

A Message from the President:

A very warm welcome to the 112th season of the Lecture Society – little did I think when I wrote the introduction to the 111th season in 2019/2020 that it would be another 3 years before I was able to write the next one. You may recall that we had to cancel the final lecture of that season due to Fraser Hunter being stuck at Edinburgh train station so it's rather appropriate that we are able to start this season with him. We welcome back John Pilkington David Edwards and Christine Robinson who have proved to be very interesting previously and you will notice that we have 3 memorial lectures dedicated to stalwart members of the lecture society who have died and who served on the committee for many years. We do miss their contribution.

Other lectures cover a wide range of topics from Gaudi's architecture to cycling across Alaska, making TV programmes and the Mary Rose so I'm sure there will be plenty to interest and entertain you.

We have been short of committee members for some time but have been fortunate to fill some gaps. In addition to Clive Adkin (publicity) and Tim Leader (General Secretary) we have recently welcomed Karen Botosh (website). This has been an enormous help and we have been able to improve the website – www.grangelecturesociety.co.uk and also update our constitution. However, we do not have a Programme Secretary for 2023/24 and this is a serious concern as we will need to start planning next year's programme in the Autumn. Jeff Pattison has completed this role for many years and this is his final programme. We are indebted to him for all he has done in this role. Is this a role you could do? Help would be provided but clearly without a programme we can no longer function. Do contact any committee member if you would like further information about what's involved.

Finally thank you for your support, patience and understanding when we have had to change arrangements with little notice. I look forward to seeing you again and welcoming new members on October 11th.

Gill Mitchell

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Season Tickets: £23 Single Lectures: £5

Season tickets for the 10 lecture programme with a reserved seat can be purchased in advance by returning the completed application form to Messrs Gedy and Sons, Chancery House, Kents Bank Road, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 7HD by 9 September 2022.

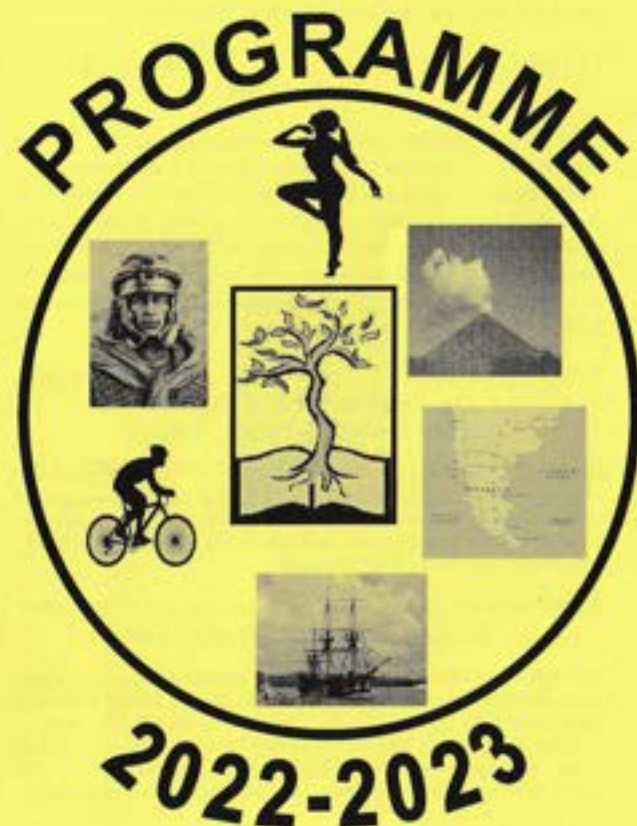
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**TUESDAYS
7.15 PM
IN THE
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11 October 2022 **Fraser Hunter**
Roman Silver and Frontier Politics in North Britain
Michael Atkinson Memorial Lecture

Fraser is principal curator of Iron Age and Roman collections at the National Museum of Scotland. His main interests are in Roman and Celtic finds at sites in Scotland. Our view of the Roman frontier is shaped by Hadrian's Wall, but military power alone was not enough to control the northern border. New research has revealed the widespread use of frontier diplomacy and bribery as Rome attempted to control the area. Much of this involved silver, passing into local hands. The talk will look at some of the treasures of the period and the impact this had on societies in the north.

