



Guilden Sutton Community Association

# marigold

Spring/Summer 2023

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## A LOT HAPPENING

We are thrilled to announce the imminent re-launch of our village Community Association under a new structure and with a new team guiding its activities! Turning the charity status into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) means that the Association will be run under a much more structured body similar to that of a company.

Thanks to all the trustees, interim and ongoing, for the amount of work they are putting in to ensure due diligence and other measures to upgrade safety, fire precautions, safeguarding etc. People will soon see changes as new doors are fitted, velux windows replaced and the hall and its administration brought up to current standards and requirements.

A big thank you must go out to all the people who have helped out over the past year, not only with the hall but with all the frequently unsung contributions made to Guilden Sutton as part of our community life.



Our Community Association plays a vital role in bringing together the people of our village and creating a sense of belonging and togetherness. It is a place where we can gather, socialise, and work towards common goals for the betterment of our community.



4 May  
**Parish Council and  
CWaC elections** - help  
make a difference  
See p 11



6-8 May  
**Coronation**  
See p 2



8 July  
**Village fete**  
See p 11 & 12



9 -13 May  
**Eurovision**  
We're too close  
to Liverpool to  
escape the  
effect of this!



*Follow the eggs p 3*

## Diary of events

### April

Deadline for Parish Councillor nominations	<b>Tues 4</b>	16:00	
Open forum with the Parish Council	<b>Wed 5</b>	19:00 - 19:30	Village Hall
Parish Council meeting	<b>Wed 5</b>	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall

### May

Parish Council and CWaC elections	<b>Thurs 4</b>	7:00 - 22:00	Village Hall
Coronation event	<b>tba</b>		
Annual Parish meeting	<b>Wed 10</b>	19:00 - 19:30	Village Hall
Parish Council meeting	<b>Wed 10</b>	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall

### June

Parish Council meeting	<b>Wed 7</b>	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
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### July

Village Fete	<b>Sat 8</b>	13:00 - 16:30	GS Primary School field
Parish Council meeting	<b>Wed 12</b>	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall



### Coronation of King Charles III

Events to mark this occasion have yet to be finalised. One is likely to be centred on the Village Hall. Info will appear on the village website, Facebook page and WhatsApp group.

The Guilden Sutton Community website and Facebook pages include information for most of the activities occurring in Guilden Sutton.

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

## Cafe at St John's Church Hall

St John's 'Café in the Church Hall' is open from 10am to midday on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months. We serve a variety of beverages, home baked cakes, toasted tea cakes etc. in the warm and light-filled environment of the church hall in Church Lane.

We are a registered 'Warm Space.' There is a play area for children. Dogs welcome. Our prices are very reasonable with all drink refills free – we are 'Costa Not-a-Lot.' It's a great place to meet up for a chat. If you've not been before – give us a try!

Thursday dates for 2023:

April	13	27	September	14	28
May	11	25	October	12	26
June	7	22	November	9	23
July	13	27	December	14	
August	10	24			



### The Woolly Bunch

Enjoy knitting or crochet or want to learn? The Woolly Bunch meet on the first and third Thursdays of most months from 10.15- 12 noon. All ages and abilities very welcome. Tea and coffee and a chat as well as help for those who are just starting out!



Future dates: April 6th & 20th, May 4th & 18th, June 1st & 15th. The group meets in St John's Church Hall, Church Lane, CH3 7EW. Please contact Suzanne Cromwell 07906157755 for more details.

### Guilden Sutton Preschool

Guilden Sutton Preschool is a small, friendly and nurturing Preschool in the heart of Guilden Sutton. We pride ourselves on our child-led approach and our close links with the community. We are open Mon-Friday, 9-3pm during term times. We have a few spaces available for the summer term - please contact [managersgps@gmail.com](mailto:managersgps@gmail.com) for any enquiries.



Why not come along and join us for our Easter Egg Hunt! Sunday 2nd April 10-1pm. For £2.50 you will get a map of the village - follow the trail, collect the letters you find and work out the secret word to receive an Easter egg! Inside the Village Hall will be refreshments, face painting, a raffle and Easter crafts. All proceeds to go towards Guilden Sutton Preschool - this is our first big fundraising event since before Covid, and we hope you will come along to support us!

## Exercise and Nutrition HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLE (H.A.L.) CLUB

If you are looking to become a bit more active and meet some new friends, then come along to HAL this Spring.

We meet every Thursday morning in the Village Hall (9.15 – 10.30am). New members of all ages are always welcome. Our weekly workout is complemented by a lively discussion on healthy eating & lifestyle topics. We are a very friendly bunch and everyone really enjoys our weekly get togethers.

All fitness levels are catered for, with a range of high and low impact activities. The sessions are pay as you go, so you can try a session without a long-term commitment. It's just £6 per session, including refreshments. So why not come along and join us?

