

THE NARTH AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

June 2021

HERE COMES THE WEATHER!

Well, we've certainly had a 'Flaming June' - ideal for BBQs and al fresco dining, but the school holidays are looming and of course, so are the rain clouds! Hopefully, the gardens will get a watering and 'the weather' will sail on in time for our first post-lockdown summer events.

*****Please note that all planned events are subject to change due to amendments in Covid rules and regulations. Organisers will do their best to ensure that you are informed of any changes in good time*****

FISH AND CHIPS IN THE GLADE



The Glade Tavern (as you know and love it) will not reopen this summer. Fear not however, drinks and the delights of the Caped Cod van will be served in the Glade on Saturday, 3rd July 2021

Covid-19 safety measures to comply with current legislation and government guidance will be in place.



Further details, including how to pre-book your tickets, will be posted on the website thenarthhall.org.uk and the village hall Facebook page as soon as plans are finalised. Details will also be posted on the village hall noticeboards.

VOLUNTARY SPEED LIMIT ON THE NARTH

Following discussions and positive feedback, we are inviting village residents to opt in to a new incentive to restrict our speeds to a **20mph** limit.

By encouraging lower speeds this way our aim is to create safer roads for us all without the need for official intervention via legal limits, speed signs, and everything that may go with it. Most of us already drive cautiously through the village, but a gentle reminder that 20mph makes our roads so much safer will hopefully encourage everyone, including regular delivery and trade drivers, to participate in this initiative.

Over the coming weeks we will be distributing more information on how and where we hope the initiative will work (including some bumper stickers). We'll also be asking our local children to come up with some posters which we can add to our notice boards (and perhaps even a garden fence or two) to get the message out there in style.

Our village is a wonderful place to live, and we feel our own good will and sense of community is the best tool for making this work!

Andy Pilkington

Many thanks go to Andy for this wonderful idea.

WYE VALLEY WOMEN

Undeterred by Covid and lockdowns, WVV group has continued to host virtual village hall talks using the village hall 'Zoom' account. Since the last newsletter there have been talks on a range of topics from *Wild Bees in the*

Garden by George Pilkington to *The Art of the Magician* by Tony Griffiths.

If you would like further information about WVV, please contact wyevalleywomen1@gmail.com or any member of the village hall committee.

SCARECROW TRAIL

Not surprisingly, the August Bank Holiday fete is cancelled again this year. So instead, you are invited to get out those old gardening clothes; a broken sweeping brush or two; raid the vegetable drawer and create the best scarecrow ever!

Stroll around the village with a trail map and then vote for your favourites.



Look out for further details on the village hall website and on our Facebook page. Details will also be posted on the village hall noticeboard

THE NARTH TELEPHONE BOX

Several years ago as many of you will remember, we were asked by British Telecom if we would like to purchase the redundant Telephone Kiosk on The Narth. I believe the Pen y Fan kiosk was purchased at the same time.

If my memory serves me right, each box cost a penny on the understanding that the village hall committee was responsible for its maintenance. Our very own Bill Parnell set to and painted the box the statutory Pillar Box



Red.

The idea was to change the use to an information centre. Apart from putting up a map of the area with house names to help identify locations, a board was added so that local businesses could advertise too. A few shelves were also added for swapping books. This proved popular and we were soon running out of space. Bob Reid kindly offered to add more shelves which have proved very useful.

Another idea was that we added a section for children. This has been further developed by one of our young dads, Richard Stone who added a treasure box so that children could take a treasure home and leave one for the next child who came along. This has been such a joy as we were able to leave small chocolate eggs in 'The Magic Box' as Woody, one of our youngest children describes it, at Easter.

This has definitely been a worthwhile venture and hopefully will bring pleasure for many years to come. I am sure a little bit of love and tender care would not go amiss however, now that the paint is peeling badly. Anyone up for it? If so, I am sure the village committee would be thrilled to hear from you!

Jane Brackstone

Many thanks to Jane Brackstone for this brief history, and for maintaining the telephone box on behalf of the village hall committee.

THE GARDENING CLUB PLANT SALE
Saturday 26th: The Garden Club Plant Sale 10am to noon. Contact Graham Agg on 861951 for further details.



