

Lower Holker Bowling Club

Enrolment night Lower Holker Village Hall
Wednesday 7th March 6.30-8pm. Old and new members welcome.

Grange Probus

On the 9th of January Andrew Lowe gave an illustrated talk entitled **Bank Barns, Boskins and Bee boles. He explained the purpose and preservation of several ancient barns within the Lake District National Park.**

This meeting was just part of an ongoing programme which provides a regular meeting place for members as a means of fostering friendship and companionship for professional and business men who have retired from their national occupations. The club meets on the second Monday of each month in the Netherwood Hotel for coffee and a talk or presentation by a guest speaker on a topic of general interest. A number of meetings are open to wives/partners and there are two lunches per year. New members are always welcome. If you would like to learn more please contact – Chairman:- Ewen Cameron 015395 32319 Secretary:- Sean Jameson 015395 32105

Lindale Bowling Club

If you have been wondering what all the commotion is around Grange Prom Bowling Green on Monday & Friday afternoons, it's us!

The club has again hired the Bowling Green for two afternoons per week from Grange Town Council, in order that a dozen or so hardy souls can play through the winter months, whilst our own green enjoys some well earned rest & recuperation. Following a very successful season last year, when five of the seven teams fielded in their respective leagues, gained promotion, the anticipation for the forthcoming season is already growing. The date of our AGM is Wednesday February 15th at 7.30pm in Lindale Village Hall. Our membership registration (prospective new members welcome), and pre season working party at the bowling green is on Saturday March 3rd from 9.00am until 12 noon. The green opening and roll-out day is Saturday March 17th (weather permitting)!

Allithwaite Friendship Club

The first meeting of the New Year took place on Monday 9th January, when we met at The Pheasant Inn, Allithwaite, for our New Year Lunch. The lunch was very well attended and an excellent meal was enjoyed by all. After-lunch entertainment included Bingo, a prize draw, a quiz and singing.

Trudi Repton (Chair) thanked all those who had helped to make the lunch a success, with a special mention for Dick Haigh, who organised. For the next meeting Friday 10th February Alan Jones will give a presentation entitled "Yellowstone-Grey Wolves, Grizzlies and Geysers." If you would like to join us, you will be most welcome at The Institute, Allithwaite, starting at 2pm.

Embroiders' Guild

North Lonsdale Branch

Our meeting in January was taken by one of our members Anne Covell who showed us all how to make thread bins for our snippets of thread. Anne brought with her a completed bin so that we could see what the finished item would look like. It was an ingenious design made of cotton fabric, which telescoped into a flat shape when not in use.

Every member completed their thread bin which does not happen very often as we usually run out of time! Our finished efforts were displayed on a table for us all to admire. We were all pleased with our thread bins which we took home with us and now we are the tidiest sewers around! All thanks go to Anne for her clever instruction.

The next meeting Tuesday 7th February when we will be making stump work faces with Gillian Darrington. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month and new members are welcome. If interested please contact the secretary Anne Covell on 01539 737049.

Grange Cancer Support Drop-In

We would like to start the New Year by persuading anyone who is touched by cancer or any life limiting illness to come to the Drop-In and see if we can support you. We are a lovely, friendly group of people and you will be made very welcome.

We try very hard to provide everything that each individual needs. We usually start the afternoon with a cup of tea and chatting. Then, if nothing is organised for the group as a whole, some play games e.g. scrabble or dominoes. We are not miserable at all and there is much

laughter – some afternoons there is no mention of cancer at all. However there is always someone to talk to if that is what you want. We meet every Friday in Parish Hall, Kents Bank Road, Grange 2pm – 4pm. For more information please ring Marie 33279 or Barbara 34784

Grange Civic Society

The sites on Grange Fell Road in the land allocation plan for new building have been removed - well done to the protesters and campaigners. Guide's Lot recycling site is on a list for closure. Whilst I acknowledge that its opening hours and access do not encourage usage please try to use it. The recycling bins in Berners Close car park will be moved, but where is suitable in Grange?

With spring approaching gardening on the Prom will resume shortly, although people have been monitoring and tidying up throughout the winter - thank you. The Bloom Group have been active in the Town replanting the tubs. Can you help either of these groups? Prom Group contact is Judi Bulley and Jan Tomlinson for the Bloom Group.

During February the Society will be send out information to the Town about Heritage Open Days and the birthday of the Clock Tower; members will be given details at the AGM. If you belong to other groups and organisation try and get them involved and make the events a success. Thank you to all the people who have offered events and support to date.

The AGM is Thursday March 1st, at the URC, 7.30pm. You will have received your membership renewal by then, feel able to bring it with you. The speaker is David Jones on the subject of traditional local industries. Looking forward to seeing you. kate.gaskin.gos@googlemail.com.

Grange & District Lions Club.

The Lions enjoyed an evening of games, fine wine and excellent food to celebrate Christmas at the Pastures. This came after a very busy period around the villages with Santa and his Sleigh.

