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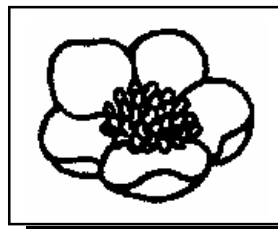
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THE LOTTERY

No, not the Saturday night one. The more important one in Guilden Sutton, run by the Community Association. It is older than the national lottery anyway.

As many of you will know, we have a very thriving lottery in the village, which people come round to your house every month and collect contributions for, and then come back later with your winnings - if you are lucky.

The lottery is run by John Riley, who in turn has a group of collectors who go from house to house and collect money every month for the lottery. There are over a hundred people in the lottery in the village, and, as well as giving each person a chance of winning the £100 jackpot, it also provides quite a lot of needed funds for the Community Association.

As well as the collectors going round the village each month to collect the contributions, we have set up a system of standing orders to enable you to contribute to the lottery directly via your bank. This is much easier for everyone, and is the most popular way of new people wanting to join the lottery to pay their dues.

A copy of the lottery standing order form is included as an insert in this edition of the *Marigold* and if you would like to join the lottery, please complete the form and send it to John Riley at the address on the form or to Derek Hughes at the address shown on the back page. Please don't send it directly to your bank. The contribution is £3.25 per quarter for each number that you have in the draw, and you can, of course, have as many numbers as you want, to multiply your chances of winning the first prize.

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Happy Easter



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The lottery is drawn several times a year, and each time you have the chance of winning the £100 first prize. We also give a number of other prizes each month as well as the £100, but we are restricted by law as to how many of these that we can pay out. The list of winners is published each time in the *Marigold* and you can also find them on the village website on www.guildensutton.org.uk as well as lists shown in the Village Hall and in the Post Office. You are also helping to finance the Village Hall, and to keep down the hourly rates that we charge.

The lottery was started many years ago as a fund raising activity to generate money to first build and then to look after and expand the Village Hall. It raises quite a lot of money each year for the Association, to the extent that we would have to raise booking rates by something like 10% to balance out the money lost from the lottery. This would be in addition to the modest increases we have each year to pay for increases in gas and electricity costs.

So we have another reason to thank John and his small group of lottery collectors. They are keeping the Hall rates down for everyone who uses the Village Hall, as well as giving us all the chance of winning the £100 jackpot.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE HALL

We are continually trying to improve the look and facilities at the Village Hall. Sometimes we are successful, sometimes we are not. I hope you will agree that the renewing of the white lines on the car park makes the Hall look a lot smarter and sets the Hall off much better.

However, it is disappointing that the daffodils that were planted around the Hall did not turn out so successfully. This was no fault of Mr Gresty from Wood Farm in School Lane, who very kindly donated the bulbs to the village, nor of some of the officers of the Hall (and their families) who planted the daffodils. Even the daffodils played their part by coming up and flowering (when they could). It was more the fault of the idiots who chopped off and dug up the bulbs out of pure vandalism.

There is no excuse for this. People plant flower bulbs to make the village look nice, to improve the area we live in. It is wonderful to go round the village and to see the way that the bulbs make everything look brighter and more cheerful. To go round destroying these things of beauty makes no sense whatsoever, and I wish that whoever is doing it would stop.

Some people work very hard to improve the village and to make it look nicer. It is everyone's responsibility, parents, children and adults, to stop those who want to damage it.

