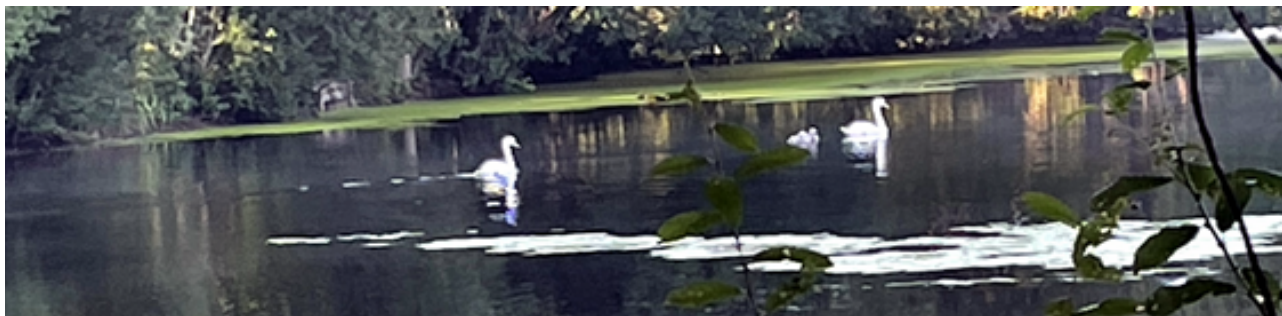




LAKE NEWS

Hampshire Lakes Residents' Association

Don't forget the next committee meeting on Saturday 5th of November at **10.30** There will be an EGM to discuss changes to the constitution on the **9th of November** in the Library at 5pm. All residents are welcome.

Jenny Hydes

Many thanks to all residents for renewing their subscriptions so promptly.

Diana Duckworth (4659)

Book Club

We next meet **THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER** at 11 am in the Library.

Book Reviews

The Word is Murder by *Anthony Horowich*

It's always good to find a good murder mystery which is well written. **The Word is Murder** is written by the author taking part in the story himself. It begins with a woman planning her own funeral, only to be murdered 6 hours later that day. The detective is not exactly friendly to the author and gets annoyed when he wants to come to his own conclusions which are usually wrong. An intriguing and entertaining read. I've put the book in the library.

Jenny Hydes

A more serious novel is **Act of Oblivion** by *Robert Harris*. The act referred to in the title was passed by Charles 11 when he was brought home from exile to be king in 1660. The act pardons all those who sided with Cromwell and the Puritans during the years of the English Commonwealth except for the regicides. Most of these were already dead

(they dug up Cromwell's body and impaled his skull for all to see) but two escaped to New England to be pursued by a vengeful manhunter. I found this an excellent way of understanding the harsh realities of life in New England in the 17th century not to mention the corrupt and bawdy court of Charles 2nd. The book will be circulated among Book Club members.

Jenny Hydes

Games

We play several different games weekly but we could do with a few more to join us. We are prepared to teach residents if they are interested.

Monday 10:30 am - Library - Mahjong (Vic 4585)

7:00 pm - Activities room - Bridge (Ruth 4687)

Tuesday 2:00 pm - Library - Canasta (Pam 4597)

2:00 pm - Bistro - Scrabble (Ann 4599)

Wednesday 2:00 pm - Gym - Table tennis (Keith 4652)

Thursday 2:00 pm (check) - Rummikub (Pam 4597)

2:00 pm - Bistro - Scrabble (Ann 4599)

2:00 pm - Activities room - Bridge (Ruth 4687)

7:00 pm - Activities room - Bridge (Ruth 4687)

Friday 2:00 pm - Library - Cribbage (Pam 4597)

Pam Cuthbertson

A warm welcome . . .

to Valerie and Brian Livesey, who have moved in to 1 Pine Bank.

Lakes News Team

Hampshire Lakes Entertainment



Casino Night 16th November

Get ready for a fun evening coming to Hampshire Lakes in November! You will be greeted with cocktails and canapes and be given your fun money for the evening. Will you play Blackjack or Roulette? Your professional croupier will show you how to play and the resident who is luckiest will win a prize! Of course you may decide to form a syndicate and play with friends but that's up to you, just exchange your money for your chips and start playing!

Dinner will be served as usual and later there will be a buffet of mini delectable desserts to tempt you between your games. This evening will be a Bond Themed Black Tie event so dig out those glad rags and let's party!

Joan Russam

Theatre Together

Has had another successful year. We have mostly enjoyed 8 shows and around 150 seats were booked. We had to cancel 3 shows through lack of support and one coach hoping to see Hairspray, had to return due to Covid infecting the cast.

Highlights were probably Glen Miller, Singing in the Rain, Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker, Grease, Chicago and of course Crazy for you at the Chichester Festival.

We do try to vary what we offer; we try to include more classical opportunities but these are often hard to find and sometimes prove to be unpopular.

In December we are offering Cinderella (Oh yes we are!) and in the New Year look out for Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty, Giovvani Pernice (Strictly dance), The Mousetrap, A symphony concert featuring Rachmaninov Concerto number 2 and Spirit of the Dance.

I remind you that we are a team and thanks are due to the members of the Hampshire Lakes Entertainment group. Thanks also to you our residents without whom none of this would happen.

Joan Russam

Theatre Together Annual Dinner

Residents enjoyed dinner together to celebrate this successful year. We were entertained by Harry Kersley with a wide repertoire from Tosca to Ed Sheeran. Harry included several songs from the shows and as always we were wowed by his powerful tenor voice.

We were reminded of the year's highlights, Glen Miller, Singing in the Rain, Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker, Grease, Chicago and of course Crazy for you at the Chichester Festival.

If you haven't done so already, do give us a try! It's a trouble free door to door event, no worries about parking and a comfortable coach.

