



LAKE NEWS

Fencing of 'Adjacent Land'

Important. Before July 7th. You have all received the letter from Hart about the planning application for a fence around the lake and river. The more individuals who object the better the chance that it is rejected. Look at the plan (there is a copy in reception) and re-read the criteria taken into account by the Council.

Register first, www.hart.gov.uk, to get a password. Then follow the instructions in the letter. If you need help, ask Debbie.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend at Hampshire Lakes

Keith Hall's video highlights the 3 events held at Hampshire Lakes during the Weekend and includes some of the highlights of the events in London.

To view the 24-minute long video enter the link below into your Internet Browser.

<https://youtu.be/Hiu7ssG9WJk>

If you would like a click-able version email
keithhall88@gmail.com

The special weekend began with an extended Happy Hour and the opportunity to take part in The Great Jubilee Quiz devised and presented by Debbie. Teams of six were challenged on topics ranging from TV tunes to Prime Ministers. There was much scratching of heads, whispered suggestions and cries of "cheat!" accompanied by copious consumption of wine and beer! The winning team was congratulated with good humour and jollity.

Saturday dawned with the promise of drizzle and patchy sunshine but the Bistro and the bar

team were not daunted. In no time at all a gazebo, tables and bunting appeared on the Village Green.

The sun came out as did the village, and Mike and his team served a tasty menu of barbecue food. Community spirit was much in evidence as was a chilly breeze which contributed to a somewhat early departure of most guests.

Celebrations continued on Sunday with a tea party, this time held indoors. A toast to the Queen was followed by a delicious afternoon tea including the Jubilee Trifle which was expertly made by Michelle. The traditional red, white and blue theme complimented the tables and the vintage "Ladies in Red" duo entertained us with a "feel good" programme of classic songs from the last seventy years to make you smile.

It was a pleasure to be part of such a happy community celebrating the great achievement of the Queen.

Compliments also to so many residents who appeared throughout the weekend wearing red, white and blue and to Brian who did not disappoint!

Huge thanks to so many who made the weekend a success; Debbie, Jo, Dawn, Mike and the bistro team, the bar team, the reception team and all the support staff.

A good time was had by all! *Joan Russam*

A Plea from Wellness.

It is most **important** that you sign into the Wellness centre when you arrive. We need to monitor usage, not least to find out how much we are using it, compared to non-residents.

We may be over-paying! *Lakes News Team*

Library

Thanks to the residents who have recently donated books to the library. All up to date books in good condition, hard backs and paperbacks, are always gratefully received

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Thursday 7th July, 11 am** in the Library.

A programme on BBC2 "Between the Covers" is on at the moment on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. It's a series of 7 programmes where the guests discuss their favourite books and also review recently published ones. Not dissimilar to our meeting! Worth picking up on iPlayer. *Diana Duckworth (tel 4659)*

Theatre Together

Make sure you visit reception to sign up for the latest theatre trips.

The wonderful **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat** is on Thursday 4th August at the New Victoria Theatre Reading. We leave reception at 1.15 pm for the 2.30 pm performance.

The Big Band Sound



Are there big band fans in our community? Perhaps Glenn Miller followers or a taste for Count Basie or Duke Ellington?

I've just been to a concert in Finchamstead by the REMIX jazz orchestra (18 strong incl. 2 females). Directed by the ex-principal trumpet of

the Scots Guards Band, the performance quality is impressive (5 Saxes, 4 Trombones, 4 Trumpets, piano, drums, guitar and double-bass.)

The show is two one-hour sets starting at 8pm on the last Friday of the month. We were treated to a female singer as well. The couple sitting next to us come up from Portsmouth for every show.

Tickets are £15. and the "take" is shared by the musicians.

If a group of us goes along we could share transport - anyone wanting more info please call me. *Jonathan Martin, ext 4614*

Barbershop Evening

Here is the link to Kieth Hall's video of the event on 24 May

<https://youtu.be/ToJowQVf3WE>

Don't be too upset if you missed them as they will be returning to Hampshire lakes just before Christmas. Be sure you book the minute its advertised!

Phyllis Tuckwell 'Walk for the Wards'

On July 17th Heather Parrish and Jo Taylor will be participating in a sponsored 'Walk for the Wards' event for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice where they will walk 5 miles hoping that others, like yourselves, will sponsor them to raise lots of money! Both of them have lost family and friends to cancer in recent years and so this charity is very close to their hearts. Please be generous!



There will be a sponsorship form left at reception, alternatively they have set up a page on the Just Giving website. If you wish to use the latter, please email Jo (jotay14@gmail.com) and she will send you a link.

Many of you already know about the wonderful work that the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice does for cancer sufferers and their families. This compassionate hospice care is only possible through the generous support of the local community, who have provided both money and time to support the Hospice for over 40 years. The Government/NHS usually only provide around 20% of the funds needed, so it is necessary to raise over £25,000 every single day to continue this much needed and appreciated work.

Heather and Jo will be extremely appreciative of anything that you can contribute to this very worthwhile cause. *Jo Taylor*

Farewell and best wishes . .

. . to Jane Ashcroft who is stepping down after 12 years as Chief Executive of Anchor.

