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GILDEN SUTTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting 23rd May 2005

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I see this report serving two purposes each year. It is an opportunity to look at some of the things we have done in the Hall, and it gives us all a chance to see how things are progressing and where we are going in the Association.

Later on in the report, I will be thanking some of the people who have helped in the Association, so my apologies now to anyone I miss out.

We have had some changes recently to the Regular Users who book the Hall every week. This happens from time to time. Some have left and new ones have come along to take their place. These are all brought to the Hall Management Committee meetings by our Booking Secretary, Trish Paterson, who does an excellent job for the Hall, and they are then discussed at Management Committee meetings.

I think we have reached a position in the Hall now, where we will struggle to fit in any new Regular Users, while still leaving some time for parents to book the Hall for parties. I think we have seriously to consider the hall to be full to Regular Users.

Each time a new user comes along, they inevitably need some storage, and this is something that we do not have enough of. New users also need to be educated in the Hall's rules and regulations. It is a new venture and they need to find out about us and we about them. This all takes time and involves extra work for the other Users and the Committee.



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One of the problems that comes with a busy, well used hall, is the difficulty of getting communications out to all Hall Users, and reminding them when we feel that there are some rules they are not following. We have recently developed a sheet for occasional Users to list the important safety and housekeeping rules that we have. This reinforced the fire regulations and other important matters. We are hoping this will help.

On this point, I recently had a meeting with the Fire Service, who were examining the Hall to make sure it conforms to the standards necessary for the renewal of the Theatre and Entertainment's licence. The fireman emphasised the importance of keeping access clear near the Fire Exits. At that time, we were looking at the far side of the Chair Store, where the Fire Exit serves both the Main Hall and the Marigold Room.

I explained that we continually reminded Groups about the need for this to be kept clear, but they didn't always do it. His reply was simple. If Groups leave their equipment blocking a Fire Exit, that equipment should be removed and disposed of. This is something that is so important that we cannot risk the lives of the users of the Hall for the sake of those who cannot be bothered to store the equipment properly.

I think that we will have to find a way of emphasising these important messages to Groups, and this becomes more difficult as the Hall gets fuller. The subject of fire safety is of the highest importance to everyone who uses the Hall. Groups have to follow the rules and they have to make sure that they store their equipment properly. If this is not done, it will risk people's lives.

Just as a final comment on the meeting with the fireman. Immediately after he left the hall, I went back to the Chair Store, and a group leaving the Marigold Room a few minutes before, had left chairs blocking both doors from the Main Hall and the Marigold Room. If there had been a fire, people's lives would have been at risk. This is not negotiable. We need a way of going back to any Group who does this and say, if you do not follow the rules of the Hall, we do not want you to be here.

Going back to the work in the Hall, we have been looking at replacing some of the tables and chairs there. We have already had some new tables for the Committee Room and need to get rid of the old one, which is broken. We have also had some samples of new chairs for people to try before we buy a number of them. We are hoping to replace the old grey chairs and the smaller chairs, which don't lock together. So if you know anyone who wants our old chairs, they are very welcome to them. My thanks to Hazel for doing good work here.

We have had some problems with the gas boilers recently. First of all, one in the mezzanine floor needed repairing, when it stopped heating the water for the toilets, and then a few months after we had paid a fortune to have it fixed, it went completely and now needs to be replaced altogether.

The Hall painting rota continued again last year, as it has done for several years now. Last year, it was the turn of the Main Hall, but we also felt that the Marigold Room needed painting, as it was starting to look a bit scruffy. We arranged for both rooms to be painted, and they both look a lot better. We hope to carry on again with this by getting another part of the Hall painted this year.

One of the big improvements that was made last year, was the new fitted kitchen. I think it looks fantastic, a real improvement on the old units we used to have. We have had several compliments on the kitchen, all nice to receive.

As usual, can I express my continued gratitude to everybody who is connected with the Hall in whatever capacity? I think that some people forget that we all give up our time voluntarily, and that none of us gets paid for doing this. I am very grateful to you all.

