

DEC '24 – JAN '25

Gilsland Village Magazine

A NEW CREATIVE HUB FOR GILSLAND AREA



Amanda and Kit of Green Croft Arts have secured funding to create The Threshing Barn as an accessible creative hub offering arts and wellbeing activities for the community and visitors to Hadrian's Wall. Work is well under way with a new roof, foundations, insulation and flooring, windows and doors, a water treatment plant and an accessible toilet. When completed in January 2025, the activity space will have high ceilings, a semi-sprung wooden floor suitable for physical activity and doors out to the garden with access to Hadrian's Wall National Trail and views of Walltown Crag. The social space will be home to a small gallery which will show a carousel of exhibitions over the year, a small kitchen and seating area.

The grand opening is on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th January when Kit and Amanda will be opening the doors on both days to offer free drop-in arts, creative and wellbeing activities. Information will be available about the regular classes and workshops, artist residencies and exhibitions that are planned for 2025. The space will also be available to host guest activities or put on local exhibitions - please contact Green Croft Arts with any thoughts, suggestions and ideas on the types of activities you would like to take part in and see on amanda@greencroftonthewall.com.

UPDATE FROM GILSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Hannah Salkeld, Head of School

Gilsland School hosted a bake sale on Friday 15th November for Children in Need- we raised £68.50! Thank you to anyone who donated cakes in support. We have already begun practicing for our Christmas Production this year- 'Communativity!' We have written our own this year, based on our lovely village. Tickets will be on sale at the end of November. We had a very special visit from the Bishop of Carlisle two weeks ago. He welcomed lots of questions from the children, brought in special clothes and his crook, and we sang for him. Early Years and KS1 went on a lovely trip to Susan's Farm, where the children learnt about different animals and their young, fed the sheep and made cheese scones with local ingredients.



For our second Messy (Moral, Social, Spiritual, Cultural) morning, we learnt about our Christian Value 'Thankfulness'. We wrote poems, created thankfulness trees and designed thank you cards to send to people in our lives that we're thankful for.

We are looking forward to Walton and Lees Hill joining us this week for a KS2 Lego workshop, making robots from Lego! We are also being joined by Lanercost, Whitfield and Walton and Lees Hill for a football tournament this week (weather depending!).

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 let us know if you'd like a place on 016977 47302 or admin@gilsland.cumbria.sch.uk

SANTA BOOKED FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR

By Michelle Kearns, Friends of Gilsland School

Friends of Gilsland School would like to welcome everyone to a Christmas Fair from 12pm-3pm on Saturday 7th December. There will be a raffle, tombola, various stalls, Christmas trees for sale, crafts and games. Festive snacks and drinks will be available too.

We have been in touch with the North Pole and have managed to arrange a visit from Santa!

Entry is just £1 for adults; children are free but must be accompanied by an adult. Dig out those Christmas jumpers and join us for a fun afternoon!

MAGAZINE DELIVERY AUDIT UNDER WAY

The magazine is a volunteer-run endeavour whose costs are funded by our generous advertisers. We have a small team who manage the advertising and collect relevant articles, information and events to produce an issue each month. The magazine is printed at the school and then folded and distributed in batches to the delivery team who very kindly put them through your letterboxes. Any help is always most welcome, on either the production or delivering teams - if you can volunteer any time, please get in touch on gilslandmag@outlook.com.

Thanks to the efforts of our latest recruit to the editing team, Owen Wilkins, we are in the process of doing an audit of the delivery routes. If you have any feedback for us, please email gilslandmag@outlook.com. We're particularly interested in any houses that are missed from the delivery route that we might be able to include without asking too much more of our generous deliverers.

We will always print and deliver as many copies as we can, but the magazine is also available in digital format delivered by email at the start of each month. If you would like to subscribe to this service, or know of anyone who might, please visit our website to sign up www.gilslandvillagemagazine.co.uk.

