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Northeast Kingdom inn respectfully nods to its history of hospitality
WILLOUGHVALE INN RESTAURANT RECHRISTENED GIL'S BAR AND GRILL

WESTMORE, VT – Acknowledging its rich history in long providing guests with warm hospitality and great food, the WilloughVale Inn has renamed its restaurant Gil's Bar and Grill. The new moniker honors Peter Gilman, a respected local businessman who established Gilman's Tavern as Lake Willoughby's first eatery in the mid 1800s.

Says Innkeeper Roy Clark, "Reviving this link to the Inn's deep historical Northeast Kingdom roots is our way of bringing a bit of our past into the present. We believe the principles of gracious hospitality – like welcoming guests with Vermont country comfort and refreshment – are timeless. Peter Gilman's establishment provided satisfying food served in a warm, friendly atmosphere to travelers and vacationers to Lake Willoughby for well over 50 years. And we intend to continue that tradition."

Something of an institution in the Northeast Kingdom during the 1800s, Peter Gilman was known for his willingness to always do a good turn for his town. A schoolteacher as well as town officer, Gilman played a key part in constructing a road around Lake Willoughby (what today is Vt. Rt. 5A), ultimately going broke using his own money to get the job completed.

Throughout the 1800s and into the early 1900s, Gilman's Tavern was well known to teamsters, loggers, fishing parties and summer tourists alike seeking a peaceful spot to stop, linger and enjoy a hearty meal. The Gilman's were considered to be congenial hosts who dispensed bountiful hospitality and Mrs. Gilman earned a reputation as one of the finest cooks in the state.

Gil's Bar & Grill offers a casual family friendly menu featuring seafood and steak entrees as well as pub fare. The restaurant will be open for dinner at 5:30 pm. until 8:30 pm., Wednesday thru Sunday. The bar opens at 4:00 pm. Local's specials on Thursday evenings. Reservations are suggested. Please call 802.525.4123.

The historic WilloughVale Inn and Cottages provide comfortable accommodations, trademark Vermont relaxation and recreation in a classic natural Green Mountain setting on the shores of Lake Willoughby throughout all four seasons.

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