John Riley will tell us about the village lottery later. I am pleased that it is in very good hands and has been for a few years. It is still going well, and makes a sizeable contribution to the Association's funds each year.

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. We did not have quite as many teams this time as we have had in the past, so we have decided that perhaps it needs a bit more on the PR side next time. Ruth and Laura will be taking that in hand next year.

I am grateful to Richard Batterham and the West Cheshire AC, who continue to organise the Sutton Six and Fun Runs. These are now very much an institution in the village, and the races continue to be successful every year. My thanks also to the other Groups in the village, who help out with refreshments and the like.

John Beavan does an excellent job editing the *Marigold* newsletter and has done for some years now. It is a very useful source of information to newcomers and to the rest of the village to let them know what is going on in the Hall. We know that people read and enjoy it, so we hope it keeps going.

My thanks finally to all the members of the Executive and Hall Management Committees for volunteering your services over the past year and for putting in your time on behalf of the Association.

Derek Hughes

Clubs and Societies

Badminton

The badminton season starts on Monday 12th September at 8pm in the Village Hall. The club meets every Monday and Tuesday evening at 8pm. Junior sessions take place on Monday from 6.30 to 8.00pm, Tuesday from 7.00 to 8.00pm and on Wednesday from 6.30 to 8.00pm.

The annual club junior singles tournament results were as follows:

U' 11 Girls: Winner - Katya Nell.

U' 11 Boys: Winner - Joseph Kirk.

U' 12 Girls: Winner - Emma Gilmour. Runner-up - Parisa Rahmani-Torkaman

U' 12 Boys: Winner - Matthew Gilmour. Runner-up - Michael Spencer

U' 14 Girls: Winner - Lauren Taylor. Runner-up - Sophie Henderson

U' 14 Boys: Winner - Matthew Owen. Runner-up - Jonathan Oliver

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

Beginners Girls Singles Ladder Winner Katya Nell

Beginners Boys Singles Ladder Winner - Joseph Kirk

Under 12 Girls Singles Ladder Winner - Emma Gilmour

Under 12 Boys Singles Ladder Winner - Michael Spencer

Under 14 Girls Singles Ladder Winner - Lauren Taylor

Under 14 Boys Singles Ladder Winner - Matthew Owen

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

Michael Spencer finished second in his group of the Under 11 Boys Singles before losing in the semi-final. Michael partnered Matthew Gilmour to finish third in the Under 11 Boys Doubles. In the Under 13 Boys Singles Matthew Nell finished fourth in his group whilst Matthew Owen played very well to win his group. He then lost a very close semi-final 15-13. Matthew Nell and Matthew Owen finished fourth in the Under 13 Boys Doubles. Lauren Taylor finished third in the Under 13 Girls Singles. Lauren partnered Matthew Owen in the Under 13 Mixed Doubles where they put up a very good performance to finish runners up. They lost 15-14 to the winners in a game that could have gone either way.

Matthew Nell partnered Leah Ashbrook to finish third in the Under 13 Mixed Doubles. Stuart Wood finished fourth in the Under 15 Boys Singles. In the Under 15 Girls Singles Lauren Taylor finished third and Sophie Henderson fourth. Lauren partnered Sophie to finish runners up in the Under 15 Girls Doubles. Stuart partnered Jonathan Smith to finish runner up in the Under 15 Boys Doubles. In the Under 15 Mixed Doubles Lauren partnered Carl Daly to finish third and Sophie partnered Stuart to finish fourth.

Sophie Henderson, Lauren Taylor and Matthew Owen continued to play at the Cheshire County coaching cell at Middlewich throughout the season. Jonathan Oliver attended a Cheshire selection cell at Middlewich on the 25th June and he has been invited to go back for further trials in September.

Keith Emerton, secretary, tel: 300071



Baby Sitting Group



We are a friendly, reliable group of mums who baby-sit for each other.

Vouchers are used as payment and there is no pressure put on anyone to sit.

Many of the members use the group when their regular sitters aren't available.

Most of us are from the village and have children at Guilden Sutton toddlers, pre-school or school.