Derek Hughes

Guilden Sutton Diary

April 2004 - July 2004

April

6th	7.30 pm	W.I. - "Victorian Schooldays" - Miss Joyce Cook
19th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
24th		Cestrian Art Group Spring Exhibition & Sale at All Saints Church, Hoole
25th	12 noon	Sponsored Walk (Cheshire View, Plough Lane, Christleton)

May

6th	7.30 pm	W.I. - Resolutions Evening
10th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
19th-22nd	7.45 pm	Players "The Importance of being Earnest" (Village Hall)

June

1st	7.30 pm	W.I. - "The Birds & Flowers of Anglesey" - Rev Hugh Lynn
21st	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

July

4th	11.59 pm	Copy deadline for August 2004 issue of the <i>Marigold</i>
6th	7.30 pm	W.I. - "Manchester Ship Canal" - Mr D Cudlow
16th		Sankey Evening (Methodist Church)
24th	2 - 4 pm	Garden Party (Summerfield House)
26th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

Association Notices and Events

Lottery Results - Drawn February 2004

Prize	No.	Name	Prize	No.	Name
£100	30	Mrs C Wild	£10	9	J Beavan
£20	52	P R Rothern	£10	21	M Gartland
£15	122	J Cox	£10	112	Mrs E Horwood
£10	54	Dr J T Dowson			

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 Marigold - August 2004

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) or email it to john@beavanj.freemove.co.uk by Sunday 4th July.

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

Clubs and Societies

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 preschool. 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



Indoor Bowls Club

After 10 years playing in the Cheshire Villages Competition, which comprises 21 teams, we've finished as runner-up (by one point) to Farndon in our league and reached the last eight for the first time. Our opponents in the quarter final at Northwich are Lach Dennis, the winners of their league.

We are now nearing the end of the season and commence again in September.

Further information available from Prim Whitehouse, tel: 301177.



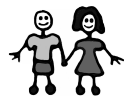
Baby Sitting Circle



- We are a group of friendly mum's who sit for each other.
- No pressure is put on anyone to sit.
- Payment is by way of tokens, so it cuts down on the cost of a night out.
- Children are safe and in the hands of experienced parents.
- We meet regularly so that we all get to know each other.

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)

Guilden Sutton Preschool



Preschool meets in the Village Hall during term times and provides all young children with an opportunity to learn in the safety of a well planned environment. The exciting and varied activities offered include painting, music, baking and woodwork.

If you are interested in your child joining in all the activities at Preschool, please drop in and visit us. We can accept children from the age of 2½ years.

Alternatively phone on the mobile number: 07712 111347 (switched on session time only)

Please continue to collect the tokens on Persil washing powder packets and let us have them. We have half the number of tokens needed for a badge-making machine. Thank you for helping us.

Hazel Crane (Supervisor)

Parent and Toddler Group



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

We welcome newcomers to our friendly group. We have lots of toys and play equipment suitable for babies and children right up to school age. Our weekly activity/craft table is always popular and the children really enjoy sitting down together painting, modelling with the play dough, making cards, masks etc.

We all enjoy a drink and a biscuit mid morning and end the session with our favourite songs and nursery rhymes.

Over the Easter break we are planning to visit Greenacres Farm on 6th April and a trip to Chester Zoo on the 13th April.

The Parent and Toddler Group is a great way to meet people, so come along and join in the fun!

Jill Davies Tel 301313

St John the Baptist Church

Please note that St John's is normally kept open during the day to allow people to come for quiet and to pray.

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday, 4 April	11am	Family Service
Maundy Thursday, 8 April	7.30pm	Holy Communion (St Peter's Plemstall)
Good Friday, 9 April	11am	Devotional Service (St Peter's Plemstall)
Easter Sunday, 11 April	9.30am	Holy Communion

Visit of the Bishop of Birkenhead, Rt Revd David Urquhart
Sunday 2 May, 11am, in Guilden Sutton Village Hall.
A service of celebration for all ages.

Normal Service Times:

1st Sunday of month	11.00am	Family Service
2nd Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	11.00am	Morning Praise
4th Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion (1662)
5th Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion

Children & Young People

Sunday Club (3-10s) & Lazars (11-14s) meet on 1st, 4th, 5th Sundays at 9.30am.
15plus group meets on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm

Other Enquiries: For any enquiries concerning the above, or to find out about baptisms, weddings, fellowship groups, prayer groups, confirmation, pastoral visits... please contact Mark Hart (Vicar), tel. 300306.

