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Spring 2026

Welcome

We are the Guilden Sutton Community Association, and we're here to help bring people together and keep our vibrant village life thriving.



Did you know that our Village Hall, community events, and some of the moments that make Guilden Sutton special are run by volunteers from our village?

We manage and support the Village Hall, ensuring it remains a welcoming hub for clubs, classes, parties and celebrations.

We also help organise and run some of the village's much-loved events, including:

- The Christmas Lights Switch-On (right)
- The popular Village Quiz
- The Guilden Sutton Fete

and many other community activities throughout the year.

We're a friendly group of local people who simply care about our village and we'd love to welcome more friendly faces to help. Specifically we are looking for new trustees. No special experience is required, just enthusiasm, a community spirit, and a little bit of time to help keep Guilden Sutton the wonderful place it is. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the maintenance of the Hall.



If you've ever enjoyed village events, used the Village Hall, or would simply like to meet more people and get involved, why not give it a try?

Do join us and help make a difference.

To find out more or have a friendly chat, please contact chair@guildensutton.org.uk

If you have any comments or ideas please feel free to use the contact form on the website: www.guildensutton.org.uk

Guilden Sutton Community Association

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Holding a party or an event?

Why not book the Village Hall. The hall and its rooms are available for private bookings. Staging is also available to hire and there's plenty of room for a bouncy castle. You can view the scheduled activities, check availability and find information at:

www.guildensutton.org.uk/Village_hall_booking.html

You can also speak to Stephanie, the booking secretary, on 07739 104147



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Regular events in the Village

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Mondays			
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French Classes	10:00 - 12:00	<u>Church Hall</u>	8
Beavers	17:45 - 19:00	Village Hall	7
Cubs	18:30 - 20:00	Village Hall	7
Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	8
Tuesdays			
Ladies Badminton	09:15 - 10:15	Village Hall	8
Parents and Toddlers	10:30 - 12:00	Village Hall	5
French Classes	10am and 1pm	<u>Church Hall</u>	8
Yoga	18:30 - 19:45	Village Hall	7
GS Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	8
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Thursdays			
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Fridays			
Stardust drama	15:45 - 17:45	Village Hall	6
Nina Gaskill Dance	16:30 - 18:30	Village Hall	9
Indoor bowls	19:00- 21:00	Village Hall	8
Pop-up Play Village	11:00 - 12:15	Village Hall	4
Saturdays			
Nina Gaskill Dance	9:00 - 16:30	Village Hall	9

Please note:

St John's Church hall has had its floor replaced and will be fully refurbished by the first week in February

Popup Play Village

Pop Up Play Village is delighted to be back in Guilden Sutton this spring, bringing our much-loved role-play sessions to local families more often than ever before. Due to popular demand, our sessions have increased from monthly to fortnightly, giving even more little ones the chance to learn, explore and imagine through play.

Each session transforms the hall into a miniature village, with carefully designed role-play areas such as a café, construction site, baby nursery, vets, shop, transport zones and more. Children are free to explore at their own pace, developing confidence, communication skills, creativity and problem-solving – all while having lots of fun.



Role play is so much more than "just playing". It supports children's social and emotional development, helps build language and cooperation skills, and gives them the opportunity to make sense of the world around them in a safe, child-led way. Parents often tell us how engaged their children are – and how nice it is to enjoy a cuppa and a chat while little ones are happily immersed.

Our Guilden Sutton sessions are suitable for babies through to children aged around 7, with something for everyone. Each session includes a wide variety of play areas, a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, and space for children to play independently or alongside siblings and friends.

Upcoming dates in Guilden Sutton (Feb–May):

- 13th February – Valentine's themed session
- 27th February
- 13th March
- 3rd April – Easter Special (Good Friday)
- 17th April
- 1st May
- 15th May
- 29th May

Spaces are limited and sessions often sell out, so early booking is recommended.

To book, visit: <https://popupplayvillage.co.uk/pop-up-play-village-in-and-around-chester-wrexham-whitchurch-and-nantwich/>

We can't wait to welcome you back to the village!