25 October 2022 **Hugh Ellwood**
Antonia Gaudi

Hugh Ellwood pursued a career as an architect for over 30 years and developed a keen interest in the various forms of architecture found around the world. He is also an accomplished artist. In Barcelona at the end of the 19th century an astonishing genius, Antonia Gaudi, produced forms of architecture unique to Catalonia. He is best known for his design of the cathedral of La Sagrada Família but he also built a succession of town houses and estates for several wealthy industrialists.

8 November 2022 **John Pilkington**
An Englishman in Patagonia
Shirley Burwell Memorial Lecture

Patagonia - it's the stuff of dreams. John made three trips to this southernmost part of South America, including Tierra del Fuego. He walked among glaciers, met gauchos (Patagonian cowboys), and took tea with the tiny but persistent Welsh community - still fiercely independent after more than 150 years.

22 November 2022 **Rowena Harker Leder**
Reminiscences of a Bluebell Girl

This talk is about Rowena's days as a Bluebell Girl in Las Vegas when she went with the famous troupe of dancers from the Lido de Paris to open the Stardust Hotel - the first European show ever to go to America. She will give us an insight into the early days of Las Vegas including some blatant name dropping such as Frank Sinatra, David Niven etc. but all told with great humour, verve and panache.

6 December 2022 **Andrew Heading**
Cycling across Alaska

Andrew is a journalist, photographer and cyclist. In this talk we join him in the 1000 mile Iditarod Trail race across Alaska, aiming to be the first European to complete the event. Along the way he encountered wolves, hallucinations and temperatures of 50 below as he followed in the footsteps of gold prospectors and husky-teams who had trodden the infamous trail.

10 January 2023 **Christine Robinson**
Glimpses of Chatsworth

Christine has been involved with Chatsworth and the Cavendish family for more than forty years. This illustrated talk covers all aspects of the House and Gardens; winter and summer, behind the scenes and "public", and some of the special events hosted at Chatsworth over the last few years.

24 January 2023 **David Edwards**
Pompeii: Vesuvius' Legacy and Warning
Michael Hornung Memorial Lecture

Using his expertise as a geologist and guide to Pompeii, Herculaneum and Vesuvius, David looks at the fascinating stories gleaned from the clues that litter the landscape in one of the most densely populated and threatened areas of Europe. Pompeii's destruction and rediscovery cause us to ask what will the next, overdue, eruption bring. Striking videos and images bring the past and present alive.

7 February 2023 **Jim Holmes**
Aceh, After the Wave

December 2004 saw a massive undersea earthquake send a wave of water over 20 m high rushing towards the Sumatran coast, in western Indonesia. Jim was assigned to document the disaster and the massive unfolding relief effort, returning many times over the next 10 years. His dramatic images were used worldwide by Oxfam, the UN and other agencies to illustrate the disaster, the need and the successes of the intervention that saved countless lives.

14 February 2023 **Brendan Miller**
Making Programmes for Television

Brendan is a freelance film maker specialising in video essays. He was formerly Digital Development Editor at BBC Three and for three years the producer of BBC Question Time. He will tell us how he sees television changing in the future.

7 March 2023 **Aileen Wade**
The Mary Rose

The Mary Rose was one of the largest warships in the British fleet when she foundered in the Solent in 1545. The wreck was discovered in 1971 and raised in 1982, the start of a massive recovery, conservation and research programme. Aileen will outline the history of the ship and the information and insights that the research has revealed.

This lecture will begin at 7.30 pm following the AGM

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A Message from the President

Welcome to a new year of GRANGE LECTURE SOCIETY. In October we will start our 115th year which will end in March. We hope the new series which we shall entitle 'TEN TALKS for 2023-2024' has ideas which will appeal to a far wider audience and a more extensive age range.

Our new speaker finder, Richard Hinchcliffe, joined the committee only last year. He offered to take on the challenging job from Jeff Pattison, who has done remarkable work for us over the last 20 years. We hope you will enjoy the speakers that Richard has recruited.

The TEN TALKS programme will begin on Tuesday 10th of October at the Victoria Hall. Preceding this there will be a free open introductory, yet informal, gathering on Tuesday the 22nd of August at 7pm for 7.15pm. Richard will give a short taster talk followed by drinks and nibbles to allow the audience time to meet the committee, sign up (card machine or cash/cheques) and meet old friends.

