



LAKE NEWS

Hampshire Lakes Residents Association

As you read last month, our AGM is to be held on the first Monday in September. In this case it's **5th September at 3pm** in the bar/bistro.

It really important that the HLRA keeps up to date with the needs and wishes of all residents and that the committee feels they represent all of the village. It has enjoyed excellent support from residents.

So please come to the AGM on 5th September.
Jenny Hydes

Membership Renewal

The time has come for the yearly renewal of subscriptions. How quickly it comes round!

After the AGM on September 5th I will be in the reception area to receive your £15 per apartment. Subscriptions are for the year to September 2023. Cheques, cash or bank transfers are acceptable. Our bank details are:

Name: Hampshire Lakes Residents Association
(or as much of it as your bank will accept)

Sort Code: 60 18 53,

Account No: 22181644,
and please give the

Reference: Your apartment number and surname (eg 28duckworth)

If you decide to pay by bank transfer I would be grateful if you could let me know, either by email at m.d.duckworth@btinternet.com or phone (4659)

I look forward to seeing you all!

Diana Duckworth (4659)

'Cabaret' Film Night

The main film on 10 August lasted over two hours so that when you had already sat through the 'B-movie' (12 minutes, made during my recent cruise to Greenland) there were one or two 'numb bums'. However, I reckon that both the meal and the film(s) went down very well.
Sam Dauncey

Come to the Boules Match

On Thursday September 8th residents from our sister village, Bishopstoke Park, will visit us to play a boules match. Six of our residents (team organised by Keith Hall) will play six of them, though we think they will bring a bus load of 12).

A pub type lunch will be served in the bar with food ordered from the Cottons menu. I expect we will be giving a guided tour of the village to our visitors beforehand.

Please support our valiant team and join us for lunch in the bar. (Please make sure you **order your lunch from Cottons** a few days in advance.
Jenny Hydes

A warm welcome . . .

. . . to Thelma Williams who now lives at 2 Walnut Walk,

to Tony Levine at 44 Oakleigh Square

and to Roger and Annet Pullen who have just moved into 18 Lime Court. We do hope you will all be very happy here. *Lakes News Team*

Reveille

The speaker on 10 August was Solicitor, John Housden. You don't have to be in the Army to be involved with the Military. Wrongdoers brought him, as a Solicitor, into contact with them. Soldiers have to obey Civil laws just like the rest of us. The Army has it's own way of dealing with civilian crime: a Court Martial. The more serious offenders will find themselves in court with a civilian judge defended by a civilian lawyer, in this case John! We all thoroughly enjoyed his many experiences in court.

Thanks to David Allan, too. In July he had entertained the group with his experiences in the Royal Horse Artillery. Along with many postings around the world, he told us about his role of breaking in and training horses for ceremonial events.

Mike Duckworth

Hampshire Lakes Entertainment

Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

On 4 August a coach load of us went to Woking to see 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'.



I did not enjoy this production. It was obviously very different from versions that several friends had seen at other venues. This one seemed to be dumbed down, presumably to suit a younger audience as it was school holiday time. I found it difficult to accept young children playing adults with the addition of a beard and I disliked gimmicks such as "holiday in sunny Egypt" posters or Joseph having his arm round Pharaoh's shoulder while someone took their photo on a mobile phone.

One general dislike was the excessively loud orchestral introduction. Why do they do it, apart from "because they can"?

Wendy Wooldridge

Chichester, 'Crazy for You'

On the 9th August thirty Hampshire Lakes residents set off on a beautiful morning for our annual trip to the Chichester Festival Theatre. Many of us had high expectations, having

enjoyed Fiddler on the Roof, Me and My Girl, Oklahoma and South Pacific in past years with Theatre Together.

We were not disappointed! After a tasty lunch the glorious Gershwin melodies were as fresh as ever, with dry ice and neon lights. The somewhat corny story was packed with precision tap dancing, ballet, and ballroom



accompanied by those wonderful classics "I've got rhythm", "Someone to watch over me" and many more. The choreography was outstanding.

Another great day out, although we are very sorry that a number of people became unwell soon after with coronavirus.

Joan Russam

Country and Western



The 23rd August saw a Country and Western evening on the Village Green with the "Honky Tonk Duo". Plenty of BBQ food, good fun, good company, good weather,

Sam Dauncey

Book Club

We next meet **THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER** at 11 am in the Library.

Book Reviews

One of our residents, David Wooldridge, who died recently, was a great story teller. He would tell stories to his family based on his life as a youngster, living in India around 1938.

The 3 short stories in David's '**The Banyan Tree**' are delightful, full of exciting situations and a lot of imagination about what happened to David way back then! His family loved them and wanted to share them so they published this book. We are lucky to have had a copy donated to the Library. It's very short and well worth reading!

Diana Duckworth

Gardening update

from Michael your 'Head Gardener'

The 3 months have flown by since I started as Head Gardener at Hampshire Lakes. The gardens had been severely neglected and I had to identify and prioritise numerous activities, in terms of maintenance, which were essential, in order to bring the site up to a presentable standard.

1.The weeds were competing with the plants and shrubs in the beds and their removal took a considerable amount of time and effort.

2.The entire site - (Roadways, Car-park areas, Patios, Pathways and Gravel areas) was sprayed with an approved herbicide.

