



LAKE NEWS

Please make sure that contributions for the March and April issues are sent to samdauncey@live.co.uk.

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

We try to inform, entertain and 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?

The snowy painting above is a detail of a demonstration done by Graham Sproston for Sam & Belinda Dauncey

three trombonists (with percussion, keyboard and vocalists) matched shiny brass with shiny pates (a *String of Pearls*?). They seemed thoroughly to enjoy camping up their instrumental choreography.

After getting *In The Mood* with old favourites like *American Patrol* and *Begin the Beguine* we were all tapping along through a dozen or more equally familiar tunes.

After the interval (Ice cream for two instead of *Tea for Two*) we were ready to be roused by *The Dam Busters* and *The Saints Marching In* before listening for the *Nightingale in Berkeley Square*. Of course we all had to shout "Oh, Oh, Oh" after *Pennsylvania 6-5*.

We know it's *A Wonderful World* but after a final reminder that we really were *In the Mood* it was, sadly, *Adios*.

Thanks Joan, Jo and Janet. *Sam Dauncey*

A Warm Welcome

to Patricia Thorpe who has moved into Oakleigh Square.

We hope you will be very happy here at Hampshire Lakes.

Book Club

Six members of the Book club attended this month and it was good to see Brefni Bray who joined us at the end of our meeting.

The next Book Club is on Thursday 3rd March at 11 am in the Library. *Diana Duckworth*

DENDROCHRONOLOGISTS' NOTEBOOKS ARE TREE-RING BINDERS.

One Enchanted Evening

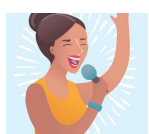


Actually it was an afternoon that Joan and Jo arranged for Theatre Together at the end of January - so not exactly a *Moonlight Serenade*. Nor was it a *Chattanooga Choo Choo* but an Hodges Coach that Janet had booked to take us to the Glenn Miller Orchestra at Woking. Some of the five scarlet-jacketed saxophonists, four trumpeters and

Entertainment Payments

When booking for a social event that offers entertainment to residents, the Social and Entertainment Group make the arrangements.

We have to negotiate a fee and pay a deposit up front with the remainder payable on the performance day.



Fees vary considerably but tend to average at about £10 per person given 40 to 50 attendees, so that is why we ask for a £10 deposit from everyone.

If we have a surplus it is paid into the bank to go towards more expensive events like New Year, or for those times like recently when numbers, and therefore income, is depleted by illness. Only 32 residents attended Burns Night due to Covid, but we needed 40 people to break even. Refunds are normally given only in the case of illness: we still have to pay the fees for the service booked!

We always try to book entertainers that are recommended and offer a pleasing experience for everyone.

Joan Russam

Parking

I have a dedicated parking space that I would like to rent out. Please contact Nasar (610) or me, directly, if you are interested.

Sidney Norman, 48 Oakleigh Square, 4671

Burns Night

Several of our residents had tested positive for covid in the days before Burns Night so attendance was down but that didn't stop it



being a really good night out with the traditional haggis and neeps. We even had a little bottle of our own label whisky on each table. The piper was excellent and gave a spirited rendition of Robbie Burns as she blessed the haggis.

If you didn't manage to come and would like to see what we got up to Keith Hall has put his video of the event on You Tube. Here is the link - <https://youtu.be/ypX1mg2fStk>

Great fun.

Jenny Hydes

PAM CUTHBERTSON(4597), SAM DAUNCEY(4627), DIANA DUCKWORTH(4659), JENNY HYDES(4607), WENDY WOOLDRIDGE(4662)

Eating Out No 2:

After last month's item on pubs here are some **Restaurants** in easy reach of Hampshire Lakes:

There are two Italian ones in Hartley Wintney

Mama Mia - This is the more upmarket restaurant, that most locals know about. The food is good Italian food and it is quite cosy. Inside service is attentive here. I am not sure though that the food is better than the other Italian restaurant:

Sorriso - which is a bit more casual, but apparently has a great atmosphere on Fridays and Saturdays. It is cheaper and the service when I was there was a bit slow, even though on a Tuesday there were not that many people in there. But the food was also good.

There are also 2 Indian restaurants in Hartley Wintney: **Monsoon** and **The Taj**. I have not been to either, but locals from Hartley Wintney tell me that Monsoon is the slightly better one out of the two. They are typical Indian restaurants and the prices are similar in both.

My favourite is **Dabbawallah** in Wokingham. It is in the square behind Gails, so no traffic and in the summer you can sit outside. It serves Indian Street food, so portions to be shared. The food is excellent and it is very reasonable! Service is very good and it always has a great atmosphere. You need to book here, as it is very popular.

If you like gin, there is a Gin Palace with over 200 gins next door, (no food) And there is a fairly large Cook Shop there too!

Heidi Markham

Life in a Retirement Village

My first six months at Hampshire Lakes were a complete change from my way of life in Chard. I wrote this article for my old church magazine and thought it might interest you.

I have a penthouse apartment in the main building in the centre of the village and therefore at the hub of village life.

There is a bistro and bar. Any time I don't want to get my main meal I go down to the bistro for a good lunch. A small shop sells all your daily essentials and also provides a place for meeting up with friends for a coffee and a chat. For the more active there is a very well

equipped gym which I have used and also a good sized heated indoor swimming pool. There is a hairdresser who is available most weekdays. A care manager and staff are always available should you need any medical assistance. The town of Yateley is right on the doorstep and Sandhurst and Crowthorne are only a few minutes away by car. If needed the main hospital of Frimley Park is only a few miles away.

