

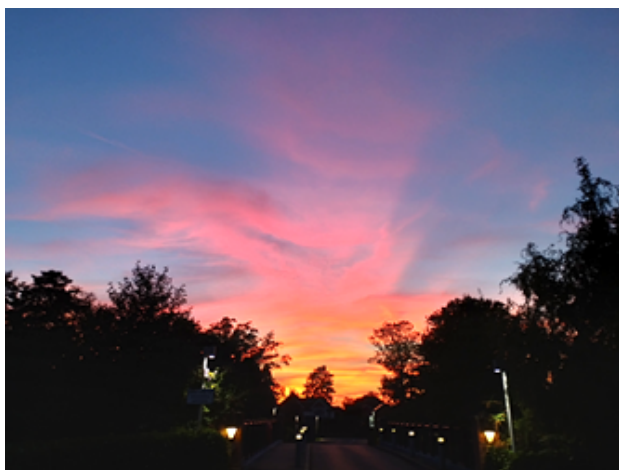


LAKE NEWS

Lakes News contributions

Jenny and Sam are the only typists for Lakes News (would 'compositors' sound more impressive?) and we are both away for much of October. Please try to get some material to us as soon as possible, preferably during this coming week, ending 7 October. But if you can't manage it by then please don't use that as an excuse for further delay! See the red box on the back page. Inundate us. Please.

A spectacular sunset



Seen from Hampshire Lakes on 3rd September
Michael Bader

THEN OCTOBER ADDS A GALE, WIND
AND SLUSH AND RAIN AND HAIL.

Flanders and Swann

Library Update

The Book Club's next meeting is on **Thursday 5th October at 11 am in the Library**. Everyone is welcome to come to chat about books they have read.

Although we talk about our recently read books this can lead onto more general discussion concerning recent national and world situations. Sometimes to local issues here at Hampshire Lakes! Quite entertaining!

Diana Duckworth

Book Reviews

Rachel Joyce's "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" and its companion **"The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy"**

are two of the more unusual and moving books I have read for a long while. Harold is a rather shy, naive man who leaves home one morning to post a letter. Instead, on the spur of the moment, he ends up walking with no kit or preparation from his home in Kingsbridge, Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed. Queenie, who was a colleague of his 20 years earlier, and is secretly in love with him, is in a hospice there. He imagines this walk will save her life. The two books cover the same period but from the very different viewpoints of the two characters. Read the Pilgrimage first.

Sam Dauncey

I'll be donating an excellent psychological thriller **Lisa Jewell's "None of this is True"** to the library. It's the kind of book which sucks you in and keeps your interest until the end. A very different book is **Jason Cowley's "Who Are We Now?"**. It's a look at England and how it has changed and developed over the last thirty years. Not at all stuffy it's very readable, rather nostalgic and thought provoking. I'll be giving these to the library on **Thursday 5th October** at our book club meeting so come along and grab all the best books before they go back onto the shelves.

Jenny Hydes

Adjacent Land

Many residents signed a petition objecting to the plan of the owner to fence off the adjacent land with a very tall fence which would stop access to the lovely river and lakeside walks. The owner had appealed the council's decision to turn down this request.

He has won his appeal and is now allowed to construct his fence. We are not clear what the implications are for the village and others from outside who enjoy walking along the river and the lakes.

So enjoy this walk as long as you can. I, for one, am looking forward to the arrival of the winter-visiting waterfowl. In the past we have had goosander, wigeon, gadwall and shovellers. You may have noticed that the large board with the Anchor sign on the left hand side of the road as you approached our village from Sandhurst has been taken away. This board clearly indicated when you should turn left and was very helpful. It was not on our land however and the owner of the adjacent land asked for it to be removed. *Jenny Hydes*

Use it or lose it (part 3)

We're winning over the brambles and nettles. Let's hope we continue to have access.



You can now walk through the path to the south of River Valley Lake without worrying too too much about getting snagged. But I'd still recommend trousers, and remember, while you may attack new growth with your stick during your 20-minute stroll the plants are there 24/7, continually fighting back. Keep up the good work! *Sam Dauncey*

P.S. I don't understand why I am unwilling to climb over the fallen tree that is still blocking the riverside path. Before I came to

Hampshire Lakes I wouldn't have hesitated. Surely it's not age - perhaps I've been conditioned by Anchor's attitude towards risk.

Sam Dauncey

... or your survival instinct! I was walking along this path the other day and a lady was actually stuck on the tree she had tried to climb over. Fortunately she had her husband with her.

Jenny Hydes

Corrigenda

1. It is old age (or fitness). Recently, while I was looking to see if the hornets were still there, three slightly younger people and several dogs walked over the tree with no hesitation or trouble at all.
2. One of these was a forester(?) and bee keeper. Apparently hornets don't chew up wood, they just take advantage of existing holes - they are opportunists. It would have been old age, beetles and rot that brought the tree down. *Sam again*

Hampshire Lakes Residents' Association

www.hlra.info

Keep browsing!

The next scheduled committee meeting is, as usual, on the **first Saturday** of the month: **7th October, at 10.30 am in the library.**

The **AGM** was on **Monday 11th September**. Draft minutes will be available in the HLRA folder in the library as soon as possible.

