



Guilден Sutton Community Association

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## CONSTITUTION UPDATE

You will be aware from the last two editions of the *Marigold* that the Association is in the process of updating its constitution. Two meetings have been held to discuss the changes and the last meeting felt that general agreement had been reached on the basis for the new constitution and it should be able to be confirmed at the Annual Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May this year.

The first meeting was held in November last year and was led by a person from the village who has experience of drafting Constitutions. Many people attended the meeting and stayed until 10 pm to give their views on how the Constitution should be set up.

This was followed by a second meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January this year, which added more detail to the general discussions about the constitution and moved to a position where a working document could be drawn up. The detailed discussions from the meetings can be found on the village website at [www.guldensutton.org.uk](http://www.guldensutton.org.uk)

It will be important for as many people as possible to attend the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> May to discuss and confirm the new constitution, which will then become the general controlling document for the Association and will reflect the way the village thinks that the Community Association should be run. Let's hope that this will last us for another 30 years or so, in the same way that the previous constitution did.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

There is frequently confusion in people's minds between the Community Association and the Parish Council. Many wonder what the difference between them is. Some people think they are both the same. How are they financed? What do they do? I thought it might be helpful to explain some things.

*What is the Community*

*Association?*



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### *What is the Community Association?*

Guilden Sutton Community Association was set up over twenty five years ago and has two main objectives,

- To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the village and its neighbourhood, without distinction of sex or of religious, political or other opinions, and to provide facilities for the social welfare, recreation or leisure time occupations of those inhabitants.
- To maintain a Village Hall for activities promoted by the Association.

Both these objectives have been and remain the centre around which the Association is run.

### *What does it do?*

The Association organises activities in and about the village and the Village Hall. It manages the Hall and has been very successful in improving and developing the Hall to its present position where it supports and is home to a wide range of User Groups for both adults and children. It also looks after the car park, which incidentally is owned and maintained by the Association, and the grass and shrubs around the Hall.

In the village, the Association organises the village lottery, arranges the annual village quiz, and provides the facilities for the annual Sutton Six and Fun Runs. Other social activities have been arranged in previous years, such as a Caribbean Evening, Valentines Dance and wine tasting, but these have not been done for some time.

The Association also speaks on behalf of the village to various interested bodies, for example Cheshire West and Chester Council, and always promotes the village and its inhabitants in these comments. It also publishes the Marigold three times a year, which is distributed to each house in the village.

### *Is it like the Parish Council?*

The Parish Council is a statutory body, part of the local government network and linked to Cheshire West and Chester Council. It is financed through rates, which are levied through an annual precept on all householders in the village.

The Community Association is a group of volunteers who meet and work to progress the interests of the village. It is solely financed by fund raising activities, by the village lottery, by the surplus generated by the Hall and by voluntary contributions. It is set up as a registered charity and does not pay out money to any employees or officers.

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**I**t is run by two main committees,

- An Executive Committee which oversees the general activities of the Association, including running the lottery, arranging social functions, managing the major items of expenditure, and takes a view on the policy decisions affecting the Association. Members are elected to this committee at the Annual Meeting held in May.
- A Hall Management Committee, who looks after the day to day management of the Village Hall. This is made up of a representative from each of the various groups who use the hall and they decide on the everyday matters which affect the Hall and the Groups themselves.

*Who finances it - do our rates pay for the running of the Village Hall?*

**A**s I explained above, the rates do not contribute to the Village Hall in any way. The Village Hall is run by the Association, which is set up as a registered charity and is totally financed by the income from the Hall and by any other fund raising activities that they we may organise.

*How does this affect me?*

**I**f either you or your children are involved in any of the organisations which use the Hall, or if you want to take part in the social activities there, or if you are a member of the village lottery, or if you want an organisation to speak up for you when putting forward the views of members of the village, then you are linked to the Association.

**I**f you want to improve the Village Hall or any of its activities, just get in touch with any member of the Executive Committee, whose names are on the back page of this newsletter. They will be pleased for your help.

Derek Hughes

### **Village Hall Booking**

The Booking Secretary, Chris Avery, can be contacted on 07958 665663.

This is a mobile phone to enable people to contact Chris to book the Hall and for any queries you may have that he can help with.

He may have to get back to you if he is unavailable at the time.

