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Parish Clerk: Bridget Laraway

Find us on 

Please send us your news!

We are always on the lookout for news articles, reports, artwork, photographs, local information 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 **1 February 2023**

Parish Council meetings

Full Council: 14th Dec 7pm

Full Council: 11th Jan 7pm

Full Council: 8th Feb 7pm

Full Council: 8th March 7pm

Finance and Executive Committee

23rd November 6pm & 22nd March 6pm

Amenities and Services Committee

23rd November 7:30pm & 22nd March 7:30pm

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

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Welcome

It's been a time of incredible change nationally since our last edition. During the Summer, many of us came together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – joining together to meet friends and loved ones who we have missed through Covid. It was great to see so many people enjoy themselves and we managed to miss most of the bad British weather.

We then received the unfortunate news of the passing of our late monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, a person who dedicated her life to public service. In such a turbulent world she often provided stability and we give our thanks for all that she did for the country.

As a lasting memorial the Parish Council are currently engaged in conversations with a neighbouring Parish Council around a tree planting project between the villages.

Our Parish has so many things to be proud about. My congratulations go to Derwen College for winning the Queen's Award for Enterprise for Promoting Opportunity 2022. It was a pleasure to celebrate with you and I am so pleased that your hard work has been recognised at the highest level.

The Parish Council also continues to look at ways of improving our local environment and following recent feedback has purchased and installed bins on Disley Close / Chirk Road junction & at the entrance to Forster's Meadow on Preeshenlle Lane. One other suggested site was near Belmont Bridge however this was turned down as Shropshire Council felt it may lead to an increased risk of fly tipping. We will continue to look at other locations across the parish based on demand so please let the Clerk know your suggested locations.

So far this year, donations have been made to support a number of local events including £335 towards Selattyn Jubilee celebrations, £100 towards Selattyn Produce & Craft Show, £150 towards Gobowen Christmas Tree and £500 towards Community Firework & Bonfire event. A big thank you goes to each and every volunteer who works hard to contribute to these community events.

Road safety issues continue to be reported to the Parish Council, over the summer I've been continuing work with West Mercia Police around setting up a Community Speedwatch (**see page 4 for more details**) to help address these issues within the whole Parish.

In October Shropshire Council announced their intention to include Gobowen School within their 'School Streets' trial. We've raised road safety concerns many times with our Shropshire Councillors during meetings especially around the need to introduce 20mph zones around our schools to protect those travelling to school so it's really pleasing that a solution has finally been proposed.

Cover image: Neil Evans

Continued overleaf.....

Welcome

The pavilion carpark remains open for those wishing to park and walk their children up to school, providing a safe and healthy alternative to using a car for those wishing to do so.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the Parish Council survey that was included in the August edition of the Parish Roundabout. The survey remains open for a few more weeks so we have included it again in this edition. **See page 13 for information about how you can give us your views.**

The Parish Council's grant schemes are now open for applications from community groups and projects. **See page 24 for more details and how to apply.**

Finally, a warm welcome to Councillor David Mellor who joined us in October.

Have a safe and enjoyable winter.

ClIr Craig Emery
Chairman

Get Involved!

Community Speedwatch

Following a good meeting with West Mercia Police in October I am pleased to confirm that the first sites – St Martin's Rd, Whittington Rd & Chirk Rd – have been selected following concerns around speeding in our Parish.

Whilst these sites are initially in Gobowen – largely due to where issues are reported and volunteers are located – I am hopeful the Speed Watch will be able to expand into other areas around the Parish if further volunteers come forward

Full training will be provided by West Mercia Police and Speed Watch would be carried out by 3 people at all times.

Please contact me on 07971 208054 if you'd be interested in joining.

ClIr Craig Emery

Oswestry Ladies Choir

Oswestry Ladies Choir, a vibrant and versatile choir is seeking more singers to join them. We need more sopranos and altos to join this friendly successful choir. If you love to sing and are able to read music even a little, this is the choir for you.



