

## Gilsland & Longbyre Community Information Circular 4

### Thirlwall PC Statement – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

This is the fourth & final circular published to ensure everyone in our community is kept informed on any news and developments during the Covid-19 situation. Again, we will post this circular to those living in the outlying locations as well as hand-delivering in Gilsland. We had a steady uptake of those who entrusted us with their email addresses and thank them for helping us save funds for postage.

Just a few words to thank all those people who have contributed to the success of this bi-weekly newsletter during the lockdown period. We hope it has been able to provide a handy reference guide and has helped you, your family, friends & neighbours to survive the lockdown period successfully. The normal monthly village newsletter plans to resume in July as things gradually get back to normal - email any contributions to [gilslandmag@outlook.com](mailto:gilslandmag@outlook.com) We continue to put parish news on our website, just type Thirlwall Parish Council into a search engine and you'll find it!

The play area is sparkling in its new coat of paint. The slide steps have all been repaired too. We are currently still waiting for guidance about reopening. It will be lovely to see children using the equipment again – can I just remind people to consider neighbouring residents when parking.

### Gilsland & Longbyre Covid-19 Community Group

The Group thanks all the volunteers who were happy to help out whenever and wherever it was needed. It may turn out that we still need to ask for assistance in the weeks and months ahead, but it's good to know we have these helpful neighbours living alongside us. The group has been kept busy coordinating all sorts of requests, nearly all of which we've been able to sort out. Please continue to contact us for help if you need it, just see the details below.

Remember, we cannot provide medical advice, or social care services. You should contact your GP or medical centre, or the NHS or your local council about any of these issues.

If you need any help:

- You can call Jayne for Gilsland village – 016977 47995 / 07852 131962
- You can call Janet for Upper Denton, Waterhead & Longbyre – 016977 47439
- You can email [thirlwallcommunity@outlook.com](mailto:thirlwallcommunity@outlook.com) and a group member will get back to you.
- You can also check for updates & message the Gilsland Village Hall Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/GilslandVillageHall/>

### **An update from the Samson Inn**

We hope that everyone is keeping well in these strange times!

There has been a lot of uncertainty around the easing of lockdown rules and it doesn't look like there will be much more clarity for a while so we thought we should give an update with our thoughts about when we might reopen the Samson.

We have had a virtual meeting with staff and agreed that before reopening we would like to be confident of the following:

1. The risk of Covid-19 infection to our staff, customers and wider community is very low.
2. There is an appetite from the village and wider community for us welcoming visitors back into the area.
3. The social distancing guidelines mean that we can open in a way that is practical for our building and pleasant for our staff and customers.

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In reality, we don't expect this to be the case until August, although this may change. It may be that we could have a 'soft' reopening with, for example, self-check-in for B&B guests and takeaway food available on certain evenings.

However, the situation is obviously very complex and could change very quickly, in which case we will reassess our position.

In the meantime, we hope you are all well and we look forward to opening our doors and welcoming you all to the pub again once it is safe and comfortable.

Website: [thesamson.co.uk](http://thesamson.co.uk)

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The Samson Inn, Gilsland, Cumbria, CA8 7DR

Bar and restaurant 016977 47880

Accommodation 016977 47962

### *A big Well Done to Andi & Malcolm for talking about Gilsland on BBC Radio Cumbria this Tuesday!*

### *And it's great to hear that House of Meg Tea Rooms will be opening again on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.*

*Please make sure you are aware of their procedures they have implemented to protect staff, customers and all their families. They will have signs up telling you what to do and please respect the staff and follow their instructions while they get back to business in these really difficult times.*

*Opening hours will be 10am to 3pm, except when they are closed on Wednesdays.*

*It will be a limited menu, so telephone orders will be preferred, with payment by card as much as possible, either preferably when you call them, or when you collect your order.*



**Call: 016977 47777**

**[www.houseofmeg.co.uk](http://www.houseofmeg.co.uk)**

**4 Hall Terrace, Gilsland CA8  
7BW**

### GILSLAND VILLAGE HALL

The hall is only open for the **Post Office Outreach Service** currently running on Thursday & Friday mornings - 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please follow the social distancing layout. They are bringing some items from their shop and you can always order items on Thursday to then pick up on Friday if you cannot get out of the village. We also still have a good selection of secondhand books so please help yourselves - as the weather may change they will be in boxes in the bus stop opposite.

**\*\*\*\* A big thank you to Dave Berry for painting the internal hall stairs. This was a health & safety issue and should be safer for all hall users when we return. \*\*\*\***

Although some lockdown restrictions are being lifted, we are still not permitted to hold gatherings indoors. I will send all organisers of hall user groups a letter as soon as this situation changes.

Please contact me with any questions or queries.

