

Letters

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Dear Editor,

May I through Grange Now express my gratitude and thanks to the Grange & District Lions Club. The Grange & District Branch has very generously donated a sum of £500 to complete a project that I have been supporting through the sale of my art and small gifts from friends. This is a timely and much needed resource that would go to complete two new classrooms in a rural secondary school in Punjab. The school was started over a hundred years ago and my late father played a key role in the development of secondary education for the low caste and disadvantaged poor children in the area.

I have visited the secondary school twice in Nurka Kalan, Punjab and have been able to contribute towards developing the new wing for girls' education. 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 foeticide of girl children.

The generous donation from the Grange & District Lions would go towards providing doors and windows to complete the classrooms. This is a Godsend as I had a serious setback to my health this year that has affected my sight and my painting career. The Grange & District Lions have also encouraged me by allowing me to have a stall to publicise the school and my art in the Craft Fair in Cartmel in September.

It will take me at least two years to overcome this problem caused by temporal arthritis. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank many friends and well-wishers who have kept in touch and given me their valued support during this difficult time. Thank you.

Sundar Walker
Grange-over-Sands

Dear Editor,

He was tall, intimidating with dark spiky hair, an official-looking badge on his lapel and a clipboard in his hands filled with names, addresses and donation amounts.

He had been to me before, one Christmas, to ask for money to buy a bus for disabled children and, like others, I'd given money.

A further visit and I was asked to contribute to the running costs of the bus. This time, although I gave money, afterwards I felt uneasy as I realised I hadn't been given any particulars about the charity, and on the third visit I asked for a brochure about the work, which he promised to send me. Just this week in August, I had a fourth visit from the tall man with the threatening manner. This time I challenged him for further details about the charity, as I hadn't received any information as promised. When he left, I felt uncomfortable and distressed. His whole attitude had been demanding and in no way did I feel reassured that he was going to supply the necessary information.

In future, I'll only give to those people I know. Otherwise no doorstep donations.

Mrs N.J North, Grange.

Dear Editor,

What a disgraceful waste of time, money and materials! I am complaining about the recent surface dressing of the B5277 from Meathop roundabout, through Lindale and Grange to Flookburgh. The bumps and hollows are still there, as are the ripples and tramlines. The Council's scheme has only 'papered over the cracks'.

What was needed was a surface skimming to a minimum depth of two inches, then recycling the material to provide a decent smooth surface, just as was done recently in Albert Road and at the western end of Kents Bank Road. Let us hope that

by the time the Council get round to attending to the stretch of road between the mini-roundabout at the end of Windermere Road and the top of Risedale they will skim off the uneven surfaces around the trenches of sunken pipe and cable-works and around the ironworks - we can't call them manholes any more! - and provide us with a decent road surface.

And when are the Council going to come back to repaint the yellow and white lines? And how much longer do we have to wait before the 'No Waiting' cones are removed from Windermere Road?

Name and address supplied.

Dear Editor

I just want to record my appreciation of the helpful service at our local Co-op store. I arrived without a pound coin for a trolley. On asking one of the assistants, he immediately fetched me one and when I had finished my shopping, found someone to carry my considerable load to my car. I am not elderly - well, I don't think so - but it was much appreciated on a day when I was particularly busy. Thank you to the Co-op.

Janet Eccles
Grange-over-Sands

Dear Editor,

We must thank all who contributed to our most successful exhibition in July, from the artists to the buyers and all the people who helped behind the scenes. Not forgetting those who prepared and dismantled the screens in the Victoria Hall. Dr David Pearson's much admired painting of a hibiscus flower was raffled and won by Dr. Sheila Phizacklea.

The Society's meetings will begin again at Allithwaite Community Centre on the 9th September from 2pm until 4.30pm. It will be a general painting session. Come along to see what we do. New members are always welcome.

Joan Leech
on behalf of Grange & District Art Society

Dear Editor

We have recently returned from Lanzarote to live in the area and we must say that people everywhere - shops, doctors, library etc have been so nice and helpful.

In my business - chiropody - every house I have been to has been so welcoming and people have been so willing to offer advice on a wide variety of subjects. We have been very busy getting organised and setting up the business but we are both looking forward to becoming involved in many of the local activities in the Grange Area. I know there are problems like any area but we must not forget that we are so lucky to be living in this beautiful part of the country.

IanPithers
Newby Bridge

Help for Heroes

Pictured below is our cheque presentation to Help for Heroes following our Cumbria Charity motorbike ride on June 6th 2010 from Bowness to Cockermouth.

From left to right back row are 2 members of McGees Moped Mob (who did the whole ride on 50cc mopeds - some mopeds were pedal ones, and in fancy dress!!), Peter Armitage (Bill Webster from Coronation Street), Dave Coates (amazing motorbike stuntman and holder of 2 world records - fastest going backwards alone, and fastest going backwards with a pillion), Peter Steen, Front Row Jayne Quinn, Max Fursey and Lesley Fursey.

The cheque was for £3,000.00. There is a little money left over which is going in to next years event, also for Help for Heroes. We are expecting next years event will be bigger and better.



Tim Farron's Column

I am sure that this is being covered elsewhere with Grange Now but the current difficulty over the bridge is extremely annoying. To know that it is finished and ready to be put in place but that we are prevented by Network Rail is as frustrating for me as I am sure it is for you. We have all lived with the saga of the bridge restoration and for what I hope is the final chapter to be delayed because of what seems like petty bureaucracy is beyond belief.

Rest assured that I am working as hard as I can to overcome the issues raised by Network Rail and get the bridge back in place as soon as humanly possible.

Thanks to everyone who came along to meet up with us on our mobile summer surgery, we had a great time and possibly our most successful summer tour yet in terms of numbers. We managed to visit nearly 40 towns and villages during our time on the road and the numbers who turned up to see me in Grange, Lindale and other parts of the Cartmel Peninsular were extremely encouraging. We took away a number of issues that the team are already working on but you also provided me with an extremely valuable perspective on what you thought about national issues particularly the Coalition Government that we now have running the country. Rest assured all your thoughts get fed into discussions that I have fairly regularly with Nick Clegg our Deputy Prime Minister.

One of the issues that came up in Grange involved another aspect of Network Rail's operations, their plans to close the viaduct over to Arnside next year for extensive refurbishment. Clearly this is going to cause a great deal of disruption to anyone who uses the train to travel to Lancaster and beyond but it needs to be done for safety reasons and will take a considerable length of time. Given that we are facing this disruption many people have suggested we use the opportunity to ensure that not only do we get a much needed footpath across the Bay but that we also explore the possibility of building a cycle track. I must say I think that this is a great idea and this will be our only chance to get it built for decades so I am pressing Network Rail to take on board this idea and include it in their plans.

Finally, many people in Lindale have complained to me about the noise coming off the A590 and so we are working with the Highways people to try to get a new quieter surface put onto the road.

There you go, Parliament may be in recess but we are still managing to make things happen.

Let me know if there are any other things you would like me to work on by writing to me Tim Farron MP, at Acland House, Smokehouse Yard, Stricklandgate, Kendal LA9 4ND or emailing me at tim@timfarron.co.uk

Thanks for your support, Tim