

SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

SARA Hall, Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 0AQ
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Newsletter

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A Christmas Message from the Chairman

Chairing a resident's association such as SARA gives one an insight into the importance of co-operation, given the association's central role in serving the community in Sudley.

This year, my last as Chairman, has allowed me to reflect that being a member and leader of a committee with so many responsibilities in and around the area is only possible with the help and hard work of everyone involved.

Christmas is traditionally a time when families and communities come together to share in the fruits of the year's labours, and allows us the time to reflect on what we have gained through our hard work, and also, perhaps, what we have lost.

Our country has had much loss to mourn this year with the terrible toll of conflict in Afghanistan, and SARA has again pro-actively supported our forces abroad throughout the year.

This year has also been one in which I have had time to reflect on a personal loss, and the importance of support and understanding in coming through such trials from the people surrounding you.

I hope that this Christmas is one in which we all have the opportunity to consider our place in the community, to think back to what we have contributed, and think ahead to what more we can give in the coming year.

On behalf of the Trustees and myself, have a Happy Christmas.

SARA Newsletter

Although we deliver to 2500 homes in the area we receive very little feedback from readers. This begs the question "is it being read?", or is it hitting the re-cycling bin like so much of the unsolicited paperwork we all receive through our letterboxes. We have produced the newsletter as an 8 page publication for the last 6 years and as you will appreciate publishing costs have risen relentlessly over that time. Despite the terrific support we receive from local businesses through their adverts, the financial cost to SARA is quite significant.

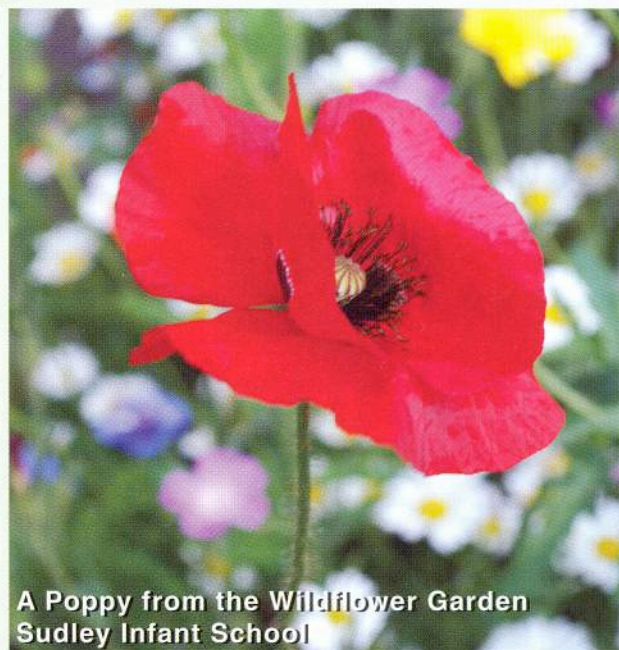
Quite apart from the cost involved, volunteers have to write, do the art work and proof read the Newsletter before it is sent to the printers and when it returns, volunteers then deliver it. It is therefore disheartening to feel that their efforts are not appreciated.

This edition you will see is only a 4 page magazine and may be the way forward. In this edition we have not included adverts and we hope our advertisers will understand why.

We would love to hear from you and to know whether you read the Newsletter, would you miss it if we stopped publication or would you not care? Is this smaller edition better or do you prefer the 8 page version? PLEASE let us have some feedback for future editions.

Drop us a line or an email: newsdesk@sudley.org.uk.

Chairman – Steven Kearney, Secretary – Dot Caples, Treasurer – Ray Brown



A Poppy from the Wildflower Garden
Sudley Infant School

Poppy Appeal Raffle.

As with previous years, SARA held a fundraising raffle at their October Table Sale for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The raffle was a huge success with many local businesses donating prizes. The total raised was £288. A big thank you to all who bought tickets and donated prizes.

COACH TRIPS 2010

A coach trip to York has been arranged for Tuesday 23rd March 2010 at a cost of £12 per person. Bookings for the trip may be made by ringing SARA Hall on 726 0805 (answerphone) on or after Tuesday 2nd March 2010. Please leave your name, telephone number and the number of seats required and we will get back to you. *Details of future coach trips in 2010 will be contained in the spring edition of the Newsletter.*

Forthcoming Social Events

A History of Liverpool Theatres and Cinemas

With Richie Baker (Park Ranger) A talk followed by questions and answers.

