

OCTOBER '24

Gilsland Village Magazine

THE SAMSON INN HAS A NEW LANDLORD



New landlord of the Samson Inn, George Campbell: "Hi, I'm George and I look forward to meeting you all from the 18th October 2024, when we open The Samson Inn for business. It's such an exciting opportunity to be moving into the village and re-opening the pub after you have all worked so hard to buy it for the community. I have met quite a few of the people who have worked very hard to achieve this within GCB SL, and the local businesses that have put in the hours to smarten the building up. And the response from the community to join the staff has been great. I'm meeting with the B&B operators, The Bridge and The House of Meg Tea Rooms, local suppliers, organising a bit of internal decor and interviewing staff and generally getting ready to open the doors to you all."

The previous landlords, Lauren and Liam, "wish George and his team the very best in the next chapter of the Samson's story and look forward to visiting as customers."

The Samson Inn will be hosting the Big Thank You on behalf of GCB SL on the 26th October 2024 - all invited from 6.30pm onwards.

UPDATE FROM GILSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Hannah Salkeld, Head of School

The start of another academic year is upon us once again! We have had a wonderful start to the year with some teamwork activities, reflection on British values, and opportunities to talk about worries, hopes and dreams. We have welcomed a wonderful new EYFS/KS1 teacher, Miss Jennifer Jackson. This year, we have introduced 'Messy (MSSC) Mornings' (Moral, Social, Spiritual, Cultural) to allow time to explore our Christian Values and to develop an interest and understanding of what's happening in the world around us. The topics we are covering are:

- Autumn 1: Wisdom; Black History
- Autumn 2: Thankfulness; Diwali
- Spring 1: Hope; Chinese New Year
- Spring 2: Friendship; Safer Internet
- Summer 1: Compassion; Jewish Passover
- Summer 2: Resilience; World Environment Day

We have many exciting opportunities planned in so far for this year, including:

- RE week
- Children's Forest Days
- Trip to the Hindu Temple and Mosque in Newcastle
- Seeing 'A Christmas Carol' at the Northern Stage
- Community Christmas Dinner Day with a special visit from the donkeys!
- Our legendary Christmas show

We are excited to host a Community Christmas Dinner on Thursday 12th December, including a visit from the lovely donkeys at Wyeknot Donkeys. This will be £6 per person, open to any members of the community and family members. Please contact the school to book a place on 016977 47302 or admin@gilsland.cumbria.sch.uk.

GOING BATTY

By Alison Higgs

A group of enthusiastic nature-watchers gathered in Gilsland Churchyard as the sun set on Tuesday 17th to learn how to use bat detectors to find and identify our resident bats. Led by bat expert Hazel Pickett, the group surveyed from the churchyard to the river and found pipistrelles and Daubenton's bats. The evening finished with a visit to Moscow where a brown short-eared bat made a brief flyover! Very exciting and interesting.

CREATING A COMFORTABLE SPACE

By Karen Meyer, Moving in Comfort

With a little bit of practice it's possible to create that moment in our day when we know we won't be missed or disturbed, where we can bring ourselves to lying down or sitting on a supporting surface and be completely comfortable. This truly is a real treat we can give to ourself and it can be deliciously restful.

You may like to try creating a new space, different perhaps to what you currently might think is comfortable, allowing yourself to engage in a process of discovery and self-learning. Gather together plenty of large, soft woollen blankets and towels. For hard floors, a piece of carpet off-cut to fit all of you on with arms and legs spread out is great. Layer your blankets wide enough to support your head, shoulders and pelvis with your arms and hands released out freely by your sides. It's nice to have extra blankets for folding underneath your head to reach a comfortable height, especially if it is not yet comfortable to lie on your back. It may be more appropriate for you to come down to lying on your side. A small towel between your knees is lovely in this position. Firm cushions are helpful for supporting your arms and head when you are choosing to come to sitting and a bolster is nice under your knees for that extra little bit of comfort for both sitting and lying.

Everyone is naturally capable of creating opportunity to notice the subtle changes of breathing, posture and movement when internal quiet and stillness is found.

FRIENDS OF GILSLAND SCHOOL AGM

By Nicola Redman

Friends of Gilsland School are holding their AGM on Wednesday 16th October at 6:30pm at Gilsland School. We bring the community together socially in support of the school.

There are lots of wonderful plans for next year including a summer fayre, Easter competition and quiz night for the grown ups! Come along for a tea or coffee to find out more about how we work to raise money for the school. Volunteers welcome.