Joan Russam

Residents' Adventure

A number of residents thought it would be nice to have a look at the local paths around Hampshire



Lakes, unfortunately the organiser Heidi was unfit, so Heather agreed to lead the walk. It was a lovely sunny Tuesday morning and off we all went along the paths up to and across the Causeway. A number of newer residents had not walked that far from home before so it was a very worthwhile expedition. The walkers agreed that on future Tuesdays on 'good weather days' they plan to meet at Reception at 11 o'clock for more local adventures. Everyone is welcome to join in the short walks.

Keith Hall

Residents' Website

Take a look at the new Hampshire Lakes Residents' Association website: hlra.info

Type hlra.info into your Internet Browser to view all the available information.

We have information on Hampshire Lakes Future Events, The Latest Village News, Jo's Weekly Email, On-line copies of Lakes News, Detailed Village Plan, For Sale or Give Away items, Resident Trader Recommendations, Wellness Centre information, Local Services, Video and Photo Galleries and lots more.

If you would like to 'Like' or comment on the new website please visit the HLRA Blog to leave your suggestions and comments; the link is at the top of the Homepage Home page.

Keith Hall

South African Bush Adventure

John and I recently went to our family lodge on a private game reserve, next to the Kruger Park. The fences between the Kruger and the private reserves were taken down some 10 plus years ago, so the animals can roam free.

We go out early in the morning with Thermos flasks of tea and coffee and the obligatory South African Rusk. We stop either at some lookout point overlooking the vast area around us, by the river, in a hide or on a nice big rock, and enjoy our first cuppa of the day before we carry on driving.

Within the first few days of arriving we came across these 10 lions/lionesses, flopped down near a waterhole. Their bellies were full and they just wanted to sleep from the exertion of hunting and feeding.

After we sat with them for a while we drove



around following the vultures in the sky to find where they may have killed. We did find it, but all that was left were a few bones and the contents of stomach and gut, which the vultures were picking at.

We often came across several breeding herds of elephant with babies, and I took a great photo with some of them drinking at the

waterhole, their backs turned to us. That time they were happy for us to be there, but other times they can get upset and don't want you to be in their space.



We also saw a leopard, twice, and apparently there were 3 cubs. Unfortunately we never got to see the cubs, as they were well hidden. At one waterhole there was a resident hippo, named Harry- he sometimes gave us a display of water gymnastics and a great big yawn.



Our lodge is set apart from any other by quite some way, so we do get animals to come right close, Giraffes, Zebras, Kudus and Impala mainly.

One spectacular and rare thing we saw were a Sable Antelope Pair. They are splendid looking animals, but not easy to encounter.

One morning we had the hyena coming towards the car as we were going for a drive, she just came towards us walked past the car without a care in the world, and then went into the bush, presumably to where the Den was with the cubs

We feel very privileged to be able to see all these animals in the wild, in their own surroundings and we are very careful not to encroach on or change their protected environment.

Heidi Markham

The Speedbirds Aviation group

is planning a visit to Blackbushe Airport on November 22nd.

I am in touch with a contact who leads a forum on the Airport's history and he will host our visit.

It should be an interesting event and anyone wanting to go should contact myself Jonathan Martin(4614) or Hugh Millard(4753)

Jonathan Martin

Congratulations Nasar

On an excellent first marathon time. We'll done!

Star (Planet) Gazing

Jovian Moonwatch

A big thank you to Vic for setting up his telescope for viewing Jupiter which has been at its closest to Earth for 70 years - 367 million miles away - allowing spectacular views of four of its moons: Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. They orbit Jupiter around its equator and from Earth we see their orbits almost edge-on. The photo shows a typical view with two moons on each side of the planet. When



we observed on 2nd October, all four were again in a line but three were on the left of the planet and one on the right. They change their relative position continuously because they all have a different orbital period (the time to go around Jupiter once). Every time Ganymede completes its orbit, Europa makes two orbits and Io makes four orbits.

These are Jupiter's four largest and brightest moons - it has 80 known moons in total - and are collectively called the Galilean moons after the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei, who first observed them in 1610. Ganymede is the largest and most massive moon in the whole of the solar system, larger than the planet Mercury and about 1½ times the diameter of our moon.

Michael Bader

Following Michael's article it should be noted that his discovery ultimately led to a less than happy end for Galileo himself. Galileo's discovery that the four moons were in orbit around Jupiter led him to accept the Copernican theory that moons orbit around their respective planets and the planets orbit around the sun. This brought him into direct conflict with Pope Urban VIII and the Catholic Church which at the time taught that, according to the Holy Scriptures, Earth was the centre of God's creation and everything

revolved around it. He was investigated by the Roman Inquisition in 1632, found guilty of heresy, forced to recant his belief in Copernican theory under threat of excommunication and spent the rest of his life under house arrest where he died in 1642.

Vic Oliver

Rubbish!

Another reminder about rubbish disposal at Hampshire Lakes.

PLEASE flatten all boxes

PLEASE only recycle paper, card, cans and plastic bottles .

PLEASE put all glass bottles into separate green bins

PLEASE DO NOT bag any recycling.

PLEASE DO NOT recycle yogurt pots, plastic bags, meat trays, shredded paper or juice cartons. (These all go in the black bins)

PLEASE DO NOT leave ironing boards, standard lamps or furniture in the bin stores.

If we all do our bit we just manage with the number of blue and black bins we have room for. If we don't follow the rules we run out of space and run the risk of the recycling bins being emptied into landfill. If someone else takes your rubbish to the bins please ensure that they know how to do so properly.

Don't forget if you don't flatten your boxes and leave the label on

WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!!!

Janet McCombie

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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! samdauncey@live.co.uk and jennyhydes@icloud.com

Your contributions are our life-blood.