

# Gilsland Village Magazine

## UPDATE FROM GILSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*By Hannah Salkeld, Head of School*

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Easter. Firstly, the school would like to invite anyone from the community to come to our VE Day celebrations on Saturday 10th May from 12-3. Our PTA are organising a BBQ, raffle, games, cakes, slushy van, assault course and more! Secondly,, on Friday 9th May 3.10-4pm, KS2 are having a bake sale, jewellery sale and bric-a-brac/ second hand book sale. They are running this themselves in order to raise money to spend on their residential! If you're able, please do come and support them.

Gilsland School had a VERY exciting visit from the Library Bus. We listened to a story and then had to the opportunity to look at all the incredible books from lots of genres. We took some books home, ready to swap next time they visit us. We also worked with a local company called The Creation Mill on a textiles day. The children learnt skills like needle work, weaving and crochet!

We have continued with our Messy (Moral, Social, Spiritual, Cultural) mornings; we did one on Safer Internet Day to help raise awareness of the dangers we can encounter online, and learnt about how to stay safe. For our Christian Value Messy Morning, we learnt about 'friendship'- we even made friendship bracelets to hand out! We are looking forward to our Messy Morning next month, all about Jewish Passover.

We still have many things coming up in this final term, including:

- Fencing
- Football and tag rugby match with Lanercost
- Wheelchair basketball, rugby and boccia
- Forest school
- KS2 Residential to York



# RECIPE OF THE MONTH - DOUBLE CHEESE BISCUITS

*By Barrie Garton*

## Ingredients

- 100gms Plain Flour
- 100gms Soft 'Block' Salted Butter
- 30gms Grated Mature Cheddar Cheese
- 20gms Grated Parmesan Cheese
- ½ tsp Mustard Powder
- ½ tsp Smoked Paprika
- ½ tsp Rosemary - finely chopped if fresh, rubbed between the fingers if dried
- ¼ tsp white pepper
- Add salt to your preference if using unsalted butter

## Method

1. Combine everything in a mixing bowl apart from the butter.
2. When the ingredients are evenly mixed add the soft butter, gently rub and knead together to form a soft pastry like dough.
3. Lay out a length of cling film of about 50cm.
4. Shape the dough into an even thickness sausage shape lengthways on the cling film.
5. Roll the dough in the film and twist the ends in opposite directions to bring the dough together in a firm even sausage, Chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 mins or store until ready to bake.
6. To bake, set the oven 180c (160c Fan). Unwrap the dough and with a sharp knife cut onto discs 3-4 mm thick.
7. Lay the discs spaced apart on a tray lined with baking parchment, brush each disc with a little milk and bake for 12-15 minutes.
8. Allow to cool completely before lifting with a palette knife and storing in an air tight container. They won't need storing for long, they are very morish!

# FUNDING TO SUPPORT RURAL COMMUNITIES

*Via Janet Gordon*

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust is offering grants for organisations working in agriculture, rural development, and insurance across the UK to deliver projects and activities across one or more of the Trust's main objectives:

- To advance the education of the public using research and the dissemination of information concerning agriculture.
- To advance the education of young people within rural areas.
- To relieve poverty within rural areas.
- To promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure.
- To promote research into agricultural-associated activities.
- To advance the education of the public using research and the dissemination of information concerning insurance.

Priority will be given to larger initiatives that would have a significant impact on rural communities, as well as initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas, relief of poverty within rural areas, and support for the next generation of farmers.

Funding is at the discretion of the Trust. However, most grants fall within the range of £1,000 to £50,000. Trustees meet twice a year to consider applications, typically in June and November. The next deadline for applications is 23 May 2025.

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## LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 1ST MAY

Please note the Village Hall will be used for the election on 1st May and there will be no Post Office on that day. The Cumberland polling station is at the Methodist Church, as usual.

Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm. You will need valid ID to vote.



# GILSLAND VILLAGE HALL TO HOST TWO HIGHLIGHTS RURAL TOUR SHOWS THIS MONTH

## **FAULT LINES**

Fri 9 May 2025 - 7:30 pm at Gilsland Village Hall  
Adult £12 | Unwaged £10 | Child £8  
Telephone 07944 994405

Fault Lines blends stunning dance with immersive digital imagery, evocative writing, and cinematic music, to explore the earth's changing landscape, through sun-scorched plains, roaring waves, cityscapes, and smoking forests. A sense of hope is laced through the work, culminating in the community cast planting seeds to rewild, regrow, and rethink our individual impact on the planet. In partnership with the Rural Touring Dance Initiative.

## **SONS OF TOWN HALL**

Fri 16 May 2025 - 7:30 pm at Gilsland Village Hall  
Adult £12 | Unwaged £10 | Child £8  
Telephone 07944 994405

A Sons of Town Hall show is more than a concert, it's an immersive experience unlike any other. American songwriter/author David Berkeley and British songwriter/producer Ben Parker are the men beneath the hats in the transatlantic folk duo. They're also the stars of the hilarious radio-theatre podcast series Madmen Cross the Water. Sons of Town Hall is creating an entirely new performance genre: Part live concept album, part performance art, the pair conjures their timeless mythic universe under the aliases Josiah Chester Jones and George Ulysses Brown, 19th-century vagabonds who travel the world in a hand-built boat to escape troubled pasts and search for adventure and love. The Sons weave wild stories between their heartbreaking and rousing songs, taking audiences on a deeply imaginative trip every show. For fans of Simon and Garfunkel, Tom Waits, and Monty Python alike, concertgoers are uplifted and inspired, transfixed and transformed, in awe of Sons of Town Hall's harmonies, and drunk on adventure and the tragic beauty of the human condition. Running time: 90 mins plus interval.