Proceeds from these collections were shared out at the January meeting with £250 to the Three Parks Group towards the restoration of the promenade playground. £270 to Allithwaite Playing Fields and £150 to Grange Pre-school Playgroup for their help with the Sleigh. A further £50 was given to 'Parkinson's UK', £60 to Lions Youth Project and £100 to Grange Xmas Tree Lighting Committee. The Club continues to work with, and support local children and youth projects.

Amnesty International

The postponed talk to Cartmel and Grange Group by Gambian journalist Alieu Ceesay will now be held on Tuesday, 28th February at Boarbank Hall, 10.15 for 10.30am.

Alieu will speak on life and human rights in his country. All are welcome, including those people who planned to come in January (to whom apologies for the change). For more information (or for a lift) contact Tony Shelton, 38927, shelton@kilmidyke.ndo.co.uk.

Coffee Club

Coffee Club at Christmas is always exciting, not only for carols and mince pies! This time those present shared their remarkable personal experiences.

Stories of a Baby Box Brownie camera falling down Striding Edge on Helvellyn to land safely on a rocky platform over Red Tarn was amazing - but that the lens (less than one inch in diameter), which had become dislodged, was found under a flower was a true answer to prayer as was the way a little singing sparrow led a frightened girl through a dangerous path to safety. Almost everyone present - many having come to their first Coffee Club - gave examples of God's gracious provision in time of need.

In January, Rob Jackson, team vicar at Allithwaite, shared his experience of God's leading in his life - often in unexpected ways.

The next Coffee Club will be at Abbot Hall Hotel at 10.30am on Tuesday February 21st when the speaker will be Revd David Whitehead PhD, MSc of Kirkby Lonsdale, an experienced scientist, who will talk about "Great Universe - Great God." Everybody will be most welcome. Coffee is served before the talk.

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**March issue out from 1st March
DEADLINE Thursday 23rd February**

North Lonsdale Lawn Tennis Club

North Lonsdale Lawn Tennis Club continues to rise to the challenges set by the works on the Memorial Playing Fields. One advantage of being so near the site is that our Tennis club members can come to the rescue of visitors who become so disorientated in the labyrinth of fencing surrounding the site that, without assistance, they could remain there until reported missing. We are also looking forward to the siteblasting work and the excitement that could bring to the dullness of tennis games.

Another site related issue necessitates dispelling the myth that tennis players like doing it in the dirt. It appears that to avoid the above issue labyrinth, dog lovers are detouring around the tennis courts and consequently some beloved pooches are choosing this location to 'powder their canine noses'. Pre-tennis warm-ups do not usually include wiping doggy-doo off tennis shoes, so more diligent poop-scooping would be very much appreciated.

Major projects for the club in 2012 include raising money for a new court surface, which for various reasons has endured more punishment than usual this winter. However, on a more positive note, all members are looking forward to the Spring and the extended daylight which obviously means more tennis. As ever new members and guests are always very welcome. For joining details, please contact our Membership Secretary on: 015395 35143.

Grange Garden Society

At the January meeting, Janet Mardon, Secretary, explained the Chairman's absence and afterwards, the members queued to pay their subscriptions and then occupied themselves with a botanical quiz. Members had taken bring and share food and everyone enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

Grange Lecture Society

Our lecturer on 10th January was Keith Vigurs, who since retiring as a bank manager has been employed as a mystery shopper working for market research companies.

In a light-hearted talk Keith detailed his visits to a wide variety of companies ranging from supermarkets to undertakers, and regaled us with some of the amusing and unexpected situations in which he has found himself.

Keith Offord's lecture on 24th January was entitled 'Aristocrats of the Air'. Keith is a well known ornithologist and wild-life photographer. In a lucid and comprehensive talk, spiced with humour and beautifully illustrated by some fine bird photography, we were told about the evolution of birds from reptiles, the development of flight and its various adaptations over millions of years.

On 7th February John Pilkington, in a lecture entitled 'A Stroll Through the Axis of Evil', will talk about a six-month journey he made through the Middle East, and on 14th February Professor Brian Wilson will tell us about his collection of old letters in 'Only Half a Story'. Both lectures begin at 7.15pm in the Victoria Hall.

Grange Ramblers

On Thursday 29th Dec. 20 ramblers and 2 dogs left Pool-Foot for a 4 mile post Christmas walk. The route lay north along the river bank and on to Ashes Intake, Old Hall Farm and to the Heights where in sun there were good views.

Horrendous boggy ground and ferocious gusts of wind were soon left behind for the shelter of Moss Wood where a refreshment stop was made. The walk continued via Burn Knott, Black Beck, to Fish House Bridge and back to the start. The leader was Wendy Bowen. Forthcoming walks: Tue 28th Feb. Colton Church area 6-7 miles 500ft ascent. Wed. 7th Mar. Whitbarrow 7 miles 1000ft ascent. Tue 13th Mar. High Dam area 7.5 miles 800ft ascent. Details can be found on the library notice board or <http://www.ralakedistrict.talktalk.net/html/walks.html>

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