

The Narth and District Newsletter: September 2018

Now recovered from their Herculean efforts in the Monmouth Raft Race and James' stupendous 40th birthday Party, the Glade Tavern team are geared up to see you all again on Friday 5 October. Food on offer will this time be Japanese



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tickets at £8.50 are still available via Stephen Dix on 01600 860664 or stephen.dix@live.co.uk for the next **Welsh Arts Council** supported Night Out event on **Saturday 10 November** with singer Apphia Campbell - 'Black is the Colour of My Voice' (inspired by the life of Nina Simone).

Marcus, the blade & tool sharpener and repairer, who is a regular at Monmouth Market and attended the Fete, will be at the Hall again between 5 and 7pm on **Thursday 4 October**. For anyone wishing to seek his advice in advance, contact him on 07711 959 886 otherwise just turn up.

The **Local Links Club**, organised by Age Cymru Gwent for the over 50s now meets on Wednesdays from 1.30 to 3.30pm and is already well attended. Newcomers are welcome to join in their activities.

The Footpath Project group have arranged **Sunday 14 October** for the next **Village Walks**. As before - with a longer walk starting at 1.45pm and a shorter one at 3pm, followed by Afternoon Tea around 4.30pm to 5pm at the Hall. Please wear appropriate walking shoes and clothing. Well behaved dogs are welcome (with their leads). Booking is appreciated to help plan refreshments (in return for a donation): please contact Brian brian_mahony@outlook.com or 01600 860199.

The **Wild Tots** continue to meet regularly on Fridays for adventures in Manor Wood between 10.30 and noon.

The Gardening Club have an interesting event at 7.30 for 8pm on **Tuesday 25 September** which features local Fungi enthusiast Jon Dunkelman speaking about **Grassland Fungi** along with Elsa Wood, co-author of their recent book. Members are free but guests are also welcome at a cost of £3.

Tai Chi has changed, with classes taught by Simon taking place on alternate Sundays at 10.30am and practise sessions at 7.15pm on Mondays in the weeks between. More info is available from Marilyn on 860031.

The Village Hall **Annual General Meeting** is on **Tuesday 9 October**, 7 for 7.30pm. Residents are encouraged to come along, to join the discussion or just find out what's going on locally. Village groups will be introducing themselves, and the bar will be open (first drink free). We have vacancies arising on the committee so if you are interested in joining please contact Marilyn for more information (no obligation!)

Past Event Thanks & Committee News

The pairs of **100 Club** winners drawn at random at the August and September were Pam Manfield and Jane Gilliard and Linda Snowden and Jan Stephens. Existing members are reminded to renew their payments prior to the next October draw. Newcomers are always welcome at the modest cost of £1 per month.

The campaign to retain our No. 65 Bus Service, so wonderfully organised by Jane Gilliard, Rosemary Corcoran and Brian Mahoney, achieved its result and now is being used far more than before. To see what was achieved and how, as well as ways in which we can help ourselves and our community further look up '**Friends of the 65 Bus**' on Twitter or Facebook.

The **Village Fete** was substantially and loyally supported by many despite the most appalling weather. Apart from drenching those setting it up, it also limited some of the planned activities. But the Dunkirk spirit that prevailed ensured a fun afternoon and generated £1,032 For Village Hall funds. Very many thanks for the many who made it such a success!

The Quiz organised by the Mendays of Orchard Court in aid of an animal rescue sanctuary they support in Spain was predictably lively and fun and raised well in excess of £600.

For those **new residents** who have recently received a letter of welcome and an anecdotal history of The Narth & District, but may have missed the invitation to be included on our confidential email list and 100 Club, do feel free to ask Pete Walters via plainanne@me.com.

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. More details can be found on the hall web sites.

28 September: **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** [12A] at The Narth Hall

12 October: **Spitfire** [PG] at Pelham Hall

26 October: **The Breadwinner** [12A] at The Narth Hall

9 November: **Lean on Pete** [15] at Pelham Hall

23 November: **The Bromley Boys** [PG] at The Narth Hall

14 December: **Sweet Country** [15] at Pelham Hall

Hedgehog survey - can you help?



Hobo's rescues, rehabilitates and releases hedgehogs in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley area. Rural hedgehog populations are faring worse than their urban cousins, mainly because of the intensification of farming (loss of habitat and pesticide use affecting prey availability), roadkill and predation.

As part of a UK-wide project to estimate hedgehog populations following their severe decline (97% since the 50's) Hobo's are conducting surveys in various villages in this area.

If you have a regular or occasional hedgehog visitor to your garden or you used to regularly see hedgehogs in your garden but no longer do so, please can you email details to hoboshedgehogrescue@gmail.com marked for the attention of Carol. Include as much information as possible, for example, location of sighting, whether you provide feeding stations etc.

Thanks for your help!

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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 fortnightly on Sunday mornings. 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: Classes 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: 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

Local Links Club: for over 50s, Wednesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm, run by Age Cymru, 01291 673300

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
Other rates on application

Contact Sue on **860373** or Marilyn on **860031**
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 on the village hall web site