

The Narth and District Newsletter: June 2016

The Glade Tavern

Is going from strength to strength on the first Friday of each month with a good range of drinks including cask ales, good company and continuing experimentation with types of food on offer.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Conversational Spanish opportunities continue between 3 and 4.30p.m at Orchard Court on successive Thursday afternoons. (Newcomers with a basic understanding of Spanish are always welcome.)

To do justice to the 31 July **Car Treasure Hunt**, also organised by Paul & Jannie Munday, fuller details can be found in the flyer delivered along with this Newsletter.

The **group messaging system** we operate, for items judged to be of interest to villagers, suffered a hiccup when Pete Walters' PC broke, losing the addresses stored in it, sorry. It is being reconstructed but to aid this, please message pete@theplain.plus.com to

ensure you are included. We will still maintain the confidentiality of your address by using blind copies (bcc).

A significant change to our routine is that our Annual **Fete and Dog Show** has been changed to a **Sunday** - 28 August and will link with a special Glade Tavern evening opening. This has necessitated a further change of date and **Community Songs of Praise** will take place on the preceding Sunday - 21 August at 6p.m. with refreshments from 5p.m. in The Hall,

A **Skittles Night** will take place on either 10 or 17 September when potentially conflicting league commitments are finally determined. More precise details will follow.

Past Event News & Thanks

The Kepow Theatre Group entertained a large audience at The Wales Art Council sponsored 'Night Out' including some people who had seen them elsewhere and had come back for more! We have yet to suffer an inferior 'Night Out'.

The Annual **Big Breakfast** held on 30 May was such a success that apart from the usual great choice of food, £320 was raised shared between the Parkinson's Society and the Village Hall. Thanks are due, yet again, to the Arnell Family and their host of little helpers.

Whilst on the subject of money, thanks to all who bought Community Draw tickets organised by Rotary. We directly benefitted to the tune of £200. The Draw itself is on 2 July during the Elvis Charity Concert at The Savoy.

FILMS ON AT THE NARTH AND PENALLT

Weds 6 July (change of date), Pelham Hall: A Bigger Splash [15] Sexual tension in Sicily as rock star Tilda Swinton and her entourage frolic in the sun. Ralph Fiennes is hilarious as an ex-lover in this simmering comedy drama, with Dakota Johnson and Matthias Schoenaerts (*Far From the Madding Crowd*)

22 July, The Narth: Spotlight [15] The true story of the uncovering of the child molesting scandal in the Catholic Church by Boston Globe journalists. Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton & Rachel McAdams head an impressive cast. *All the President's Men* for our times, with a Best Picture Oscar.

Films start 7.30p.m. - Refreshments and bar from 7p.m. Admission £5, booking not necessary

Contact Marilyn Dunkelman (860031) for information

There are no films in August. Our new season starting in September will be announced in July

This month, members of the **village oil buying syndicate** paid 30.6p per litre for their heating oil. If you paid less than this, do please let us know your secret. If not, why not join the syndicate and save money on your next order? For details or to join, send an email to stevecoppell1948@outlook.com, or phone Steve on 860617.

Jeff now kindly masterminds Hall maintenance matters and would love to hear from anyone handy with a paint brush on **860373** as the ante-room and window frames need attention.

The **Footpaths Project** fronted by Brian Mahoney has reached the stage where positive things can now happen with some footpaths and any willing volunteers should contact Brian via 860199 or at brian_mahony@outlook.com (More details in the associated supplement.)

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED! – Given the financial success of the White Elephant Sale last year, there will be a stall at the Fete this year upon which we plan to include any lost property accumulated in the Hall over time. If you have belongings left there, please recover them soon or you will find they will be gone to a good cause. Anyone else with serviceable and yet unwanted items are urged to start earmarking them for donation now, along with appropriate donations to the Fete Raffle and Tombola stalls which would also be very welcome, please.

The map of the village has been updated and is on display in the Narth and Pen y fan phone boxes along with smaller takeaway versions. Scanning this QR symbol will take you to our website and to your personal copy of the district maps, or go to www.goo.gl/NnenG3.



Tai Chi classes commenced in the Hall for experienced practitioners last September and now for beginners on Monday evenings, too. For details contact Simon (contact details below).

A **defibrillator** which Trellech United Community Council has kindly funded will soon be installed outside The Hall with training on offer soon after.

Public thanks are due to Mary Pardington for her sterling work as the Hall booking clerk over many moons. She deserves a rest now and the role will be

assumed by Sue via 860373 or on-line via [thenarthvillagehall](http://thenarthvillagehall.org.uk) web-site.