# Clubs and Societies

## Indoor Bowls Club

On Saturday, 5 March, club members were invited to a Charity Day by Kelsall Bowling Club, Edna Fenwick and John Beavan were the winners of the pairs competition so congratulations to them both. It was an excellent day enjoyed by all and raised a tidy sum for the charity.

Our team have now played all their matches in the Cheshire Villages Tournament and are through to the quarter finals. We shall keep our fingers crossed and wish the team well.

Our season ends in April so if anyone wishes to come along on a Friday evening to the Village Hall between 8 - 10 pm before then to see what goes on and try their hand at bowling they would be most welcome. We provide the bowls and, who knows, you may like to join us next September for the start of the season.



Brenda Dummer (secretary): Tel. 317461

## Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent and Toddler Group meet every Tuesday morning during term time in the Village Hall between 10.30am and 12.00 noon. We charge £1.20 per family.

Parents, grandparents, childminders are all welcome to join our friendly group which is suitable for babies and children right up to school age.

We have a good selection of toys and play equipment. Our ride on toys are always very popular with the older children. The babies enjoy socialising on the play mat and are able to explore new toys in a safe environment.

Painting, play dough and other craft activities are carried out each week sometimes themed on seasonal or festive events that take place throughout the year. We all enjoy a drink and a biscuit during the morning session.

Before we go home we all gather around to sing our favourite nursery rhymes and action songs.

The Parent and Toddler Group is a great way to make new friends. Come along next Tuesday and give us a try!

Cherry Bain

## Talkabout

Once again our programme of events has been well received with all meetings well attended. Just before Christmas we enjoyed a fun evening with a suitably seasonal quiz followed by wine, sherry and mince pies. Our annual 'Christmas' meal was held in January at the Goshawk in Mouldsworth and was superb. Lovely food in pleasant surroundings made it a very convivial occasion.

In February we had an extremely informative talk by a representative of the NSPCC about the origins and work carried out by this wonderful organisation. Some of the examples given were heartbreaking and we were all impressed by the commitment of the officers and volunteers in their work.

The March meeting was a fundraiser for our local Hospice, with cake, book and home crafted card stalls together with refreshments and a raffle. It is hoped to raise an appreciable amount for this most worthy of causes.

Committee members can give further information on the following numbers:

Lynne: 300890  
Ann: 300178  
Val J: 300823  
Val C: 300345  
Sue: 300581

Our programme for the next few months is:-

Date	Subject/Activity	Subject/Activity
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Virgin Vie Pamper party.	3 Porters Croft
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mexican evening – enjoy food, drink and fun on a Mexican theme.	33 Oaklands
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Treasure Hunt and supper.	Contact committee members for time & location.
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Guided tour of Ness Gardens.	Times to be confirmed.

## Guilden Sutton Players

Our next production is *OUTSIDE EDGE* by *Richard Harris*, on **Wed 18th - Sat 21st May 2011, 7.45pm, Guilden Sutton Village Hall.**

The play is a hilarious comedy, based around an amateur cricket team and set in a pavilion. The team captain is struggling to assemble a "fighting team" to play against the British Railways Maintenance Division Warrington, East, but the complications in the lives of the players and their wives and girlfriends prove to be far more of a challenge. Then rain starts to fall..... The play has been on the West End Stage and in a television mini-series, with names such as Maureen Lipman, Julia McKenzie, Timothy Spall, Prunella Scales and Brenda Blethyn having starred in it. Tickets will be on sale from Anna Morris (300034) or Guilden Sutton Post Office from April. Make a date in your dairy now!

The Players would like to thank all of you who supported their last production "A Memory of Water". They are very proud of the fact that the play has received 2 nominations for the National Operatic and Dramatic Association North West (NODA) awards, for Best Play and Best Staging. The adjudicator, who was present at the Thursday performance, described it as "the best play I have seen in all my years, faultless". Heady stuff! However, it's not just the director, performers, and crew that make a successful play. It's also the enjoyment and appreciation of the audience and the Players are fortunate in having such regular and enthusiastic audiences. A group of the Players are travelling to the gala dinner and awards night at the Blackpool Hilton Hotel on 1st May (a sort of amateur Oscars), to see if the play has won. The Players have won 2 earlier awards, and have had further nominations, so everybody is very hopeful.

