

Gilsland Village Magazine

UPDATE FROM GILSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Hannah Salkeld, Head of School

I cannot believe the end of the academic year is fast approaching! This will be our last update for the academic year, so from all of us at Gilsland School, thank you for all your support; we hope you have a restful and sun-filled summer! (Perhaps sun-filled is a little optimistic though!)

Following on from our previous entry, the children embarked on some astonishing fund raising for spending money for their residential; they managed to raise £25 per person! We had an incredible time on our residential to York, with a visit to the Jorvik Viking Centre, an archaeological dig, a tour of the city walls, making Viking shields, a trip down the Shambles to the Harry Potter shop AND a visit to Eden Camp. Safe to say we were exhausted by the end! We have tried lots of new sports recently, including fencing and wheelchair basketball, rugby and boccia. We are looking forward to doing Forest School with Walton and Lee's Hill in the last two weeks of term, and tending to our trees at Children's Forest with Shankhill School.

We have continued with our Messy (Moral, Social, Spiritual, Cultural) mornings; we did one on World Environment Day, learning about our impact on the planet; we made things using old items and recycled materials. For our Christian Value Messy Morning, we learnt about 'resilience', designing our personal strategies for not giving up.

As a final note, I would like to share that this is my last term at Gilsland School. I have been here for 11 years- 5 of those as Head of School- and I am ready for a new challenge. I am fulfilling the headship at Fellview School in Caldbeck. I would like to say what a privilege it has been working in Gilsland's community and primary school. I have loved every second and will miss all the children and staff. I am doing a detailed handover with the new Headteacher- Miss Nicola Atkinson- who is so thrilled to be joining the community.



CITIZEN'S ASSEMBLY FOR CLIMATE ACTION IN CUMBRIA

By Lauren Harrison

I recently had the opportunity to take part in a Cumbria-wide citizens' assembly on climate change. This is a decision making process that brings a cross-section of the community together to listen to experts and each other and try to reach a consensus around a set of common sense recommendations. This was a temporary advisory body set up to answer a question on how members of the community can get their voices heard on the issue of climate change.

After a total of around 30 hours deliberation we came up with 11 principles and 17 recommendations that have now been sent to authorities and decision-makers across Cumbria that have an impact on climate change.

As we heard from council officers and community group representatives it became clear that current engagement processes are often technical, hard to understand and off-putting to the majority of the community and we hope that our recommendations will go some way to addressing that. We all had our favourite recommendations and mine was that there should be a standing citizens' assembly to advise on climate change action to harness the broad range of knowledge and experience within the community and move away from the polarisation and short-termism of current political processes. We suggested that ours should pilot a multigenerational approach finding a way to include children alongside adults as one of our young members pointed out that the younger generation is told they will have to solve the problems arising from climate change but they are never given the power to do so. If this assembly gets the go ahead and you get the chance to be involved, I would really urge you to apply, it is such an inspiring thing to do.

You can see the full list of recommendations at www.zerocarboncumbria.co.uk/recommendations



**CUMBRIA CLIMATE
ASSEMBLY**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH - BEWCASTLE CHEESE MOUSSE

By Barrie Garton

(contains raw egg)

Ingredients

- 115 gm Bewcastle Cheese. (or any well flavoured hard cheese)
- 4 Eggs separated.
- 2 tsp Mustard Powder.
- 600 ml Double Cream
- Seasonings to taste, Salt, Pepper, Grated Nutmeg, Worcestershire Sauce, Smoked Paprika, Chives, Parsley.

Method

1. Stiffly whip the double cream.
2. Separate the eggs and whisk the yolks until thick and pale.
3. Grate the cheese and add to the yolks along with any seasonings of your choice. Mix well.
4. Whisk the egg whites with a pinch of salt until firm.
5. Stir the cheese and yolk mix gently into the whipped cream.
6. Fold in the whisked egg whites until evenly distributed.
7. Spoon the mousse into individual ramequin dishes and refrigerate for at least two hours.

Ideal to serve as a starter or light lunch, accompanied with oatcakes, vegetable crudites, pickles or chutney and a side salad.

GREAT NORTH BOG DAY AT MOSS PETERAL FARM

By Sue Seymour



Curious about the wonders of bogs and why peatlands matter to people and the planet? Come and celebrate International Bog Day at Moss Peteral Farm (CA8 7HY) on the 19th of July and explore and learn all about peat and peatland restoration.

