



Guilden Sutton Community Association

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Spring 2022

## Community activities

With the run-up to spring and summer and an easing of Covid restrictions, more clubs, societies and events are opening up over the coming months, including preparations for the village fete, suspended for the past two years.

The village hall is busy with many regular activities, particularly for children - most are listed in this newsletter. There are also a few activities currently paused because of Covid concerns. Latest info can be found on the the website and Facebook page, which are updated regularly.



This year we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, with various events. There is a double bank holiday on Thurs 2 and Fri 3 June. On the 2 June, Guilden Sutton hope to be taking part in a national chain of beacons which includes a large one on the summit of Moel Famau.

Progress to change the Community Association constitution from its unincorporated form into what is known as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) has stalled a little but is still underway. There is more information on page 11.

The village lottery has paused temporarily, following the last draw, held in November 2020. Any payments received after that date should have been refunded. Excitingly, we think someone has stepped in to run the lottery - more info will appear on the website.

Wishing all residents a happy, safe and enjoyable 2022

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

## 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  
Email:stephchambers99@aol.com Mob: 07739 104147

## Super Little Scientists

An engaging, fast paced science based class perfect for older toddlers and preschoolers. Each session is full of hands on experiments and activities ideal for inquisitive young minds!

www.facebook.com/superlittlescientistsuk  
Email: superlittlescientistsuk@gmail.com



## 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.

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



## PopCat's Music Time

Popcat's gives you a jam packed hour of music and movement followed by story time. Each child has their own music bag to use and the classes encourage numbers and counting in line with the 7 areas of learning from EYFS. It is suitable for 0-5's and is followed by a

snack of banana or raisins and even a warm drink for you.

Classes at Guilden Sutton Village Hall Thursdays 1pm

Website: www.popcats.co.uk or see their Facebook page

## Guilden Sutton Preschool

Guilden Sutton Preschool is a lovely local preschool in the heart of Guilden Sutton. 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 for their next big adventure! We also have strong community links with the local school and church.

Our Facebook page is a great way to see all of the wonderful activities we get up to! Alternatively, email managergsps@gmail.com or call 07717 942843 to arrange a visit. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm during term times.

We still have spaces available

## Parent and Toddler group

The Parent and Toddler Group meet 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.

## HELP NEEDED

**We are in need of more members to keep this group going or it will fold. We need members to join the committee, particularly a new chair – to organize meetings (3 a year), plan activities and trips and treasurer – banking cash and payments via online banking. These roles are important to keep the group going but do not take up much time. If interested please pop along to toddlers or email Alice on alicedphay@gmail.com.**

## 1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group

Meeting and activities at the Village Hall

**Beavers** Mondays 17:45 - 18:30

**Cubs** Mondays 18:45 - 19:45

**Scouts** Fridays: 19:30 - 21:00

**HELP:** Beavers are looking for a new leader. Full training and support will be given. If you are interested please contact the address below.

For more info please email Judith Lathaen at:  
1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk



## Nina Gaskill School of Dance

FUN, CREATIVE AND INCLUSIVE DANCE CLASSES

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

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

Contact Nina for information nina\_dance@btinternet.com  
Facebook: NinaGaskillDance

## Healthy Active Lifestyle (HAL) Club

If you are looking to get a bit fitter and healthier with a group of like minded people, then HAL is for you. We meet every Thursday morning in the Village Hall (9.15 – 10.30am). Our current group is very friendly and has a lovely mix of people of different fitness levels and with a good range of ages.

Our weekly workout is complemented by a discussion on healthy eating topics, as the best health and fitness results are achieved by regular exercise as well as a healthy diet.

All fitness levels are catered for, with a range of high and low impact activities, to suit everyone.

We would love to welcome new members to the group. For more information please contact Su Baird on 07771 951427 or su.baird@btopenworld.com.

## Rambling Group

The uncertainty at present facing everybody has meant that, although the Ramblers had hoped to recommence walks in the New Year, this idea has been shelved. The plan now is to hopefully start in March when the weather might have improved and we should have a clearer idea of infection levels. An update will be posted on the Village Website prior to that.

Since we last walked there might be some people who would be interested in joining the group or getting further information. Please contact Sheena on 301286 with your details if you wish to find out more.

## Indoor bowls club

It was great to start playing again at the beginning of October and we look forward to the second half of the season from 7th January to the 8th April.

The Cheshire Villages Indoor Bowling League have decided to cancel this year's competition but have arranged for a series of friendly matches to keep team players on the ball. Our semi-final match from last year's competition against Lach Dennis has still to be arranged.

If you require further information please contact Jill on 301015.