Vivian Downing



## Ladies Morning Badminton

Come along and join us for badminton on Tuesday mornings between 9.15 and 10.15 am at the Village Hall. All ages are welcome. Ideal for mums who want some exercise after dropping their children off at school or pre-school. There is an area for young children to play while mums enjoy a game of badminton and a coffee! Very informal atmosphere and beginners are most welcome.



For further details contact Sue Graves, tel: 301122

## **Guiden Sutton Guides**

Our 2010 ended with a visit to Chester Court - not to be pulled up in front of the Magistrate, but to ice skate and go on the Big Wheel. We had a great time surrounded by real snow!

We started 2011 completing our World Cultures badge. The girls need to do an interest badge, community service and two Go For It's each year to gain a Challenge Badge. When they have two Challenge Badges they can work towards their Baden Powell Award-our top award in Guides.

For our community work we have been flower arranging in St John's Church which we always enjoy. We followed this with Church Parade at the Family Service. Well done Lydia and Isabel carrying the flags so well.

We are just starting our second Go For It of the year. The girls are working in their patrols and are planning to eat lots of chocolate, soups, smoothies and other things.

Our Year 9's went to Manchester with Guides from around Cheshire to complete their Baden Powell Award. We are very proud of them as they are our first girls who have completed this award since we reopened the unit. They had a wonderful time and eagerly shared their experiences with the rest of the unit.

Our Year 8's have organised fund raising activities and raised £60 which was shared between the British Heart Foundation and Breast Cancer Care. Our Christmas Raffle raised £72 towards our PGL fund. Thanks to all who contributed and bought tickets.

As we didn't receive any invitations to the Royal Wedding we are off to PGL with our girls. You won't be surprised to know that the theme of our weekend is The Royal Wedding! We are staying in lodges this time which will be different and are waiting for the postman to deliver our list of activities which they have lined up for us.

We meet on a Tuesday night from 6:30pm until 8:00pm in the School hall and are currently operating a long waiting list for girls aged 10 ½ – 12 who live in the village.

Yours in Guiding

Helen (300189), Margaret (301713), Becky, Lorna and our Young Leaders Menna and Hannah



## **Women's Institute**

A “Quartet of Bell Ringers” were our entertainers for the December meeting. They played various Christmas songs and carols, which together with home made mince pies, and our very popular “Post Box” gave the evening a very festive feel.

Members enjoyed their annual lunch in January. This year we went to the Mill Hotel, Chester where we had an excellent meal, and a warm welcome.

In January several members enjoyed a “Taudevin” production at the Hammond School and have booked our seats for the school performance of “Les Miserables”

We have already had two excellent speakers this year. In February we were enlightened on how to be a “Private Investigator” and in March we had a very light hearted history lesson on “Our Calendar”

We entered the County quiz in February, and the walkers ventured on the County Winter Walk in early January. This year the WI National AGM will be held in Liverpool at the Echo Area on the 8th June when several thousand ladies will descend on Liverpool, including members from Guilden Sutton.

We have several interesting speakers and events planned for the forthcoming months including:-

April - “The History of Chatwins Bakery”

June – “Sex, Lies and the 9 to 5 day of a Family Lawyer”

July – “Life in a Ugandan Village”

### **WANTED - BOOKS**

Guilden Sutton WI will be manning a “BOOK STALL” at the Village fete on the 9th July and would be grateful for any books for the Stall.

Please Contact Jill Beavan on 301015 or Ruth Hughes on 300185

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall (Marigold Room) on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

For further information please contact Jill Beavan: tel 301015.



## **1st Guilden Sutton Brownies**

Brownies has started with a busy term working on a new badge “World Guiding Goes Tartan”. We have had lots of fun finding out about various countries and how guiding units are known by different names. Brownies also came dressed in world costumes and tasted different foods from around the world. We had a vote on who we would like to rule the world – a few contenders were, Mr Sparke (Year 3 teacher, Guilden Sutton School), the Queen and Wager (of X-Factor fame), the winner being Winnie the Pooh!!

We finished our badge by holding our Edinburgh Festival “Brownies Got Talent” where we had a stage and all the Brownies joined in either performing or judging.

Next term we will be focusing on PGL- deciding which activities to participate in, as well as the organising the village Bunny Hunt.