If you are interested in joining or would just like to know more about the group please ring Helen on (300189) or Ruth (301287)

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



Women's Institute

We have had a very successful summer with Guilden Sutton taking 1st prize and Best in Show in one of the craft sections at this years Cheshire Show and one of our members gaining 3rd prize in an individual class. Our bowling ladies also had success in County and Group competitions.

A tea and scones afternoon at a members home on a very sunny afternoon was enjoyed by us all.

Our venue has now changed to the Marigold Room in the Village Hall and we would be delighted to welcome visitors and new members at any of our meetings.

It is 90 years since the W.I. held its first meeting in Anglesey and 85 years ago the W.I. came to Cheshire. We will be celebrating these achievements with a glass of wine at our September meeting.

A wide variety of speakers have entertained and educated us and in the next few months we will have:-

September: India the Golden Triangle.

October: Tie yourself in knots (scarf tying)

November: Annual General Meeting

December: The Lancashire Witches

So come along at 7.30 pm on the 1st Tuesday in the month and join us in the Village Hall.

Prim Whitehouse
(Vice President)



Indoor Bowls Club

The new season starts on Friday 9th September in the Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.00 pm

Prim Whitehouse (Secretary) tel: 301177.



Guilden Sutton Pre-school

Looking back over the past year at Preschool, we have done so many things. In March we celebrated our 20th Birthday by holding a party for the children currently in Preschool. The following day we held a combined birthday/Easter Fete for everyone else and it was lovely to see so many old 'children' attending. The Fete was opened by three of the original staff who set up the group 20 years ago. They had some wonderful stories of the struggles they encountered to get the group up and running, including initially receiving no payment for their efforts!!

Also this year we have welcomed many visitors to the group including:

- a fire engine where the children were allowed to use the hoses.
- a police motor bike which we all tried sitting on.
- Nina Gaskell taking us on a treasure hunt.
- two puppies on different occasions

as well as many parents who join us on the rota system and have fun with all our activities.

Preschool has also visited the Primary School on many occasions to use the school library, join in with assemblies, or to play in the sandpit and playgrounds. Thank you to the school for welcoming us into their buildings.

Three of the staff have completed their professional qualifications this year – congratulations to them and all the staff who have attended many courses ranging from art and PE to Makaton sign language.

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.

All activities are planned to provide each child with an opportunity to develop and learn new skills. We also run stepping stone sessions for children who will be starting school in the next year.

If you would like your child to join in our activities, please come and see us to secure their place. Alternatively call the Preschool mobile phone (07712 111347) during session times.

Next term starts Monday 12th September.

Hazel Crane (supervisor)



1st Guilden Sutton Brownies

We have now finished our first year as Brownie leaders and look back happily on an action packed year. We have completed our Leadership training and now have our warrants to prove that we are fully-fledged Brownie Guide leaders!

We have welcomed seven new Brownies to our pack this year and they have made their promise and been made welcome by the other members of their sixes. One of our Brownies has left to join Mickle Trafford Guides.

Since Christmas we have completed our Seasons, Out and About, Science Investigator, Home Safety and Home Skills badges. We are currently working towards our Wildlife Badge.

We have

1. been pond dipping at Caldby Valley
2. been to Theatre Clwyd to see the Rock 'n' Roll pantomime
3. raised over £200 for Children's Leukaemia research with a 'marathon' challenge
4. been to Pettypool for an activity day with another 400 brownies
5. joined with school to raise money for the Tsunami relief effort
6. raised money for Comic Relief with a Wacky Hair evening
7. completed lots of craft activities for Fathers' Day, Mothers' Day, Chinese New Year and Easter
8. been on a visit to Techniquet
9. been flower arranging in Church
10. joined the other uniformed organisations for Church Parade on Mothering Sunday

We have a 'treat' night out planned for later in the month, which we are sure the girls will enjoy – they deserve it they have worked really hard all year at being good Brownies and trying hard to keep their Brownie Promise.

We are looking forward to our first camp in September. Our theme for camp will be 'Under the Sea' so look out for lots of fishy type games and food!

