

# THE NARTH AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER: September 2019

## PLEASE THINK OF OTHERS

Several people have asked the Newsletter to strongly beg everyone to **drive more slowly** through the village. Many people walk, often with children or dogs, we have horse-riders and people with limited mobility. Also, we have a hedgehog rescue centre, which releases animals locally. We all know the roads are narrow and have some sharp bends, so please drive more slowly and carefully. It might also be worth mentioning this to delivery drivers.

## DON'T MISS THE AGM

All residents are warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of The Narth Village Hall 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 come and join us.

## HELP KEEP OUR HALL OPERATING!

All the money we residents raise helps to ensure the Hall can function for all of us as effectively as possible. Many of you will have noticed that work has gone on recently to improve the conservatory and stop its roof leaking. Better insulation has been put in, fire-protection has been upgraded and Wendy and Clark Atkinson and Larry Stoter need our thanks for repainting. Larry also needs thanks for coating the floor to reduce dust. We still have some major - and costly - work that needs doing, including roof repairs, infra-red heaters and resurfacing the car park, so fundraising is still important.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON RECENT EVENTS

**The Narth Family Fun Day** on August 25th was a brilliant day, full of sunshine and fun for all. Many congratulations are due to all those who helped with preparing, running activities and stalls and clearing up and especially to Wendy Atkinson for masterminding the whole thing and Marilyn Dunkelman for managing the monies involved. The event raised a considerable amount to support the Hall, but more importantly was a great day out for people of all ages.

**The Footpath Group** had a very successful day removing Himalayan Balsam, to try to eradicate it from our section of the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Himalayan Balsam is an invasive, non-native plant which destroys habitats, preventing native plants flourishing. If you see any locally, please remove it and report sightings to Brian Mahony (See Group Lists.) Many thanks to all workers: Graham Agg, Gordon Casson, Steve Gilliard; Pam Manfield; Chris Radford (from Wye Valley AONB), Gwen and Bob Reid, Larry Stoter, Andy Willock, Brian Mahony for the organisation (and work) and Janni Menday for the lovely refreshments.

**Glade Tavern:** as always the monthly Glade Taverns have provided great food, drinks and atmosphere, a real asset to the village. To ensure the Tavern keeps running every month, please consider giving one hour on the Saturday after, to help clear up. With lots of volunteers, you could be helping only once or twice a year and only for an hour, at most. If you can help, contact Nikki Godfrey on [nikkigodfrey@mayphil.com](mailto:nikkigodfrey@mayphil.com)

## GARAGE CLEAR OUT DAY

The Hall is desperately short of storage space so there will be a clear out of the garage to ensure everything stored there is needed and used. If you or your group currently store items in the Hall garage and wish to continue to do so, please contact Pam Manfield as soon as possible, or come to the Grand Garage Day on Sunday 29th September, from 10-12.

## HEDGEHOG RESCUES UPDATE

Our local hedgehog rescue centre, has had a busy Summer and are delighted all their baby rescue hoglets have been reared successfully and released. As Autumn approaches, hogs need to build up their fat reserves. If you see small hedgehogs out in daytime they may be struggling, so please ring for advice on 01600 860375 or 07922 176767. Also note the change of name to Wye Valley Hedgehog Rescue and the email address to [wye-hedgehogs@gmail.com](mailto:wye-hedgehogs@gmail.com)

Remember to log all hedgehog sightings, including fatalities, on the Big Hedgehog Map at [www.bighedgehogmap.org](http://www.bighedgehogmap.org) and PLEASE try not to squash them on the roads.

## JOIN THE NEW FACEBOOK GROUP

A new Facebook group is available for residents of The Narth and district. The Narth Village Hall Facebook page will still be the main source of information about events, but the new group will be more interactive, allowing you to post queries, and information, plus items members want or are offering/selling. It will also include village events and news. Just search on Facebook for 'The Narth Community' and click 'join'.

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**August:** 1st prize: Jon Dunkelman; 2nd prize: Brian Mahony. **September:** 1st prize: Annie Dawson; 2nd prize: Wendy Atkinson.

To join the 100 Club which raises funds for the Hall, complete an application form online or via one of the Committee.

## OIL DISCOUNT GROUP SAVES YOU MONEY

For only £8 pa, which goes to the Hall upkeep fund, you can save approximately £15 on a delivery of 500 litres. Contact Larry Stoter (See Groups List)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Further details are on the Village Hall website)

\* **GLADE TAVERN:** Your local pop-up pub on the first Friday of each month from 7 pm. **October 4th** will feature Mexican food. Look out for the **December 6th: Christmas Party**, with the Black Pearls band performing live.

### \* FILMS ON THE NARTH AND PENALLT

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

**27th September: Colette**, starring Keira Knightley (The Narth)

**11th October: Fighting with My Family** (Penallt) - "an uplifting British comedy" about a female wrestler.

**25th October: Late Night** (The Narth) - a comedy starring Emma Thompson

**8th November: Yesterday** (Penallt) - the latest Danny Boyle film.

**15th November: Rocketman** (Penallt). A musical biography of Elton John.

**6th December: Fishermans' Friends** (Penallt) Cornish fishermen's top 10 hit of sea shanties.

### \* WYE VALLEY WOMEN

17th September: **Quilting not Patchwork**;

October - **Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum**;

19th November: **The Science of Forensics**. Hall activities start at 7.30.

\* **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.

**29th October:** Duncan Coombs on "Pruning shrubs and their aftercare."

\* **FOOTPATH GROUP: Village Walks, 20th October.** Long walk (5 m) starts 1.45 and shorter walk (2 m) at 3 pm both from the Hall. Tea and cakes at the Hall from 4.30. Donations requested.. Book if possible so refreshments can be planned, via Hall website or Brian (01600 860199).

\* **INVISIBLE WOMAN: 8 pm, 22nd October.** This very funny and 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 are very popular, so book early,

**2020 EVENTS** Look out for the return visit of the very popular folk group - **Mabon** - on **22nd February**.

## 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](http://www.thenarthhall.org.uk)

## NEWSLETTERS

To publicise a village event, please contact Pam Manfield on [Pamela.Manfield@gmail.com](mailto:Pamela.Manfield@gmail.com) or phone 861836 (answerphone). **The deadline for the next edition is Friday 15th November, but please try to get items in as soon as possible.**

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## VILLAGE 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)

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## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

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

**Films at 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](mailto: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

**Garden 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 (861974) or email: [wyevalleywomen1@gmail.com](mailto:wyevalleywomen1@gmail.com)

**Yoga:** 10 am on Wednesdays. Contact Emily via [yoga.emily@googlemail.com](mailto:yoga.emily@googlemail.com)

**Zumba:** 7 pm, Thursdays. Contact Nikki via: 07742 994540 or [nikkireed.zumba@btinternet.com](mailto:nikkireed.zumba@btinternet.com)