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With the heatwave behind us, people's minds are now moving on from the summer holidays.

Historically, October has been a month when many have looked to make a house move. There is a good run up from now towards Christmas and that's often a target date by which people aim to complete their transactions.

Our clients will often ask how long it will take to go through the legal side of selling and purchasing property – known as conveyancing. Freehold property can usually be dealt with more quickly than leasehold property, and if you are buying with mortgage finance, then it is compulsory to carry out particular searches in order to satisfy the lender. A valuation will also need to be carried out. Every lender has their own policy and therefore timescale, but we will do our best to move things along as swiftly as we can.

Overall, the average conveyancing transaction is currently taking between 12 and 16 weeks.

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Editor's Letter

Hearty congratulations to the South Lakes Women who Swim, featured on this month's front cover. A great achievement and thousands raised for a very worthy cause.

Now the schools are back, thoughts will soon be moving on to Autumn events such as halloween and bonfire night, and then Christmas. Please make sure that we have all the details for services, concerts, events and so on.

Talking of services and dates for the diary, on page 19 are the details for Remembrance in Grange 2023, happening on 11th and 12th November. Please let us know of other Remembrance events taking place so we can include in the next issue.

Now don't ever be stuck for something to do. We bring you the most comprehensive ever list of upcoming events on pages 22 and 23. There is something happening almost every single day. Remember to send events in for the November what's on if you wish to be included.

Chris

Mayor's Report

I am very pleased to report that Sunday's torrential downpours did not seem to have found their way into the Vic.

The new pipework installed by John Burrow seems to have done the trick. We now have to wait for the plasterwork to dry out before repairs can start, hopefully for the last time.

On 13th August, I attended the Classic Car and Bike Show at the playing fields to present the awards. A very impressive entry of over 300 vehicles was on show, I was amazed at the standard of presentation of the exhibits, most of which had been driven to the event on their own wheels. Congratulations to the owners on their care over their vehicles and to the Show Committee for organising such an

impressive spectacle.

Apart from that it has been a pretty quiet month. The Council is still short of two members. Despite several appeals in recent months, no one has come forward to join us.

Grange does need a Council to keep things running and a full complement of Councillors helps to spread the load and adds to the diversity of ideas and opinions. It's your town, come forward and help to keep it going. The job is not particularly onerous and can be quite rewarding.

On a similar topic, VHSG still needs help; they need ideas for events and people to organise them. At the moment, it's the same few people doing everything and they must be in danger of burn-out. Please give them a hand, it's quite rewarding.

Future Deadlines

ISSUE	DEADLINE	RELEASE
GN386	13th Oct	26th Oct
GN387	17th Nov	30th Nov

10 years ago

10 years ago on 1st October 2013, Mary Ann passed over the reins of Grange Now and I began a wonderful journey as Editor.

Now 120 editions later, I must say what a privilege it has been, and also a very big thank you to all the staff, advertisers, contributors and deliverers. Every month we take enormous joy and

pride in trying to get as much information as possible into a reader friendly format and safely delivered through as many letterboxes as possible. We are now up to edition 385 so Mary Ann must have produced 265.

The question is will I get to the same number - this would be in about 12 years. Thanks again one and all - on with the show.

Lifeboat Autumn Fair



The seasons change and autumn is upon us.

That means that it is time for the Lifeboat Autumn Fair. All the usual attractions will be present including RNLI gifts, the raffle and tombola. The bric-a-brac stall and the cake and produce stall will also be present. The RNLI has released its RNLI 200 range

of gifts as a lead up to the RNLI Bicentenary next year and we hope to have some of this range available.

The fair will be held on Saturday 14 October in Grange Methodist Hall. Doors open at 9:30am and close at noon. Entry is on the door and is £2. So please put a note in your diaries.

Friends at Christmas are having a party

Friends at Christmas will be holding a party on Christmas Day again this year.

If you live on your own in the Grange area they would love your company. The event includes lunch and entertainment and is an opportunity to be with other people on Christmas Day.

It is free to attend but you do need to register for a ticket in advance. For further information please phone Steph on 36426.

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Investment Matters

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The State Pension Triple Lock.. Another good year for pensioners (But will it last?)

Whilst many may not be
aware, September is a
very important time of
year for the state pension
as it is then when data is
published that defines any
increase from the following
April.

The state pension triple
lock seeks to increase
payments by the higher
of the rate of inflation,
earnings, or 2.5% each
year. As a result of high
inflation data last year, the
state pension increased
by over 10%. This years
earnings data has been
recorded as 8.5%, and
with the rate of inflation
expected to be lower than

this, then it appears that
pensioners could enjoy a
further 8.5% increase to
their state pensions from
April 2024. This would
be the second significant
increase in as many years
and welcomed by all.

However, given the extent
of the recent increases
this has raised questions
about the long term cost
to the UK government
and whether the triple
lock can be maintained.
Such changes could lead
to people worrying about
future uncertainties, but
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planner we can help you
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any additional savings, or
investment strategies can
be made available to 'top
up' your pension if needed.

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Lido Update - provided by Save Grange Lido (SGL)



Photo by Phil Bradby

Work on the first phase of the restoration of the site is well under way.

R H Irving Construction
were appointed by South
Lakeland District Council
(now Westmorland and
Furness Council) to carry out
the work to the Lido and on
the Promenade, and the work
is expected to be finished in
mid-2024.

The work underway at the
moment will stabilise the
structures of the Lido. Long
neglected with minimal
maintenance since closure
in 1993, the site became
hazardous and unsafe. The
Phase 1 work will remedy
this and will make the site
accessible to the public once
more. The Central Pavilion
will be restored, the terraces
and sea walls repaired, and
improvements made to the
diving podium. The North and
South Pavilions will be made
structurally safe but left moth-
balled pending SGL taking
over the site.

We (SGL) had many lengthy
and detailed discussions with
the Council about the pool
basin. We looked at fencing
surrounding it or temporary
diving over it so that the
water could be retained, but

these solutions were found
to be unworkable (health
and safety considerations for
the fencing, and prohibitive
expense for the decking). The
pool basin could not simply
be drained and left empty, as
without the weight of water
the pool basin would probably
break its back and require
expensive repair. In the end,
the decision was made that
the pool basin would be filled
with a temporary, removable
and reusable granular
material. At the end of Phase
one, there will be some
landscaping on top of this to
make the site more attractive.

We (SGL) expect to be
granted a lease of the site
at the end of Phase 1. We'll
take over the site and will
manage it under a meanwhile
use whilst we get on with the
development and delivery
work. We'll use the Central
Pavilion as a visitor/heritage
attraction promoting our work.
We'll host arts and cultural
events at the Lido (we're
in discussion with several
groups at the moment).
We're also planning to secure
funding to fit out the North
and South Pavilions as a
fitness/well-being hub and
community space.

Repair Café's first birthday!

**It's just a year since
Grange Methodist Church,
Peninsula Environmental
Action Together (PEAT)
and the Men's Shed joined
forces to launch the first
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Peninsula.**

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welcomed numerous people
bringing hundreds of items
to be given a new lease of
life. The café has served

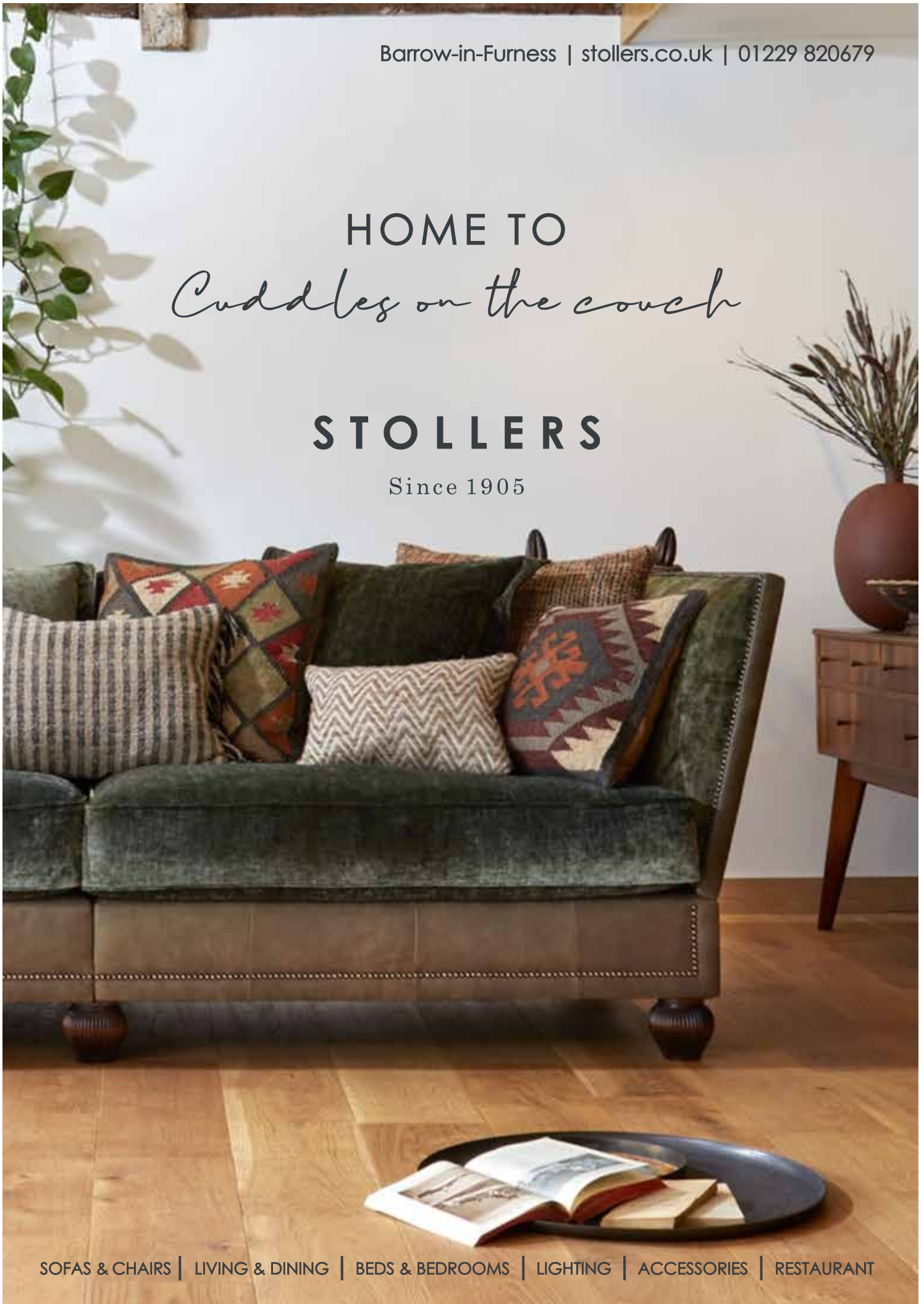
up countless cups of tea
and slices of delicious cake
in a cheerful, friendly and
purposeful atmosphere. If
you haven't been yet, dig out
that neglected item that has
been languishing in the shed
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Paul is working with John Kitchen, former Rail Officer at Cumbria County Council and a keen railway historian to build the library. Paul bought the house with partner Linda in 2022 and is using the extensive basement to house the books and magazines, which include a full run of bound volumes of the Railway Magazine, going