For more information please contact Su Baird on 0777 195 1427 or [su.baird@btopenworld.com](mailto:su.baird@btopenworld.com)

Looking for something outdoors? Then contact Su about Fit Club Chester's outdoor workouts in Hoole on Wednesday evening / Saturday morning

## Stardust drama

Drama classes for children aged 5-12 run on Friday afternoons. 5-8 year olds at 3:45pm, 8-12 year olds at 4:55pm.

Fun-filled classes with drama games, improvisations, script reading, character work and performances helping inspire confidence, creativity and teamwork in children.

[www.stardustdrama.co.uk](http://www.stardustdrama.co.uk)  
Email: [stephchambers99@aol.com](mailto:stephchambers99@aol.com) Mob: 07739 104147



## Tumble Tots

Designed to develop children's physical skills of agility, balance, co-ordination and climbing, the programme is structured to develop children's positive personality traits including confidence and self-esteem.

Mondays in the Village Hall

Call Paul Johnson on 07873 114596  
or visit [www.tumbletots.com](http://www.tumbletots.com)



## Pilates - NEW CLASSES

Increase strength. Improve your balance

Classic floor mat classes - every Wednesday:  
Level One 7pm Level 2 8pm

Seated and supported Pilates based exercises - every Friday 2pm

All classes at [St John's Church Hall](#), Church Lane, Guilden Sutton

For more information ring or text Clare on 07917116576

## Yoga

Friendly classes – open to all

Yoga classes run in the main hall on Thursday mornings from 10.45 to 12 pm (this class is also available by zoom) and Tuesday evenings 6.30 until 7.45.

Regular yoga practice improves energy levels, posture, flexibility, strength, agility, endurance and balance; giving you a greater ability to move. It is an anti-ageing tool.

Yoga works on the inside as well as the outside, strengthening and cleansing the cardiovascular and digestive system, fortifying the immune system, refreshing and stimulating every organ and gland, balancing the nervous system and stilling the chattering mind – so powerful in both mental and physical health.

For more information please call or text Aly 07801 575773  
email [alygwatkin@outlook.com](mailto:alygwatkin@outlook.com) or visit [www.yogaly.co.uk](http://www.yogaly.co.uk)

## Parent and Toddler group

The Parent and Toddler Group meets term time only, every Tuesday morning between 10.30 and 12.00 in the Village Hall. We charge £2 per family.

Parents, grandparents and childminders are all welcome to join our friendly group. We currently have children ranging from a few months old to preschoolers, everyone is welcome!

We have a wide 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 mats and are able to explore new toys in a safe environment. Painting, play dough and other craft activities are carried out each week, sometimes themed on seasonal or festive events that take place throughout the year. Children enjoy a healthy snack and drink and grown-ups have a drink and a biscuit too.

**Please come along on Tuesdays or email Elise at:**  
[elise.honey86@gmail.com](mailto:elise.honey86@gmail.com)

## **Cestrian Art group**

Cestrian Art Group meets in St John's Church Hall in Church Lane every Wednesday 10.30am till 3-30pm during term time.

Members' abilities range from absolute beginners to experienced artists who work together in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. We work individually on our own projects using pastel, acrylic, watercolour or pencil.

Members usually take packed lunches, and teas and coffees are available throughout the day. Why not drop in on a Wednesday to see what we are doing.

To know more, contact Chris Morley Tel: 01244 300952

Email: [christine@gaseq.co.uk](mailto:christine@gaseq.co.uk)

## **Talkabout**

Our Christmas party was a great success, there was food, drink, a quiz and music, all thoroughly enjoyable. Many thanks to the organisers.

January saw us back in the Church Hall for a further Line Dancing evening, with Lynda once again proving to be an able teacher. Great fun and some improvement too!

It is always lovely to get together and catch up with friends and February's meeting was a chance to do just that at the Bird in Hand for our annual meal. With a welcome drink for all and some lovely food it was a superb evening.

Now we look forward to a visit to Ditzzy Rose Crafts in Tattenhall for a session on learning the art of making beautiful paper flowers! It should be really good and something quite different. I can't wait to see the results.

Further sessions include the annual fund raiser for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd to be held on April 12th. It will be a social evening with a raffle and bring and buy, so please bring contributions! Then in May we have a walk and meal starting from the Boot Inn in Kelsall, pray for fine weather. Also, for the Treasure Hunt in June!

Then July brings the Village Fete plus our meeting, when we visit 'The Danny'. Much to look forward to.

All these events are only possible because of our hardworking committee members so can I thank you all on behalf of all members.

If you wish to find out more I've included contact numbers for a couple of committee members:

Janet -301362      Joan - 07768093624

## **Mobile Library Service**

The easy-access library bus will be visiting the village on Monday 10 April, 1 May, 22 May, 12 June, 3 July, 24 July and 14 Aug (No service during Bank Holidays when the loan period is extended)

Moorcroft Crescent 10:00-10:15.

