

Guilden Sutton Community Association  
**marigold**

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**WHY ARE WE HERE?**

We have been discussing the transfer of the legal estate of the Community Association to trustees who can be located and who would hold, on a responsible basis, the legal estate on behalf of the Association. There are a number of options for doing this, including named individuals who are living in the area, or perhaps the Official Custodian for Charities, to take the place of the existing trustees.

The existing Trustees were entirely suitable to act in 1980, when the original Constitution was drawn up. They were the Chairman and Secretary of the Association at that time. But these people have long since moved out of the village and no longer have anything to do with the Village Hall. It is right that we should be deciding to replace them with someone more appropriate to the current set-up and workings of the Association. Perhaps it is also appropriate to remind ourselves who we are and why we were set up.

*What is the Community Association?*

Guilden Sutton Community Association was set up over twenty years ago and had 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 establish and manage a Village Hall for activities promoted by the Association.

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



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*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 since its inception in improving the Hall itself and the very attractive and useful extension, which was built several years ago. 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 an 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 fallen off lately because of a lack of an organiser.

The Association also speaks on behalf of the village to various interested bodies, for example the City and County Councils and always seeks to promote the village and its inhabitants. It is a convenient way of contacting a number of organisations who use the Hall and the Association acts as an intermediary between these groups and the Councils as well as canvassing the views of the village through the Association's members. 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 the City and County Councils. 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, other than to a very hard working part time cleaner.

It is run by two main committees,

- An Executive Committee who oversees the general activities of the Association, including running the lottery, arranging social functions, managing the major items of expenditure, such as the Marigold Room extension, 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 look after the day to day management of the Village Hall. This is composed 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 User Groups.

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

As 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.

*Does it affect me at all?*

That is up to you. If neither you nor your children are involved in any of the organisations who use the Hall, you do not want to participate in the social activities, are not a member of the village lottery and do not want an organisation to speak up for you when putting forward the views of members of the village, then you will not be affected.

However, if you care about what happens in the village, if you have a view on who the new Trustees of the Association should be, you think it is about time that we had another of those marvellous Caribbean Evenings, you would like to have a say in how the Hall is managed and how it develops, and you recognise that an organisation such as this does not just 'run itself', then you can find out what goes on by contacting Derek Hughes on 300185.

Derek Hughes.

### Hall Booking Arrangements

Ruth Hughes, the Hall Booking Secretary, can be contacted between Monday and Thursday for bookings, by telephone on 300185. Booking Request Forms are available from the Village Hall, or from Ruth, and should be dropped in to 47 Oaklands when they have been completed.

### The Marigold - August 2002

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 7th July. Please ensure that you meet this deadline, as copy received after this date will not be guaranteed inclusion.

## Clubs and Societies

### Badminton

The badminton players are continuing to enjoy their club nights and we recently welcomed two new lady members, however we still have room for one or two more senior members.

The junior coaching groups held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, continue to thrive. The Junior Christmas tournament results were as follows:

Under 15 Girls Singles winner: Rosemary Oliver.

Under 15 Boys Singles winner: Robert Fitzgerald.

Under 14 Girls Singles winner: Preetie Mahwala.

Under 14 Boys Singles winner: Andrew Coates.

Under 12 Girls Singles winner: Nia Benson.

Under 11 Boys Singles winner: Ben Davies.



Robert Henderson has progressed from the County Under 13 to the County Under 15 squad. Alison Cruse, Joanna Henderson and David Armstrong played for the winning Chester and District team in the Thornley Trophy against teams from Crewe and Birkenhead.

We will be entering juniors in the Chester and District Tournament in April.

Keith Emerton, secretary, tel: 300071

### Indoor Bowls Club

We meet on Friday in the Village Hall from 8.00 - 10.00 pm.

New members are always welcome. All equipment is provided.

Phone Prim Whitehouse on 301177 for more information.



## Guilden Sutton Players

Please make out of this information what you will! I'm directing this production as well as acting, so I've a lot more on my plate than usual!

Anyway, here goes, Players will be performing "Trivial Pursuits", a comedy by Frank Vickery, from 22nd to 25th May 2002, at 7.45pm at the Village Hall. Tickets priced £5 and £3. A real team effort, by dedicated people. Thanks to audience for their continued support and to other village hall users for their co-operation. Production is "in the round", as for Allo Allo and The Rivals. New seating has been constructed for this and future productions, which should ensure greater comfort/safety!

As usual, rehearsals take place on Wednesdays and Sundays and new members always welcome.....

Anna Morris



## Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent & Toddler Group meet every Tuesday Morning (during term time) 10.30 – 12.00 in the Village Hall.

We have lots of toys and equipment suitable for ages ranging from birth to school age.

The Parent & Toddler Group is a great way to meet people. Babies and older children benefit from coming to Toddlers as there's lots to see and do!

