



Guilden Sutton Community Association

# marigold

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## WHAT ANIMAL IS A BOMBAY DUCK?

I began musing the other day, as I sat searching my memory banks for the answer to one of Al's quiz questions at the Village Quiz. The trouble was, my memory banks were not responding. I was better off thinking about the Village Hall and how lucky we are to have it.

I know a lot of you make use of the facilities of the Village Hall very well, and are frequent users of it, but it does no harm to remind ourselves now and again what the Hall does offer to Users.

The Main Hall within the Village Hall has a high roof and a sprung wooden floor, with a full size badminton court marked out on it, and room around it to enable you to go for those extra deep shots. Not surprisingly, there is quite a lot of badminton played there, with Badminton Club booking it for several nights a week. In addition, Ladies Badminton goes there one day a week and some individuals book it for themselves when it is free.

Other groups who use the Main Hall include Ballet, Karate, Parent and Toddler, Circle Dance, Junior Club, Soccotots, Indoor Bowls and Bridge Club. You can tell by the variety of the groups that use this room that it is very versatile, but the one thing that they all like is the size of the room and the amount of space that it offers. As well as these, the Players put on a production in the Main Hall twice a year, and it is used for the Village Quiz (which is where I came in), and for any other social events that require the maximum amount of space that we can provide.



# Happy



It is also used now by St John's Church for family services held on the first Sunday of each month. More people go to these services and the Main Hall is more able to accommodate the larger number involved.

The Marigold Room is the room that was created when the last extension was added. It has a low roof, and again has a sprung wooden floor. This size makes it suitable for those occasions when you want a smaller room with a cosier atmosphere. Regular Users of this room are Pre-school Group, Ballet (again), Caledonian Reel Club and Rainbows. It is also booked privately for parties and other social events, when a room smaller than the Main Hall is needed.

Looking at it the other way, it is also used for events that need a bigger room than the Committee Room. So, for example, it has been used quite a lot for meetings when more people are expected to attend than will fit in the Committee Room comfortably.

Moving on to the Committee Room, it is the smallest room that is bookable in the Village Hall. It is carpeted and has a low ceiling. As its name implies, it is used mainly for meetings (the Parish Council holds its meetings here, as does the Community Association), but French Club meet there, and it is used by a couple of other groups – Badminton and Junior Club, for games, as well as the Main Hall.

The other thing that all these clubs means, of course, is that there are an awful lot of people running these Groups, giving up their time and energy usually for no pay, purely for the enjoyment and so that others are able to take advantage of doing something they enjoy.

These are not the only ways that the rooms can be used, but they are an indication for potential Users. They will give you some ideas. As well as the rooms for hire in the Village Hall, there are 2 kitchens. The main one is for the Main Hall and the Committee Room, and the Marigold has its own small kitchen. The loos are accessible to all rooms.

As part of the infrastructure to enable the Hall to work, we also have a Cleaner, a Booking Secretary and Management Committees. Apart from the Cleaner, the other people are volunteers so that we can keep our costs to a minimum. We ask all Users of the Hall to leave the Hall in a clean and tidy state, as they would expect to find it. Again this is to keep our costs as low as possible, and enables us to keep our Cleaner's hours to a minimum.

We also provide the necessary licences for our Users. We renew each year the Entertainments Licence, and the Theatre Licence, and we pay our annual fee to the Performing Rights Society to enable us to have public music in the Hall. We also pay the usual insurances.

So hopefully that will have given you some idea of the facilities that we offer at the Hall, and may have given you some thoughts for an extra booking at the Hall. It will also have given you an idea of the impressive list of people who give up their time to arrange all these clubs. We are pretty lucky in this village for all sorts of reasons, the facilities and the people who provide the wide range of activities at the Hall being one of them.

Needless to say, it was a cracking quiz. A Bombay Duck, by the way, is a type of fish.

Derek Hughes

### **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 (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 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.

### **The Marigold - August 2005**

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 send it via email it to [john@beavanj.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:john@beavanj.freeserve.co.uk) by Sunday 10th 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 there has been a fairly consistent attendance. There is currently a short waiting list for both Senior and Junior members, however we recently welcomed three visitors to the club.

There has been a re-organisation of the Juniors in the Junior coaching groups held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and they continue to thrive.

