

Society Round-up

Allithwaite & Cartmel W.I.

The first meeting of 2012 featured a talk by Geoff Hetherington and his colleague about the Red Squirrel Project whose aims is to increase the number of red squirrels in South Cumbria.

A very interested audience had many questions as we learned of the unequal struggle between the red and grey squirrel populations owing, in part, to the differences in size and breeding frequency of the two species. The next meeting is 2pm Tuesday 6th February at the Community Centre.

Grange Chess Club

Very exciting developments at Graythwaite Manor as the Grange Chess Championship was blown wide open in December when Roy Darcy defeated Gary Boswell and then Tristan Pearce defeated Roy Darcy. Any one of the eight combatants could still be crowned champion in the New Year.

February also sees the long awaited grudge match between Grange A and Grange B as well as the County Championships on 24th to 26th. Ring Trevor Blower 01229 472100 for an entry form. Closer to home, Hilary Austin has restarted the Grange Junior Chess Club on Tuesday evenings. Budding players and their parents can contact Hilary on 32322. All welcome.

Lower Holker W.I.

Our first meeting of the New Year was a lively with one where members deliberated the Resolutions put forward for voting on at the NFWI AGM.

The February meeting is an Open Meeting for members, non-members, wives and 'significant other halves' as well as anyone interested in a warm and friendly afternoon out. Speaker is Ronnie Ray on his 'Life on the Ocean Waves' which should be very witty and entertaining so make a note in your diary – not to be missed! **Wednesday 1st February at Lower Holker Village Hall at 1.30pm.**

Witherslack W.I.

The January meeting was chaired by Ann Walshaw welcoming 17 members and a visitor. Tina Pearsall was thanked for producing an excellent programme. Lin Bowman was presented with a plant as a thank you for 15 years as Treasurer. Helpers are needed for the Flower festival in Kendal Parish Church for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Members achieving full attendance in 2011 were Sarah Bradley, Lin Bowman and Pru Dodgson. Competition winners for the year were 1st Jill Atkinson. 2nd Sarah Bradley. 3rd Jackie Ratcliffe. The speaker was Andy Lowe on his 17th visit to Witherslack. He held us spellbound for an hour with his talk on Lakeland buildings and their history. Next meeting February 14th Jamie Ratcliffe's "Amazon Adventure". Visitors always welcome Tel: 52302

Grange & District U3A

Our Christmas Event was "A morning of Magic and Mystery". A record audience of more than 120 enjoyed an intriguing blend of tricks, illusions and mind-reading provided by members of The North West Group of Magicians. A Grand Christmas Raffle was generously supported by donations from many local businesses.

The Annual Festive Lunch was held at the Netherwood Hotel, during January where the excellent meal was complemented by two fiendish quizzes supplied, as usual, by Roy Robinson.

February's Meeting, on the 21st at the Victoria Hall, features an audio-visual presentation by Maurice Steel entitled "Sing Penguin, Sing", with footage from his visits to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctica.

Trefoil Guild

Members met at Joyce Rawlins house for an informative and illustrated talk on Oberamagau. This was followed by a business meeting. Next month there will be a lunch & AGM at the Woodlands hotel on Monday the 13th. Details from Tel: 33141.

Grange & District Art Society

The Society welcome friends and visitors to our informal painting sessions which are held at Allithwaite Community Centre each Thursday afternoon 2-4pm, for beginners and more advanced painters.

We have an interesting and varied programme of events for 2012. If you are interested in joining our friendly, sociable group please phone Pat on 015395 35811 or e-mail Kath Pearson at kathcyrilpearson@gmail.com. On Thursday 16th Feb we shall be welcoming Patrick Corbett for a demonstration on Graphite Drawing. Donations can be given at the door.

Flookburgh Village Hall

The committee would like to wish everyone a prosperous 2012. The Christmas Coffee Morning raised a marvellous £620 towards Hall funds.

The Bonus Ball has been a great success and anyone who wishes to go on a waiting list should contact any committee member. The Book Club is held every Friday 10-12am. Please come and browse and enjoy a cup of Tea or Coffee. Various rooms for hire contact 59075, Barry for details.

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Photographic Society

A superb presentation of "Galapagos and Beyond" by Alan & Julie Walker got the second half of our season off to a flying start. This was followed by Boyd Harris who gave a wonderful account of the People & Mountains of Makula, Nepal.

Society Vice Chairman Colin Cheetham rounded off the month describing an epic journey first stated in 1960 by motorcycle "Around the World with a Rolleiflex".

