

Society Round-up

Grange Forum

As the start of its 63rd season approaches Forum is stepping up efforts to enrol new members and to improve attendance at its weekly meetings throughout the autumn and winter.

Forum's season of illustrated lectures in Grange Royal British Legion Club starts on Tuesday 12th October and continues every Tuesday at 10.15am through to mid-March with talks and film shows covering a wide range of topics, members are assured of an entertaining and informative experience in friendly and genial company.

Forum was founded in 1948 to foster friendship, goodwill and understanding and to provide opportunities for members to keep in touch with educational, scientific and social aspects of life, with membership open to all men of goodwill. That remains its watchword today.

Current members are being urged to play their part in boosting numbers, with President Roy Twentyman telling them in his welcome message for new season, "The programme of lectures is once more a healthy mix of subjects and speakers and I hope there will be something to interest you all. We need to find new members and I hope you will all try to locate those men who just need a nudge to send them in the right direction to join our ranks."

Anyone interested in joining can turn up at any Tuesday meeting or contact Grange 33696 or 34671 for more information.

Tickets are still available for the coach outing to the Grand Theatre, Blackpool for Mozart's opera The Marriage of Figaro on Saturday 13th November. The coach leaves at 3pm for the 7.30pm performance. More information on 33475 or 34671.

Mothers and Others

This year we are 40 years old. To honour this occasion we are holding a celebratory dinner at the Netherwood Hotel on November the 2nd. If former members would like to join us, details may be obtained from Joan Tyler 34130, or Sue Marsden 33678.

Our season begins on Tuesday 7th September, 8pm at the Masonic Hall. The committee have arranged a varied programme for your enjoyment. New members will be made very welcome, please join us. Events will feature in the What's On Diary.

Grange Fell Golf Club Men's Section

We start this month with our fourth midweek medal in which Steve Baker came in with 61 net closely followed by Gerald Benson on 69 gross 63 net. Next up was the Veteran's Trophy in which John Park came in with 66 net with Joe Goffatt 67 net second.

The last midweek medal was next with Chris Postlethwaite on 61 net and Brad Thompson on 63 net, after our five medals Gerald Benson retained the James Crowe Bowl with scores of 60-63-65=188. We then had Macs Medal with Alan Medcalf on 64 net and our captain next on 68 net. Next was the Carlsberg-Tetleys with Jimmy Fegan on 62 net and Chris Postlethwaite and Ian Campbell on 63 net.

Our Senior Open was next and won by John Woodruff and David Dandy on 46 pts closely followed by three pairs on 45 pts. Next was out President Richard Tyler's Day, he attracted 61 entries on a fine day with Mick McInerney winning on 44 pts, a hole-in-one from Dave Barrett did not get him in the prizes.

Finally with the big guns playing the Hodson Trophy, we ran our high handicap comp the Harry Leach. This was won on a card playoff by Jim Jennings from Geoff Waterhouse on 67 net.

Grange Probus

On Monday 9th August, Grange PROBUS club enjoyed a presentation by David Ellis entitled 'Yorkshire Dales Lad'. David spent his childhood on the estate of Sir William Nicholson at Hellfield Peel, where his father was Sir William's chauffeur, and David had many stories about the various Hellfield characters.

The second part of his story was about the recent restoration of Hellfield Peel, which featured in Channel 4's Grand Designs. After the death of Sir William, the castle fell into ruin and remained in that state until it was bought by Francis and Karen Shaw who carried out a complete restoration. A condition of the planning permission was that the Peel should be restored to its original, so David was able to see it as it was in the days of his childhood.

This meeting was just part of an ongoing programme which provides a regular meeting place for members as a means of fostering friendship for retired business and professional men. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Netherwood, for coffee and a talk. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact the Chairman Alan Easton, 35339, or Secretary Sean Jameson, 32105.

Allithwaite Social Club

Several local schools and individuals have been involved in the annual campaigns of Operation Christmas Child. Each November these involve the filling of shoe boxes with gifts for children overseas.

At the August meeting, Mrs Rosemary Webster told club members of the charity's beginnings in this country when Dave Cook of Wrexham was much moved by the pitiful condition of children in state care in Romania revealed at the time of the collapse of Ceausescu's regime. The idea of encouraging individuals to fill shoe boxes with gifts quickly caught on.

Five years later, in 1995, the work had become too big for the Wrexham group to handle and an American Christian relief and development organisation - Samaritan's Purse - took over. Mrs Webster has herself visited the work of the charity's partners in the Crimea. She explained that the shoe boxes are given to the neediest children without obligation and regardless of their background or religion.

