

Gilsland Village Magazine

SAMSON SHARE OFFER OPENS WITH A BANG

By Jane McDaid, Chair of GCBSL

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported this project to date. At the time of writing we have raised £110,900 from shares and donations, with £21,600 still to go, to reach the minimum required of £132,500. This must be reached by the 4th May 2024.



The community, friends and visitors have all supported this project with time, energy and now actual real hard cash and we hope to be able to confirm that we DID IT.

If you are reading this on the 1st, 2nd or 3rd of May and wish to buy shares - you might make the difference so please act ASAP and contact Colin on sosamsoninn@gmail.com.

We won't get another go at this project - it's NOW OR NEVER!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday the 1st May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

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BIN DAYS

Northumberland County Council

General waste: 10th & 23rd
Recycling: 2nd, 16th & 31st

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

Haltwhistle household recycling

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

Cumberland Council

Refuse and garden: 13th & 27th
Recycling: 6th & 20th

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

May 5th Songs of Praise.
May 19th Morning Service with
Rev. Tokumbo Asogbon

St. Mary Magdalene

Services start at 9.30 unless stated

May 12th 9.30 Holy Communion
May 19th 9.30 Pentecost (Nether
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May 26th 9.30 Morning Worship



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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
- Moving in comfort | Village Hall | 10.30am - 12.00pm
- 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 **(except 2nd May)**
- 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

01/05 | Gilsland Village Hall | SOSamson meeting | 7.30pm

02/05 | Gilsland Village Hall and Methodist Church | Polling day | All day

07/05 | Gilsland Village Hall | WI meeting | 7.00pm

08/05 | Gilsland Village Hall | Thirlwall Parish Council meeting | Evening

08/05 | Brampton Community Centre | Fairtrade talk with Joe Human | 7.30pm

12/05 | Greenhead Village Hall | Hadrian's Wall Farmers' Market | 10.00am - 2.00pm

14/05 | Gilsland Village Hall | Dominoes night | 7.00pm

20/05 | Gilsland Village Hall | Rington's van | Mid morning

22/05 | Greenhead Village Hall | Accordionist performance | 2.00pm

24-26/05 | Bewcastle | Forgotten Lands Festival | All day

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.**

BULLETIN BOARD

Forgotten Lands - YOUR local festival

Once again Maddy Prior's folk festival will be held at her home in Bewcastle over the bank holiday weekend (24th -26th May). A small intimate festival full of friendly people (max numbers 300) featuring excellent music, workshops, home-cooked food, local beers, craft stalls and camping. Ideal for families - children FREE. Find out more/ buy tickets at forgottenlands.org

Fairtrade Talk by Joe Human at Brampton Community Centre

The evening of Wednesday 8th May will begin with Fairtrade refreshments at 7.00pm followed by a talk at 7.30pm by Joe Human of Keswick Fairtrade Group and Sustainable Keswick. Joe's talk entitled 'Coffee Brewing Crisis' will look at the impact of the climate crisis on small coffee farmers, focussing on Ethiopia, which he has visited many times, and Kenya where he lived for many years. The talk will be followed by the Sustainable Brampton AGM at about 8.45pm. If people want to attend the talk and not the SB AGM or just the AGM, this is not a problem.

Gilsland W.I.

The next meeting is on May 7th at 19.00. We are pleased to be having a talk from a podiatrist entitled "Foot Health". Any non members are welcome to attend for a £3 guest fee. This includes a lovely supper! If you would like to attend please let Nicole Whyler know on 01697 747048 so we can ensure sufficient cake and tea.

Gilsland Domino Night

Our next game is on May 14th at 19.00. This is a fun night for all ages and the £3 fee includes a nice supper midway through the evening. We also have a really good raffle. Everyone welcome, just come along and try it !

Tuesday Somatics with Karen Meyer

Somatics can help you rediscover your natural movement patterns, wake up with vitality and help relieve stiffness. Karen Meyer will be leading Somatics classes in Gilsland Village Hall every Tuesday from 4 June to 9 July. The classes will run from 10.30am - 12 noon and attendance is free/donation. If you have any questions, please contact Karen on 07515 884 640 or visit www.movingincomfort.co.uk.

Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market

Sunday 12th May from 10am to 2pm at Greenhead Village Hall. Lovely selection of local food, crafts and plants. Meet the producers while you shop and enjoy tasty home-made refreshments too.

Afternoon with accordionist Robert Whitehead

On 22nd May from 2pm at Greenhead Village Hall. Entry is £6 and includes refreshments. For more information contact Elsie on 016977 47473.

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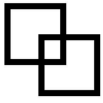
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SURVEYING THE HIDDEN WILDLIFE IN THE CHURCHYARD

By Alison Higgs

Gilsland churchyard is a wonderful place for all sorts of wildlife and we want to find out more about what lives there. So throughout the summer don't be surprised if you see a bright white light shining in the churchyard. It will be moth expert Rob Pickett's moth trap which attracts moths throughout the night. The following morning he returns to identify and free the moths. If you see him working there I'm sure he will be happy to show you what he has found. Later in the year we are planning a "bat walk" to identify what bats visit the churchyard and surrounding area. More about this next month.

