

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – Edition 5 - Apr 2007

This Newsletter is produced to inform the residents of the Parish about the work of the Parish Council over the last few months and to inform you of the role undertaken by your Parish Councillors on your behalf. The Parish Council would welcome any feedback from this Newsletter and any contributions that people would like to make to the next one.

PARISH PLAN

The Implementation Group meets on a regular basis in the Library, Ambleside. Everyone who would like to help putting this Plan into action is welcome to attend. Items discussed at the last meeting included a presentation on Community Transport. Volunteer drivers are always needed. They receive training which means a short assessment interview followed by one full day vehicle training. Ambleside Community Bus has carried over 1000 passengers since its introduction last summer. Lots of information is available on Cumbria County Council's website. Key issues identified by the geographical groups within the Parish Plan organisation included Grasmere – highways and recycling; Troutbeck – recycling and directory/parish letter; Langdale – recycling and rural transport. Would you like to join a geographical group for your particular area dealing with local issues? The groups from Grasmere, Ambleside, Troutbeck, Rydal/Loughrigg and Langdale will welcome your help. If you can help or would like information please contact Michael Johnson, the Lakes Parish Clerk, on 015394 31656.

LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

The January newsletter asked for news of local clubs and organizations and it is pleasing that a number of submissions have been received. They are listed as follows:

Windermere Lake Cruises, who can be contacted on 015394 43360 would like to remind local residents of the Residents Discount Card valid from the date of issue until the last day of the 2007/8 winter timetable.

Girl Guiding in Ambleside and Grasmere with Ambleside Rainbow Guides (5 – 7yrs old) meeting at the Guide Hut Rothay Holme Mondays (term time only) 4.45 – 5.45pm

Contact Mrs V McDougall on 015394 32504
Ambleside Brownie Guides (7 – 11yrs) same venue Mondays term time only 6 – 7.30pm contact Mrs H Todd 015395 68384

Ambleside Guides (10yrs+) Fridays, same venue 6.45 – 8.45pm contact Ms C Gunningham 015394 43338

Ambleside Friends of Guiding (Adult members welcome for upkeep and support of GirlGuiding in Ambleside contact Mrs E Heywood 015394 34303 or Mrs L Garlick 015394 34419

Ambleside District Trefoil Guild Adult 18+ contact Mrs J Myers 015394 41245

Grasmere Brownie Guides (7 – 11yrs) Thursdays Term time only 6 – 7.30pm Tythe Barn (next to Rectory) Grasmere Contact Ms R Bradley 01229 885616

Grasmere Guides (age 10+) Tuesdays term time only 6.30 – 8pm same venue contact Mrs D Burton 015394 35557 or Mrs A Butland 015394 35329 Girls are welcome from all parishes to any unit, At some times waiting lists occur. There are other units at Hawkshead and Windermere.

Our Place Youth Project (a wide variety of activities including sports, art, drama, cooking, trips and residentials) at Ambleside Parish Centre, Vicarage Road, Ambleside Evening sessions for 11 – 18yrs Wednesdays for secondary school first two years and Thursdays 7 – 9pm for third grade upwards secondary school and above. Contact Catherine on 015394 33687

Learning Plus – Ambleside Library - self help learning, Group 18+ ICT, literacy, numeracy, creative writing and English as a second language – contact Kirstin Green on 015395 67606

Ambleside W.I. Secretary Mrs Allison Peak Tel 015394 33241 – all ladies welcome from 18 – 180!!

Ambleside Jugglers Group - formed in November 2006 this group meet every Sunday from 3 – 5pm at the Kelsick Centre St Mary's Lane Ambleside. The group exists as a community forum for people wishing to learn and enhance new and existing circus or juggling skills. All ages and experience levels welcome. Contact Andy on 015394 33982 (Mon – Sat 10 – 5pm)

Ambleside Players – one play performance per year, monthly meetings 8.15 first Thursday of the month at the Golden Rule for readings etc Outings to Theatres average age 30 to 70 yrs. Contact Jenny Bewley on 015394 34095 or email Jennifer.bewley@btinternet.com

1st Windermere Sea Scouts Age 6+ contact Hilary Holliday on 015394 42692. There is no group currently in Lakes Parish but this is the nearest group with Lakes in its catchment area. This year is the 100th birthday of Scouting and it is hoped to re-introduce Scouting to Ambleside and the surrounding area.

Ambleside Toddlers and Playgroup meet in the Kelsick Centre, St Mary's Lane Ambleside every Tuesday and Thursday from 9.15 to 11am for baby and toddlers also a playgroup for children aged 2 and above on Mondays and Fridays. Contact Julia Wilson on 015394 37173.

If you would like details of **your** social activities and community based clubs or organisations within Lakes Parish area published free of charge send details to Lakes Parish Council, The Old Courthouse, Ambleside LA22 0BT.

LANDOWNERS

Please remember that it is your responsibility to clear any overhanging branches or vegetation that come on to the public highway from your land. Lakes Parish Council have received a number of complaints about this.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

To address longstanding problems with verges, footpaths and roads, Lakes Parish Council are entering in to a partnership with Cumbria County Council and Windermere Town Council to try to address these issues. It is costing each Parish £1000 and a management fee of £600 per annum. An independent Contractor is being employed to do this necessary work. If you have something that you think needs doing that hasn't been done for a long time and it is connected with a public amenity then please get in touch with your local Councillor (names and telephone numbers are listed in this newsletter) or ring the Clerk at the Parish Office and bring it to his attention.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 9th May 2007 in the Kelsick Centre, St Mary' Lane Ambleside commencing at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Ruth

Jenkinson from St Martin's College and all electors of Lakes Parish are welcome to attend and raise any issue or speak on any matter affecting Lakes Parish.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th April 2007 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside commencing at 7.30pm and fortnightly thereafter at the same time and venue. The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 2nd May 2007.

The public are entitled to attend any Parish Council Meeting to listen to items discussed. They may also participate in the Meeting and the Chairman will adjourn at 8pm to allow any person to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes. Past Newsletters and all activities of Lakes Parish Council are on the Parish website www.amblesideonline/parish

Why not come along to a Meeting and see your local representatives working on your behalf?

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Ambleside Ward

Cllr Leslie Johnson 015394 32904

(Chairman)

Cllr Elwyn Bradshaw 015394 32760

Cllr Nick Martin 015394 31124

Cllr Margaret Lockley 015394 33363

Cllr Anne Parker 015394 34369

Cllr Maureen Colquhoun 015394 34325

Grasmere Ward

Cllr Elizabeth Braithwaite MBE 015394 35297

Cllr Allen Green 015394 35238

(Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Vivienne Rees 015394 35401

Rydal and Loughrigg Ward

Cllr David Welch 015394 32765

Cllr Fiona Sparrow 015394 32441

Langdales Ward

Cllr Edna Garlick 015394 37637

Cllr Liz Wilson 015394 37327

Cllr Jonathan Smith 015394 37592

Troutbeck Ward

Cllr Harry Allen 015394 44021

Cllr Roger Westmoreland 015394 33287

Clerk – Michael Johnson 015394 31656

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South Lakeland District Councillors are David Vatcher 015394 32822, David Earnshaw 015394 33573 for Lakes (Ambleside) and Vivienne Rees 015394 35401 Lakes (Grasmere). Brian Barton 015394 33215 is the Cumbria County Councillor.