seems to be in the greatest volume. This is unfortunately the site where the highest speed was also recorded.

More volunteers are currently undergoing vetting, if you are interested in joining full training will be provided by West Mercia Police and monitoring is always completed by 3 people at all times. Please contact me on 07971208054 if you'd be interested in joining. Craig Emery

Gobowen Neighbourhood Watch

Following a few requests I've set up a Neighbourhood Watch for Gobowen, if you would like to join, all you need to do is go to: <https://members.ourwatchmember.org.uk/join> and fill in your details and follow the process through to the end. Once you have done that and you are in your account, select the 'Manage Schemes' option in the 'dropdown' under

'Neighbourhood Watch Tools' in the top banner on the page, then click on the yellow 'JOIN OR APPLY TO CREATE A NEW SCHEME' bar and follow the process through to the end, selecting Gobowen, to join this scheme. If you don't have access we can also manually sign you up, please get in touch for more details.

Once you register you can then also officially confirm to your home insurance company, that you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch and are in a Watch Scheme. Most companies will give a further discount on your policy for being a member. You will need your membership Number from your NW Account.

We've planned our first meeting on Saturday 9th September at 10am in Gobowen Pavilion. Please feel free to come along and meet others. Going forward I'll look to invite guests to give advice & top tips around crime prevention.

Finally, as part of the Neighbourhood Watch we will be completing a litter pick within Gobowen on the last Saturday of each month. The first session will take place on Saturday 30th September between 10-12, meeting at Gobowen Pavilion. We'll have litter pickers and bags available but would suggest you bring some gloves.

Craig Emery

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Gobowen Community Group

We held our Family Fun Day on 1st July, the weather was kind and it was great to see so many of you join us on the day.

We were entertained by Live Music throughout the day and were also joined by Border Counties Gymnastics, The Wright Way Football Group, Chloe Elizabeth Dance Company & Rainbow Hot Air Balloon Team.

Thanks must go to the generosity of several suppliers including Stans Superstore, Bloomers Bakery & Top2Tail Dog Grooming without who we wouldn't be able to run the event. A special thanks must go to all the volunteers who have given their time and energy to help put on a great event.

Looking forward our next event is the Bonfire & Fireworks on Sunday 29th October. We're always on the lookout for volunteers to help ease the pressure, even if it is just a few hours on the day of the event. Please contact us if you are able to support.

Craig Emery (Chair) 07971208054
Sam Williams (Secretary) 07966 109336

Christmas Quiz

A Christmas Quiz and Raffle for Cancer Research UK will be held on Saturday 25th November at The Last Inn, Hengoed at 7pm. £12 for a team of 4.

Cancer Research UK Christmas Cards will also be on sale (Cash only).

To book a table please contact Annie on 01691 659794.

Spread a Little Thankfulness

Thankfulness can transform a situation. There are many challenges for families at the moment and you may know some personal challenges too. As Summer turns to Autumn, it is a good time to pause and give thanks: for our farmers and other key workers who labour in our community, for the good things, relationships and blessings we already enjoy. We pause to give thanks to God and, where able, share what we have with others.

This Harvest, join us to give thanks to God for our farmers, for this year's harvest and for all his good gifts. If you feel able to contribute, we will be making a collection of non-perishable items in support of local foodbanks.

Harvest Activity Service, All Saints' Church, Gobowen Sunday 15th October, 11am

Harvest Thanksgiving Service with a meal afterwards, St Mary's Church, Selattyn Tuesday 3rd October, 7:30pm To book for the meal at the Docks, please contact Betty on 658876

Harvest Activity Service, St Mary's Church, Selattyn Sunday 8th October, 9:30am

At All Saints' & St Mary's Churches we are communities of local people who are being changed by Jesus Christ. If you'd

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like to be in touch, we'd love to hear from you – feel free to drop in to our weekly Community Café on Thursdays between 2:30-4pm.

Rev. Steve Nicholson
01691 590 564,
allsaintsgobowen@gmail.com

Parish Paths Partnership

Notwithstanding recent, unpredictable weather conditions, the P3 Group of volunteers has managed to complete, sometimes at short notice, several essential tasks.

