

## **Grange-over-Sands Time Line**

Based on a list of significant dates in Grange-over-Sands The story of a Gentle Township by W E Swale published in 1971. Expanded with information found in registers, newspapers, books and research whilst investigating aspects of the history of Grange.

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- 1490** first record of Grange
- 1536** Grange - with – Kentisbank noted in Cartmel Priory Register
- 1563** Hardcragg Hall built
- 1577** John Speed's map of Lancashire shows 'Carter's Lonnye Crossing'
- 1598** Church book of Cartmel 'sea – coals unloaded at Grange'
- 1601** Christening of Marye Bateman, dr. of Richard of ye Grange
- 1662** Will of John Noble of Grange
- 1684** Map of parts of Cartmel and Grange drawn for Widow Housemans
- 1729** Grange has Warehouse and Coast Officer
- 1730** Commercial Hotel built (originally Bay Horse, now Commodore)
- 1786** Yates map of Lancashire shows Grange in some detail
- 1789** Crown Hotel built
- 1808** 19 houses in Grange
- 1810** Blawith Cottage built for Thomas Holme Maude, designed by friend Francis Webster.
- 1811** First school established on the shore by Elizabeth Maude, wife of Thomas Holme Maude
- 1820** Bay Villa, Main Street built for Richard Wright, designed by Francis Webster; extended in 1849 and 1860. First turnpike road in vicinity, Newby Bridge to Levens via Lindale
- 1829** Parson and White's Directory lists Grange householders. A grocer's shop is listed.
- 1832** House built on Holme Island for John Fitchett of Warrington attributed to George Webster; extended for John Thompson in 1844.  
Yewbarrow Lodge built for Benjamin Hall
- 1834** Hampsfell Hospice built
- 1837** George Webster started building Black Rock Villa and added to it in 1841 and 1851
- 1841** Eggerslack Cottage built in woods for John Wakefield of Sedgwick, designed by George Webster
- 1845** Sarah Newby's barn built on Hampsfell Road next to her farm.
- 1848** First Post office in Grange opened but location unknown
- 1853** Parish Church of St Paul's (Church of England) built on Crown Hill following a campaign started in 1851 by visitor Miss Sarah Ann Clarke to raise money for building it;  
Merlewood built for Alfred Binyon
- 1855** (approx) Wakefield Crewdson Bank situated in building in front of Laurel House (Victoria Hall built on site of Laurel House in 1898 and shop buildings removed to improve road width)
- 1857** Furness Railway opened connecting Lancaster to Ulverston

**1858** -over-Sands suffix added to Grange as suggested by Rev. Wilson Rigg, the first vicar of Grange.

**1861** Regent House, Main Street constructed close to Bay Villa; Mossops established in Grange. They were grocers, bakers and confectioners with a corn mill at Lindale.

**1863** Mackereth Chemist and Wine and Spirit Merchant established in 1863 at Ye Olde Pharmacie

**1864** National School opened;

Hankinson opened his chemist shop on Main Street

**1865** Ornamental Pond and Gardens created by Furness Railway from former salt marsh area;

Two rows of terraced houses built at top of Grange Fell Road called Pleasant View and Mount Pleasant

**1866** Grange Hotel built;

Grange Institute opened with two shops on the ground floor and a meeting room on the first floor;

Grange Gas Company formed and began to supply gas in 1867 from works at Meathop;

First Police Station opened in building between Laurel House and Yewbarrow Lodge;

Row of shops began to be built on Main Street below Crown Hill and the Institute.

**1868** Devonshire House built on Main Street. It was the Post Office and telephone exchange.

**1871** Askew Brothers opened a drapers shop on Main Street on the ground floor of the Institute.

**1872** Railway Station built

**1874-5** Wesleyan Methodist Church built on Kents Bank Road; Grange Board of Health formed

**1875** First pier built at Bayley Lane and Morecambe Steamer Company started trips to Grange.

**1876** Kendal Bank started conducting business in Grange, in one of the shop units next to the Institute. Kendal Bank was a merger of Maude, Wilson and Crewdson Bank with Wakefields Bank in 1840. In 1893 it merged with Bank of Liverpool that became Martins Bank in 1928 and was then acquired by Barclays Bank in 1969.

**1878** reservoir built at High Newton to supply water to Grange

**1879** Hampsfield House built for John Tomlinson Hibbert, designed by Paley and Austin.

**1880** shop and house built for Mossops close to corner of Main Street and Pig Lane (now Spar) on site of former premises;

Brown Robin Mansion built (it became a hotel in 1887)

**1883** St Charles Roman Catholic Church built on Kents Bank Road

**1886** National School enlarged to double its original size.

**1887** Hazelwood Hydropathic Establishment opened in former Brown Robin Mansion. Subsequently enlarged twice. Also been known as Golf Hotel, Grand Hotel and Cumbria Grand Hotel.