back to the late 1880s.

Once fully operational the library will be open on an appointment basis with a monthly open day on a Saturday. There will be a small lending facility of duplicate titles and a dedicated 'Reading Room' where books and documents can be consulted. Surplus books will be offered for sale with proceeds going back into developing the library.

A special preview day is being held on Saturday October 21st from 12.30 to 4.00 pm where visitors can view the collection. Access is by the gate next to The Beach Hut Gallery and is down steps to the cellar yard. Light refreshments will be available. Visitors are welcome to bring along donations for the library.

"There's a huge amount of work to do," said Paul. "But a start has been made and all the books are out on shelves. Over the next few months we want to get them in order and make a start in cataloguing the collection."

Further information from Paul on 07785 008691 or email paul.salvesson@myphone.coop

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The team at Morecambe Bay Partnership would like to invite anyone interested in being a volunteer at the new hub, to an informal drop-in session to have a chat.

A variety of roles are on offer. Please come along on either Tuesday 24 October, 2-4pm, or

Thursday 26 October 10.30am – 12.30pm. The drop-in sessions will be at the old waiting room on the Barrow bound platform (2) of Grange Station.

More information here: www.morecambebay.org.uk/pop-up-active-travel-hub-at-grange-over-sands

If you would like to hand in notices or adverts, come and see Grange Now in person at Grange Library 10am - 12noon on Thursday 12th October

The next Grange Now deadline 13th October

Ladies go swimming for charity

On a cold winter evening earlier this year, the South Lakes Women Go Swimming Group planned a journey to challenge themselves physically and mentally, as well as to raise money for a local charity.



Kath Atherton, Joanne Clover, Ruth Davis Victoria Jackson, Jo Johnston, Noelle Kirk, Katharine Mutch, Diane Turner

The challenge was to swim the length (or as much as they could) of 14 lakes, tarns and meres, and the charity was CancerCare North Lancashire and South Lakes as many of the group had benefited from this amazing organisation.

They achieved that dream on 9th September when eight crazy women from the Grange area swam the final length of their challenge in Windermere to a rousing reception from family, friends and visitors at Fell foot park. They celebrated in their usual way with a glass of fizz and a slice of cake.

Collectively, they have swum over an incredible 100 kilometres in 14 Lake District waters since 1st April

2023. It wasn't a fine weather challenge, some swims attracted calm and beautiful weather, but they battled high winds on Devoke Water and Ullswater and torrential rain up at Easedale Tarn. A special highlight for the swimmers was to be able to present £3300 to Paul Duncan from CancerCare who was there to see them arrive at Fell foot. The group would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported them to make a difference to the lives of those living with cancer, and please continue to follow their crazy adventures! There are more to come.

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- We need helpers for Beavers aged 6-8yrs
- We need helpers for a new Scout



troop aged 10.5 yrs up

- We could use another person or two at Cubs.
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The Grange Shed



Where did summer go? It seemed to be over before it began.

However, we were able to finish the disabled access ramp for Grange Primary School before everyone went back to school. A job that was ages in the making but we felt really good to finally get it done.

We had a stall at the Classics Over Sands Show which generated a lot of interest. Sadly, people were more interested in the stall than in our cars, well maybe next year.

More and more people are bringing in items for repair

to us directly, some via the Repair Café. It is good to know that people trust us with their things; we are not into restoring heirlooms yet but who knows?

Watch out for us at the Peat Eco Fair on 12 October. We will be there with examples of our work, doing a few repairs if we can and generally looking for new members and projects. Otherwise remember we are always available on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning at Back Yewbarrow Terrace, between about 10.00 and 13.00. Hope to meet lots of people.

Eco Extravaganza!

The first Eco Fair is coming to the Cartmel Peninsula, on Thursday, October 12th at the Victoria Hall, from 10am – 4pm.

Similar events have been held successfully in Barrow and Ulverston and now it's our opportunity to experience a wide range of displays and stalls, hear short talks and try some delicious vegan and vegetarian food from the renowned Rookery Lakes based in Windermere.

There will be information about the health of the local environment from organisations such as Cumbria Wildlife Trust and South Cumbria Rivers Trust. Cumbria Action for a Sustainable Future will have information on retrofitting homes to save energy and money, plus advice on fitting solar panels through their Solar Made Easy scheme. Bring along small, unwanted gifts and swap them on the PeoplePlanetPocket stall. To make your garden as

productive as possible and encourage wildlife to flourish, you can bring a small sample of your garden soil to be put under the microscope and tested for biodiversity, or check out the local Mens Shed's handmade bird boxes and bug hotels which will be on sale. Tea, cakes, filter coffee and soft drinks will be served all day and raffle tickets will be on sale for a hamper of Fair Trade and ethical goodies (including wine, chocolate, tea and coffee). There will be stalls of locally grown produce, ethical products and beautiful handmade toiletries which make great gifts. Another Weigh will have loose food cupboard items on sale so bring some containers and stock up without wasteful packaging.

Entry to the fair is free and there will be giveaways to bring home so come along to get inspired, embrace sustainable living and have a great day!

Classics over Sands



Grange's very own Classic Cars Show which took place on 13th August was our best attended show ever, with nearly 300 cars and motor bikes entered and with over 2000 visitors. Whilst the weather on set up day was awful; we were blessed with decent weather on show day.

All profits will, as usual, be split amongst our charities and local groups. This year we will be donating a total

of £5,500 between PKD charity, St Mary's Hospice and Cumbria Wildlife. We will also be donating £500 to the local Scouts for their help with running the show.

Make a note in your diary as our show next year is scheduled for Sunday 11th August 2024. A big thank you to all our local helpers for their fantastic support. We couldn't put the show on without you.



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On the Grapevine

'Murder in Play' Grange Drama

Rehearsals are well underway for 'Murder in Play', the latest production by Grange Drama. Ian Wilson is new to the director's chair but is enjoying the challenge of this 'play within a play'.

This will be Grange Drama's second production at Lower Holker Village Hall. Delivering thrills, murder, mystery and plenty of in-built laughter, this play guarantees audiences an enjoyable evening with excellent performances from a skilled cast.

Written by Simon Brett, the play follows a somewhat sleazy repertory company struggling to be ready for a performance of 'Murder at Priorswell Manor' directed by the narcissistic Boris Smolensky. However, between the genteel sherry and aristocratic dinner the actors pursue their personal dramas creating mayhem. Who is whispering to whom? Will someone die? Who is responsible? And just what is going on in that cupboard?

To find out come and join us at: Lower Holker Village Hall, Cark, LA11 7NU Wednesday 1st to Saturday 4th November 2023 at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available online from www.grange-drama.org.uk from Monday 2nd October.

Look out for more news on the Grange drama website and Facebook page, the MIP photo gallery by David Pheasey at www.flickr.com/photos/grangedrama/albums and displays in Grange Library.



Andy plays Tim



Jonathan plays Boris



Jim plays Harrison



Anne plays Renee

Photos are by David Pheasey

Former Cartmel teacher claims top art award

A former Cartmel priory School teacher who followed her passion for painting has won a prestigious art award at this year's Lake Artists Society Annual Summer Exhibition.

Sarah W Brown, who for 18 years was Head of Art & Design at Cartmel Priory School, only started painting professionally two years ago, and has now won this most respected accolade. The Lake Artists Society awarded Sarah the Youdells Painting Prize for



Sarah W Brown with winning painting

her Triptych, named 'Momentum'. The category was open to works created using Oil, Acrylic, Mixed Media, and Tempera, and Sarah was unanimously declared the winner by the experienced panel of judges. To find out more, visit <https://lakeartists.org.uk>.