The Junior Christmas tournament results were as follows:

Under 14 Girls Singles winner: Lauren Taylor

Under 14 Girls Singles runner up: Katherine Stevenson

Under 14 Boys Singles winner: Matthew Nell

Under 14 Boys Singles runner up: Jonathan Oliver, Matthew Owen (equal)

Under 12 Girls Singles winner: Emma Gilmour

Under 12 Girls Singles runner up: Parisa and Samira Rahmani-Torkaman (equal)

Under 12 Boys winner: Michael Spencer

Under 12 Boys runner up: Matthew Gilmour

Lauren Taylor, Sophie Henderson and Matthew Owen are continuing to enjoy the Junior County Coaching cell at Middlewich. They recently played in a match against Poynton.

The Chester and District Tournament will be held at the Christleton Sports Centre in April and we hope that as many Juniors as possible will enter. The dates are as follows:

Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> : Under 13 and Under 17 (on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005)

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> : Under 11 and Under 15 (on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005)

Keith Emerton, secretary, tel: 300071



## Guilden Sutton Pre-school



Preschool meets in the Village Hall during term times. We are open to any child from the age of 2½ years to 5 years.

We offer a range of activities including painting, music, baking and woodwork. These are designed to provide each child with an opportunity to develop and learn new skills within the safety of a well-planned environment.

Since Christmas we have looked at the themes of “colours” and “people who help us”. We are currently looking at animals.

In March we also celebrated Preschool’s 20th Birthday by having a party for the current children and a combined birthday/Easter fair the following day for everyone else. Thank you for all your support.

We are still collecting the Persil vouchers, so please don’t throw them away.

Hazel Crane (supervisor)

Preschool mobile: 07712 111347 (switched on session time only)

## Indoor Bowls Club



We are coming to the end of another successful season with our membership still strong

Again we entered the Cheshire Villages Indoor Bowls Tournament and after winning our group (with 7 wins out of 8 matches played) we qualified for the Quarter Finals at Northwich for the second year running.

After some very close games we were narrowly defeated by Padgate.

Prim Whitehouse (Secretary) tel: 301177.

## 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. Beginners are most welcome.

For further details contact Sue Graves, tel: 301122



## Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent and Toddler Group meet every Tuesday morning (during term time) in the Village Hall between 10.30 and 12.00. 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.

Each week our craft table has a theme; the children really enjoyed making their cards for Mothers Day recently and have fun with play

dough, jigsaws, colouring and painting.

While the adults share in a cup of tea/coffee, the children all sit down together and 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.



We had a mums' night out on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2005 and we are looking forward to an outing with the children at Park Hall Farm in Oswestry on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

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

Jill Davies, tel: 301313

## Guilden Sutton Players



Players have recently joined the "National Operatic and Dramatic Association", which sent an adjudicator to appraise the production of, "Hobson's Choice". We received extremely high praise from Gordon Hall, our NODA representative! Not only that, but Anna Morris and Rob Jones have been nominated for awards for their performances as Maggie and Willie Mossop. Gail Young, who directed, is extremely proud of *everyone* involved in making the production such a success.

We look forward to seeing you at our next production, "Mr Whatnot", by Alan Ayckbourn, which runs from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2005. Let's hope we can make it a sell-out again!

Anna Morris.

## **Women's Institute**

Once again the New Year commenced with our Annual Dinner and entertainment at the Cheshire View in Christleton, which was enjoyed by our members.

This year the WI worldwide movement celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and the first WI in Great Britain was formed in Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlilllantisiliogogoch in Anglesey.

Our own village WI started in 1938 and is still going strong though we would welcome new members. During the coming months there will be a number of events in celebration, the first of which will be a Pie and Mash evening which we are holding in March.

Our speaker in February was the Rev. Hugh Lynn who showed members his wonderful slides of the Birds and Flowers of Anglesey.

Once again our Craft section are entering the competition at this year's Cheshire Show and they are already well ahead with their preparations. We have some very talented ladies. Recently four of our members entered the Federation's County Quiz and enjoyed a fun evening. We are also entering teams in the County Bowls and Darts competitions.

Social events and outings are being organised for the forthcoming months and the first will be a trip to Liverpool to see the Birkenhead Operatic Society's production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" in April.

For our April meeting we will be entertained by Beryl Hewson speaking to us about "Antique Jewellery" and for June Mr. David Platt's talk is entitled "Wildlife from Waste" which sounds quite intriguing.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, at St. John's Church Hall, Church Lane, Guilden Sutton at 7.30 pm., and a very warm welcome will be extended to any ladies who would like to come and join us.

