

Update for HNW members – July 2024

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Members – please let us know about your harping activity. We love to hear what you are getting up to. Do send a photo and a few words to Veronica, the newsletter editor, on the above email address, to be published in the **next newsletter due in Aug/Sep.**

HNW Dates for the Diary – July 2024 onwards

Times are BST (UTC+1) until the end of October 2024 Road/travel information - <https://www.facebook.com/Cumbriaroadwatch/>

Date and cost (if any)	Event details and how to book	Venue
<p align="center">Harps North West 20th Anniversary Playing Group Celebration Parties</p> <p>The five Playing Groups have flourished and developed each in their own way. They have become an important bedrock within Harps North West (HNW) giving harpists of all levels the opportunity to play and learn with others.</p> <p>As part of the 20th Anniversary celebrations, in order to include as many of you that we possibly can, HNW is supporting each Playing Group in hosting a Celebration Party and an informal concert in their locality. The events will reflect the uniqueness of each Playing Group – it is your party to plan. Basically the events will run on similar lines to the HNW Christmas Party day – rehearsal in the morning, shared lunch and an informal performance/concert for family and friends in the afternoon. There is a playlist of music to choose from that all members are invited to play (see page 4 of the May newsletter). Playing Groups are invited to play a piece or two.</p> <p>If you and/or your Playing Group would like to attend one or more of the Parties please let the following harpists know: (Harps Out West, 18th May, & Harps Up North, 29th June, were great successes enjoyed by 13+ harpists on each occasion and an appreciative audience of family and friends.)</p> <p>Red Rose Harps – Saturday 7th September – Slyne-with-Hest - Carol Coldwell coldwellcarol@gmail.com Harps South Lakes – Saturday 12th October – Swartmoor Hall, Ulverston - Hazel Ord hazeyhead49@gmail.com</p> <p>At all live sessions this year there is a chance to win three exquisite hand-made items, made for the 20th Anniversary Celebration Year. Ann Woolley has made a beautiful quilt reflecting the colours of the Lake District. Gill Salter-Smith has hand-sewn a Teddy Bear, who is playing an amazingly crafted model Pilgrim Harp, designed and constructed by Alastair Woolley. You are invited to buy a raffle ticket for the quilt and enter the Guess the Name of the Bear competition – £5. Winners to be announced at the 2024 HNW Christmas Party. Gill Lowden's new books will also be on sale. The Square Reader will be available in order to take payment from cards.</p>		
From the beginning of July	<p>HNW membership fees are due for renewal.</p> <p>Please complete a membership form (attached to the message with this update) and return to our administrator, Alison. See the form for how to pay and where to send the form.</p> <p>Please consider setting up a Standing Order so that you know your membership of HNW will continue each year.</p> <p>Please consider offering Gift Aid.</p>	
Wed 3 rd July 19:30 to 21:00 Free to members Donations welcome from non-members	<p>*NEW* Playing in a Session with Susan Lambert. An opportunity to learn how to play in a session and great preparation for the Saturday night Party session at the HNW 20th Anniversary Festival at Higham Hall.</p> <p>No need to sign up. All members, and festival delegates, will be sent a Zoom link and the recording. Members have also been sent the Session booklet. Also available on the HNW website under OTHER - SESSION TUNES</p>	Zoom
Friday 19 th July – Sunday 21 st July Arrive 16:00	<p>Harps North West – 20th Anniversary Festival Stephen Dunstone, Mary Dunsford, Shelley Fairplay and Wendy Stewart and Susan Lambert in concert</p> <p>Sadly day visitors will not be possible as the festival is just about fully booked.</p> <p>Concert: Friday 19th July 20:00 – fully booked Festival Dinner: Saturday 20th July – fully booked</p> <p>All enquiries re the festival bookings should be directed to admin@highamhall.com 017687 76276 Website: https://highamhall.com/</p> <p>Absolute Beginners' Workshop led by Mary Dunsford. Sat am 20th July £25. Please contact festival@harpsnorthwest.org.uk for a booking form. Just a few places available.</p> <p>Youth Session for Under 18 harpists, with Mary Dunsford and Clara</p>	Higham Hall, near Cockermouth CA13 9SH

Other Dates/Activities for a Harpist's Diary 2023/2024

On-going	Learn how to use a Loop with Ruth Lee https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwOL6Kv0dDc ruthleeharpist.com/loop ruthleeharpist@gmail.com	On-line learning
Sundays 20:15 to 21:30 From 27 th June or 15 th Sep	Step into the Spotlight – Conquer Performance Anxiety Eight week course https://www.ailierobertson.com/workshops	On-line learning via Zoom
4 th September 19:30 Tickets £23	Catrine Finch (harp) and Aoife Ni Bhriain (fiddle) https://www.breweryarts.co.uk/event/catrin-finch-and-aoife-ni-bhriain/	Brewery Arts Centre. Kendal. LA9 4HE
3rd November 2024 – more details to come	The Swan of Salen Ballet film with live score played by the Willow Clarsach Trio . The Swan of Salen is a multimedia folk ballet created by The Willow Trio and production company Ballet Folk . The Swan of Salen Project is a multimedia adaptation of the heartbreaking tragedy of Tchaikovsky's <i>Swan Lake</i> and the parallel Gaelic legend, <i>Eala Shàilein</i> . Looks fascinating & haunting! https://www.newbyendfarm.co.uk/courses-events/	Newby End Farm CA10 3AX

Gill Lowden's Books of Music

Gill has produced three terrific publications available as hard copies or pdfs. She is very kindly donating all sale proceeds to Harps North West.

1. Stargazing - seven pieces for two or more lever harps.

£12 per hard copy or £10 for a PDF. Postage of the hard copy - £2.40

2. The Yellow Wheelbarrow – seven Solo pieces.

£10 per book or £8 for a PDF. Postage of the hard copy - £2.40

3. Souvenirs d'une Scierie is a single advanced solo piece. Only available as a pdf file £6.

For hard copies of pdfs please contact Gill Salter-Smith on events@harpnorthwest.org.uk. The files will be sent by email or hard copies posted once the payment has been received in the Harps North West Bank account. (See below for how to pay.)

Gill has recorded excerpts of the seven solo pieces in Yellow Wheelbarrow. Please let me know if you would like these sending to you. Contact Gill Salter-Smith on events@harpnorthwest.org.uk

Items for sale

Payments for HNW events

Harps North West (HNW) is committed to providing opportunities to play and appreciate the harp. We offer many events to members free of charge, though we do ask members to consider making a voluntary donation to help cover costs (suggested minimum of £5). We ask for a specific fee for some tutor-led workshops. Non-members are asked for a higher fee or they may join HNW and pay the same as members. Payments can be made by bank transfer or, from outside the UK, by Paypal.

Harps North West Bank details

Bank: HSBC, Name of Account: Harps North West

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Account Number: 81806521

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