Village Hall car park 10:30-12 noon

Please note: no longer stopping at Hare Lane

Further dates can be viewed on the CWaC website

A wide range of books is on offer including fact, fiction, reference and children's books, new publications, large print and talking books, an excellent Information Service and for £1, you can reserve a book. Nip on board and join.

The bus is very user friendly with a rising platform providing easy access for people with walking difficulties and wheelchair users.

## **Badminton club**

The Badminton Club plays from September until the end of April at the village hall.

Monday evening from 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Tuesday evening from 8.00pm - 9.00pm (or later depending on number of players)

If you have played some badminton before, or you would just like to give it a try, you will be made very welcome.

For information, please contact Peter Evans on 300890.

## **Green Space and Hooks Wood**

Hooks Wood, our community woodland, is open to everyone for walking, enjoying nature, exploring and playing. It's a lovely place to spend time and there's always something new to see.

Spring is here and we hope to see all the trees putting on a spurt. There are many jobs waiting for us including tending the trees, removing the spirals and matted grass, clearing the ditches and improving the paths. Bluebells have been planted recently in the pond area and we look forward to seeing them flower next year.

A village event will be held later in the year. Keep an eye on the website or contact Green Space to be included in our mailing list.

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

Email: [info@gsgreenspace.org.uk](mailto:info@gsgreenspace.org.uk)

## St John's Church, Guilden Sutton

### Weddings, Funerals, Christenings and Sunday services

Please ring Heather for an informal chat or for more information.

Sunday services are shared with St Peter's, Plemstall.

Sunday services in St John's Church are 10.30am service with Holy Communion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and 7pm quieter evening service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month



### Cafe at the Church Hall

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### Messy Church

*Free breakfast, children's activities, toddler and baby area and a short celebration time together in the school hall*

Guilden Sutton School and Mickle Trafford Village Hall



### Cafe Church and Cafe Kids

*Coffee, croissants, time to chat and games for children. A short, informal service often with video clips - Children can go out for a session in the Marigold room next door with Cafe Kids or stay in the main hall as preferred*

Guilden Sutton Village Hall  
First Sunday of each month  
10:00 for 10:30



### Housegroups

*Meet in groups of 6-8 people where you can deepen friendships, laugh and explore living out faith in the everyday*

Contact Heather on the number below



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For details and times visit the website at:

[www.guildensutton-plemstalchurch](http://www.guildensutton-plemstalchurch)

Or for more information contact **Heather Carty** on **07484 515812**.

Email: [rector@guildensutton-plemstalchurch](mailto:rector@guildensutton-plemstalchurch)

## Village Green

Discussions have taken place with the school caretaker with regard to ensuring that the shrubs in the school grounds, next to the path between Oaklands and Hilltop Rd, are cut back regularly. This is to prevent them from poking through the railings and obstructing the path, as has happened in the past. The new contract for grounds maintenance includes this task.

Village Green asked Guilden Sutton Players, who have sadly now disbanded, to donate some of their funds to the Community Association, specifically to purchase standard Photinia shrubs in large planters to be placed on the Village Hall terrace, with a suitable plaque to commemorate The Players. The purchase and delivery of the shrubs will be organised once the new Hall doors are installed in April.

Village Green are still keen to give two refurbished teak benches to the Parish Council, to be placed, along with some shrubs, close to the shops, to improve that part of the village in terms of appearance and amenity. The Council will make a final decision on the matter.

### Guilden Sutton 10K and Fun run

West Cheshire AC are pleased to announce that the Guilden Sutton 10K (Sutton Six as was) and Fun Run will again take place this year on Sunday 17 September.

This year the race features (as does our Chester Spring 5 in April) in the Cheshire County Road Race Grand Prix 2023 series of road races so is expected to bring in many more entrants. Entries are now open; please go to Road - West Cheshire Athletic Club ([westcheshireac.co.uk](http://westcheshireac.co.uk)) for more information and a link to the entry system at [Guilden Sutton 10k - niftyEntries.com](http://GuildenSutton10k-niftyEntries.com).

The event will be based at the Village Hall, using our traditional course. No bling for the 10K race, just an amazingly cheap, high-quality road race organised by a local running club. Fun run entries will be on the day only at the Village Hall, another bargain with medals to all finishers.