## Yoga

Yoga classes run in the main hall on Friday mornings from 9 to 10.15 (this class is also available by zoom) and Tuesday evenings 6.30 until 7.45.

Classes are friendly and welcome both beginners and more experienced yogis. Aly trained with the British Wheel of Yoga on a 500 hour course and has been teaching yoga for over ten years.

Yoga improves our mental and physical health and well-being.

If you would like to increase your fitness, strength, flexibility, energy levels and your ability to relax and deal with stress, anxiety or life's general ups and downs; or if you would just like to take some time for yourself, why not give yoga a try?

For more information please call or text Aly 07801 575773  
email aly@yogaly.co.uk or visit www.yogaly.co.uk

## 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.



## Ladies Badminton

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

The club is currently running at capacity but if you want further information please contact Sue Graves 01244 301122

## Green Space and Hooks Wood

Hooks Wood, our community woodland, is nearly a year old! If you haven't visited yet why not head over when you have the chance. It's a lovely place to walk and can easily be linked to longer routes based around the Green Lane bridleway, School Lane, Station Lane, the Greenway, and Meadow Lea cafe. At the far end take a moment to stop by the pond and enjoy the view, right across to Helsby hill.

In its first year we have focused on set-up and tree-planting. There is still plenty of practical work to do, but this year we hope to focus as well on growing the Hooks Wood community. We will continue running volunteer activity sessions to help with general maintenance, and we are hoping to arrange visits for the children at the primary school.

We'd love to hear from any other groups who would like to use the woods – be it for gathering in the open air, fitness, volunteering, or something we haven't even thought of yet.

if you would like further information, please email us or visit the Green Space website.

**[www.gsgreenspace.org.uk](http://www.gsgreenspace.org.uk)**  
**Email: [info@gsgreenspace.org.uk](mailto:info@gsgreenspace.org.uk)**

## Cestrian Art group

The Cestrian Art group has currently paused its weekly meetings. It is hoped to resume in February in St John's Church Hall when details will be finalised and existing members informed. Please keep a look out on the Guilden Sutton website for further info.

If you are interested in becoming part of the group, please contact Chris Morley on 01244 300952. Please be aware that numbers are currently restricted due to Covid precautions.

## Guilden Sutton Players

The players have been entertaining people in our village for over 40 years, as an integral part of the Community Association with many loyal friends from the village. Income from productions helped fund the building of our wonderful village hall.



As we all start to think about getting back to normality following the pandemic we need more of the village to join the team and help shape our future.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at 8.00pm on Wednesday 9th February in the Village Hall, and we would like to cordially invite as many of you as possible to join us and contribute to the discussion about how the players can continue and grow as a true cornerstone of village life.

For more information please contact Gillian Eyre on 07403 515158.

## Talkabout

It is such a shame that we have, so far, been unable to resume our meetings. We had hoped to resume in January but now feel it would be better to wait a couple of months. We have decided to hold a committee meeting early in 2022 to consider various options for meetings, so that all members will be happy to attend once more.

We hope to re-launch Talkabout with an event in Spring 2022 and all members will be contacted when things have been sorted out. If anyone has any questions please contact Joan on 07768 093624

## Village Green

“Village Green” volunteers are working to improve the appearance and facilities of public areas in Guilden Sutton and Pipers Ash, especially the car parks by the shops and Village Hall. Already we’ve initiated the replacement of dilapidated fencing by the car parks, and tackled overgrown areas on the footpath behind the school, in Cinder Lane, and in part of the Longster Trail in Pipers Ash. Cheshire West and Chester Council helped us by sending wagons to remove the waste.

Thank you to all who took part in our recent opinion survey. In response to this, our next project is installing planters around the Parish Council noticeboard near the shops, and we hope to have them ready in time for a spring flower display.

CW&C don’t cut communal grass verges and weed the gutters as often as residents would wish. This is because of budget cuts, increased needs in areas such as Social Services, and other demands on the Council Tax. So what can be done? One solution is for those of us who live near a communal verge to spend a few more minutes if we wish whilst we are out cutting our own front lawns and cut the grass on the verges too. For larger areas, neighbours who are willing and able could work together and have a team effort. To those of you who already do this, a big thank you and what a difference it makes!

Village Green is an independent voluntary group and not part of the Guilden Sutton Community Association. If you’d like to join us in the “Village Green” group, or comment on this article, please email us at: [village-green@guildensutton.org.uk](mailto:village-green@guildensutton.org.uk)

Many of you have already given us your email addresses, and wish to help in the future. We’ll be in touch the next time we have a big project in the pipe-line.