We have an indoor slide, tunnel and tent, buggies and dolls, dressing up clothes, a wooden train track, play kitchen equipment, a baby gym, musical instruments, push along toys, trikes, scooters, a ride on tractor and lots more!

Every week we set up a craft table and the children have made lots of things including cards, flags and sandwiches. They have also had fun playing with play dough and finger paints. It saves your own house getting messy!!

During the session we have a drink and biscuit before the children get busy playing again. At the end of the session we sing some nursery rhymes.

We are keen to welcome new people so please come along one week. The Toddler group is open to anyone who looks after children under school age. It is not restricted to those living in the village. See you there!

Nikki Bailey



## Women's Institute

We are now looking forward to the spring and summer months and as always our members are preparing for the many activities and events that are ahead.

The Darts team are competing in various matches and the Bowls team will be polishing their woods, and the Walkers are waiting for the rain to stop. The Handicraft section are already planning their entry in the Cheshire Show on 17 June.

We do try to accommodate most of the activities that our members like to be involved in and try to have a varied programme for our monthly meetings. We are always open to new ideas and hope that these come forward from members.

The main aim is to make members feel welcome and find friendship.

Social events are always well supported and we are arranging a Soup tasting lunch in April and a Ploughman's lunch in June. We have some excellent Speakers in the next few months, including "Monologues" in April, "Barn Owls in Cheshire" in July, "Curiosity Corner" in August and "Cheshire Police Air Support" in September.

Our monthly meetings are held in St John's Church Hall on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

For further information contact Sylvia Seager on 314346



## Parish Paths Group

Spring seems to have shown itself, but at the time of writing several of the paths are quite muddy underfoot, February having very much lived up to its "fill-dyke" reputation. But the early spring showing can still be enjoyed around the village simply by donning a pair of boots. Further delays, now caused by the instatement of the land along the we still have to wait for the re-

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Steve Armstrong, Parish Paths Warden, tel: 300732

### Ladies Morning Badminton

Come along for a friendly game of badminton on Tuesday mornings between 9.15 and 10.15 am at the Village Hall. 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 have a game of badminton.

Very informal atmosphere. Beginners welcome.



For further details contact Philippa Wood, tel: 300718

### 2nd Guilden Sutton Senior Section Guides

I have the greatest of pleasure in announcing that 7 of our 14 to 15 year old guides have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

They are :-

Catherine Armstrong, Katie Davis, Kirsty Fitzgerald, Hannah Fitzgerald, Georgina Owen, Joanna Reid & Georgina West.

The girls worked extremely hard for this by doing 3 - 6 months service, skills, physical recreation and expedition, which took place in the Tattenhall area over a one night, two day 15 mile hike.

The unit is now closed due to a lack of leaders. I am pleased that the girls were able to complete their award before the unit closed completely at the end of February. I wish them all the best for their future.

Libby Owen  
Guide for Senior Section



### 1st Guilden Sutton Beavers

My name is Sue Oliver, I have been involved in scouting for 5 years and I am starting a Beaver Colony in Guilden Sutton on 15th April 2002.

Beavers are open to boys and girls aged 6 - 8 years. We will meet every Monday during the school term in the school hall from 5.15 - 6.15 pm.

I currently have places for children who live in Guilden Sutton. In order for me to start however, I need a regular helper. If anyone is interested in either putting their child on the waiting list and finding out more, or most importantly to become a helper, please contact me on the number below.

Sue Oliver tel: 301818

### 1st Guilden Sutton Cubs



Cubs is open to boys and girls aged 8 - 10½ years. We meet every Monday during School Term in the School Hall from 6.30 to 8.00 pm.

Back in November the Cubs enjoyed a visit to Chester Police Station. We were very well looked after and shown round. Cubs were locked up in the cells! and enjoyed looking at the cameras in the CCTV control room. The Cubs were very quiet when introduced to Police Dog Jake (at a distance by his handler)!

At the end of last year the Cubs enjoyed singing carols and campfire songs to the residents of Summerfield House. Some Cubs played musical instruments - the cornet, clarinet, violin and guitar which were enjoyed by all.

During 2002 the Cubs have joined in two District events; a swimming competition at Chester City Baths in January and a Craft competition at Malpas Scout HQ in February. Recently the Cubs enjoyed an evening hike to the "Little Chef" in Littleton, where they enjoyed pancakes and chocolate sauce, or doughnuts and ice-cream.

Guilden Sutton Cubs is a thriving pack of 18, although at present very short of leaders. At the end of February we said goodbye to Marlies Lukkes who has left to go to Holland. She has been an Instructor at Cubs and helped each week for the past 1½ years. Chris Kimpton has offered to help at Cubs when he can, but we are still desperately short of Leaders (only me). We operate a rota for additional parent help which works well. If you are interested in having fun with the Cubs and would like to become involved then please contact me.