Sarah Jones, Anchor's chief financial officer, will succeed her from 1st August. Jane visited Hampshire Lakes on several occasions and received our monthly Lakes News from Diana. We do hope Sarah will be able to find time to visit us here. Diana will make sure Sarah too receives Lakes News each month. *Jenny Hydes*

Thank you

The Hygiene Bank recently asked us to donate items to help a community project aimed at helping out those who needed soaps, shampoos and other items for personal hygiene. They have written to Aileen Hanley to thank us for the items we donated.

David Wooldridge

Sadly, David died on 3rd June. There will be a Service at Easthampstead Crematorium at 1.00 pm on 11th July.

I am overwhelmed by all the cards and kind words about David. Thank you all so much, they mean a lot. I also want to thank our carers who kept David comfortable at home for the last four weeks of his life. I could not have managed without them. *Wendy Wooldridge*

We offer our sincere condolences to Wendy and her family for her loss. David will be greatly missed.

Wellbeing

Julie Gibson, Anchor's Wellbeing Advisor, came to our coffee morning on 10th June to talk about all Anchor's free online 'Be Well' offers. Included, for example, are basic editing and filming skills to produce individual short films of life stories and interesting courses, such as First Aid for pets, self-development, computing etc.

Julie also explained that through 'Be Involved' Anchor listens to residents' feedback, views and opinions. You can sign up to be a member of the Involvement Panel to keep in touch with consultations and to be consulted or even to sit on the Scrutiny Panel, Residents' Council or a specific group like Sensory Impairment, LGBT+, and EmBRACE.

Contact Julie.gibson@anchor.org.uk

Tel: 07903 570910

Watch the Birdie

Moor(or less)hens

For the last few weeks, we have had a pair of Moorhens nesting on the lake amongst the reeds, 4 eggs were hatched and the chicks have been swimming around the pond together.



Sadly, more recently it would appear that there is only one chick, unless you have been lucky enough to see more? *(Note by Sam, mid-June: More ducklings, two coot chicks on one of the nursery fish ponds and the swan is still sitting there on her second clutch).*

Mr Swan on guard.

If you have not been able to take a walk around the local lakes you might not be aware of the



new family of swans and signets that are living on the 'causeway area'. The photo shows Mr Swan guarding his lovely family while they take a rest.

Keith Hall

Thinks

1. If a footpath is getting overgrown, how about walking two abreast and vigorously waving a stick?
2. No need to complain that the willows and alders stop you seeing River Valley Lake from the causeway: The water is low enough for you to be able to walk along some of the water's edge if you are reasonably mobile. Folding stems to breaking point makes access even easier.

Sam Dauncey

Ear Wax?

A very convenient reasonably-priced wax-removal service is given by "Essentials Ear Care", Daniela Jones, 1 West Fryerne, Yateley 01252 659671, Mob 07747 697810

www.essentialsearcare.co.uk.

It's 5 minutes from here by car. *Rita Wakeley*

Gardeners at last!

Hampshire Lakes' very own gardeners. It's wonderful to be able to write that sentence after many years of campaigning. I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to meet Mike and Hudson, and that everyone is



noticing the progress being made to catch up with the numerous outstanding jobs they were faced with, before they start on any design and planting improvements. They both really appreciate the many compliments they have received, so

please continue to give them, as apparently the compliments ease their aching backs! If you have any particular jobs to bring to their attention please continue to write them in the Gardening Book which is held at reception.

Mike worked in South Africa for 21 years, where his enthusiasm for the use of indigenous planting helped him win prestigious awards for Landscape Design and innovative irrigation systems. He came to the UK in 2012, then moved to Yateley in 2015, just as our village was coming to life. He had his eye on our gardens, and when the job was advertised he immediately applied. We are delighted he did! He will be here 5 days a week and already our grounds and gardens are really beginning to take shape and look cared for.

Hudson is Mike's righthand man. As well as his 3 days a week here he is a firefighter at Crowthorne. He is keen to continue to enlarge

his horticultural knowledge and will learn a lot from Mike.

Mike is passionate about the environment, passionate about wildlife and conservancy and passionate about improving our grounds and gardens. He wants to turn Hampshire Lakes' gardens into the flagship garden in Anchor's portfolio! What more could we ask?

Janet McCombie

Talking about gardens

It's well worth taking a daily walk around our village to enjoy the lovely gardens many of which have been planted and are being cared for by the residents themselves.

Start at the crossroads and walk along Hammond Way to enjoy the gardens of Maple Bank. Walk across the bridge (where the moorhens are) then turn left along the gravel path. The pond lawn is very pretty and the residents of Sycamore Court and Hawthorne Walk have filled the beds with flowers and their patios with lovely tubs. Turn left into Chelsea Gardens to enjoy yet another range of flowers and shrubs. If you walk through the Quiet Square you come to Ker Walk. Walk across and onto the Village Green and enjoy yet more flower beds in Poplar Lodge and Birch Grove.

Continue to walk until you come to Oakleigh Square Garden where you will often find a few like-minded souls enjoying the sunshine behind Cottons. Keep going behind the Wellness Centre to the boules court to enjoy the balconies and patios of Chestnut Grange, Acorn Court and Cherry Bank.

The village belongs to all residents, so enjoy all of it. There are plenty of benches for all of us to use. Enjoy our village to the full. *Jenny Hydes*

Why is there nothing from you yet?

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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