We replaced a wooden stile at 'Hill 60' near the Hillfort, a plank bridge and repair work on a footbridge at Gobowen.

This is the season of maximum growth and much clearing and trimming is the order of the day. Apologies to those walking across our Parish who find their way blocked by brambles and undergrowth; we are getting round! Meanwhile, there is no harm in carrying a pair of secateurs as essential equipment, along with the water bottle and nutty bar. We are equipped to tackle most issues, unless a JCB is required.

As always, contact Shropshire Council website/Outdoor Partnerships to report 'issues'. We will be tasked if it is within our capabilities.

Mike McKenna 07565 528821

Bryn Y Castell Coppice Conservation Group

As we all experience the dramatic effects of climate change, Nature meanwhile carries on 'doing its thing' in our small wetland wood at the rear of Gobowen Playing Fields.

This year, the Coppice is particularly green, overgrown and, in some places, wet and impenetrable. So, bird, insect and plant life thrives relatively undisturbed. However, it is also apparent that we are now seeing fewer insects: butterflies, moths and dragonflies. Many types of birds are still abundant, the common species plus owls, warblers and rarely the lesser spotted woodpecker. The situation does not quite reflect the visible change in our

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own gardens, where the bigger birds such as Jackdaws, Crows and pigeons, are tending more to dominate smaller species.

The role of the small Coppice Group remains to encourage all forms of plant and animal life, in an environment where visitors can safely access and enjoy seasonal changes. Our conservation work includes tidying, clearing undergrowth and trimming. We sometimes find discarded bicycle and scooter wreckage and even building materials.

Installing nesting boxes is a constant priority because of losses due to vandalism and theft. Tree management requires occasional roping-off, for safety, and felling especially the predominant crack willow. Through our efforts, we reinforce aspects of biodiversity at a local level, helping a large variety of often unseen species to survive.

Mike McKenna 07565 528821

Gobowen Foodbank

Well here we are on 2023 and still very much in demand.

When we started, when lock down was upon us, we literally started with nothing, except putting posters out around the village for help with contributions of food.

We sat outside our premises waiting for some response, and then came the task of writing numerous letters asking for financial help. We eventually started

having grants and were able to buy food in and recruit volunteers.

It has been a huge benefit to the community, but we are at the moment struggling to keep going and we are not sure how much longer we can keep operating. We do appreciate times are hard for everyone, but if you can donate food items or any financial support we would be extremely grateful, as we are spending between £250/£300 every week on food.

We are very grateful to the Lions and Rotary Clubs for their recent grants.

We are in Preeshenlle Schoolroom every Wednesday from 9.30 to 11.30am.

Please ring 07907972657 or 07971466296 for more information.

B Cassidy (on behalf of all the Volunteers of the Food Bank)

GOBOWEN PANTOMIME

The great Gobowen pantomime is back! This year The Working Mens Club will host a team of professional theatre makers who will be working alongside the local community to rehearse, build, make and create a Christmas Pantomime!

Beauty and the Beast is the panto that's been chosen and it's sure to be a joy for everyone from children to adults!

However, we can't do it without your help! We need actors, dancers, doers, makers, techy-people, crafty-people & the wider community to jump on board.

The DEADLINE to apply is Sept 1st

So if you're someone whose always fancied giving any of the above a try, get in touch by emailing: gobowenpantomime@gmail.com

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Parking

We have received messages of concern over parking within the parish recently, although the vast majority are parking with consideration and courtesy to others. The reports include parking at junctions and double parking, obstruction of the road.

Whilst many parking offences were decriminalised in November 2014, the Traffic Management Act 2004 allows a Penalty Charge Notice to be posted to the registered keeper of the vehicle although the majority are pasted on the windscreen. Most parking offences are dealt with by Shropshire Council and these can be reported directly to them.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/parking/report-illegal-parking/>

There is also a wealth of advice on their website. www.shropshire.gov.uk

Police can enforce certain parking issues such as:

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Vehicles obstructing driveways - this is a police matter: please report the matter to the police on tel: 101 or report on the West Mercia website

Vehicles that are parked so as to obstruct visibility - this is a police matter: please report the matter to the police on tel: 101 or report on the West Mercia website

In these instances there would need to be a full obstruction of the pavement, driveway or visibility. In the first instance advice can be given, most drivers do not intend to block or obstruct and advice or a reminder can be all that is required. If the problem becomes more persistent than further action can be taken.

