

Guilden Sutton Community Association

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Spring/summer 2025



A Progress Report - Robin Norrie GSCA chair

Three Years ago, trustees set out to change the Community Association's legal structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and reform the constitution with members' approval at the 2022 AGM. (See the Guilden Sutton website for information about CIOs, becoming a trustee and the advantages).

The current trustees have been busy improving the village hall by fixing the roof, modernising the toilets, installing a solar energy system and many other minor works to repair and improve the hall. It is tempting to think that the job is done but the Community Association is more than just bricks and mortar. At its heart are its members and volunteers who bring people together

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Coming soon



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through events like the Open Day, Art Exhibition, the Fete, the Village Quiz, Christmas Lights, etc.

The Community Association now has sound finances, a well-maintained hall and an up-to-date constitution with new policies and procedures. We can now focus on future community activities and events.

The new Constitution limits the number of years that trustees can serve to ensure that new people with fresh thinking and different skills have the opportunity to become trustees. I and Matthew Peacock (Secretary) and one or two other trustees are retiring at the next AGM. We wish to make way for and encourage a younger generation of trustees, with the ideas to further develop the range of social and community events held in the Village. I'd be very happy to share what is involved with anyone considering becoming a trustee (contact details below).

We would very much welcome you at your Community Association's Annual General meeting in the village hall on **Thursday, 22 May 7.30pm**, to elect new trustees (even become one yourself) and learn more.

I hope to see you there.

Robin Norrie
Chair - Guilden Sutton Community Association

Guilden Sutton Community Association

Charity no: 1201751

Chair: Robin Norrie (Email: robingnorrie@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Sarah Connolly

Secretary: Matthew Peacock (Email: matthew@guildensutton.org.uk)

Trustees: Sarah Connolly, Vivian Downing, Peter Evans, Alice Hay, Derek Hughes, Sarah Jessop, Robin Norrie, Matthew Peacock.

Holding a party or an event?

Book the Village Hall. The hall and its rooms are available for private bookings. You can view the scheduled activities and see what rooms in the Hall are available at:

www.guildensutton.org.uk/Village_hall_booking.html

Booking information is on that page but you can also speak to Stephanie, the booking secretary, on 07739 104147

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GUILDEN SUTTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
in conjunction with
TATTENHALL AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY
present a

Murder mystery evening

Saturday 12 April 7.30pm, Village Hall

- Form a team of 6 people
- Watch a Murder Mystery Play: **"Who Killed the Postmistress?"**
- Enjoy a 2-course supper
- Work out with your team Whodunit? - prizes to be won!
- Also a Quiz Sheet - more prizes!
- Raffle - even more prizes!
- Bring your own drinks - glasses will be provided
- Tickets £15 each

For more information and/or to reserve places,
please contact:

vivian.downing@googlemail.com

Diary of events

April

Annual Parish meeting	Wed 2	19:00 - 19:30	Village Hall
Parish Council meeting	Wed 2	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Murder mystery event	Sat 12	19:30 - 19:	Village Hall
Maundy Thursday	Thurs 17	30	St John's
Easter Day Rise service	Sun 20	CANCELLED	St John's
Easter Sunday	Sun 20	10:30	St John's

May

Parish Council meeting	Thurs 8	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Community Ass'n AGM	Thurs 22	19:30 - 21:00	Village Hall

June

Parish Council meeting	Thurs 5	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
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July

Parish Council meeting	Thurs 17	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Village fete	Sat 12	13:00 - 16:30	GS Primary school field

Dates in **RED** show a change from the normal Wednesday meeting day

Join the Community Association

As a resident of Guilden Sutton, you are welcome to register as a member of the Community Association. It's all FREE!

Membership has a number of advantages, including discounts on hall hire, updates on events via email and voting at Community Association AGMs. There are no obligations.

Why not join NOW using the on-line joining form on the GS website where there is full information on the Community Association

www.guildensutton.org.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. Refreshments are available.

See the Guilden Sutton Parent and Toddler Facebook page for some of our activities



Please come along on Tuesdays or email Emily for more information emilyjagalvin@hotmail.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



Tumble Tots

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

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



Guilden Sutton Preschool

Mel Payne is the new manager to welcome 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.

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 ready for their next big adventure! We also have strong community links with the local school and church.

We have limited spaces available for the Summer term - contact us now to secure your child's place or to discuss arrangements for the autumn term! Email Mel at managersgps@gmail.com or call 07717 942843 to arrange a visit. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm during term times.

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

You may be eligible for childcare funding. Visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information on how to apply and eligibility criteria.



