

2024

October 15th - Andrew Leitch & Jim Bowness - Cumbrian Film Archive

A completely new show from the county's own archive of newsreels and TV news film. The talk will feature different films from those seen in 2023 when Andrew Leitch and Jim Bowness last regaled us with scenes from the dim and not so distant past.

29th October - Neil Hanson - Inn & Out at the Top

Neil is a successful author of 70 published books and an award-winning speaker. His talk is a laugh-a-minute tour of his time running Britain's highest inn, The Tan Hill Inn near Kirby Stephen, back in the 70s and 80s, complete with eccentric characters, curious customs, naturists, police raids, rats in the attic and the shooting of a famous double-glazing commercial.

November 12th - Sue Jeeves - The Life and Work of Stanley Jeeves.

Conservationist, photographer, and philosopher, Jeeves was photographer for the 1954 Daily Mail expedition to Nepal – the search for The Abominable Snowman!! As Warden of Brantwood, Coniston, he developed talks with dissolving images and music. We will travel to South America, the Middle East, Lancashire, Cumbria and Scotland.

November 26th - Hugh Ellwood - Birth of the Celtic Tiger

The Celtic tribes of Ireland were never part of the Roman Empire and maintained their own traditions, which were adapted and reformed with the arrival of Christianity. The ancient art of the Celtic world became inseparable from Christian belief and the Irish monastic system was the basis of economic, cultural and artistic development.

December 10th - Laura Massey-Pugh and Steven Massey - SteLa Tandem: A record-breaking tandem bicycle ride around the World

On 5th June 2022 Stevie and Laura set off from Berlin. 180 days later, after battling monsoons, border closures and motorcycle collisions they returned in a blizzard: but with a new world record. They will talk about what it took to implement a record-breaking ride on a bicycle made for two!

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21st January - Paul Cook - Gardening in a Changing Climate

Gardens have been a lifelong interest for Paul, who will talk about his work at the renowned Harlow Carr, Harrogate. Awarded an Alpine Garden Scholarship at Kew and having made many garden visits to Europe and around the UK, Paul is now planning how to adapt Harlow Carr to climate change.

February 4th - Stuart Atkinson - A Tourist's Guide to The Universe.

A breathtaking tour of the cosmos, from the Victoria Hall to the very edge of the known universe. Along the way we'll take on the sights of our own solar system before leaving our home far behind and seeing some of the amazing and beautiful stars, planets and galaxies 'Out There'. And we'll ask the ultimate question: Are we alone?

February 18th - Richard Leafe - Leading the Lakes

After 17 years as Chief Executive of the Lake District National Park, Richard gives personal reflections on the trials and tribulations of leadership. Steering the team through World Heritage Status, lockdown, controversial planning and cutbacks. Achieving a thriving economy in a living, but protected landscape means never a dull moment.

March 4th - Ann Marie Michel - The Art of War: How WWI Changed Art and Artists.

This richly-illustrated talk examines how WWI affected art and artists, exploring key ideas, important figures and influential art movements to show both the immediate impact and long-lasting consequences of the conflict. It offers a new angle on a well-known historical topic and a lively overview of an important period.

March 18th - Sandra Gold-Wood - The Canary Girls Story and the Gretna Munition Factory.

The National Memorial Arboretum commemorates those who gave their lives during the many conflicts around the globe. But nowhere is there a memorial for the female munitions workers whose sacrifice was no less than many other wartime workers. Many of them paid the ultimate price.

**GRANGE LECTURE SOCIETY
APPLICATION FORM 2024/25 SEASON**

Name:
Address:
Telephone no:
Email:
Number of Season tickets at £46

I consent to my membership details being held by the Society in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Please complete this form and bring it to the **Taster Evening on Tuesday 20th August** or return it to:

Trevor Cook
c/o Messrs Gedye & Sons
Chancery House, Kents Bank Road,
Grange-over-Sands LA11 7HD
OR
c/o Daisyroots Books, Main Street
Grange-over-Sands LA11 6DP
No later than 7th September 2024
Where possible please pay by bank transfer to:
Grange Lecture Society
Sort code: 20 45 28
Account no: 63398110 using your name as a reference.
OR

Enclose a cheque payable to Grange Lecture Society with your application by 7th September 2024. Tickets will be issued after 24th September 2024

A Message from the President

Welcome to a new year of GRANGE LECTURE SOCIETY. In October we will start our 116th year. Our new 'TEN TALKS' programme for 2024-2025 has a range of different subject areas and, we feel, a good appeal to a wide audience of all ages.

We have recruited a raconteur, an astronomer, an art historian, an esteemed gardener, and a pair of globe-trotting cyclists as well as the outgoing Chief Executive of the Lake District National Park. Further speakers will illustrate the rich cultural and political history of these islands, the dedication of women to two world wars and an outstanding nature conservator.

We can also offer **two free talks** this year. There will be a free open introductory and informal gathering on **Tuesday the 20th of August** at 7pm for 7.15pm. Malcolm Kimber's talk *The Peak District Boundary Walk*, follows drinks and nibbles which allows the audience time to meet the committee, sign up (card machine or cash/cheques) and meet old friends. On **Tuesday 24th September there is a FREE TALK** in association with Peninsula Environmental Action Together (PEAT) by Jack Ellerby – called 'Saving our Night Skies'. Preceding this 'TEN TALKS' will begin on Tuesday 15th of October at the Victoria Hall.

Our membership has stabilised but we'd love to get back to the 250 plus membership that we had prior to the Covid crisis. The Fee remains £46 (otherwise £10 per lecture at the door). At £4.60 per talk, that's less than a glass of wine for highly informative entertainment. Perhaps you have a friend or new neighbour you can encourage to come along. Or treat someone to membership for their birthday? If each of us introduces just one friend we would boost our numbers brilliantly, helping protect our Lecture Society for all the community to enjoy.

Our committee has been joined by three new members but we will welcome anyone who can help support the society. We rely on volunteers to ensure we spread the administration tasks and inject fresh ideas to keep the society relevant. Please seek me out for a chat if you are interested. My phone number is 07973 122017. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.
Peter Ratcliffe

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FREE Taster Evening

Malcolm Kimber: The Peak District Boundary Walk
Tuesday 20th August - 7.00 for 7.15
At the Victoria Hall

FREE TALK - Jack Ellerby: 'Saving our Night Skies'
Tuesday 24th September - 7.00 for 7.15

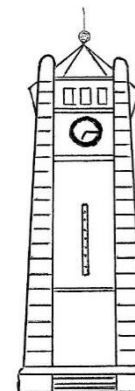
At the Victoria Hall
In association with Peninsula Environmental Action
Together (PEAT)
Please note these two talks do not include
reserved seating.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lectures are held in the Victoria Hall starting at 7.15pm.

Season tickets: £46 **Single Lectures: £10**
Season tickets for the Ten Talks programme with a reserved seat can be purchased in advance by returning a completed application to Trevor Cook
c/o **Messrs Gedye & Sons**, Chancery House, Kents Bank Road, Grange-over-Sands LA11 7HD or, c/o **Daisyroots Books**, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands LA11 6DP by 7th September 2024.

Tickets will not be issued before 24th September 2024.
Single lecture tickets are only available at the door on the night of the relevant lecture.



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2024-2025

TUESDAYS at 7.15pm
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