

THE NARTH AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER: July 2019

SUPPORT THE 2019 VILLAGE FETE

The Fete will start at 2 pm on Sunday, August 25th with a bar and food, organised by the Glade Tavern, as well as several stalls and lots of exciting activities for children. In the evening there will be a Summer Dance with live music from local band, The Black Pearls.

Help is needed to man some stalls and children's games. If you can spare an hour or two to help, please contact Marilyn as soon as possible. (See Committee list below).

Linda Snowden is running her extremely successful bric-a-brac stall once again; if you have anything to donate, please contact Linda on linda_snowden@btinternet.com. Raffle prizes would also be welcome and if you wish to run a stall, please contact Marilyn as soon as possible.

DON'T MISS THE AGM

All residents are warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of The Narth Village Hall Committee on Tuesday, 8th October. A free drink will be served from 7 pm and the meeting will begin at 7.30. This is your chance to find out more details of what the Committee and local groups have been doing during the year, so please try to turn up.

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK

Many thanks to the following:

- Jeff Goodlass, Caroline and Gary Clayton for ensuring the Hall flag once again looks immaculate.
- The Pardingtons and Gilliards for helping to keep the hedges on each side of the Hall trimmed and neat.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON LOCAL INFO?

If you are on the Village News Mailing List, you get regular email updates on important local news/events. Only about a third of residents are on the list so a lot of people are missing out on useful and interesting information. Contact Marilyn (see Committee list) or find the 'Contact Us' page on the Hall website.

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECENT EVENTS

Puttin' on the Ritz: Jane Brackstone and Sylvia Curphey organised this super event and would like to thank all who helped to make it the great success it was. The tea was scrumptious, the entertainment by friends from Chepstow excellent and the raffle prizes much appreciated. Your generosity meant £265 was raised for iNeed and £200 to support the Village Hall.

Glade Tavern: as always the monthly Glade Taverns have provided great food, drinks and atmosphere, a real asset to the village. To help ensure the Tavern runs every month, please consider giving one hour on

the Saturday after the Tavern to help clear up. Contact Nikki Godfrey on nikkigodfrey@mayphil.com if you can help.

Carmina was another very successful evening, thanks to Steve Dix and we are grateful for the financial support from the Welsh Arts Council. Thanks to all those involved in helping on the night.

The Big Breakfast, organised by Luisa Sadler, was very enjoyable and raised £390 for the Hall and Age Cymru. Luisa would like to thank all her helpers especially Sarah and John Owen; Mathew Sadler and Lisa Dorel, plus the wonderful young servers/waitresses: Harvey and Frankie Thomas; Lillie Rayner; Lola and Mia Godfrey; Alex and Hazel Williams; Rosie and Grace Sadler.

The Village Walks attracted good numbers, despite the threat of rain. Many thanks to the organisers and tea helpers. This is becoming a great addition to the Village social calendar and, hopefully, will return in the Autumn.

Gin Tasting, organised by Wye Valley Women was a fun-filled evening, starting with the history of gin and moving on to tasting various botanicals, which give each gin its distinct individuality and a range of different flavoured tonic waters.

100 CLUB - HOW TO JOIN AND WIN

This private lottery is open to all residents, their family and friends. Currently 50 members pay £12 a year to enter. There are two prizes each month, currently £25 and £12.50, with £12.50 going to Hall funds.

The subscription year starts in October but if you fancy a flutter, join now by paying £1 each month for August and September. Download and complete the application form on the Village Hall website or ask one of the Committee. More details and full rules are on the Village Hall website.

Winners: April: Ann Dawson; Greg Browning. May: Mary Pardington, Jane Gilliard. June: Gerald Bowen; Jon Dunkelmann. July: Vivien Casson; Gordon Casson.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Further details are on the Village Hall website)

GLADE TAVERN: First Friday of each month from 7 pm in the Village Hall. The August Tavern will feature a hog roast as the specialist food, so come along for another great evening.