The day runs from 10am to 3.30pm and includes peatland-themed films, creative and educational workshops and local food – all set within a living peatland in Northumberland's uplands.

Hosted by the Northumberland Peat Partnership and Wilder Northumberland, this event brings together artists, landowners, ecologists and peatland specialists to explore the connections between people and peat.

We'll begin with a screening of short films by Rose Ferraby, followed by a choice of workshops: from bog folklore, poetry and craft-making, a guided farm walk or hands-on sessions about peatland monitoring and restoration.

You can also enjoy a locally sourced lunch, meet the people behind Northumberland's peatland restoration efforts and gather for an unveiling of a new sculpture created as part of an exciting monitoring project.

Limited number of lifts will be available from and to Haltwhistle Train Station - please email us at wildernorthumberland@northwt.org.uk if you would like a lift.

Tickets can be booked at
<https://www.nwt.org.uk/events/2025-07-19-great-north-bog-day-2025>

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GILSLAND DOMINOES DRIVE

Gilsland Dominoes Drive will be Tuesday 8th July in the Village hall starting at 7pm sharp. £3 per session which includes supper halfway through. We have prizes and a raffle. Everyone is welcome whatever your level of playing. The group is really friendly and supportive so why not come along and have an enjoyable evening.

GILSLAND WI JUNE MEETING

Our July meeting will be Tuesday 1st July 7pm in the Village Hall. This month will be Flowers in Porcelain with Julie Mangam. 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.

CREAM TEAS AND CRAFTS

At Greenhead Village Hall on 17th August from 1pm.

HALTWHISTLE HISTORY & HERITAGE GROUP

The Summer Programme of the group starts with a talk on the latest thinking about the Code of the Reivers by Colin Mills on Wednesday, 9th July at 10.30 am in the Community Room at the Hospital. Not just a gang of riotous layabouts at all! In August we will be putting on a series of weekly Town Walks, starting at 10.30 at the Railway Hotel and finishing somewhere for a coffee, led by Lorna and Maureen. NB If your schoolchildren tell you they have been meeting Haltwhistle people from the Middle Ages, please believe them - we are working with the school to make these introductions! We hope to kindle even more interest in their heritage than is already shared by their elders.

BULLETIN BOARD

POETRY DROP-IN

The theme for this month is Summertime - join us at Greenhead Village Hall from 1.30 to 3pm on Wednesday 2nd July.

THE NEW HADRIAN SINGERS

We are learning more songs to add to our very varied repertoire and will be performing for the patients in the hospital as well as a local W.I. - and we hope as part of a concert in Greenhead church during the second half of the year. No auditions - we welcome all ages, just come along if you enjoy singing! The first session is always free. We meet at 7pm most Fridays in the Community room at the Haltwhistle Hospital.

CHURCH SERVICES

Gilsland Methodist

Services start at 10.30 unless stated

Jul 6th Songs of Praise
Jul 20th Morning Service with
Deacon Mark Atwood
Aug 3rd Songs of Praise
Aug 17th Holy Communion with
Rev T. Asogbon

St. Mary Magdalene

Services start at 9.30 unless stated

Jul 16th Morning Worship
Jul 30th Holy Communion
Aug 9th Morning Worship
Aug 23rd Holy Communion

BIN DAYS

Northumberland County Council

General waste: Jul 3rd, 17th & 31st;
Aug 14th & 29th
Recycling: Jul 10th & 24th; Aug 7th
& 21st
www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste

Haltwhistle household recycling

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Monday 8am - 6pm

Cumberland Council

Refuse and garden: Jul 7th & 21st;
Aug 4th & 18th
Recycling: Jul 14th & 28th; Aug 11th
& 25th
www.carlisle.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling

Brampton household recycling

10am to 6pm, every day except
Tuesday

WEEKLY EVENTS

Please note that timetables often change in August - please check before you go to any regular event

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

DIARY DATES

1st July, 7pm | Gilsland Village Hall | WI meeting

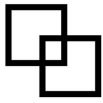
8th July, 7pm | Gilsland Village Hall | Dominoes

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

19th July, 10am to 3.30pm | MOss Peteral Farm | Great North Bog Day

17th Aug, 1pm | Greenhead Village Hall | Cream Teas and Crafts

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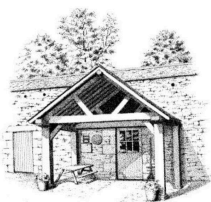
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