Club members were much moved by a short film showing African children opening their gifts. Mrs Webster was warmly thanked by Betty Bettison (chair) for her presentation.

The Lives and Music of Gilbert & Sullivan will be the topic of the club's next meeting with Walter M Johnston - at the Institute, Friday Sept 10th at 2pm.

Newton & Field Broughton WI

Continuing the usual practise of having a stall at the Cartmel Show, members of Newton & Field Broughton WI sold home made cakes pastries, preserves and produce there on 4th Aug. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this annual fund-raising event.

The September meeting will be on Wednesday 8th, starting at 7.30pm at Lindale Village Hall, when Steve Reeve will be talking on "Aerial Photography". New members and visitors are always welcome.

Grange & District Trefoil Guild

An enjoyable social meeting around a campfire was held at Hillgarth. Members of the Ulverston guild came and all partook of an excellent tea provided by Molly Inglis.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 Sept at Cartmel Village Hall. The speaker will be Margaret Wellock.

U3A

The U3A held its monthly meeting on August 17. John McMinn was the advertised speaker but unfortunately he had to cancel at the last minute. Fortunately one of our own members, David Jones, stepped into the breach and gave an extremely interesting talk, with slides, on past and present industrial and recreational activities in our area.

He started with work in the woods which at its peak was a major activity here. The slides showed coppicing, the frequent cutting back of trees, and the use of the wood to make baskets and bobbins. There was a very large market for bobbins in the Lancashire cotton industry of the past. Another product of the wood was the extraction of tannin which was used in the boat and shoe industries.

Coppiced wood was also used in charcoal burning and the charcoal produced was in its turn then used to smelt local iron ore. Some areas of our woods are still coppiced today but most of this wood is now used to make craft products like swill baskets.

The slides also showed a variety of other local crafts for local needs which are still common today - hedging, dry stone walling, the making of shepherd's crooks from hazel wood (some ornamented with ram's horns). The slides finished with a survey of a variety of local activities past and present; old copper mines, quarries, peat cutting, sheep farming, animal sales, hound trailing and festivals.

Our next meeting will be on Sept 21 at 10am. This is a special 10th anniversary meeting; it will be held at Victoria Hall. The speaker will be the author Fran Sandham who will be giving an illustrated talk about his walk, alone, across Africa from the Namibian Desert to the Indian Ocean.

Rotary Club of Grange-over-Sands

Following the Club Council meeting of August 17th there was a decision to send three "Aqua Box" to Pakistan Flood Relief at a cost of £450.00. These boxes allow drinking water to be made available from substandard water simply by pouring it into the box which has a filtration system within. Boxes last for a year before needing replacement.

Other donations agreed at this meeting were support for Macmillan Nurses and The Calvert Trust.

The Club had received their first payments under the Gift Aid scheme which helped to boost the fund from which donations are made. These payments came from those who attended the Flookburgh Band concert in July and a social event later in the month. The Club thanks all those who helped by gift aiding their individual contributions.

Readers may be interested to know that Rotary Clubs have donated £92,000 to the Shelter Box scheme since August the 1st. This money goes towards providing more boxes which will be used in emergency situations including Pakistan.

Grange Cancer Support Drop-In

If you have just been diagnosed with cancer or already having treatment for cancer or feeling worried about the future, come to the Cancer Support Drop-In and we will try and support you. Also if you are looking after someone with cancer or any life limiting illness, come to the Drop-In and see if we can help.

We know it is not easy to "drop-in" but we are not a big group and the atmosphere is lovely - possibly because we have all been touched by cancer in some way.

If you ring Marie on 33279 or Betty on 32035 you can talk to us first and we will arrange to meet you at the door. The Drop-In meets every Friday 2-4pm in the Parish Hall, Kents Bank Road, Grange. For more information contact Marie or Betty (tel. as above)

Grange & District

Photographic Society

The Society's 2010/2011 season starts in October and our new Programme is now available. Once again speakers of proven ability and prestige are featured presenting a diverse range of subject matter embracing both traditional and modern techniques.

Whether you are a novice or more experienced there is something for all abilities. To open our season on Monday 4th October we welcome Les Ayres ARPS MPAGB APAGB EFIAP of Penrith, a print worker of much esteem whose subject is "The First 25 Years in Prints". For more details phone John on 35942 or log on to our website www.grangephotosociety.co.uk. Meetings in the U.R.C hall, Kents Bank Road, starting 7.30pm (unless shown otherwise).

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