Guilden Sutton Parent and Toddler Group

A friendly space for little ones and their grown-ups

Guilden Sutton Playgroup is a welcoming and relaxed playgroup for babies and young children aged 0-4 years, offering a friendly space for families to meet, play and connect within the local community. The playgroup runs weekly during term time on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12.00pm and takes place at Guilden Sutton Village Hall. Each session offers a mix of free play and simple organised activities, giving children the opportunity to explore, create and socialise in a safe and supportive environment. A variety of toys and play equipment is available for all ages, along with crafts, songs and stories that children can join in with at their own pace.

The focus of Guilden Sutton Playgroup is on relaxed, child-led play. Children can build confidence, practise early social skills and enjoy spending time with others, while parents, grandparents and carers have the chance to chat, share experiences and form friendships. Many families find the playgroup a gentle first step into group activities before nursery or preschool, as well as a lovely weekly routine to look forward to.

New families are always very welcome, whether you have a tiny baby, a busy toddler, or are new to the village and looking to meet others locally. There is no pressure — just a friendly, inclusive atmosphere where everyone can feel at home.

When: Tuesdays, 10.30am-12.00pm (term time)

Where: Guilden Sutton Village Hall

Ages: 0-4 years

Cost: £3 per hour

For further details and availability, please get in touch with Karen on

Mobile: 07763 103558

Guilden Sutton



Mobile Library Service

The easy-access library bus will be visiting the village on **MONDAYS**

2 February	23 February
16 March	6 April
27 April	18 May
8 June	29 June

Moorcroft Crescent 10:20-10:35
Village Hall car park 10:50-12:00



Guilden Sutton Preschool

Our manager, Mel Payne, welcomes you and your children to Guilden Sutton Preschool. Living locally, Mel has 15 years of childcare experience to bring to our lovely local Preschool in the heart of Guilden Sutton. We have new, highly qualified staff at the school and a sports coach attends on Wednesdays. Children receive 30 hours of schooling per week.



Our child-centred approach allows your little person to grow, learn and develop through play and creativity. We provide a safe, inclusive, nurturing environment for all and pride ourselves in giving our children the confidence and skills to be ready for their next big adventure! We also have strong community links with the local school and church.

There are limited spaces available - contact us now to secure your child's place or to discuss future arrangements. Email Mel at managerspsps@gmail.com or call 07717 942843 to arrange a visit. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm during term time.

Visit www.guildensuttonpreschool.org for full information and see our Facebook page for many of the wonderful activities we get up to!

You may be eligible for childcare funding. For more information visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Tumble Tots

Monday mornings in the Village Hall (see their website for details and booking)

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.

Call Paul Johnson on 07873 114596
or visit www.tumbletots.com



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.

Run by professional actress, Stephanie Pinder.
The first class is **free** for new young actors

www.stardustdrama.co.uk
Email: stephchambers99@aol.com M: 07739 104147



1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group

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Several scout group volunteers stepped down at this year's AGM and we need new volunteers, both as leaders and for the exec committee, to come forward and keep our beaver, cub and scout groups running.

Roles have varying levels of commitment and offer rewarding opportunities to be involved in this fantastic organisation. If you'd like to know more please email 1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group: 1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk



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Yoga - friendly classes, open to all

Yoga classes take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings 6.30 until 7.45pm.

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.

For more information

Please call or text Aly on 07801 575773

Email alygwatkin@outlook.com or

visit www.yogaly.yolasite.com



HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLE (H.A.L.) CLUB

SPRING is a great time to start getting more active!

HAL Club will help you to focus on your fitness, nutrition & other aspects of keeping yourself in tiptop shape. It's also a great way to meet like-minded new friends.

We meet every Thursday morning in the Village Hall (9.15 – 10.30am). Our 30-minute workout is complemented by a lively discussion on healthy eating & lifestyle topics. All fitness levels are catered for, with a range of high and low impact activities. It's just £7 per session, including refreshments.