The choir rehearses every Wednesday night at All Saints Church Hall, Gobowen from 7.30pm -9.00pm. If you would like to join please contact Dawn Jaffray 01691 654802.

www.oswestryladieschoir.com

Email: oslchoir@outlook.com

Dawn Jaffray

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Mobile Library service

“Owen” mobile library stops visits Hengoed and Selattyn on a fortnightly basis, stopping at City Lane, Middle Hengoed (9:30am—9:55am) and The Docks, Selattyn (10:05am—10:15am).

Upcoming dates:

29 November

13 December

Tel: 01743 255024
for more
information.



Hengoed Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

A wonderful Platinum Jubilee street Party was held on Sunday 5th June 2022 in City Lane, Hengoed for City Lane neighbours and friends. The lovely warm sunny weather of previous days was replaced with grey skies and torrential rain, but we Brits are made of strong stuff and by 1pm the road was closed and transformed with bunting, balloons, gazebos, tables and chairs. By 2pm all was ready and lots of lovely food arrived, the tea and coffee were welcome on a cool day. By the time everyone had arrived the rain stopped, (where the gazebos joined some guttering stopped the drips!). About 70 friends enjoyed the afternoon.

A Big ‘Thank You’ to all who organised the day, which started being planned

as early as January! To all who brought scrumptious food, tables, chairs, gazebos and most importantly, ‘Themselves’ give yourselves a pat on the back!

We must say a big ‘Thank you’ to Three Parishes Big Local for a very welcome donation which help towards the cost, it was very much appreciated. The reason to celebrate? Our wonderful Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, 70 years on the Throne. (I am sure she would have enjoyed our party!)

City Lane Residents

Gobowen All Rounders

We are now at All Saints’ Church Hall with our 2 to 5 year olds. We are open Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.30am to 3pm and Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 1pm.

Everyone has settled in well and are enjoying our new space. We currently only have limited availability but are taking bookings for September 2023. We accept 24U funding, which provides 15 hours free childcare for eligible 2 year olds, 15 hours or 30 hours childcare funding for 3 and 4 year olds and tax free childcare. We are celebrating our 50th anniversary this autumn. Watch out for details.

Although we are happy at the church hall, we still need a permanent home, so if any one



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knows of any land or buildings which we could use please let us know.

Our contact details are 01691 653147 and gobowenallrounders@gmail.com

Gobowen All Rounders

Selattyn School

It has been a busy start to the new school year here at Selattyn School! I have been made extremely welcome by the whole family and I am thoroughly enjoying being part of this successful, special school and part of the community.

All the children and staff have been busy throughout the term learning about lots of exciting topics in various ways both in and out of the classroom. We celebrated Harvest by holding a special whole school assembly where all children were able to take part and share their work and thoughts. All our Harvest donations were sent to Oswestry Food Bank. Many thanks to everyone who sent something into school for the collection.

After half term our focus will turn towards practising for our Christmas Carol Concert in the Parish Church. We will also be carrying out our local Curriculum Days focusing on activities such as orienteering, gardening, sport amongst other things in our school houses.

We are very grateful to the reformed



P.T.A. who have already held a disco for the children and are busy planning a Christmas Fayre at School on Friday 9th December between 2pm and 4pm. We hope to see you there!

Mr R Shepherd
Headmaster

Gobowen Primary School

Our new nursery and reception children have settled into school life incredibly well, and their confidence is growing day by day. Our nursery children are having dinner in the school hall with the rest of the school, and they are really enjoying it. We have now completed the final phase of our outdoor Nursery provision and it looks amazing. The children are benefitting from a safe, clean and engaging learning environment. We have invested a lot of money into our Early Years provision, and it is already benefitting the many children that attend it. We have also taken our Nursery children out on a school trip to a pumpkin farm which they loved.

Our caretaker, Mr. Evans, did an amazing job over the summer to prepare the inside and outside of the nursery and it looks fantastic.