Friday 8th January 2010 at 7.30 pm £2 (includes tea/coffee/biscuit)

Tickets available from 14th December 2009. Please phone 726-0805 (answerphone)

An Evening with The Harmony Singers

Friday 12th February 2010 at 7.30 pm £3.50 (includes tea/coffee/biscuit)

Tickets available from 7th January 2010. Please phone 726-0805 (answerphone)



SARA'S Activities

We are seeking your help in some of SARA's activities, for example, could you help out at a Table Sale or help setting up the hall for Cinema nights?

We are now a very small committee keeping SARA going and we desperately need to have more people involved and would be delighted to receive any help you can give. We know that sitting on Committee's is not everyone's idea of a good time, but it has to be done to ensure that organisations like SARA continue to operate. So why not join us at one of our meetings - first Wednesday of the month at 8.15pm and see whether you might like to become involved.

If you think you can help SARA in any way, please get in touch 726 0805 or email: newsdesk@sudley.org.uk

Youth Recognition Awards

Our latest Youth Recognition Award was presented to Sophie Singleton, our resident trampolining champion. Sophie has recently qualified to represent Great Britain at the highest stage possible for juniors and will be competing in St. Petersburg at the 19th World Age Group Competition.

Sophie has been trampolining for six years now, she has won both National and International events within her age group, has been the British synchronized champion and has represented Great Britain on three occasions (SARA were proud to offer support on one of these occasions).

We wish Sophie the best of luck in Russia and look forward to reporting back in our next edition.

YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS

The grant-making arm of Sudley Area Residents' Association (SARA), registered charity no.508950

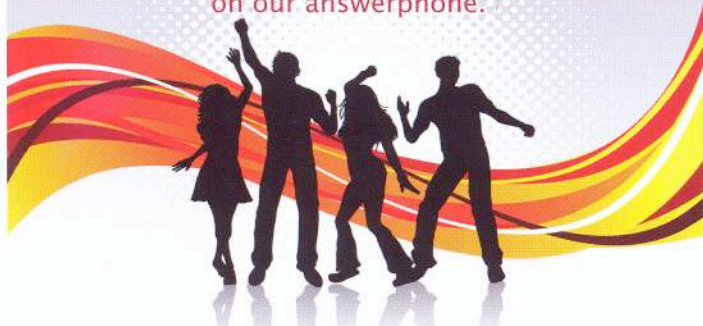
The awards have now been in operation for more than twelve months and we have provided grants totalling £1,090 for individuals and group projects in and around the local area.

Applications for the next round close on 31st January 2010.

Application forms can be downloaded from our website at

<http://www.sudley.org.uk/yaapply.html> or alternatively,

please call 0151 726 0805 and leave a message on our answerphone.



Cinema Dates 2010

Friday's at 7pm

January 22nd, February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th, June 25th, July 23rd, August 27th, September 24th, October 22nd, November 26th.

Table Sale Dates 2010

Saturday's at 10.30am

January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August 21st, September 18th, October 16th, November 20th.

Tables are £7 payable at time of booking, call: 726 0805

SARA Hall Karate Club

Congratulations to all the students at SARA Hall karate club who have recently passed their gradings. Instructor John O'Neill said *"They all have trained really hard and fully deserve their rewards, they are a pleasure to teach and I am really proud of them all"*. Well Done!



IT'S PARTY TIME AT S.A.R.A. HALL

Hold your childrens parties at SARA from £25 for 2 hours and £6 for each additional hour thereafter

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sorry, no bouncy castles!

Day Trips

Morecambe

A full coach set off for Morecambe on 13th August. It turned out to be one of the best days we had in August - not excessively warm but rain free! Morecambe itself has seen a great deal of investment in the recent past not least Urban Splash's renovation of the beautiful art deco Midland Hotel.

Thora Hird (born in Morecambe) would have been proud to see how this has been restored to its former glory. A great deal of money has also been spent on the pier with its numerous stone sculptures and its wonderful views across Morecambe Bay.

An excellent promenade made for easy strolling and there was an opportunity to have one's picture taken by the statue of Eric Morecambe which attracts many admirers.

The raffle raised £41 for SARA's YRA charity.

Mold Market and Llandudno

The day started off sunny and warm and we had a very quick journey to Mold Market where bargains were looked for and bought and most had a welcome tea break. On to Llandudno where the weather stayed warm until early afternoon then became cloudy and cooler. Some went up the Great Orme Tramway, where there had been an "incident" only an hour before - one of the trams had collided at the crossing loop which closed the second section of the line. Passengers were taken this part of the journey by bus. Lunch and shopping in the afternoon, especially at Craft Paradise on Mostyn Street, and then a good journey home.

The Raffle raised £45.50 for SARA's YRA Charity.

