

SPRING 2017 EDITION

Gilcrux

Parish Newsletter



Gilcrux Village Hall & Educational Trust

Hello Everyone,

Hopefully by the time this comes to press we will be seeing signs of spring which with a bit more daylight will be more than welcome

Last year we launched the lunch club for the winter months and we are delighted to have had such a great turn out with I hope satisfied guests, we are planning to start the lunches again in the Autumn if you the parishioners would like the event to go ahead, please let me or any committee member know your thoughts

A date for your diary Saturday 29th April

“Pie Peas & Prosecco”

A family friendly evening of fun, food and the usual quiz, come out and join in!

All this year's events are listed on a separate page

We have invested in an acrylic protection strip around the hall to prevent from further damage to the walls, which was becoming a regular occurrence, the acrylic and fitting was quite expensive but will save us money in the long term as continually having to touch up the paint work was also incurring costs, your support of hall events has allowed us to have the funds to carry out the all so necessary caretaking of the building, we strive to make sure we have the best possible prices on everything from power supply to toilet rolls! All vital to keeping your hall in pristine condition and available to everyone

Thank you all for your continued support of the hall

Helen Johnston – Chair

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St Mary's Church, Gilcrux



St Mary's Church continues to plod along. At one of the recent monthly Friday lunches I was asked if it was true that the church was going to close. My reply was not so far as I knew. But what is the church? It is of a course the building, small and ancient up on the hill, a building almost as old as the village and instantly recognisable. But the church is more than the building it is the people who gather around and with and for God. Church exists as the people who want to acknowledge God. If there are no people, there is no church. In Gilcrux we may be few in number, but we are I hope faithful. Religion has got a bad name. It is seen as divisive or even hateful towards those with whom it disagrees. But the God of Gilcrux church is a God of love. He is a God who wants to enrich lives and to make them even better.

In April, we shall acknowledge this as we celebrate Easter. We shall remember the cross, the death of Jesus but we will celebrate the resurrection and the offer of new life for all. It's a celebration we trace back 2,000 years. So is the church to close, no. How can it when God is still concerned for Gilcrux?

Then in May (26th-28th) there is a village scarecrow trail and flower festival in Church with teas in the Village Hall, a celebration of life and the essential goodness of the creation we enjoy.

Yours in Christ

Tim Herbert

Church Services.

Do join us at our services. We meet at 11.00am:

February 26 with a visit from the Bishop of Penrith

March 12 (Book of Common Prayer)

March 26 (All Age)

April 9 (Book of Common Prayer)

April 16 (Easter Day)

May 14 (Book of Common Prayer)

May 26 (All Age and Flower Festival)



Parish Spring Clean

It's that time of year again! The Parish Spring Clean will take place on Saturday 6th May 2017 commencing at 10.30am from Gilcrux Village Hall. All welcome.



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Thank You

I think I will be speaking for all who have attended the Friday lunches, (last one for this season Fri 3rd March), in saying a Big Thankyou to Helen and Brenda for the tasty and varied meals they have served, they have been enjoyed very much. They have also provided a pleasant social occasion which has been appreciated.

So, Thank you Helen and Brenda (also to your occasional helpmates).

I am sure we are all hopeful that you will feel able to do it all again from October!

Broadband

BT have been working on their Connecting Cumbria project, laying fibre to many villages and hamlets across the county. Now 90% of properties are able to upgrade to 'superfast' broadband. However, households must contact a service provider to upgrade their service, and it doesn't always cost more. The benefits to residents and businesses are around faster download/upload times and the ability to have more devices using Wi-Fi simultaneously.

However, there is a further important point. The more people sign up for fibre broadband, indicating a need for the service, the more money is made available for continuing to lay fibre cable to the harder to reach properties. Without people using the service, BT cannot make the case for more funding.

There is also an issue with people not knowing that their local cabinet is enabled, and therefore not realising they can upgrade their broadband service. I understand that clerks receive notification so that they can put out notices on the parish notice boards. If you haven't had one, you can check if your parish has been connected to the fibre network here:

<http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/when-and-where.asp>

Dog Fouling

This is an anti-social problem in parts of the parish and residents are reminded that it is not only dealt with by a fixed penalty fine but if you are taken to court and convicted you will have a criminal record. Please pick up after your dog.

Gilcrux Youth Club

A warm welcome to new families in the parish and to our recent new members - we hope you have enjoyed our winter activities, which included a wet felting workshop, our Christmas pantomime trip, a glow in the dark party and swimming at Arkleby pool. Spring is coming and we hope you can join us for more fun with orienteering, samba band drumming, a games night and a trip to the Jump Mania disco. Unbelievably, that will take us up to the summer, with our annual family picnic/BBQ and summer trip to look forward to. The dates are not quite finalised so please email one of us to be kept informed via our email list.

We welcome all children living in, or with a close relative living in, the parish as members and they are welcome to bring a friend (under 8s must be accompanied by an adult). All events are subsidised by Cumbria Community Foundation wind farm fund.

We currently have vacancies for a secretary and an ordinary member on our committee; please get in touch if you are interested in joining us to take forward our work with the young people in our community.

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Hi Folks!

Nice to be back open after our January hols.... feeling relaxed and ready for a busy year.

Our first quiz of the year will be on Friday 3rd March 9ish.

Easter weekend starts on Friday 14th April (Good Friday) come and try our delicious Jennings beer battered Haddock and chips, Saturday 15th some lovely specials on the board with full menu available and Easter Sunday 16th Traditional Roasts, we are open Easter bank holiday Monday 17th as well.

Thanks

Andy and Hal

Electoral Review of Allerdale Borough Council -Draft Recommendations

As many of you will be aware the number of councillors on Allerdale Borough Council is being reduced. The Boundary Commission have now published their draft proposals which can be viewed at

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk>. Closing date for comments is 3rd April 2017