The school offer many after school clubs and we have had a big uptake in clubs. A big thank you must go to all the staff who volunteer to run these clubs, as it really does make a difference to the children.

The children have enjoyed going out on

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school trips, and we continue to compete in many sporting events. The children always represent our school brilliantly and their behaviour is very good.

We have had many visitors from other schools look around our school and all were impressed with how it looked and the standard of work from the children. They also commented on how impressive the new nursery looked and the opportunities that are available to the children at the school.

It was great to have parents back in school for parents' evening to discuss their child's progress. As a staff, we all felt it was much better to meet in person and the children enjoyed sharing their books.

We have developed a new area within the EYFS part of the school. The three parishes Big Local kindly donated a large sum of money to support us with this development. The learning zone is used for Maths and Art but can also be used for other learning. The school are very grateful for this donation that is helping to support children's learning within Gobowen. It is really making a difference.

Visits to the school are always welcome for prospective parents and we currently have spaces in some year groups. We have been oversubscribed for the last three years and it is a great sign that parents are confident in choosing Gobowen Primary as the best

place for their child/ren to begin their education.

If you would like any further information, please contact the school on 01691 661343.

Mr R Walsh
Headteacher

Goodbye from Big Local

The end of 2022 marks the end of Three Parishes Big Local. In its preliminary stage the vision set out was that "In 10 years time, the Three Parishes Big Local Programme will have improved the lives of the people who live in and around the area. The Three Parishes will be even more safe and comfortable and will be good places to live, learn and grow."

In this time we have seen a lot of changes and growth in our villages. Our final Messenger will be coming through your door soon with lots more stories about what we have done, but here are a few highlights and overviews

Grants—Over £400,000 has been awarded in grants!! This funding has helped to maintain, improve and enhance facilities in our villages. It has supported groups and organisations, and created new opportunities .

Health & Wellbeing—A series of helpful health & well being sessions have been delivered across the Three Parishes by Community Resource. There has also been an Eat Well for Less project delivered through the primary schools

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with helpful tips included in our final messenger

My Money Matters—Karen Williams has helped residents of 3PBL claim / save over £1million over the course of the project. Her care, commitment and support has been a huge benefit to many and will continue to be so as residents receive the support they are entitled to, but had previously been unaware of, or unable to apply for

Business Support—Paul Newman of Beabetterfish has supported lots of small businesses across the Three Parishes over the last few years. Helping to develop business plans, identify training needs, networking and much more. His support has seen new small businesses in the area grow, recover after covid, and create some joint initiatives. Also now working on a bespoke enterprise programme in St Martins secondary school, Paul is helping to equip the next generation of entrepreneurs!

Community Events—Pre-covid the 3PBL partnership put on a number of events for the local community. More recently, grant funding has enabled other groups and organisations to put on village events .

Transport —Through the initial car-share and ‘wheels2work’ schemes, to the grant and loan from 3PBL which enabled the purchase of the Gobowen Station building, 3PBL partnership has sought to increase opportunities to local residents by tackling some of the transport issues. Transport links provide education and

employment opportunities, essential in rural areas

Legacy Projects—The Legacy Art projects have started across the Three Parishes Big Local area, working with school pupils to create something that will be visible to enjoy now and into the future.

Money has also been given to all the Parish Councils to install more benches around the villages, and something of their choice to brighten each village. The schools have also received a final donation.

There are also many grants that have been spent and will leave a lasting impact – improved community buildings and play facilities. Although the project is over, the benefits will continue for years to come

Thank you for all your support over this time, and we hope that you continue to enjoy the benefits that being a Big Local area has had on the villages of Weston Rhyn, Gobowen and St Martins.

Three Parishes Big Local



Parish Roundabout—Eco credentials

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.

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chat and cake.

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Local History Group

After a Summer break, the group met in September and celebrated the opening of our bank account with the £500 grant from Big Local and the National Lottery, for which many thanks. This should assist us in setting up an archive and hopefully producing an introductory leaflet on the history of the area. We are in the process of setting up a Facebook page and have agreed to meet every two months. Our next meeting is on Thursday evening, 17th November.