GILSLAND VILLAGE HALL NEEDS NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

By Janet Gordon

Gilsland Village Hall is looking for new members for our committee. We meet two or three times per year and generally keep an eye on the Hall. It can be a very easy and rewarding role so please contact us or pop along just before the AGM starts to say hello.

The Hall is also looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Chairperson. It's not as bad as it sounds! There are responsibilities but the committee members all help to run events and each of the hall users organise and clear up after themselves. There is some paperwork and currently 2 committee meetings and one AGM per year. The current Chairperson will stay on the committee to hand over and support as much as possible but it's time for a fresh face and new ideas. If you would like to know more please contact Janet Gordon 016977 47439.

Our AGM starts at 7pm on 17th October at the Village Hall. All are welcome.

THE 36TH ANNUAL ART & CRAFT FAIR IN HALTWHISTLE

By Ian Brown

The event takes place in the Masonic Hall on Banks Terrace on Saturday 2nd November, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. The fair is the longest running and probably one of the largest art and craft fairs to be found within Tynedale and is arranged at a time when people are beginning to think about Christmas presents.

In keeping with the ethos of the fair the Northumberland Wildlife Trust will be present again. The fair always supports a local cause and this year it is one close to the hearts of people in Haltwhistle and indeed the whole of the Tyne valley. There will be a raffle/tombola to raise funds for Bleed Boxes and Critical Injury Packs in the Northeast and Cumbria in memory of Holly Newton.

There will be home-made refreshments available all day so visitors can have a rest and chat in between browsing.

BULLETIN BOARD

Gilsland Players

As you may have heard we had planned to put on a performance in October. For a number of reasons this is now not possible. However, this does not mean it is cancelled, merely postponed. We are continuing to rehearse weekly and plan to put on a show in mid January. Anyone interested in joining our group or having any questions please contact Tom Gutteridge on 07950357752

Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market

At Greenhead Village Hall on Sunday 13th October from 10am to 2pm. Monthly chance to buy fresh local products. And never too early to prepare for Christmas. Food, baking, drinks, crafts and plants direct from the producers. Stay local, buy the best.

Accordion Concert

With Robert Whitehead at Greenhead Village Hall 30th October from 2pm. Admission £6 including refreshments.

Gilsland Village Hall Dominoes

Come and join us on 8th October 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!

Gilsland W.I.

The next meeting is on 1st October at 19.00. We are pleased to be having a cookery demonstration by Andrew Pollock. 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 Doreen Gutteridge know on 016977 47036 so we know how many to cater for.

St Mary Magdalene Church

Advance notice of In Memoriam Taize service with Carlisle Taize Choir on Monday 4th November 6pm.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays

- Community Coffee Morning | Village Hall | 10.30am - 12.30pm
- Youth club | Village Hall | 6.00pm - 7.30pm (from 23rd Sept)

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 & Adult Ballet) 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

01/10 | Gilsland Village Hall | WI : Cookery demo | 7pm

07/10 | Gilsland Village Hall | Rington's van | Mid morning

08/10 | Gilsland Village Hall | Dominoes night | 7.00pm

13/10 | Greenhead Village Hall | Hadrian's Wall Farmers' Market | 10 - 2pm

16/10 | Gilsland School | Friends of Gilsland School AGM | 6.30pm

17/10 | Gilsland Village Hall | Village Hall AGM | 7pm

19/10 | Knott Memorial Hall, Heddon | Music by Ian Brown and guests | 7pm

30/10 | Greenhead Village Hall | Accordion concert | 2pm

02/11 | Haltwhistle Masonic Hall | Crafts Fair | 10 -4pm

BIN DAYS

Northumberland County Council

General waste: 10th & 24th

Recycling: 3rd, 17th & 31st

View the full calendar at:

www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste

Cumberland Council

Refuse and garden: 14th & 28th

Recycling: 7th & 21st

View the full calendar at:

www.carlisle.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling

Haltwhistle household recycling

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and

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Tuesday

CHURCH SERVICES

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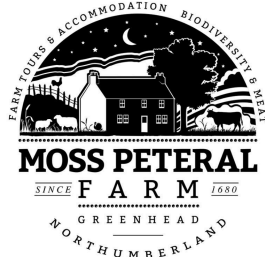
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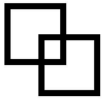
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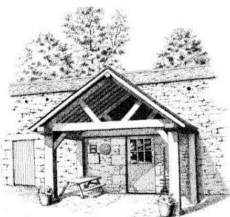
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