



LAKE NEWS

Above are our three Kings Charles

Hampshire Lakes Residents Association

Many thanks for your attendance at our AGM. So many of you came and your support is much valued.

Your input at this meeting will help us set our priorities and objectives for the coming year. As well as ongoing concerns such as the buildings and infrastructure, finance and the budget, the Bistro and the gardens. We must now focus on the Wellness Centre and concerns around Energy and ways we can mitigate the effects of power cuts.

Our next committee meeting will be on October 1st at 11am in the Library.

Jenny Hydes

Sing this Saturday, 1st Oct

Registration from 10:30
Workshop from 11am to 4:30.

Handel's Messiah, Part 1 Choral Workshop



**Annenberg
Centre,
Wellington
College** Crowthorne,
RG45 7PU

£17, £14 pre-ordered groups, £5 students
(includes tea, coffee, loan of score)
www.crowthornechoral.org.uk

Ask Sam Dauncey (4627) about transport etc.

Hampshire Lakes Entertainment



On 6 September we enjoyed a Supper and Movie night, watching 'The Graduate'. Dustin Hoffman's performance propels this film into one of the best coming of age films of all time. The film was full of innocent humour, clever direction and spellbinding music.

Theatre Together:

"Oh what a night!" Jersey Boys gave us a great juke box musical with so many 70s hits we lost count! The roller coaster careers of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons were recreated with catchy songs and foot tapping music. A great rags to riches musical which didn't avoid difficult issues and was quite dark at times.

'Theatre Together' **Annual Dinner**. Harry Kersley, the tenor singer we have previously enjoyed, will again be accompanying this dinner on Wednesday 19th October. Booking for this special evening will open shortly. Please be assured that the sound levels on this occasion will be correct and not too loud, as they were on a previous visit. This talented young man has a wonderful voice that will entertain us with songs from the shows.

Joan Russam

... and now the weather is cooling . .

"SHUSH," SHE SAYS, WHEN HER HUSBAND STARTS RANTING AT HER FOR BRINGING A SMALL BIRD INTO THE KITCHEN OUT OF THE BITTER COLD. "DON'T SWEAR IN FRONT OF THE CHILLED WREN"

A warm welcome to . . .

- June Dorsett who moved into 60 Oakleigh Square at the beginning of September
- Tony Wright, 19 Lime Court.
- Valerie Sinclair, 70 Oakleigh Square

Also, apologies to Tony Levene - we spelled his name wrong last month *Lakes News Team*

Found : A pure wool ladies cardigan with pearl buttons was left in the Bistro at the AGM. It's made in Italy so if it's yours please contact the Bistro staff.

Cheerful Chat . . .

. . . is a getting together of residents on **Saturday mornings, from 11am till 12.30**, plus.

We meet in the Garden Room, opposite Cottons Coffee Shop, where we can buy Coffee, Tea etc, as required. At the moment, the room has comfy chairs and access to the garden & furniture on warm sunny days. Soon, I believe, the room is going to have tables & chairs like the coffee shop.

As you might guess, our chat covers many subjects, trying to avoid Politics & Religion. Occasionally they wriggle in, with us trying to agree to disagree. It is a mix, checking how everyone is and what we have been up to and commenting on news items.

It is a good place to meet new & old residents, to learn what is going on here and to get tips on finding your way around. If you are new to Hampshire Lakes, please come along, we are very friendly. Everyone is Welcome.

Shirley Wing.

Alan Anning's Tribunal hearing

Many of you will be aware that the Tribunal hearing of Alan Anning's reimbursement claim against Anchor will take place on Wednesday 19th October.

The Tribunal will take place at 10am in Havant Hampshire. Residents wishing to attend as observers should contact me and I will share further details. There are six places remaining at the moment.

Please be aware that judgement on the day is unlikely; the result will be sent later.