For further information, please contact Mrs Joy Minshull, tel: 340954 or Mrs Olwen Gaule, tel: 314497



## Cestrian Art Group

The group meets at the Church Hall in Church Lane at 2pm on Wednesdays in term time. We are a mixed ability group and work on our own projects in a variety of mediums. Constructive criticism is welcome to us all



We had a very successful workshop day in February with Marion Tuffey doing "Foreground" and another workshop with Dennis Oakes on "Acrylics"

Our next exhibition and sale is on Saturday 14th May at Hoole All Saints Church Hall from 10am to 4 pm. We shall also be exhibiting in the Gateway Theatre Foyer Gallery during July and August. We do hope that you will come along and view.

In May we have a third workshop with Heather Parry on "Flowers"

Jill Armitage

New members are always welcome.  
Please contact Marjorie Lowe on 327558 for details.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Guilden Sutton Scouts & Cubs

### Tsunami Disaster Appeal – Sponsored 8km Hike

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> Guilden Sutton Scouts plus four members of 1<sup>st</sup> Guilden Sutton Cubs completed an 8km sponsored hike in aid of the Tsunami Disaster Appeal. It was a cold and frosty morning for the hike and became very muddy under foot which made the hike even harder, especially for the younger ones. Despite the conditions the Scouts and Cubs stayed focused on the reason why they were doing the hike. The hike finished in a local wood where they lit campfires and cooked their own lunch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who took part in the hike and those who very generously supported the Scouts and Cubs. It was a very successful day and the total amount raised was £483.00.

Many thanks.

Colin Beresford  
(Scout Leader – 1<sup>st</sup> Guilden Sutton Scouts)



# Association Notices and Events

## Village Quiz

Congratulations to the defending champions, the winners of this years quiz  
**Jeff and Sue Hodgson/Brian and Valerie McGurn/  
Emma Hodgson/Andrew Savage**

achieving the impressive score of 111 (out of a possible 140)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Brian Bailey and co. with 106. and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Marian Evans and co. with 105

The quiz master, Al Christmas, kept us all on our toes as he fired a wide range of questions; easy, impossible, funny, strange, interesting...

The hall was somewhat split between the hush of hard grafters and the peals of laughter from those of whom the prize (6 bottles of wine) slipped further away. The answer sheets were collected by Robin Norrie whose occasional, friendly help paradoxically consoled and confirmed worst fears (that you weren't in the running.) The evening finished with the friendly, all-hands-on-deck clean up.

Thanks Al et al, hope to see you again next year.

Laura Beresford



## Lottery Results - 24 January 2005

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.

Prize	No.	Name	Prize	No.	Name
£100	3	L Winstanley	£10	81	J Carden
£20	27	Mrs K Thistlewood	£10	97	E Alsop
£15	2	A Winstanley	£10	232	Mrs S Howarth
£10	217	Mrs A Matthews	£10	83	Mrs E Cox

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

# Around the Village

## St John the Baptist Church

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

### Holy Week / Easter

Maundy Thursday, 24 March, 7.30pm      Holy Communion

Good Friday, 25 March, 11am              Devotional Service

Easter Sunday, 27 March, 9.30am        Holy Communion

### Normal Service Times

1st Sunday of month 11am              Family Service

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 for full details. Most Family Services in 2005 will be held in the Village Hall.*

### Children & Young People

Sunday Club (4-10's), Lazars (11-14's) 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.

### 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 (Vicar), tel. 300305, email hart@mkgfr.freeserve.co.uk

# Guilden Sutton Diary

April - July 2005

## April

- 5th Parent & Toddler outing to Park Farm, Oswestry
- 5th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Antique Jewellery" - Beryl Hewson
- 11th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

## May

- 3rd 7.30 pm W.I. - Resolutions Evening
- 10th Parent & Toddler Committee Meeting
- 14th 10am-4pm Art Group Exhibition & Sale (All Saints Church, Hoole)
- 16th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
- 18th-21st 7.45 pm Players - "Mr Whatnot" (Village Hall)

## June

- 7th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Wildlife from Waste" - David Platt
- 20th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

## July

- 5th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Friends of Williamson's Tunnels" - Clare Morehead
- 10th 11.59 pm Copy deadline for August 2005 issue of the Marigold
- 25th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

## COMMUNITY PAGE

### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

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