Grange over Sands & District Concert Club



The Sacconi String Quartet

Classico Latino introduced their concert on Friday, September 8th with La Feria de Manizales, a tango celebrating the Columbia Tango Festival, played by Colombian pianist Ivan Guevara, cellist Graham Walker and Harriet Mackenzie on the violin. From this moment, the audience was transfixed and enjoyed a feast of Latin American Music.

With the addition of Cuban bass player and Andria Antoniou, a Jazz Latin singer, the quintet, explored not only its music, but also the sights, sounds, poetry and philosophy of Latin America.

These artists introduced themselves and their music with confidence,

professionalism and passion. With audience participation invited during the encore the evening was great fun; brilliant musicality performed with passion and energy. We invite you all to join us at the last Concert of this memorable season to hear the Sacconi string quartet, which for over 20 years has been captivating audiences with its fresh and imaginative approach.

On this occasion the programme includes music by Mozart, Britten and Schumann.

The Concert will take place at 7.30pm on Friday October 20 in the Victoria Hall, Grange over Sands.

Ticket prices for Non-members £20 and Members £18.50

Radio Cumbria Make a Difference Awards

Peninsula Environmental Action (PEAT) was nominated for a Radio Cumbria Make a Difference Award in the Green category.

As one of four finalists in their category they were invited to the awards ceremony at the Greenfield Hotel, Wigton on Saturday 16th Sept where they were all treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea. Alison Hinds from PEAT said, 'Although we didn't win our category, we received a Highly Commended



award and trophy. We were the only community group in the Green category and the other finalists were big organisations and businesses, so we were delighted to get as far as we did.'

Grange Natural History Society

Bats & Mossland

On a glorious evening more like summer than early September, a group of GDNHS members assembled at Castle Head Field Centre to meet up with Gail and Lucy of N Lancs and Cumbria Bat Groups respectively.



Bat walk at Castle Head beside the River Winster

While waiting for the sun to set at 8pm, Gail explained that Castle Head is a good place for bats; adjacent to the River Winster, and well wooded. She outlined which of the 8 breeding species of bats found in Cumbria we might be expect to see/ hear. Pipistrelles; Common and Soprano are the most common. 910 adult females have been counted at Leighton Moss.

Each equipped with a bat detector & instructed how to tune them, we set off for a short walk beside the river. The first bat was a Noctule, flying high above the trees, then a Soprano, then a Common Pipistrelle, with Daubenton's bats flying low over the river, and finally a Whiskered Bat; 5 species in all. We had extraordinary views and sounds of bats flying quickly,

snatching up midges and small flies, while the light faded in the sky and the stars came out. It was an entrancing evening. Note that Castle Head grounds are private and prior permission is needed.

A week later it was cooler at Foulshaw Moss Reserve, for an Artist-in-Residence event led by Karen Lester. At the raised viewing platform Karen provided paper and charcoal to make sketches. Covering the paper with charcoal she demonstrated 'lifting' to record the shapes of reeds, trees and reflections in the water. We glimpsed the male osprey on a tree in the distance. With a northerly wind and cooler temperatures he may depart for Africa any day now.



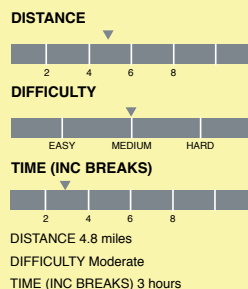
Foulshaw Moss from the viewing platform

Back in Greywalls studio Lindale, the charcoal sketches were used to inspire prints. Karen explained the printing technique; spreading ink over a plate, then 'lifting' with a cloth to create texture. The results were pleasing, and Karen was thanked for her time and expertise. The winter programme is the start of a special celebration year, the Society's Platinum Jubilee.



Explaining the printing process, Greywalls Studio, Lindale

Walk of the Month



A circular walk along Fell paths, farm tracks and some quiet minor roads. Given clear fine weather, the walk provides spectacular views to the distant Fells.

DIRECTIONS

Start at St John's Church, Woodland, Broughton in Furness. Map reference SD 247891 (OS Explorer OL6)

1. Cross the road onto a farm track sign posted Raisthwaite Farm and Swallow Cottages. Pass the farm, through a gate and cross the footbridge over the stream. Follow the path to Green Moor.

2. Bear right in front of the

buildings then proceed along the path for ¼ mile to a junction with another path.

Turn left and proceed for 2/3 mile to the junction with the Cumbria Way.

3. Turn right then shortly after right again and proceed uphill. Walk for ½ mile over the Fell to the farm track to Tottlebank. Turn right, go behind the buildings then bear right onto another farm track. Walk for 1 mile to a road.

4. Turn right and proceed downhill along the road to a road junction.

5. Turn right, cross the cattle grid then return to the start of the walk.

MAP SUPPLIED FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY



Visitors are always welcome to join our weekly walks, details of the starting times and place can be found in the Ramblers website.

Please find the walks for October below:

Thurs 5 Oct - Woodland 4.8 miles, moderate. The walk above. **Non members are welcome to join.**

Wed 11 Oct - Blea Tarn, Little Langdale Tarn, Elterwater, Spending Crag, Chapel Stile and Oak Howe.

10 miles, 2192 feet ascent. Strenuous.

Wed 18 Oct - Details will be published nearer the day.

Thurs 26 Oct - Arkholme, Gressingham and the River Lune. 7.5 miles, 527 feet ascent. Moderate.

Details of start times and locations can be found on the Ramblers website at <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/group-finder/areas/lake-district/groups/grange-over-sands.aspx>



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HIGHWAYS – HIAMS

The reporting of potholes or other highway problems is via the interactive website: www.allithwaiteandcartmel-pc.gov.uk, scroll to the bottom of the page and under 'Quick Links' click on Report a Highway Problem. Councillor Mark Pendlebury can assist if you need any help, he can be contacted by email mark.pendlebury@allithwaiteandcartmel-pc.gov.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of all planning applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website: www.allithwaiteandcartmel-pc.co.uk and the Westmorland and Furness link to the planning applications of the South Lakes: www.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The independent examiner has completed his report and concludes that the draft plan (the Allithwaite and Cartmel Neighbourhood Development Plan) should proceed to referendum. We are now waiting for W&FC to arrange the referendum.

ELECTRICITY NORTH WEST EXTRA CARE REGISTER

The Extra Care register is the new name for our priority services register (ENW), if you have already signed up, don't worry, you do not need to do anything extra.

You're eligible to join ENW Extra Care register if you:

- have reached your state pension age;
- disabled or have a long-term medical condition;
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- have a mental health condition;
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- have extra communication needs (such as if you don't speak or read English well);
- need to use medical equipment that requires a power supply;
- have poor or no sense of smell;
- would struggle to answer the door or get help in an emergency.

You may still be able to register for other reasons if your situation isn't listed - for example, if you need short-term support after a stay in hospital. Contact ENW on www.ewnl.co.uk or by phone on 0800 195 4141 or 105.

ALLITHWAITE ORCHARD AND MEADOW

It has been a good growing season this year and the area has seen an increased number of visitors just wandering and taking an interest in the area or picking fruit. Volunteers have been beavering away and regular questions asked about best picking times. A temporary list has been placed by the volunteers indicating best times to pick, however a more permanent solution will be sought to produce more flexible site information due to the bigger footfall on the site.

The playground entrance remains closed and although not an ideal solution it has vastly reduced the numbers of apples discarded in the Playground which helps in small ankles being sprained if stood on. The two entrances on the site remain open. The meadow area has been cut,

bailed and removed from the site by Tony Dixon and the PC greatly appreciates his yearly efforts.

ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL MINI-LIBRARIES

Both Free Libraries are going from strength to strength. Books are exchanged on a regular basis and many genres are now on the shelves. The Allithwaite Library had to close for a short time as the number of donations exceeded the shelf and storage space which necessitated a pruning of stock. Donations are again being accepted but we ask people to read the notices about what we can and cannot accept, the condition of donations and to hold on to books when we are at capacity.

Books are gratefully received and we have noticed an increase in the number of hardbacks being donated. When there are gaps on the shelves it is not because of lack of stock but a reflection of how well the library is being used. Many thanks to all who use and contribute to the libraries which are assets to both villages.

AGE FRIENDLY FESTIVAL

Sunday 1st October
2023 11:30am – 3pm | Kendal Leisure Centre. A 50+ event to explore local health and wellbeing opportunities. 50p admission includes raffle ticket for special prize

On Sunday 1st October, Better Health & Communities for Westmorland & Furness will be hosting their first ever Age Friendly Festival "Silver Sunday Ageing Well" in partnership with Age Friendly South Lakeland at Kendal Leisure Centre, 11:30am – 3pm.

This is an event for all 50+ living locally to the South Lakes area that are interesting in ageing well and seeing what local organisations and charities are offering to aid their health and wellness alongside the opportunity to try different gentle movement taster sessions.

Grange C of E School

We have welcomed new starters in Y1, Y4 and Y5 in addition to the Reception Class and Nursery children.

School is a buzz with activity and everyone has been enjoying the lovely weather at the start of September which enables outdoor activities such as cricket and orienteering. Already we have had a visit from the 'Book Bus' library van, something all children in school love as it is exciting to get on board and meet the librarian and choose a new book.

