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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

There is frequently confusion in people's minds between the Community Association and the Parish Council. Many wonder what the difference between them is. Some people think they are both the same. How are they financed? What do they do? I thought it might be helpful to explain some things.

What is the Community Association?

Guildden Sutton Community Association was set up over twenty years ago and has two main objectives,

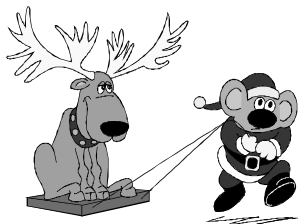
- To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the village and its neighbourhood, without distinction of sex or of religious, political or other opinions, and to provide facilities for the social welfare, recreation or leisure time occupations of those inhabitants.
- To establish and manage a Village Hall for activities promoted by the Association.

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

What does it do?

The Association organises activities in and about the village and the Village Hall. It manages the Hall and has been very successful in improving and developing the Hall to its present position where it supports and is home to a wide range of User Groups for both adults and children. It also looks after the car park, which incidentally is owned and maintained by the Association, and the grass and shrubs around the Hall.

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In the village, the Association organises the village lottery, arranges the annual village quiz, and provides the facilities for the annual Sutton Six and Fun Runs. Other social activities have been arranged in previous years, such as a Caribbean Evening, Valentines Dance and wine tasting, but these have not been done for some time.

The Association also speaks on behalf of the village to various interested bodies, for example the City and County Councils and always promotes the village and its inhabitants in these comments. It also publishes the Marigold three times a year, which is distributed to each house in the village.

Is it like the Parish Council?

The Parish Council is a statutory body, part of the local government network and linked to the City and County Councils. It is financed through rates, which are levied through an annual precept on all householders in the village.

The Community Association is a group of volunteers who meet and work to progress the interests of the village. It is solely financed by fund raising activities, by the village lottery, by the surplus generated by the Hall and by voluntary contributions. It is set up as a registered charity and does not pay out money to any employees or officers, other than to a very hard working part time cleaner.

It is run by two main committees,

- An Executive Committee who oversees the general activities of the Association, including running the lottery, arranging social functions, managing the major items of expenditure, and takes a view on the policy decisions affecting the Association. Members are elected to this committee at the Annual Meeting held in May.
- A Hall Management Committee, who looks after the day to day management of the Village Hall. This is made up of a representative from each of the various groups who use the hall and they decide on the everyday matters which affect the Hall and the Groups themselves.

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

As I explained above, the rates do not contribute to the Village Hall in any way. The Village Hall is run by the Association, which is set up as a registered charity and is totally financed by the income from the Hall and by any other fund raising activities that they we may organise.

How does this affect me?

That is up to you. If either you or your children are involved in any of the organisations which use the Hall, if you want to participate in the social activities there, if you are a member of the village lottery and if you want an organisation to speak up for you when putting forward the views of members of the village, then the Association is for you.

Derek Hughes

Clubs and Societies

Guilden Sutton Pre-school

The last year at Preschool has been a very busy one. During the year we have welcomed many visitors to the group, including:-

- a police motor bike which we all tried sitting on
- various puppies on different occasions
- some babies that the children helped to bath
- 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.

Preschool sessions are now 3 hours long and we are open for 38 weeks a year, similar to the Primary School dates. Also during the year, all the staff have attended various training courses, to keep us up to date.

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 wide range of activities including painting, sand, 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. We accept nursery education vouchers for 3 and 4 year olds starting from the term after their 3rd birthday.

If you would like your child to join in our activities, please come and see us or contact us to secure their place.

Hazel Crane (Supervisor)

Preschool mobile: 07804 362888 (switched on session time only)



Women's Institute

November was the month for our AGM, at which Ruth Hughes was voted President for a further year.

We celebrated our 68th birthday with a cake, made by Anne Jones and a glass of wine.

Several members attended a craft class in the run up to Christmas. Cards and fairies for the Christmas tree were displayed for members to see.

A project to knit small bears for Facilit Aid has been started. The money raised by the sale of these bears will go to provide bricks to build a school in Burundi, central Africa. Patterns were made available to members.

