

THE NARTH VILLAGE HALL

July 2015 NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SONGS of PRAISE in The Glade

6p.m. Sunday 30 August

Including poetry and readings with a *nature* theme led by Gordon Casson with refreshments beforehand at 5p.m. in The Hall.

BANK HOLIDAY FETE & DOG SHOW

Monday 31 August

The Fete opens at Noon and the Dog Show at 12.30. Information and competition entry details are on the separate sheet attached. Although plans are now well advanced, if you feel you can help in any way including donating prizes, sponsoring the dog show or even loaning a gazebo, please contact any Committee member.

Join in our Skittles Roll-up which Phil Bowen is kindly arranging for **Saturday 19 September**. Entry - £6.50 a head to include a Ploughman's Supper courtesy of Mark Arnell. A Highest Score cash prize, Raffle and Licensed Bar will add to the fun.

Doors open 5p.m. for children to Skittle free until the 7p.m. main event start. Booking in advance will aid the catering so please ring Pete on 860399

The **Village Hall Committee AGM** will be on Monday 12 October when you are encouraged to come and hear how well the Hall has been run during the last year and question that and future plans.

FILMS ON THE NARTH

Friday 24 July – The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel [12A] 114 mins

The follow up to the immensely successful *Marigold Hotel* has the gang ensconced in their Indian home, and manager Dev Patel with ambitions to expand. A star-studded cast (Judy Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy, Celia Imrie) is joined by Richard Gere, mixing up the relationship dynamic and adding to the fun.

Films start 7.30pm; refreshments and bar from 7pm. Booking is not required

Coming soon: ***Far From the Madding Crowd*** (September); ***Trash*** (October); ***Mr Holmes*** (November)

Another '**BIG NIGHT OUT**' is scheduled; this time, **with Entertainer and Humourist: KARL DAYMOND** at 7.30p.m. on Saturday 24 October. Tickets £8.50 available from Stephen Dix on 860664.

Stop Press! – *If extra volunteers are forthcoming behind the scenes and on stage, a further Supper Play event is likely next March. Interested parties should contact Gordon Casson on 860054.*

Past Event News and Thanks

The **QUIZ NIGHT** organised by Helen King and Sue Flower was a great success generating fun AND £530 for Hall Funds. Many thanks to them.

The **MAY BANK HOLIDAY 'BIG BREAKFAST'**, initiated and continued by the Arnell family and young friends, was again a great success generating £430 split equally between The Rainbow Trust and our Heating replacement fund. Thanks too, to 'Mrs Milk' and her local service for kindly donating that day's newspapers.

(If you are not aware of the **range of fresh foods and newspapers that Mrs Milk delivers** around the village, contact veronica.mrsmilk@gmail.com, 01600 860653.)

The **upgraded Glade play equipment** was officially opened on 16 June by County Councillor Debbie Blakebrough and many villagers and some children turned out to thank Natural Resources Wales for their generosity.

88 runners, young and old, joined in the recent **NARTH RUN** in fine weather, profits (yet to be finalised) were generated to help in the upkeep of your Village Hall, with thanks due to Steve Coppell for the idea, and to the W.I., and the team for the delivery of an excellent, and growing, event. Great *North Run* perceived affiliations led to much commendable publicity, some recompense and potential future collaboration.

OTHER NEWS

A copy of **The Community Led Plan**, built on your thoughts about living in The Narth and District will be delivered to your door soon, with periodic progress reports thereafter. Thanks to all who contributed and, in particular, to Marilyn, our Chair, and Shirley Hughes, formerly of Adventa on behalf of Monmouthshire CC, for their drive and energy throughout the process.

Always **on the look-out for ideas and help**, why not tell any Committee member what you would like to see happening, or better still...do? Brian Mahony and friends are a good example of such initiatives as they have put together a plan to survey all of the paths around the village with the objective of ensuring that they are properly signed and in a condition that enables residents and visitors to enjoy using them.

THE NARTH AND DISTRICT OIL BUYING SYNDICATE

If you're already a member you know it makes sense and saves you money, time and effort. The next composite order will be on **27 July** and then on the last Monday in September and November. Please view the Village Hall website www.thenarthhall.org.uk for further details of this oil ordering system or email stephen.coppell@btopenworld.com (or phone him on **860617** - evenings/weekends).

The village hall website also allows you to publicise events or to advertise businesses via Marilyn on marilyn@thebeechesthenarth.org.uk

NARTH PHONE BOX BOOK EXCHANGE

Spare books (especially Children's) can be left in the phone box for others to read and return. Any queries to Jane on **860422**.

The Babington Centre in Trellech is host to a **vegetable co-operative ordering and supply facility**. Order your requirements during Trellech Teas on a Friday afternoon and your local quality produce will be there to collect the following week. For further information visit the Babington Centre website.

VILLAGE HALL PRIVATE BOOKINGS

The rate for residents' private bookings is £10 per hour or £75 for a 24 hour period; for local groups £7.50 per hour and for organisations £25 per hour.

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

To book the Hall or marquee, please contact

Mary Pardington on 860227

A damage bond cheque of £25 must accompany certain types of bookings

COMMUNICATING BY EMAIL

The Hall group messaging system still grows so why not add your email to obtain timely news on village community matters securely? Email pete@theplain.plus.com to be included

REGULAR EVENTS

ART GROUP

Meets every Wednesday afternoon

Contact **Sue Seymour** on **860033**

FILMS ON THE NARTH

Usually every 4th Friday at 7.30 pm

Contact **Marilyn Dunkelman** on **860031**

GARDENING CLUB

Usually last Tuesday of month, plus visits away.

Contact **Wendy Hill** on **860121**

KEEP FIT FOR THE MATURE PERSON

Thursday 11 am

Contact **Tina Chetwynd** on **860661**

LINE DANCING

Mondays at 6.30 pm

Contact **Rosemary Thomas** on **860141**

THE NARTH SINGERS

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Contact Daphne Smith on **01600 714403**

WHIST DRIVE

Every month on the 3rd Friday at 7.30 pm

Contact **Sue Stocker** on **860530**

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meets 3rd Tuesday of month at 7.30 pm

Contact **Jan Stephens** on **860576**

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| Jane Brackstone | | 860422 |
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| Stephen Dix | | 860664 |
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