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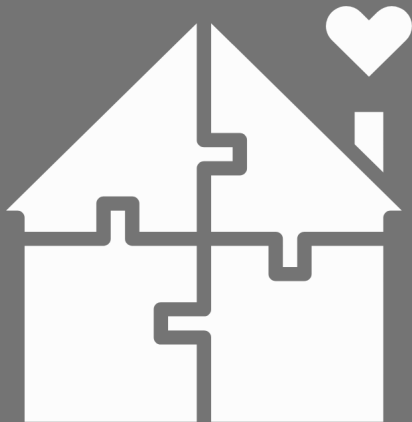
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
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Annual Parish Meeting Report

This report from Councillor Craig Emery was given to the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th May. The meeting also received reports from organisations across the parish - copies of all the reports are available to read on the Parish Council website.

“As Chairman of the Parish Council for the last 2 years I just wanted to welcome you to the Annual Parish Meeting this evening and thank you for coming to join us here tonight. Please accept my apologies for not being able to join you this evening but I know Erica and the rest of the Councillors will do a great job in my absence.

It would also be remiss of me not to mention that we meet at least once a month and it's always nice to see and hear from residents to ensure we implement things that you would like to see. For those of you who may be interested in getting involved a little more, we also have 2 Councillor vacancies, tonight is a great chance to speak to Councillors to understand what the role entails if you are interested.

Over the last 12 months we've continued to invest funds to make several improvements to facilities within the Parish:

- The 'Elizabeth Garden' new garden of remembrance area
- Continued LED upgrade and concrete column replacement
- Improved CCTV coverage of Pavilion and playing field
- New main door and improved external lighting at the Pavilion
- Relocated defibrillator for better coverage across the village.

We've also looked to enhance the Parish with new projects which look to provide an immediate benefit such as:

- 4 new litter bins
- Funding for Jubilee and coronation events and Xmas trees.

We've also continued to look forward and we have several future projects in development such as:

- Bus Shelter
- River Perry bank engineering works
- New noticeboard at Hengoed Cemetery
- Pavilion refurbishment & redecoration works

Supporting the Community is something I feel we're getting better at as a Parish

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Council. In Gobowen the return of large scale events such as the Bonfire Night has really helped to bring the community together, thanks to the volunteers at Gobowen Community Group for the hard work they do. We've also supported locally by:

- Awarding 16 grants totalling over £6500 at March 2023 meeting
- Books of condolence following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II
- Sharing information from local agencies through website and facebook page.
- Feeding into Shropshire Council consultations – e.g. Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Programme.
- Providing community feedback into other agencies – e.g. Airband, Star Housing, Shropshire Highways.

Councillors have continued to 'get things done' in the community, so thank you go to the councillors who dedicate their free time to support our Parish. Without them, the Parish just wouldn't be the same, things like:

- Organising litter picking equipment and waste bins for Selattyn
- Painting benches in Gobowen
- Watering and looking after floral displays in planters in Gobowen
- Snowdrop planting at Hengoed
- Putting up lamppost poppies
- Delivering Parish Roundabout
- Setting up community speedwatch

Finally, the Parish wouldn't be what it is without the hard work of all the volunteers who support us so a big thanks to those who help by:

- Regularly checking the defibrillators in Hengoed and Selattyn.
- Delivering Parish Roundabouts
- Watering and look after planters in Selattyn
- Litter picking across the parish
- Projects such as snowdrop planting
- Repairing allotment shed “

Our Parish - Derwen College

It's been on our doorstep for years, but I wonder how many of you know what goes on behind the trees and hedges surrounding the Derwen College campus in Gobowen?

Derwen College was established many years ago by Dame Agnes Hunt who, following the success of her convalescent home and, later, the RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital, was persuaded by Sir Robert Jones to open a training college for people with disabilities.

The Georgian farmhouse, The Derwen, was purchased and Derwen College created. Here, physically disabled students would learn such skills and trades as boot-making, leatherwork, and dress-making so they could find ways to become independent and earn a living.