AN UPDATE ON THE MARCH RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

By Janet Gordon

Just to say a big thank you! to anyone in or around Gilsland who donated to the REUSE, RECYCLE and REGIFT boxes placed around the village. The idea was just to find a few items that often end up in landfill that can be put to better use and help as many people as possible.

CORKS - Small parcel sent to 'RECORK' who reuse and everything they sell a % is donated to 'Frank Water' whose mission is to alleviate global water poverty.

COLOURED MILK BOTTLE TOPS - Medium parcel sent to 'GHS Recycling' who make them into playground equipment with ours being donated in the name of 'Help 4 Heroes' who receive a donation for every 1/2 ton.

BRAS - 24 sent to 'Against Breast Cancer' charity who recycle all the metal and plastic and receive money for recycling the fabric. Also 27 sent to 'Moral Fibres' who send them to Africa to be given to women in poverty.

EMPTY COSMETIC & TOOTHPASTE TUBES - Half a carrier bag dropped in to Boots for recycling.

HYGIENE ITEMS & TOILETRIES - A small box delivered to Families support and Homeless c/o Carlisle Council.

GLASSES & CASES - 2 x pairs sent to 'Lions Clubs' UK to be reused in Africa. 4 pairs and 3 cases to 'Specsavers' who take them apart and recycle each item.

STAMPS - A large envelope of stamps sent to 'Royal National Institute for the Blind' to be sold to collectors to raise funds.

Thank you to Gilsland Methodist, St Mary Magdalene and Gilsland village hall for helping to collect.

CRAMMEL RIGG HARVESTING AND TIMBER HAULAGE PLANS

By Luke Wheeler, Forest Manager at Tilhill

We are about to enter another phase of harvesting at Crammel Rigg on behalf of our client. At the Parish Council meeting on the 3rd April 2024, we discussed the ways to minimise disruption to the community whilst timber and stone haulage activity takes place.

As your local Forest Manager, I am responsible for the long-term management of the forest on behalf of our client and act in a supervisory, reporting, and consultative capacity.

Michael McNiven from Iggesund will be the Harvesting Manager responsible for the purchase of the standing timber crop, harvesting and haulage of the timber.

The plan for haulage is as follows:

- Timber haulage will commence on 20/05/2024 and last for up to 16 weeks.
- The stone deliveries for the upgrade of the forest road will commence on the 07/05/2024.
- During timber and stone haulage there will be two convoys of four wagons, twice a day.
- Northumberland County Council will provide traffic management for the convoys and will be provided with mobile phones – the telephone numbers will be displayed on the Council signage.
- The convoys will take place between 9am and 2pm.

Michael McNiven of Iggesund is the purchaser of the timber and in control of the harvesting and timber haulage. Michael and I have agreed to work closely together so that we can complete the required work with as little disruption as possible.

Northumberland County Council have carried out a road condition survey from Rose Hill to Wardrew Farm to record the condition of the road prior to work commencing. This will be reviewed once work has been completed. The long-term viability of the public highway is vital to the forest and locals, and we will continue to work with Northumberland CC Highways to monitor the road.

GILSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

By Hannah Salkeld, Head of School

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break- did you spot our Easter Gardens in the church? The children were so creative and produced some really thoughtful designs.

A big shout out to the school council for organising the Sponsored Read for World Book Day- in total, you helped us raise £415 to buy new books for school, chosen by the children! They worked hard to achieve this, so well done- we're really proud. Upon return after the school holidays, we had a local artist in school doing a ceramics workshop. KS2 made MONSTERS! Early years and KS1 made beautiful hanging decorations that were different textures, shapes and colours. Thank you to Kim Anson for your work with the children. Once they have been fired and varnished, we will put photos on our Facebook page.

On Thursday 25th April, The whole school is going to have fun with a new experience- wheelchair basketball! This will be a challenge, but one we're really looking forward to. Craft Club have been making some lovely little lambs in preparation for the Lambing Thanksgiving Service in church on Sunday at 2.30pm. Keep an eye out for them if you're there!

On Saturday 15th June, the PTA are hosting a Summer Fayre at Gilsland School. There are all kinds of plans in the works to make this a brilliant day! All money raised goes directly to the children at school. If you would like to be involved/ enquire about hosting a stall, please get in touch. 016977 47302 admin@gilsland.cumbria.sch.uk

COULD YOU WALK THE BOARDS?

By Tom Gutteridge, Gilsland Drama Group

After a great first effort in autumn 2023 Gilsland Drama are working to get our next production onto the stage. We have the next instalment of our last production selected and ready to rehearse. We are however struggling to cast all the parts so have decided to reschedule production until autumn 2024.

If anyone would like to join us or you know anyone who might like to be a part of the next show please speak to Tom, Malcolm or Andy. We would love to welcome you along.

WHO'S WHO

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