

SEPTEMBER '26

Gilsland Village Magazine

GILSLAND SHOW 2026 REPORT

By Rachael Graham, Show Secretary



What a fantastic day we had at the 112th Gilsland Show on Sunday 2nd August at Triermain Farm! We were delighted to welcome a record number of industrial entries, alongside fantastic livestock classes, Clydesdales, vintage vehicles, ponies, dogs, trade stands and plenty of family entertainment. The quality of the entries across the show was exceptional, and we would like to say a huge thank you to every exhibitor, competitor, judge, steward, volunteer, sponsor and trade stand who helped make the day such a success.

A particular congratulations goes to our Champion of Champions, Gary Gorman with Glebeview Lady Izzy, and our Reserve Champion, Ross & Elaine Pattinson of Temon Farm with Topside Unique – both fantastic winners.



We are incredibly grateful for the support we receive from the local community and beyond. A special thank you to our main sponsors Steven Wilson and Drainwise, along with all our other sponsors and supporters.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported Gilsland Show. It takes a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to put the show together, and we could not do it without the dedication of our committee and volunteers.



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

By Clare Hawkins

New Pricing effective from 1st August 2026

The village hall is currently running at a loss. Three regular user groups ceased and we have faced rising running costs which has made a big difference to the annual income. Grants obtained during Covid to keep the hall afloat are now running out. To address this the hall needs to reduce costs, encourage more use and increase income. New pricing is part of the solution for increasing income.

The Village Hall is a charity and its charitable objectives must be taken into account in the pricing - it needs to cover its costs but not to make a profit.

We will retain the 'session based' fee structure where a session is morning, afternoon or evening and typically up to 4 hours long. A hire time overlapping two sessions (e.g. 11-3) is allowed as a single session. Bookings which have already been made for Hall hire after 1st August will be honoured at the old rates.

Type of Hire	New fee / session	Session is 4 hours (8am-12pm, 1-5pm, or 6-10pm)
Corporate and public bodies, weddings	£50	Whole building hire (2 halls)
Corporate and public bodies, weddings	£35	Single hall hire
Voluntary community groups, or private hire	£30	Whole building hire (2 halls)
Voluntary community groups, or private hire	£20	Single hall hire
Local parish resident private hire, funeral tea, birthday party	£25	Whole building hire, resident of Thirlwall, Upper Denton or Waterhead
Local parish resident private hire, funeral tea, birthday party	£15	Single hall hire, resident of Thirlwall, Upper Denton or Waterhead

The Committee and partners have been working hard to bring a range of new activities for all, these will be advertised in the Village Magazine, on our Facebook page (Gilsland Village Hall) and village notice boards. They include a range of music events, concerts and performances as well as a few initial ideas for new regular classes and activities.

If there is an activity you would like to attend, create and run, or a particular idea for increasing Hall use or revenue which we haven't yet thought of, please get in contact by email on gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com.

Gilsland Movie Nights

A group of local film enthusiasts of all ages have formed the Film Committee. They have partnered with Cine North, a social cinema initiative, supported by Eden Arts, that brings film screenings to rural communities across the North. The project is designed to foster community spirit, creativity, and connection through shared film experiences.

Each season Cine North provide a range of available films to be shown in partner venues and the film committee choose 2 or 3 of these films for the Village Hall. The current film season runs from September to December. The Hall are provided with all appropriate projector equipment and licenses to show the film and tickets will be priced at £5 each, available online, at other village locations and on the door. We ask that all under 18's / vulnerable adults are accompanied by a responsible adult who will also ensure the films are age appropriate for those in their care. During the event, the Hall will sell refreshments with a licensed bar, soft drinks, popcorn and ice cream. You are welcome to bring your own chair or bean bag for the showing.

We will also provide film updates via email – if you would like to be included in these updates please email gilslandmovienights@gmail.com or follow our dedicated Facebook page 'Gilsland Movie Nights'.

AUTUMN SHOWINGS AT THE VILLAGE HALL
THE WILD ROBOT (U) Adventure / Sci-Fi <i>19th September 2pm</i> A sentient robot stranded on an uninhabited island raises an orphaned gosling while trying to fit in with the local wildlife.
BELFAST (12) Drama <i>24th October 730pm</i> A young boy and his working-class Belfast family experience the tumultuous late 1960s.
RENTAL FAMILY (12) Comedy Drama <i>28th November 730pm</i> An American actor in Tokyo struggling to find purpose lands an unusual gig: working for a Japanese "rental family" agency, playing stand-in roles for strangers. He rediscovers purpose, belonging, and the beauty of human connection.

The Village Hall as an Emergency Hub

The Hall is registered with Northumberland County Council as a refuge in case of emergency. The committee is currently formulating the community action plan with Thirlwall Parish Council and this will be published in the coming weeks.

An emergency could be:

- a severe weather event – snow, flood etc
- a natural disaster – wild fires etc
- an accident – rail or road crash etc
- any other event whereby resident(s) of Thirlwall, Waterhead or Kingswater Parishes need assistance – power outage etc

Where the Hall would support and shelter those in need to provide:

- a warm dry space, with toilets and hot water
- Wi-Fi and telephone services
- opportunity to charge mobile phones / batteries
- first aid supplies, thermal blankets
- contact to emergency services
- communication through the parishes via a network of volunteer contacts

The committee will publish the plan and the appropriate contact details for activation in the next magazine issue.