Methodist Church

Minister; Sara Cliff

Family services held every Sunday at 11am including Sunday School.

All welcome.

Forthcoming events;

Sankey Evening - Friday 16 July . Don't miss an evening of great entertainment.

Garden Party - Saturday 24 July at Summerfield House 2-4pm Bring and Buy, stalls, raffle etc

Church hall with fully fitted kitchen and toilet for hire at very reasonable rates.

For further information contact Lindsay tel; 300544 or Sue tel; 300320

Village Fundraiser Party

Party Success

For the third year running the now famous Guilden Sutton "Party of the Year" was a huge success.

This year saw live entertainment from Front Room, a local band who provided a unique blend of pop and rock classics to a delighted audience of over 200 partygoers.

The party took place at the Chester Rugby Club on the 18th October and the organisers were delighted to raise £1790. This also provided an opportunity to enjoy a great night out and raise money for various projects and organisations in Guilden Sutton.

The funds have been distributed as follows:

The Playground Appeal - £1000
The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award - maps and food etc - £100
Rainbows - New equipment - £50
Cubs - An indoor cricket set - £60
The Guilden Sutton Primary School - New shelving - £300
Sunday Schools - New arts and crafts - £25 x 2
Brownies - An outing, new equipment - £50
Scouts - New equipment - £40
New Baby and Toddler Group to be called "See and Know Baby and Toddler Group" - £100
Pre-School - Drum set - £20
Toddler Group - New toys - £20

The above total also included much appreciated sponsorship from Vauxhall £100, MBNA £150, Shell £100 and Nat West Private Banking £200. Other sponsors who gave generously were Chester Zoo, Brasserie 10/16, Sainsbury's, Marks and Spencer's, and the Foxcote Inn. Many thanks once again!!!

Another night to remember or not as the case maybe. Jan and I would like to thank all those that supported the party and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. As this was my third one who is going to do the next one??

Best Wishes to all

Julie Proudlove and Jan Arditti

Women's Institute

As usual we all enjoyed our annual Dinner in January, held at the Cheshire View. The entertainment was excellent and all the members joined in the singing of a few George Formby songs which brought a twinkle in quite a few eyes...

We are now looking forward to the lighter evenings and to cheer up the February meeting, we had a flower demonstration by Mrs. Doreen Pritchard, which certainly gave us all many excellent ideas in arrangements.

The craft section are well ahead with their ideas and plans for exhibiting at the Cheshire Show ...A lot of thought and talent is required to achieve the high standards that our ladies obtain.

Four of our ladies entered the County Quiz which is being held in various venues in Cheshire. We did not come first or second in the preliminary round, but felt quite proud of our efforts overall. It does prove that we W.I. ladies are quite knowledgeable in many subjects, but need a little more time to recall the answers.

We have some interesting Speakers for the coming months.
In March Mr Harry Watson spoke about the funny side of life in the Police.

In April Miss Joyce Cook will talk to us about Victorian School Days.

In May we have the National Resolutions to discuss.

June we have a talk on the Birds & Flowers of Anglesey ... July a talk on the Manchester Ship Canal.

Social events and outings are being organized for the coming months ...
New ideas and new members are always welcome..

We meet on the first Tuesday in each month at St John's Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. Visitors always welcome.

For further information, please contact Sylvia Seager. Tel.: 314346.



Badminton

The badminton players are continuing to enjoy their club nights and we recently welcomed four new adult members.

There is now a waiting list for both Senior and Junior members.

The Junior coaching groups held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, continue to thrive.

The Junior Christmas tournament results were as follows:

Under 14 Girls Singles winner: Nia Benson.

Under 14 Girls Singles runner up: Lucy Davies.

Under 12 Boys Singles winner: Matthew Owen.