We are a small friendly and informal group and if you would like to join us you will be very welcome. We would like to hear from anyone who would like to share local knowledge, or who has memories or photos or other items of local interest. We would not need to borrow anything, but simply take photos. Do get in touch with me.

Email: rogerforeman44@gmail.com

Tel: 07504 174251

Roger Foreman

Friends of Gobowen School

The new term has started and it looks like the children have settled back into school well.

This term we have been quieter as our lovely chair of FOGS has welcomed a new baby girl.

We held a coffee afternoon on 27th September for new and existing parents to come together to meet and chat.

With the autumn term approaching we are hoping to set up a Halloween sweet

stall after the half term.

FOGS held our annual AGM on 9th November where we elected members to new roles ready for the year ahead. We also discussed plans for a Christmas event. We will release more details nearer to the time.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our committee or simply helping out at events please get in touch with us via our facebook page or one of the group members.



TNS Holiday Activities

SAVE THE DATE!

The New Saints FC Community Foundation's regular holiday activity session in Gobowen will be on **Monday 19th December**. More details coming soon—keep an eye on their facebook page or local noticeboards.

THANK YOU to

All those people who pick up litter from all areas of the parish, helping to keep our footpaths, green spaces and lanes looking tidy. Your public spirit is much appreciated.

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Police and Crime

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PCSO Pete Roberts is on temporary secondment to another SNT so the main contacts are currently PC Katie Le'Clere and PCSO David Hughes.

Please note that, in the event of an emergency, you should always call 999 .

Shropshire Rural Watch

The Rural and Business crime team, based in Shrewsbury are keen to hear from any residents who may be interested in starting a rural watch in their local area. As a team they have assisted in setting up a number of watches across the county. These have resulted in greater communications between residents when it comes to sharing real time, relevant information regarding suspicious behaviour.

We can offer assistance and advice in starting a Rural Watch and can provide free signage advertising that your

community is in a watch area.

Since the police service was founded we have always relied on the assistance from members of the public to prevent and detect crime, this is more relevant in our rural communities.

If you are interested then please contact graham.donaldson@westmercia.police.uk or ring 07971 395278.



Oswestry Rural North

oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk



PC
Katie Le'Clere
08780 219518



PCSO
David Hughes
08780 219190

A large advertisement for music tuition. At the top, a black cat is playing a guitar and holding a flag that says 'NWMTTC'. Below this, the text reads 'MUSIC LESSONS for ALL' in large, bold, black letters. Underneath, it says 'CHILDREN FROM 5 YRS / ADULTS WELCOME' and 'MOST INSTRUMENTS'. A black box contains the text 'LOW COST INSTRUMENT LOAN GIFT VOUCHERS' flanked by a treble clef on the left and a bass clef on the right. The bottom section of the ad lists 'Centre based or Online (1-2-1)', 'Colwyn Bay / Abergele / Rhyl Buckley / Wrexham / Oswestry', 'Contact: 0845 310 5374', 'www.northwalesmusic tuition.co.uk', 'North Wales Music Tuition Centres', and 'Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1156684'.



Parish Council—planning for the future

As a Parish Council, we are developing a 5-10 year plan of improvements and investment. To ensure that our plan reflects the opinions of people across the parish, please let us know your views on the following subjects. Please see the bottom of page 14 for details of how to send us your views, along with any other ideas that you may have for improvements in our community.

Gobowen Pavilion

The Pavilion building in Gobowen is underused and it has been suggested that it could be of much more use to the community if it was redeveloped.

Some suggestions have been:

- Community Hub including a café, citizens advice, library, post office, police/council surgery etc.
- Sports centre.

What would you like a redeveloped Pavilion site to be used for?

Youth Council

A Youth Council would involve up to 9 young people, who live in our parish and are between the ages of 10 and 16 to represent the youth in the Selattyn and Gobowen area. The Youth Council would help shape our area for the younger community members.

