

Update for HNW members

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Members – please let us know about your harping activity. We love to hear what you are getting up to. Did you attend the Edinburgh Festival? Do send a photo and a few words to Frances, the newsletter editor, on the above email address, to be published in the **next newsletter due in May**.

April 2024 - HNW Dates for the Diary

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 |
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| <p>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 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 above). Playing Groups are invited to play a piece or two.</p> <p>If you and / or Playing Group is attending a Party please let the following harpists know:</p> <p>Harps Out West - Saturday 18th May - Susan Lambert on s.e.lambert@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>Harps Up North – Saturday 29th June - Frances Quinn on francesquinn@btinternet.com</p> <p>Red Rose Harps – Saturday 7th September – Carol Coldwell coldwellcarol@gmail.com</p> <p>Harps South Lakes – Saturday 12th October – Hazel Ord hazeyhead49@gmail.com</p> <p>Plus 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.</p> | | |
| <p>Sunday 21st April</p> <p>Free to members</p> <p>10:00 - Tuning.</p> <p>10:30 - 12:30 - Workshop</p> <p>12:30 - Shared lunch</p> <p>13:30 – 15:30 - Workshop</p> | <p>Live practice for 20th Anniversary Playing Group Celebration Parties – full day</p> <p>Tutor: Mary Dunsford</p> <p>Please let Mandy know you are coming on events@harpnorthwest.org.uk</p> <p>We shall be practising the pieces for 20th Anniversary Playing Group Parties. All members are invited to play a selection of these pieces at each party in order to celebrate the contribution of these wonderful professional harpists to Harps North West:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We Are Harps North West - Karen Marshalsay - Gaelic Air - Arr. Charlotte Petersen - Pachelbel's Kite - Gill Lowden - Seal Lullaby – Eric Whitacre. Arr. Lauren Scott ('20 Jan Challenge) - Summer Is Icumen In - Wendy Stewart (a lively round) - In the Snow Where the Deers Are – Wendy Stewart - Clouds in a Sunlit Sky – Eira Lynn Jones (2021 Jan Challenge) - Down By The Walnut Tree – Shelley Fairplay (2022 Jan Challenge) - The British Toper – Trad. Arr. Jean Altshuler <p>Please contact Gill on events@harpnorthwest.org.uk if you need the sheet music for any of the above. It was sent out initially on 11th January.</p> | <p>Threlkeld Village Hall</p> <p>CA12 4RX</p> |
| <p>Saturday 27th April</p> <p>Full day – Fee £20</p> <p>Tuning from 10:00</p> <p>Finish at 16:00</p> | <p>Full day workshop with Charlotte Petersen</p> <p>For harpists of all levels, except absolute beginners.</p> <p>A joint venture with our friends from Dumfries and Galloway Clarsach Group. In order to sign up please contact Lynn Walby on lyn.walby@uwclub.net</p> <p>Please bring a mug and something for a shared lunch (but no facility for heating food) – nothing onion-family for Charlotte.</p> | <p>Richard Greenhow</p> <p>Centre, Central Avenue,</p> <p>Gretna, DG16 5AQ</p> |
| <p>Wed 15th May</p> <p>19:30 – 21:00</p> <p>Free to members</p> | <p>*NEW* Mary Dunsford Skills and Technique - Elementary/Early Intermediate</p> <p>All members will be sent the Zoom link in advance of the session. A</p> | <p>Zoom</p> |

