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THE GILSLAND PLAYERS DEBUT PRODUCTION A HIT!

By Chris Cantrill

On Friday 20th and Saturday 21st of October, people from the village and beyond came out to support the debut production of our fledgling amateur dramatics troupe, The Gilsland Players.

The cast of Amanda Drago, Andi Keen, Alex Kinsey and Trudi Newlove performed 2 pieces about a dysfunctional amateur dramatics group who're putting on what turns out to be an increasingly risqué play. Originally written by David Tristram, Last Tango in Little Gilsland and Lockdown in Little Gilsland were packed with funny lines and brought to life with aplomb by the sparkling cast.

Malcolm Redman did a cracking job of managing the technical cues and the pieces were directed by Tom Gutterridge who said, "I'm really proud of the way the group has worked so hard since April to stage this play. I'd like to thank all the others who have supported us on the way. Particularly the Village Hall committee, Alan Sharp and Daryl Hodgson". Audience members also bought raffle tickets and raised over £150 for the PTA!

Needless to say, thoughts have already turned to what the troupe's next exciting production could be! If you'd like to be involved in an upcoming production, the group meets on Tuesdays in the Village Hall.



(Above) Rehearsals underway (while Andi relaxes with a paper (Right) Smashing it on opening night!



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Northumberland County Council

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Carlisle City Council

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- Recycling: 6th & 20th

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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.

05/11 | Songs of Praise

19/11 | Morning Service w/ G&S Hall

St. Mary Magdalene

Services start at 9.30am unless stated.

02/11 | Carlisle Taize Choir. 6pm.

12/11 | Remembrance Sunday. 10.50am.

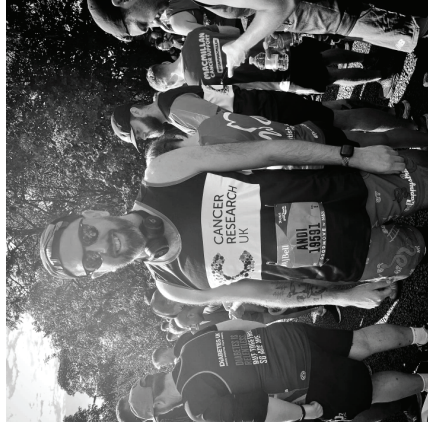
26/11 | Holy Communion

ANDI KEEN RACES FOR CHARITY

By Chris Cantrill

Local resident Andi Keen (or Bernard as he's known to his legions of fans) completed his 12th Great North Run on 10 September.

Clocking in at 2 hours and 12 minutes, he raised a whopping total of £1,178.75 which will be donated to Cancer Research. The Village is very proud and we've no idea where he finds the time!



Gilsland Coffee Morning donation

Gilsland Community Coffee Morning have donated £50 after Andi Keen completed the Great North Run for Cancer Research.

(Above) The BFG is a brilliant book!
(Left) Andi accepts his generous donation.



THE GILSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

By Hannah Salkeld, Head of School

October has been a busy month! We had a very successful RE week. This is a collaborative project we do with other Church of England Schools in the Brampton Cluster. Our theme this year was 'Women in the Bible'; we were focusing on the Queen of Sheba. Early years and key stage one made beautiful crowns in her honour, whilst key stage two made story boards about Sheba's journey to finding God. We integrated some of our artistic skills by illustrating our storyboards in the bold and colourful style of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We also used subtractive drawing techniques to create portraits of the Queen of Sheba. All the schools gather at Houghton Church to present their work- we were extremely proud, not only of the work produced, but by the exemplary behaviour of our pupils.

The Gilsland School PTA have been very active in organising some events for the year. I know we are all looking forward to the Gilsland School Christmas Production (oh yes we are!); the PTA will be helping us host and will be serving the usual drinks (always goes down well) and running a raffle. They are working with school to organise a children's disco for after the Monday production. There is an adults' quiz night in the pipelines for the spring term, and a summer fayre on Saturday 15th of June. We look forward to seeing you there!