**1888** Bank, designed by Paley and Austin, built on Main Street opposite Church Hill. District Bank acquired Lancaster Banking Co in 1907 and was itself acquired by National Provincial in 1962. In 1968 it merged with Westminster Bank and from 1970 was known as National Westminster Bank which was eventually shortened to NatWest; Shop building built to left of Institute and that was occupied by a Bank and Askews Drapers extension with printing works on first floor. Eventually Askews took over the

whole of the building. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century Trenouth's took over the business that continued there until 2015;

Rocklands Road developed;

Charney Hall School built on Charney Road.

**1889** Cemetery opened on Grange Fell

**1890** Portion of Yewbarrow Mansion used to provide 6 beds for convalescence. It was so popular and successful that new premises were built on Lindale Road in 1897.

**1892** Yewbarrow Terrace shops and flats built overlooking the Ornamental Pond and Gardens

**1893** Private house built for George William Deakin of Bolton on the site of Blawith Cottage which had been built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century for the Maude family of Kendal, subsequently became Netherwood Hotel;

Clare House Pier erected

**1894** Congregational Church built on Kents Bank Road.

Grange Golf Links established on Fellgate

**1895** Grange becomes an Urban District;

local fire brigade formed;

Eden Mount Road developed.

**1897** The North Eastern Counties Convalescent Home on Lindale Road was opened

**1898** Laurel House demolished and first part of Victoria Hall comprising shop and office built. Shop unit was occupied by London City and Midland Bank (built own premises in 1905 adjoining Mossops on corner of Pig Lane and Main Street).

**1900** Railway Company created Prom between Station and Bayley Lane;

Row of 6 shops opposite to Church Hill on Main Street had been built on site of house called Morecambe Bank and one of the shops was occupied by the Post Office

**1901** Victoria Hall (built by subscription and presented to council) and the council offices were opened;

Tearoom opened on the Promenade;

Terrace of houses on Morecambe Bank built below newly erected shops.

**1902** Major part of the Promenade was opened incorporating the town sewer. Harold Porritt of Netherwood, Rocklands Road, funded the extension of Promenade from Bayley Lane to Cart Lane area and from Station to Hotel known as Grand Hotel (now Cumbria Grand), a café and bandstand. He subsequently paid for the creation of the Promenade Gardens.

**1903** Hall and Sunday School added to Wesleyan Methodist Church

**1904** New wing added to The North Eastern Counties Convalescent Home

**1905** London Joint & Midland Bank (became HSBC Bank), built adjoining Mossops on corner of Main Street and Pig Lane. Extended in 1921?

**1906** Original Cooperative shop built by Carnforth Co-operative Society, extended in ?

**1907** Fell Mission Church, Grange Fell Road opened. Money donated by Sophia Mary Arkwright in memory of her sister Henrietta Beck Arkwright who died on 1 April 1906;

Charney Road, Grange Fell Road and Fernhill Road started to be developed.

**1910** Last steamer called at Grange;

Promenade Gardens established;

Bank of Liverpool (became Barclays Bank), Main St built own premises and moved out of shop unit next to Institute.

**1912** Clock Tower built with money donated by Mrs Sophia Dearden;

Electricity supply for Grange provided by Thos. Wilkinson (Arnside) Ltd;

Parish Hall built on Kents Bank Road

**1913** Grange Cinema Company formed

**1914** Risedale Convalescent Home opened by Working Men's Club and Institute Union that was renamed Cartmel Grange when it became a nursing home.

**1916-1919** Eggerslack Cottage became an Auxiliary Military Hospital or Voluntary Aided Detachment Hospital

**1919** Grange Cinema and Ballroom building started and opened in 1922 on Main Street (now houses Keg and Kitchen Pub)

**1921** Grange War Memorial unveiled on Armistice Day

**1923** Highfield Road developed

**1925** Sunken Gardens laid out

**1928** Clare House pier destroyed in storm on 28 Oct

**1929** Park Road Gardens opened. They were specifically designed as a setting for the bandstand that was moved from the Promenade.

**1933** An open-air pool was opened by Lord Derby. It closed in 1992.

**1937** Crown Post Office built on Main Street

**1941** Yewbarrow Mansion, the Catholic Church and a house on Fernleigh Road were damaged by air raid. Properties on Holme Lane, Allithwaite and at Witherslack were also damaged in the same raid.

**1955** Pavilion erected in Playing Fields

**1962** First Lakeland Rose Show at Grange

**1968** July newly built Grange Library opened;  
 Lowther Gardens built about this time on Kents Bank Road opposite to the library. The shops and flats were built on the garden of Dr Lowther's House, Fernleigh. Father and son had served Grange as doctors for many years.

**1993** Grange Pool closed permanently

**1998** Grange Community Orchard created on land on the Yewbarrow Estate opposite the Ornamental Pond and Gardens.

**2001** Berners Close Swimming Pool and Sports Centre opened. It closed in 2004 because of structural and financial problems and was demolished in 2014.

**2014** Health Centre opened on part of former public car park at Berners Close where Berners Close Swimming Pool had been.

**2013** HSBC Bank closed Nov 15

**2017** NatWest Bank closed October 3

**2019** Barclays Bank on Main Street closed May 1; Lloyds Bank, Lowther Gardens, closed Aug 19, the last bank in Grange to close.