



# Harps North West

*October Update*

## Convenor's Message

Hello everyone!

My name is Susan Lambert, and as Gill steps back after her three years as Convenor I am delighted and excited to have found myself in the role, albeit with some rather big shoes to fill! Gill has done an incredible job of steering us into lots of exciting projects, and has worked tirelessly behind the scenes pulling together an incredible three years. Luckily for us Gill is going to stay on the committee and, along with the rest of the hardworking team, will no doubt keep driving us forward! As ideas, playing groups, membership and harping connections continue to grow and develop we hope to keep bringing you a whole host of harp-centric opportunities for playing, listening, learning, creating and socialising.

Just to introduce myself a little, I joined HNW about 11 years ago, through the efforts of Lyn Walby who took me along to an absolute beginners workshop, and welcomed me with open arms to HNW and the playing group HOW, which was led by the wonderful Jean Altshuler at the time. Through these monthly playing sessions, the many HNW workshops, I continued to learn and build a repertoire and now work as a harpist for weddings, events and care homes and fill my time with as many harp related projects as possible. The warning at the beginners' workshops of this being rather addictive is true!! I now have a family of three harps, all called Gary (due to a funny text auto correct).

I'm really looking forward to seeing what paths we take over the coming years, as always, if you have any ideas of what you would like to happen or would like to join our very friendly committee team in any capacity we would love to hear from you.

As we move into Autumn we have lots to look forward to for the rest of the year, including Harps South Lakes 20th year Celebration party up next! Concerts with the performance group joining the incredible Amy Turk and Lauren Scott, playing group performances and events all over the county, a Higham Hall weekend, the Christmas Party (with chances to get together and practise this year's music under the expert direction of Mary beforehand) and rounding the year off with our annual Zoom Christmas Carols. Splendid!

I look forward to harping with you all soon,

Best wishes,  
Susan.

## HNW EVENTS

Details and links for all zoom events will be sent to members shortly before the date, there is no need to sign up.

Date/Time	Event	Place
Saturday 12th October 2024  Free to members 10:00 tuning 10:30 - 12:30 workshop 12:30 shared lunch 13:45 concert	<b>Harps South Lakes 20th Anniversary Celebration Party led by Mary Dunsford</b> Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play or may be to listen by contacting Hazel on <a href="mailto:hazeyhead49@gmail.com">hazeyhead49@gmail.com</a> . Program below*	Swarthmoor Hall Ulverston LA12 0JQ
Wednesday 23rd October 2024 19:30 - 21:00 Free to Members	<b>Christmas Party Practice on Zoom with Mary Dunsford</b> All members will be sent a Zoom meeting invitation and a recording following the event	Zoom
Friday 8th - Sunday 10th November 2024	<b>A weekend with the harp - Tutors Karen Marshalsay and Lauren Scott</b>  Contact Higham Hall directly to secure a place <a href="mailto:admin@highamhall.com">admin@highamhall.com</a> 01768776276. Website <a href="https://highamhall.com">https://highamhall.com</a>	Higham Hall Nr Cockermouth CA13 9SH
Sunday 17th November 2024 10:00 tuning 10:30 - 12:30 Workshop  13:30 - 16:00 Absolute Beginners Workshop	<b>Live Christmas Party Practice with Mary Dunsford in the morning and Absolute Beginners workshop in the afternoon</b> Christmas party workshop free to members Absolute beginners W'shop £30 please left Anne know by email <a href="mailto:events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk</a> if you wish to attend	Endmoor Village Hall LA8 0HL
November 23rd 2024 The Dickensian Festival 10:30 - 12:30	<b>Harp North West Performance Group are playing background music whilst refreshments are served</b>	Coronation Hall, County Square, Ulverston LA12 7LZ
November 24th 2024 14: 00 Tickets £16.50	<b>Harps North West Performance Group</b> playing as part of a concert with Lauren Scott and Amy Turk  <b>Harp Alchemy in Cumbria</b> see details below and follow link for information <a href="https://wegottickets.com/event/634187">https://wegottickets.com/event/634187</a>	Preston Patrick Memorial Hall, Crooklands, LA7 7NR
Sunday 8th December 2024 10:00 Tuning 10:30 to 12:30 Rehearsal 13:45 Concert for family and friends	<b>Christmas Party led by Mary Dunsford - Final live event of the year</b>  Rehearsal in the morning Family and friends welcome to join us for a shared lunch and then concert in the afternoon A zoom link to the afternoon concert will be sent to all members	Grizebeck Community Hall LA17 7XH
Saturday 14th December 2024  15:00 - 17:00	<b>Carols with Susan Lambert</b> In this virtual meeting we play carols and you are invited to dress up, drink mulled wine and eat mince pies!	Zoom

