

# Gilsland Village Magazine

## THE MISSING LYNX PROJECT

*By Thomas Hibbert, The Wildlife Trusts*



*The Eurasian Lynx, photograph © Berndt Fischer*

Northumberland is rich in history and rich in wildlife, though many of the animals our ancestors would have known are now missing. Some of these species have been lost forever, but others could one day make a comeback.

Lynx were present in Britain until at least the 5th century AD and likely lived on well into the medieval period. They were finally lost due to hunting and the destruction of the forests they called home. By the 20th century, lynx had been lost from most of Europe as well. Fortunately, conservation work on the continent has turned their fortunes around. Since 1970, lynx have been reintroduced to Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Austria, and more countries, creating thriving lynx populations across Europe. The Missing Lynx Project was set up to investigate whether they could one day return to Britain, too.

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## BIN DAYS

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### **Northumberland County Council**

General waste: 1st & 15th

Recycling: 8th & 22nd

View the full calendar at:

[Northumberland.gov.uk/waste](http://Northumberland.gov.uk/waste)

### **Cumberland Council**

Refuse and garden: 5th & 19th

Recycling: 12th & 26th

View the full calendar at:

[Carlisle.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling](http://Carlisle.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling)

### **Haltwhistle household recycling**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and

Monday 8am - 6pm

### **Brampton household recycling**

10am to 6pm, every day except

Tuesday

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## CHURCH SERVICES

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### **Gilsland Methodist**

Services start at 10.30 unless stated

4th Songs of Praise service

18th Songs of Praise service

### **St. Mary Magdalene**

Services start at 9.30 unless stated

11th Morning Worship

25th Holy Communion

Advance notice of Church Birthday

Celebration with Bishop Rob on

October 6th 3pm

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## GILSLAND & GREENHEAD KNITTING GROUP - TOILETRIES FOR UKRAINE

*By Brenda Smith*

The Knitters continue to send their knitted children's and baby garments as well as baby blankets to Ukraine and with the help of our members and supporters have also been including some toiletries in our boxes.

Amongst the things they need are Soap, toiletries for men & women, baby care products and painkillers.

If anyone has any items from the list above to spare and would like to donate them could you please leave them for us to collect at the Village Hall, House of Meg Cafe or the Chapel.

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## BULLETIN BOARD

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### **Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market**

Join us at Greenhead Village Hall on Sunday 11th August, 10am to 2pm for a great selection of food, baking, crafts and plants to browse and enjoy. Home-made refreshments available. Stay local, buy the best.

### **Gilsland Village Hall Dominoes**

Come and join us on 13th August for our monthly Dominoes night in the hall. The evening starts at 19.00 prompt. The session fee is £3 which includes a lovely supper midway during the evening. There is also a raffle and prizes so why not come along. Everyone is welcome to join us. Give it a try!

### **No WI meetings for 2 months**

The WI group don't meet in August and for this year only we won't be meeting in the hall in September either. Details for October meeting will be published nearer the time

### **Heirs and disgraces**

Join us for a murder mystery play at Greenhead village hall on Friday 9th August at 7pm. The cost is £8 including supper. Contact Elsie (01697747473) for more details or to book.

### **Gilsland Methodist Chapel Harvest Service**

On Sunday 1st September at 2.30pm. Led by Rev'd Tokunbo Asogbon, with plenty of harvest hymns and followed by light refreshments. Collection shared between MacMillan Cancer Care, JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and chapel funds.

### **Missing Lynx Project exhibition**

A family-friendly exhibition will be visiting the Great North Museum: Hancock until the 4th of August. Come along and discover more about the (missing) lynx!

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

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August is a quiet month at the Village Hall and events listed may not be on. Please check with the individual organiser in each case.

### **Mondays**

- Community Coffee Morning | Village Hall | 10.30am - 12.30pm

### **Tuesdays**

- Walking Group | Haltwhistle, Market Square | 11am
- Outreach Post Office | Village Hall | 1pm - 4pm
- Drama group | Village Hall | 7.00pm

### **Wednesdays**

- Craft Group | Village Hall | 1pm - 4pm

### **Thursdays**

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

### **Fridays**

- Outreach Post Office | Village Hall | 9.30am - 12.30pm

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## DIARY DATES

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11/08 | Greenhead Village Hall | Hadrian's Wall Farmers' Market | 10am - 2pm

12/08 | Gilsland Village Hall | Rington's van | Mid morning

13/08 | Gilsland Village Hall | Dominoes night | 7.00pm

01/09 | Gilsland Methodist Church | Harvest Service | 2.30pm

# THE MISSING LYNX PROJECT (continued from front page)

*By Thomas Hibbert, The Wildlife Trusts*

## **Could lynx live here again?**

Reintroductions need a lot of thought. There are many questions that must be answered before a project can even be considered. One of the first is: 'could the animals survive here?'. To find out, the project worked with European experts and used the latest lynx knowledge. Advanced computer models tested whether lynx could survive anywhere in Britain. The evidence revealed that a lynx reintroduction in Northumberland could create a healthy population. This is the only area in the whole of England and Wales with enough woodland to support lynx. But proving lynx could survive here is only the first step. Finding out what people think is just as important. Lynx could only return if local people are accepting of them back in the landscape.