There are a few vacancies from September 2002 for children who live in Guilden Sutton and have just turned 8 years of age. If you would like your child to join Cubs then please put their name on the waiting list now to avoid disappointment later when they approach 8 years old and Cubs are full.

Philippa Wood (Akela) tel: 300718

### **Chester Caledonian Reel Club**

Would you like to try Scottish country dancing? This is an extremely popular way of exercising one's body, mind and social skills and is practiced in similar clubs not only across the British Isles but also across many other countries around the world. In Chester there are actually two clubs, the Chester Caledonian Reel Club being one of them.

The best way of describing Scottish country dancing is to compare it with English country dancing (barn dancing). The Scottish version is probably slightly more technical and without a 'caller', however you are provided with a program of the forthcoming dances so that you can "brush up" your knowledge. Don't worry that during the first few months you don't know the dances, tuition is given and all members are only too pleased to help new corners (as well as some who are not so new) through any of the dances.

Contrary to some long held views, this is a low cost activity which is open to all. No previous experience is required, neither are partners necessary as you will certainly not be left on the sidelines. No special clothing or equipment is needed, loose casual dress with soft soled (not black soled) footwear is ideal. An evening's dancing costs just £1.50 and includes 1 hour of tuition and two hours of social dancing plus refreshments.

Why not come along and "give it a go"? Our club nights are on Wednesday evenings starting at 7.15 pm with an hour of tuition, and finishes at around 10.15 pm. But hurry, our club nights end for the season on 24 April. We currently meet at Eccleston Village Hall, but we regularly hold social dances at Guilden Sutton Village Hall.

If you would like more information, please ring me on 01244 300491.

Brian Knight



### **Cestrian Art Group**

The Group meets every Wednesday during term time at St John's Church Hall and new members are warmly welcomed. We start at 2.00 pm and finish at 8.00 pm. Some of us attend for a few hours, others for the whole session.

Occasional workshops are held on a Saturday, the last one being on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, Lancashire artist Michael Hoyles led the workshop and the subject was "Landscapes". The next workshop will be on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> and the guest artist will be Richard Hughes who will be demonstrating "Birds and Wildlife" in acrylic, although water-colours can be substituted.



The Group will be holding an Exhibition and Sale of paintings at Hoole United Reform Church on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 am until 4.30 pm. Refreshments will be available. The church is on Hoole Road and has a large car park.

Our future plans include a Calligraphy Workshop to be held towards the end of the year. Details will be given in the next issue of the Marigold.

If you would like any more information about the group contact Marjorie Lowe on 327558, or call in and see us in St John's Church Hall any Wednesday afternoon.

Evelyn Gilston

### **Baby Sitting Circle**



*Want a night out! Babysitting a problem!  
then join our circle.*

- We are a group of friendly mum's who sit for each other.
- There is no pressure put on anyone to sit.
- Payment is by way of tokens, so it cuts down on the cost of a night out.
- The children are safe and happy in the hands of experienced parents.

If you would like to join or want to know more about how the system works, please speak with Helen Russell (300189) or Ruth Connolly(301287)

## Association Notices and Events

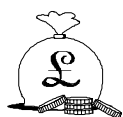
### Lottery Results - November 2001

Prize	No.	Name	Prize	No.	Name
£100	39	Mr N Fowler	£10	20	Mr B Groombridge
£25	112	Mrs E Horwood	£10	83	Mrs E Cox
£15	26	Mr I Rose	£10	22	Mrs J Woodbine
£10	167	Mrs K Lee			

The village lottery is drawn every quarter with proceeds used to help with the running of the Village Hall.

It's only £3.25p per quarter which can be collected or paid by standing order. For further details please contact the promoter.

Lottery Promoter: John Riley, 8 Wood Croft, tel: 300849



The Community Association are organising a

### VILLAGE TREASURE WALK

One evening in July (date to be finalised)



This should be a fun evening, starting at the village hall around 7.30 pm, meandering around the village looking for clues and ending up back at the hall. (So if you see people staring at your house during July don't be alarmed!)

Socialising, fun, food, drink, fresh air and exercise, all in one evening - all we need to make it perfect is good weather!

Look out for further details closer to the time - at the Post Office, shops and notice boards around the village.

Ruth Connolly

## Around the Village

### Party of the Year

The "Party of the Year" evening held at the Chester Rugby Club on Saturday 17th November was a fantastic success raising £2408.83. The money raised will benefit the Guilden Sutton Playground Appeal and the Pre-School, with a small donation to the Guilden Sutton Primary School's Charity "The Angel Fund."

