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Gilsland Village Magazine

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The Gilsland C E Primary School update

By Hannah Salkeld, Head of School

The start of another academic year is upon us once again! The staff were very excited to welcome the children- some old, some new- through the school doors. We have had a strong start; all the children came back motivated and ready to learn.

Here are some things that we are looking forward to this year:

- RE Week, with a focus on women in the Bible
- Talkin Tam Cross Country Run
- Our famous Christmas Performances- keep your eyes peeled for ticket information, coming soon!
- Community Pantomime Trip
- Twelve weeks of gymnastics, with specialist coaches, at Morton Academy
- Six weeks of swimming at Haltwhistle Pool
- Lanercost Cross Country
- Exciting sports events with William Howard School

And much more!

Would you like to be more involved with Gilsland School?

We currently have local governing body vacancies and space on our PTA. For further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Details confirmed for the next community lunch

The date for the next community lunch is Wednesday 8th November at 12.10pm. This will be £6 per person, open to any members of the community and family members.

Please contact the school to let us know if you'd like a place.
016977 47302/admin@gilsland.cumbria.sch.uk



(Above) The children had so much fun at our new Craft After School Club!

Refuse, recycling & bin collections – October

Northumberland County Council

- General waste: 12th and 26th
- Recycling: 5th and 19th

View full calendar:

northumberland.gov.uk/waste

Carlisle City Council

- Refuse and garden: 2nd, 16th and 30th
- Recycling: 9th and 23rd

View full calendar:

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Haltwhistle household recycling

- Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
- 8am – 6pm

CHURCH SERVICES

Gilsland Methodist

Services start at 10.30am unless stated.

- 01/10 | Songs of Praise service
- 15/10 | Holy Communion w/ Rev. T. Asogbon
- 22/10 | Holy Communion

St. Mary Magdalene

Services start at 9.30am unless stated.

- 08/10 | Harvest Festival, 4pm
- 22/10 | Holy Communion

The 65th annual Gilsland Leek Show

By Martin Armstrong

Green-fingered Gilslanders converged on the Bridge Inn for the 65th annual Leek Show!

To refresh everyone's memories, the Leek Show goes way back to 1958 and it's an opportunity for local residents to present the leeks they've been growing for judging by an independent adjudicator. The criteria is that the leeks must be no more than six inches from their base to the 'v' in the flag and they're on the heft of their girth and their overall condition.

This year we had 10 entrants. The top prize was once again claimed by Neil Murray who smashed the club record 207 cube. Beating the previous record by around 60 cube.

Here are the results in full:

- 1st and best leek, Neil Murray (pictured)
- 2nd, Eleanor Betton
- 3rd and most improved, Jessica Bridges

The future of the Leek Club looks bright. This coming year, we have 18 entrants wanting to steal Neil's crown. If anyone else would like to join. Either get in touch with myself or at the Bridge. Thank you to everyone for supporting The Leek Club!



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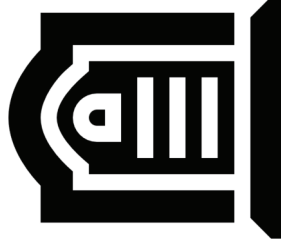
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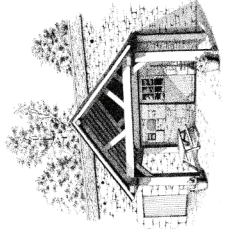
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VILLAGE HALL

Mondays

- Community Coffee Morning | Village Hall | 10.30am - 12.30pm
- Gilsland Youth Club | Village Hall | 6pm - 8.30pm

Tuesdays

- Yoga | Haltwhistle Leisure Centre | 10.30am - 11.30am
- Walking Group | Haltwhistle, Market Square | 11am
- G&G Knitting Group | House of Meg | 1pm - 3pm
- Outreach Post Office | Village Hall | 1pm - 4pm
- Theatre Group | Village Hall | 7pm

Wednesdays

- Craft Group | Village Hall | 1pm - 4pm
- Yoga | Village Hall | (Chair) 10.30am, (Barre Fitness) 6.15pm and (Hatha) 7.30pm

Thursdays

- Outreach Post Office | Village Hall | 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Coffee Break | Methodist Chapel | 10.30am - 12 noon
- Yoga | Village Hall | 7pm - 8pm

Fridays

- Outreach Post Office | Village Hall | 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Yoga | Haltwhistle Leisure Centre | 7.15pm - 8.15pm

Saturdays

- Hatha Flow Yoga | Village Hall | 9am - 10am

DIARY DATES

03/10 | Gilsland WI, Gilsland Village Hall.
08/10 | New Hadrian Singers, Haltwhistle Library. 7pm - 8.30pm.
13/10 | Fool's Gold (folk duo), Gilsland Village Hall. 7pm.
20 & 21/10 | The Gilsland Players presents (Comedy theatre) . 7pm - 10pm.
04/11 | Haltwhistle Art & Craft Fair, Masonic Hall. 10am - 4pm.
08/11 | Community lunch, Gilsland C E Primary School. 12.10pm.



The Gilsland Players presents...

The village's new amateur dramatics group, The Gilsland Players, are putting on their first show! They'll be presenting 2 one act comedies, 'Last Tango in Little Gilsland' and 'Lockdown' which follow the antics of a hapless troupe of amateur actors, desperate to attract an audience.