## **A wild balance**

If our woodlands were a puzzle, they'd be missing a piece. As top carnivores, lynx mainly hunt deer and can help trees grow by preventing over-browsing. They leave behind remains that feed scavenging birds and can bring other benefits too. Bringing lynx back would restore this missing puzzle piece. But it's been a long time since we've lived with lynx, so people understandably have a lot of questions about how lynx would affect them if they were to be reintroduced. Lynx are woodland animals and are wary of people. They pose no danger to humans, but they do occasionally take sheep. This is relatively rare across Europe and depends on sheep farming practices, such as how much time the sheep spend in woodlands. There are ways of reducing this risk even further and the project is working with farmers to investigate how they might help in Britain.

## **Lynx on tour**

To give as many people as possible the chance to learn about lynx, we created the Missing Lynx Exhibition. Interactive displays bring the lynx to life, exploring everything from their lifecycle to how people in Europe feel about living alongside them. It's also an opportunity to share your views on lynx. This is a conversation where every voice counts. This free, family-friendly exhibition will be visiting the Great North Museum: Hancock until the 4th of August. Come along and discover more about this missing mammal!

You can learn more about lynx, the project's work so far, and the Missing Lynx Exhibition at [www.missinglynxproject.org.uk](http://www.missinglynxproject.org.uk)

# NEWS FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE

*By Alison Higgs*

## **Church Birthday**

This year we are celebrating 170 years since the church of St Mary Magdalene was dedicated and became Gilsland's parish church – Over Denton was the church for villagers up until that time – a bit of a walk! So the official birthday celebration will be on October 6th when everyone is invited to service and afternoon tea at the church. We would like to have a display showing the history of the church . If anyone has photos or memories of events or activities in, or held by, the church we would love to have copies for the display. Please contact Alison Higgs 47409

## **Church Trail**

From August 1st there will be a Church trail/treasure hunt suitable for both children and adults available at the church - pick up sheets from the table just inside the door (it's always open during daylight hours - lift the latch and give it a good shove if it sticks). The trail involves finding things both inside and outside the church including in the oldest part of the churchyard which is being managed for wildlife so please wear appropriate foot-wear - flip flops are probably not a good idea!

## **Wildlife Events**

Finally local moth expert, Rob Picket has been trapping moths at night in the churchyard much to the delight of KS2 children from the school who came to see the results. The latest catch included 89 species which is very exciting as it shows what a fantastic resource for wildlife our churchyard is. The next project will be a survey of wildflowers and an evening of bat detecting.

Anyone interested in getting involved please contact Alison on 47409.



# THE SAMSON INN IS NOW A COMMUNITY-OWNED PUB

The sale of the Samson Inn has now been completed and the community are the new owners! The next step is a volunteer-powered clean up - please contact GCBSL if you are available to help at all on [sosamsoninn@gmail.com](mailto:sosamsoninn@gmail.com) or via their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/sosamsoninn](http://www.facebook.com/sosamsoninn).

GCBSL are also looking for a tenant to run the business - if you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact them using the details above.

Liam and Lauren, the former owners, would like to wish the community and their new tenants all the best and look forward to the next exciting chapter in the Samson's history.

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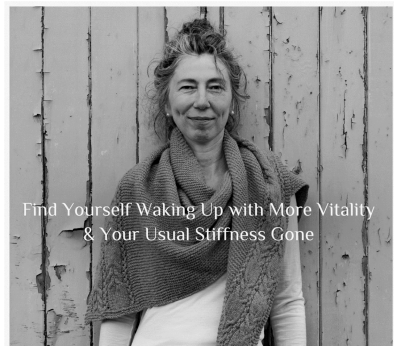


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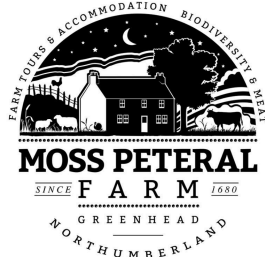
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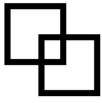
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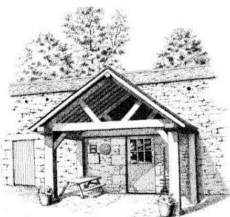
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Mike Mitchelson, 01697772871

### **Northumberland County Councillor**

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