Under 12 Boys Singles runners up: Jonathan Oliver, Matthew Nell (equal)

Under 11 Girls Singles winner: Advita Adyanthya.

Under 11 Girls Singles runner up: Emma Gilmour.

Under 11 Boys Singles winner: Matthew Gilmour.

Under 11 Boys Singles runner up: Michael Spencer.

Robert Henderson is currently part of the County Under 17 squad and he recently played in an Under 17 open tournament.

We will be entering juniors in the Chester and District Tournament in March/April. The dates are as follows:

Sunday March 27th : Under 13 and Under 17 (on 1st January 2004) Sunday April 3rd : Under 11 and Under 15 (on 1st January 2004)

Keith Emerton, secretary, tel: 300071



Sponsored Family Walk

I together with the Masonic lodge at Christleton am organising a Family Sponsored Walk in aid of Masonic and Local Charities.

The walk takes place on Sunday 25th April 2004 and starts at 12:00 hrs from Cheshire View, Plough Lane Christleton. Nr Chester.

There are two routes, one of 12Km (7 ½ Miles) and 8 Km (5 miles), which will enable you to take in the local scenery. Refreshments will be provided en-route (free of charge). Typically it should take about 4 –4 ½ hours.

On return to Cheshire View you are invited to join the organisers for a free G & T (soft drinks for children) and browse the various displays and activities with a complimentary burger.

Marshals will be on duty to assist you throughout the event and full medical cover will be provided in case of emergencies.

Charities:-

Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys

1st Christleton Scout Group.

1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group

RNLI Flint lifeboat appeal.

Multiple Sclerosis Society

For Further details Tel: Martyn Davies 01244 300320

email: big.martyn@virgin.net

Village Hall Booking

Booking Secretary: Trisha Paterson, 46 Oaklands, tel: 300307.

Why not book the Village Hall for that special occasion/party etc?

Booking forms are available at the hall or from the Trisha and they should be returned to her for validation.

Please remember that Trisha is a volunteer so only contact her at reasonable times of the day.

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.

Previous grants made have been in the range from £50 to £500.

The trust has 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.

Further information and application forms are available from:-

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

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

Completed application forms must be returned by 30th of April or 31st of October for consideration in May or November respectively.

Christmas Lights Competition

Our local policeman, PC Robert Boulton kindly accepted the Parish Council's request to judge the displays of Christmas lights on houses around our village.

He was accompanied on his tour by Councillor Trish Paterson, and had a difficult task selecting from a good number of attractive displays.

Finally he selected the display at 42 Guilden Sutton Lane, which he described as "impressive".

Later, the Chairman of the Guilden Sutton Parish Council was pleased to present the householder with a Gift Voucher worth £10 to be spent at the Grosvenor Garden centre.

Parish Paths Group

Changes to local footpaths

Residents will probably be aware by now of the investigation being carried out by Cheshire Council into the status of the paths known as Garners Lane and Green Lane paths.

Both lead off Guilden Sutton Lane with one joining the main A56 Warrington Road and the other joining Station Lane. The evidence from historical maps suggests that these routes should be upgraded to a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) ie they are not officially footpaths and a higher right exists to use these lanes by cycles, horses and in theory by motorised vehicles.

The implications are that these paths will lose their character through inappropriate use, removal of stiles and trees etc. Of particular concern is the Green Lane path which has received much attention from the community and adjoining landowners over the years making it the pleasant route it is today.

The Public Rights of Way committee of Cheshire County Council considered the status of these paths at a meeting on the 29th March.

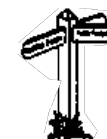
It is likely that an order will be made to change their status after which (once the minutes are published) anyone will have 42 days to object to the proposals. The only real reason for objection is if historical evidence can be provided that these routes were not historically byways. However, if sufficient representations are received, it is then likely the issue will go to a public enquiry.