This term we have chosen names for our classes linked to birds of Morecambe Bay. We have Ducklings, Curlew, Sanderling, Lapwing, Eider ducks, Dunlins, Marsh Harrier and Peregrine classes. The children will be learning more about their bird and linking this with learning more about our local area as part of the Morecambe Bay Curriculum linked to the Eden Project North. This half term we are looking at the Creation



in our collective worship time and thinking about the values of love, kindness and thankfulness which ties in nicely with thinking about our wonderful environment here in Grange.

The children are proud that they have raised over £2,600 for St Mary's Hospice towards a 'Cuddle' bed in memory of Sue Wymer. We still have some way to go to reach the total of £15,000 (we are working with other local schools on this) - any donations gratefully received!

Cartmel Priory CE School

On 26th September we held our annual Open Evening. This year we opened our doors to Year 5 & 6 students to gain a flavour of the fantastic opportunities Cartmel Priory CE School has to offer.

Students received a welcome pack and goodies and were given a tour around school by prefects and aspiring prefects from Years 11 & 10. Every department within school had hands-on activities for students to take part in, including science experiments, history quizzes and interactive displays. A popular destination was our technology department where Year 5 & 6 students were able to take part in food demonstrations and make key rings from materials created by our 3D printer.

Students were also offered an opportunity to sample the amazing food we offer

in our dining room in the form of "taster menus". It was a fantastic evening for everyone involved. If you were unable to attend, we are able to offer school tours after 3.15pm. Please contact school on 015395 36202 or email admin@cartmelprioryschool.co.uk to make an appointment.

As we start the new term, we have a number of lunchtime and after school clubs that have restarted for our students; these include; craft, chess, art, netball, hockey, rugby, running, fitness and, one of our most popular clubs, trampolining! Rehearsals have already started for our next school production, which will be the critically acclaimed 'Matilda'. Students from all year groups are taking part and it looks like it's going to be one not to be missed! Keep an eye on our social media platforms for updates.

Lindale CE Primary School

It has been great to have the pupils back in school with smiling faces and ready to learn.

All of the classes have had a brilliant start to the year and we have lots of exciting reading and writing opportunities happening in school. Early Years are now using the Drawing Club for their writing starting with the book *The Colour Monster*. They have found that this is bringing enthusiasm, joy and imagination to reading and writing.

Year 1 and 2 have started their *What a Wonderful World* topic and are linking this to their English lessons through the book *10 Things I Can Do to Help the World*. The pupils are passionate about the world around them and what they can do to help.

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit from Granny out of *George's Marvellous Medicine*. Their class teacher dressed up to hook them into their new book which, as you can imagine, went down very well with lots of giggles and engagement.

Year 5 and 6 are enjoying



exploring the picture book *Gorilla* and reading *Who Let the Gods Out?* Some pupils in year 5 and 6 have started a lunchtime Pokémon Club and have created an amazing poster to advertise.

We took the whole school to the Westmorland County Show. The children enjoyed learning about their local area; in particular, the Sheep Show and forestry were a big hit!

All of our staff have recently completed training on our new VR headsets which we are very excited to start using to enhance our curriculum across a range of subjects.

Cartmel CE School



We hope you all had a lovely summer; we are back and busier than ever!

Class 1 now consists of reception, year one and year two and our new little Busy Bees have settled in superbly.

We have been lucky to secure funding for some amazing new reading books, our little bookworms in class 1 have been excited to share these with staff and their families at home. Class 2 are enthralled about their new Mayan topic and have been getting stuck in being Beaters, Keepers, Seekers and Chasers as

they learn to play Quidditch! Class 3 are enjoying their space topic and are very much looking forward to challenging themselves and testing their perseverance in their upcoming residential, at Tower Wood on Lake Windermere.

Mrs Battersby has been carrying on with our Artsmark journey as she explores CHOL imaginary communities with class 3 - the year of 2123 looks very interesting! Our first week back has also ended with 'Doodle Day', recognising epilepsy and raising money and awareness for 'Epilepsy Action'.

We all came to school in our own clothes and had a cake sale to raise money for a charity that's important to us at Cartmel.

Allithwaite CE School

We have started our academic year by welcoming new children to our school family.

It is a pleasure to have them with us, and we are excited to watch as they grow and learn alongside their peers. We also welcome two new teachers, Mrs. Paton and Mrs. Woodburn, who bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our school. I am thrilled to announce that Mrs. Tebay has been successful in securing a generous £10,000 donation for a brand-new school library. This much-needed addition to our school will undoubtedly enhance the reading experience for our children and foster a love for books and learning. Mrs. Lambert has been hard at work ordering hundreds of books as well as ordering new furnishings creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for our children to unwind and indulge in the joy of reading. Our Snowy Owls class are embarking upon an interesting topic all

about bears. Starting with the classic story of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt," the children have been acting out the story in the great outdoors! They have visited the orchard, where the children collected apples to make a delicious apple crumble. Our Tawny Owls are fully engaged in discovering fascinating facts about the local area and creating their own maps. It is lovely to witness their curiosity and excitement as they explore this captivating topic. Our Barn Owls are currently delving into the intriguing world of the Maya civilization. They are learning about their vibrant culture, ancient traditions, and intricate artwork. Our Eagle Owls have embarked on a fascinating adventure to Ancient Greece. They are discovering the ancient wonders, mythical gods, and astonishing achievements of this historical civilisation. The children are already making connections to our modern society and showing great enthusiasm for this topic.

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The Fine Line of Affordability

We find ourselves in strange times in both the property and financial markets. A more considered and cautious approach seems to be the one favoured by most as we patiently wait and see what is around the corner in terms of property prices and mortgage availability. Positive news is tempered with words of warning and in the end we could all do with a helping hand.

Halifax have given us a ray of hope as they announced that housing is officially more affordable now than a year ago. With an increase in average annual earnings and the slight dip in property prices over the last year we can see the gap shrinking. A typical home now sits at 6.7 times the average annual earning whilst a year ago it was at 7.3. Average prices have dropped from £293,586 to £286,276 and earnings have grown by 7% according to the mortgage lender.

This good news has to be taken into perspective though as mortgages continue to take up bigger chunks of income with some estimates suggesting 35% of a homeowners income is dedicated to mortgage repayments. Even more worrying are reports that the value of mortgage arrears has increase by almost a third between April and June compared to last year. Higher rates and repayments can bring more financial struggles.

That said reports from finance experts explain that the actual proportion of outstanding mortgage balances in arrears remains low at just 1%. Cut backs in discretionary spending and more controlled financial budgets means the vast majority of people are still in an affordable position.

The helping hand that many of us are reaching out for so often comes from the 'Bank of Family'. Previously referred to as the 'Bank of Mum and Dad', the helped supplied by relatives and sometimes even friends has traditionally been there in times of financial need.

Legal and General have reported that almost a half of all homes bought (47%) by people under the age of 55 will have been done so with the help of family members this year. This means that the property market has been allowed to continue and sales levels have maintained throughout 2023.

Our advice would be to seek the help of experts. We have property and financial experts available to speak to in our offices who will happily put your mind at rest, be it affordability or property sales related.



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Cartmel Priory

Many readers will be frequent visitors to the Priory, but I wonder how many of you have noticed, in a dark corner above the small Cromwell door, a large, old and rather dirty Coat of Arms. You haven't?

It is the Coat of Arms of King Charles 11 and dated 1681. We now have King Charles 111 and what better way to celebrate a new reign than by commemorating one of his forebears. It was agreed that, if at all possible, the Coat of Arms should be taken down from its less than prominent position and cleaned before it is reinstated. A small piece of scaffolding was erected in early September and the large, and very heavy, board was taken down and placed adjacent to the Cromwell Door for cleaning in situ. As you will note from the lower right-hand corner, the work has already begun, but is expected to take three or more weeks



to complete. It could be that when your October issue of Grange Now lands on your mat the work is still incomplete, in which case call in and watch the restorer at work. If the cleaning is finished, well, you will be welcome to come and admire the Coat of Arms in its full glory, and where we hope it will reside for another 350 years. The work has been carried out by the Cartmel Priory Fabric Committee and funded by a number of generous local donors and Cartmel Village Society.

United Reformed Church

I hope you enjoyed the late burst of summer last month. It was a real treat!

On Thursday 15th September our walkers met by the entrance to Oversands school, near Witherslack. It was a lovely sunny day as they set off through the woods, heading towards Beckside. At Beckside they

headed back towards the start along the road to the school where they enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine.

Unfortunately, that was the last walk of a most enjoyable season.

As I write we look forward to our Harvest celebrations with our Methodist friends, supper at the URC and service at the Methodist Church. Report next time.

A date for your diaries. I know you will tell me that Christmas is a long way off, but please watch out for news of our special carol service for everybody on Thursday, December 21st with carols voted for by you! Details next month, but please keep this date free. Take care, Margaret Popper

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St. Paul's

As I write this in the middle of September we have been enjoying some lovely weather, the last warm sunny days before we embrace autumn. How lucky we are!

September has been a busy month, starting on the 2nd, when on a beautiful day Elizabeth and Matthew were married in St Paul's. On September 6th we had our monthly Cuppa and Cake with endless cups of tea and wonderful cakes. All are welcome so please come and join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm. On Thursday 7th September we welcomed the retired clergy and their spouses for their annual reunion lunch.