Pop-up Play Village

Pop Up Play Village is all about making child's play of the world, inspiring and nurturing young minds through role play. Our village is child-led, with an open plan to provide a safe and inviting space where children and their parents can unleash their creativity and let their imaginations go wild.

Pop Up Play Village is made up of role-play areas, such as a construction site, baby nursery, cafe, supermarket, vets, hospital, emergency services and library. The play sessions have been specially designed to help children learn and develop through play. Each role-play area provides children with the tools to develop socially and learn more about themselves, their peers and the world we live in.



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As well as role-play sessions, we run parties, early years and school sessions (with planning to support the EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Curriculums), wedding entertainment, and pop-ups for events, festivals and fayres. Our play sessions run monthly from 11am to 12.15 pm. Dates can be found on Facebook and Instagram (@popupplayvillagechester). We are running an Easter themed special on Good Friday too. Sessions are PAYG and bookable online via the website below.

Trainmaster collaboration is Friday, 11 April, 11-12.15 and 12.45-2.00pm. Tickets are available to book now via my website below.

M: 07482268794

Email: chester@popupplayvillage.co.uk

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

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 new friends.

We meet every Thursday morning in the Village Hall (9.15 – 10.30am). It's been great to see some new people join us recently, and we are continuing to welcome new, adult members of all ages.

Our low impact 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. The sessions are pay as you go. It's just £7 per session, including refreshments. So why not come along and join us?

We are a very friendly bunch, and a walk to Meadow Lea Farm Coffee Shop afterwards, is a regular occurrence!

For more information please contact Su Baird on 0777 195 1427 or su.baird@btopenworld.com



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 07801 575773 email alvgwatkin@outlook.com or visit www.yogaly.co.uk

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

Green Space and Hooks Wood

The Green Space group is currently engaged in several projects in the area. One highlight was the successful Bird and Bird Box event held in March. Now, our focus is on gently tidying up the area next to the adventure trail, which will involve removing pallets and cardboard.

Hooks Wood, our community woodland, is open to everyone for walking, enjoying nature, exploring and playing. Entrances to the wood is via the Old School Lane or the Green Lane bridleway.

As spring approaches, the wood is expected to experience significant growth this year. We are planning a clear-up soon to remove plastic tree spirals while the ground is still soft, and will also do some taming of the area. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please get in touch through our website.

For more information visit:
www.gsgreenspace.org.uk



Mobile Library Service

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

24 March 14 April

16 June 7 July

28 July

No service on 5 or 26 May (Bank holidays)

Moorcroft Crescent 10:20-10:35

Village Hall car park 10:50-12:00



A wide range of books is on offer including fact, fiction, reference and children's books, new publications, large print and talking books, and an excellent Information Service. For further info and future dates visit the CWaC website and search for Mobile Library

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 300890 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

1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group

Meeting and activities at the Village Hall

Beavers (6-8yrs) Mondays 17:45 - 19:00

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

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

For more info email Wez Weston at:

1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk



French classes with Corinne **St John's Church Hall, Church Lane**

Learn French the fun relaxed way!

25 weeks courses , the classes end in May and start again in September

Level 4, Intermediate plus, Monday 10:00 - 12:00

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

Level 3, intermediate, Tuesday 13:00 - 15:00

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



Fox Meadow Update March 2025

When the wildflower project was first imagined, none of us thought it would take three years to complete, but we've got there in the end thanks to the support of members of the local community, Guilden Sutton Parish Council, our CW&C borough councillors and the efforts of the Wildflower Group committee.

Thank you to GSPC for providing a grit bin at the top of the steps. We will be planting more annuals in April to bring more colour throughout the patch. There is a planter to assemble and install near the lamppost, which we hope will be used to grow herbs for people to use, and a small seat in the middle of the garden. We hope to put a few stepping stones by the noticeboard too. If anyone would like to help with the wildflower seed sowing please get in touch with Tim (email: timprice51@gmail.com).



Apologies to the faeries who planted the little Christmas tree in December as we will have to remove it. We only have permission to plant one fruit tree, and everything in the garden has to be native species. If anyone has any ideas for the garden, please bring them to the committee first so that we don't contravene the terms of the licence.

We will arrange a modest official opening ceremony once the planter and seat are installed and the flowers bloom, probably in May or June. Everyone will be welcome. Now the daffodils are coming out we know Spring is on its way and the wildflowers won't be far behind

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.

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.

For more information, or if you have any questions 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

Qualified, Registered Teacher, Nina Gaskill RAD dip, DDE, AISTD
Contact Nina for information nina_dance@btinternet.com
Facebook: NinaGaskillDance



Guilden Sutton Art group

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



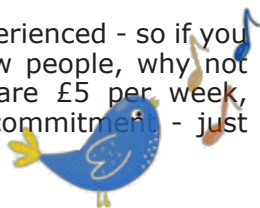
Why not drop in on a Wednesday to see what we are doing. For more info, contact Chris Morley T: 07746925804 E: chrstnmorley@gmail.com

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.