We are a very friendly bunch, and everyone really enjoys our weekly get-togethers, which are often followed by a walk and coffee at Meadowlea Farm.

Why not come along and try a session? As it's a "Pay as You Go" class, there's no long-term commitment.

For more information, please message Su Baird on 0777 195 1427 or 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.



Indoor Bowls Club

We are now into the second half of this season's bowls. We meet in the Village Hall on Friday evening from 7.00 - 9.00 pm until the end of March and start again on the 4th of September.



We enjoy friendly competition and now have a few vacancies for new members. We have 3 playing mats and a selection of bowls to choose from so you do not need to have your own.

If you are interested in giving it a go contact Jill on 01244 301015

Badminton Club

The club plays in the Village Hall from September until the end of April.

Club nights are on Monday and Tuesday 8.00pm - 10.00pm.

We welcome new members who are looking to play social badminton and those who are a little rusty and want to start playing again.

We have a great facility in the Village Hall so why not come along and enjoy the social nature of the club whilst taking some gentle exercise. It's a very enjoyable way of keeping fit.

If you are interested in joining or having a go, please contact Peter Evans on 07720 291913 or just turn up on a Monday or Tuesday evening to find out more.



Ladies Badminton

Ladies badminton Village Hall Tuesday 09:15 - 10:15

The club is currently running at capacity but if you would like further information please contact Siân Hancock Email: sian-hancock@live.co.uk

French classes with Corinne

St John's Church Hall, Church Lane

Learn French the fun relaxed way!

Term 2 just starting

Level 4, year 2, Consolidation Monday 10:00 - 12:00

Level 5 Advanced, Tuesday, 10:00 - 12:00

Level 4, Intermediate, Tuesday 13:00 - 15:00

For further information, please contact Corinne:
csdloison@outlook.com



Circle dancing

Dancing connects you with others, lifts your mood and develops co-ordination and memory. It feeds your mind, body and soul.

Holding hands and dancing with others in a circle pattern is a very old tradition in countries like Greece, particularly on occasions such as weddings, where everyone is included and you don't need a partner.

In our Wednesday afternoon circle dance group (Village Hall, 2.30 - 4pm), we do, in the main, fairly gentle community dances, with repeated step patterns to beautiful world music. Some of the rhythms are quite unusual and keep us on our toes! We embrace a wide variety of dances and cultures, and express many moods. We always end the session with more meditative dances, which bring a feeling of peace. We always have a lot of fun along the way.

We are an established and friendly group, and will offer you a warm, open welcome.



If you would like try us, please contact Dee and Nawal on 01244 679100, or email nawal.dee@gmail.com

Play Ukulele

The Ukulele group meet up on Tuesday evenings, 8pm to 9pm at the Village Hall.

The group is for anyone who wants to play, or start playing, the ukulele. Even if you've never learned a musical instrument before, if you'd like to give it a go just get in touch, or drop in on a Tuesday evening.



PLAYERS WANTED: We're looking to welcome a few new players — and we'd be absolutely delighted to see any former members back in the mix

For more information, please email andyjanwin1@gmail.com or phone Andy on 07765 235550 or Janet 07471 060325

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

NEW! Advanced 2 RAD Ballet class

Qualified, Registered Teacher, Nina Gaskill RAD dip, DDE, AISTD
Contact Nina for information: nina.gaskill@btinternet.com
Facebook: [NinaGaskillDance](https://www.facebook.com/NinaGaskillDance)



Guilden Sutton Art group

Guilden Sutton Art Group meets in St John's Church Hall in Church Lane every Wednesday 11am till 4pm.

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. Modest fees of £4 per week are charged and paid in advance at the beginning of each term. 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 find out more, contact Sue Davies Tel: 01244 300320
Email: littlebeck100@btinternet.com

Guilden Sutton Sings!

Wednesdays 1.15 to 2.45pm at the village hall.

We are a friendly and informal singing group, with a focus on singing for fun and well-being. We learn everything by ear, singing short, easy-to-learn, songs. We do not perform anywhere – we simply enjoy filling the room with our voices each week.



