

Gilsland Village Magazine

GILSLAND AND THE HADRIAN'S WALL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

By John Miles

The train track or road is a corridor for folk to get from A to B, but how does wildlife move from place to place? Birds can fly, though many use trees and hedgerows to travel. Mice, voles, even frogs and toads travel. They too need a linked up area to move around the countryside. One of the best linked up areas are hedgerows but even they are failing if not kept in good condition. Many hedgerows have trees in them but likewise need to have young trees added especially as diseases like 'ash die back' and 'Dutch elm disease' is/has removed so many from our countryside.

The famous Wall was built at a time when native mammals like Wild Boar, Wolf, Red Deer, Brown Bear and Lynx will have seen the Wall as a barrier - Thirlwall (or "hole in the wall") was meant as a gateway for livestock not wild animals. Now a new wildlife corridor is to be built from the Solway to Wallsend using several habitats like hedges, ponds and woodland. Natural corridors like the River Irthing add to this movement where steep banks hold woodland that would have previously been felled for timber. Already, some big schemes are happening around both Cumbria and Northumberland, all expanding wildlife.

The new agricultural payments via Environment Land Management will mean wildlife will become a key part of how the Gilsland area will change over time. New species will return and already Golden Eagles have been seen up the Irthing. Clear felling of trees planted on the peat are being felled and the peat restored to capture carbon allowing species like Nightjar and Black Grouse to return to the area. Even schemes are planned to improve the Irthing catchment to prevent flooding downstream. Both the National park and private landowners are to be encouraged to do their bit for wildlife around this great monument.

So how can you help? Nearly everyone has a garden that you can manage for nature. Do you have to cut the grass that often? Are your plants good for pollinators? Have you any wild areas in your garden? Do you add nest boxes for birds? Exciting times are just around the corner!

John is a local naturalist and author. He can be contacted through his website www.chickbooks.co.uk

BIN DAYS

Northumberland County Council

General waste: 14th & 28th
Recycling: 7th & 21st

View the full calendar at:
Northumberland.gov.uk/waste

Haltwhistle household recycling

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

Cumberland Council

Refuse and garden: 4th & 18th
Recycling: 11th & 25th

View the full calendar at:
Carlisle.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling

Brampton household recycling

10am to 6pm, every day except
Tuesday

CHURCH SERVICES

Gilsland Methodist

Services start at 10.30 unless stated

03/03 | Songs of Praise
17/03 | Communion service with Rev'd
Tokunbo Asogbon
31/03 | Easter Songs of Praise

St. Mary Magdalene

Services start at 9.30 unless stated

10/03 | 9.30am | Mothering Sunday
24/03 | 10am | Palm Sunday at
Lanercost
25/03 | 6.30pm | Taize service with
Carlisle Taize Choir
31/03 | 9.30am | Easter Day Holy
Communion

GILSLAND VILLAGE HALL NOTICES

By Janet Gordon

INCREASE HIRE CHARGES

Since the end of Covid the village hall has reduced hire charges for local bookings to help post Covid recovery. We have now reviewed our charges and from the 1st March 2024 hire of the hall will be charged as follows: Local bookings (within the three Parishes) £10.00 per session Parties and Whole Hall Hire with kitchen £30.00. All other bookings £15.00 per session Existing bookings will be charged at the prices stated at the time of their booking.

POST OFFICE

Once again, the committee has been asked to remind people chatting in the hall during Post Office sessions to be respectful of privacy at the counter for those being served. If possible, please do not park directly in front of the hall entrance when the Post Office is visiting as there is a lot of equipment to unload.

RECYCLE MONTH MARCH

Please see page 11 for details.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays

- Community Coffee Morning | Village Hall | 10.30am - 12.30pm
- Youth club | Village Hall | 6.00pm - 8.00pm

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
- Drama group | Village Hall | 7.00pm

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
- Art / Drawing group | Village Hall | 1.30pm - 4.00pm
- Yoga | Haltwhistle Leisure Centre | 7.15pm - 8.15pm