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 - 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!



April 10, 24

May 8, 22

June 12, 26

July 10, 24

Aug 14, 28

Sept 11, 25

Oct 9, 23

Nov 13, 27

Dec 11

St John's Church, Guilden Sutton

www.guildensutton-plemstalchurch



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 4th Sunday of the month and 7pm reflective and informal communion service on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

The church is currently without a vicar, Heather having moved to a position as the pastor in a Cheshire Hospice. We wish her well in her new role.

Services will be conducted by various members of the clergy while a successor to Heather is sought

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 their website for details

Cafe Church and Cafe Kids



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 their website for details

The Woolly Bunch



Enjoy knitting or crochet or want to learn?

Meet on the first and third Thursdays of most months 10.15 - 12 noon

St Johns Church
Hall
6 & 20 March
3 & 17 April
1 & 15 May
5 & 19 June

For full info visit the Church's website at
www.guildensutton-plemstalchurch

Guilden Sutton Old School House Trust

Registered Charity No. 1066844

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.

Applications should be submitted by 30th April for consideration in May or by 31st 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. 07738 158747).

Parish Council

Sue Ringstead (Chair), sue.ringstead@guildensuttonpc.co.uk

Members: Alan Davis (Vice chair), Mel Littlewood, Trisha Paterson, Rachael Whelan, Victoria Roberts, Derek Hughes, Emma Clare Hewitt

Clerk: Tel: 07733 414175 Email: clerk@guildensuttonpc.co.uk

Parish Council meetings:
2 April, 8 May, 5 June, 17 July
7.30pm Village Hall

Annual Parish meeting 2 April 7.00pm

If you would like to speak to a councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance. Two Councillors will be available at a surgery outside the Post Office 10:00 - 10:30 on the Saturday preceding each Council meeting. There is public speaking time at the start of each council meeting where members of the public may address the council. Occasionally, an open forum on specific subjects lasts half an hour before some council meetings. See agendas for details.

Parish Council website: guildensuttonpc.co.uk

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Councillors covering the Guilden Sutton area (Gowy Rural ward)

Margaret Parker email: margaret.parker@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Graham Heatley email: graham.heatley@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Regular events in the Village

Mondays - Fridays			Page
Pre-school	09:00 - 15:00	Village Hall	6
Mondays			
Tumble Tots	09:30 - 13:00	Village Hall	5
French Classes	10:00 - 12:00	<u>Church Hall</u>	10
Beavers	17:45 - 19:00	Village Hall	9
Cubs	18:30 - 20:00	Village Hall	9
Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	9
Tuesdays			
Ladies Badminton	09:15 - 10:15	Village Hall	9
Parents and Toddlers	10:30 - 12:00	Village Hall	5
French Classes	10am and 1pm	<u>Church Hall</u>	10
Yoga	18:30 - 19:45	Village Hall	8
GS Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	9
Ukulele group	20:00 - 21:00	Village Hall	11
Wednesdays			
GS Art Group	11:00 - 16:00	<u>Church Hall</u>	12
Guilden Sutton Sings	13:15 - 14:45	Village Hall	12
Circle Dancing	14:30 - 16:00	Village Hall	11
Pilates	19:00 - 21:00	<u>Church Hall</u>	8
Thursdays			
HAL	09:15 - 10:30	Village Hall	7
Fridays			
Stardust drama	15:45 - 17:45	Village Hall	5
Nina Gaskill Dance	16:30 - 18:30	Village Hall	11
Scouts	19:30 - 21:00	Village Hall	9
Pop-up Play Village	11:00 - 12:15	Village Hall	6
Saturdays			
Nina Gaskill Dance	9:00 - 17:00	Village Hall	11

WEBSITE

<https://www.guildensutton.org.uk>

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GUILDEN SUTTON VILLAGE FETE 2025

Planning is in full swing. We are currently gathering raffle prizes for the event so if you or someone you know can help. Please get in contact with Steph at Stephchambers99@aol.com

Additionally, we can't put on the fete without volunteers to help set up the field on Friday evening and Saturday morning before the fete. To help, please contact mel.littlewood@guildensuttonpc.co.uk

The pre-loved teddy tombola has been a very popular stall the past few years and we are already collecting donations. Chris in the Post Office has kindly said she will help with this so please drop them off with her. We would also be grateful for any tombola prizes. We will put a call out for other donations (toys, books etc) nearer the time

Thank you for your continued support.