Items for the newsletter can be sent to Marilyn or Pete and local events for the web-site can be sent to marilyn@thebeechesthenarth.org.uk or follow [@thenarthhall](https://twitter.com/thenarthhall) on Twitter / Facebook.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

LADIES KEEP FIT

Mondays at 10am. Contact Lucia Ashton on 07735 221928

LINE DANCING

Mondays at 6.30 pm. Contact Rosemary Thomas on 860141

ART GROUP

Meets every Wednesday afternoon. Contact Helen James on 860783

TAI CHI

Classes at 7.30p.m. on Mondays. Contact Simon on 07813 104468 or via simonjones01@hotmail.com

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meets 3rd Tuesday of month at 7.30 pm. Contact Jan Stephens on 860576

GARDENING CLUB

Usually last Tuesday of the month, plus visits away. Contact Wendy Hill on 860121

THE NARTH SINGERS

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm. Contact Daphne Smith on 01600 460251

FILMS ON THE NARTH AND PENALLT

Usually every 2nd and 4th Friday at 7.30 pm. Contact Marilyn Dunkelman on 860031 and David May via david@themays.org.uk

WHIST DRIVE

Every month on the 3rd Friday at 7.30 pm. Contact Sue Stocker on 860530

THE GLADE TAVERN

Your local pop-up pub opens the first Friday of each month from 7pm – email nikkigodfrey@mayphil.com for information

BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

The rate for residents' private parties is £10 per hour or £75 for a 24-hour period; for local groups £7.50 per hour, other rates on application.

Marquee Hire - £30.00 a day or £50.00 a weekend

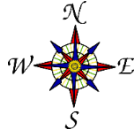
To book the Hall or marquee, please contact **Sue on 860373, bookings@thenarthhall.org.uk or use our new booking system on the web-site.**

A damage bond cheque of £25 must accompany certain types of bookings. Full booking conditions can be found on the village hall web site

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Additional Information

The Narth & District *Treasure Hunt*



Sunday 31st July

Enjoy a leisurely drive through some of the beautiful lanes of our countryside whilst searching for clues and treasure!

Registration between 15:30 and 16:45. Tea/coffee and bar available from 17:00 and a chilli supper with vegetarian/vegan option to follow from 18:00. £5 per person plus £10 per car.

Winners will receive a trophy and a bottle of bubbly plus there will be other prizes.

Ideal for families!

Each car will be given one pack of instructions and an appropriate number of coupons for supper. Cars will leave at five minute intervals and numbers are limited, so to avoid queuing **please call Paul on 01600 860855 or email jmunday@gmail.com to book your slot.**

The Treasure Hunt starts and ends at The Narth Village Hall and should take around 1.5 - 2 hours.



Please note, this is not a race and there are no time penalties. Points are only given for correct answers to clues and for collecting the treasure.

Important: Everyone will participate under their own insurance and we recommend that you check to make sure you are fully covered. The Village Hall accepts no liability.

Community Songs of Praise

Community Songs of Praise will be held this year on Sunday 21 August in the hall at 6pm. Refreshments will be served from 5pm, and everyone is welcome to join us. Change of date is to avoid the clash with the village fete on Sunday 28 August.

The theme this year will be Summer, so anyone who has a hymn to suggest, or a poem or reading with a summer flavour and would be prepared to read it out, please contact Gordon Casson on 860054. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



The Narth and District Footpath Project

Volunteers Needed to Assist with Waymarking

Our survey group started work in 2015 and has now surveyed around half of the public rights of way around the village. Natural Resources Wales has been undertaking some tree clearance for us recently, but the main problem, as residents identified in the Community Led Plan, is the lack of waymarking. Monmouthshire Countryside Service Rangers have been very supportive of our project and are offering to help us put this right by coming to work with us for a couple of days in the summer to put in new waymarkers.



We need five or six volunteers to assist with this work if it is to be successful.

The activity will involve working under the supervision of the Countryside Service Rangers installing posts and waymarking signs, mainly in Manor Wood and on Trellech Common and will take place in late July or August, probably on a Wednesday or Thursday. Dates will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks.

This is a great opportunity for us to make the improvements to our footpath network that were highlighted in the Community Led Plan, so please come forward and help by giving one day of your time to make it happen. No special skills are needed.

Please contact Brian Mahony on 01600 860199 or at brian_mahony@outlook.com by the end of June if you would like to help, or for further information.

STOP PRESS: There is a memorial plaque on a bench at the viewpoint looking over Whitebrook at the bottom of Manor Wood. The plaque reads: "Forest, December 5th 2003 - December 10th 2011". The bench has fallen into poor repair and Natural Resources Wales would like to know who the plaque belongs to, rather than just remove the bench without warning. Can anyone shed any light on the origin of the plaque please? If so contact Brian Mahony on 860199 who will pass on the information.