20th and 21st October in the Gilsland Village Hall, 7pm start. Tickets cost £8 and are available online from www.greencroftonthewall.com. You can purchase in person from House of Meg. Aside from some top notch entertainment, there'll also be a bar.

An afternoon with Robert Whitehead

Accordianist Robert Whitehead will be playing at Greenhead Village Hall on 11th October at 2pm. Tickets cost £6 which includes light refreshments.

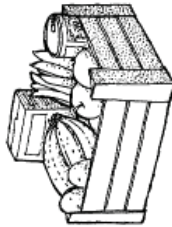
Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market

Lots of lovely food, crafts and plants to choose from, all from local producers. Enjoy homemade refreshments while you shop. Stay local, buy the best. Greenhead Village Hall. Sunday 8th October. 10am - 2pm.

St Mary Magdalene: In Memoriam with

Carlisle Cathedral Taizé Choir

Come and join us in the twilight peace of Gilsland Church on the evening of All Souls' Day to remember all those we love who have died. You will be very welcome. Thursday 2nd November 6pm.



St Mary Magdalene: Harvest Festival with

Bishop Rob of Penrith

We invite you to celebrate a Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalene's On Sunday 8th October at 4pm with Bishop Rob of Penrith, followed by Harvest Tea at Gilsland Methodist Chapel.

The New Hadrian Singers - sessions starting soon!

If you've ever wanted to sing together in a choir then the New Hadrian Singers would love to invite you to join them! No auditions, all ages, much fun, hard work and an amazing variety of music. Fridays, starting September 8th, 7pm - 8.30pm in Haltwhistle Library's Community Room. Enquiries: 07808 969 608.

Folk duo Fools Gold return to Gilsland

On 13th October 7pm folk duo 'Fool's Gold' are returning by popular demand with an evening of Victorian themed songs and stories. £6 ticket. Doors open 6.30pm, bring own refreshments but some soft cans and crisps for sale. Tickets available from Janet Gordon, can be reserved and collected on the night 016977 47439 email janetgordon@gmail.com.

Concerned about upcoming changes to your landline service?

Meeting in Gilsland Village Hall at 11am on Monday 16th October. Gill Cowell, Project manager of NCC's iNorthumberland Programme, will attend to help explain what these changes will mean for your landline phone service and to clarify service providers' obligations. All welcome. Sue Seymour, Thirlwall PC.

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An update from Gilsland WI

The WI has been inspiring women for over 100 years. Formed in 1915, the Women's Institute was originally brought to life to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. Since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK.

The WI Vision

To create a world where women come together to learn, share skills and work together to become active citizens, influencing change to improve lives in their local, national and global communities.

We Connect Women

Our movement offers women of all ages and backgrounds a unique chance to come together and share experiences, tackling social isolation and building community cohesion.

We Support Women

We support women to learn, develop new skills and achieve their goals throughout their lives, building confidence and improving physical and mental wellbeing.

We Empower Women

We empower women to use their voice individually and collectively to achieve real changes on the issues that matter to them.

Gilsland W.I. meets monthly, usually the first Tuesday in the month at 19.00 in the summer then changing to Mondays in the winter at 13.30 to avoid travel during dark nights.

We are a small, friendly group of ladies who are always looking to meet new members. Would you enjoy meeting new people, monthly talks from interesting speakers and ending the meeting with a nice supper?

If you are interested in coming to see what the W.I. has to offer then please contact myself Nicole Whyler, W.I. secretary, to discuss further. Tel 01697 747048.

Haltwhistle's annual craft fair returns the November!

The 35th Annual Art & Craft Fair in Haltwhistle returns to the Masonic Hall (NE49 9DQ) on Saturday 4th November, between 10am and 4pm. The fair has attracted a varied range of different crafts from right across the northern region and southern Scotland but there is a very strong presence of local producers from in and around Haltwhistle. People who have been before will see many familiar stalls, but there are always a new ones to explore.

The fair offers something for everyone and you'll find candles, paintings, bath bombs and greetings cards (to name but a few of the event's many stall holders!) In keeping with the ethos of the fair the Northumberland Wild Life Trust will be present to promote its work within the County.

There will be home-made refreshments available all day so visitors can have a rest and chat in between browsing.

Gilsland at Northumbria in Bloom!

By Fiona Bullock



On Wednesday 20th September, Jenny Redman and myself had the pleasure of being invited to the Northumbria in Bloom neighbourhood awards presentation 2023. I'm pleased to announce that Gilsland was awarded 'thriving' by the RHS judges thanks to the garden around the bus stop.

It was Janet Gordon's and Clare Hawkin's idea to enter the bus stop into this scheme on the strength of all the good things that have been happening at the bus stop, such as the library, mosaic and the neon cheep baa-bara.

The work to our bus stop has all been completed by volunteers and involved many varied groups of all ages and abilities. It has been supported by donations from the Village Hall, the Parish Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund as well as the villagers themselves. Everyone takes pride in maintaining the space for all to use and whilst we may not be able to catch a bus, we can still do a whole lot more! There are plans afoot to add to the garden with a wild flower corner and the addition of water butts behind the bus stop. Watch this space!



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