

District Report

At SLDC the recruitment of a new Chief Executive has begun. As the coalition government looks to make efficiency savings SLDC has taken the view that a six figure salary is what is needed to attract the best person for the job.

This represents around a 15% increase on the outgoing CEx salary and is baffling when all other staff earning £21k or more will see 0% this year (ironically the savings on their pay freezer will pay for the CEx increase). I appreciate a highly competent and driven person is needed to lead the Council, but when SLDC staff numbers have just been cut by 10% and the expectation that the grant the Council receives from central Government will drop by 25% over four years, the answer is surely not to pay someone more to do less. As seems to be so often forgotten by the administration at SLDC, it's our Council tax that is paying for it.

The 25% grant reduction mentioned relates to the Revenue Support Grant that SLDC receives from central government in addition to Council tax. This reduction is expected, although will be confirmed after the autumn spending review. A well set out report has outlined that the Council could then be facing a worst case deficit of £3.7m by 2014/15. This won't actually occur as the deficit is based on the Council carrying on as it is now, which it can't and won't do so

Cartmel Art Society

Grateful thanks to all who helped in any way when Cartmel Art Society made a delightful Exhibition of itself by attracting around 800 visitors to the Village Hall recently for its summer Exhibition.

A high standard was once again achieved with 181 paintings being displayed over the six days, 43 of which were sold together with numerous greetings cards painted by members of the Society. The lucky winner of the raffle with ticket number 421 was a visitor from London, the prize being an original painting by Doreen Hannigan entitled Resting at Sunset.

The winter season starts on Wednesday 8 September when Graham Twyford will lead an afternoon of Techniques and Observational Drawing with pencil. If you are interested in becoming a member you should contact Secretary Jane Keelan on 015395 32169 or email her on b.keelan@btinternet.com or ring Chairman Carol Whiteley on 015395 60138.

Grange Lions

Despite appalling weather, Grange Lions Am Am Golf Tournament went ahead with usual strong support from hardy supporters, all in aid of St Mary's Hospice and local Lions charities.

The winners of the Grange Lions Trophy were David Randles team from Liverpool with 84 points, second were Kendal GC Captain Mel Stock's team with 81, and third Ian Crowe's team with 80 points. The Pairs winners were A. Metcalf and J. Woodhouse, and the Ladies 1st prize was won by Grange Captain Margaret Bleazard and Past Captain Christine Armer with 38 points.

The Grange Lions Summer Raffle was drawn by ace ticket sellers Jackie MacLaughlin and Martin Potter, (the winning ticket for a StrathmoreHotels holiday, - going to Mrs Tony Brown from Manchester). St Mary's Hospice director, Alan Lodge, received a cheque for £300 from the Charles Godwin Charitable Trust, with the prospect of £2000 in addition arising from the golf event and the raffle, when the total surplus has been finalised. A big thank you is due to all those who volunteered to help, and was appropriately acknowledged by Don Fraser, this being his final year of organising the event before moving south. The next Lions event is a Craft Fair, Cartmel Village Hall on Sunday, 5th September, 10am.

it will have to be addressed in a number of ways namely by: increasing income, reducing costs via service efficiency measures, cessation of services, reduce costs in terms of lower levels of services, alternative service delivery mechanisms. It will mean some difficult decisions and will need my colleagues and I at SLDC to continue to fight our corner so that Grange is not unfairly dealt with as has been seen in the past. Efficiency savings are the key and I hope the administration don't look down the easy route of just cutting frontline services.

Finally, the consultants report on our Toilets has been prepared in readiness for September's Cabi-

net meeting. Costing £25k to get 959 responses seems a good example of where savings can be made. That works out at £25 per response! 959 people out of the thousands of residents and hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Lakes is also arguably a statistically irrelevant number to base any decision on. Grange needs a decent provision of toilets for visitors and residents so with SLDC doing its best to ditch this responsibility it will be a tough debate to make sure we keep our toilets in Grange open.

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Adult Education

Unbelievably again the summer has flown by and its time to turn thoughts to enrolling for classes for the autumn. The office is manned most days and officially re-opens again on September 1st 2010. We are holding enrolment sessions in Grange library on Wednesday September 8th 09:30-12:00 and also at Ulverston library on the 9th September.