LOCAL LINKS CLUB, AGE CYMRU GWENT: 17th July from 1.30 to 3.30, Rosemary Parkhouse of Bee Friendly Monmouth will be giving an illustrated talk on Pollinating Insects. £3 entry.

FILMS ON THE NARTH AND PENALLT

All start at 7.30, alternately in The Narth Village Hall or Pelham Hall, Penallt. Bars are available at both venues.

Friday 19th July: Pelham: *Can You Ever Forgive Me.* A comedy drama starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E Grant.

Friday 26th July: Narth: *Sometimes Always Never.* A family/mystery/detective story with a touch of fantasy and Scrabble, starring Bill Nighy and Sam Riley.

WYE VALLEY WOMEN. Highlights of the next few months include: **20th August** at 7.30: a local solicitor tells all about Wills, Trusts and Powers of Attorney: On **17th September** Sue Falconer talks on the History of Quilting and on the **15th October** there is a trip to Westonbirt Arboretum.

Don't forget the popular monthly Walks and Talks each first Tuesday at 9.30 am, from the Hall.

GARDEN CLUB: on **24th September at 8 pm**, Alun & Jill Whitehead will talk on "An Autumnal Romp - a seasonal look at gardens and art". Doors open 7.15.

CEILIDH: this was cancelled, but Mary Pardington has kindly agreed to run it again in the Autumn.

QUZ AND CURRY NIGHT, 14th September. Helen King's popular evening will start at 7 pm. Teams of 6 maximum. Tickets £8 per person, including meal. Licensed bar and raffle. Book via Pam Manfield on Pamela.Manfield@gmail.com or via Hall website and please do so quickly; places are filling rapidly.

INVISIBLE WOMAN: 8 pm, 22nd October. This thought-provoking play is put on with the support of the Welsh Arts Council. A bar will be available from 7.30 pm. Contact Steve Dix (Committee list below) for tickets. Please remember the Nights Out events tend to be popular, so book early,

BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

Residents' private parties - £10/hour or £75 for a 24-hour period. Local groups - £7.50/hour. Other groups on application. Contact Sue on 860373 or Marilyn on 860031 or use our online booking enquiry form on the website.

Full booking conditions are on the Village Hall website: www.thenarthhall.org.uk

NEWSLETTERS

To publicise a village event, please contact Pam Manfield on Pamela.Manfield@gmail.com or phone 861836 (answerphone).

The deadline for the next edition is 8th September, but please try to get items in as soon as possible.

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

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

Discount Oil Buying Group: save money on fuel. Contact Larry Stoter on answerphone 861836

Films on The Narth and Penallt: usually every second and fourth Friday at 7.30 pm. Contact Marilyn (The Narth) on 860031 or David May (Penallt) via email david@themays.org.uk

Footpaths Project: monthly maintenance group, as well as special work parties, to maintain and enhance local footpaths. Contact Brian Mahony on 860199

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

The Glade Tavern: Your local pop-up pub; 7 pm on the first Friday of the month. Contact nikkigodfrey@mayphil.com

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

Local Links Club: for over 50s; 1.30-3.30 pm on Wednesdays. Contact: Age Cymru 01291 673300

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

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

Tai Chi: classes every fortnight on Sundays at 10.30 am and practice sessions on Mondays at 7.15 in the week between. Contact Simon 07813 104468 or email: simonjones01@hotmail.com

Whist Drive: every 3rd Friday at 7.30 pm. Contact Kay Bowen on 860594

Wild Tots - Nature-based activities for children. Dates via Facebook "Wild Tots in Manor Woods".

Wye Valley Women: 7.30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (except June, July & December). Contact Jane Gilliard on 861974 or email: wyevalleywomen1@gmail.com

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

Zumba: 7 pm, Thursdays. Contact Nikki: call 07742 994540 or email nikkireed.zumba@btinternet.com