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

Harps North West 20th Anniversary Playing Group Celebration Parties

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.

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.

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.)

Red Rose Harps – Saturday 7th September – Slyne-with-Hest - Carol Coldwell <u>coldwellcarol@gmail.com</u>
Harps South Lakes – Saturday 12th October – Swartmoor Hall, Ulverston - Hazel Ord <u>hazeyhead49@gmail.com</u>

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.

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From the beginning of July HNW membership fees are due for renewal.				
	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.			
	Please consider setting up a Standing Order so that you know your membership of HNW will			
	continue each year. Please consider offering Gift Aid.			
Wed 3 rd July	*NEW* Playing in a Session with Susan Lambert. An opportunity to learn	Zoom		
19:30 to 21:00	how to play in a session and great preparation for the Saturday night Party			
Free to members	session at the HNW 20 th Anniversary Festival at Higham Hall.			
Donations welcome from	No need to sign up. All members, and festival delegates, will be sent a			
non-members	Zoom link and the recording. Members have also been sent the Session			
	booklet. Also available on the HNW website under OTHER - SESSION			
	TUNES			
Friday 19 th July – Sunday	Harps North West – 20 th Anniversary Festival	Higham Hall, near		
21 st July	Stephen Dunstone, Mary Dunsford, Shelley Fairplay and Wendy Stewart	Cockermouth		
Arrive 16:00	and Susan Lambert in concert	CA13 9SH		
	Sadly day visitors will not be possible as the festival is just about fully booked.			
	Concert: Friday 19 th July 20:00 – fully booked			
	Festival Dinner: Saturday 20 th July – fully booked			
	All enquiries re the festival bookings should be directed to			
	admin@highamhall.com 017687 76276 Website: https://highamhall.com/			
	damine rightamidi.com			
	Absolute Beginners' Workshop led by Mary Dunsford. Sat am 20 th July			
	£25. Please contact festival@harpsnorthwest.org.uk for a booking form.			
	Just a few places available.			
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	Youth Session for Under 18 harpists, with Mary Dunsford and Clara			

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	Hepworth: Saturday 20 th July pm. No fee. A few places are available.	
	Please contact <u>festival@harpsnorthwest.org.uk</u> for a booking form.	
	Harp servicing with Mark Sharp – to book your harp in for a service during	
	the festival please contact Mark Sharp directly on 07984 246510	
	(preferably or sharpy61@live.com). The cost of a 34 string harp service is	
	£250. HNW will hopefully be able supply a hire harp or equivalent whilst	
	yours is being serviced. Please avoid the Saturday morning when the	
	beginners will be using the HNW hire harps. If you wish to borrow a harp	
	whilst yours is being service please talk to Mandy Bartlett on	
	events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk	
	Festival Party on Saturday evening led by Susan Lambert - Everyone is	
	invited to play a party piece, solo or ensemble. We shall play the HNW 20 th	
	anniversary tunes. Following the party pieces we will try our hands at	
	'joining in with a session'. The Session Tunes book is available to download	
	on the HNW website – OTHER – SESSION TUNES	
August	NB There will be no events or Update published in August. We'll need a	
30111	break after the festival! We look forwards to being with you in Sept'mber.	
Saturday 7 th September	*NEW* Red Rose Harps 20 th Anniversary Celebration Party led by Lauren	Slyne with Hest Church
Free to all	Scott	Hall LA2 6JG
10:00 Tuning	More details to come.	
10:30-12:30 -Workshop	Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play or	
12:30 - Shared lunch	may be to listen by contacting Carol on events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk	
13:45 - Concert		
Saturday 14 th September	*NEW* Christmas Party Practice led by Susan Lambert - am	Watermillock
Free to members	The HNW Annual General Meeting – Live and on Zoom - pm	Village Hall,
10:00 Tuning	The sheet music will be sent to all members in advance once the	Pooley Bridge.
10:30-12:30 - Workshop	programme has been decided.	CA11 OLR
12:30 - Shared lunch	Please let us know if you are coming along by contacting Mandy on	
13:45 – HNW AGM	events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk	The HNW AGM will
a deth a de	All members will be sent the Zoom link for the AGM	also be on Zoom
Saturday 12 th October	*NEW* Harps South Lakes 20 th Anniversry Celebration Party led by Mary	Swarthmoor Hall,
Free to all	Dunsford	Ulverston. LA12 0JQ
10:00 Tuning	Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play or	
10:30-12:30 -Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch	may be to listen by contacting Hazel/Gill on events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk	
13:45 - Concert	events@narpsnortnwest.org.uk	
Wednesday 23 rd October	*NEW* Christmas Party Practice on Zoom with Mary Dunsford	Zoom
19:30 – 21:00	All members will be sent the Zoom link in advance of the session. A	200111
Free to members	recording will be made available to members.	
Friday 8 th to Sunday 10 th	A Weekend with the Harp – Tutors Karen Marshalsay and Lauren Scott	Higham Hall, near
November	Contact Higham Hall directly to secure a place. admin@highamhall.com	Cockermouth
	017687 76276 Website: https://highamhall.com/	CA13 9SH
Sunday 17 th Nov	*NEW* Live Christmas Party Practice with Mary Dunsford in the morning	Endmoor Village Hall,
10:00 Tuning	& Absolute Beginners' Workshop in the afternoon	LA8 OHL
10:30-12:30 -Workshop	Christmas Party Workshop - Free for members	
13:30 – 16:00 Beginners	Absolute Beginners W'kshop - £30. Contact	
	events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk	
Sunday 8 th Dec	*NEW* Christmas Party led by Mary Dunsford – the final event of the	Grizebeck Community
12:30 - Shared lunch	20 th Anniversary Year	Hall LA17 7XH
13:45 - Concert for	Rehearsal in the morning, shared lunch and concert in the afternoon.	
family and friends	Contributions to the 20 th Anniversary Book of Colebration are still welcome	