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| | recording will be made available to members. | |
| Saturday 18 th May Free to members 10:00 Tuning. 10:30-12:30 -Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 - Performance for family and friends | *NEW* Harps Out West 20th Anniversary Celebration Party led by Susan Lambert. More details to come. Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play, or maybe to listen by contacting Susan on events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk or s.e.lambert@hotmail.co.uk | Drigg Village Hall, near Holmrook. CA19 1XF |
| Sunday 16 th June 14:00 Tickets £15 | Wendy Stewart and Susan Lambert in Concert The Harps North West Performance Group will be playing in support. https://kirkgateartsandheritage.org.uk/whats-on/harps-north-west-129531897/ | The Kirkgate Centre, Cockermouth CA13 9PJ |
| Wed 19 th June 19:30 – 21:00 Free to members | *NEW* Mary Dunsford Skills and Technique Intermediate / Advanced All members will be sent the Zoom link in advance of the session. A recording will be made available to members. | Zoom |
| June 2024 Free to all | *NEW* The JuNEWary Challenge led by Mary Dunsford Watch this space! | Daily videos |
| Friday 21 st June 14:00 until 16:00 Free to members | International Make Music Day – Windermere Jetty Museum Calling all members - if you would like to come and either play or talk to the public for International Make Music Day please contact Ann Woolley via events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk . The aim is to play to the museum visitors and spread the word about all things harp-y. | Windermere Jetty Museum LA23 1BN |
| Saturday 29 th June Free to members 10:00 Tuning 10:30-12:30 -Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 - Performance for family and friends | *NEW* Harps Up North 20th Anniversary Celebration Party More details to come. Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play, or may be to listen by contacting Frances on events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk | Watermillock Village Hall, Pooley Bridge. CA11 0LR |
| July Details to be confirmed Free to members | *NEW* Playing in a Session with Susan Lambert – in preparation for the HNW 20 th Anniversary Festival at Higham Hall | Zoom |
| Friday 19 th July – Sunday 21 st July Arrive 16:00 | Harps North West – 20th Anniversary Festival Stephen Dunstone, Mary Dunsford, Shelley Fairplay and Wendy Stewart Resident places are fully booked except for one campervan space. Day visitors may be possible, but booking will not open until June. Concert: Friday 19 th July 20:00 – Tickets £10. Only 7 tickets available Festival Dinner: Saturday 20 th July 19:00 – fully booked Absolute Beginners' Workshop led by Mary Dunsford. Sat am 20 th July. £25 Youth Session for Under 18 harpists, with Mary Dunsford: Saturday 20 th July pm . No fee. Contact Higham Hall directly for any of the above events. admin@highamhall.com 017687 76276 Website: https://highamhall.com/ | Higham Hall, near Cockermouth CA13 9SH |
| Saturday 7 th September Free to all 10:00 Tuning 10:30-12:30 -Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 - Performance for family and friends | *NEW* Red Rose Harps 20th Anniversary Celebration Party led by Lauren Scott More details to come. Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play or may be to listen by contacting Carol on events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk | Slyne with Hest Church Hall LA2 6JG |
| Saturday 14 th September Free to members 10:00 Tuning 10:30-12:30 - Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 – HNW AGM | *NEW* Christmas Party Practice led by Susan Lambert and HNW Annual General Meeting The sheet music will be sent to all members in advance once the programme has been decided. Please let us know if you are coming along by contacting Mandy on events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk | Watermillock Village Hall, Pooley Bridge. CA11 0LR |
| Saturday 12 th October Free to all 10:00 Tuning 10:30-12:30 -Workshop | *NEW* Harps South Lakes 20th Anniversary Celebration Party led by Mary Dunsford Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play or may be to listen by contacting Hazel/Gill on | Swarthmoor Hall, Ulverston. LA12 0JQ |

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| 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 - Performance for family and friends | events@harpnorthwest.org.uk | |
| Wednesday 23 rd October 19:30 – 21:00 Free to members | *NEW* Christmas Party Practice on Zoom with Mary Dunsford All members will be sent the Zoom link in advance of the session. A recording will be made available to members. | Zoom |
| Friday 8 th to Sunday 10 th November | A Weekend with the Harp – Tutors Karen Marshalsay and Lauren Scott Contact Higham Hall directly to secure a place. admin@highamhall.com 017687 76276 Website: https://highamhall.com/ | Higham Hall, near Cockermouth CA13 9SH |
| Sunday 17th Nov | *NEW* Live Christmas Party Practice & Absolute Beginners Workshop | Venue to be arranged |
| Saturday 7th Dec | *NEW* Christmas Party – final event of the 20th Anniversary Year | Venue to be arranged |
| 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=iw0L6Kv0dDc ruthleeharpist.com/loop ruthleeharpist@gmail.com | On-line learning |
| Friday 5 th – Tuesday 9 th April | The 43rd Edinburgh International Harp Festival https://www.harpfestival.co.uk/ | George Watson's College, Edinburgh |
| Sunday 14 th April 14:30 Adults £10 Under 18's - £5 Tickets on the door - cash only Enquiries: 01229 837680 playersdorian@gmail.com | In the Valley of the Deadly Nightshade – a concert of medieval and Renaissance music. The life and times of Furness Abbey from the 12 th to 16 th centuries told in words and music. Performed by The Dorian Players , (including our own Gill Lowden), in costume. The instruments include medieval harp , viol da gamba, crumhorns, gemshorns, hurdy- gurdy, renaissance recorders, cornemuse and epinette. | St Mary's Parish Church, Ulverston. LA12 7EN |
| 3 x Eight week courses in April and June ALL are SOLD OUT | Step Into the Spotlight – Tools for harpists to conquer Performance Anxiety Tutor: Ailie Robertson | Zoom |
| 4 th -5 th May 2024 | Cardiff Camac Harp Weekend – an amazing line up of harpists giving workshops and concerts. https://wales.camac-harps.com/en/cardiff-camac-harp-weekend-2024/ | Cardiff |
| 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 | | |
| <p>Gill has produced three terrific publications available as hard copies or pdfs. She is very kindly donating all sale proceeds to Harps North West.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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.)</p> <p>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</p> | | |
| <p>Payments for HNW events</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Harps North West Bank details Bank: HSBC, Name of Account: Harps North West</p> | | |

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