

The Narth and District Newsletter: January 2018

With the **Glade Tavern** team of volunteers having earned a rest in January after a busy and successful year topped off by an equally splendid Christmas Party, the Tavern will be open as usual on the first Friday of the month from 7pm, with **2 February** offering the usual cask ale, food, fun and friendship. This month the profits will go to the **Trellech Primary School's Parents, Teachers & Friends Association** instead of going to hall funds. We hope you will all come along and support this great local cause.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Following the great enjoyment of 'Brilliance', yet another **excellent Welsh Arts Council** supported '**Night Out**' production, others are being planned for the coming 18 months, so please keep your eyes peeled for news. Next up is modern Welsh folk music from the acclaimed **Mabon** on **Saturday 5 May**. Tickets are not yet available but reservations are being taken by Stephen Dix on 01600 860664 or via stephen.dix@live.co.uk

Ladies! 16 January should be a date for your diary. An open meeting to discuss establishing a new women's group was held last November. About 30 local women attended to talk about what they would like from such a group and to choose a name. The inaugural gathering of 'Wye Women' will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 16 January** at 7:30 pm, including a quiz, time for conversation and refreshments, free of charge. Please come along to find out more and help shape the way forward.

Ladies Keep Fit continues to meet weekly 10-11a.m. on Mondays and has room for new members. Cost is £6 per week in advance. Lucia on 07735 221928 will be pleased to answer any queries. It is a fun and friendly class which provides a whole body workout, improving aerobic fitness, strength and flexibility.

Any adults interested in **volunteering** to be one of the **Glade Tavern** team of occasional workers is asked to contact Taryn Rayner on 861894.

Anyone interested in playing **table tennis** between 5.30 and 7p.m. on Tuesdays should contact Steve Widdicks on 869142.

Thoughts as to the opportunities offered by a **Camera Club** for amateurs continue, albeit slowly, but Clark Atkinson on 860413 will be pleased to encourage anyone who is curious or may be interested.

The '**Wild Tots**' group is thriving but are keen for more local children to join them. They meet fortnightly on Fridays in or near The Glade, 10.30 to noon, on dates published on their Facebook page 'Wild Tots in Manor Wood'. Cost is £3 per family on a 'just turn up' basis.

With recent weather too inclement for some tree branches to bear, the **Footpath Projects Team** are welcoming help in ensuring footpaths are cleared where needed. Volunteers should contact Brian Mahony on 860199.

This year's village fete is scheduled for the August bank holiday as usual. We would appreciate some additional organizational help. Contact Marilyn (details overleaf) if you fancy joining the planning committee.

Films on The Narth & at Pelham Hall, Penallt

All films on Fridays, at 7.30pm - refreshments and bar from 7pm. Admission £5 except where shown. Full details on the hall web sites.

*19 January, Pelham Hall: **The Limehouse Golem** [15]*

*9 February, Pelham Hall: **My Cousin Rachel** [12A]*

*23 February, The Narth: **Victoria and Abdul** [PG]*

*9 March, Pelham Hall: **Goodbye Christopher Robin** [PG]*

*23 March, The Narth: **Dunkirk** [12A]*

*13 April, Pelham Hall: **The Party** [15]*

SPECIAL FILM EVENT: *Friday 27 April, The Narth Hall*

A recorded live theatre performance of the highly acclaimed **The Audience** [PG] courtesy of National Theatre Live, featuring Helen Mirren on stage in the role of Queen Elizabeth II. Running time 3 hours - there will be an interval. Due to the higher licence fee, tickets will be £8.

Past Event Thanks & News

Our **Christmas Quiz** was a huge success thanks to Janni and Paul Menday, being a fun event for the full house as well as contributing £290 to funds!

The annual **Christmas Card Delivery** came and went whilst bringing £212 in donations in return for this service made possible by our volunteer deliverers. Many thanks and a Happy New Year to all!

Our **Carol Singing** accompanied by seasonal thoughts, organised well as usual by Gordon Casson and friends, was uplifting and satisfying given the paucity of mulled wine and mince pies left over at the end.

The refurbishment of the Stage curtains has now been completed by the attachment of an overlay of voile painstakingly stitched by Jane Gilliard and the three Sue's; Seymour, Faulkner and Parnell. Thanks to all concerned as well as another Sue (Goodlass) for the original idea and procurement.

Two 100 Club winners are drawn at random each month with 75% of all subscriptions being paid out in prize money and the balance helping maintain the Village Hall. Costing a modest £1 per month there is still room for additional contributors and good odds on being a winner. Sue Goodlass on 860373 will gladly arrange your membership. December's winners were Roddy Boycott & Anne Walters, with Anne also having benefitted along with Nikki Godfrey in November!

The Neighbourhood milk delivery service continues. Interested residents can discover more via raglandairy@gmail.com.

Village Hall Committee News

The village map is available on the hall web site: go to www.goo.gl/NnenG3

The **Oil Purchase Syndicate** continues to benefit purchasers and the Hall's coffers alike under the guidance of Larry Stoter so why not try it? He can be contacted on 861836. Over 2017, local residents ordered a total of 67,950 litres of oil, saving £1,595.49 compared with the BoilerJuice Wales price. Anybody placing a minimum order of 500 litres last February would have saved £19.60, easily covering the syndicate subscription.

Hall Committee

Wendy and Clark Atkinson	860413
Stephen Dix	860664
Marilyn Dunkelmann (Chair/Treasurer) marilyn@thebeechesthenarth.org.uk	860031
Sue Flower	860754
Sue and Jeff Goodlass	860373
Pamela Manfield (Secretary) ansaphone	861836
Kay Mahony	860199
Jannie Menday	860855
Taryn Rayner	861894
Larry Stoter (TUCC rep) ansaphone	861836
Pete Walters	860399
Representative (non-voting)	
Kay Bowen (PCC)	860594

Village Activities, Groups & Contacts

Ladies Keep Fit: Mondays at 10am. Contact Lucia Ashton on 07735 221928

Table Tennis: at 5.30 on Tuesdays. Contact Steve Widdicks on 869142.

Tai Chi: Classes at 7.45pm on Mondays. Contact Simon 07813 104468 or simonjones01@hotmail.com

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

Yoga: Meets 10am Wednesdays. Contact Emily via yoga.emily@googlemail.com

Zumba: Thursday evenings 7pm. Contact Nikki Reed 07742 994540, nikkireed.zumba@btinternet.com

The Narth Singers: Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Contact Alan and Jean Francis, 01600 716189 dousland@googlemail.com

Footpaths Project: Practical group helping to maintain rights of way and promote walking. Contact Brian Mahony, 860199

Films on The Narth & Penallt: Usually every 2nd and 4th Friday at 7.30pm. Contact Marilyn (The Narth) or David May (Penallt) via david@themays.org.uk

Whist Drive: Every month on the 3rd Friday at 7.30pm. Contact Kay Bowen on 860594

Wild Tots: Every fortnight, Friday 10.30am to noon in Manor Woods. Details on Facebook 'Wild Tots in Manor Wood'

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

Oil Syndicate: To save money on fuel; contact Larry Stoter on ansaphone 861836

The Village Hall Committee can also be contacted via the *Contact Us* form on www.thenarthhall.org.uk

BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

Residents' private parties - £10 per hour or £75 for a 24-hour period; 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, Ante-room, Kitchen or Marquee, please contact Sue on **860373** or use our on-line booking enquiry form on the web site.

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