There was more lovely food when we went to St Anne's Haverthwaite for their monthly lunch club on Wednesday 13th September. In church on Thursday 14th September Charles Edmondson gave a

concert of piano and organ music. The next concert by Charles, and his last of six this year, will be on Thursday 12th October. On September 30th 28 members of St Paul's will take a coach up the motorway to Carlisle for a special service when Jonathan Brewster will be installed as the 42nd Dean of Carlisle Cathedral. Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 1st October. This year we will support the Bishop's Harvest Appeal with monetary donations. Our generosity will change the lives of disadvantaged women and families in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Lastly let us pray for the people of Morocco in the aftermath of the terrible earthquake and also the people of Libya as they recover from the dreadful floods.

Grange Methodist Church

We have been enjoying celebrating Creationtide throughout September.

By the time this is published, we will have held our harvest supper and our Harvest Thanksgiving service, both jointly with our friends from the United Reformed Church. We will also have welcomed the staff and pupils, with their families, from Grange Primary school to our church for their harvest service.

The work of Barrow Foodbank has been well supported, and we have also contributed to development work overseas through All We Can, the Methodist Relief and Development charity, with a focus this year on enabling communities to take charge of their development, fostering

long-lasting change and hope for a better future.

We look forward to being open for the repair café between 6-8 on Friday, October 6th. Some of our young people are looking forward to going to 3Generate the first weekend in October with their leaders. This is the national annual gathering for Methodist young people, held in Birmingham. There won't be a service at our church on Sunday, October 29th as we will be joining with many other congregations at St Paul's at 11:00, to commission the new Community and Youth Leader, Andrea Mason and to celebrate youth work in the area.

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St. John the Baptist, Flookburgh

We may be small in numbers on an average Sunday morning, but we are a friendly bunch and many of us gravitate to our adjacent church room after the service for refreshments and a chat.

There is also a faithful body of volunteers who donate their time and practical skills to helping to maintain our building and churchyard. Thanks to kind donations from the people of Flookburgh, we now have a more modern lawn mower which makes the job of mowing the church grounds and the graveyard a lot easier. Frank Lomas has been selling items from his extensive collection of war memorabilia to help raise funds for restoring the memorial clock. To raise funds for further repairs, and for regular maintenance, a walk was arranged from Sandgate to Chapel Island in July. Unfortunately, the day proved to be the worst of the

summer, but 21 brave souls and three dogs completed the walk for which we are very grateful. Our gratitude also goes to Frank for all his support.

In September all the regular activities resumed at St. John's. Didi Disciples meet every Thursday morning in term time, Knit and Natter on the second and fourth Wednesday mornings, and Mothers Union on the last Monday of the month. The 15th of October is the third Sunday of the month when the service is in the afternoon in the church room. It will be the second of three Sunday afternoons when we will be focussing on the parables.

On Sunday, the 5th of November at 10.00am there will be a special morning service of remembrance for those we have lost, and there will be an opportunity to light a candle to remember them. This is always a poignant and memorable service. Do come and join us if there is someone you would like remembered.



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Remembrance in Grange 2023

Everyone is welcome to get involved with Remembrance in Grange.

The Royal British Legion, St Paul's Parish Church in collaboration with Churches Together and Grange Town Council invite you to attend to remember service personnel, service animals and civilians who have died in wars, and those still experiencing conflict.

You are welcome to attend any, or all, of the following:

Remembrance Day, Saturday 11 November

The Remembrance Day Service, including one minute's silence will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 November 2023 at the War Memorial in the Ornamental Gardens.

Remembrance Sunday, 12 November

At 2pm, the Civic Service of Remembrance will be held at St Paul's Parish Church. This will be followed by the Act of



Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Ornamental Gardens.

Although the usual parade won't take place because the police are unable to close the road, Flookburgh Band will still be performing.

Everyone is asked to make their own way from the Church to the Ornamental Gardens, where Flookburgh Band will be playing. The Act of Remembrance will then start at 3.30pm.

Afterwards, all are welcome to come for refreshments at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, LA11 6DP. We look forward to seeing you there.

Remember...

Remembrance Day

11am on 11 Nov 2023

A short service and 1 Minute Silence at the War Memorial, Ornamental Gardens, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6ED

Remembrance Sunday

12 Nov 2023

2pm: The Civic Service of Remembrance
St Paul's Parish Church,
Crown Hill, LA11 6BD

Everyone is then invited to make their own way from the Church to the War Memorial

3.30pm: Act of Remembrance with the laying of wreaths.
Held at the War Memorial in the Ornamental Gardens
LA11 6ED



Join The Royal British Legion, St Paul's Parish Church, Churches Together in Grange and Grange Town Council to remember the service men and women, service animals and civilians who lost their lives in war, and those still experiencing conflict.

Grange Soroptimists

Six Members enjoyed a sociable walk in the sunshine on the West Windermere Trail from Newby Bridge to Lakeside.

Seven members assisted the staff and volunteers of Barrow Women's Centre, collecting for the Centre and were delighted with the final total of £1,750 which will help women in difficulty including those suffering domestic abuse.

We enjoyed the day and with one member dressed as a jockey with a horse, attracted lots of attention and donations!

Some members have been working very hard in the Sensory garden and the flower bed outside the library has had a makeover. Work tidying up the Ornis ring flowerbed is also



Grange Soroptimists collecting at the races

planned. Anyone interested in joining the club or getting further information on our work

please see our website www.sigbi.org/grange-over-sands/

Grange Lecture Society

At the August 22nd promotional meeting, the audience was entertained by Richard Hinchcliffe's talk on Flying Scotsman's 1970 tour of America when he travelled with the train as a small boy.

The new season of Ten Talks begins on Tuesday the 10th of October at 7 pm for 7.15 prompt. Cumbria Film Archive presented by Andrew Leitch and Jim Bowness, veterans of the age of printed newspapers, starts us off in the Victoria Hall, Grange over Sands. They saved 1000s of hours of early film and photos from destruction. With such a large collection they will be showing a lot of local material from south Cumbria including interesting stuff of the real sands at Grange and the sailing ships calling at the pier. Come along for just the hour and expect to be well entertained: members free, visitors pay in the hall.

Many thanks to all those new members who joined at the August meeting, for more information see the website. www.grangelecturesociety.co.uk

Mothers & Others.

The season got off to a scrumptious start at the first meeting with a 'puddings' quiz followed by a variety of delicious desserts made by committee members! We look forward to 2 very different meetings in October, the first on Tuesday October 3rd, a talk by Hannah Kitching from Age UK, when we will also be making a donation to the charity as one of the three we have chosen to support this year, the other two being St Mary's Hospice and Grange First Responders. The second meeting of the month,

on October 17th, will be a visit from a representative from 'Retired Greyhounds South Lakeland', and we are hoping that she will be bringing one of the retired greyhounds which are cared for at Witherslack. Both meetings will be held in the Father Magner room behind St Charles' catholic church on Kents Bank Road, and will begin at 7.30 p.m. As usual there will be a chance afterwards to chat with friends over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. We would very much like to welcome some new members to our group, which is open to ladies of all ages who will find us to be a very friendly group who enjoy a variety of speakers and activities. If you would like to find out more about us, please contact Ann on 015395 33856 or Mavis on 015395 33850.

Grange Forum

The new Forum season starts on Tuesday October 10th with a talk by Penny Aubrey. The new season documentation pack has been sent to members but for more information about the Forum, including the new season programme, please contact either the secretary Alan Anderson on 33696 or the treasurer Ken Taylor 33057. We look forward to welcoming new members and visitors. The venue is the URC Hall in Kent's Bank Road and the start time is 10.15 but refreshments are available from 9.45 am.

Grange Garden Society

The September meeting was a fascinating presentation on Photosynthesis given by Dougie Patterson, one of our members. He conveyed his extensive knowledge of the subject with great enthusiasm and brought along some

items for us to examine - he made a complex subject very accessible. The next meeting of The Garden Society will be on Friday, October 20th at 2.0pm at the URC Hall, Kent's Bank Road, when the speaker will be Alan Oatway, who will give an illustrated talk on Mountain Flowers of Italy. Refreshments will be served after the talk. Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

Cartmel Village Society

CVS has organised the Medieval Cartmel festival on Saturday, September 30th to celebrate the restoration of the village's ancient market fish slabs and pinnacle. The event comprised tours of the Priory and its bell tower, and the village's other historic buildings, street markets with roaming minstrels and historic reenactments, including the Cartmel Black Horses. CVS has also sponsored a project to restore the 1681 Royal Coat of Arms of King Charles II in Cartmel Priory to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III will start in early September. Visitors to the Priory were able to view the ongoing work at the back of the church. It is intended to formally "unveil" the restored board in an appropriate manner in the near future. The Society is preparing its Annual Lecture for early December and will provide further information in the next issues of Grange Now.

Grange Cancer Support Group

On 4th October 1993, the late Joan Pollitt from St Mary's Hospice, Ulverston, identified a need for groups in rural areas to support people whose lives had been touched by cancer.

Initially, Grange's group met in the side room at St. Paul's

church. A Macmillan nurse from St Mary's came every week to offer advice and information and generally run the group, and members of the new group just made the tea. Sadly, with cutbacks, it meant that the Macmillan nurse was unable to continue coming and we were asked to run the group ourselves - which we have done ever since.

As the group got bigger, we moved to Grange Clinic where we were told off for laughing too loudly(!) - which is maybe not what you might expect of such a group, but it proved that the members' spirits were surviving life challenges.

Subsequent venues included the URC Hall and St Paul's Parish Hall and where we are now: the Father Magner Room at the rear of St Charles RC Church. Thirty years later, our aim remains unchanged: it is to provide support and understanding friendship to people living with cancer. We support relatives, friends and carers and people who are bereaved. If you would like more information before you come please ring Marie on Grange 33279. Otherwise just come along on Friday!

