

# Guilden Sutton Diary

August—November 2003

## August

5th 7.30 pm W.I. - Produce Show

## September

2nd 7.30 pm W.I. - "From Pampas to the Andes" - Mrs Margaret Sayers

8th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

21st 11.00 am Sutton Six and Fun Run

## October

7th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Deaf Awareness" - Miss J Huntington

13th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

18th 8pm - 1.00am "Original & Best Party of the Year" (Chester Rugby Club)

## November

4th 7.30 pm W.I. - Annual General Meeting

2nd 11.59 pm Copy deadline for December issue of the Marigold

10th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There are two main purposes for writing an annual report. Firstly, the Charity Commissioners require us to send them a report each year describing the activities the charity has undertaken in that year, and secondly, I think it is important to remind ourselves of some of the things that the Community Association does, that we may not all be aware of.

The Village Hall is the main centre of the work of the Association and this continues to prosper and to flourish as the busy focal point of the village. You only have to look at the diary in the entrance hall, to see how enormously well the Hall is utilised. We are pleased that we have a lot of regular users, who don't simply book the Hall for their Group, but look after the Hall as if it were their own.

I am grateful to everybody who is connected with the Hall in whatever capacity. The evidence shows that they are doing a tremendous job, and I hope they continue to do this well into the future. There are too many people involved to mention them all individually, but I would just like to pick out Trisha Paterson, who has taken over as Booking Secretary, and is doing a brilliant job, and to Marion Burrell, who has been Hall Management Committee Treasurer for many years, and who works very hard on our behalf. The accounts show that the Hall is going along steadily.

As I mentioned last year, we have been discussing the best way of setting up what I call the property trustees for the Association. When the property was transferred to the Association twenty-two years ago, we were not able to involve the Charity Commissioners directly, as the car park had not been surfaced, and the Hall and car park were not "finished". So it was decided the transfer should be made with the Chairman and Secretary at the time, acting as Trustees for the Association. This was a temporary position, 22 years ago.

It was always intended that it be transferred to the Charity Commissioners in the long run, and we are now in the process of doing this. We have discussed various options, and we have had advice from the solicitor who acted for the Association originally. I am sure that this is the right thing to do, and it will help to safeguard the future of the Association. We are currently waiting for the Charity Commissioners to get back to us.

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I would also like to mention the CCTV cameras that were recently installed on the Hall. This was essentially a Parish Council initiative, but one we were happy to go along with. Two cameras have been installed, which give excellent coverage of the car park and the play area on the other side, and provide a very high quality picture.

Recordings are being made around the clock, and will be used to support the police in any enquiries that they may have. We hope this will provide us with a safer village, and stop the senseless damage that has taken place.

We continued with our rota of painting around the Hall, as we have done for several years now. Last year, it was the turn of the outside of the Hall to be painted. On a personal note, I would just like to mention Mr Griffiths, who has painted the Hall for many years, and who died recently. He was a good friend of the Association, and always did an excellent job on the Hall. We will miss him tremendously.

We spent a lot of money on other maintenance work in the Hall last year, and I am happy to do this, as it keeps going the very strong standard that we have set. It enables us to provide a top quality Hall for the village and for anyone who wants to book it.

We shall hear about the village lottery from John Riley later. I am pleased to say that it is still going well, and makes a sizeable contribution to the Association's funds each year. We have maintained the £100 first prize throughout its life, and there are several additional prizes each time as well. I am sure John will have some standing order forms if anyone would like to join it. I can assure you that you have a far higher chance of winning, than in the National Lottery.

The Village Quiz is also going strong, I'm glad to say. My thanks, as always, to Al Christmas and his team of markers for all their work. I would also like to thank Ruth Connolly for her hard work in looking after the rest of the organisation for us for the first time this year. It all went very smoothly. Perhaps I could add my thanks to Viv Downing, who has organised this event with Al, since the year dot, and did a great job. She will be a hard act to follow.

Richard Batterham and the West Cheshire AC continue to do well with the Sutton Six and Fun Runs, which are now an institution in the village. The races are very well supported and always achieve a high quality field. Please turn out in September, either to run, if you are feeling athletic, or to clap, if you aren't.