We now have a new committee and they are:

- Jenny Hydes, Chair
- Jo Taylor, Vice-chair
- Roger Pearce, Secretary
- Sam Dauncey, Treasurer
- Carolyn Hill, Membership Secretary
- Joan Russam, Committee member
- Diana Duckworth, Committee member
- Keith Hall, Committee member
- Janet McCombie, Committee member

We hope to complete our action plan as well as confirm the meeting dates for the coming year at our next meeting on 7th October.

Jenny Hydes

HLRA membership Renewal

Most people have now paid the £15 annual subscription. If you wish to be a member and have not yet paid please contact me or see last month's Lakes News for payment options.

Carolyn Hill, 4609

Opinion

Anchor's "Annual Review" on 14 Sept might be called a "Janus" event. Like the unsigned undated note about the delayed site condition survey, it left a rather sour taste in my mouth. I got very little of value from it but it was very successful from Anchor's point of view. It was structured in such a way that discussion was not encouraged and the answers to difficult questions were to be given to no-one but the questioner. If you were one such questioner and would like to summarise what answer you got, I imagine Lakes News would be happy to publish it. *Sam Dauncey*

Food Bank

As ever, the food bank in the Oakleigh Square mail room is desperately short of items. Any tinned or packet foods such as meat, fish, vegetables, pasta and pulses are needed, plus toiletries. Please be generous.

Wendy Wooldridge

OLDER PEOPLE SHOULDN'T EAT
HEALTH FOODS. THEY NEED ALL
THE PRESERVATIVES THEY CAN GET.

Robert Orben

Pub Nights

A trial 'Pub Night' on 19 Sept was deemed a success (see photo on front page). Carolyn became the darts champion and Patricia played her first ever game of dominos. So there was provisional agreement to repeat it on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month (7pm, Library and Activities room). Chat and/or play pool, darts, dominoes etc. On the first Tuesdays (when the bar is closed) bring your own everything (drinks, glasses, food if you want). More info on the website at

<https://www.hlra.info/pub-night/>

Keith Hall

Hampshire Lakes Entertainment



Flamenco comes to Hampshire Lakes



"Ilusión Flamenca" is an award winning international group of professional dancers based in Covent Garden, who run a dance school as well as performing at social gatherings.

We will welcome four artists: a guitarist and three dancers, who will entertain us in a show **after dinner on Tuesday 10th October**. A Spanish menu will complement what promises to be a great evening and we are pleased to offer a complimentary glass of Sangria to set the scene. (Book at reception)

DIY Dining, Sat 14th October, from 7pm

The bistro will be available for you to organise an evening with friends. This will be a chance to share a takeaway or a home cooked meal using the bistro when it's not in use. You must bring your own tableware as well as food and drinks.

There is no need to book. There is plenty of room for everyone to set up a table, but just be sure to clear away and leave it as you found it.

Future availability will be advertised on the calendar and on the website. Have fun!

Casino night 8th November

Save the date for this Black Tie event coming soon. Three gaming tables this year and plenty of Fake Money to play with! Watch out for details later.

Joan Russam



Polesden Lacey, 5/9/2023

As a newcomer to Hampshire Lakes I was looking forward to this trip and was not disappointed. The thirteen of us had a very easy coach journey to this lovely NT property, set in most beautiful surroundings on the North Downs, near Dorking.

It was the home of Mrs Margaret Greville, a notable society hostess and avid collector in the last century.

The house is a treasure to behold, full to the brim with most beautiful objects including many by Fabergé. It is also a home with a great royal connection. The late Queen mother and King George VI honeymooned there and when Mrs Greville passed away in 1942 she bequeathed all her jewellery to the Queen Mother. Princess Eugenie wore one of the tiaras to her wedding in 2018.

There was loads to see, including Mrs Greville's grave and the pet cemetery containing her 17 dogs.

Beautiful gardens surround the house, giving splendid views towards the Surrey countryside.

Everyone felt it was such an enjoyable day and we were surprised that so few came to enjoy it. We are so lucky to have these outings so do try to come as I am sure you will enjoy them as much as we did.

Thanks to Ruth and Chris who so kindly arranged the day for HLE, and what a lovely day it was, with perfect weather. *Mary Tayman*



Oakleigh Square

Can you find her? She appeared years ago. It was well after the builders had finished, so I imagine she was donated by a resident. Whose do you think she is?

Sam Dauncey

Volunteer Drivers

The Volunteer Driver Scheme is proving a real success and is hopefully also providing a real benefit to residents. After six months or so I will be carrying out a review of how it is working and will invite feedback from both drivers and residents.

Meanwhile a small blip has occurred which I need to address for the benefit of both residents and drivers. Walkers or similar aids can only be accommodated if they can be handled and accommodated easily.

Ongoing, when they are considering a task, will volunteer drivers who do not do so already please check first with the resident concerned that their walker/equipment can be easily handled, is not too heavy and can be easily accommodated by them. If not they should not accept the task. A driver who has satisfied himself/herself accordingly, can then pick the task up.

I hope this note is helpful for both residents and drivers.

Emrys Parry Volunteer Driver Coordinator

When Emrys is away please continue to request transport through me.

Wendy Wooldridge, 4662

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

We want it to inform, entertain and help keep everybody involved 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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