After PGL Lorna will be leaving Brownies. Lorna has given her time and encouragement to Guides for many years and has been a great influence within the guiding community. Everyone involved in Guides has benefited from Lorna’s enthusiasm and commitment.

Yours in Guiding.

Angela (Leader) Lorna and Alison (Assistant Leaders)

Laura, Amanda, Emily, Dyahna and Emma (our Young Leaders)

*Angela’s contact number is 07515580497.*

*Alison’s contact number is 300194*

*Brownies*

## **Badminton**

The badminton players are continuing to enjoy their Monday and Tuesday club nights, however there has been a marked decrease in attendance recently and one or two new Senior Members would be welcome particularly from those who have played before.

The Junior coaching groups are runing for Beginners on Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening in the Village Hall.

Keith & Joan Emerton



## **Guilden Sutton Pre-School**

This second part of the term we are very busy looking at signs of spring, we have been walking around the village peering in front gardens for signs of daffodils, crocus and snowdrops. The children have been standing on tip toes to look up high at the new buds beginning to show on the tree branches, we hope to spot some birds' nests - but haven't yet!!

We celebrated St David's Day with Welsh flags and are looking forward to Shrove Tuesday, St Patricks Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

We would like to look at ponds and make our own in the Art Area after we have found out what is there – if anyone has a small pond in their garden, and would not object to a group of Pre-School children coming to explore, please get in touch!!

Mothering Sunday preparations will take place and the children will do their best to sneak their gifts home without Mummy taking a peak.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a wear red day in support of Red nose Day and our Committee is planning a coffee morning in the Village Hall, so please pop in for a coffee and a biscuit to raise money for this very worthy cause.

Pre-School sessions are available Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9am – 12 noon or Tuesday 12 noon – 3pm

We have sessions available and can offer free places to 3 & 4 year olds.

Please come and visit during session time or don't hesitate to place a call.

We look forward to meeting you.

Jan Allman  
Manager  
07804 362888



## **See and Know Toddler Group**

See and Know Toddler Group meet every second and fourth Friday morning (during term time) from 10am – 11.30am, in St John's Church Hall.

It is a great place for a parent, grandparent or carers to bring children from birth to school age.

We have lots of toys and equipment to entertain children up to school age. There is also a cafe serving drinks and snacks.

The Group charges £1.20 per family and we start each session with a song-time. We are very keen to meet new people and you will always be made welcome.

Please pop along one week and give us a try! If you would like to chat to someone about the Toddler Group please ring Miranda on 01244 300629

Miranda Hankins

# **Around the Village**

## **Guilden Sutton Parish Council**

As it is an election year, the annual parish meeting, at which all electors are entitled to speak, will take place in April, rather than in May.

The meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday April 4 at 7pm.

There will be reports on the council's work during 2010/11.

Details of the elections taking place in May for two Cheshire West and Chester councillors for our new Chester Villages ward and for the eight seats on the parish council are on the parish noticeboards.

Nominations for both elections must be with Cheshire West and Chester Council as soon as possible and no later than noon on Monday 4 April.

David Norbury

## **St John the Baptist Church**

### **Website**

For full details of all our activities and services, including news and notices, visit our church website at: [www.stjohnsguildensutton.org](http://www.stjohnsguildensutton.org)

### **Holy Week & Easter**

Palm Sunday, 17 April	11am	Morning Praise
Maundy Thursday, 21 April	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Good Friday, 22 April	11am	Devotional Service
Easter Sunday, 24 April	9.30am	Holy Communion at St John's

### **Normal Service Times**

1st Sunday of month	11am	Family Service in the Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month	9.30am	Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month	11am	Morning Praise
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	9.30am	Holy Communion (1662)

*Occasionally time/venue subject to alteration. See Monthly Newsletter or Website for full details.*

### **Children & Young People**

Sunday Club (4-10s), Lazars (11-14s) meet on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in term at 9.30am.

15+ group meets on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm.

### **Holiday Club**

This year's holiday club will take place in the week Monday 1 August to Friday 5 August, 10am-12.30pm each day, and is open to all children from the village who are currently of primary school age.