Our Brownie pack is now full and we have a waiting list of children waiting to join later in the year. Membership to our pack is limited to people who live in the village. We meet each Wednesday in term time in school from 6.00 to 7.15 pm.

Yours in Guiding

Helen Russell (300189) Margaret Gregg (301713) and Becky

And our Young Leaders Helen and Katy



Guilden Sutton Players

Players will be performing a play written by one of their members, Gail Young. The play is a comedy drama, entitled "Cheshire Cats" and is about a group of women from Chester who go down to London to take part in the "Moonwalk" to raise money for breast cancer research. There are some very comic moments, but also some really poignant insights into the characters' motivation for doing the walk.

Obviously the female members of players are thrilled to be taking part in a play where the protagonists are all women, but fear not, expect to see some great cameo roles from the usual male Players' stalwarts. The play will be performed at the Village Hall from 16th to 19th November 2005 at 7.45pm. See you there....

Anna Morris.



SUTTON SIX FUN RUN & 10K Road Race

This year the Sutton Six 10K race, starting and finishing from the village, together with the Fun Run around Oaklands, will take place on Sunday 25th September.

The course for the 10K includes a lap of Belle Vue Lane/Guilden Sutton Lane/Hare Lane followed by the larger loop of Guilden Sutton Lane/Hare Lane/A51 (on the nice new path)/Wicker Lane, finishing at the Village Hall. The race will start at 11:00; entries in advance or enter on the day at the Village Hall, minimum age 16 years.

Entry forms can be downloaded from ukresults.net or obtained from Richard Batterham at 7 School Lane, Guilden Sutton.

The Fun Run will be two laps of Hilltop Road and finishing start at 12:15; entries on the day Fun Runners will be awarded a medal for finishing. It is open to all ages from 7 years upwards.



Oaklands (about 1.5 miles) start at the Village Hall. This run will only (£2) from the Village Hall. medal for finishing. It is open to

We expect to have refreshments available on sale in the Village Hall before and after the races.

If you do not feel like running, come along anyway and be a noisy spectator, the runners need, and really appreciate, all the encouragement they can get.

Enquiries to Richard Batterham tel 300107

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.

Normal Service Times

1st Sunday of month 11am	Family Service
2 nd Sunday of month 9.30am	Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday of month 11am	Morning Praise
4 th Sunday of month 9.30am	Holy Communion (1662)

Occasionally time/venue subject to alteration. See Monthly Newsletter for full details. Family Services will be held in the Village Hall – except August (see below).

Holiday Club

We look forward to the 'Landlubbers' holiday club due to take place in the week 1-5 August. This is a popular event, thanks to a committed and talented team of leaders, including many young ones, and there are over 100 children booked in again this year. On Sunday 7 August there will be a Holiday Club service at 10.30am in Guilden Sutton C of E Primary School, the holiday club venue.

Harvest Thanksgiving – Visit of the Bishop of Chester

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday 2 October in Guilden Sutton Village Hall at 11am, led by the Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster, Bishop of Chester. The service will be followed by lunch. All welcome. More details will be advertised nearer the time.

Children & Young People

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

15+ group meets on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm. 'See & Know' parents & toddlers group meets in the Church hall on Fridays, 1.30pm in term.

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: 300306, email: hart@mkgfr.freeserve.co.uk

Parish Council

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in Guilden Sutton Village Hall in May this year, Trisha Paterson was elected unanimously by the members as Chairman of the Council for the coming year.

Bob Armitage was proposed and elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. Both Chairman and Vice Chairman signed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked members for their consideration.'

Parish Plan/Village Design Statement

The Parish Council is in the very early stages of considering whether Guilden Sutton should have a parish plan and/or a village design statement.

Both are owned by the community and not just by the parish council. A parish plan looks at where we are now and where we would like to go specifically on issues which are raised by the community. It is a combination of aspirations which may be achievable and a future wish list. Obvious issues which might be raised could include transport - do we believe Mickle Trafford station should be reopened - or perhaps youth. Is there a need for facilities in the village, if so, what should they be and where should they be located?