Grange Probus Club

The Club's members and guests welcomed Roger Bingham who talked about "the History of Grange-over-Sands". Early references to the village (as it then was) were somewhat patchy and generally related to its association with Cartmel Priory and the route over-the-sands (that differentiated it from the other "Granges"). The town's development and popularity escalated as a direct result of the building of the rail link over the Kent estuary and easy access from Manchester and Merseyside. The subsequent proliferation of hotels and guest houses led to claims of it as being "the Torquay of the North". The Club's next event will be on Monday, October 9th at 10.30 for 11am at the Netherwood Hotel when Leo Holding will speak about "Climbing Mount Roraima in Guyana". Grange Probus welcomes retired people as new members and meets on the second Monday of each month for a talk, other than June and December for luncheons and March for its AGM. Further information is available from the Secretary, Dr Neil Martin at neilandval1@gmail.com or 07985 375511.

Lower Holker Village Hall

Grange Now October 2023. Tai Chi, Yoga, Dancing, Aerial Hoops, Pickleball are available. Thursday is Badminton/Table Tennis day. Badminton 9.00am to 2.00pm and from 3.30 pm to 9.00pm. Table tennis from 9.00am to 9.00pm. Cost is £1.00 per player for the booking. Anyone wishing to play contact the Hall. Sewing Machine Classes every Friday morning 10-12pm. £15.00 per session, bring your own machine. Whether you're into Crafting to Dress making, join and learn a new skill!!!. Contact Natasha on Natasha127@outlook.com or 07901751197. Craft Fair Saturday 28th October, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, now fully booked (36 tables) tables, free admission and plenty free parking, and delicious refreshments. Friday 17th November Kitty Brown Fashion Show at 7.30 pm, further details next month. Christmas Bingo Tuesday 5th December and Christmas Quiz Thursday 14th December. Bowling Green now closed. There are numbers available for

the 200 Club, contact the Hall. Please follow us on Facebook at [lowerholkervillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/lowerholkervillagehall) for all our latest news. Website is lhvh.co.uk. The Hall number is 015395 58304 (with ansaphone).

PEAT

On Thursday, October 12th, from 10am – 4pm, PEAT will be welcoming everyone to the first Cartmel Peninsula Eco Fair at the Victoria Hall, Grange, promoting and celebrating earth-friendly living. There are many possibilities for new ways of green living that benefit everyone and all of nature. The time is right for some big changes, so come along and discover easy ways you can save on bills, help wildlife whilst increasing your own well-being and how you can get help to make your home cosier in winter at little expense. All this and much more will be presented in a lively and friendly atmosphere, with giveaways and free hot drinks. There will be information stalls and local produce, people to chat to, short talks and hot food,

drinks and cakes. For more information, contact PEAT at peatmessages@gmail.com

Cartmel and District Flower Club

Our next meeting is on Monday 16th October at Cartmel Village Hall at 2.00pm. We have a change to the programme with Norma Halpin from Barrow as the demonstrator and I am sure we will have some wonderful flower displays from her. All members and visitors are welcome so bring a friend to enjoy refreshments and prizes. For more information contact Isobel 015395 33136.

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society.

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society's guest speaker Tony Lonton talked about George Hutchins Bellasis' early picture of Grange-over-Sands, a new acquisition of the Armitage Museum in Ambleside. Tony explained how the artist came from a military family with connections over several generations with the Indian Army. George H Bellasis had

been born in Windermere in 1788 and had served in India before returning to the Lake District to retire. He had been a keen and capable amateur artist and had painted scenes of where he had lived and visited. The meeting spent some time examining the Grange picture and trying to relate it to the modern town. The Society's next meeting on Thursday, October 5th at 7.30pm in the village hall will be the last lecture of the year when John Nixon will speak about RAF Carl with free admission for members and £3 entry for visitors. There will also be the AGM on Thursday, November 30th at 7.30pm in the village hall, and a Research Workshop on local date stones on Tuesday, December 2nd at 11am in the village hall supper room. Further information on CPLHS, membership and activities can be found at [Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society](http://CartmelPeninsulaLocalHistorySociety.wordpress.com) or from Stuart Harling on 015395 36296.

Mums and Ladies Tennis update



Continuing the awesome success of the pay and play tennis sessions on a Tuesday 8-9 we are continuing through the Autumn and winter under floodlights. We welcome any new takers - especially good for well-being in the dark evenings. Also planning to start a dads/ guys night also pay and play who want to have a go at tennis. We have some guys at the club who are eager to support this. We are having an adults tennis social at the Gin Pig below the Keg & Kitchen Tuesday 10th October 7-10pm with nibbles, live music and dancing. You are all most welcome to come and meet people and see what we are all about. Still contact me for the pay and play sessions. Helen on WhatsApp 07879502829

Grange Fell Golf Club

Grange Fell GC celebrated President's Day in late August with a Stableford competition. The 2023 summer wet weather again played its part on the day but there were some

great scores with five players managing to score 40+ points. Shaun McClure played well again shooting 79 gross to score 42 points but it was John Barr that took the Presidents Trophy home with a magnificent 43 points. President Derek Airey thanked everyone for supporting him during his two years as President and announced that next year's President will be Les Ollerton. Marvellous. Thanks again to Derek's grandchildren, Freya and Ava, together with their little friends for helping out at the buffet meal after the golf.

August began with the ladies playing the Eva Whatmough trophy, which was won by Dayna Davidson with 37 points. She also won Medal 5 later in the month. Medal 4 was won by Kirstine Curwen, who continued her winning form with both the August and September 9 hole competitions. The President's Ladies competition was won by Anne Lawson. Thanks are due to Derek Airey for putting on a great day. The Fell Cup was won by Stephen Wilson with 40 points just ahead of Graham Shepherd's 38. John Storey won the Veterans event with a net 63 beating Antony Davies with a 66.

Allithwaite Bowling Club

It has been a hectic season this year for our club, as we are back playing at home after



Winners of the Jack Johnston Mixed Open competition. Angela Arrowsmith and Simon Bray

a year of playing our home matches at other clubs. We have had all the league games for nine teams as well as social events including Jacobs Joins and Charity Day. Also we have held our own club completions including mixed abilities doubles, handicapped singles, straight singles and doubles, and weekly internal club competition.

The big event of the season was the Jack Johnston Open which attracts teams from all around Cumbria, this is our main fund raiser with money from the raffle, entrance fee, food sales and Carcraft who have once again sponsored the event so a big thanks to them. This year's winners were Angela Arrowsmith and Simon Bray who beat Joan Lovelace and Bob Lord in the final.

The culmination of the season was Presidents Day, and Alan Balderstone who is this year's President held a really

SPORT

enjoyable finish to the season with a great day, good food and a good turnout of members.

The club's signing on day for next year's season is on 18th November 1pm-3pm at Allithwaite Community Centre so please come along and have a chat and cuppa to discuss which leagues you want play in and for any newcomers to find out about the club. We do hold training days for beginners who want to give it a go and we will be on hand to answer any queries.

Crake Valley Croquet Club

September saw the end of season Club Competition Finals Day. Congratulations to Paul Galley for becoming the first member ever to win both the Golf Croquet "block" and "knockout" in the same year. David Cornes was presented with the Association Croquet trophy remaining unbeaten this season. David has been selected to represent England in the forthcoming Over 50 Golf Croquet World Championships in Australia.

Treatments to the lawns include the spreading of 10 tons of top dressing and the lawns will be rested for another couple of weeks before winter play can begin.

From the Library

STORYTIME IS BACK: Join in with your toddlers in our children's area. We have a range of comfy seating and plenty of floorspace. Our fabulous volunteers are here every Thursday with a range of stories, poems and rhymes for adults and toddlers alike. Thursday 10.15-10.45 (weekly during term time).

Exhibitions: The upcoming collection will be from Eric Shaw and runs from Monday 2nd – Friday 27th October. Eric is self-taught and works with a range of mixed media and techniques including but not restricted to pen, ink, watercolours. An artist for more than 40 years, he has previously exhibited in Carlisle. He is inspired and has been inspired by a

myriad of subjects - abstracts, real life, working from photographs he takes himself. A recent small project, to be exhibited here, is titled "Local Buildings of Interest" and focuses on the Lindale area. Exhibition open hours are in line with library opening times.

Book Challenge

This month's challenge and display is themed around "A book connected with the sea". We are counting down now to the last few months for those stalwarts who have kept up through the year. Christmas cards, calendars, tags & wrapping paper will be available for purchase again this year from October onwards. CASH ONLY. Come and browse – you can never be too prepared!

Mindful Colouring resources are out for use on Saturday mornings. Do feel free to request them at any other time. Computers are available for free use, also printing and photocopying facilities at a small cost. You can access your own emails, use them to research online and browse the internet. We are here for advice on accessing online resources to the full extent of our own knowledge and are happy to do so.

Free to access drop-ins

Grange Now Team: Thursday 12th October 10am-12pm.

For further information contact Grange library: Tel 015395 32749

Opening: Mon–Fri: 10am–5pm, Sat: 10am–1pm



Sunday 8 th October

Allelujah (2022) (12A)

Allelujah is a warm and deeply moving story about old age. When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanizing the local community: they invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse. What could go wrong?

Based on the play by Alan Bennett, starring Jennifer Saunders, Derek Jacobi, Judi Dench and Russell Tovey.