There are loads of new classes and also some additional to the brochure. For example, Maggie Norton is running a Writing Your Life Story class in Ulverston starting 21st September. We also have Eleanor Postlewaite coming to work for us. She is better known for her company Photo Baby, which specializes in Maternity, baby and family portraiture, as well as weddings. We are taking names for her classes where she will teach people how to take memorable photos with that professional touch.

We also have award winning chefs John and Ooy Rigg coming to do Thai, Chinese, Italian and Continental cookery weekends. All food is included and you will leave with a three course meal as well as lots of tips and hints from the experts.

Our own resident cookery tutor, Julie Woodburn has lots of exciting classes in store, starting with the Italian Kitchen and Curry club. With the hard economic times in mind, she also has devised a feed a family for a fiver course. We have a variety of adult only classes at Castle head including canoeing on Lancaster canal, abseiling and climbing, Canoe on Coniston and Willow Weaving (please note the date for this has changed). If psychology, counselling skills, sociology or child development are of interest, we have lots of new tutors to deliver these courses, with lots of expertise in this field.

If gardening is your passion we have recruited two tutors with a wealth of experience in this area, one being a published author and the other running her own garden design company so look out for Garden design for beginners with Sue Longden and Gardening with Exotic and Mediterranean plants with Christopher Holliday. Joan Bentley also returns with lots of new classes which will inspire you to use the seasonal flowers and foliage to create your own designs to adorn your home. If you want to get fit why not join the numerous exercise classes on offer, ranging from studio cycling, fight the flab and tone that tum through to Pilates and Belly Dancing. As usual we have a massive selection of art classes, with Saturday workshops, pastel and pencil classes, learning to draw and multi media and watercolour classes.

From time to time we have had requests for pottery classes and these are now available in Ulverston in September, run by Geoff Dellow (better known for his work producing pottery at Gill Banks) If you are musical we have guitar for beginners running over a series of weekends, our usual Choral Society and singing for pleasure. For those of you who want classes with a more academic input we have recruited historians such as Bryn Trescaheric to run his local history classes as well as Dr Hilary Walklett, who is running a variety of courses including Victorian Morality and the Russian Revolution to name but a few.

As usual we have a great range of language courses, with the introduction of some NEW day

classes which include German for Beginners as well as French for Beginners. We also have all our usual range which includes Spanish, Italian and French, so you are sure to find a course aimed at the right level. We also have some new craft classes on offer which include dough craft, making your own tripiets, felt making on the weekend, art clay silver and furniture restoration (a weekly class for this is also available). For those who want to improve their mobility we have flexible movement classes or Alexander Technique with well known and respected tutors Bernadette Riley and Michael Hardwicke.

For those you who fancy a career change or want to move into adult education to share your passion and start teaching your hobby to others we have the PTLLS course (preparing to teach in the lifelong Learning sector class) which starts in September at Ulverston. This class is the minimum government requirement to be able to teach in this sector and is offered in a condensed format till Christmas. We have had 100% pass rate on this course to date and launched the career of many aspiring teachers, so why not call for more details.

As you can see, we have our usual range of classes as well as lots of new faces and topics available locally at highly subsidized prices. The only classes which do not receive subsidy are those with a P code but they carry none of the adult education paperwork and include our ever popular classes with tutors such as Cathy Lubelska and Betina Mitchell as well as Valerie Wood.

I hope people will also support another new Face, Elaine Oxley who has taken over the Lipreading and Communication class, which is also changing days to Wednesday, to be held at the new children's centre at Flookburgh. I apologise for the fact that the website has been down much of the summer but this is currently being rectified and we hope to have everything up and running for September, when we look forward to being of service.

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CALL 015395 36323 TO ENROL NOW!

**NEW CLASSES STARTING FROM
SEPTEMBER 2010**

**Enrolment session at Library
08/09/2010 09:30-12:00pm**

Bloggging for beginners, The Italian Kitchen, Asian & Oriental Cookery classes, intro to studio cycling, fight the flab twilight sessions, Alexander Technique, Flexible movement, Pilates progression workshops, tap classes for all levels of ability, belly dancing, mono printing, dough crafts, learning to draw, German for beginners & French for Beginners, Teaching in higher education (PTLLS)

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