

## 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. Do send a photo and a short article to Frances, the newsletter editor, on the above email address, to be published in the next newsletter due in May.

### March 2024 - HNW Dates for the Diary

Times are GMT until the end of March 2024 Road/travel information - <https://www.facebook.com/Cumbriaroadwatch/>

Date and cost (if any)	Event details and how to book	Venue
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 14:30 Tickets £15 <b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>Mary Dunsford and Susan Lambert in Concert</b> The Harps North West Performance Group will be in support as part of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concerts.	The Heron Theatre, Beetham, LA7 7AS
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 10:00 - 12noon Fee £12 Non-members £15	<b>* NEW * Ailie Robertson Workshop on Zoom</b> <b>Celtic tunes for all levels of harpists, with plenty of guidance on technique</b> A Zoom link will be sent to those signed up and paid prior to the session. A recording of the workshop will be available to those signed up. To sign up for the recording or the Zoom session please contact Gill on <a href="mailto:events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk</a> and pay the fee. See below for guidance on how to pay the fee. Use reference AilieR + your name	Zoom
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April Free to members 10:00 - Tuning. 10:30 - 12:30 - Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:30 – 15:30 - Workshop	<b>* NEW * Live practice for 20th Anniversary Playing Group Celebration Parties</b> <b>Tutor: Mary Dunsford</b> Please let Mandy know you are coming on <a href="mailto:events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk</a> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We Are Harps North West - Karen Marshalsay</li> <li>- Gaelic Air - Arr. Charlotte Petersen</li> <li>- Pachelbel's Kite - Gill Lowden</li> <li>- Seal Lullaby – Eric Whitacre. Arr. Lauren Scott ('20 Jan Challenge)</li> <li>- Summer Is Icumen In - Wendy Stewart (a lively round)</li> <li>- In the Snow Where the Deers Are – Wendy Stewart</li> <li>- Clouds in a Sunlit Sky – Eira Lynn Jones (2021 Jan Challenge)</li> <li>- Down By The Walnut Tree – Shelley Fairplay (2022 Jan Challenge)</li> <li>- The British Topper – Trad. Arr. Jean Altshuler</li> </ul> Please contact Gill on <a href="mailto:events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpsnorthwest.org.uk</a> if you need the sheet music for any of the above. It was sent out initially on 11 <sup>th</sup> January.	Threlkeld Village Hall CA12 4RX
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April Full day – Fee £20 Tuning from 10:00 Finish at 16:00	<b>Full day workshop with Charlotte Petersen</b> For harpists of all levels, except absolute beginners. A joint venture with our friends from Dumfries and Galloway Clarsach Group. In order to sign up please contact Lynn Walby on <a href="mailto:lyn.walby@uwclub.net">lyn.walby@uwclub.net</a> Please bring a mug and something for a shared lunch (but no facility for heating food) – nothing onion-family for Charlotte.	Richard Greenhow Centre, Central Avenue, Gretna, DG16 5AQ
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May 19:30 – 21:00 Free to members	<b>*NEW* Mary Dunsford Skills and Technique - Elementary/Early Intermediate</b> All members will be sent the Zoom link in advance of the session. A recording will be made available to members.	Zoom

#### 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 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. 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.

**Also at all live sessions this year there is a chance to win three exquisite hand made items, made for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

