

THE NARTH AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

September 2020

THANKS TO LARRY AND PAM

After 4 years of tireless and dedicated service to the Village Hall Committee, Larry and Pam have decided to resign. We wish them well and hope they enjoy a well-earned rest!

Clark Atkinson and Maria Ricketts have stepped in as interim Chairperson and Secretary, respectively.

HELP ON THE NARTH

The volunteer service from Help on The Narth has now stopped. The final prescription collection and delivery was on the 27th August. Please be assured that if there is a 'second wave' of the virus and a further lockdown, the service will be resumed.

MASKS UPDATE

*****Please remember that from 15th September 2020 the wearing of masks in all indoor public places, including shops, doctors' surgeries and hospitals is mandatory*****

The enterprising 'Narth Mask-Makers' have already made over 100 masks: plain, patterned and fun fabrics; some with elastic and some with ties. Something for everyone! Child-sized masks are also available. The mask-making consortium is happy to make further masks to order.

There is no charge but donations to the Village Hall are invited. So far, £252.40 in donations has been gratefully received.

To order masks, please email helponthenarth@gmail.com or ring Jane on 861974

UPDATE FROM CASTLEGATE SURGERY

Please remember that patients will be asked to enter the building one at a time, where a temporary desk has been set up to check you in for your appointment or deal with your request. For further information visit:

www.castlegatemedicalpractice.wales.nhs.uk/home

UPDATE FROM TRELLECH SURGERY

Patients are reminded that the surgery is continuing to offer all patients help via telephone, video or online consultations. All patients who need to be seen will see the appropriate professional following an initial telephone assessment.

We are also now booking flu vaccines for over 65s and for those at risk, carers or pregnant.

Flu vaccines for the over 50s are expected in November-December. Any covid-19 vaccine will be offered by ABUHB at a later date, once approved. For further information visit:

www.wyevalleypractice

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Both Practices are encouraging patients to contact them by phone or email, as well as by using their online eConsult services for any routine clinical or administrative queries. See Practice websites for more details

REOPENING THE VILLAGE HALL: YOUR VIEWS MATTER

The Village Hall Committee is looking at whether we can resume some activities at the Village Hall. This would require rigorous health & safety precautions and we are investigating which activities, if any, could return within the current legislation.

The views of residents are of the utmost importance and we have set up a questionnaire so that you can have your say.

Please complete the questionnaire by following the link on the Village Hall website:

www.thenarthhall.org.uk/2020/08/20/opening-the-hall-your-opinion

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would like a paper copy, please telephone Maria on 01600869171

ROTARY CLUB - WALK THE WYE- 2020 Raising funds for breast cancer research

The annual sponsored walk organised by the Rotary clubs of Monmouth, Chepstow and Ross-on-Wye is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 27th September 2020

Please enter by 25th September as entries cannot be accepted on the day.

For further details please visit the website:
www.monmouthrotaryclub.com

WIGGIES BREAD ORDERS

Due to popular demand, a self-collection system will continue to operate from the village hall.

For further details about how to place your order and payments options, please visit the website:
thenarthhall.org.uk/2020/04/03/wigmore-bakery-orders/

THE NARTH AND DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM 2020

The AGM will be held on the 13th October at 7.30pm via a zoom link. Details, including the agenda, will be posted on the Village Hall website and on the Narth Community Facebook page: [Facebook](#)

If you do not have access to a computer, but would like a paper copy of the agenda, please contact Maria:869171

If you are interested in joining the village hall committee, and would like an informal chat, please call either Maria (869171); Marilyn (860031) or contact Clark: wenandclark@gmail.com

USEFUL INFORMATION SOURCES

This Welsh Government site provides several links to a variety of sources of information at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance

You may also find these sites helpful

Information for children

www.unicef.org/coronavirus/how-talk-your-child-about-coronavirus-covid-19

Information for carers

www.carersuk.org/covid-19

If you are interested in any specific information, but do not have access to a computer, phone Maria on 869171

PHONE SUPPORT

A phone befriending system is available to older people in Monmouthshire feeling lonely or isolated The Volunteering for Wellbeing Project has volunteers who are DBS screened, trained and keen to provide regular, encouraging and friendly phone calls.

If you know a friend or neighbour who might benefit from this project email: **contact@befriendingmonmouthshire.org.uk**
Age Cymru offer a similar service - check their web site or phone 0800-0223-444

DON'T FORGET THE 2021 CALENDAR

Three winners for each season will be included. Final deadline for Summer and Autumn pictures is **27th September 2020 - so get snapping!**

The overall winner will be chosen from the final 12 images and voted by residents at the Village Hall AGM in October (see above for details).

The calendars will cost approximately £5. Please pre-order or register your interest by emailing Maria mariarick10@gmail.com

For further details on how to enter visit the website or phone Maria on 01600869171

100 CLUB WINNERS

JULY: first prize: Dianne Dix, second prize: Phil Bowen.

AUGUST: first prize: Tina Bowen second prize: Jane Gilliard

SEPTEMBER: first prize: Bob Reid; second prize: Jeff Goodlass