Greysouthen Gossip

Your window on village news and events

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Parish council notes

The council has met 3 times since the last edition. We're currently in the process of planning our precept (that's our budget) for the next financial year. In these difficult times we're planning to hold to the same amount as in 2010-211. We're confident that we can continue to provide our usual duties of cutting the grass, maintaining the playing field, supporting the village hall, publishing this newsletter and linking with borough and county councils from this amount.

Margaret Wiltshire

Greysouthen W.I.

We look forward to meeting you all on Monday 12th December whilst Carol Singing and raising funds for local charities. We hope many of you will join us as we travel around the village. Song sheets will be available.

Please meet up at 6.30pm at the corner of Chapel Terrace and Main Street (the former shop).

Dates of meetings:
Tuesday December 13th
Christmas Party, Village Hall
Tuesday January 3rd
Christmas Lunch, Hunday Manor
Tuesday January 17th
Talk: Honister Mine – Past to Present, Village Hall
Tuesday February 21st
Greysouthen W.I. 61st Birthday Party, Village Hall

Greysouthen W.I. wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Barbara Lloyd

Apology

The Post office in Greysouthen village hall is open on Mondays 1.30-4pm, not 4.30 as stated in our last edition.

Accessible Cumbria
Bringing superfast broadband to Cumbria.

Cumbria has been chosen as a pilot area to find ways to bring 'superfast' broadband to rural areas of the country. The usual providers do not see any profit in doing it themselves so the government is providing some money to help find schemes that will. The project is being led by the County Council, who are in the process of selecting partners to initially build the main backbone of the system and then go on to provide ways to connect individual end users.

To help them do this they are asking parish councils to look for volunteers to help find what people's needs for broadband are and to help people understand what the benefits of fast broadband are. They are also putting in place a group of 'Hub Controllers' who will cover an area of several parishes to act as links between the parishes and the County Council. I have become the hub controller for our area. I will have a list of our broadband champions and their contact details for the next newsletter. As time moves on more and more services are going to be done over the internet making it even more important that we have the proper internet connections to be able to use them. It will not happen overnight, it will take time.

If anyone wants more information or would like to become involved please contact me at david@blaylock.me.uk or on 01900 826337. Anyone interested in helping, please come forward. More information can be found on www.connectingcumbria.org

David Blaylock

Greysouthen Beer Festival 2011

Firstly, apologies to everyone who couldn't get tickets, it was a big surprise how much interest there was, but unfortunately the capacity of the hall is 80. So to try and remedy this and banish those winter blues, we have planned a village party for the 4th of February. If you have any ideas or want to get involved you can email adrian@whartonsmill.freeserve.co.uk Tickets will be available in the New Year.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

Adrian Simms

Neighbourhood Watch

Stickers for Neighbourhood Watch are now available. Contact johnhammond@fsmail.net

New Community Police Officer

I am Peter Crome and will be covering your area as the local Police Community Support Officer based at Cockermouth Station. I will be patrolling your area either on foot or at times in a police vehicle, so please feel free to stop me and have a chat. If you have any issues, police related or not, then I may be able to help as I work with many different agencies to address problems within communities.

One important aspect of my role is to advertise our new messaging system which can be found at www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk The system is a fully automated service where you can register your business or home onto one of the many various "watch" schemes. This will provide you with messages relating to any suspicious activity or opportunist crime in your area. It also enables you to report any suspicious activity in your area immediately to the Police and other users of the scheme.

If you have any information you wish to share but do not want to be seen at home then please feel free to e-mail me.

Peter Crome PCSO 5214
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Old Folks

Thinking that the previous issue of the Gossip was the last one before Christmas, I shall have to repeat our very best wishes to you all for a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Also to remind anyone over 55 who is resident in the village that the Old Folks Christmas Dinner and entertainment is to be held in the village hall on December 17th. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Hope everyone in Greysouthen has had a good year in these troubled times and we give you our sincere thanks for your kind and generous support for the Old Folks weekly village tote. It is much appreciated.

Next year's trip out for the old folk is still to be decided, so if anyone has any suggestions let the committee know and they will be carefully considered along with the others and of course subject to available funds.

Cheers for now.

The Committee of the Greysouthen Old Folks.
Ken Needham

Changes at Paddle School

Many of you will already know that Rod Coy, who has been head teacher at Paddle for many years, is retiring at Christmas.

During his time at Paddle, Rod has led the school to be nationally renowned for its high standards and has always been passionate about keeping the school at the heart of the communities it serves. It is typical of the ethos he has established that this newsletter is printed each quarter by Paddle School as part of their contribution to the community.

Rod has taught generations of children in our community and has affected the lives of many. His drive, enthusiasm and boundless energy will be much missed.

I am sure you will join with me in wishing him a long and healthy retirement.

Margaret Wiltshire

New activity in village hall

A Zumba Gold class is being held in Greysouthen village hall on Tuesday mornings from 11-12 at a cost of £3 for the hour.

Zumba gold was described to me as "zumba for the more mature and less robust"! I'm definitely in both categories and have found it to be both non- threatening and great fun. There is still space in the class if anyone would like to come and try it.

Greysouthen's First Virtual Pub

It's virtual because there is no fixed building, and it's organised kept going by its members being in touch by email. It's real because it has already had its launch it in my home on 18th January, when nine of us, all male, met in my kitchen bringing our own beer. That's it. It was no problem to launch this rare event. It provided the opportunity for a relatively random group from the village, some of whom had never met, to get together and enjoy each other's company. Hopefully it will be the first of many. All it took was the collection of some e-mail addresses from known, and some unknown or rarely spoken to neighbours and then a collective decision as to date. The venue is determined by size of a kitchen to hold up to around a dozen people (casual as opposed to smart – sawdust and spit is optional). Following the successful launch the next gathering is likely to be mid January. Some growth of the first pub maybe possible, entry is through **robin1954@hotmail.co.uk**.

Depending on the current members being able to make the next date places will be limited. But why not try your own!

Robin Lovegrove