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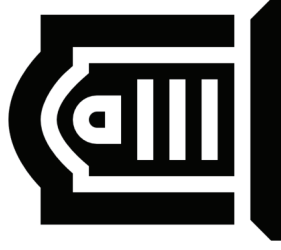
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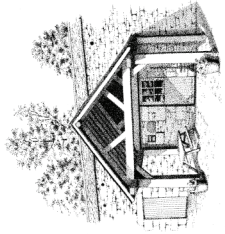
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Mondays

- 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

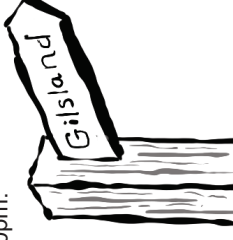
- Outreach Post Office | Village Hall | 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Yoga | Haltwhistle Leisure Centre | 7.15pm - 8.15pm

Saturdays

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

DIARY DATES

- 02/11 | Fire & Dough Pizzas, House of Meg. 5pm onwards.
- 02/11 | Carlisle Taize Choir. St. Mary Magdalene. 6pm.
- 04/11 | Haltwhistle Craft Fair, Masonic Hall. 10am - 4pm.
- 08/11 | Big Little Questions, BBC Radio 4. 11pm.
- 09/11 | Greek Food Van. House of Meg. 5pm onwards.
- 11/11 | Friendship Group, Haltwhistle Library. 1pm - 3pm.
- 12/11 | Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market. Greenhead. 10am - 2pm.
- 14/11 | Domino Night, Village Hall. 7pm.
- 20/11 | Ringtons Van visits the village.
- 25/11 | Delia Derbyshire exhibition, The Sill. 12 noon - 6pm.
- 26/11 | Delia Derbyshire exhibition, The Sill. 10am - 4pm.
- 09/12 | House of Meg Christmas Market. 4pm - 7pm.
- 11th - 15th Dec | Festive Afternoon Tea at House of Meg. Noon - 3pm.
- 13/12 | Community Lunch, Christmas dinner. Gilsland C of E. 12.10pm.
- 18/12 | Ringtons Van visits the village.



Missing ladder reported

May I draw your attention to the theft of a "Youngman" step ladder from our back garden in Irthing Park? It was heavy, difficult to carry, and had been left overnight well hidden behind shrubs and could not be seen from the road. Whoever took it came into the back garden via two high fastened gates, adjacent gardens or the mound at the back of the property. It was then lifted over a 6ft fence which they took down. It is quite distinctive, made of heavy gauge sheet, with yellow and black markings. Please let me know if you have any information. The police have been informed. Anne Cooke, tel 47105.

New Friendship Group in Haltwhistle

Our brilliant new friendship group launches on 11th October. It's the perfect place for a chat and a cuppa. There will also be great activities. The Friendship Group will meet in Haltwhistle Library between 1pm - 3pm. Entry is free. For more info you can email friends@ageuk-northumberland.org.uk or call 01670 784 800.

Remembering George Firman

The magazine would like to acknowledge the sad passing of George Firman, a stalwart of the village for many years. He will be missed by many of us.

The Haltwhistle Annual Craft Fair returns!

The 35th Annual Craft Fair will take place in the Masonic Hall (Bank's Terrace, NE49 9DQ) between 10am and 4pm on the 04/11/23. It's packed with crafty produce including candles, crocheted products, art prints and much more. Perfect for a bit of early Christmas shopping!

Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market, reminder

Time to start Christmas shopping. Lots of craft and plant ideas from local producers. Delicious food stalls too, with homemade refreshments while you shop. The next market takes place on Sunday 12th November in the Greenhead Village Hall between 10am and 2pm.

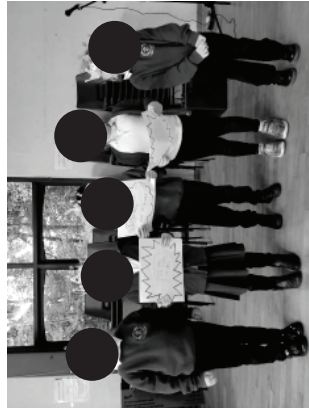
Taize choir service returns to Mary St. Magdalene

On Thursday 2nd November at 6pm, the Carlisle Taize Choir returns to Mary St. Magdalene church with their "In Memoriam" performance.

