

Gilsland Village Magazine

SOSAMSON GRANT APPLICATION SUCCESSFUL

By Jane McDaid, Chair of GCB SL



The GCB SL board celebrate the successful grant application

It is with great pleasure and excitement that GCB SL can announce that they have been successful in their Community Ownership Fund bid. The funding body, which is part of the UK Government Levelling Up Agenda, said: "We are delighted to inform you that your application has been successful, and to approve in principle the award of a COF grant of £198,658 capital funding and £17,181 revenue funding to Save Our Samson to help save your treasured community asset and support the ambitions of your community". The Share Pledges and Donations have now reached £141,455 from 476 supporters.

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Meeting to discuss timber extraction from Crammel Rigg - see page 2

BIN DAYS

Northumberland County Council

General waste: 11th & 25th

Recycling: 5th & 18th

View the full calendar at:

Northumberland.gov.uk/waste

Haltwhistle household recycling

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

8am - 6pm

Cumberland Council

Refuse and garden: 1st & 15th & 29th

Recycling: 8th & 22nd

View the full calendar at:

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Brampton household recycling

10am to 6pm, every day except

Tuesday

CHURCH SERVICES

Gilsland Methodist

Services start at 10.30 unless stated

April 7th - Songs of Praise

April 21st - Morning Service with

Mr. R. Pattinson

April 28th - 2.00pm @ CofE : Lambing
Service

St. Mary Magdalene

Services start at 9.30 unless stated

April 14th at 9.30 - Holy Communion

April 28th at 2.30 - Lambing
Celebration

PUBLIC MEETING WITH TILHILL

By Sue Seymour, Chair of Thirlwall Parish Council

Tilhill are holding a public meeting to discuss their proposal for stone delivery for the internal forest road and timber transport arrangements from Crammel Rigg this summer. The timber extraction proposal is for one convoy of about 9 timber wagons per day.

The meeting is a chance for local residents to hear the proposals in more detail, ask questions directly to Tilhill and provide feedback for past operations.

The meeting starts at 6pm on Weds April 3rd in the downstairs room of Gilsland Village Hall. All are welcome.

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

02/04 | Gilsland Village Hall | April WI meeting | 7.15pm

03/04 | Gilsland Village Hall | Public meeting with Tilhill | 6pm

04/04 | Gilsland Village Hall | SOSamson meeting | 7.30pm

06/04 | Gilsland Village Hall | Greencroft local history meeting | Afternoon

09/04 | Gilsland Village Hall | Dominoes | 7pm

11/04 | Gilsland Village Hall | St Mary Magdalene – one year on | 7pm

14/04 | Greenhead Village Hall | Hadrian's Wall Farmers' Market | 10am - 2pm

22/04 | Gilsland Village Hall | Rington's van | Mid-morning

VILLAGE HALL NOTICES

There will be no Post Office on Thursday 2nd May due to the hall being used as a Polling Station. Please remember you will need ID to vote.

Thank you to everyone who joined in with recycling small items at the village hall, St Mary Magdalene and Gilsland Methodist Chapel. I will update how much we collected next month.

BULLETIN BOARD

Gilsland Community Coffee Morning

Monday 1st April (Easter Monday) Gilsland Community Coffee morning invite you to join them at a special Easter coffee morning in the village hall 10.30 to 12.30. All are welcome including children. All donations will be given to a charity. So why not pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

April WI Meeting

The Gilsland WI will be meeting on Tuesday 2nd April 7.15 for a 7.30 pm start in the Village Hall. The speaker this month is from the Eden Hospice Trust and includes a light supper. Guests are welcome at £3 per person

Dominoes Night

The next Dominoes evening will be Tuesday 9th April. We start at 7.00 pm sharp and it's £3 per session which includes a supper at half time and a Raffle at the end. Everyone is welcome whatever your level of playing. Everyone is supportive so why not come and enjoy the evening?

The Macmillan Plant Sale is back for the 4th year, on May 4th

As usual 10.30 - 12.30 at 20 Irthing Park, Gilsland. This year we are trying to raise £1,000 for this great charity. Any donated plants would be very welcome. Judy Lowes

Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market

Sunday 14th April from 10am to 2pm at Greenhead Village Hall. Lovely spring products to brighten your days. Food, baking, crafts and plants direct from the makers. Home-made refreshments while you shop Stay local, buy the best.

St Mary Magdalene – one year on

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.