'Wry, sly and rousing' – The Telegraph

Doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7pm. Presented in conjunction with Cine North.

Ticket prices: adults £6.50, children £4.50.

Rating: 12A Runtime: 2hrs including 20 minute interval.

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Friends of Grange Library Events

Join the Friends of Grange Library on Thursday October 12th at 2.30 pm for our regular Reading Friends meeting.

This month we shall be revealing which three people (excluding friends and relatives) we would invite to dinner. Would it be someone famous in the world of sport, a politician, a writer, or someone from the world of entertainment. It could even be someone from history ~ Shakespeare or Shelley ~ or someone less well-known but equally interesting. The possibilities are endless and should prove to lead to a very interesting discussion!

On Thursday October 26 th we are hosting our regular Cake and Games afternoon from 2.00 p.m. If you enjoy board games, cards or dominoes but don't have anyone to play them with then pop along to the Library for an afternoon of friendly rivalry with the added bonus of a cuppa and cake!

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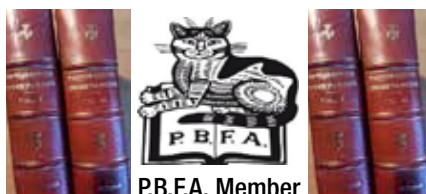
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What's On

Saturday 30th September

Country Music Night with Wee Willy Junior - Dance the night away to covers of classic country songs from Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, Kenny Rogers and other country favourites! Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm. Tickets £6 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/vhsg or on the door. A Victoria Hall Support Group event – all profits go towards hall upkeep and improvements.

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24

Circle Dancing. No partner or dance experience needed. Gentle to moderate pace. Variety of music from around the world. Allithwaite Community Centre 2.15-4.15. All welcome. £8 per week (includes refreshments). Free parking. Helen Brooks 01539 324774

Tuesday 3rd October

Mothers & Others-Talk by Hannah Kitching from Age UK-7.30 p.m. in the Father Magner room behind St Charles' catholic church on Kents Bank Road.

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Cartmel Wellbeing Walks from Cartmel Racecourse grandstand entrance at 11am. Contact Ewen Cameron on 07929 833528 for information.

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Baby group for parents, carers and their little ones at Grange Methodist Church Hall from 9:30 a.m. Contact Hazel Edmondson on 015395 36213 for information.

Wednesdays 4, 11, 18, 25

Community Coffee morning in Grange Methodist Church Hall from 10:30 to 12 noon.

Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26

Grange Wellbeing Walks from the pay-and-display car park behind the Commodore Pub at 11am. Contact Ewen Cameron on 07929 833528 for information.

Thursday 5th

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society will meet at 7.30pm in the village hall for John Nixon's talk about RAF Cark.

Fri 6th October

Grange Natural History Society will start its Platinum Jubilee celebrations with a talk by Steve Trotter, CEO

Cumbria Wildlife Trust on 'Wildlife in Cumbria, 70 years on'. 7.30 pm, United Reformed Church Hall, Kent's Bank Road. Non-members welcome £2.00 per head

Saturday 7 October

Grange WI is organising a Treasure Trail in support of St Mary's Hospice, from 2 - 5pm, it will start & end at the Methodist Church Hall. Tickets are £10 (including cream tea). Contact Sara Jane on 07939847532 for tickets/information.

Monday 9th

Grange Probud Club will meet at 10.30 for 11am at the Netherwood Hotel for Leo Holding's talk about "Climbing Mount Roraima in Guyana".

Saturday 14th October

St. John's Church, Silverdale The Gesualdo Six in concert: English Motets The celebrated ensemble 'The Gesualdo Six' will sing Renaissance gems by English composers - Byrd, Tallis and their contemporaries.

Saturday 14th October

7pm Join us for a fun and friendly quiz night! Doors open 6.30pm, quizzing starts 7pm. Up to 4 people in a team, tickets £6 per person (including light refreshments) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/vhsg or on the door. A Victoria Hall Support Group event – all profits go towards hall upkeep and improvements.

Sunday 15th October

Art Heart Space. Exploring Creativity with spirituality. Theme this month is Red 2.30-4.30 pm. Allithwaite Community Center. For info contact Jenny on 015395 35979.

Tuesday 17th October

Mothers & Others-Retired Greyhounds South Lakeland-7.30 p.m. in the Father Magner room behind St Charles' catholic church on Kents Bank Road.

Thursday 19th October

Flookburgh & district over 60's. Coach trip to Fleetwood Market and Freeport First pick up Flookburgh Square 9.30am. Leaving at 4pm Contact: Wendy Bland 015395 58392

Friday 20 October

Grange Natural History Society. Our own member,

Ken Taylor, will entertain us with, 'Jewel of Central America' – a wildlife trip to Costa Rica 7.30 pm, United Reformed Church Hall, Kent's Bank Road. Non-members welcome £2.00 per head

Friday 20 October

7 p.m. Newton in Cartmel Village hall. SIMMA - Geordie singer, songwriter, acoustic guitar. Hugely talented & engaging. £10 inc supper. Cash Bar. details on www.ncvh.org.uk

Friday 20 October

Grange-over-Sands and District Concert Club concert at 7.30pm in the Victoria Hall, Sacconi string quartet.

Saturday 21st October

12.30 to 4.00 Kents Bank Station, Kentsford Road LA11 7BB Station House Community Railway Library: preview open day - library specialising in railways and public transport. All welcome, free admission. Teas and coffees available. Entrance by

gate and steps next to Beach Hut Gallery. Details 07795 008691

Saturday 28th October

Lower Holker Village Hall in Cark-in-Cartmel are holding a Craft Fair from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Come and treat yourself with 36 stalls selling local and unusual crafts. Plenty of free parking and delicious refreshments served all day. Free admission.

Exercise Classes - Age UK

Grange – Every Tuesday 2-3pm at the United Reformed Church, Kents Bank Road, Grange – no need to book.

Lunch Clubs - Age UK

Cark – Fourth Friday in the month at the Pheasant, Allithwaite
Allithwaite – Second Tuesday in the month at the Pheasant, Allithwaite
To book on the Lunch Clubs please contact Age UK South Lakeland on 01539 728118

What's On at The Vic – October

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James Reeder Dance classes – all styles, Weds from 7pm. Contact: james@reedersdance.co.uk

Various U3A groups – All welcome. Contact U3A: 015395 35358

Wild Soul Yoga – Contact: hello@mywildsoul.co.uk

Parliamo Italiano – Tues 7pm from 3rd Oct Improvers. Thurs 7pm from 2nd Nov Beginners. Contact: caroline_hakkinen@mac.com

Creative Photography – Alternate Thurs 7pm from 5th Oct. Contact: seppo_hakkinen@icloud.com

CADAS Peer Support Group – Thurs mornings.

Contact: richardc@cadass.co.uk

INDIVIDUAL

02/10 Mon* – Bingo: Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

04/10 Wed – Home Instead – Homecare Open Day: 10am - 6pm Tel: 01539 267220

08/10 Sun* – Cinema at The Vic film: Allelujah (12A) – Doors open 6.30pm - Film starts 7pm

09/10 Mon – Grange over Sands Town Council Meeting, including Have Your Say! 7pm

10/10 Tue – Grange Lecture Society – Cumbrian Film Archive: 7.15pm See: www.grangelecturesociety.co.uk

12/10 Thu – PEAT (Peninsula Environmental Action Together) Eco Fair: 10am – 4pm. Free Entry

13/10 Fri – Friday Night Dancers - Ballroom & Latin Social: 7.30pm Contact: fnd.south.lakes@gmail.com

14/10 Sat* – Quiz Night: Doors open 6.30pm - Quiz starts 7pm

17/10 Tue – U3A Monthly Meeting: 10am for 10.15am Contact U3A: 015395 35358

20/10 Fri – G & DCC – Sacconi String Quartet: 7.30pm See: www.grangeoversandsconcertclub.org

24/10 Tue – Grange Lecture Society - Lancaster's Slave History: 7.15pm See: www.grangelecturesociety.co.uk

25/10 Wed – Home Instead – Companionship Café: 1.30pm - 3pm Tel: 01539 267220

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Rooty spelt bake

(serves 4)

INGREDIENTS

150g pearly spelt or pearl barley
500g Jerusalem artichokes
2 large leeks (approx 600g)
1 celeriac (approx 600g)
2 garlic cloves, sliced
3 tbsp olive oil
A few sprigs of thyme
2 bay leaves, torn in half
1 tbsp rosemary, chopped
Seasoning

As the season changes, we can look forward to the hearty and earthy flavours of root vegetables.

This recipe is a simple combination of their wholesome goodness with grains and herbs and can be served as it comes or with a side of kale. It's flexible enough to withstand a swap too; exchange the Jerusalem artichoke for a firm potato variety.

METHOD

Soak the spelt or barley in cold water while you prepare the veg.

Peel the artichokes and celeriac, and trim the leeks. Cut into 1cm slices or cubes. Toss together with the garlic and seasoning in a 3-litre oven dish.