**\*Programme for the HSLs 20th Anniversary HNW 20th Anniversary Party**  
**The HNW 20th anniversary pieces** - all are invited to play along with these pieces

- **We Are Harps North West** - Karen Marshalsay 3 parts. Composer in residence 2016
- **Gaelic Air** - arr. Charlotte Petersen - 3 parts
- **Pachelbel's Kite** - Gill Lowden - 3 parts
- **In the Snow where the Deers Are** - Wendy Stewart - 5 parts
- **The British Toper** - Arr. Jean Altshuler
- **Seal Lullaby** Arr Eric Whitacre. Arr. Lauren Scott - Gentle and Faster 2020 January Challenge

**Harps South Lakes pieces**

- **Harum Scarum** - Gill Lowden
- **Funky Paws Duet** - Ben Creighton-Griffiths (arr Mary Dunsford)
- **Let Christmas Come** Traditional English. arr. J Pratt Walker

## HARP ALCHEMY EVENTS

**October 13th at 19:30 BST** - Lauren Scott is performing a private online concert for the How to Harp membership. <https://www.howtoharp.com/>

**November 23rd 12-3.30pm Harp Alchemy Workshop in Dunblane.** Open to all harpists, **Adventures for Lever Harp with Lauren Scott.** *An exploration of fun and funky extended techniques that can be achieved on lever harp for all levels of players.* **Introduction to percussion and pop arranging for harp with Amy Turk.** *Discover percussive and extended harp techniques that anyone can learn, and find out how to incorporate these into your playing to start arranging your favourite songs.* Details to sign [up are here](#)

**November 24th 2pm Harp Alchemy in Cumbria** with support from Harps North West & special guests!  
Details [here](#)

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It's **Transpennine Harps Festival** time of year again with the incredible **Tamsin Dearnley** and **Lucy Nolan** ...check out the courses we have in store...everything from yoga for harpists to jazz to calypso!!

Saturday and Sunday 2nd - 3rd November 2024  
<https://transpennineharps.org/festival2024.html>

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## Fleeces!!

### **HNW Fleeces**

#### *Harps North West Fleeces*

*These are proving very popular, if you would like one you can order directly from Cathryn ([sales@welovelogos.co.uk](mailto:sales@welovelogos.co.uk)) Cost £27*  
*Name of Fleece ; Ladies Russells Details; 8700F Full Zip Fleece Jacket*

*Colour : Bright Royal. Fabric 100% Polyester anti-pill fleece*

*Weight 320gsm Size **XS 8 S 10 M 12 L 14 XL 16 2XL 18***

*We have one fleece (size small) whose owner would like to change for a different size. It's not been worn at all.*

*If you would like this one, contact Veronica at [events@harpnorthwest.co.uk](mailto:events@harpnorthwest.co.uk) who will put you in touch with her.*

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## OTHER HARP EVENTS

	MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	
Susan Lambert	Convenor IT and Web Link	<a href="mailto:convenor@harpsnorthwest.org.uk">convenor@harpsnorthwest.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:online@harpsnorthwest.org.uk">online@harpsnorthwest.org.uk</a>
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Catherine Livesey	Committee Member	
James Coldwell	HNW Treasurer	<a href="mailto:treasurer@harpsnorthwest.org.uk">treasurer@harpsnorthwest.org.uk</a>




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**Payments to HNW; many events are free to members, there are specific fees for tutor led workshops**  
**Bank details; Account Name: Harps North West Sort Code: 40-16-22 Account No.: 81806521**  
**For those paying HNW outside the UK PayPal <http://paypal.me/HarpsNorthWest>. Please change 'paying an invoice or business' to 'paying family and friends'.**

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