Festive season on the horizon for House of Meg

House of Meg tearooms will once again be hosting its now famous Christmas Market on 9th December from noon until 4pm - 7pm. There will be a mixture of homemade gifts from independent business owners as well as delicious mulled wine and cider.

Andi is also thrilled to announce he'll be running Festive Afternoon teas at House of Meg from noon until 3pm from the 11th - 15th December. The delicious tea consists of a selection of festive sandwiches, white chocolate and cranberry scones and a selection of sweet treats. The Festive Afternoon tea costs £19.95 per person or £23.95 with bubbles. Andi needs a minimum of 48 hours notice and a minimum of 2 people.



(Above) Children at the RE week presentation!



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SCHOOL SHOES FOR NORTHUMBERLAND ASYLUM SEEKERS

By Wendy Bond

Asylum seekers have been housed in Northumberland since 2016, often families, and many still waiting to hear if they may have leave to remain here and, finally, to work. About 400 people, from over 20 countries, 4 continents, with various skills, talents and ambitions, mostly living in the old pit villages in the south east of the county.

Fortunately, north easterners make good neighbours. Northumberland County of Sanctuary is a small, but growing, group of volunteers running weekly drop-ins where there's a warm welcome, advice, help and the companionship and support of others sharing the same anxieties about what the next day might bring.

The children are getting on well in school, picking up both English and Geordie remarkably quickly from their new friends.

We'd like to think that these kids could keep their feet dry this winter - even jump in a puddle. Can you help?

To make a donation, BACs to:

- Northumberland County of Sanctuary
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- Charity Number: 11856663

We'd like to be able to thank you! Please let us know you have donated, or send cheques, to: The Secretary, NCoS, 82, Front Street, Newbiggin on the Sea, Northumberland, NE64 6QD.

NEW RADIO 4 SHOW FEATURING GILSAND KIDS AIRS

By Chris Cantrill

Big Little Questions is a brand new BBC Radio 4 comedy series which features some of the children from Gilsland! It's a very silly sketch show where myself and comedian Amy Gledhill attempt to answer questions that we think we all know the answer to, but definitely don't!

The series is starts 28th November on BBC Radio 4 at 11pm and will be available on the BBC Radio Sounds app.

TRAILBLAZER: DELIA DERBYSHIRE

By Green Croft Arts

Delia Derbyshire was a pioneer in the development of electronic music in the twentieth century. Working from the BBC's Radiophonic Workshop, she is recognised for her electronic realisation of Ron Grainer's theme music to Doctor Who. Leaving the BBC, Delia moved to Gilsland, on the Northumberland Cumbria border working at the LYC Museum at Banks and as a radio operator for Laing's Engineers during the laying of the gaspipe through Cumbria.



(Above) Help uncover an exciting piece of local history!

On the 23rd November 2023 (Delia Derbyshire Day) it will be the 60th anniversary of the first episode of Dr Who. To celebrate Green Croft Arts are running a series of events in electronic sound, sci-fi and dark skies that explores Delia's connection with Gilsland.

Trailblazer Festival & Exhibition

Interactive sound commissions, Dr Who Monsters exhibition, panel talks, workshops, screenings, children's craft activities and stargazing events.

- The Sill: National Landscape Discovery Centre
- Sat 25th Nov 12.00pm - 6.00pm
- Sun 26th Nov 10.00am - 4.00pm

To book go to www.greencroftonthewall.com.

Trailblazer Story Detectives

We are also looking for eight volunteer Story Detectives who will help us with researching Delia's time in Gilsland in the 70's through archive news articles, community pictures and home movies. We know she worked at the LYC Museum, drank at The Samson Inn and joined their darts team. Does anybody remember her? We will also be offering training and expenses will be reimbursed. If you would like to volunteer then call Amanda on 07944 994405, or email info@greencroftonthewall.com.



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