A recent meeting at Mickle Trafford demonstrated the strength of local opposition to any changes to these paths and the Parish Councils of both Guilden Sutton and Mickle Trafford are concerned about the implications of the proposals.

Over the coming months, residents need to voice their opinions, either directly or through their local councillors, to affect the outcome of what will happen to these paths.

The footpaths group will be circulating information as the deliberations of CCC become known. For more information and updates see the Guilden Sutton website (www.guildensutton.org.uk).

Brian Lewin, tel: 301501
Footpaths Warden



Guilden Sutton Players



The Guilden Sutton Players are busy rehearsing for their forthcoming production, "The Importance of being Earnest", by Oscar Wilde, directed by Jill Armitage. The production will run from Wednesday 19th to Saturday 22nd May at 7.45p.m. Tickets will be on sale from April at the post office.

Anyone interested in helping with costumes, lighting, make-up, acting, set building or front of house, for our next production in November, please call the Chairman Robin Norrie on 332595. New members willing to help in any capacity are always very welcome

Anna Morris.

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 - 8.00 pm.

Last term the Cubs thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Town Hall where we were greeted by the Lord Mayor and shown round the Council Chambers. They enjoyed being told all about the history of the sword and mace! Among other activities, the Cubs sang carols and campfire songs at Summerfield House and some Cubs attended the District swimming competition at Chester City Baths. This term six Cubs attended a District Craft competition in January and came away with a Bronze certificate. Recently at Cubs we have been doing the 'Caring Challenge' Badge. We have been learning all about the RNLI and the lifeboats. One Cub evening in February the Cubs enjoyed a hike (was very wet underfoot!) to the 'Little Chef' in Littleton where they were very well looked after and they 'Polished off' either cheese burgers, chicken nuggets, or pizza and chips. Also in February the Cubs were entertained by the Scout gangshow at the Gateway Theatre. This year 2 Cubs from Guilden Sutton were part of the 'gang', namely Parisa Rahmani-Torkaman and Cameron Tallant. The Cubs are looking forward to a visit to Ellesmere Port Police Station at the end of the month.

Guilden Sutton Cubs is a thriving pack of over 20 Cubs. At present there are no vacancies and I am only taking those who live in Guilden Sutton. Unfortunately I cannot accommodate all those in Guilden Sutton who are of Cub age at the moment. If your child is not yet 8 and you would like them to join Cubs then please put their name on the waiting list now. This will avoid disappointment later when they approach 8 years old and Cubs are full.

Philippa Wood (Akela) tel: 300718, Cub Scout Leader,

Cestrian Art Group

Our group has had a busy and productive year so far. We had an exhibition of our paintings at Grove Park Theatre, Wrexham in February and a workshop in March on Painting Gardens.

Our Spring Exhibition and Sale will be at All Saints Church, Hoole on Saturday April 24th, and on May 15th we have a workshop entitled Abstract Art - Making Music Visible.

We meet in the Church Hall in Church Lane at 2pm on Wednesdays in term time and work through until 8pm with tea included! We have a wide range of experience and new members are always welcome.

Please contact Marjorie Lowe on 327558 for details.

Jill Armitage



Around the Village

www.guildensutton.org.uk



A recent addition to our website is the minutes of our village Footpaths Group. This coincides with the campaign, also featured, of the many walkers in Guilden Sutton and Mickle Trafford, who object to the County Council's unnecessary plans to upgrade Footpath 7. This is the attractive "green lane" which goes along the boundary between our two parishes from the corner by Park Farm to Station Lane.

Miscellany of the historical kind is displayed at www.guildensutton.org.uk/history.htm. We are grateful for a surfer from outside the village who contacted our webmaster about the tradition of "soul-caking" in the village. Can anyone provide further information about this or any local traditions from "olden times" to put on the website?

If you want to tell the village, or even tell the world, what you are doing, planning or want recording, then contact the webmaster via the website, or telephone Danny Fisher on 301398.