Janet Gordon **016977 47439** or email on [gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com)

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## County Councils and Parish Councils Contact Information

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CUMBRIA</u></p> <p>COVID-19 Emergency Support Line Call: <b>0800 783 1966</b> Email: <a href="mailto:COVID19support@cumbria.gov.uk">COVID19support@cumbria.gov.uk</a> <i>For people at high risk of being seriously ill because of COVID-19 &amp; who have no support.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NORTHUMBERLAND</u></p> <p>Northumberland CC's COVID-19 webpage: <a href="http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus">www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus</a> <i>This webpage provides the latest news and advice, and useful links for further information.</i></p>
<p><u>Upper Denton &amp; Waterhead Parish Councils</u> Website: <a href="https://upperdentonpc.org.uk/">https://upperdentonpc.org.uk/</a></p>	<p><u>Thirlwall Parish Council Website:</u> <a href="https://visitgilsland.org.uk/index.php/thirlwall-home.html">https://visitgilsland.org.uk/index.php/thirlwall-home.html</a></p>

### Local Covid-19 Support Group

We have received some government money to help the people of Gilsland & its surrounding areas with additional support. This can be in the form of food parcels & household cleaning items, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.

The funding is for anyone that needs a bit of extra help during the lockdown. Perhaps you are shielding, on benefits or low income, even if you have 80% furloughed wage but it's not quite enough; we can help. We make no judgements & need no information about your circumstances.

Just call Janet on **016977 47439** or email [gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com).

The money is here to help anyone within our community. It will be returned if it's not used.

### **The Passing of Councillor Lawrence Fisher**

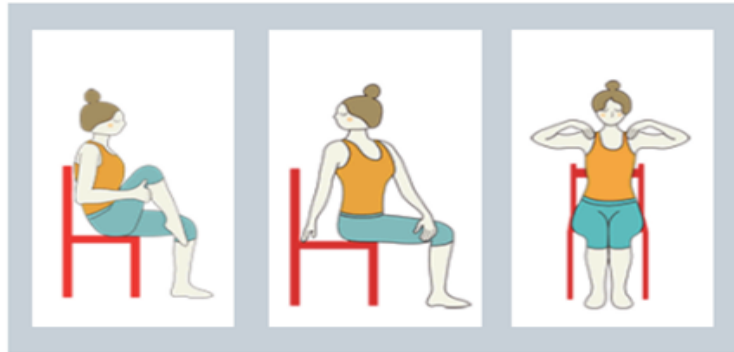
We are sorry to inform you of the death of the Cumbria County Councillor Lawrence Fisher who died unexpectedly on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. He was a staunch supporter of our neighbouring Cumbrian Parish Councils and also the attempts to reopen the Gilsland railway station. He will be sorely missed.



**Stagecoach** announced they have increased bus services on most routes from 1 June. Timetable details are on the County Council website: ([www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses)) Information on Social Distancing restrictions are also available on the website ([www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses/return.asp](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses/return.asp)).

*Mark Hodgkiss, Scheduled Bus Services Officer, Transport Services, Cumbria County Council*

# Would you like help to keep moving?



**Green Croft Arts** and **Move With Amanda** are offering a range of **FREE** activities to help you keep moving funded through the National Lottery Community Fund.

**FREE** Online Chair Yoga Sessions (via Zoom)

Wed 10:30 – 11:30 am

Friday 10:30 – 11:30 am

**FREE** Chair Yoga or Hatha Yoga DVD's for those not online posted to you.

1:1 sessions available.

If you or someone you know would like support then either call Amanda on 016977 47828 / 07944 994405 or email [info@greencroftonthewall.com](mailto:info@greencroftonthewall.com)

[www.movewithamanda.co.uk](http://www.movewithamanda.co.uk) / [www.greencroftonthewall.com](http://www.greencroftonthewall.com)



**Latest on Traders & Services – as before, please always check directly with them first to ensure their details are correct before you travel to them or make any payments to them.**

**Pollocks at Dumblar Rigg** – open for business again for fresh local meat & game. Tel: **016977 47346**.

**Half Moon Wholefoods** – Good news! Warwick Bridge Corn Mill has been saved & renovated by a trust of local supporters & is now making flour to purchase locally at Half Moon Wholefoods. Half Moon are also able to do deliveries & their shop in Brampton is open too. Call **016977 3775** or email [halfmoonwholefoods@btconnect.com](mailto:halfmoonwholefoods@btconnect.com) & see their website at [www.halfmoonwholefoods.co.uk](http://www.halfmoonwholefoods.co.uk)

**Closing comment: while these past few months have been a considerable challenge for many in an extraordinary time, the people in and around Gilsland have shown wonderful fortitude & patience. Heartfelt thanks to all of you out there, good friends & neighbours.**