The New Year starts with a Dinner at Carriages in Tattenhall. In February Cathy Peel's topic is "Japan - Inside out". Mr R Hutchinson speaks about "Life through the rear view mirror" in March. He is a retired chauffeur to Lord Leverhulme.

We always welcome visitors and new members. Come along on the first Tuesday in the month, at 7.30pm in the Marigold Room at the village hall.

Ruth Hughes
President – tel: 300185



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



1st Guilden Sutton Brownies

We are having a very busy Autumn Term.

Five new girls joined our Brownie pack in September and seemed to have settled well into their Sixes.

We raised over £150 for Claire House Hospice. The girls' chosen charity.

This term we are working towards our Circus badge, Brownie Challenge badge, Booklover Badge and Fire Safety Badge...as you can imagine this is keeping us busy!

Phil from Circus Play came and ran a Circus Skill Workshop for us. The girls had a wonderful time. We never knew we had so many plate spinners and diablo throwers in our pack! We followed this up with a Clown face painting and the girls each putting on a show. Fantastic!

By far the girls' favourite evening was our Chip Walk around Chester! We walked around all the Chip shops we could find in Chester to find out which chips were best! We definitely preferred the 'real' chips and not the frozen ones. Our special thanks go to Cindy and her staff at Chip o Dee who treated us with such kindness. Great chips!

Other highlights of this term are a swimming party at the Epic, Rock 'n' Roll panto at Mold, Church parade for Remembrance, a Virgin Vie parents' social fundraising evening and hopefully lots of Christmas fun!

After Christmas we will be working towards our March Pack Holiday at Pettypool.

At Easter we hope to be reopening the Guilden Sutton Guide Pack. More details will be announced early next year.

We meet on Wednesday night at Guilden Sutton Primary School from 6pm until 7:15. At present we have a waiting list. If you would like to put your daughter's name on the waiting list please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Guiding

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

And your young leaders Helen and Katy



Badminton

The badminton season started in September and is progressing well. The Senior turnout has been a little lower this year and so we have a few Senior vacancies.

The Junior coaching groups under the direction of Judith Gilmour are running on Monday (6.30 – 8.00pm), Tuesday (7.00 – 8.00pm) and Wednesday (6.30 – 8.00pm) evenings.

Coaches from outside the Village are involved on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The switch to the new coaches has been well received by all the juniors.

It is the Clubs intention to encourage the juniors to enter the Chester and District Tournaments later in the season.

Keith Emerton, Secretary.



St John's See and Know Group

The See and Know group meet at the Church Hall on Fridays in term time from 1:30pm until 3pm.

We are a growing group of mums, dads, Grandmas (and the occasional Granddad!) with children from birth to school age. We have lots of toys to suit all ages, sing songs and provide a structured craft activity each week.

Two wonderful Grandmas provide a 'café' service with tea, coffee, juice toast and buns!

We are doing a topic on Noah's Ark at the moment and the children are enjoying looking at cats, hedgehogs, elephants, snakes and all the other animals that Noah put on the Ark.

For further information please contact Ruth Dalgarno, tel 303071

Indoor Bowls Club

The season started in September after a rest during the summer.

Once again we have entered the Cheshire Villages Indoor Bowls Tournament and were successful in winning our first match against Farndon.

We play every Friday in the Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.00 pm.

Further details from Prim Whitehouse, tel: 301177



Guilden Sutton Players

The Players will be taking a well earned rest over the festive period, after an exhausting, but rewarding and exhilarating 6 months! Tremendous fun!

The production of *Cheshire Cats* at the Edinburgh Festival was very successful and a fantastic experience for all involved. Nina Barough, founder of Walk the Walk came back stage and hugged us all, and Eric Smart, head of NODA, also congratulated us, having thoroughly enjoyed the performance. We had a great review in the Scotsman too. This was followed by 3 nights at the Gateway Theatre in November, in aid of the Be Positive Appeal for the Countess of Chester Hospital.