<p><b>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 Alistair Woolley. You are invited to buy a raffle ticket for the quilt and enter the Guess the Name of the Bear competition. Winners to be announced at the 2024 HNW Christmas Party.</b></p>		
<p>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May Free to members 10:00 Tuning. 10:30-12:30 -Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 - Performance for family and friends</p>	<p><b>*NEW* Harps Out West 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Party led by Susan Lambert.</b> <b>More details to come.</b> Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play, or maybe to listen by contacting Susan on <a href="mailto:events@harpnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpnorthwest.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Drigg Village Hall, near Holmrook. CA19 1XF</p>
<p>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 14:00 Tickets £.....</p>	<p><b>Wendy Stewart and Susan Lambert in Concert</b> The Harps North West Performance Group will be playing in support.</p>	<p>The Kirkgate Theatre, Cocker mouth CA13 9PJ</p>
<p>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June 19:30 – 21:00 Free to members</p>	<p><b>*NEW* Mary Dunsford Skills and Technique Intermediate / Advanced</b> All members will be sent the Zoom link in advance of the session. A recording will be made available to members.</p>	<p>Zoom</p>
<p>June 2024 Free to all</p>	<p><b>*NEW* The JuNEWary Challenge led by Mary Dunsford</b> Watch this space!</p>	<p>Daily videos</p>
<p>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 14:00 until 16:00 Free to members</p>	<p><b>International Make Music Day – Windermere Jetty Museum</b> Calling all members - <b>if you would like to come and either play or talk to the public for International Make Music Day please contact Ann Woolley via <a href="mailto:events@harpnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpnorthwest.org.uk</a></b> . The aim is to play to the museum visitors and spread the word about all things harp-y.</p>	<p>Windermere Jetty Museum LA23 1BN</p>
<p>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June Free to members 10:00 Tuning 10:30-12:30 -Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 - Performance for family and friends</p>	<p><b>*NEW* Harps Up North 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Party</b> <b>More details to come.</b> Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play, or may be to listen by contacting Frances on <a href="mailto:events@harpnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpnorthwest.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Watermillock Village Hall, Pooley Bridge. CA11 0LR</p>
<p>July Details to be confirmed Free to members</p>	<p><b>*NEW* Playing in a Session with Susan Lambert</b> – in preparation for the HNW 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival at Higham Hall</p>	<p>Zoom</p>
<p>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July Arrive 16:00</p>	<p><b>Harps North West – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival</b> <b>Stephen Dunstone, Mary Dunsford, Shelley Fairplay and Wendy Stewart</b> Resident places are fully booked except for one campervan space. Day visitors may be possible, but booking will not open until June.</p> <p><b>Concert:</b> Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 20:00 – Tickets £10. Only 7 tickets available <b>Festival Dinner:</b> Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 19:00 – fully booked</p> <p><b>Absolute Beginners’ Workshop</b> led by Mary Dunsford. Sat am 20<sup>th</sup> July. £25 <b>Youth Session</b> for Under 18 harpists, with Mary Dunsford: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July pm . No fee.</p> <p>Contact Higham Hall directly for any of the above events. <a href="mailto:admin@highamhall.com">admin@highamhall.com</a>    <b>017687 76276</b> Website: <a href="https://highamhall.com/">https://highamhall.com/</a></p>	<p>Higham Hall, near Cocker mouth CA13 9SH</p>
<p>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September Free to all 10:00 Tuning 10:30-12:30 -Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 - Performance for family and friends</p>	<p><b>*NEW* Red Rose Harps 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Party led by Lauren Scott</b> <b>More details to come.</b> Please let us know if you and/or your Playing Group are coming to play or may be to listen by contacting Carol on <a href="mailto:events@harpnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpnorthwest.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Slyne with Hest Church Hall LA2 6JG</p>
<p>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September Free to members 10:00 Tuning 10:30-12:30 - Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 – HNW AGM</p>	<p><b>*NEW* Christmas Party Practice led by Susan Lambert and HNW Annual General Meeting</b> 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 <a href="mailto:events@harpnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpnorthwest.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Watermillock Village Hall, Pooley Bridge. CA11 0LR</p>
<p>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October Free to all</p>	<p><b>*NEW* Harps South Lakes 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Party led by Mary Dunsford</b></p>	<p>Venue to be confirmed</p>

10:00 Tuning 10:30-12:30 -Workshop 12:30 - Shared lunch 13:45 - Performance for family and friends	<b>More details to come.</b> 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 <a href="mailto:events@harpnorthwest.org.uk">events@harpnorthwest.org.uk</a>	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 19:30 – 21:00 Free to members	<b>*NEW* Christmas Party Practice on Zoom with Mary Dunsford</b> All members will be sent the Zoom link in advance of the session. A recording will be made available to members.	Zoom
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<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> 017687 76276 Website: <a href="https://highamhall.com/">https://highamhall.com/</a>	Higham Hall, near Cokermouth CA13 9SH
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>*NEW* Live Christmas Party Practice &amp; Absolute Beginners Workshop</b>	Venue to be arranged
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>*NEW* Christmas Party – final event of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year</b>	Venue to be arranged

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

On-going	<b>Learn how to use a Loop with Ruth Lee</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iw0L6Kv0dDc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iw0L6Kv0dDc</a> <a href="http://ruthleeharpist.com/loop">ruthleeharpist.com/loop</a> <a href="mailto:ruthleeharpist@gmail.com">ruthleeharpist@gmail.com</a>	On-line learning
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>The 43<sup>rd</sup> Edinburgh International Harp Festival</b> <a href="https://www.harpfestival.co.uk/">https://www.harpfestival.co.uk/</a>	George Watson's College, Edinburgh
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	<b>Cardiff Camac Harp Weekend</b> – an amazing line up of harpists giving workshops and concerts. <a href="https://wales.camac-harps.com/en/cardiff-camac-harp-weekend-2024/">https://wales.camac-harps.com/en/cardiff-camac-harp-weekend-2024/</a>	Cardiff
3rd November 2024 – more details to come	<b>The Swan of Salen</b> Ballet film with live score played by the <b>Willow Clarsach Trio</b> . The Swan of Salen is a multimedia folk ballet created by <b>The Willow Trio</b> and production company <b>Ballet Folk</b> . 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! <a href="https://www.newbyendfarm.co.uk/courses-events/">https://www.newbyendfarm.co.uk/courses-events/</a>	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](mailto: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](mailto:events@harpnorthwest.org.uk)

#### 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

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