Due to Covid and the associated suspension of meetings membership has fallen considerably from 240 folk to 145. This together with significant increases in the running costs of meetings mean that membership will be £46 - otherwise £10 at the door. This is still less than a glass of wine for what is an hour of highly informative entertainment.

We will welcome into the committee anyone who would like to support the Society. I would love to chat to you if you might be interested.

Peter Ratcliffe

Taster Evening
7.00 for 7.15
Tuesday 22nd August
At the Victoria Hall

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Our community needs organisations like the Lecture Society to be the community that we all enjoy – the reason we like living in and around Grange.

The Society, like all community organisations, relies on volunteers to operate. It needs new volunteers to ensure that the burden is spread and to ensure that fresh ideas help us keep the Society relevant to the Membership.

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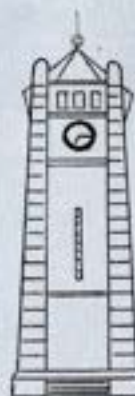
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10th October 2023 Andrew Leitch & Jim Bowness
Cumbrian Film Archive

Join us for a time travelling adventure as we join forces with Cumbria Film Archive for an evening of rarely seen films of the South Cumbria area. Some are over a hundred years old and have been preserved by producers from the archive. They have also been researched in depth and along with a commentary will ensure an evening of unique nostalgia for us all. We even have film of the Grange Lido in its heyday in the 1930s!

24th October Prof. Alan Rice
Facing the Past: Black Lancastrians

Alan explores the city of Lancaster's fascinating investment in the slave trade and describes how we can increasingly tell the story through a developing Black History.

7th November Helen Clark
Bay Search and Rescue

We all hope that we won't find ourselves needing help to reach firm dry land. We are probably aware of Bay Search & Rescue but who are they, what do they do and how do they do it. Helen describes the work of our local charitable rescue organisation.

21st November Paula Cornwell
Mind your Motor Manners - pioneer motoring in the 1920s

We are going back in time to 1928. A time when bumpers and break lights were optional and no Highway Code existed. There was one book in regular reprint called, 'How to drive a car'. It was aimed at the men, but then a new book became available called, 'The Woman Owner Driver - the complete guide for Lady Motorists', by the Hon. Mrs Victor Bruce. Learn about the rules of the road in the 1920's presented in the character of Mrs Bruce, by Paula Bell.

5th December Sue Ashworth
She Wears it Well ...
a gallop through 150 years of costume and style

Sue Ashworth has been fascinated by historic costume and fashion for more years than she cares to admit. With a career in museums in London and Lancashire. Sue has had the good fortune to care for small but fabulous costume collections from Quaker wedding dresses to woolly swimwear of the 1920s and everything in between. How do we know about textiles and fashion and what does our choice of styles and outfits tell others about ourselves?

Thanks to support from Gedyes Solicitors.
Daisy Roots book shop and Coffee Pot cafe.

9th January Prof. Kay Schiller
Jesse Owens:

The life and times of the iconic US athlete and sprinter
Special emphasis is given to his achievements and reception by audiences at the 1936 "Nazi" Olympics and his role as a symbol of Black-American success in the aftermath.

23rd January Adam Smith
History of the Musicals - West End to Broadway

Adam will take us on a trip down memory lane through Musical Theatre History with stories of the musicals. Rodgers and Hammerstein and the Gershwin era to Boubil and Schonby to Andrew Lloyd Webber. A one-man tribute which will hopefully have you singing along, tapping your toes and enjoying your trip back in time.

6th February Judith Holder
Older and Wiser - a celebration of being over 50

One day you're snogging boys behind the bike sheds, and then it happens. You get old and the idea of a travel kettle appeals, you have a lockable Tupperware habit and don't like driving at night. Ageing comes to us all, and for many of us, it's an Indian summer. A time to cross things off bucket lists, go to Glastonbury and not give a monkeys what other people think of us. Judith will share her thoughts on ageing 21st century style and as well as looking at the funny side of the inevitable process.

20th February David Edwards
Our Energy Future

This extremely topical talk will equip you with an understanding of the political, ethical, social and practical considerations that need to be considered as we make crucial decisions that will affect the lives of everyone in the UK, as well as many others around the world. Be educated, surprised, and better informed to be able to draw your own conclusions as to the choices that should be made. This is an entertaining and thought-provoking talk that has received excellent reviews.