Immediately after that, we performed, *An Inspector Calls*, so thank you to all those who have supported our productions. We hope you enjoyed them all and remember that we should all look after each other!

Those people who were involved in all these productions are busy resting, (except for those who are now rehearsing for Chester Operatic Society's production of *The Mikado* – 13th to 17th March 2007 at the Gateway), but don't worry, we'll be back to entertain you again very soon...

Anna Morris.



Cestrian Art Group

We are enjoying our usual Wednesday meetings at the Church Hall from 11 am to 5 pm. We have had some new members this session and there are normally 12 to 15 of us at work using various mediums. The range of experience is wide - we have beginners as well as experienced members. We work on our own projects and thrive on mutual advice and constructive criticism.

A workshop was held in early October on painting and balancing tones with all white objects. There was a lot of deep concentration and we learned

a great deal! Our Exhibition and Sale at All Saints Church Hall in Hoole was well attended and we had a good day. There are to be more workshops in the New Year, including one with Heather Parry on "Glass & Reflections" on a date to be fixed.

Prospective new members are welcome to come along and see what we do any Wednesday in term time at the Church Hall. Further information from Marjorie Lowe, tel: 327558.

Jill Armitage



Talkabout

LADIES ---- Do you like talking? Do you enjoy company? Are you interested in visits, talks and meeting others? If so then why not come along to

TALKABOUT.

'Talkabout' is an informal women's group with meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, in local houses (at 8pm). Ideas for the New Year include a talk from Cheshire Wildlife Trust, a fun picture quiz, an Indian evening, a treasure hunt, a barbecue and many more.

If you would like to know more, or would like a lift to a venue, please contact any of the following members

Sue	-	01244 300581.
Evelyn	-	01244 300107.
Val J	-	01244 300823.
Janet	-	01244 316892.
Val C	-	01244 300345.

Association Notices and Events

Village Quiz

Don't forget the Village Quiz next year, which will be held on Saturday 10th March in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Everyone is welcome. You will need a team of 6 people to enter, and tickets are available from Ruth Conolly on 301287.

There is an excellent supper included in the ticket price, a raffle during the quiz, and of course, some excellent prizes for the winners.

But more than this, whether you win or lose, it is a wonderful night out.

For some, it is a life time's ambition to win the Guilden Sutton Village Quiz.

Derek Hughes



Lottery Results - Drawn October 2006

Prize	No.	Name	Prize	No.	Name
£100	67	Mrs M Shepherd	£10	120	Mrs M Higginson
£20	224	Mrs V Downing	£10	85	R Armitage
£10	41	Mrs V Dacre	£10	20	Miss A Raby
£10	181	D Hughes			

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. The more members we have the more money we can raise for the Village Hall.

As users of the Hall you benefit from this contribution.

Lottery Promoter: John Riley, 8 Wood Croft,
tel: 300849 Email: john@digitalcatfish.com

The Marigold - April 2007

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.freemove.co.uk by Sunday 4th March.

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

Around the Village

Methodist Church

Minister; Rev Paul Taylor Tel; 321950

Sunday Worship 11am - All welcome

Preachers vary from week to week

Special Services;

17 December 2006 - Carol Service 6.30-7.30pm

followed by mince pies and refreshments

21 January 2007 - Covenant Service 11am

Joint service with St John's

Rooms available for hire. Very reasonable rates, excellent facilities; fully fitted kitchen, toilet, main room with piano, small meeting room. For details ring Lindsay Wilding Tel; 300544

Sutton Six & 10K Fun Run

The Sutton Six 10K was held this year on Sunday 24th September. The weather was erratic to say the least. Although the weather was fine at 7 o'clock in the morning when we started setting out the course it started to rain just before 10 and was absolutely thundering down by 10:30. Fortunately by the time it came to leave the village hall and go to the start in Belle Vue Lane it was easing off considerably and the sun came out just before 11:00.

Entries were down a little at 324, and quite a lot did not turn up as finishing numbers were down at 274. This year the race was included in the Cheshire Championships as the 10K event.