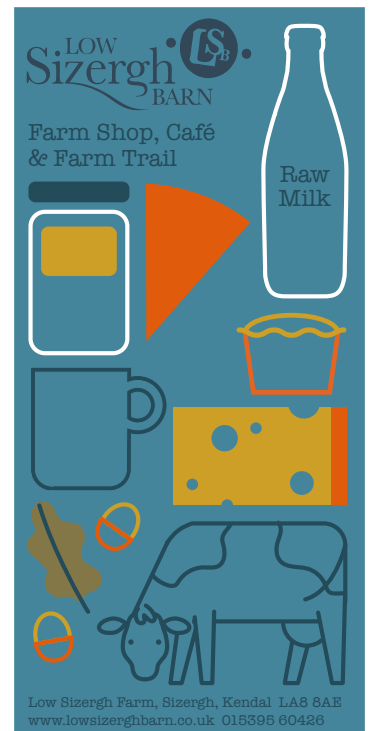
Tuck the bay leaves and thyme among the veg. Add 100ml water and 2 tbsp of oil. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 35-40 minutes at 170 degrees (fan) or gas mark 5.

Once the dish is in the oven, rinse the spelt or barley. Add to a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer (20 minutes for spelt, 40 minutes for barley). Drain and combine with 1 tbsp oil, seasoning and rosemary.

When the veg is cooked, increase the oven temperature to 180 degrees (fan) or gas mark 6. Scatter the spelt or barley over the tender veg until almost covered and return to the oven for 10-15 minutes.

Serve when the grains are lightly coloured.

*Recipe adapted from Eat More Veg by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall



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Menopause can have severe mental and psychological effects, including mood swings, anxiety, confidence issues, and fatigue. These symptoms can impact a woman's ability to work, often overlooked in divorce proceedings. Legal guidance for menopause and divorce remains limited.

The Family Law Menopause Project, led by Farhana Shahzady and mentioned in The Law Society Gazette, seeks to incorporate menopause's impact on women's careers and retirement into divorce settlements. While it's a growing initiative, the more legal professionals are aware of menopause's significance, the better they can support divorcing women in this age group.

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Dear Editor,

Fr P. STILL UPRIGHT AND BREATHING ... JUST!

Since my retirement six years ago I have had some interesting, some boring and some very ordinary experiences. Covid plus a nasty bladder infection made me realise that the calendar goes clockwise and not anti!. So the years have gently and at times not too gently passed me by. Fr Philip, my ultimate successor, now has the parishes of Grange, Milnthorpe and Arnside to look after. A bit of a change from Grange and Flookburgh ... I just got out in time!! This obviously puts a greater responsibility on the parishioners who now need to examine their Baptismal promises and recognize their responsibilities. My dear parishioners of old .. you are privileged and challenged to face this new age of a living, changing and numerically reducing Church. Oh! To be 40 years younger!! The sacrifice of the Mass is still and will remain the source and the summit of the Catholic faith and as Father cannot be everywhere and doing everything, so parishioners, young, old (some exceptions!!) lapsed and those hovering, led and encouraged by their Deacon, if the church in Grange, Milnthorpe and Arnside is to continue to flourish, it's all hand on deck ... Now I have had my little say, what else have I noticed? ... Certainly in this so-called Christian country, there does seem to be in the media etc a subtle and at times not so subtle growth of secularism with its consequences. This reminds me of my strong Methodist-Catholic grandmother, who used to say "throw God out of the window and the rest soon follows".

God Bless.

Fr P.

P S I was listening to some rap music this afternoon. Not that I had any choice. It was coming from a jeep four miles away!

Dear Editor,

After my recent visit I would definitely associate the word 'deprivation' with Grange. (see August letters) Unfortunately I needed to spend a penny urgently but when I got to the toilets I could not use them as I did not have a contactless credit card. I spent a very distressing half hour before a very kind lady came and helped me out. On thinking about this later and wondering why anyone would do something to cause such distress, I realised that all these decisions are being made by a different generation of people who have absolutely no idea what it is like to live without technology and mobile phones and to be honest I don't think they even care. There will be more deprivation soon when the railway ticket office is removed, to be replaced by a member of staff on the platform for two hours daily. However I would think that the man in the ticket office will be glad to be relieved of having to apologize for all the train cancellations. We were unable to use the train for planned day trips during our stay because we could not be sure there would be a train to get us home again. The attraction of short train journeys to Arnside or Ulverston is removed when you may be faced with the prospect of a long return journey by road if the train is cancelled.

The train problems are of course not limited to Grange but when the train is cancelled unexpectedly and you are stranded, without a smartphone and cannot even use the toilets then it is not a happy experience for someone in their seventies. I am glad I did not try to use the parking facilities as it sounds as though that would have been impossible without an 'App' (whatever that is!)

I have always been fond of Grange and visited regularly but at the moment I have no desire to return.

Name and address supplied



Dear Editor,

In last month's Grange Now you printed a letter concerning Grange's participation in Britain in Bloom. I would like to explain to her why it is 12 years since Grange were winners. In 2011 we entered Britain in Bloom and were thrilled to win a Silver Award. It was a great achievement by all the voluntary groups in Grange working together and it took a lot of paperwork and organisation to gain this award. Consequently we wished to celebrate this by having a sign erected as you enter Grange. However, as entry into Britain in Bloom was so time consuming and such hard work which relied solely on volunteers, the Bloom Group decided not to enter Britain in Bloom again. We felt that our time was better spent improving Grange rather than writing a time consuming portfolio. Many groups of volunteers still work hard around Grange. The Bloom Group continues to improve the Station Gardens, for which we have won an Outstanding Award for the past few years and we maintain the planters around Grange. We also attempt to get the County Council to improve maintenance in Grange. Other groups work on the Promenade, Park Road Gardens, the Orchard, the Ornamental Gardens, Yewbarrow Lodge, the Station Platforms, Kents Bank Station, Wilkinson Wood. We all help to make Grange such a special place in which to live or to visit. Most groups struggle to get sufficient volunteers. With more volunteers we could all accomplish a great deal more. If the author doesn't already do so, maybe she could consider volunteering or get involved in promoting Grange.

Grange in Bloom Group

Dear Editor,

Motorists are probably aware that DVLA are planning to withdraw the option of taxing your car at post offices. Grange PO has had a petition against it running for several weeks. I have had my vehicle tax reminder recently and have discovered that it no longer offers the option of paying at post offices. This is an underhand move by DVLA since you can, at least for several months, still pay at the PO. To discover this via the reminder you have to, would you believe it, go online. You then find out that a renewal can be done by taking your "log book" V5C to the post office. Another example of how we are being pushed into the "digital age" and are having choices removed. Just like with railway ticket offices it is being done in a crafty way. In the case of the latter by, amongst other things, claiming that things will be improved because staff will come out from behind screens (which happens at Grange anyway) and offer a better service. The con is that 7.30 am to 14.15 pm ticket office hours are proposed to be replaced by two hours of staff presence. Not only do these moves remove choice, they also make life more difficult for some elderly people (who are not comfortable with digital systems) and people with disabilities. In the case of vehicle tax it also removes revenue from post offices and makes them more vulnerable to closure. We must also remember that humans are social animals and contact with other people, not just touch screens, matter. The "digital age" needs to help us not dominate us.

Malcolm Kimber

Dear Editor,

There used to be a regular monthly report in Grange Now from our District Councillor Bill Wearing, who has now retired. It would be helpful if our new Unitary Council could keep us informed on what was going on in the Westmorland and Furness Council. There are many matters not being attended to. Weeds in pavements, blocked drains, rampant vegetation making walking on pavements difficult. We always knew to contact Cllr. Wearing and that the problem would be solved.

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor,

When Col. Porritt lived in Yewbarrow Lodge he had a rockery garden made above the house, from a design attributed to Thomas Mawson, a famous garden designer of many properties in the Lake District.

Three volunteers look after the rockery, which was much appreciated by the occupants of the Lodge. However, since South Lakes Housing Association has decided to demolish this 40 year old property, it has been empty. Therefore there is much vandalism in the area; plants pulled up, slates removed from the shelter, stone slabs broken and litter.

We would like the town council and the Unitary Authority to put some pressure on South Lakes Housing, before the area deteriorates any further.

Judith Shapland



Dear Editor,

It's that most wonderful time of the year! well not quite (although some shops are already starting to sell Christmas goods!) but it's never too early just to remind you that this December will incredibly mark the 77 th lighting of the Christmas tree and visit from Father Christmas. This annual event is entirely overseen by volunteers who give up their time to keep this ever popular tradition going – but whilst their time is graciously given free the costs surrounding holding this event (hire of equipment, insurance, maintenance of lights etc amounts to approx. £1,200) are not and we are always more than grateful for any donations/contributions that go towards keeping this well loved evening going. You may think this is a little early for a 'begging letter' and we realise that with the cost of living crisis/rising heating costs etc any spare cash is at a premium but we really are

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Many thanks, Mark Hadwin

Chairman Grange Christmas tree committee

Dear Editor,

Thank you to Grange Civic Society for creating the Happy Benches around the town. A very charming cocker spaniel chose to sit on this bench on the prom. He made lots of new friends who stopped by and sat with him to have a chat. A brilliant idea which has been proven to work as he was told he had made one particular ladies' day!

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Following her church service in Chester, Joyce will return to Allithwaite on Monday 9th October, where, after a short graveside memorial, at 2pm at St Mary's church, she will be laid gently to rest, as she wished, close to her family, parents John and Agnes Maude Jackson, sister Patricia and brother John.

Those who knew her are welcome to attend and we invite donations to the Morecambe Bay Partnership Charity in her honour.

She had a generous spirit and is greatly missed by her nieces, Jo, Caroline and Rosalin, her nephew Martin, and brother-in-law Brian. We hope she will keep dancing, which she loved, in the better place where she has gone.

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