Joan Russam, 31 Poplar Lodge, Tel. 4739

Book Club

We next meet on **THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER** at 11 a.m. in the Library. *Diana Duckworth*

You might enjoy **Bella Mackie's "How to Kill your Family"** a light dark story (if that doesn't sound too Irish). An orphan, whose mother was impregnated by the son of a very rich family that would then have nothing to do with mother or child, wants revenge. As you near the last 10% of the book, the metaphorical knife begins to be gently slipped in but is not really given a sharp twist until the very end.

Sam Dauncey

The Liar by Nora Roberts

Nora Roberts is a prolific writer of several genres of fiction including crime, suspense/thriller, fantasy, and romance.

Since 1999, everyone of her novels has been a New York Times bestseller and 124 of her novels have been ranked on The Times best seller list. Several of her books have also been made into TV movies. She often writes trilogies or series of books involving the same characters which she feels gives her a better opportunity to explore them more extensively. "The Liar" is a stand alone book which could loosely be described as a thriller with romantic overtones.

Its main character is a young single mother who has been recently widowed. She discovers that her late husband has left her in dire straits financially and the early part of the book follows her journey in uncovering his debts and her attempts to pay them off. She quickly learns that her husband was a conman and a cheat and that she has been deceived as to his true character and feelings throughout their short marriage.

In order to give her young child some stability Shelby returns home and with the help of her family begins to revive her fortunes. However before long her husband's nefarious dealings begin to impinge on her life again and she and her child are in danger from his various criminal partners. She turns for help to a handsome carpenter which is the romantic side line of the book.

I found this book to be a decent, undemanding read which is somewhat predictable but well written and entertaining. All in all a good bedtime or holiday read. *Brefni Bray*

Speedbirds, Reveille & Remix

Speedbirds' next meeting dates are Tuesdays 27th September and 25th October.

I am plotting a visit to Blackbushe Airport Heritage group and also a start to my overseas posting stories with BOAC/BA. Looking forward to seeing you on above dates in the Library at 1800hrs (Bar open).

At **Reveille's** recent meeting I recalled some of my experiences on National Service in Libya. Our next meetings are on Tuesdays 11th October and 8th November so put the dates in your diary and see you in the Library at 1800hrs (Bar open).

Remix Jazz orchestra - our Big Band aficionados will be going to the next show in Finchamstead on Friday 30th September - if new fans want to join us let me know ahead as transport has to be arranged.

Jonathan Martin, phone 4614

Boules match between Hampshire Lakes and Bishopstoke Park

We welcomed a minibus of Bishopstoke residents on 8 September. Both teams were



suitably attired in their team T-shirts. Bishopstoke were taking up our challenge to a Boules match. Pouring rain during lunch gave way, as of course we had ordered, to a period of sunshine, so the match was able to start as scheduled. The rain eventually returned heavily enough to stop us completing it. Bishopstoke had moved into the lead at 9:5.



The teams and supporters retired into the Wellness gym and a game of short-mat bowls began. This was won by Hampshire Lakes 5:1. So, with one game each, a draw, everyone went home happy. We look forward to a return match at Bishopstoke.

Keith Hall

How I made The Queen Laugh

One winter's evening in 1965, as a foot-duty police constable, I found myself at Grosvenor Gardens next to Victoria Station with the responsibility of facilitating the Queen's drive from Buckingham Palace to Heathrow. My particular task was to ensure her safe passage through the zebra crossing and onward towards Buckingham Palace Road. Fairly easy, you might think. After all, you can't miss her car - maroon-coloured Rolls Royce with the Royal Standard above the windscreen - and what could possibly go wrong? However, this didn't take into account that it was a very busy weekday "rush hour" and that this crossing was situated in a particularly dark location.

At first all was well, as, on spotting the car amongst the approaching traffic, I was able to stop the pedestrians from both pavements. However, as the royal car drew closer to me, a little old lady pushed through the crowd and started progressing across the zebra! I desperately shouted at her to get back, but with no success. I turned towards the royal chauffeur and, wildly waving my arms, beckoned him forward. I shouted again at the lady to no avail. I then indicated to the driver to progress forward and, if necessary, run over the offending pedestrian. He looked straight at me and, smiling, shook his head as the car ground to a halt.