BIN DAYS

Northumberland County Council

General waste: 5th & 19th Dec, 3rd, 16th & 30th Jan

Recycling: 12th & 28th Dec; 9th & 24th Jan

www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste

Cumberland Council

Refuse and garden: 9th & 23rd Dec; 6th & 20th Jan

Recycling: 2nd, 16th & 30th Dec; 13th & 27th Jan

www.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

DIARY DATES

02/12 | Gilsland Village Hall | Ringtons van | Mid morning

02/12 | Gilsland Village Hall | Women's Institute | 2pm

05/12 | Samson Inn | Seniors' Community Xmas lunch

07/12 | Gilsland School | Christmas Fair | 12 - 3pm

08/12 | Greenhead Village Hall | Hadrian's Wall Farmers' Market | 10 - 2pm

10/12 | Gilsland Village Hall | Dominoes | Evening

12/12 | Gilsland School | Community lunch | 12pm

14/12 | Samson Inn | Breakfast with Santa

17/12 | St Mary Magdalene | Church decorating | 10am

21/12 | Methodist chapel | Christmas carols and readings | 2.30pm

21/12 | Samson Inn | Xmas party night

23/12 | St Mary Magdalene | Carols by Candlelight | 6.30pm

26/12 | Samson Inn | Boxing day brunch

31/12 | Samson Inn | New Year's Eve party

11/01 | Green Croft Arts | The Threshing Barn open day | All day

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12/01 | Greenhead Village Hall | Hadrian's Wall Farmers' Market | 10 - 2pm

BULLETIN BOARD

Mondays Community coffee mornings

Gilsland Community Coffee Morning meets every Monday morning, including Bank Holidays, 10.30 to 12.30 in the Village Hall. We will be having our last meeting for 2024 on 16th December which will be a Christmas special one with Christmas fare and Music from Ivan, Alan, and Phil. So why not come along? We ask only for a £1 donation. Our first meeting for 2025 will be 6th January

Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market

On Sunday 8th December from 10am to 2pm at Greenhead Village Hall. A lovely place for stunning Christmas presents. Crafts, plants, drinks and preserves. Food to buy and order. All local products. Stay local, buy the best. Next market 12th January.

Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm 23rd December

Amid the seasonal rush, pause for some moments of calm and joy this Christmas. Come and join us to sing carols by candlelight in St Mary Magdalene. Everyone will be given a candle but bring a torch if you wish.

Deck the halls with boughs of holly!

Come and help decorate Gilsland Church ready for Christmas celebrations at 10am on Tuesday 17th December. No experience or expertise necessary but greenery would be very welcome. Secateurs and gloves for holly handling would be useful. Hot drinks and mince pies will be provided. Please contact Alison on 47409 or alison.marymag@gmail.com if you can help.

Brampton food bank

Located at the community centre and always needs donations. Drop off Monday to Friday. If anyone needs help, ask your doctor or a professional to refer you. Email info@bramptonfoodbank.org.uk. Don't forget there is a collection point for Brampton and Haltwhistle food banks at St Mary Magdalene, Gilsland.

Gilsland Chapel Carol Concert

Saturday December 21st at 2.30pm. Sing and listen to Christmas Carols and readings plus festive music from the Amici Choir. A collection will be taken for the Salvation Army.

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 | Green Croft Arts | 9am - 10am

CHURCH SERVICES

Gilsland Methodist

Services start at 10.30 unless stated

Dec 1st, 15th and 22nd - Songs of Praise

Jan 5th. - Songs of Praise

Jan 19th - Covenant Service with
Rev'd Tokumbo Asogbon

St. Mary Magdalene

Services start at 9.30 unless stated

Dec 8th - Holy Communion
Dec 23rd at 6.30pm - Carols by
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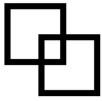
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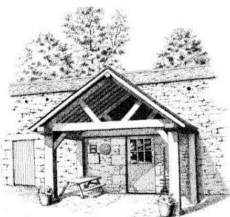
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