Both shows can be booked online at  
<https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/venue/gilsland-village-hall/>

# “DANCE TO HEALTH” CLASS IN BRAMPTON FOR OVER 65s

By Ellie Hilton, Brampton Community Centre

Brampton Community Centre, in partnership with Active Cumbria, is proud to launch a brand-new community initiative designed specifically for people aged 65 and over: Dance to Health. Funded by Active Cumbria’s Reconditioning Fund, this free 8-week programme includes 7 weeks of fun, professionally led tea dance classes, culminating in a celebratory Classic Tea Dance in Week 8.

More than just a dance class, Dance to Health is about getting people moving, reducing inactivity, building confidence, and strengthening community connections. The sessions feature accessible ballroom and Latin-inspired routines and are tailored to all abilities in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Those interested can register by calling 016977 45023, emailing [ellie.hilton@bramptoncc.org.uk](mailto:ellie.hilton@bramptoncc.org.uk), or completing a short online form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCRMDXJ>

## CHURCH SERVICES

<b>Gilsland Methodist</b> <i>Services start at 10.30 unless stated</i> May 4th - Holy communion with Rev. Tokunbo Asogbon May 18th - Songs of Praise	<b>St. Mary Magdalene</b> <i>Services start at 9.30 unless stated</i> May 11th (11am) - Lambing Service May 25th - Holy Communion led by David Bamford
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## BIN DAYS

<b><u>Northumberland County Council</u></b> General waste: 9th & 22nd Recycling: 1st, 15th & 30th <a href="http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste">www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste</a>	<b><u>Cumberland Council</u></b> Refuse and garden: 12th & 26th Recycling: 5th & 19th <a href="http://www.carlisle.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling">www.carlisle.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling</a>
<b><u>Haltwhistle household recycling</u></b> Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday 8am - 6pm	<b><u>Brampton household recycling</u></b> 10am to 6pm, every day except Tuesday

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

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### **Mondays**

- Community Coffee Morning | Village Hall | 10.30am - 12.30pm
- Youth club | Village Hall | 6.00pm - 7.30pm

### **Tuesdays**

- Yoga | Haltwhistle Leisure Centre | 10.30am - 11.30am
- 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

### **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
- Yoga | Haltwhistle Leisure Centre | 7.15pm - 8.15pm

### **Saturdays**

- Hatha Flow Yoga | Green Croft Arts | 9am - 10am

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## DIARY DATES

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1st, 7am - 10pm | Gilsland Village Hall and Methodist Church | Local Election polling stations - NO POST OFFICE

6th, 7pm | Gilsland Village Hall | WI meeting

9th, 7.30pm | Gilsland Village Hall | Fault Lines

10th, 12 - 3 | Gilsland Primary School | VE day celebration fayre

13th, 10am to 1pm | Greenhead Village Hall | Hadrian's Wall Farmers' Market

13th, 7pm | Gilsland Village Hall | Dominoes

16th, 7.30pm | Gilsland Village Hall | Sons of Town Hall

19th, 10am to 11.30am | Gilsland Village Hall | Saturday Somatics

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## BULLETIN BOARD

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### **HADRIAN'S WALL FARMERS MARKET**

On Sunday 11th May at Greenhead Village Hall from 10am to 2pm. Plants for the summer garden. Lovely food, drink and baking from local makers. Enjoy home-made refreshments while you shop. Stay local, buy the best.

### **GILSLAND DOMINOES DRIVE**

Gilsland Dominoes will be Tuesday 13th May in the Village Hall starting at 7pm sharp. £3 per session which includes supper halfway through. We also have a Raffle and prizes at the end. Everyone is welcome whatever your level of playing. The group is really friendly and supportive so come along and enjoy the evening.

### **GILSLAND WI MAY MEETING**

Our May meeting will be Tuesday 6th May 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker this month is someone from the Air Ambulance people. The cost for guests is £3 which will include refreshments. If anyone is planning to attend, could you please phone Doreen Gutteridge on 016977 47036 to let me know for catering purposes.

### **GILSLAND COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING**

Please note that there will not be a coffee morning on the two Bank Holidays this month. Dates are Monday 5th May and Monday 26th May. All other Mondays we are open as usual. 10.30 to 12.00.

### **MURDER MYSTERY PLAY**

"Class war" will be held at Greenhead Village Hall On 17th May, 6.45 for 7.15 start. Tickets are £10 including supper. Contact Elsie Dixon for more information.

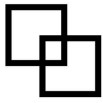
### **FRIENDS OF GILSLAND SCHOOL - VE DAY CELEBRATION**

Join us at Gilsland Primary School on Saturday 10th of May from 12pm-3pm to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day. BBQ, Tea & Cake stall, Raffle, Children's Games, Eskimo Edith Slushy Van, Commando Joes, Glitter Tattoos, Toy Stall. £1 per adult. Children free (must be accompanied by an adult).

### **RAILWAY UNDERPASS CLEANER IDENTIFIED**

Thanks to David Keen for his 2 days of work doing this - it looks great!

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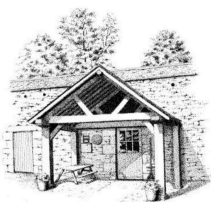
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Mike Mitchelson, 0169772871

### **Northumberland County Councillor**

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Councillors: Emma Guerrero, David Keen, Owen Wilkins

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