

Polling Districts & Polling Places review

The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006 require each local authority to carry out a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places on a regular 4 yearly cycle.

SLDC commences their review on 1st September and is inviting comments from electors and other interested parties (within the Parliamentary Constituency of Westmorland & Lonsdale and that part of the Barrow & Furness Constituency that lies within the area of South Lakeland) on any aspect of polling districts and/or polling places currently used.

Comments regarding polling stations are also invited regarding those currently used and/or any suggested alternatives. Representation should be sent in writing to the Returning Officer by 11th October at the latest. Further information is available on www.southlakeland.gov.uk

The Crown High Newton

Good news – the Crown at High Newton has now reopened under new ownership after being closed for nine months. As well as new owners this fine old historic pub has a new look.

Stylishly re-decorated inside and out, a warm welcome awaits you from Laura and Graham and their friendly team. More news next month.

Thanks to Grange Lions

Sundar Walker gives her sincerest thanks to the Grange and District Lions for their donation of £500 towards new classrooms for a rural secondary school in Kurka Kalan, Punjab. The school began over a century ago, with Sundar's father being instrumental in the development of secondary education for lower caste and disadvantaged children.

These days the children have benefited from the contact with Cumbria and have become more aware, and have campaigned actively for the education of girls and against the foeticide of girl babies. The generous donation from the Grange Lions will go towards providing doors and windows to complete the classrooms in the new wing for girls' education. See Letters Page.

Oxfam

Oxfam is setting up a Fundraising Group in Grange – volunteers and support wanted!

There are currently one billion people living day after day without clean water. 100 million children are out of school, the majority are girls. A mother dies every minute of every day in childbirth because healthcare is not there to save her life.

These are just a few of many injustices that exist across the world that Oxfam is working to end. But we can't do it alone and Oxfam's work cannot continue without the support of communities throughout the UK. Oxfam is therefore looking at setting up a fundraising group in Grange – a great opportunity for people in the area to use their creativity and skills for fundraising, meet other like-minded and inspiring people and to have fun!

Please contact Harriet on 07787 180 194 or e-mail hchristie@oxfam.org.uk for further details. Please also feel free to contact Malcolm and Patricia Kimber on 35317 or kimber@nmc-ramblers.org.uk. Patricia and Malcolm are happy to give illustrated talks about Oxfam to organisations and groups that would like to learn more about the emergency and development work carried out by Oxfam.

F.L.A.G. celebrates 25 years

Congratulations to FLAG for achieving a quarter century of promoting and protecting our local rail services. The Furness Line Action Group was formed on the 4th September 1985 in Grange “to seek the retention, development, and improvement on the Preston, Lancaster, Barrow to Whitehaven line” and to “encourage greater use in public transport.” FLAG was formed as a reaction to steadily deteriorating service which had seen eight locomotives and coach trains withdrawn that year.

Much has changed since then. Grange station received a £500,000 facelift thanks to FLAG's urging and the Manchester Airport link was established. British Rail was abolished, Network Rail created and rail lines franchised. Rail travel has been revived as a popular means of transport all over the country.

Much of our local line improvements have been due to the lobbying and hard work of the FLAG volunteers – long may they continue their efforts.

Friends @ Christmas 3rd Annual Christmas Lunch

The 'Friends @ Christmas' Team held their first meeting in August to set in motion arrangements for this year's Christmas Day Lunch. The next meeting will be held at the Netherwood Hotel on Tuesday 7th October 2010 at 7.30pm.

We are looking for new volunteers and anyone who would like to help and support us in any way, please come along to the October meeting. For more information, please phone Linda Schofield, 33497, or Barbara Brown, 34784.

Cartmel Surgery to start Walking for Health

Walking is a great way to get fit, feel good and get that much needed fresh air in the countryside. And this is why Cartmel Surgery has joined partnership with Natural England's Walking for Health programme to make the first steps to encourage people to go out walking more.

In August, Cartmel Surgery will start their weekly health walks in and around Cartmel. Janice Longmire, Cartmel Surgery tells us more, “The walks will start from Cartmel Race Course every Tuesday from the 17th August and will start at 11am for about an hour. Regular walking will keep your heart 'strong', reduce blood pressure, give you more energy and can help to reduce stress which can all help to give a better night's sleep. Also we can't forget that these walks are a great social outing as well so we'd love people to come along to get fit and also enjoy a good chinwag with other people from around the village.

“We are extremely grateful to our two volunteers Barbara and Ewen who will be leading the walks and if others are keen to help with leading we would love them to get involved.

“We are so lucky living in such a beautiful part of Cumbria that we would love to encourage more people to step out and visit what is on their door step.”

So if you would like to find out more about the walks or how to become a volunteer please contact Janice Longmire by telephone on 015395 36366 or email Janice.Longmire@gp-a82647.nhs.uk.

Tourist Information Centre News

Firstly let me thank all those who have supported us throughout our first year and to all the volunteers for such enthusiasm and dedication in making it happen, it could not have been a success without you all.

The last band concert of the season will be on Sunday 12th September at 1.30pm. Cumbria Army Cadet band will be playing in Park Road gardens; it wet, the concert will be in the Victoria Hall.

Flookburgh Band will be playing in Cartmel Priory on Saturday 18th September at 7.30pm.

Thanks to everyone who came along on our Cross Bay Walk on 1st August. We raised £1,300 for the Centre. Special thanks to Cedric Robinson who kept us all in line and got us all safely across.

A date for your diary, we will be holding an antiques valuation day on Friday 1st October at the Centre. 1818 Auctioneers of Kendal have kindly offered to come along to the valuation event where items can be brought along for their team of experts to inspect and advise.

Once again thanks to you all for your continued support in helping to keep us open and we look forward to the next twelve months.

Lynne Harrison-Speight
TIC Team Leader

Focus on the Crocus!

September is the month for finalizing arrangements for the great Purple Crocus bulb plant, and the possibility of being a part of a team that may enter the Guinness Book of Records for planting most bulbs in one hour on Saturday October 2nd. Why purple? Because that is the colour of the dye that is put on the finger of each child who has been immunized against Polio.

Already over 4 million bulbs or 13 ½ tons have been ordered (not all for Grange!!). Initially this was a 'Thanks for Life' project of the British Rotary clubs but now many other organizations are planning to be part of this effort to eliminate the dreadful crippling disease of poliomyelitis from our world once and for all.

Soroptomists, The Civic Society, Prom group, Bloom Group, Orchard Group, U3A, and Allithwaite and Cartmel WI are all joining in as well as churches and many individuals.

All the schools in the Cartmel Peninsula have shown enthusiastic interest though of course at present they are only just starting their new school year.

Several people have asked about giving their 20p donation to cover the cost of immunizing a child, and arrangements are being made for money to be paid in at Grange Now office or to Keith Buckler. If you do require more information Keith's telephone number is 015395 30359.

Leven Valley Support Group for St Marys Hospice

Can't cook, won't cook, love to cook? Then come and enjoy an entertaining Ready Steady Cook themed fundraising event with The Pampered Chef!

Charity cooking show, see, test and buy the kitchen tools then taste the food at Greenodd Village Hall. Friday 1st October 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm.

Refreshments and raffle! Bring your apron and enter the Best Pinny Parade!

Tickets £5.00 each available from Sylvia tel 015395 31685, Pam tel 015395 31251, Marian tel 015395 31779, Dot tel 015395 30132.