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Photos of your harp experiences with HNW

Your personal harp journey

Pieces of music that are meaningful to you and HNW and a description of why.

Please send your contributions to Gill and Susan on events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk

HNW Bursaries for Young Harpists

Harps North West (HNW) offer annual bursaries to young harpists under the age of 18 on 1st September during the year of the award. The awards will commence from 1st September 2024.

Two bursaries of £250 each will be awarded each year. The bursaries are intended to cover costs of harp hire, tuition, workshops, sheet music and travel.

Applications must include a testimonial from the young person's harp teacher.

More information and application forms can be obtained from the convenor of HNW, Gill Salter-Smith, on convenor@harpsnorthwest.org.uk.

Applications must be submitted by the 31st July.

Other Dates/Activities for a Harpist's Diary 2023/2024				
On-going	Learn how to use a Loop with Ruth Lee	On-line learning		
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iw0L6Kv0dDc			
	ruthleeharpist.com/loop ruthleeharpist@gmail.com			
Sundays 20:15 to 21:30	Step into the Spotlight – Conquer Performance Anxiety Eight week course	On-line learning via		
From 27 th June or 15 th Sep	https://www.ailierobertson.com/workshops	Zoom		
4 th September	Catrine Finch (harp) and Aoife Ni Bhriain (fiddle)	Brewery Arts Centre.		
19:30 Tickets £23	https://www.breweryarts.co.uk/event/catrin-finch-and-aoife-ni-bhriain/	Kendal. LA9 4HE		
3rd November 2024 –	The Swan of Salen Ballet film with live score played by the Willow Clarsach	Newby End Farm		
more details to come	Trio . The Swan of Salen is a multimedia folk ballet created by The Willow	CA10 3AX		
	Trio and production company Ballet Folk. The Swan of Salen Project is a			
	multimedia adaptation of the heartbreaking tragedy of Tchaikovsky's Swan			
	Lake and the parallel Gaelic legend, Eala Shàilein. Looks fascinating &			
	haunting! https://www.newbyendfarm.co.uk/courses-events/			

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. Souveniers 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@harpsnorthwest.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@harpsnorthwest.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

Sort Code: 40-16-22 Account Number: 81806521

For those paying HNW from outside the UK please use PayPal http://paypal.me/HarpsNorthWest. When paying by PayPal please change the 'paying an invoice or business' option to the 'paying family or friend'.