Other issues raised in villages which have pursued parish plans range from possibilities for affordable housing to provision for the elderly.

The key feature is that the issues in the parish plan are driven by the community and the plan is prepared by the community albeit with parish council involvement.

A village design statement would concentrate on what the village looks like now, how residents would like the village to look in the future and how planners and others can take account of this.

The benefits of both types of plan are that they are validated by the City Council and are taken into account as expressing the views of the community when decisions are taken on the issues contained within them by a wide range of organisations.

There is likely to be a public meeting in the early autumn, possibly in the second week in September, when you can find out more and decide if you will want to have any particular input if either initiative went ahead.

Watch the green Parish Council newsletter and posters for details.

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 Millennium Needlework.

The needlework which hangs in the entrance to the Village Hall is now over 5 years old. It is registered with the National Needlework Heritage Project at Southampton University, where the village of Guilden Sutton stood out among almost 1000 communities as one of the smallest with the highest participation. The wide age range of both male and female participants was particularly distinctive.

The work is admired by visitors, but there are some notable omissions which give cause for negative comments!

There is space for the missing groups to be represented and contributions, which should be no larger than A4, are welcome. For further information, contact:

Margaret Beith : 300777 or
margaret@rbeith.demon.co.uk

Association Notices and Events

Lottery Results - 18 July 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	99	S Challinor	£10	174	Mrs Mark
£25	59	Dr L A Hudson	£10	44	D Walsh
£10	49	Mrs Delaney	£10	97	Mrs E Alsop
£10	53	G Garwood			

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

www.guildensutton.org.uk



New links on our website refer to recent legislation about a very common rural problem - hedges, and to all sorts of other matters of interest as they arise - have you checked recently?

Your webmaster attempts to keep information up-to-date, and apologises if sometimes it falls behind a bit - any offers of assistance would be gratefully welcomed. In fact our website could really do with a make-over, if anybody was willing to assist me Especially, the page headed "Village Organisations" has great potential and could become of great benefit to organisations and village residents if somebody active in the village community could develop it. Any other ideas for improvements also welcomed.

Danny Fisher (301398)
(webmaster@guildensutton.org.uk)

Helping our Environment

Have you ever wondered how we can make a difference to our environment?

Does what we do really matter?

Well here's an opportunity to find out some facts. Guilden Sutton Community Association are organising an evening to help encourage us to make a difference.

Sue Baird, an Independent Environmental Scientist with 13years experience working at Unilever has kindly agreed to give a presentation on the fate and effects that household chemicals have on our environment.

There will also be information and a display on recycling.

It is meant to be an informal and friendly evening of information and chat. Come along and learn how small changes can make a difference.

The event will be held at the Village Hall during October, unfortunately an exact date has yet to be finalised so watch out for posters around the village for more information. If you would like to know more about the evening you can ring me on 301287. Tickets will be available closer to the time.

Ruth Connolly

The Marigold - December 2005

There are many clubs & societies who never make use of this newsletter and therefore most villagers are not even aware of their existence. If you are one of these why not inform the village of your activities in the December issue and who knows? you may even get some new members..

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.freereserve.co.uk by Sunday 6th November.

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

Guilden Sutton Diary

August - November 2005

August

2nd 7.30 pm W.I. - "The King & I - life of a royal governess" - Norma Walmsley (Village Hall)

September

6th 7.30 pm W.I. - "India - the Golden Triangle" - Ray Groome (Village Hall)

12th Preschool term starts

12th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

25th 11.00 am Sutton Six Fun Run

27th 8.00 pm Preschool AGM

October

4th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Tie Yourself in Knots - scarf tying" - Brenda Rutherford (Village Hall)

10th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

17th-28th Preschool half term

T.B.A. "Helping Our Environment" - see page 14 (Village Hall)

November

1st 7.30 pm W.I. - Annual General Meeting (Village Hall)

6th 11.59 pm Copy deadline for August 2005 issue of the Marigold

7th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)

16th - 19th 7.45 pm "Cheshire Cats" - Players (Village Hall)

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