### Cafe at St John’s Church Hall

The cafe opens on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays 10am to noon

January		27
February	10	24
March	10	24
April	14	28

St John’s Church Hall, Church Lane, CH3 7EW



## St. John's, Guilden Sutton & St. Peter's, Plemstall



Discover • Share • Transform

**St. John’s Church works closely with St. Peter’s in Mickle Trafford to enable everyone to find a place to belong.**

Please see below for a brief description of services and activities and visit our website or contact **Heather** on **07484 515812** for more details.



Begins with coffee, croissants, time to chat and games for children. It includes a short contemporary, informal service (approx. 35-40 mins) often using video clips. Children can go out to **Café Kids** part way through.

Meets in Guilden Sutton Village Hall.



Free breakfast, lots of activities, songs and stories. Messy and fun for all!

Meets in Guilden Sutton School and Mickle Trafford Village Hall.



**Holy Communion**  
(sharing of bread and wine)  
A service using modern language with hymns old and new.

Held in both churches.



**BCP: 1662**  
(Book of Common Prayer)  
Loved for the beauty of its language and tradition.

Offered at St Peter’s Church.



**Tots, Tinies & Toast** begins with tea, toast and playtime in St John’s Church Hall followed by a short interactive story and singing in St John’s church. Come and ring the bell!

Begins in St John’s Church Hall and finishes in St John’s church.



**Housegroups** are groups of 6-8 people where you can meet with others, deepen friendships, laugh and explore living out faith in the everyday.

Meet in Guilden Sutton and Mickle Trafford.

You can receive a weekly email message and update from the church. Contact Heather Carty, email: [rector@guildensutton-plemstall.church](mailto:rector@guildensutton-plemstall.church).

[www.guildensutton-plemstall.church](http://www.guildensutton-plemstall.church)

## Guilden Sutton Old School House Trust

Registered Charity No. 1066844

The Trust, set up by the Diocese of Chester, makes grants, typically up to £500, to support the personal development of current or former pupils, aged under 25, of Guilden Sutton Primary School. Purchase of musical instruments or other equipment, gap year projects, education expenses etc, are all supported.

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: pgeddesr@gmail.com; Tel. 01244 300985).

### Mobile Library Service change of service and day

The library bus will be visiting the Guilden Sutton area on the following **Mondays**, 9:30am - noon

14 February	7 March	28 March*	9 May
30 May	20 June	11 July	

Hare Lane 9:30-9:50. Moorcroft Crescent 10:00-10:15. Village Hall car park 10:30-12 noon (\* 6 week loan)

### Websites

The Guilden Sutton website is changing slightly by splitting off the Parish Council information into a separate site. This will allow the Parish Council to operate their site in keeping with current guidelines and procedural requirements as well as ensuring resilience for the future.

It will also allow the Guilden Sutton site (incorporating the Marigold) to be operated independently for and by the community in the form you see it now. The Parish council is providing the funding for the hosting and domain registration - many thanks.

We hope you find the website and the Facebook page both interesting and useful. Some of the older pages need updating so that they are suitable for all devices. If anyone would like to help with the production of the website, either with the technical aspects and/or writing content, please contact Brian Lewin - details p11.

Guilden Sutton Community website: [www.guildensutton.org.uk](http://www.guildensutton.org.uk)

Guilden Sutton Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/guildensutton/](http://www.facebook.com/guildensutton/)

Guilden Sutton Parish Council website: [www.guildensuttonpc.co.uk](http://www.guildensuttonpc.co.uk)

## Guilden Sutton Community Association

Chairman: Derek Hughes 01244 300185

Treasurer: Trisha Paterson

Executive committee: Derek Hughes, Trisha Paterson, Peter Evans

### Change to the Community Association constitution

The 2021 AGM of the Community Association commissioned a review of its 1981 constitution, which no longer fits with the way the CA had been working. The 1981 constitution had been drawn up soon after the CA was formed and proposed an organisation which did not prove practicable and was never followed. It also meant that contracts were made by individual members of the CA, not the CA as a body.

Following the AGM, a group was formed to investigate the possibility of forming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This would enable contracts to be entered into by the CA in its own right and not by an individual member, thus avoiding any potential liability for individual members. A CIO also has advantages with regard to the succession of the charity.

Kevin Janes, an advisor from Cheshire Community Action, was a member of that group and helped to draft a new constitution, which would fit with the way the CA is organised and also the move to a CIO. The new constitution is currently being finalised and will be put to a public meeting in the near future.

For a fuller version of the Marigold and for those with impaired vision, please visit the Guilden Sutton website. The web edition will be updated regularly.

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

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

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# Some community events we've been missing - hopefully back in 2022



Village fete



Ramblers - Moel Famau



Gardens competition



Celebrations



Sutton six and fun fun



The Players



At the fete again