Saturdays

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

DIARY DATES

04/03 | Gilsland Village Hall | WI talk | 2.00pm

05/03 | Gilsland Village Hall | Souper Tuesday | 11.45 - 12.30

08/03 | Gilsland Village Hall | Dance workshop | 11.30 - 1.00

08/03 | Gilsland Village Hall | Contemporary dance show (adult themes) | 7.30pm

08/03 | Greenhead Village Hall | Sing and Scoff with Hadrian Singers | 1.00 - 2.30

10/03 | Greenhead Village Hall | Hadrian's Wall Farmers' Market | 10.00 - 2.00

12/03 | Gilsland Village Hall | Souper Tuesday | 11.45 - 12.30

12/03 | Gilsland Village Hall | Dominoes night | 7.00pm

16/03 | Gilsland Village Hall | Trailblazers project | 12.00 - 5.00pm

22/03 | Gilsland Village Hall | Gilsland School PTA quiz | 7.00pm

25/03 | Gilsland Village Hall | Rington's van | Mid-morning

25/03 | St Mary Magdalene Church | Taize service with Carlisle Taize Choir | 6.30pm

Art courses for adults in Gilsland starting in April 2024

10-week beginners courses in painting and pen and wash to be run at Gilsland Village Hall on Thursday and Friday afternoons starting in April. Also suitable for those wishing to refresh their skills. These will be run by Sarah an artist and experienced adult education art tutor. For more details and booking, please visit Sarah's website www.coursesforadults.co.uk or tel. 016977 47824

Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market

Sunday 10th March from 10 am to 2pm at Greenhead Village Hall
Spring is here and time to get your local products direct from the producer. Delicious food and great plants and crafts available. Enjoy home-made refreshments too. Stay local, buy the best!

Sing and Scoff by New Hadrian Singers

New Hadrian Singers, led by Lindsay Hannon, are hosting an afternoon fundraising concert to raise money for the choir to travel to singing events throughout the year. FREE but donations gratefully received. Friday 8th March 1.00pm - 2.30pm Greenhead Village Hall.

Carlisle Taizé Choir at St Mary Magdalene

On Monday March 25th at 6.30pm there will be an informal service of songs with readings and prayer led by Carlisle Taizé Choir. Everyone is welcome to come and sit quietly in the twilight of the church and listen to the music or join in as the tunes become familiar. It's a time for reflection, calmness and thankfulness as we prepare for Easter.

Souper Tuesdays

On March 5th and 12th from 11.45 to 12.30 at Gilsland Village Hall. Bring your friends and enjoy a lunchtime of homemade soup, bread and cake and good company. Donations to Christian Aid Gaza Appeal. Organised by Sy Mary Magdalene Church.

Garden help (paid) wanted

1 - 2 hours per week. To start as soon as possible. No experience needed as will be working alongside ourselves. We have all equipment. Contact 07904925932.

Domino Nights

Just to remind people that the Domino evenings are starting again on 12th March. We start at 19.00 sharp. £3 per session includes a supper midway. Raffle at the end. Everyone is welcome whatever your level of playing. The group is really friendly and supportive so come along and enjoy the afternoon!

March W.I. Meeting

The Gilsland W.I. will be meeting on Monday, March 4th at 14.00. The speaker this month is Amanda Drago who will be presenting Hatha Yoga and a Sound Bath Immersion. Guests welcome at £3 per person but we do need to know of anyone planning to attend in order to ensure we can cater for supper afterwards. If you would like to attend please ring Nicole on 01697 747048.

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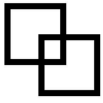
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MORE ART AND CULTURE IS COMING TO GILSLAND!

By Amanda Drago

Gilsland Village Hall is now part of Highlights Rural Touring network of village halls with Green Croft Art acting as promoter. This means we can look forward to accessing amazing dance, theatre, music and children's shows for the future. The first show is a solo called AND by Charlotte Mclean at 7.30pm on 8th March 2024. It fuses contemporary dance, Scottish Highland dance and poetry and has been described as an "exhilarating, jaw-droppingly bold and clever show" by The Scotsman. *Please note the show contains adult themes and is only suitable for 14s and over.* There will also be a workshop with Charlotte from 11.30am to 1.00pm Friday 8 Mar 2024, in which she will explore Scottish Highland Dancing, movement and creative writing. Everybody is welcome!

See the Diary Dates on page 3 or www.greencroftonthewall.com for more details.