First to complete the 6.25 mile course at the Village Hall was Tarus Elly from Salford Harriers in 32 min 24 secs; second place went to Steve Crowe of Ellesmere Port RC.

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A strong field of Wilmslow AC men guaranteed them the men's team prize (and 2nd place team!) and the Wilmslow women also ran off with the ladies' team prize.

First lady home was Marilyn Kitchen of Tattenhall Runners in a time of 38:53 helping her club to take second place in the ladies' teams. At the other end of the race the last runner home clocked a time of 71 min 10 sec demonstrating again that the run is enjoyed by people of all abilities.

The dreadful early weather seriously depressed the Fun Run entries this year but 46 brave souls decided to give it a go and were rewarded with a dry race. They started off at 12-15 from Hilltop Road, to complete two laps of Oaklands (about 1½ miles) before finishing back at the Village Hall. All finishers were given a T shirt to mark the event. First home (again!) was Michael Lyness running for West Cheshire AC in a time of 9 min 14 sec. First in running for Guilden Sutton School was Patrick Spencer in an excellent time of 11 min 20 secs, only a short distance in front of Thomas Croft also of Guilden Sutton.

Guilden Sutton Cubs and helpers were again out in force in the Village Hall selling refreshments to runners and their friends before and after the race. Akela (Reza Rahmani-Torkaman) was very pleased with the event, again making a significant contribution to the Cubs' funds.

Thanks go out to the village residents and Community Association members who, together with a large contingent of West Cheshire AC club members, marshalled the course and made the day another great success overall. Thanks also to those who moved their cars for us and the significant numbers of people stationed at various points around the village who just came out to watch, providing support and much needed encouragement for the runners. Grateful thanks for the continuing support given by Mr & Mrs Sandling of Belle Vue Farm, who again allowed us the use of their field behind the old school for use as a car park, so keeping all the runners cars off the streets. Should anybody have been inspired enough to come and run with us at West Cheshire AC, please contact Richard Batterham. We cater for all abilities in a number of different groups, so if you want to get out and run as part of a group you will be made welcome.

Richard Batterham Tel: 300107



Sutton Six Fun Run Results

Place	Time	Name	Team	Category
1	0:09:14	LYNESS, Michael	West Cheshire AC	Boys & Men
2	0:09:33	WILLIS, Michael	West Cheshire AC	Boys & Men
3	0:10:05	PARROTT, James	Stockport Harriers	Boys & Men
4	0:10:06	WHITE, Joe	Christleton High	Boys & Men
5	0:10:26	MAYLED, Emma	West Cheshire AC	Girls & Women
6	0:10:29	BOOTH, Charles	Bridgewater	Boys & Men
7	0:10:42	KIRK, Alex R	West Cheshire AC	Boys & Men
8	0:11:06	CRAIG, Thomas	Christleton High	Boys & Men
9	0:11:07	BOOTH, Harvey	St Thomas	Boys & Men
10	0:11:20	SPENCER, Patrick	Guilden Sutton Primary	Boys & Men
11	0:11:36	CROFT, Thomas	Guilden Sutton Primary	Boys & Men
12	0:12:11	BAKER, Kelly	West Cheshire AC	Girls & Women
13	0:12:34	WHITE, Jack	Christleton High	Boys & Men
14	0:12:38	O'BRIEN, George		Boys & Men
15	0:12:38	O'BRIEN, Steve		Boys & Men
16	0:12:43	TONKS, Peter	Christleton High	Boys & Men
17	0:13:09	TONKS, Heather	Guilden Sutton Primary	Girls & Women
18	0:13:18	LUDDEN, Laura		Girls & Women
19	0:13:21	ATHERTON, James	Barrow	Boys & Men
20	0:13:32	CROWE, James		Boys & Men
21	0:13:34	CROFT, Laura	Guilden Sutton Primary	Girls & Women
22	0:13:36	PRYER, Harvey	Guilden Sutton Primary	Boys & Men
23	0:13:40	PRYER, Matthew	Guilden Sutton Primary	Boys & Men

