

What's On Feb 2012

Sun Feb 5th Charity Cream Tea, Lower Holker Village Hall, Cark-in-Cartmel 2pm

Sun Feb 5th Coronation Hall, Ulverston, Scottish National Youth Jazz Orchestra, 2pm

Mon Feb 6th Grange and District Photographic Society, URC Hall, Let's make an AV together, 7.30pm

Tue Feb 7th Grange Forum, "Eritea, Africa's second newest country", Dr Rob David, RBL Club, 10.15am

Tue Feb 7th Grange Lecture Society, A Stroll through the Axis of Evil, John Pilkington, Victoria Hall, 7.15pm

Tue Feb 7th Mothers and Others, Sing for your Supper with Dorothy & Victor, 7.30pm

Tue Feb 7th Grange Old Tyme Dance Club, old time and sequence dancing, Lindale in Cartmel Village Hall, 7.30

Wed 8th Feb Grange-over-Sands Lunch Club, the Thornleigh Hotel, 12.30

Thur 9th Feb Flookburgh Over 60's Flookburgh Village Hall, 2pm, talk Heavy Horses, followed by refreshments, all welcome.

Fri Feb 10th Cartmel over 60's Club General Meeting

Mon Feb 13th Grange & District Photographic Society, URC Hall, Island Hopping, 7.45pm

Mon Feb 13th Grange Fell & District Local History Society, 'Charlotte Mason', Dr John Thorley, Parish Hall, 8pm

Tue Feb 14th Grange Forum, Lancashire North of the Sands, Chris Abram, RBL Club, 10.15am

Tue Feb 14th Allithwaite Lunch Club, The Pheasant Inn, 12.30

Tue Feb 14th Grange Methodist Church, Workbase, Rev R Barker, Schoolroom, 2.30pm

Tue Feb 14th Grange Lecture Society, Only Half a Story, Brian Wilson, Victoria Hall, 7.15pm

Tue Feb 14th Grange Old Tyme Dance Club, old time and sequence dancing, Lindale in Cartmel Village Hall, 7.30

Mon Feb 20th Cartmel and District Flower Club The demonstrator will be Sue Wareing, at The Netherwood Hotel

Mon Feb 20th Grange & District Photographic Society, URC Hall, The View from Kalar Pat-tar, 7.30pm

Tue Feb 21st Grange Forum, The Task of a Cathedral Engineer, Geoff Clifton, RBL Club, 10.15am

Tue Feb 21st Mothers & Others, My very unusual Pen Friend. 7.30pm

Tue Feb 21st Grange Old Tyme Dance Club, old time and sequence dancing, Lindale in Cartmel Village Hall, 7.30

Thurs Feb 23rd Charity Quiz Night, Royal Oak, Cartmel, 7.30pm

Fri Feb 24th Cartmel over 60's Club Vic Hindle Lancashire Comedians

Mon Feb 27th Grange & District Photographic Society, URC Hall, Creative Consciousness, 7.30pm

Tue Feb 28th Grange Forum, A Financial Health Check up, Leigh and Gary, RBL Club, 10.15am

Tue Feb 28th Grange Methodist Church, Bee-tle Drive, Schoolroom, 2.30pm

Tue Feb 28th Mothers & Others, Visit to Grange Opera "Me and My Girl", 7.30pm

Tue Feb 28th Grange Old Tyme Dance Club, old time and sequence dancing, Lindale in Cartmel Village Hall, 7.30.

Thornleigh Hotel

Wednesdays 8th/ 15th/ 22nd/ 29th Thornleigh & Age UK Lunch Club 12.30, (29th Lunch and Film), please book in advance on 32733 or 32397 for 8th Feb Lunch Age UK.

Wednesday Nights at Thornleigh; 8-9pm, all welcome speakers: 8th Mr Michael Fieldhouse, 15th Revd David Crouchley, 22nd Colin Crowthorpe, International Aid Trust, 29th Lee Taylor, Friends of Hlekweni

Letters

Letters to the Editor are published on the understanding that they may have to be shortened to fit available space. Publication of a letter in no way reflects the views of Grange Now. All letters must be accompanied by a name and address even if the correspondent requests anonymity. In this case 'name and address supplied' will be added. We do not print anonymous letters.

Dear Editor

Thinking of the plantation in the park of Yewbarrow Lodge

The thinning of the neglected plantation between Hampsfell Car Park and the Community Orchard has now been completed. This is thanks to a hardworking and skilled team of foresters who manage to finish this difficult task in six working days free of charge as the wood harvested could be sold to meet the cost of the work.

Now that more light will be able to enter what was a closely packed plantation it will be possible to under-plant groups of different trees and shrubs with the help of volunteers, to create an understorey for wildlife. The branches cut from the thinned trees will be left to rot down naturally to feed the remaining trees.

Historically it would appear that during the second world war any trees on the site were cut down and that some sycamores regrew from the old stumps, but most of the area was replanted sixty years ago with a mixture of Ash and Cherry at close spacing, and since then little if any care has been taken with the plantation.