RAF SPADEADAM VOLUNTEERING

By Miriam Lincoln, RAF Spadeadam

Civil Service and Landmarc colleagues from RAF Spadeadam recently dedicated some of their volunteering time to clearing an overgrown section of Gilsland Churchyard. Their efforts have helped improve and preserve this important community and wildlife space. Armed with gardening tools, enthusiasm and teamwork, the volunteers were pleased to be able to contribute and strengthen the links between RAF Spadeadam and its near neighbours in Gilsland.

Editor's note: Watch this space... help is needed in the churchyard! Further details will follow in next month's magazine.

ITS ALL HAPPENING AT GREEN CROFT ARTS

Hadrian's Wall Art Trail returns 4–20 September (Fridays–Sundays, 12–4pm) with this year's theme, Underfoot / Overhead. Discover more than 80 artworks by artists from Cumbria and Northumberland at locations along Hadrian's Wall. Highlights include FREE creative workshops with Haltwhistle Film Project and Green Croft Arts during 11–13 September, followed by a special live music double bill with Anne-Marie Sanderson and Isabel Rumble on Saturday 19 September, 5–7pm. The Art Trail is produced by Green Croft Arts and Field Shelter. Then on Sunday 4 October, we welcome Theatre by the Lake to Gilsland Village Hall with Every Brilliant Thing – a funny, moving and uplifting piece of theatre about finding joy in the everyday. Tickets £15 / £10 concessions, with Early Bird tickets available from Monday 24 August. Find the full programme and book at www.greencroftarts.com.

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Open Art Studio at 2, Irthing Park, Gilsland (part of the Evan's Art Trail). An exhibition of Sarah's paintings in a variety of media, subjects and styles showing a range of her work spanning her art career. The dates in September are: 5,6,7 and 12,13,14 and 19,20. From 10.30am to 5.00pm.

Creative Textile Group starting in October. A monthly session where instruction will be given on design and various creative textile techniques. For more details please view Sarah's website www.coursesforadults.co.uk or email sarcolart@gmail.com or visit me during my open studio in September.

Brief Encounter duo (jazz concert) at Greenhead Church on 19th Sept from 6.30pm. Tickets are £10 (including cheese, wine and nibbles) from Elsie Dixon on 07796103000.

Harvest Supper at Greenhead Village Hall. Pie and peas from 6.30pm and a concert with the Hadrian Singers from 7.30. Tickets are £10 from Elsie Dixon on 07796103000.

Gilsland Dominoes Drive is on 8th Sept at 7pm sharp. The cost is £3.50 which includes a supper half way through. We also have a 50p raffle and prizes. Everyone is welcome whatever your level of playing. The group is really friendly, supportive and welcoming.

Poetry Drop-in will be sharing our favourite or challenging poems about trees, forests and their timber. In Greenhead Village Hall from 1.30-3pm on 2nd Sept.

The Haltwhistle History Group next meet on 9th Sept at 7.30pm in the Comrades Club for a talk about women in the Crimean War by Jan Milward entitled "What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place like this?"

The New Hadrian Singers will resume on 11th and 18th Sept in the Community Room at the Haltwhistle Hospital from 7 - 8.30pm. New members are always welcome - the first session is free and there are no auditions!

Gilsland Community Benefit Society Limited AGM will be held on Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 7pm at Gilsland Village Hall, CA8 7BE. Virtual attendance via Zoom is available. Please contact Colin on sosamsoninn@gmail.com with any queries or to register for online attendance.

Free Heritage Open Days events at Haltwhistle Railway Station. 12 & 13 Sept from 10am to 3pm in the Old Booking Hall - Heritage Homes of Northumberland and Cumbria Saturday. 19 Sept from 10am to 4pm at the Railway Station - Explore Railway Heritage at Haltwhistle and see inside the magnificent signal box.

Twango music presents acclaimed alt-country/folk duo, True Foxes, all the way from Cornwall on 2nd Oct. Then on 7th Nov we have Nev Clay supported by Miserable Les, two sought-after stalwarts of the Northeast music scene. Tickets available on the door and at www.gigantic.com - buying advance tickets helps to make the gigs viable. A bar is available at both gigs.

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Haltwhistle Music Festival runs from 4th - 6th Sept and has lots of free (but bookable) events.

Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market is on 13th Sept from 10am to 1.30pm at Greenhead Village Hall. Buy direct from local producers and enjoy a lovely variety of food, crafts and plants. Home-made refreshments while you shop. Stay local, buy the best.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Gilsland Methodist

Services start at 10.30 unless stated

6th | Songs of Praise

20th @ 2pm | Harvest Festival service
with Rev Jane Wild

St. Mary Magdalene

Services start at 9.30 unless stated

13th | Morning Worship

27th | Holy Communion

BIN DAYS

Northumberland County Council

General waste: 10th & 24th

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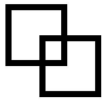
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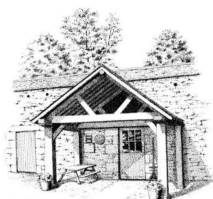
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