Do you support the idea of a Youth Council? If a Youth Council is started, would you (or a young person you know) like to be a member?

Gobowen Playing Field

The playing field has play equipment and a circular path. We have received a grant towards purchasing and installing adult exercise equipment. Other suggestions have been a BMX track or a skateboard park.

What facilities would you like to see on the playing field?

continued.....



Neighbourhood plan

In simple terms, a Neighbourhood plan is a document that sets out planning policies for the area. These planning policies are then used to decide whether to approve planning applications. A Neighbourhood Plan is a powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right type of development in the right place.

Although the process would be started by the Parish Council, a Neighbourhood plan will need the support and involvement of people with a wide range of skills from across the local community—the people who know and love the area.

Do you support the development of a Neighbourhood plan for some, or all, of the Parish? Would you like to be involved in helping to develop a Neighbourhood Plan?

What else? We are also looking for your ideas and feedback on these subjects:

Community Safety ...Green Issues...Local Heritage Trail...Local Transport
Community Facilities...Green Spaces...Community Services

Three quick and easy ways to send us your feedback....

1. Write on these two pages, tear out of your Roundabout magazine and post it to Selattyn & Gobowen PC, 19 Rhewl Lane, Gobowen, SY10 7XA. **Don't forget to enclose your contact details if would like to be involved with the Neighbourhood Plan or Youth Council.**
2. Write on these two pages, take photos of your feedback and email them to clerk@selattyn-gobowen-pc.gov.uk.
3. Access the feedback form online by scanning this QR code.



Christmas at Derwen Marketplace

Come and visit Derwen Marketplace over the Christmas period

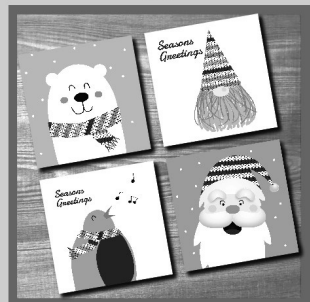
Our **Garden Centre & Gift Shop** sells a wonderful array of bespoke and locally produced gift items, including our Derwen College-made jams and chutneys. We also produce our own Christmas cakes and hampers.

Support Derwen Charity with our in-house designed Christmas cards, only £6 for a pack of 12.

Our Christmas trees come with free delivery if you live within a 5 mile radius. Choose between a potted or cut fresh British-grown tree. Prices start at £27.

While you're here, enjoy our hospitality at the **Walled Garden Café** or **The Orangery Restaurant**.

And don't forget to stop by our award-winning charity shop – **The Vintage Advantage** – for a selection of high quality clothing and more at a fraction of high street prices.



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Local Matters

Age UK St Martins Day Centre

The Age UK Day Centre provides older people with both practical assistance and a chance to socialise and have plenty of fun. We offer lots of activities including games, painting, crafts, bingo, boccia, and a hot lunch from Stans. Transport can be provided through Dial-a-Ride.



A game of boccia

We are open on Tuesday every week 10am-2pm at Cedar Close in St Martins. Come in for a day and join the fun. You get a lot for the £15 cost.

For more information, please contact Val Brown on 01691 662837 or Dee on deannbarnhart@gmail.com

Val and Dee

Friends of Parkies

The next meeting dates for your local support group for anyone affected by Parkinson's are 15th December, 11th January and 8th February. Please contact Elaine on 07760 685477 for more information.

Elaine Payne
Friends of Parkies

Music MOB – saving children's music

A cursory search through local Facebook pages uncovers a huge variety of live music taking place within the area. Throughout the year there are bands, groups and solo artists performing, choirs singing, open mic events, the annual Oswestry Live and now also the Party in the Park. Oswestry's vibrant annual Youth Music Festival which returned after an absence due to Covid, saw a record 1,000 participants. We are so fortunate and we hope the musical life of the area continues.