Move forwards nearly 100 years and Derwen College students now learn skills in horticulture, hospitality and food, retail and enterprise and performing arts with hopes and aspirations for the same outcome – to become as independent as possible in their future lives.

The original Derwen farmhouse is now The Orangery and home to a training restaurant for students on the Hospitality and Food pathway. Through working in The Orangery, which is open to the public for lunchtime meals, our students learn skills in food preparation, cooking, customer service, laying up and waiting on tables, plus embedded skills in English and maths with menu writing and bill preparation plus a whole lot more.

Other outlets at Derwen Marketplace include; The Vintage Advantage, which is our award-winning charity shop – always good for a browse! The Walled Garden Café, which has a play area for children and a selection of delicious Derwen-made cakes; and The Garden Centre and Gift Shop, which has a great selection of seasonal plants and artisan gifts.

These are all open to the public seven days a week and through these outlets our students gain valuable real-life work experience that they are able to take with them and use once they leave college.

If you ever catch a train from Gobowen Station, Derwen College, in partnership with Severn Dee Travel, offers refreshments to commuters and visitors through the Station Café.

Also, Derwen College has its very own training hotel which was established in partnership with Premier Inn. Hotel 751, as it's called, is located within the College campus and is also available for members of the public to book and stay in. It is

Our Parish - Derwen College

another fabulous opportunity for our students to learn valuable skills and gain experience.

Once our students have completed their internal work experience programme within Derwen Marketplace, we find external work experience opportunities for them to continue building on their skills. They attend many local businesses, supported by their job coach, learning extra skills in new environments and with valuable travel training skills along the way.

We have many heart-warming stories of our students achieving success once they finish their programmes at Derwen College. Our students are aspirational and inspirational, and there are many proud moments as we watch them develop, gain confidence and achieve success.

So, don't be put off by the trees and hedges. Next time, call in and see us. We are warm and welcoming and our prices are extremely competitive!

We look forward to seeing you visit us soon. And if you would like further information about offering our students external work experience then please do drop us a line at Derwen College

Local Matters

Christmas Lights

Over the past few months, the Parish Council has been investigating the possibility of purchasing Christmas lights to install on the street lights in Gobowen village centre.

The total cost to purchase, install and operate 10 lights is £8,565 for the first year, and £4190 for every future year until the Christmas lights need replacing.

The Parish Council decided not to go ahead with the project as the costs were considered too high.

Although the Council has reserves to cover the costs of the first year, the £4190 for every future year would have to be covered by increasing the Precept

by at least 4.5%. The Precept is the part of your Council Tax that is used to fund the services provided by the Parish Council.

The Council is now looking at other options and is asking for ideas from residents. If you have any ideas about ways to make the parish look more festive please get in touch. Our contact details are on page 2 of this magazine.

Cookery workshops

Delicious and affordable cooking has been made easy at STAR Housing Workshops

On Wednesday 19th July, STAR Housing hosted a fantastic cooking workshop at Gobowen Pavilion. The purpose of these



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Centre Console Polished
Windscreen Cleaned

Small £25

Medium £30

Large £35

For more info or
to book in please
contact
Craig on
07926 196 767

workshops is to promote the use of slow cookers, as a great, energy efficient way to cook delicious food on a budget. With the cost of living crisis affecting many families, finding affordable yet tasty meals is a top priority.

The workshop in Gobowen was a huge success, with participants learning how to make a delicious curry and naan bread. One of the best parts about these workshops is that each household that takes part receives a free slow cooker to continue experimenting with new recipes at home. It's a win-win situation – learning how to cook delicious meals while also saving money in the long run.

The workshops are a collaborative effort between STAR Housing and OsNosh, a community kitchen based in Oswestry. Ben, a skilled and experienced chef, leads the workshops and shares his expertise on how to enhance the flavours of your dishes. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced cook, Ben has plenty of tips and tricks up his sleeve to help you create incredible meals.

Not only are these workshops open to STAR Housing residents, but there are also places reserved for non-residents. Any places not taken up by tenants can be taken by non-residents. There are more sessions continuing for all of 2023. To learn more or register for a workshop head over to their website at

www.starhousing.org.uk/supporting-you/star-cooking-workshops/
or send an email to involvement@starhousing.org.uk.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to broaden your culinary skills and save money in the process.