3."Forest Walk"; - This area was very overgrown with grass and bramble and has been cut back and cleared, transforming the area into a more "user-friendly" asset to the Village.

4.Hanging baskets were planted and installed outside the Reception area.

5.Window troughs were planted and installed on the upper Care-home deck.

6.Numerous new plants have been positioned in individual gardens.

7.A number of gardens have been cleared out and transformed into more presentable areas.

With respect to the above, I would like to bring to the attention of all residents, the fact that we have a "Gardening Suggestion Book", which is situated at the Reception area, next to the Receptionists, which is to be used to log all requests for works to be done in your gardens.

I have been guilty of attending to a large number of requests which were not booked, but which still took considerable amounts of time to complete and which are easily overlooked and forgotten.

I am sure you will understand that this can get a bit chaotic, if not implemented correctly.

8.The future "Wild-flower area", next to the shed has been cut down and cleared.

9.During the period of extreme heat, an area behind Walnut Walk Apartments was identified as a Fire hazard and was cut back and cleared accordingly.

10.The Pond and it's surrounding area.

There have been numerous requests/ complaints regarding this area. I commenced work here at Hampshire Lakes in May, 2022, which was well into the Bird-nesting season. As recent as Monday, 22nd August, 2022, I observed a family of Moorhens, consisting of 2 parents, one of which was sitting on their nest, and 2 babies on the pond. Please note : - [Extract of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981] *It is an offence to intentionally or recklessly disturb birds while nest-building, but also while they're at or near a nest containing eggs or young, or to disturb their dependent young.*

We will attend to this area towards the end of September 2022, after ensuring that nesting has ceased and thereafter, will make sure that we clear the area again in late Winter before the next Bird-nesting season begins.

I have enjoyed the challenges of the last 3 months during which time I have familiarized myself with Hampshire Lakes and all of it's friendly residents and look forward to implementing further improvements to the site in the future.

Mike Nowick

Please Support (again)

Nasar is running in the **London Marathon** on Sunday October 2nd. He is raising money for **Mencap**. To donate go to [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and type Nasar Khan in the search bar.

Jo Taylor, Heather Parrish and Meryl Branson



thank all those who supported their walk in aid of **Phyllis Tuckwell** (not least Brian Bishop for helping to keep them

hydrated!) They raised just over £1,900.

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South West Greenland

While you were all suffering the July heat wave I was enjoying a cruise to Iceland and Greenland on Saga's 'Spirit of Discovery'. The weather was unusual there too. Apart from a bit of movement as we left the Orkneys the stabilisers were not needed. The North Atlantic and the Greenland fjords were generally like millponds, the sky was mostly blue, the temperatures were unseasonably warm (never below freezing and once even touching about 20C), we saw little fog (what we did see was sudden and impenetrable), the mosquitos were not as bad as all that (we looked naff with mosquito nets over our hats) and anyone willing to spend the time on deck saw plenty of Cetacea.

As you can see from my photo on the front page, glaciers are falling to bits at an alarming rate due to climate change.

The south-west coast is a maze of fjords and islands, surrounded by 'berg bits' (small icebergs). The 'countryside' is bleak, a strip of rocky coastal land. Sheep might like it, grass is harvested, there are lovely wild flowers and of course there is science, fishing and tourism.



Greenland's capital, Nuuk, has a population of only 19,000. The smallest port we visited, Narsarsuaq, is home for only about 145 but boasts an hotel and a full size landing strip, built by the USA to act as an aircraft refuelling stop in the second world war. This part of Greenland has roads in built-up areas only, so residents mostly have boats instead of cars.

Sam Dauncey

Last Night of the Proms

Is on Saturday 10th September. We will be celebrating in the Bistro with a traditional menu. The Proms will be streamed live and we will be able to adjourn to the bar to listen to the music and add to the occasion with our own celebration.

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Felicity Martin

My wife Felicity died recently and with my family I wish to express our most sincere thanks to Tracey and all of her Care Team for the unstinting help and support provided over years of attention -always upbeat and cheerful and often at short notice. This will always be remembered.

Jonathan Martin, Gail and Cindy.

And we all offer Jonathan our condolences. We are well aware of his devotion in looking after Felicity in her final years, too.

Gerry Heath

Some of you may be aware that Gerry Heath has moved away from Hampshire Lakes to be closer to family on the South coast. Sadly Gerry's Alzheimer's dementia has progressed lately and after a respite stay at a care home Gerry became a permanent resident in May and was unable to return home to Hampshire Lakes to say goodbye to friends and staff, the trip back would have been too stressful and confusing for him. The move hasn't been easy but Gerry is settling in well but is sad that he wasn't able to return to say goodbye to friends and staff at Hampshire Lakes. He has a lovely room at York House, the staff are wonderful and Gerry is enjoying living by the sea with trips out with family to enjoy the summer weather. If anyone would like to keep in touch Gerry's address is York House Care Home, 8 Cauldon Ave, Swanage BH19 1PQ

Melanie Caldow (daughter)

WE ARE ALL GETTING FITTER AT HAMPSHIRE LAKES. HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW MUCH EASIER IT'S GETTING TO CARRY YOUR £50 OF GROCERIES HOME?

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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Your contributions are our life-blood.