

# Exelby Green Dragon Where Next?

## PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION 7.00PM THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2017 THE GREEN DRAGON, EXELBY

**Come along to our second community meeting to hear what has happened since the first meeting at the end of January and also hear firsthand about a community that bought its pub and made a success of it.**

**The meeting in January supported the idea of a community owned pub.** Since obtaining Asset of Community Value status for the Green Dragon, a lot has happened:

- We've formed a steering group;
- Enterprise Inns are talking with us;
- Funding is being negotiated and support has been offered by the Plunkett Foundation;
- Research continues into what we could do.



### A CO-OPERATIVE PUB FOR EXELBY?

**For most villages, a pub is a vital service; it is a meeting place, communication centre and an important lynchpin of village life. Much of the appeal of our village rests on its sense of community. It is the reason many people have moved here and remain here. The presence of a real community pub would, we feel, greatly enhance our quality of life.**

We would not be alone. You may have seen in the news last week that the George and Dragon in Hudswell was named as CAMRA's pub of the year. The George and Dragon is now a thriving community pub with a community shop, library and well used restaurant.

### THE HUDSWELL EXPERIENCE – A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY PUB

Martin Booth has been involved with the Hudswell Community Pub right from the beginning. Its more than seven years now since the community first thought of buying the then closed George and Dragon via a community share issue and re-opening it as a community pub and it is now a very successful and popular pub.

Martin has kindly offered to give a presentation outlining the journey they went through in Hudswell, sharing his experience and giving us food for thought.

We look forward to seeing you...

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