It is exactly this continuation which local charity Music MOB hopes to protect and develop. The charity was formed in 2019 to ensure that instrumental and vocal teaching remains accessible to everyone regardless of an ability to pay and the service is offered to children in local primary schools from Year 3.

After only starting lessons in October 2021 with 24 children in Holy Trinity Primary School, by the end of the academic year Music MOB teachers were teaching 66 children in three local primary schools violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, voice and drums, with the lessons and instrument hire absolutely free.

As for the future, the charity is delighted that almost all the children

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who started lessons in October 2021 are keen to continue for another year. This year we moved into brass teaching with trumpet and cornet and also started two choirs and a recorder ensemble. The charity has been contacted by two other schools and will start teaching at Weston Rhyn Primary and Ellesmere Primary in January 2023, taking our total to almost 100 children.

Further information is available on our website www.musicmob.co.uk and we also have a Facebook page.

Details of our December fundraiser are shown below.

Sian Tasker
Music Mob



Carols with Cantiones

Seasonal music with mince pies, and carols for you to sing!

Saturday 17th December
at 3.30pm
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Christmas Services

You are warmly invited to join us this Christmas at any of our events. We are a friendly village church just opposite the school on Chirk Road. We would love to welcome you to All Saints' Church this Christmas.

Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 18th Dec, 6pm, All Saints' Church,
A traditional service of readings and carols.

Village Carol Singing

Tuesday 20th Dec, 6pm, around the Christmas tree in the village centre
Families welcome. If wet, we'll meet inside the Cross Foxes.

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday 24th Dec, 5pm, All Saints' Church
A carol service for the whole family including lighting a Christingle in aid of the Children's Society.

Christmas Day Services

Sunday 25th Dec, 10am, All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome at any of our services each Sunday at 11am at All Saints'. For more details of all our events and our regular services please visit www.allsaintsgobowen.uk or call Steve on 01691 590 564.

with our prayers

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John's Gospel chapter 1 verse 14



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Christmas Services & Events

Fri. Nov 25 th	Christmas Bingo - eyes down 7.00pm
Sat. Dec. 10 th	Christmas Fayre - 10.30pm
Thurs Dec. 15 th	Village Carol Evening - 7.00pm Scout Hall
Thurs Dec 15 th	Christmas Lunch - 12.00noon
Sun. Nov. 27 th	'Waiting' - 11.00am
Sun. Dec 4 th	'Advent with a difference' - 11.00am
Sun. 11 th Dec.	'Meaningful Carols' - 11.00am
Sun. 18 th Dec.	Christmas communion - 11.00am
Sat. 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve Carol Service - 6.30pm
Sun. 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Celebrations - 10.30am
Sun. 1 st Jan	Hope for the Future - 11.00am
Sat. 7 th Jan	12 th Night Celebration

Christmas in the Parish



Gobowen Food Bank

We started our Food Bank in March 2020, here we are in Nov 2022, and are still very much in demand.

We have been struggling to maintain our stocks of food, and have been very grateful to the children and parents from Gobowen School and Weston Rhyn School who have donated their Harvest Festival gifts to us, as well as members of All Saints Church, and our own members, all donations have been really gratefully received

We are fully aware of the difficult times everyone is having to cope with, but can we appeal to anyone who can possibly donate, even one item, to our stock, Christmas is coming, and we do try and put little extra's in our parcels.

Our numbers are going up, and we are at present helping out over 80 people in Gobowen, of which nearly half are children.

We are at Preeshenlle Schoolroom , St

Martins Rd, Gobowen, every Wednesday from 9.30am to 12.00noon and would be really pleased to see you.

Or if you need help, please ring

Kath – 07971 466296 or Brenda - 07907 972657

We are very discreet and our volunteers deliver across Gobowen.

We will keep going until everyone we help is OK

Jesus said where were YOU when I was hungry, or when I was thirsty, well, we were there alongside you helping you.