I do a lot of walking and the village is situated on the edge of a series of lakes. A short walk from my apartment through the woods opposite and I am at a lakeside. I usually see one or two pairs of swans sometimes with signets and also cormorants, herons, gulls, mallards and occasionally other species. My camera has been quite busy. Since arriving in the village I joined some fellow golfers and played on Thursdays at a local 9 hole course.

I have not joined a local church but we have a monthly communion service here and also other services on special occasions. I very much enjoy having family close by and seeing them quite often.

Robert Rollings

Museum of Military Medicine

In last month's issue it was mentioned that some Reveille members visited the Museum of Military Medicine (as it is now called). It was a small group of just four as the date and time conflicted with the Bridge Club meeting!

Nevertheless, the intrepid four arrived at Keogh Barracks at Mytchett at 10.00am as the museum opened and after some negotiation we were admitted to the barracks and directed to the museum where we were able to park immediately outside. There were no other visitors so we had the whole museum to ourselves.

The museum was formed by amalgamating the four collections of the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC), Royal Army Veterinary Corps (RAVC), Royal Army Dental Corps (RADC) and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC).

These four collections are displayed independently of each other and feature particular wars and campaigns. Artifacts go back to the time of the English Civil War and include all manner of items ranging from

dental chairs to weapons. There are of course many medals on display many of them with accompanying information about the recipients and the episodes for which they were awarded.

It is a fascinating and eclectic collection and we spent nearly two hours exploring it.

It is well worth a visit (currently available only by prior arrangement.

www.museumofmilitarymedicine.org.uk/ and the phone number is 01252 523176.

In the longer term, the museum has just obtained planning permission for a new purpose-built building in Cardiff.

John R Paine

Speedbirds



A new event - with opening meeting of Hampshire Lakes airline people set for Weds Feb 16th 1800hrs in the Library.

Plenty of Tales to tell ! Anyone with Airline connections in their careers is welcome and should contact me (4614).

Speedbird is a longstanding term in British aviation with its own story - but now used in Operations as the callsign for all BA flights.

Jonathan Martin

Many Thanks

to Julie who is leaving us this month. Julie has been such a wonderful member of the staff here at Hampshire Lakes. Always kind, helpful and polite she has been a great asset to the Reception Team. We have also been so lucky to have benefited from her artistic touch. Who can forget her Halloween displays, her poignant depictions of soldiers for Remembrance Day as well as lovely Christmas decorations?

Good luck Julie in your new job. We'll all miss you.

Lakes News Team

Toiletries for Charity

Aileen Hanley has a retired social worker friend who now helps with a charity in Farnham who give out Hygiene Boxes to families in need of everyday toiletries for men, women and children.



So for men things like deodorants and shaving products. Also toothpaste and brushes are needed so that families don't share one toothbrush, and shower gel so they don't use washing

up liquid because it's cheaper and so on.

Maybe people here at Hampshire Lakes have some unwanted and unused toiletries from Christmas which would be suitable for all members of the family which they would be happy to donate. And of course if they want to make a special purchase that would be much appreciated.

I would be happy to collect any items. There will be a box left in Reception to collect any such items.

Chris Widman

Service Charge rises 3.3%.

We have to pay Anchor a Service Charge to cover the cost of running Hampshire Lakes. Each year a budget (estimate) is made. The payments we make correspond to this budget after adjustment for any under- or over-payment in the previous year (difference between Anchor's actual spending and the budget).

For 2021/22 the monthly estimate was £604.02 which was met by a Service Charge payment of £537.30 plus £66.72 brought forward from an overpayment in an earlier year.

For 2022/23 the monthly estimate is £624.07 which is to be met by a Service Charge payment of £597.13 plus £26.94 (including £3.53 Income from Wellness) brought forward from overpayment in 2020/2021.

The increase has misleadingly been presented as about £60 (£597.13 minus £537.30) whereas the true cost increase is a much more reasonable £20.05 (£624.07 minus £604.02,) or 3.3%.

Joan Russam

The new rules for the Highway Code

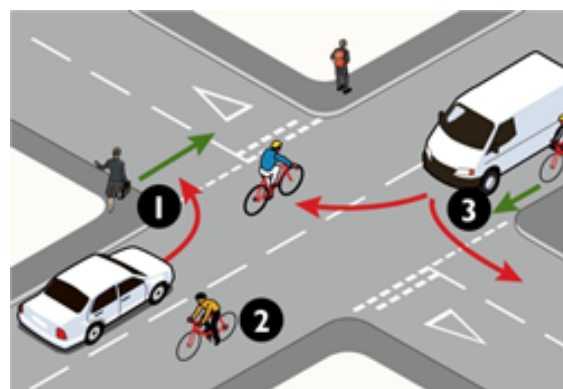
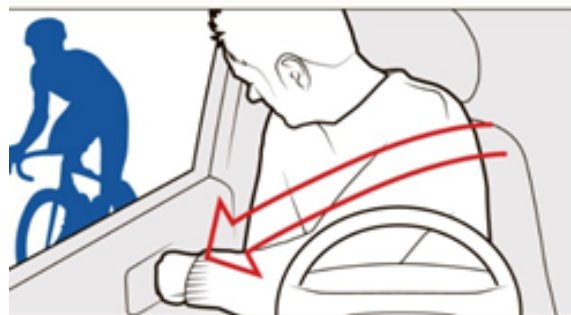
Below is a diagram illustrating the new Highway Code rules. They are designed to make pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse safer by giving them priority over other road users. However, as drivers have not been officially informed of the changes, we should all continue to be on our guard

Priority for pedestrians crossing the road at junctions

Cyclists should ride in the centre of the lane to be more visible in certain situations

Motorists turning at a junction or changing lane should not cut across cyclists

The driver should open the door with their left hand, and the front passenger should open their door with their right hand, forcing them to turn their body and check behind them for passing cyclists



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