My thanks also to John Beavan for all his hard work editing the *Marigold* newsletter. It is well read and well received around the village and keeps people up to date with what is going on. Contact John if you would like to put an article into the *Marigold*.

## Association Notices and Events

### Lottery Results - February 2003

Prize	No.	Name	Prize	No.	Name
£100	120	Mrs W Higginson	£10	192	J Dandy
£20	114	A Reynolds	£10	48	Mrs G M Riley
£15	52	P R Rother	£10	6	D E Henderson
£10	110	A Bunnell	£10	21	M Gartland

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 - December 2003

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](mailto:john@beavanj.freemove.co.uk) by Sunday 2nd November.

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

### Village Fundraiser Party

Party time again!! After the sell out success last year of “Party, Party, Party” Jan Arditti and Julie Proudlove are pleased to announce this years big night out ..... Billed the “Original and Best Party of the Year”! The event takes place at the Chester Rugby Club on the 18th October, 8.00 pm - 1.00 am and promises to be a night to remember!! Live band “Front Room” who are sure to provide their usual blend of rock and pop classics and a great party atmosphere! The evening will also include a disco and raffle and all profits will go towards Village Projects.

If there are any village clubs / organisations which are in need of some financial assistance please make yourself known to Jan or Julie. All requests will be considered.

Tickets are £6.50 per person. Contact Jan Arditti (301590) Julie Proudlove (300318) Annette Croft (301460) or Trish Paterson (300307)  
Tickets are already selling fast - it will sell out - so don't miss out.

Julie Proudlove.

### 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.

#### Normal Service Times:

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

#### Children & Young People

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

#### Other Enquiries:

For any enquiries concerning the above, or to find out about **baptisms, weddings, fellowship groups, prayer groups, Alpha courses, confirmation, pastoral visits**, or to receive the **parish newsletter...** please contact **Mark Hart (Vicar), tel. 300306.**

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**M**y thanks finally to all the members of the Executive and Hall Management Committees for volunteering their services over the past year.

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**I**would particularly like to thank Andy Winstanley, who has been our Association Treasurer for many years. I would formally like to record my thanks to Andy for the work he has put in on behalf of the Association.

### HALL BOOKING SECRETARY

**J**ust to let you know that Trisha Paterson has offered to continue to act as Booking Secretary for the Hall. Trisha lives at 46 Oaklands, and you can book the Hall by ringing her on 300307, or pick up a booking form at the Hall, fill it in and drop it into Trisha's house.

**T**he job of Hall Booking Secretary is an important one, as she enables the Hall to be booked by any occasional Users for children's parties, etc. If we didn't have a Booking Secretary, we could not have any children's parties. The Hall would carry on

## 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

We start the new season on Friday 5th September at 8.00 pm and meet weekly in the Village Hall.

Further information available from Prim Whitehouse, tel: 301177.



### Guilden Sutton Preschool

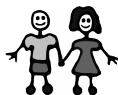
Preschool meets in the Village Hall during term times. We are open to any child from the age of 2½ years to 5 years. We provide the children with an opportunity to develop and learn new skills within the safety of a well planned environment. A wide range of stimulating and exciting activities are offered including: model making, painting, music, baking and woodwork.

All activities are loosely based round a half term theme. Recent themes have included nursery rhymes, road safety, patterns and colours.

During June, 2 Ofsted inspectors visited Preschool. They studied all of the activities throughout the day and looked at both our paperwork and photograph albums. We are delighted with their report, which includes statements such as *"the quality of teaching is very good"* and *"provision is of a high quality"*. All their judgements were very pleasing to read. If interested, a copy of the report can be read in Preschool.

If you are interested in your child joining in the fun activities at Preschool, please drop in and visit us. Alternatively phone on the mobile number 07712 111347 (switched on session time only)

Hazel Crane  
(Supervisor)



### 1st Guilden Sutton Rainbows

Guilden Sutton Rainbows meet every Wednesday, excluding school holidays, at 4.45 - 5.45 pm in the Village Hall.

We have varied activities for girls aged 5 - 7 yrs, and have a full register each Wednesday. Our aim is that Rainbows have a fun filled hour, which we are sure they do.

If you would like any further information please contact myself or Lorna Rahami-Torkaman, tel: 300845.