Brenda and Kath

Wishing all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

‘Spotlight’ on Silo Central

‘Silo Central’ is a familiar phrase to many local residents but others will be unaware of the history and present day work of this Gobowen based charity. Chair of Trustees, Gwyneth Cliffe, explains:

The first funds for a youth group in Gobowen were acquired in 1989. A piece of land was bought, with the intention of building a youth/community centre. There was an old grain silo on the land which was part of Staffordshire Farmers who ran a business from there (next to, and just behind, the present Working Men's Club)

When the land was purchased for £15,000 the grain silo was dismantled and the land cleared, but it had been sold without road access so constructing a building on the land was not possible. The project went into stalemate for a while until we were offered the services of a Shropshire Council employee who had expertise in supporting youth projects at that time. With his support and guidance we went on to achieve so much.

The name Silo stuck because of the old grain silo and although a bit 'quirky' **Silo Central** was officially named as a Charity.

The land was sold without financial loss. We then acquired funds very quickly to purchase 3 and 4 Brook Buildings, a shop and a house that are now the present Dental practice in Gobowen. We received a Lottery Grant of £67,000 which allowed us to start employing a full-time Youth Worker and a part time centre manager. We employed a professional fund raiser who kept our finances flowing for many years in order to keep the centre moving forward.

The building was refurbished to create a kitchen, toilet, 2 large rooms for youth activities, a computer suite of 12 laptops, meeting rooms and an office upstairs. We ran a very successful centre for young people 4 evenings a week and an IT centre/cafe for adult use in the day.

Some committee members volunteered in the evenings along side the paid youth workers and two of us went on a course to learn to drive a Shropshire Youth Council mini bus which was used to take young people on outings. We took young people swimming, to shows in Shrewsbury park & to the cinema. We had weekends away camping and they were taken wild camping, and walked in the Snowdonia National Park. Alton Towers was a favourite, they canoed and kayaked, produced wonderful art work with a local artist and provided the village with three fantastic pantomimes, Cinderella, Snow White and Jack and the Beanstalk.

They had cookery lessons, cooked and ate the food they prepared, learned how to lay tables and the etiquette of sharing meals together.

In those days grants were readily available and we ran a most successful youth

‘Spotlight’ on Silo Central

centre that was used by many young people. Sadly, as the recession of 2008 set in funds dried up and we had to close and sell the building.

We supported a youth club in The Pavilion one evening a week called The Green Room and donated to it on a regular basis. We invested the money from the sale and used it to provide grants for youth orientated causes, and also to individual young people in the Parish. We have awarded over £80,000 in grants since 2008.

We are grateful to our Treasurer who took on the mammoth task of overseeing the finances and the yearly report to the Charities Commission (charity number 1021898). It has been quite cathartic writing this and I know it will be to the other Trustees when they read this potted version of our huge achievements, and what we helped provide for the young people of the Parish.

We still have grants available to support the children and young people in the area, including helping individuals with the costs of equipment, education, training or setting up a business. If you would like more information, please email silocentralyouthfund@live.co.uk.

Gwyneth Cliffe
Chair of Trustees

News from the Parish Council

Grants for Community Groups and Projects

Applications are now being invited for the Parish Council’s two grant schemes. Funding is available for local groups and projects that support our community. In addition to the standard Parish Council grants, the ‘Roundabout Community Fund’ continues to be available this year for organisations, groups and projects that mainly support disadvantaged or vulnerable parishioners.

Copies of the Grants Policy and application forms are available online at www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk/policies/ or by contacting the Parish Clerk. If you’re not sure if your group or project is eligible to apply, please get in touch with

the Parish Clerk for advice (contact details on page 2)

Closing date for all applications is 28th February 2023.

Litter Picking equipment

Thank you to Cllr Ian Lander who has been in touch with Shropshire Council and organised free litter picking equipment and waste collection for Selattyn’s small army of regular litter pickers.

Community litter picking equipment will be available to borrow from a central storage point in Gobowen in the coming months. Keep an eye on our facebook page, website and noticeboards for further details coming soon!

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