At last a bit of good Village Hall news! The always popular Garden Club Plant Sale is confirmed for Saturday 26th June, open from 10.00am to 12 noon. It will be all outdoors, and sadly, because of complications due to you-know-what, there won't be any refreshments served this year. But at least it is happening!

THE COUNTRY CODE

As things start to open up with the relaxing of lockdown rules, we are all venturing a little further afield. For all dog lovers, we have been asked to remind you of the Country Code:



Always keep dogs under control and in sight

The countryside, parks and the coast are great places to exercise your dog but you need to consider other users and wildlife.

Keep your dog under effective control to make sure it stays away from wildlife, livestock, horses and other people unless invited. You should:

- always keep your dog on a lead or in sight
- be confident your dog will return on command
- make sure your dog does not stray from the path or area where you have right of access

Always check local signs as there are situations when you must keep your dog on a lead for all or part of the year. Local areas may also ban dogs completely, except for assistance dogs. Signs will tell you about these local restrictions.

It is good practice wherever you are to keep your dog on a lead around livestock.

On Open Access land and at the coast, you must put your dog on a lead around livestock. Between 1 March and 31 July, you must have your dog on a lead on Open Access land, even

if there is no livestock on the land. These are legal requirements.

DOG POO: BAG IT AND BIN IT!

Always clean up your dog's poo because it can cause illness in people, livestock and wildlife.



Never leave bags of dog poo around, even if you intend to pick them up later. Deodorised bags and containers can make bags of dog poo easier to carry. If you cannot find a public waste bin, you should take it home and use your own bin.

AND JUST BECAUSE...

Answers from last month's brainteaser:

1. 84% of people reading this will not find the the mistake in this A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T,U,V,W,X,Y,Z. **Answer: repetition of 'the' in the question**
2. How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't bounce off anything? There is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it back to you. **Answer: throw it in the air**
3. What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years? **Answer: the letter 'm'**

BRAINTEASERS FOR JUNE

1. What has cities, but no houses; forests, but no trees; and water, but no fish?
2. How can $8 + 8 = 4$?
3. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
4. A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?

100 CLUB

Fancy a flutter? Join the 100 club, The Narth's private lottery, and help raise funds for our community

For further details visit the website:

100club@thenarthhall.org.uk or contact Maria on 07725740474

Latest lucky winners:

April: 1st prize- Fiona Trepte
2nd prize- Mary Pardington
May: 1st prize – Rosemary Thomas
2nd prize –Gerald Bowen
June: 1st prize – Janni Menday
2nd prize – Steve Widdicks

DISCOUNT OIL BUYING GROUP

Save money and support the hall by joining The Narth Discount Oil Buying Group. In past years, group members have collectively saved £2,500 in one year on the Boilerjuice price.

Membership costs just £8 a year, and you'll save more than that with your first order. We do the ringing around for the best price, and membership fees go to the Village Hall to support village events.

We have developed a simple process which is easy for you and easy for us too. Typically we should be able to save you around 2p/litre (sometimes more), although this will vary according to the size of the order, and cannot be guaranteed.

Deliveries are approximately every two months.

How it Works

The minimum order is 500 litres. You pay the oil supplier direct. If you do not have an account with the supplier we identify it is likely that they will require you to pay upfront by debit card or bank transfer, or the driver on delivery.

Join Us

To join the Buying Group please download and complete this form [Oil Buying Group Membership Form](#) (which can be completed digitally in more recent versions of pdf readers, or printed) and send or deliver with your payment to Larry Stoter at the address on the form. For queries and to order oil contact Larry on larry.stoter@gmail.com or leave a message on the answerphone on **861836**

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

This newsletter is produced by The Narth Village Hall Committee.

If there is anything that you would like us to include in the next edition, please contact Maria (07725740474) or any other committee member

If you would like to become more involved in The Narth community, why not join the village hall committee?

Wherever your skills, talents or just enthusiasm lie, we can find a job for you!

If you are interested, please contact either Maria (07725740474) , Marilyn (860031) or any other member of the committee.