STAR Housing

St Martins Volunteer Car Scheme

The St. Martins volunteer car scheme has been setup to provide transport for essential journeys, where public transport is either unavailable, unsuitable and where the passenger does not have access to a vehicle. Also available to residents of **Gobowen, Hengoed and Selattyn**, the car scheme is a life line to those without access to their own transport and are a safe, friendly and personal way of getting where you need to go,

Passengers pay a small fee. Shropshire Council add to this fee to cover the volunteer driver's costs. Transport can be booked by calling the co-ordinator on 07931760879. Please also contact the same number if you would like to find out more about the scheme.

We are looking for more volunteer drivers . If you are a car driver with some time to spare. like meeting and helping people and would like to make a valuable contribution to your community, please get in touch.

Viv Fisher, Co-ordinator.

Derwen Marketplace

Derwen Marketplace gives our students fabulous work experience opportunities – and you, a fabulous shopping experience!

Open daily – come and visit us!



Derwen College works in partnership with Severn Dee Travel to provide refreshments to commuters and visitors as they pass through the station.

the Orangery

The Orangery restaurant is located in the historic house purchased for Agnes Hunt's rehabilitation centre, The Derwen Training College. Here, physically disabled young

people learnt trades in order to become self-supporting. The Orangery now serves as a training restaurant for our hospitality and food students, offering quality meals for customers.



Our garden centre offers a wide variety of plants, shrubs and trees along with advice and tips on care and planting.

Garden Centre & Gift Shop

We are also honoured to be one of the specially selected outlets to sell the exquisite David Austin Roses.



Relax in the warm, friendly atmosphere for morning coffee, light lunches or afternoon snacks at the Walled Garden Café. During the warmer months, you can also enjoy our outside seating area, and children's play area, as well



Walled Garden Café

as enjoying a stroll through our award-winning Walled Garden.



The Vintage Advantage

Derwen College's award-winning charity shop offers shoppers a range of pre-loved bargains. Our customers enjoy browsing and buying stylish clothing and accessories, homewares and books, whilst our students gain valuable skills working in retail.



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Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy 2023

Another year has passed and another successful tournament completed. It was a slow start on 9th July, the weather was not kind to us forcing us to abandon the afternoon after a torrential downpour. The unsettled weather was not good in encouraging people to venture out, However things improved as the tournament progressed and we saw some better weather and some good football being played.

After 14 games the final was played on Sunday 30th July. Gobowen Celtic FC and St Martin's FC played out the final in front of one of largest crowds we have seen for many years which was pleasing for the Committee.

The village side came out on top winning the game 6/2 maybe it was their destiny to be the first team to lift the Brand new trophy donated by Les & Kaye Hartshorn in memory of their son Dave. If you would like to know more about the day please check out our facebook page and follow us on our page - apart from the Roundabout magazine, facebook is the only way we can promote the tournament.



We are now in our 49th year raising money for leukaemia research a fantastic achievement for the village to have supported us for so long. Although at the time of writing we do not know how much we have raised, we know that it was over £5000 which will mean we have now raised over £170,000 for such a worthy cause.

Having appealed over the last year for new residents of our community to support us we did see many new faces and the Committee enjoyed meeting you and telling you the history behind the tournament. We would like to thank all our supporters, old and new, for supporting the 2023 tournament

Thank you to the Parish Council also for their amazing support once again it is very much appreciated, and it was nice to see so many of you helping out on the day of the final. We look forward to working with you next year.

2024 will be a very special milestone for the tournament reaching 50 years of raising money for leukaemia research. We have some serious planning to do and some special events planned to celebrate this milestone, and will be working with the Parish Council closely over the coming months.

For now the committee are working on the sportsman's evening which will take place on September 8th at the Great Weston, again details can be found on our Facebook page, over 100 tickets have already been sold for this event which promises to be a good one. If you are interested in joining us contact Andrew on 07854742729 or me on 07956166060.

Wayn Martayn, Committee member

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Signature Smiles Dental Practice.....	662719
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St Martins Pharmacy.....	778873

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