Place	Time	Name	Team	Category
24	0:13:47	BALDACCHINO, Andrew	Guilden Sutton Primary	Boys & Men
25	0:13:49	BERESFORD, David	Guilden Sutton Primary	Boys & Men
26	0:13:59	FOREMAN, Ella	Guilden Sutton Primary	Girls & Women
27	0:14:00	CONNOLLY, Heather	Guilden Sutton Primary	Girls & Women
28	0:14:03	DALGARNO, Heather	St Theresa's	Girls & Women
29	0:14:11	DALGARNO, Laura	Guilden Sutton Primary	Girls & Women
30	0:14:18	CRAIG, James	Guilden Sutton Primary	Boys & Men
31	0:14:47	DALGARNO, Seona	Guilden Sutton Primary	Girls & Women
32	0:15:53	O'BRIEN, Daryl		Girls & Women
33	0:15:53	O'BRIEN, Tracii Sharon		Girls & Women
34	0:16:01	HAWKINS, Georgia	Guilden Sutton Primary	Girls & Women
35	0:16:02	PRYER, Abigail	Guilden Sutton Primary	Girls & Women
36	0:16:27	DAVIES, Christine M		Girls & Women
37	0:16:27	DAVIES, Scott	Christleton High	Boys & Men
38	0:16:35	NOWAKOWSKI, Ania	St Werburgh & St Columba's	Girls & Women
39	0:16:37	NOWAKOWSKI, Kasia	St Werburgh & St Columba's	Girls & Women
40	0:16:40	BROOKER, Leah	Bruche Primary, Warrington	Girls & Women
41	0:17:13	MATHERS, Matthew	Christleton High	Boys & Men
42	0:17:55	HUGHES, Remi	St Werburgh & St Columba's	Boys & Men
43	0:18:00	MORRIS, Adam	Gorseysbank	Boys & Men
44	0:18:00	MORRIS, Trevor Hugh	Wilmslow RC	Boys & Men
45	0:18:44	THOMAS, Gareth	Guilden Sutton Primary	Boys & Men
46	0:18:55	MORRIS, Peter		Boys & Men

St John the Baptist Church

Website

For full details of all our activities and services, including news and notices, visit our church website at: www.stjohnsguildensutton.org

Normal Service Times

1st Sunday of month 11am	Family Service in the Village Hall
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 or Website for full details.

Children & Young People

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

15+ group meets on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm. See & Know toddler group meets on Fridays in term in the Church Hall at 1.30pm.

Christmas Services

Sunday 10 December, 6.30pm	Traditional Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 20 December, 7.30pm	Community Carol Singing <i>in the Village Hall</i>
Sunday 24 December, 4pm	Crib Service, with drama by children & young people, <i>in the Village Hall</i>
Sunday 24 December 11.30pm	Holy Communion
Monday 25 December, 9.30am	Holy Communion

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 (Rector), tel. 300306,
email hart@mkgfr.freeserve.co.uk

Guiden Sutton Diary

December 2006 - March 2007

December

- 5th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Music - The life & times of George Gershwin"
by Shirley Dowson (Village Hall)
- 11th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
- 20th 7.30 pm Community Carol Singing (Village Hall)
- 20th Preschool - end of autumn term

January

- 4th Preschool - start of spring term
- 8th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
- 17th Preschool committee meeting
- 17th 8.00 pm Talkabout - Indian evening (11 Oaklands)

February

- 5th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
- 6th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Japan" by Cathy Peel (Village Hall)
- 9th Preschool - close for half term
- 19th Preschool re-opens
- 21st 8.00 pm Talkabout - Wildlife Trust talk (7 The Dell)

March

- 4th 11.59 pm Copy deadline for the next issue of the Marigold
- 5th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
- 6th 7.30 pm W.I. - "Life through the rear view mirror" by Mr R Hutchinson,
retired chauffeur to Lord Leverhulme (Village Hall)
- 14th Preschool committee meeting
- 21st 8.00 pm Talkabout - tba (34 Cinder Lane)
- 30th Preschool - start of Easter holidays

COMMUNITY PAGE

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

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