5th March Shelagh Johnson
Growing up with the Beatles

Throughout her life Shelagh has remained interlinked with the subject of The Beatles and one of her most recent projects has been to represent Yoko Ono as an advisor to The National Trust on the restoration and refurbishment of 'Mendips' the childhood home of former Beatle John Lennon and his beloved Aunt Mimi.

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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'. '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.

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Malcolm Kimber: The Peak District Boundary Walk
Tuesday 20th August - 7.00 for 7.15
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FREE TALK - Jack Ellerby: 'Saving our Night Skies'
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In association with Peninsula Environmental Action
Together (PEAT)

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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!

2025

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.

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Once again, we will offer two free talks this year. The free open introductory talk is on Tuesday the 19th of August at 7pm for 7.15pm and is given by our own Prof. Philip Helliwell: All You Wanted to Know About Arthritis. It is followed by drinks and nibbles allowing the audience time to meet the committee, sign up (card machine or cash/cheques) and meet old friends. On Tuesday 23rd September there is a FREE TALK by Stephen Trotter, in association with the excellent Grange Natural History Society. Our Ten Talks programme will then begin on Tuesday 14th of October.

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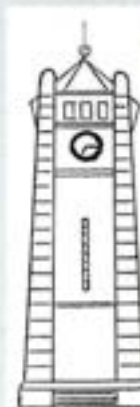
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October 14th - Dr Stuart McLanaghan - All sounds a bit fishy!
Seafood feeds a rising global population and tackles food insecurity. How can we ensure it for generations to come? Fish and chips are an undisputed national dish, with over one hundred fish species found in our waters, yet we import the majority of fish we eat. These and other topics, along with fishy tales, will be addressed.

28th October - Stuart Bowie - A History of Magic
Stuart traces the magician's art through the centuries showing how magic has adapted to a changing world and new technologies, moving from the streets to the parlours of the rich before becoming established in theatres, on television, and now the Internet. The talk is illustrated with contemporary pictures, records and live magic!

November 11th - Paul Hindle - Roads Around the Sands
The talk describes the changing routes across and around the sands of Morecambe Bay from Lancaster to the Furness Peninsula. The first turnpike via Kendal was opened in 1763 followed by the 1818 turnpike which is now largely followed by the A590.

November 25th - Christopher Donaldson - The Influence of the Ordnance Survey on the Lake District's 'Name-scape'
Chrisopher explores the Ordnance Survey's Original Object Name Books. These books played a critical role in the OS's first major Lake District survey and offer extraordinary insights into the social life and landscapes of Cumbria some 160 years ago.

December 9th - Richard Kay - Christmas Carols, Crooners and Customs

A whistlestop tour of Christmas. Richard will perform carols and songs interspersed with poems, stories and information about the traditions we take for granted. From Silent Night to White Christmas, crackers to mince pies and everything in between, plus the chance for us all to get into the festive spirit.

20th January - Richard Wrigley - Cumbria, Grange-over-Sands: a Journey Through Time

Cumbria is England's most geologically diverse county, famous for the spectacular scenery of the Lake District National Park and surrounding areas. We will travel back 480 million years and examine geological events and processes that have shaped Cumbria, including Grange-over-Sands, over time.

February 3rd - Emma Baylin - The Inspiration of Choirs

Singing in the community has many documented positive impacts. Emma will share her experiences of using creativity and singing to form communities, bring people together behind a shared cause, support each other through adversity, improve health and wellbeing, challenge stigma and most importantly to find joy.

February 17th - Susan Major - Women Railway Workers in World War II

This talk draws upon interviews with wartime women railway workers, using the National Archive of Railway Oral History. Women talk about working with men for the first time, doing men's work, problems of workplaces not designed for women, the dangers of bombing raids and how they dealt with tricky situations.

March 3rd - Marie Conte-Helm - Japanese Gardens

Historical developments and religious and philosophical influences have informed the Japanese approach to the visual arts. This talk will also draw upon wider examples to illustrate the distinctive qualities that the Japanese have brought to garden design, an approach that has been successfully adapted to modern domestic settings and to Japanese gardens abroad.

March 17th - Andrew Green - A History of Walking

The simple act of walking touches many aspects of human lives. Andrew Green, author of *Voices on the Path: a history of walking in Wales* (2024), explores its rich history, including pilgrimage, droving, tramping, social protest, rambling, environmentalism, walking to and within work, and walking as artistic inspiration.

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