By this time, I was distraught, red-faced and wanting to disappear in a puff of smoke. Once the zebra was clear, the car moved forwards, disclosing to me that both the Queen and the Duke were collapsing with laughter at the bizarre situation and my helpless efforts to resolve it. I fully expected that my Inspector would receive a call from the Palace and that I would probably be sent to the Tower. However, no such a call came; my exasperated efforts no doubt brightening up a mundane journey for our beloved Queen and Prince Phillip.

Roger Pearce

Boiled eggs

The box on our back page prompts very few inputs. Why? Don't you read it? Shame on you!

Here is an "idea to make you think". When I was young boiling an egg took 3 minutes. Now it seems to need almost twice that. Why? My memory? Egg production? Tastes? Storage? Other? "Discuss"

Sam Dauncey

Summer at Hampshire Lakes

As we move into the Autumn season follow the link below to watch a short review of the events we have enjoyed this summer, plus some highlights from the Country and Western night featuring the 'Honky Tonk' Duo.

<https://youtu.be/um7qWkIWOsM>

Type the above link into your Internet Browser to view the short video, OR email keithhall88@gmail.com for a clickable link to view the video.

Keith Hall

Eyesight Help

I was diagnosed a few years ago with Age-Related Macular Degeneration in both eyes.

This is a disease that can affect people in their 50's & 60's.. It doesn't cause total blindness but can make everyday activities like reading and recognising faces difficult. The cause is unknown but it can be inherited (my father had it). It is often diagnosed at a routine eye test at the opticians.

There are 2 types of AMD, dry and wet. For dry there isn't any treatment but with wet you need to have regular eye injections. I have dry in my left eye and wet in my right!

Since the deterioration in my sight, I contacted a charity based in Hampshire called OPENSIGHT who put me on a database. Last week 2 chaps from the charity came to visit me. They were very helpful, with suggestions about the best reading light and best illuminated magnifying glass. They gave me a lot of encouragement - a huge help.

I would recommend any resident with similar problems to get in touch with this charity.

The contact number is 023 8064 1244

Website: <https://www.opensight.org.uk/>

email: info@opensight.org.uk

Diana Duckworth (4659)

Water Shortage?

"SAVE WATER: SHOWER WITH A FRIEND"
OR

"IF IT'S YELLOW LET IT MELLOW
IF IT'S BROWN FLUSH IT DOWN"

Those are traditional one, but how about

"WASH YOUR FACE IN WEE HAND BASIN
POUR THE SLOPS UPON YOUR CROPS"?

Sam Dauncey

Foodbank

We would be very grateful for donations for our local Foodbank. There's a box in the post room in Oakleigh Square.

Suggested Items: -

Any tinned items (meat, fruit, soup, vegetables, custard, rice pudding, fish, potatoes, tomatoes etc), coffee, tea, pasta, rice, cereals, jam, pasta sauces, long life milk and juice, biscuits, household goods, toiletries, or any non perishable foods

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Heather Parrish

Ray's Quizzes - Stop Press

The Wednesday Quiz, **in the Bistro, 2:30 every Wednesday**, is still short of male colleagues. Come on guys, give it a try. You may surprise yourselves and walk off with our weekly trophy*. Join us and give it a go. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ray Daysh, The Quizmaster

* SRD's comment: Use it or lose it. Otherwise you may get 'atrophy' instead.

Support reminder



Nasar is running in the **London Marathon** this Sunday, October 2nd, raising money for **Mencap**. A good cause. A sponsorship form is in Reception.

Lakes News Team

Lakes News is written by "ordinary" residents and printed for us by the administration team.

We try to inform, entertain and help to keep everybody up to date with what is happening. Content is based on articles and stories **sent in by residents**. Concerns? Compliments? Requests? News? Interests? Suggestions? Offers? Photos? Ideas to make people think? We fill the gaps!

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