Richard Batterham West Cheshire AC

### Nina Gaskill School of Dance

FUN, CREATIVE AND INCLUSIVE DANCE CLASSES

Children's RAD Ballet, ISTD Modern, Jazz and Tap.  
Fridays and Saturdays in the Village Hall

Qualified, Registered Teacher, Nina Gaskill RAD dip, DDE, AISTD

Contact Nina for information [nina\\_dance@btinternet.com](mailto:nina_dance@btinternet.com)  
Facebook: [NinaGaskillDance](https://www.facebook.com/NinaGaskillDance)



## 1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group

Meeting and activities at the Village Hall

**Beavers (6-8yrs)** Mondays 17:45 - 18:45

**Cubs (8-10.5yrs)** Mondays 18:30 - 20:00

**Scouts (10.5-14yrs)** Fridays: 19:30 - 21:00

For more info please email Judith Lathaen at:

[1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk](mailto:1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk)



## Guilden Sutton Old School House Trust

*Registered Charity No. 1066844*

The Trust was set up by the Diocese of Chester, following the sale of the old school house, to support financially the personal development of current or former pupils of Guilden Sutton Primary School. It makes grants, typically in the range £100 to £500, to support the purchase of: equipment such as musical instruments or sports equipment; gap year, uniformed group or other projects; education expenses such as books, travel etc. Applicants should be under 25 years old.

Applications should be submitted by 30 April for consideration in May or by 31 October for consideration in November each year. Application forms/more information are available on the Guilden Sutton website or from Peter Reid (Email: [ppeddesr@gmail.com](mailto:ppeddesr@gmail.com); Tel. 01244 300985).

## Guilden Sutton Wildflower Garden

The Wildflower garden area is being leased from CwaC, and the Parish Council received the proposed 15-year lease last month. CwaC want to include the steps from Church Lane in the land to be transferred. This would be an additional liability for the Parish Council, which they don't particularly want, so it's yet to be agreed.

Spacehive is still holding the money that was donated until such time as the lease is agreed. Money raised at the Film Club for community use was kindly donated to pay for the initial seed and bulb planting.

There will inevitably be garden patches where the seeds didn't grow. We have extra seeds available to sow when the ground is warmer.

We were advised to delay installing bird boxes until the second year to ensure the flower seeds have established.

We'll monitor the damp areas and ensure the paths are mown in the drier regions. We will try to take remedial action by planting flag iris. Hopefully, the first wildflowers will start appearing soon. Winter aconites, snowdrops and daffodils are already in flower in the bulb area under the trees.

## Parish Council

Elections for the new Parish council will take place on 4 May 2023. Nominations close at 4pm on Tues 4 April.

A list and further information about the candidates will appear on the website before the election.

Clerk: Michael Roberts, Email: [guildensuttonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:guildensuttonparishclerk@gmail.com). Please contact the Parish Council via the Clerk. T: 07783 012582

Next Parish Council meetings: 5 April, 10 May, 7 June, 12 July 7.30pm Village Hall

There will be a public open forum with the council at 7pm before the Council meeting on the 5 April. The Annual Public Parish meeting takes place at 7pm before the PC meeting with the NEW council on 10 May.

## Guilden Sutton Community Association

Chairman: Derek Hughes 01244 300185  
Treasurer: Trisha Paterson

The hall and its rooms are available for private bookings and there is a calendar where you can view the scheduled activities.

[www.guildensutton.org.uk/Village\\_hall\\_booking.html](http://www.guildensutton.org.uk/Village_hall_booking.html)

## Important information about the fete

The fete Committee has seen one member leave the village and another wanting to stand down after a number of years. This could threaten the future of the fete and it would be so sad for it to fold because we haven't got enough people to help organise it.

Please let us know if you would be interested in getting involved in the organisation, in however big or small a capacity, by contacting Steph at [Stephchambers99@aol.com](mailto:Stephchambers99@aol.com)

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If you or your organisation would like to be included in the Marigold or the GS website, please email [brian@guildensutton.org.uk](mailto:brian@guildensutton.org.uk), use the contact page on the website or phone Brian Lewin on 07834 320401.

There is also a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/guildensutton](http://www.facebook.com/guildensutton)

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

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# Guilden Sutton Village fete 2023

Planning is in full swing. We are currently gathering raffle prizes for the event and so if you or someone you know can help, please get in contact with Steph on [Stephchambers99@aol.com](mailto:Stephchambers99@aol.com)

The pre-loved teddy tombola was a huge success last year and we are already collecting donations. Chris in the Post Office has kindly said she will help with this so please drop off with her. Please just teddies at this stage. We will put a call out for other donations (toys, books, tombola etc.) nearer the time.



**Guilden Sutton Village Fete 2023**

**FUN, ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES, STALLS AND COMPETITIONS FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

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**Fantastic Raffle Prizes!**

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**BMX DISPLAY ★ ICE CREAM**  
**GIANT BUBBLES ★ TOMBOLA**  
**BALLOON ARTIST ★ GAMES**  
**FUN FAIR RIDES ★ BEER TENT**  
**TRAMPOLINES ★ LIVE MUSIC**  
**BOUNCY CASTLE ★ FOOD**

**8th July** | **1:00-4:30pm**  
**Guilden Sutton Primary School**  
**Arrowcroft Road**

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