

The Narth and District Newsletter: April 2018

With nicer weather now hopefully around the corner the Glade Tavern would look to repeat the tremendous attendance of their April night again on May 4th. Since the last Newsletter, the day of rugby match TV viewing went down well and opens up the possibility of other events, provided someone wishes to organise them. Suggestions have already included the Royal Wedding, Wimbledon and the Football World Cup. Any volunteers out there?



Annual Fete News

The public meeting held on 13 March resulted in a modest attendance of six people, three of whom were Committee members who had no personal desire to be expected to plan and organise this annual event. Currently the Hall Committee anticipates that the main parts of a Bar, BBQ, Teas and Raffle should be manageable, and a volunteer connected with the Wild Tots Group has kindly offered to organise some young persons' activities such as a Treasure Hunt in The Glade. Other possibilities exist but without any firm commitments whatsoever. Along with this Newsletter are the notes of the meeting which hopefully explains the situation more fully, in the hope that if there is any burning desire to do more, such ideas and associated volunteers will be forthcoming.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Kings and Flower **Quiz and Curry Night** is set for 7.30 on 28 April. Cost is £8 and bookings for the limited spaces still available can still be made with Pam, pamela.manfield@gmail.com or 01600 861836.

Following the success of last year's **Garden Club Plant Sale**, the Club's members will be holding a plant sale together with refreshments at the Village Hall on Saturday 5 May between 10.00 and noon. High quality plants will be on offer together with expert advice!

Mabon, the acclaimed modern Welsh folk music group is the next **Welsh Arts Council** supported '**Night Out**' production on Saturday 5 May. Names are being taken for cancellations and returned tickets by Stephen Dix, stephen.dix@live.co.uk or 01600 860664 if you still hope to see them.

Sue and Neville Bishop, long term residents of Pool Lane, have now moved and their family are holding a **sale of gardening equipment** bought over the years. This will be held in The Cherry Orchard, opposite Nelson Cottage, Pool Lane on Saturday 5 May from 10am to 4pm. Cash only please and buyers to take away. There is no spare parking nearby. Enquiries: Harold Binley, 07831 213 467

The Big Breakfast returns on Bank Holiday Monday, 28 May, courtesy of The Arnells and various younger helpers with their choice of charity to be announced. Please contact Marilyn if you can help – youngsters in particular are welcome for serving duties.

And after all those culinary delights, the next **Village Walk** and exercise is conveniently being arranged for the afternoon of Sunday 3 June.

There will be a **Beetle Drive** and supper on Friday 29 June, organized by Rachel Widdicks and Mary Pardington. Great fun and suitable for all ages (children under 8 need parental support). More details soon on the web site and village email bulletin.

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

Table tennis playing is now a regular feature with two tables available for an hour from 5.30pm on Tuesdays for just £2 per attendance. For further information ring Steve Widdicks on 869142 or just turn up.

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.

SPECIAL FILM EVENT: *Friday 27 April, The Narth Hall*
A recorded live theatre performance of **The Audience** [PG] courtesy of National Theatre Live, featuring Helen Mirren 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.

Summer Programme of Films

11 May, Pelham Hall: PADDINGTON 2 [PG]
25 May, The Narth: ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD [15]
15 June, Pelham Hall: THE POST [12A]
22 June, The Narth: EDIE [awaiting certificate]
20 July, Pelham Hall: DARKEST HOUR [PG]
27 July, The Narth: LADY BIRD [15]

Past Event Thanks & Committee News

The Glade Tavern team has now grown and are playing a blinder with many thanks for their efforts.

The two 100 Club winners drawn at random at the March Committee meeting were Sue Flower and Rosemary Thomas. In April the lucky winners were Rob Stocker and Gwen Bethell. Sue Goodlass on 860373 will gladly arrange your membership should you be minded to join, at the modest cost of £1 per month paid annually.

Penallt & Redbrook Cricket Club are recruiting for the imminent season and offer a friendly welcome to all newcomers, male or female, young or old. No particular ability (or even experience) is required. The team plays at Pelham Hall every Saturday afternoon, May to late August. Some players turn out every week, and others once or twice a season. Contact Guy Adams guyadamsmail@gmail.com

Many houses have changed hands in recent months, so if there are any new residents who would like a complimentary copy of the social history of The Narth & District and/or to be added to our Village Hall news email list, where your contact address details remain confidential, please feel free to contact Pete via plainanne@me.com.

Our hall cleaner, Sarah Williams, has been off work due to illness recently and we appreciate the patience of groups and the support of everyone who has helped to keep the hall usable in her absence. We are pleased to report that Sarah is now on the mend and due to return this month. She's a very valued member of the team – welcome back Sarah.

Hall Committee

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Pete Walters	860399

Representative (non-voting)

Kay Bowen (PCC) 860594

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

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'

Wye Valley Women: meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (except June, July, December). Visitors welcome. Contact Jane Gilliard, wyevalleywomen1@gmail.com, 01600 861974

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

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

BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

Residents' private parties - £10 per hour or £75 for a 24-hour period; local groups £7.50 per hour

Older marquee: £30.00 a day; £50.00 a weekend

New pop-up marquee: £60 a day; £100 a weekend

Other rates on application

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

The Narth & District Village Hall Committee

Outcome of Open Meeting held on 13 March 2018 to Discuss the Possibility of a Village Fete in 2018

The meeting, which was open to all village residents, was attended by six people, three of whom were members of the Hall Committee.

It was agreed that the annual fete is a valuable aspect of village life which it would be sad to lose. However, the Hall Committee are stretched and, given there is no constitutional obligation to provide a fete, no-one on the Committee is in a position to take overall charge of organisation. It has already been agreed that a dog show cannot be run this year.

Nevertheless, the Committee is able to provide, with other volunteer help, a bar, barbeque and raffle. It also seems likely that the usual helpers will be able to provide afternoon teas and possibly some musical entertainment (subject to their agreement).

Other activities were suggested, but it will need other volunteers to come forward to take charge of each one. These included:

- a children's treasure hunt in the Glade [subsequently the Wild Tots group have offered to do something along these lines]
- a game of boules and/or outdoor table tennis given suitable weather
- other musical entertainment
- stalls, possibly run by village groups (a plant stall was suggested)

It was agreed that anyone wishing to have a stall for their own benefit would be welcome, subject to approval by the Committee, provided they are able to set up themselves and be self-sufficient (a table and chairs can be provided).

It was agreed that notes from the meeting would be circulated to village residents to canvass further support, and if volunteers were forthcoming, a further working group meeting would be held.

Anyone able and willing to volunteer for a general organisational role, organise a particular activity (one of the above, or something different), or who wishes to have a stall for their own business or cause, should contact Marilyn: 01600 860031 or marilyn@thebeechesthenarth.org.uk, please.

NEWSLETTER ADDENDUM

A vacancy has arisen on Trellech United Community Council (TUCC), nominally for Penallt but the applicant can be from other areas of the Trellech United community. The formal notice is displayed on the TUCC notice board at the Village Hall. If anybody is interested, can they please contact the TUCC clerk, Ann Davison, trellechunited@gmail.com, phone 01594 530295.

For more information about the Community Council see www.trellechunited.org.uk.