### **Other Enquiries**

For any enquiries concerning the above, or to find out about **baptisms, weddings, fellowship groups, confirmation, pastoral visits... or to subscribe to the monthly newsletter...**

please contact Mark Hart (Rector), tel. 300306, email: [markhart61@gmail.com](mailto:markhart61@gmail.com)

## **GULDEN SUTTON OLD SCHOOL HOUSE TRUST**

*Registered Charity No. 1066844*

### **What is it?**

The Trust supports financially the education or personal development of young people who attend or have attended Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School.

Grants can be made to the school as well as to current or former pupils who apply to the Trust.

Previous grants to individuals have been in the range from £50 to £500 and have helped fund: the purchase of musical instruments, textbooks and other items of equipment; gap year projects; higher/further education expenses; voluntary work; overseas study, etc.

The trust was set up in 1997 by the Diocese of Chester using the proceeds of the sale of the Old School House, situated at the west end of the village.

### **How to Apply**

Applications should be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> April for consideration in May or by 31<sup>st</sup> October for consideration in November each year. Applicants must be under 25 on 1<sup>st</sup> May or November as appropriate. Further information and application forms are available (SAE welcomed) from:

Rev Mark Hart, The Vicarage, Wicker Lane, Guilden Sutton, Chester CH3 7EL  
(Tel. 01244 300306)

or:

The Clerk to the Trustees, Dr Peter Reid, 48 Cinder Lane, Guilden Sutton, Chester CH3 7EN (Tel. 01244 300985).

Application forms can also be downloaded from the Guilden Sutton website. All information supplied in applications is treated in confidence.

Repeat applications will be considered but priority is given to first time applicants. Unfortunately retrospective applications cannot be considered.

# Association Notices and Events

## Results of the Village Lottery Drawn 06 December 2010

The village lottery is drawn every quarter with proceeds used to help with the running of the Village Hall. The cost is £3.25p per quarter which buys a number for entry into the draw which takes place every three months. Prizes start at £100 for the first number drawn, with other prizes ranging down to £10.

Prize	No	Name	Prize	No	Name
£100	10	A Peers	£10	59	Dr L A Hudson
£10	58	Dr J T Dowson	£10	44	D J Walsh
£10	167	Mrs K Lee	£10	133	Mrs R Hughes

Stake money is collected regularly by local area representatives, or can be paid direct by Standing Order.

For further details please contact the promoter:- John Riley, 8 Wood Croft, tel: 300849

## The Marigold - August 2011

There are many more activities taking place within the Village than are reported on in this newsletter.

It is a good opportunity for groups and societies to make their presence known to all residents of Guilden Sutton and to advertise forthcoming events.

If you would like to have news or diary entries for your group placed in the next issue of the Marigold please send your copy to:- John Beavan, 12 Guilden Green (301015) by Sunday 3rd July.

# Guilden Sutton Diary

April - July 2011

## April

- 4th 7.00 pm Annual Parish Meeting (Village Hall)  
4th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)  
5th 7.30 pm W.I. - "History of Chatwins Bakery" (Village Hall)  
15th Pre-School closes for Easter  
20th Talkabout - Virgin Vie Pamper Party.

## May

- 3rd Pre-School opens after Easter  
3rd 7.30 pm W.I. - Resolutions Evening (Village Hall)  
9th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)  
18th Talkabout - Mexican Evening  
18th-21st 7.45 pm Players - Outside Edge by Richard Harris (Village Hall)  
23rd 8.15 pm Community Association AGM (Village Hall)  
27th Pre-School closes for Whitsun

## June

- 6th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)  
7th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Sex, Lies & the 9 to 5 - a day in the life of a Family Lawyer" (Village Hall)  
13th Pre-School opens after Whitsun  
15th Talkabout - Treasure Hunt & Supper.

## July

- 3rd 11.59 pm Copy deadline for the next issue of the Marigold  
5th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Life in a Ugandan Village" (Village Hall)  
9th VILLAGE FETE (School Field)  
18th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)  
20th t.b.a. Talkabout - Ness Gardens.  
22nd Pre-School closes for Summer

## COMMUNITY PAGE

### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Derek Hughes, 300185. Ruth Connolly (Treasurer)  
Trish Paterson (Secretary) Danny Fisher, Judith Lathaen, Richard Worth.

### PARISH COUNCIL

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### PARISH WARDENS

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Trees: Cllr Imogen Brown, 300812

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