All voices are welcome - young, old, beginner or experienced - so if you would like to sing, learn new songs, and meet new people, why not come along one week and try it out?

Sessions are £5 per week, including refreshments and there's no long-term commitment - just turn up and sing.

For more information contact Sarah by email:
sarahjessopmusic@runbox.com or telephone: 07985 455824

Cafe at St John's Church Hall

Our welcoming cafe is open from 10am to midday on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months. We serve a variety of beverages, delicious home-baked cakes, toasted tea cakes, etc, in the fully accessible, warm and light-filled church hall on Church Lane.

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

Feb 12, 26 Mar 12, 26 Apr 9, 23 May 14, 28



St John's Church, Guilden Sutton

During the Interregnum, services will be taken by visiting clergy or by the church community. Sunday services are shared with St Peter's, Plemstall. Sunday Services at St John's are a 10:30am service with Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday of the month and on the 3rd Sunday of the month will be a Holy Communion at 10:30am or Messy Church at Guilden Sutton Primary School. Details are on the churches' website (see below).

An update regarding finding a new Incumbent we can share is that the leadership team is now in the process of creating a Parish Profile which entails information about the parishes and what type of vicar we are looking for; ready for us to then advertise the position soon.

Messy Church



Free breakfast, children's activities, toddler and baby area and a short celebration time together in the school hall. Meet: 10:30

See the website for details



Time together starts with coffee, croissants and chat (with games for children). A short, informal service follows often with video clips and discussion. Children can go out for a session in the Marigold room next door with Cafe Kids or stay in the main hall. Meet: 10:00 for 10:30

See the website for details

The Woolly Bunch



Enjoy knitting or crochet or want to learn? All are welcome to join our friendly group. Meet on the first and third Thursdays of most months 10.15 - 12 noon

St Johns Church Hall
5 & 19 Feb
5 & 19 Mar
2 & 16 Apr
7 & 21 May

Church website: <https://www.guildensutton-plemstall.church>

Pilates - St John's Church Hall

Increase strength. Improve your balance

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

For more information ring or text Clare on 07917 116576
Email: cefarrall@mac.com



Guilden Sutton Old School House Trust

The Trust, set up by the Diocese of Chester following the sale of the old school house, exists to support 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.

See the GS website or contact Peter Reid at pgeddesr@gmail.com, Tel. 07738 158747.

Dates for your diary

February

Parish Council meeting	Wed 4	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Ash Wednesday	Wed 18	19:30	St John's

March

Parish Council meeting	Wed 4	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
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April

Parish Council meeting	Wed 1	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Maundy Thursday	Thurs 2	10:30	St Peter's
Good Friday service	Fri 3	10:30	St John's
Easter Sunday	Sun 5	10:30	St Peter's

May

Parish Council meeting	Wed 6	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Community Ass'n AGM	Thurs 14	19:30 - 20:30	Village Hall

Green Shoots – with spring on the way, various groups will be starting their activities, including those involved with Hooks Wood, the area next to the adventure trail and in Fox Cover.

Also planned is a revival of the Guilden Sutton walking group.

Why not get involved and make the most of our environment! Keep an eye on the website or join the Community Association to receive advance information.

Visit: www.guildensutton.org.uk

**Leader and Committee positions available.
Please contact 1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk
for more information.**

Why do Scout volunteers do it?

It's not for the pay (we checked — still £0, sadly).

It's not for the glamour (we've got more campfire smoke in our clothes and mud on our boots than we'd like to admit).

And it's definitely not for the peace and quiet (have you ever tried to keep 20 Scouts — especially Beavers — quiet during an award ceremony?).

We do it for that moment — when a young person tries something new, surprises themselves, and grins like they've just conquered Everest 🌎.

We do it for the friendships , the laughter , the campfire adventures , the trails we blaze , and the pride of helping young scouts find their confidence, courage, and voice .

You can't put a price on that.

(But you can put a badge on it)

Join the adventure.

Be the reason young people believe they can do anything!

Scouts