Jackie Dickson, tel: 401049

### Sutton Six 10K and Fun Runs



The Sutton Six 10K road race will be held this year on **Sunday 21st September**. The Race Headquarters will again be the Village Hall. In addition to the main 10 kilometre race over the now well established course there will be the **FUN RUN, suitable for all ages from 7 upwards**.

The main race starts in Belle Vue Lane, runs out along Guilden Sutton Lane/Hare Lane/Belle Vue Lane and back out down Guilden Sutton Lane for a second time. It then continues down Hare Lane to the Rugby Club, along the pavement on the A51, returning to the village via Wicker Lane, School Lane and finishing at the Village Hall.

The Fun Run starts in Hilltop Road, turns right into Arrowcroft Road, left onto School lane, left again into Oaklands. Continuing all the way around Oaklands it then goes back out onto School Lane to do another full lap of School Lane/Oaklands before finishing at the Village Hall. Total distance is about 1.5 miles.

Main race start time is 11.00 am, Fun Run to follow at 12.15 pm. Entries on the day inside the Village Hall from about 09.30 am. Main race £5 unaffiliated runners, £2 for all Fun Run entrants. All Fun Run finishers will receive a commemorative medal.

As in previous years the village Cubs & Scouts will be laying on refreshments, all proceeds from which will go to their funds. If you don't fancy a run, come out and cheer everybody on, they always appreciate vocal encouragement!

Richard Batterham, West Cheshire AC. tel: 300107

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



At long last, BT have agreed to provide our village with broadband services. Anybody within 3.5 km of the Mickle Trafford telephone exchange should soon be able to apply via their ISP - follow the *Broadband* link on our village website for more details.

Our webmaster is getting increasing numbers of contacts from internet surfers not just from around the country, and also from around the world. These cover a wide range of interests; ex-residents, descendants of residents and potential residents etc Our homepage now has links to bus, train and airport timetables and we are now looking at the possibility of a bulletin board (just like the "Archers" on Radio 4!) Growth means that there is scope for a helper - is anybody willing .....

Danny Fisher, tel: 301398

## Women's Institute



Once again our talented craft members entered the Cheshire Show, several for the first time and they received very high marks. Well done to all concerned.

Our social events included a Summer Buffet Lunch, with strawberries and cream, which was held at Jessie Boyce's home on a warm and sunny day in July. It was well attended by members and their husbands.

Our bowlers took part in the Cheshire County WI Bowls Pairs competition where Pat Blyth and Tessa Parkin were narrowly beaten in the final. Well done!. Others took part in a guided walk around Chester, followed by a Ploughman's Lunch at the County Headquarters in Chester. Members have also taken part in County walks in Cheshire.

Looking ahead, we have our produce Show in August and talks entitled "From the Pampas to the Andes" and "Deaf Awareness", and we eagerly await the film "Calendar Girls" which will be on release at local cinemas in September.

We are always looking for new ideas and new members. We welcome visitors at any of our meetings, which take place at St.John's Church Hall on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30 p.m.

For further information please contact Sylvia Seager on 314346.

## Around the Village

### 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:

## 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.

This year the Cubs have had a very busy time. As well as the Monday evening activities they have taken part in many other events. In July, on a glorious day, along with around a 1000 Cubs from Cheshire, they enjoyed many activities at a County Fun day at Forest Camp, Sandiway. Among the adventurous activities they took part in were bell-boating and the climbing wall.

Last week the older Cubs had the opportunity to go canoeing on the River Dee thanks to the Scout Instructors Ian Ford and Duncan Henderson. They had great fun on a really warm evening. The water was still cold though! In May, Cubs gained some swimming badges at Christleton pool. Also in May a 5 mile hike was enjoyed by all on part of the Sandstone trail from Higher Burwardsley. The Cubs cooked bacon butties en route.

One weekend at the end of June we had a great time camping at Birchwood, again at Forest Camp. With very good weather we enjoyed many outdoor activities. On the Saturday all the activities were "Space" orientated. A campfire finished off the day, where, along with songs we were entertained by 'sketches' from Scouts Stuart, Richard, Joshua and Bertie! On Sunday they all enjoyed camp cooking, fire fighting and tackling the assault course. So thanks again to all the parent helpers at camp - Andrew Wood, Helen Tomassen, Steve Pennington, Andrew Arditti and to our new assistant Leader Reza Rahmani-Torkaman.

