

THE NARTH AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER: January 2020

JOIN THE NARTH SOCIAL CLUB IN 2020

Linda Snowden and Alison Pugh-Jones have taken over organising this lively club, which meets every Wednesday for chat and activities from 1.30 to 3.30. The weekly charge of £3 includes refreshments, so just turn up, or contact Linda or Alison (Group Lists) for more details. The meeting on **January 15th** includes a talk from a member of the local police on **Scams and how to avoid them**. If you are going to the meeting on the 15th, please let Alison or Linda know so refreshments will fit numbers.

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECENT FUNDRAISING

Many congratulations to Nikki Godfrey whose lovely food at the Glade Tavern Christmas Party raised over £400 for Cystic Fibrosis. Many congratulations also to Phil Bowen and Sally Welsh, whose joint birthday event raised over £1,000 for Velindre Hospital. £98, half the ticket sales at the Victorian Trials, was donated to Alzheimers Society as agreed with the magistrates/actors.

TAKE PHOTOS FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR

The theme is: **Out and about on The Narth** - Capture the changing seasons in Manor Wood, sunrise on Beacon Hill, the excitement of the Raft Race or frivolity at the Glade Tavern and have your photos starring in The Narth Calendar for 2021.

Three winners for each season will be included in the calendar. The Winter and Spring photo deadline is **Friday 20th March 2020**. The overall winner, to go on the cover, will be chosen from the final 12 images and voted on at the AGM.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form, available on the Village Hall website. The competition rules are also on the website: www.thenarthhall.org.uk For paper copies, contact the Hall Secretary. If you need advice on photo size/resolution, etc, contact Clark Atkinson (see Committee List for both).

ARE YOU ON THE NARTH EMAIL LIST?

If you are on the Village Email List, you receive information on news and events, alerts of traffic problems, etc. To join the List, contact Marilyn (Committee List) or see the Village Hall website. Remember also there is a **Village Hall Facebook** page which can keep you up to date with news.

KEEP THE 65 BUS GOING

Please do not forget it is still important to use the local bus, so we do not lose it. The Friends of the 65 Bus group have reported with delight the real community spirit that people are finding when using the bus. See their website for details (apologies to Rosemary Corcoran, one of the founders, for getting her name wrong in the last edition).

SPECIAL EVENTS TO NOTE

* **22nd February - MABON**. Now fully booked. If you wish to be on a waiting list for tickets contact Stephen Dix on 860664 or stephen.dix@live.co.uk

* **DAWN CHORUS WALK, 8th March** at 6 am. The Footpath Group will have a local birding expert to lead this walk. £10 includes continental breakfast. Only a few places remain, so email Jane to book: the_gilliards@hotmail.com or phone 861974.

* **SPRING QUIZ NIGHT, March 21st**. Test your skills in this tantalising quiz.. Maximum of 6/team, entry £2/per person. Total profits will be split between the Hall and St David's Hospice. Licensed bar and nibbles on sale. Further details are on the Hall website. Book via Pamela.Manfield@gmail.com or 01600 861836

* **SIX NATIONS SUPER SATURDAY, 14th March** with live rugby and a licensed bar. Look out for details nearer the time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - regular groups

(Further details are on the Village Hall website)

GLADE TAVERN: first Friday of each month. The Team had a rest after the very successful Christmas Party so the next Tavern will be on **February 7th from 7 pm**. Fish and chips will also be available.

Besides organising special events, any resident can raise funds for a favourite charity by offering to provide food at a Glade Tavern evening, with the profits from the food going to the charity of choice. Contact Nikki Godfrey for details. (See Group List).

The GT Team always welcome more help with the clear up; 45 minutes on a Saturday morning once or twice a year is very little to keep this great event going. So, make 2020 the year you become a GT Clear Up Volunteer. Contact Nikki Godfrey (Group List) if you can help.

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.

* **Friday, 24th January (Penallt)**. *The Lion King*, the new 'live-action' CGI animated version of the Disney classic with Beyonce's voice. (PG)

* **Friday, 7th February (Penallt)**. *Judy* starring Renee Zellweger, Oscar nominated for playing Judy Garland at the end of her career. (12A)

* **Friday, 28th February (Narth)**. *Sorry We Missed You*. Ken Loach's follow-up to *I, Daniel Blake* working in the gig economy. (15)

* **Friday, 13th March (Penallt)**. *Knives Out*. Good, old-fashioned whodunnit, with Daniel Craig and Christopher Plummer. (12A)

* **Friday, 27th March (Narth)**. *Official Secrets*. Based on the true story of a British Intelligence

whistle-blower during the Iraq war of 2003. Exciting, tense story of spies and political intrigue (15)

* **Friday, 3rd April (Penallt).** *Downton Abbey.* A stand-alone story of a royal visit with plenty of subplots. Starring Maggie Smith (PG)

WYE VALLEY WOMEN: After a very successful first year the 2020 programme for Wye Valley Women is now out. Contact them for more details - see Group List. Remember, in addition to the talks, usually at 7.30, there are monthly Walks and Talks; bi-monthly lunches; Coffee, Chat and Crafting afternoons and Something Different workshops with flowers/foilage.

* **Jan 21st, Social Quiz and AGM,** a chance to catch up with news and planned activities, with cheese and wine.

* **Feb 18th, Blood Bikes Wales.** A volunteer rider talks about this fascinating and valuable activity.

* **March 17th,** Robin Smith talks about **Paradise Found - Filming Birds of Paradise**

GARDEN CLUB

* **25th February, 2.30 pm.** **The Old Industries of the Lower Wye Valley** by a Wye Valley Tour Guide.

* **31st March, 7.30 pm.** Sally Gregson will discuss **"Plants – they just don't read the books!"**

* **Saturday 30th May,** will be the very popular **Plant Sale and Coffee Morning.**

New members are always welcome – just come to a meeting and sign up or contact wendy.hill72@btinternet.com for details. Membership is excellent value at only £6 per person and meeting fees are £2 for members and £4 for guests.

100 CLUB WINNERS

December: first prize, Gordon Casson; second prize, Vivien Casson. **January:** first prize: Rosemary Thomas; second 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 upkeep of the Hall, you can save approximately £15 on a delivery of 500 litres. (See Group List for contact details.)

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 Friday 10th April, 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 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

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

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

The Narth Social Club: 1.30 to 3.30 pm on Wednesdays. Contact Linda on 869128 or Alison on 860983.

The Narth Singers: 7.30 pm on Wednesdays. Contact Alan and Jean Francis on 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 pm 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 (861974) or email: wyevalleywomen1@gmail.com

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

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