Lambing thanksgiving

Gilsland church and chapel invite you to come and celebrate the arrival of this year's lambs on Sunday 28th April at 2.30 at St Mary Magdalene's Church. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

SOSamson quiz night a huge success

The Quiz Pie and Pea party in Gilsland Village Hall was a fantastic night out and raised over £1000 net - Cathy and her merry team of helpers including the Quiz Master and Markers, Raffle Runners, Food Preparers, Servers and Washers Up all did the community proud. Watch this space for a family event in June.

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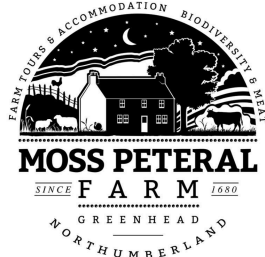
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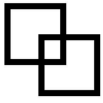
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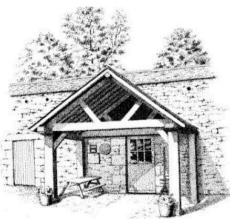
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We will now launch the formal Share Offer to turn the Share Pledges and Donations into real money and together with the COF funds we will raise the required funds to purchase and open The Samson Inn. Colin Mitchell (Secretary) will contact all the supporters who have pledged to date with the formal Share Offer documents and we are very happy for new supporters to make contact.

There are exciting times ahead and we all can once again look forward to enjoying a drink in The Samson beer garden over the summer.

Finally, we are only where we are because of the generosity of your pledges and the community's full support - thank you.



The next meeting of GCB SL is at 7.30pm on Thursday the 4th April 2024 at Gilsland Village Hall. All are welcome.

GCB SL can be contacted by:

Email on sosamsoninn@gmail.com

Post at Gilsland Village Hall post box or by post to GCB SL c/o Gilsland Village Hall, Gilsland, CA8 7BE

PANCAKES AND SOUP FOR GAZA

By Alison Higgs

Thank you to all who helped provide food and service for pancake day and Souper Tuesdays organised by members of St Mary Magdalene. Thanks particularly to all who came to enjoy the food and company in the Village Hall and gave their money so generously. In total, £404 was raised and sent to Christian Aid's Gaza fund.

Christian Aid's update on their work among all the peoples affected by the war states, "Our established partners in Gaza are responding as best they can, under intense pressure. They're responding with medical relief and community-led initiatives such as food, shelter, sanitation and cash. This includes building mobile bathrooms in four shelters to working with local farmers to get fresh vegetables for families that have left their homes to escape airstrikes. However, it's extremely dangerous to move around, and supplies of essentials are running perilously low."

Let us hope and pray for an immediate ceasefire so that humanitarian aid can reach all those who need it.

COMEDY COMES TO THE GILSLAND VILLAGE HALL IN JUNE!

By Chris Cantrill

On Friday 21st June, local comedian Chris Cantrill is hosting an evening of comedy in the run-up to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. There will be 2 work-in-progress shows from Chris and the hilarious Lee Kyle ("genius" Leicester Mercury). Tickets cost £10 and the event is 18+ because of the effing and the jeffing.



You can book in advance to secure your seat here: <https://bit.ly/GilslandComedy21stJune>.

GILSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

By Hannah Salkeld, Head of School

As always, we've been very busy this half term and in the run up to Easter.

We had a fabulous Easter service on Thursday 28th March when the children performed songs, readings and their own Easter-inspired poetry to a packed hall of parents and carers. And Reverend Angela gave out prizes for the best Easter Gardens, a task I didn't envy as the standards were exceptionally high and the competition was extremely tight! Well done everyone!

The year 5 and 6 children learned lots of bike safety skills in Bikeability - you might have spotted them as they went round the village over a couple of (somewhat rainy) days in mid-March! The instructor made a point of telling us how wonderful, kind and polite all the children were, and that he loved our school. We are so proud of the children, both for their achievements in Bikeability and for representing the school so well.



Thank you to all who sent money in for non-uniform/ crazy hair, for those who donated or bought from the cake sale, and those who sent in money for participating in the quiz. Together, we raised £66.52 for Comic Relief!

Left: One of the winning entries in the Easter Garden competition

The children also had a great time dressing up as their favourite literary characters for World Book day last month. As part of the day we also held a sponsored read which was a huge success. Money raised from this will be spent on new books for the school library in the coming months. Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored a child, we really appreciate your support.

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