Aigburth People's Hall

It is good to know that the Aigburth People's Hall is now open every day - weekdays from 7pm and all day Saturdays and Sundays.

Monday night is **BINGO** night at 8.45pm and the **CELLAR CLUB** on Fridays from 8.00pm features 10 live bands each week.

There is Televised Football, a Snooker Room, Games Room, Bowls Club and a Function Room for all occasions available for hire including Saturdays and Sundays.

Tickets are now on sale for **BOXING NIGHT** (£3) and **NEW YEAR'S EVE** (£5) with live entertainment on both nights and very competitive bar prices.



The Christmas Shoe Box Appeal For Our Troops

Ken Devine kindly collected the shoe boxes for us and the local residents generously donated the items to fill them with e.g. toiletries, sweets and foodstuffs. We were able to fill 85 boxes having covered them first in Christmas wrapping paper and we also enclosed a Christmas card in each one. A representative of the British Legion came and collected them and would be arranging to post them to Afghanistan. A big "Thank You" to everyone who made a contribution - we are sure it will help the troops to know that people at home are thinking about them and appreciating what they are doing.

Trafford Centre

The visit to the Trafford Centre proved a success with all the shoppers, particularly as everything is under one roof and weather was not a problem. Those with previous experience of Trafford dressed for the indoor temperature leaving coats and scarves on the coach. The Centre had already been decorated for Christmas and provided a festive atmosphere. With an early arrival it was possible to shop without crowds. The many eating places provided a variety of food to suit all tastes. Towards late afternoon the crowds were increasing, tired and happy all returned to the coach for the journey home. The on board raffle raised £33 for the poppy appeal.

Garden Party

Thank you to all who attended my garden party on behalf of The New Born Appeal. We were blessed with fine weather and the total collection now stands at £400.

Joan E Hill

Help For Heroes

A coffee morning held on Saturday 17th October 2009 for the Charity "Help the Heroes" raised a total of £250. This charity provides assistance for injured and severely disabled members of H.M. Forces and is the fastest growing charity. Irene wishes to thank the residents and friends of Donalds Way who helped to achieve this grand total.

What's On Offer Starting January 2010

All classes look forward to welcoming new recruits and, of course, previous participants.

WEA Classes

TOTAL PAINTING AND DRAWING FOR ALL

Tutor: Gordon Brown

Mondays 1.45 - 3.45 pm starts 11th January 2010

Fee: £57 or Free to eligible learners*

NOVELTY CAKE DECORATION

Tutor: Julia Taylor

Tuesday's 10.00 am - 12 noon starts 12th January 2010

Fee: £57 or Free to eligible learners*

MUSIC FOR PLEASURE

Tutor: Betty Roberts

Wednesday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm starts 20th January 2010

Fee: £40

Contact the Hall on 726 0805 and we will put you in touch with the tutor

ACRYLIC PAINTING

Tutor: Suzanne Williams

Thursday's 2.30 - 4.30 pm starts 14th January 2010

Fee: £57 or Free to eligible learners*

VICTORIAN LIVERPOOL

Tutor: Heather Butler

Fridays 1.30 - 3.30 pm starts 15th January 2010

Fee: £57 or Free to eligible learners*

* Free places are usually available to learners who meet LSC criteria for full remission. In general terms, eligible learners are either in receipt of a means-tested benefit, or are dependent on someone who is. Please check with the WEA on 243 5340 if you are unsure about your eligibility.

SARA Hall Weekly Events

Monday

Total Painting and Drawing for All * (11th January start) 1.45pm - 3.45pm

Karate (age 5+ Boys & Girls) call John - 07590309462 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Karate for Adults £4 per class call John - 07590309462 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Yoga £5 per class call Philippa - 7273133 7.45pm - 9.00pm

Tuesday

Novelty Cake Decoration * (12th January start) 10.00am - 12.00pm

Tea Dance £2 per session 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Pilates (Call Sarah 0151-724 2060 for details) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

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Wednesday

Music For Pleasure ** (20th January start) 10.30am - 12.30pm

Craft/Card making 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Yoga £5 per class call Philippa - 7273133 6.30pm - 8.00pm

SARA Committee Meeting (First Wed of each Month, all welcome) 8.15pm - 9.15pm

Thursday

Craft £1 per class - All welcome 9.30am - 11.30am

Acrylic Painting * (14th January start) 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Karate (age 5+ Boys & Girls) call John - 07590309462 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Pilates (Call Sarah on 0151-724 2060 for details) 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Friday

Pilates (Call Sarah 0151-724 2060 for details) 9.30am - 10.30am

Victorian Liverpool * (15th January start) 1.30pm - 3.30pm

* WEA Classes - Contact for details

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