On 6 Feb we welcome the return of Shelia Davies DPAGB with "Lets make an AV Together", an opportunity to see demonstrated the software used in producing Audio Visual shows. "Island Hopping" 13 Feb sees Brian & Sophia Fuller of "Wild Talks" return with more Nature and Wildlife images. 20 Feb Graham Whitwham presents "The view from Kalar Pattar", the landscapes and people of Nepal and Tibet. Finishing off the month on 27 is Di-anne Owen DRPS making a first time visit with "Creative Consciousness". Meeting at URC Hall, Kents Bank Road starting 7.30pm, (7.45pm on 13th) Non-members very welcome – Admission £3.00 Further info on our website www.grangephotosocietysociety.co.uk or ring 35942.

Coming soon at The Victoria Hall – to mark the Centenary of Titanic's ill fated voyage we present "Titanic – Return of a Dream" by Andrew Lound of Odyssey Dramatic Lectures. Watch out for further details.

Rotary Club of Grange-over-Sands

As promised we list below the winning numbers from the 'Dinner for Two Draw'. The draw took place at the British Legion Club on December 30th during a fancy dress party for local children

The winning tickets were drawn by a variety of 'pirates' and 'fairies' etc and out of the 3200 tickets eleven winners were from our locality, all winners have now been notified. We would like to thank any of you that supported our venture and as you will know from earlier editions of Grange Now many local charities have received donations. We once again stress that all income from this draw is being distributed to charities.

Winning numbers:- 0035, 0159, 0203, 0447, 0881, 0882, 1289, 1298, 1405, 1451, 1734, 1973, 1982, 2037, 2611, 2668, 2684, 2983, 3407, 3440. The draw raised just over £3,030 for local and national charities.

During our lunchtime meeting on January 11th the club voted a donation of £250 to the Philippine Tsunami Appeal which had been the subject of a special request from the Rotary International Committee.

We are holding a Rotary Awareness Day coffee morning at St Paul's Rooms on Thursday, Feb 23rd 10am until midday all are cordially invited to visit us for book stalls and other stalls, also splendid coffee with homemade biscuits together with information about Rotary and our aims. Rotary was founded on Feb 23rd 1905.

Townswomen's Guild Report

A very enjoyable 'T.G. At Home' was enjoyed on Twelfth Night at Sylvia's in lieu of a meeting in January.

On February 9th Donald Scott will talk to us about "The Anapurna Circuit". Men will be welcome as it may be something that involves them. We meet at 2.0pm at St Charles Church meeting room, finishing with tea and biscuits. Members are reminded that subs are due at this meeting. Please have cheques ready for the Treasurer. Enquiries to Sylvia 32215.

Cartmel & District Flower Club

The members of Cartmel and District Flower Club met at the Netherwood Hotel for the first event of their Sapphire Anniversary year. The Chairman welcomed our speaker and members before she and the President cut the cake.

Each member was presented with an Anniversary Pen. The excellent meal was followed by an amusing and entertaining talk from Mrs Pat Armstrong entitled Material Girl in a Material World. The demonstrator at the next meeting on Monday 20th February will be Sue Wareing.

Newton & Field Broughton W.I.

The first meeting in 2012 of Newton & Field Broughton WI proved to be extremely hectic. For many of the members it was the first opportunity to greet their friends and catch up on events since the party on December 13th.

There was a lot of business to be dealt with and following that members had an audio-visual presentation by Chris Abram on "Morecambe Bay North of the Sands". The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th February and will be a talk and photos of old Lindale by Bob Bridson. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and will be at Lindale Village Hall. J Addison 015395 36722.

Grange Forum

President Leonard Fleming greeted members at the 64th anniversary lunch at the Grange Hotel, with a special welcome to wives and partners attending, following Forum's decision to break with the men-only tradition at these gatherings.

Entertainment was provided by the Otto Voice ladies choir from Arnsdale. Forum's annual mid-season quiz presented by Ann Anderson was won by the team of Alan Morrell, Lionel Warner and Alan Barraclough.

Speakers covering a range of topics have included Maurice Ginniff drawing on his long career at Sellafeld and Harwell, who mounted a staunch defence of the nuclear power industry. Janet Smith presented a comprehensive study of three families – Preston, Lowther and Cavendish, who have occupied Holker Hall since the 17th century, each leaving their own impression. Janet Niepokojczycka led members on a journey from Kendal to Keswick illustrated from her collection of photographs interesting memorials, historic houses, churches, castles and bridges encountered along the way.

February speakers 7th Eritrea, Africa's second newest country by Dr Rob David. 14th Morecambe Bay Our Heritage featuring Lancashire North of the Sands by Chris Abram. 21st Task of a Cathedral Engineer by Geoff Clifton. 28th Update on current tax and investment issues.

Forum meets each Tuesday (9.45 for 10.15am) at Grange Royal British Legion Club. New members always welcome.

Allithwaite Bowling Club

Allithwaite Bowling Club registration day for members new and old is on Saturday 5th March from 1pm until 3pm at the Bowling Club (Quarry Lane Playing Fields) and weather permitting it is hoped that the green will be open for play!

If you have been considering taking up the sport, please come along and meet us, ask questions, watch the game being played and hopefully become a member yourself.

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