Activities with the Chester District have been: a Craft Competition in January, St George's Day Parade in April and an Athletics afternoon in June. Earlier in the year, at Cubs on a Monday evening, we learnt about Astronomy and did a Forensic Science challenge. Recently the Cubs have been doing the 'Fitness Challenge' Badge.

Guilden Sutton Cubs is a thriving pack of 18, which with our new assistant Leader Reza will increase to 20+ next year.

At present there are no vacancies and I am only taking those who live in Guilden Sutton. 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 to avoid disappointment later when they approach 8 years old and Cubs are full.

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

## Parent and Toddler Group



Toy Sale – We would like to thank all those people who helped to support the toy sale we held recently, especially those who helped deliver leaflets and posters, donated toys and books, made cakes and supported us on the day. The toy sale was good fun and we were able to raise £251. All leftover goods were donated to a local charity shop. Thank you for your support and we will be putting the money raised to very good use for all the babies and children.

The Toddler group meet every Tuesday morning (during term time) between 10.30 and 12.00 in the village hall. We charge £1 per family and all enjoy a drink and biscuit in the middle of the session.

The children enjoy a wide variety of activities and before we all leave we sit together and sing some songs and nursery rhymes. The mums and carers also find time to enjoy themselves on nights out together.

Over the summer holidays we will not be meeting in the village hall but there will be various activities on a Tuesday morning including picnics and a visit to K-5 (Alphabet Zoo). Please feel welcome to join in the fun and if you need details of where we are meeting then please contact one of the committee members.

The parent and toddler group is a great way to meet people so please come along and join in the fun.

Judith Lathaen,  
tel: 300354

## Cestrian Art Group

The group meets every Wednesday afternoon in term time at St John's Church Hall from 2.00 - 8.00 pm.

We have had a very happy and successful year with two exhibition sales and three workshops, giving us a variety of mediums and subjects.



We have a varied membership of beginners, improvers and experienced painters. All are welcome. It's a very relaxing afternoon.

For details of the new sessions in September please phone Marjorie Lowe on 327558.

Jill Armitage.

## Badminton

The badminton season starts on Monday 8th September at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The club meets every Monday and Tuesday evening at 8.00 am. Junior sessions take place on Monday from 6.30 to 7.30 pm, Tuesday from 7.00 to 8.00 pm and on Wednesday from 6.30 to 8.00 pm.

The annual club junior tournament results were as follows:-

Wednesday Beginners, Winner - Thomas Connolly: Runner Up - Jonni Arditti  
Under 11 Boys Singles, Winner - Ben Davies: Runner Up - Jonathan Oliver  
Under 13 Boys Singles, Winner - Stuart Wood: Runner Up - Ben Davies  
Under 14 Girls Singles, Winner - Nia Benson: Runner Up - Lauren Taylor  
Under 16 Boys Singles, Winner - David Smith: Runner Up - Robert Fitzgerald  
Under 17 Girls Singles, Winner - Georgina Owen: Runner Up - Kirsty Fitzgerald

The winners of the junior ladder, which runs throughout the season, were as follows:-

Monday - Andrew Coates  
Tuesday Girls - Nia Benson:  
Tuesday Boys - Stuart Wood  
Wednesday - Matthew Owen

There were some excellent results in the Chester and District League tournament at Christleton sports centre.

Lauren Taylor played extremely well to win the Under 11 Girls Singles. In the Under 11 Boys Singles Ben Davies finished third and Matthew Owen fourth. Ben Davies paired up with Peter Johnstone to win the Under 11 Boys Doubles whilst Jonathan Oliver and Matthew Owen were runners up. Stuart Wood played well to come fourth in the Under 13 Boys Singles. In the Under 13 Girls Singles Nia Benson played well to be runner up with Sophie Henderson finishing third. Nia and Sophie playing together were runners up in the Under 13 Girls Doubles. In the Under 13 Mixed Doubles Nia teamed up with Mike Ashton to finish third with Sophie and Stuart Wood finishing fourth.

On a final note, new adult members are always welcome and there may be a few vacancies for some junior members in the coming season.

Keith Emerton, secretary, tel: 300071