Ron Shapland

Dear Editor

I am writing in the vain hope that the irresponsible dog owner who is continuing to allow their dog to foul the pavement opposite Grange primary School is in some way, by reading this letter, moved to action to ensure that they clean up the mess left by their dog.

Not only is the foul mess created by their dog unsightly, it poses a serious risk to others and in particular the young children that use the nearby school. It is also a blight on responsible dog owners who take seriously the issue of cleaning up after their dog has fouled in a public place.

Can I ask that this dog owner, whoever they might be, just stops and thinks for a moment of what their failure to take appropriate steps to clean up after their dog causes others. Just remember all that is being asked is that you, whoever you are, take a personal responsibility cleaning up the mess your dog has made.

Or perhaps the owner would like to reply stating their reasons as to why their irresponsibility in this matter is justified.

Name & Address supplied

Dear Editor

First of all can I thank you and congratulate you on your excellent newspaper.

I appreciate that with the large amount of material you have to publish that you must of necessity use a small type size however as an elderly reader whose sight is deteriorating there is a problem when articles are printed with a grey background (as opposed to normal plain white background). For example I found, despite the use of a high-powered reading light, 'Tim Farron's Column' extremely difficult to read. Can I therefore request that articles are only printed with a plain white background.

Name & Address supplied

Hello All at Grange Now,

I just wanted you to know how much we exiles from Grange enjoy your newspaper and photos each month. Please include photographs of Grange any time you can. The home page photo of the snow on the little Crown Hill roundabout was fun and brought back fond memories.

I noticed the letter asking people to cease stealing plants from the Prom. It is very saddening to read that as my husband, Jeff, and I were planting plants on the Prom with Geoff Yates along with others from 1997-2000 and this was a serious problem then.

I once got so angry after discovering several plants had been stolen overnight after a long day of planting hundreds of bulbs and plants that I made labels reading 'plant stolen' and stuck them in where I found holes where plants had been planted the day before. It did not deter the thief but it made me feel a bit better and hopefully, made others aware that there was a thief at work.

We have very fond memories of Grange and many good friends and we thank you for bringing us home once a month until we can return ourselves.

Judy Kenyon

Dear Editor

The staff, governors and friends sang the following song to Head Teacher Colin Milner at his leaving special assembly:

So now, the time has come
It's time to face the final curtain,
To ring your last school bell
And leave the job of which you're certain.

For 30 years and more
You've led a host of busy schooldays
But go with well earned pride
You did it your way.

No more the early morns
The hours spent in draughty buildings,
No more the dulcet tones of energetic, noisy children.
No S.A.T.S., no learning Blogs
No spelling each and every Monday
And no assembly themes
That you did your way.

Farewell to Harvest praise
To Halloween and Christmas tableaux
Goodbye, the Bring and Buys, the open days
And Froggies discos
Goodbye to all the trips
The Easter fun and summer sports days
And times at Ridley Hall
You did it your way.

Those jobs around the school
Your D.I.Y. we thought so clever.
You'd mend each creaking door
With manly pride and great endeavour.
A tree, a garden shed
A draughty hall and dodgy pathway,
Oh yes, you fixed them all
And did it your way.

Oh yes the end is here
It's time to face your last assembly,
But know, you can be sure
There is no doubt we will remember,
The leader of our school
The joy you gave, not in a small way
Our love and thanks to you
You did it YOUR WAY!
Julia Jones, Grange.

Dear Editor

I would like to use this page to thank all those long standing customers of Harrison and Co private hire taxis who demonstrated such patience and understanding during the difficult period for me in November following proprietor Steve Hall's sudden retirement. Unfortunately my attempts to rescue the business were scuppered by ill health but I'm delighted to report that Grange stalwart Martin Kuchczynski stepped into the breach - launching a new private hire taxi service for Grange (MK1 Cars) at very short notice. I have been able to support his start up as weekend cover driver and look forward to working with him in the coming months to continue providing the quality private hire taxi service that the town of Grange-over-Sands deserves.

Many thanks again to the people of Grange for all their loyal and patient support.

Gary Boswell

Dear Editor

As a former pupil of Grange Primary, I was warmed but also saddened on reading the news of Colin and Dorothy Milner's retirement in your January 2012 issue.

In 1989, at four years old, I joined Grange Primary during Colin Milner's first year as Headmaster at the school. Even through those early years my memories of Grange Primary remain clear. I remember we were all encouraged to enjoy learning and we received countless opportunities to express ourselves through reading, writing, crafts, drawing, and of course the annual nativity play. Although this platform is important to all children's development, it also resonates with me on a personal level. Because of the opportunity to be expressive during my early years, I developed a love for all things creative. This grew exponentially over the years into a passion for communications and the media. I now enjoy a career in Media Relations in Vancouver, Canada.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colin and Dorothy Milner not only for their direct contribution to the early years of my education, but also for everything they have done and to continue to do to benefit the local community. Thank you.

Cheryl Muir, Vancouver, Canada.