

# The Narth and District Newsletter: July 2018

After such a glorious spell of weather the Glade Tavern's team of volunteers have their fingers crossed that the BBQ they are planning for 3 August will also be outdoors. With the proceeds from the food going towards helping sponsor their entry in the Annual Wye Raft Race, whatever the weather, the refreshment to accompany the food will be good and plentiful as usual.



## The Village Fete - Sunday 26 August

At this year's Village Fete, in addition to the usual bar, BBQ and salad lunches and afternoon teas, there will be music, the Wild Tots Treasure Hunt in The Glade for young persons, a variety of stalls, a display of old photographs and memorabilia and a free opportunity to try Boules and outdoor Table Tennis. The theme is **Days Gone By**.

**Join the Parade:** decorate your wheelbarrows, scooters, bikes, roller skates – any non-motorised wheels – for a Grand Parade; please book in advance by contacting Cathy Russell on 860637 or email [cv.russell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cv.russell@hotmail.co.uk). Children are especially welcome to take part.

Volunteer help would still be appreciated, as would items for the Produce stall (home grown fruit, vegetables, jams etc), the White Elephant stall, and for the Grand Raffle. Bring produce on the day. Check the hall web site or contact Marilyn (860031) for details of where to bring other donations.

## OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Book now for the **Fun Quiz** being organised by the Mendays of Orchard Court for **Friday 7 September**. Call now on 860855 or email [jmenday@gmail.com](mailto:jmenday@gmail.com) to guarantee your place. Teams are 6 persons maximum at £1.50 per head. Bar available and lots of prizes! All proceeds will go to an animal rescue sanctuary and rehoming centre in Spain - see [www.Barkinside.es](http://www.Barkinside.es)

The next Welsh Arts Council supported **Night Out** event will be 'Black Is the Colour of My Voice', on **10 November**, written and performed by Apphia Campbell and inspired by the life of Nina Simone. Tickets at £8.50 are now available via Stephen Dix via 01600 860664 or [stephen.dix@live.co.uk](mailto:stephen.dix@live.co.uk)

This year's **Annual General Meeting** of the Village Hall Committee will be **Tuesday 9 October**, 7pm at the hall. All residents of The Narth, Pen y Fan and Maryland are encouraged to come along and are entitled to vote. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact the current chair, Marilyn Dunkelman (details overleaf).

## Past Event Thanks & Committee News

The **Big Breakfast** on Bank Holiday Monday, 28 May, was its usual success and marked the retirement of Alison & Mark Arnell after many years of organising it. £330 was raised, shared equally, this time, between Home-Start Monmouthshire and the Village Hall.

The family of **Joy Morgan** has sent the following message and asked that we pass on all their thanks to those who sent messages of condolence: "Linda, Jackie, Jayne & Mandy would like to thank everyone who attended Mum's funeral at Llandogo Church on July 5th. Thank you so much from all of us."

The pairs of **100 Club** winners drawn at random at the May, June and July Committee Meetings were Rob Stocker and Wendy Hill; Cathy Russell and Jon Dunkelman; and, finally, Ruth Potter and Louise Nelson. The August draw could be your chance to win! Sue Goodlass on 860373 will gladly arrange your membership should you be minded to join, at the modest cost of £1 per month.

**For new residents:** We still have complimentary copies of the social history of the village, *The Narth & District: An Anecdotal History*, and also details of our 100 Club. Feel free to ask if we have failed to spot your arrival. You may also wish to be added to our Village Hall News email list, where your contact address details remain confidential, please contact Pete via [plainanne@me.com](mailto:plainanne@me.com).

**Mabon**, the acclaimed modern Welsh folk music group sold out their Welsh Arts Council supported 'Night Out' production on 5 May and will no doubt be invited back

Great fun was had by old and young alike at The **Beetle Drive**, organised at the end of June by Rachel Widdicks and Mary Pardington, helped by Brendan's renowned curries to start. With grateful thanks to all who participated for the £155 donated to Hall Funds. (Further new chairs are planned!)

Our **No. 65 Bus Service** is under serious threat of withdrawal. In the hope of saving it in the interests of our less mobile neighbours, why not add your comments to the many who have already expressed their disquiet to [bryanjones@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:bryanjones@monmouthshire.gov.uk) the County Council Cabinet Member responsible. There is also a petition to sign online via the Village Hall web site.

The **Village Walks** on Sunday 3 June had a good turnout of walkers covering the 5 miles round trip to Harold's Stones in Trellech as well as the easier route around Beacon Hill.

**Table tennis** playing is now a regular feature for all ages and skills with two tables available for an hour from 5.30 p.m. on Tuesdays for just £1 per attendance. Steve Widdicks can provide further information on 869142 or just feel free to turn up.

### Films on The Narth & at Pelham Hall, Penallt

20 July, Pelham Hall: **DARKEST HOUR** [PG]: Oscar winner Gary Oldman as Churchill at that most critical point in Britain's history, with Kristin Scott Thomas

27 July, The Narth: **LADY BIRD** [15] Irish actress Saoirse Ronan plays a rebellious Californian schoolgirl from the wrong side of the tracks in this funny, quirky coming-of-age story

Films are shown on Fridays, at 7.30pm - doors and bar from 7pm. Admission £5.

Full details of the new season will be published soon on the hall web sites, or join the village email list to receive all the latest news in your inbox.

### Hall Committee

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**The Committee** can also be contacted via the *Contact Us* form on [www.thenarthhall.org.uk](http://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 now held fortnightly on Sunday mornings. Contact Simon 07813 104468 or [simonjones01@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:yoga.emily@googlemail.com)

**Zumba:** Thursday evenings 7pm. Contact Nikki Reed 07742 994540, [nikkireed.zumba@btinternet.com](mailto:nikkireed.zumba@btinternet.com)

**The Narth Singers:** Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Contact Alan and Jean Francis, 01600 716189  
[dousland@googlemail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (except June, July, December). Visitors welcome. Contact Jane Gilliard, [wyevalleywomen1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

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