Over 250 people really enjoyed a fun evening dancing to the live music of the excellent band "The Last Resort" and the DJ Carl Taylor who also keenly supported the raffle and the auction. Local sponsors and individuals donated all the prizes and auction items. The publicity the Chronicle gave certainly added to the success of the evening.

The Playground will have a new see-saw and other equipment, which is yet to be decided. Cash donations were very kindly given and Nat West Private Banking, Shell and MBNA Bank gave generously. The monies will be buying for Pre-School a Scogym, Software and other various learning aids.

All the following local businesses gave vouchers and gifts of free services, we are so grateful to all of them: David Lloyd Club, Sainsbury's, Safeway, Marks and Spencer, The Foxcote Inn, Club Globe, The Brasserie 10/16, Hoole Hall Hotel, The Old Trooper, Car Spa, Robert Marc, The Retreat, Total Fitness, Chester Zoo, Blue Planet, Northgate Arena, Crocky Trail, Warner Cinema, Bird In Hand, Ye Olde Custom House, Dolphin Swim School, Tim's Treats, Creative Nails by Karen, Steve Jones Icon, Guilden Sutton village shop, Morrisons and HomeBase.

Julie Proudlove and Pam Mooney would sincerely like to thank all those who supported the evening and the help received from friends and family was much appreciated. Such was the success of the evening we are now planning another party in November. Playing will be "The Last Resort".

Please support the party, monies raised will go towards purchasing more equipment for the playground and supporting a local charity, which is yet to be decided.

Julie Proudlove  
Pam Mooney

### **Methodist Church**

Minister Rev. Sara Cliff, tel: 321950

Morning Worship every Sunday 11.00 am

26<sup>th</sup> May Parade Service led by Scouts and uniformed groups

7<sup>th</sup> July Church Anniversary

Our Sankey Evening will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm. Chairman Bob Gilston

Bible Study Group Meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.30 pm at Pinewood, School Lane. Contact Bob Gilston for details. Anyone is welcome to join this group.

It may not be realized that the Methodist Church School Room is available for hire. Please contact Bob Gilston for details.

Bob Gilston, tel: 300863

### **Guilden Sutton - Past & Present**

Photographs from the photographic display at the Millennium Fete have now been put into albums, together with photos taken on the day. If anyone wishes to borrow them please contact Bob Armitage on 300528.

### **Guilden Sutton Old School House Trust (Registered Charity No. 3088163)**

Applications are invited for grants from the above trust to support the education, training or personal development of persons under the age of 25 who have at any time attended as pupils at Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School. Further information and application forms are available from the Clerk to the Trustees, Dr P O Reid at: 48 Cinder Lane, Guilden Sutton, Chester CH3 7EN. Completed application forms must be returned by 30th April or 31st October for consideration in May or November respectively.

### **St John's Church**

#### **Services:**

1st & 3rd Sundays 11.00 am Family Service & Morning Praise

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays 9.30 am Holy Communion and Sunday Club in the Church Hall for 3's - 10's  
Lazers for 11's - 14's Contact 300985 for the venue and further details.

**15+** Every Sunday at 7.30 - 9.30 pm at 8 Guilden Green. Contact 301442 for further details.

**Alpha Course:** Contact 300756 for details.

**Fellowship Group:** Every Tuesday 10.45 am at 1 Old Hall Park,

**Prayer Meetings:** 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Contact 300813 for details

The induction service for our new incumbent, Mark Hart, will be held on 16th April at 7.30 pm in Plemstall Church. A list is in St John's Church for people to sign who wish to apply for tickets for the service.

Until the end of the interregnum contact the Church Wardens:  
Gordon Bebbington, 300588 or Dave Everton, 300639.

The Holiday Club will be held in Guilden Sutton Primary School from 5th - 9th August, with a service in the school to end the week on Sunday 11th.

### **[www.guildensutton.org.uk](http://www.guildensutton.org.uk)**

As well as the current issue of the Marigold the Village web site includes copies of past editions, so if you want to refer back this is the place to look. Also if you know any former residents who may like to keep in touch with village life, please let them have the web address.

Further information from Danny Fisher on 301398.

# Guilden Sutton Diary

April - July 2002

## April

- 2nd 7.30pm W.I. - "Monologues" - Mrs M Digman
- 13th 10.00 am Art Group sale of paintings (Utd. Reformed Church, Hoole)
- 15th 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

## May

- 7th 7.30pm W.I. - "Resolution Evening"
- 17th 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
- 22nd - 25th 7.45pm Guilden Sutton Players "Trivial Pursuits" (Village Hall)

## June

- 17th 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

## July

- 2nd 7.30pm W.I. - "Barn Owls in Cheshire" - Mr Bramall
- 7th Copy deadline for December issue of the Marigold
- 22nd 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
- TBA 7.30pm Village Treasure Walk (Start from Village Hall)

## COMMUNITY PAGE

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