THE TRAILBLAZER EXHIBITION NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Do you have memories, stories, photos, family films of Gilsland Village life during the 1970's and 1980's? Then we need you!!!

[Left: Li Yuan Chia and Delia Derbyshire at the entrance to the LYC Museum and Art Gallery, Banks, Cumbria. 1976]

Our Trailblazer Exhibition featuring the life and work of pioneering electronic music composer Delia Derbyshire (composer of the Dr Who theme tune) will open to visitors at Green Croft On The Wall during Summer 2024. To help visitors have a better understanding of life in Gilsland we are creating a broadsheet newspaper and we need the community's help to fill it with news of the day. Did you know that Delia was part of the The Samson Inn darts team?

We are hosting two community drop-in sessions at Gilsland Village Hall to bring photos and stories and we will digitise these for you. This is FREE and you can enjoy cake and tea whilst you wait! The sessions are on Saturday 16th March and Saturday 6th April, both from 12.00 until 5.00pm.

More information can be found at www.greencroftonthewall.com or you can call Amanda on 07944 994405.

GILSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

By Hannah Salkeld

Gilsland School have had a very busy February! Early years and KS1 took part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch and managed to spot blue tits, robins, a blackbird, some ducks and some crows. The children made their own bird feeders to tempt them onto school grounds.

The whole school have really been enjoying going to Morton Academy for gymnastics. They have wonderful gymnastics coaches and incredible equipment there. Early years and KS1 have practised their forward and backwards roll and using the trampolines to perform different kinds of jumps. KS2 have been revisiting rolls and cartwheels, and practising jumps for mounting and dismounting apparatus.

KS2 worked with the wonderful Mrs Mitchell to enter a poetry competition. Winning pieces get published into a book- and most of ours were picked! The children are so proud of their work and are excited to see it in print.

School Council have been working hard to organise some events; World Book Day is coming up in March, and they have put together a sponsored read to celebrate and to raise money for new books. They are also putting together ideas for a bake sale on Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March- if you want to grab some delicious goodies, be at school at 3.10pm as last year we sold out fast!

Finally, the PTA have also been busy- they are hosting a Quiz Night at the Village Hall on Friday 22nd March at 7pm. A guaranteed fun night- £10 per team, with a maximum of 4 per team. Drinks and refreshments will be available. Money raised is going towards funding the KS2 residential. We hope to see you there!

ST MARY MAGDALENE – ONE YEAR ON

By Alison Higgs

It's been a year since the members of St Mary Magdalene held an emergency meeting about the future of Gilsland Church. Now it's time for an update. Please come along to the Village Hall on 11th April at 7pm to find out how things are going and discuss the future and how you can continue to support the church and churchyard.

GILSLAND VILLAGE HALL RECYCLE MONTH MARCH 2024

By Janet Gordon

Each year Northumberland's community buildings have a celebration of village halls with a theme. This year the theme is recycling. Gilsland Village Hall, Gilsland Methodist Chapel and St Mary Magdalene Church will be taking part by collecting and distributing small items that usually end up in landfill sites. Throughout the month of March, please donate cleaned items on the list below during stated opening hours to the following venues.

GILSLAND VILLAGE HALL

Monday Coffee 10.30 – 12.30. Post Office Tues 1.00 – 4.00, Thurs / Fri 9.30 – 12.30

COLOURED MILK BOTTLE LIDS

Made into playground furniture, every ½ ton funds are donated to Help 4 Heroes.

BRAS OLD AND NEW

New to be sent by 'Moral Fibres' to Africa. Used are recycled for cash by 'Against Breast Cancer UK'.

WOOD BOTTLE CORKS

RECORDED resell and reuse corks with a % going to various charities.

HYGIENE & SANITARY ITEMS MALE & FEMALE

Carlisle Council Domestic Abuse and Homeless / Ukraine c/o Brenda and Tuesday Knitters

EMPTY TOOTHPASTE & USED COSMETICS

Boots Chemist recycle as much as possible of these items.

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Open every day. Services 2nd and 4th Sunday's. [Please sign the visitors' book.]

GLASSES & CASES

Lions Clubs. Best ones are sent to Africa to be reused and Specsavers send everything else to be recycled.

GILSLAND METHODIST CHURCH

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