

What's On in Reynoldston ...October 2015?

Regular weekly groups:

Keep Fit - Mon./ Weds. 391012 (Hugh) 390100 (Alan)
Keep Fit with Kate Fordy - Mon. 07904369975
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts - Tues. 392919 (Dawn) 391020 (Sarah)
Brownies - Tues. 07950558147 (Aimee)
Guides - Tues. 07818517287 (Rachel)
Fizzykids (pre-school age) - Thurs.am 391274 (Gilli)
Pilates - Tues. Emma 07766 477308
Bowls - Weds/Fri. 391492 (John)
Flower Arranging - Weds. 390513
Badminton - Thurs. 391219 (Ken) 7.30pm
Jigsaw (pre-school age) - Fri. 390038 (Liz)
Church and Chapel Services - 391436 (Church) 391277 (Chapel)

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Harvest Supper.....Don't forget to get your tickets for the Harvest Supper on **Sunday 4th October** (6pm for 6.30pm) at Reynoldston Village Hall. Excellent food, bar and special entertainment. Sale of harvest produce in aid of charity. Tickets £12 from Angela (391056) ab@reynoldston.com

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The best book we have read about walks in Gower.....

This is what some visitors said about the first edition of *Gower Rambles*. Here is the second and revised edition with even more walks described, with clear maps and a great many photographs. Buy soon for yourself and for your friends visiting Gower. Christmas is not too far off! You can purchase copies at **£8.50** from Reynoldston Shop and Post Office, Mike Davies Camping in Upper Killay, Shops in Scurlage and LLanmadoc, Cover to Cover in Mumbles and the National Trust Shop in Rhossili. Order direct from John Rock (postage £2.50) on:

01792391316/johnandjudith@reynoldston.com

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Reynoldston WI....On **October 6th** Sarah Russell from the Viney Hearing Centre in Sketty will be talking about the problems and possible solutions to hearing problems. Do join us in the Minor Hall at 7 - 30 pm. On October 15th there will be a visit Stella & Rob Elliot for an Apple Festival.

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New Activity Group for Families....Green Giants, Blue Skies. We are no longer going to be part of the Woodcraft Folk as we're too small to finance the insurance, DSB checks etc. We have had a great four years doing art, ceramics, dune sledging, nature scavenging, den building, cooking, games of chaos tag, ice and fire and others, tree climbing, water-slides, body-boarding - and we have found friendships and enjoyed each other's company. We don't want to lose that so we're re-launching as a network for families in the Swansea area who'd like to do more outdoors and creative events with their kids - and /or meet up and attend other events together, at weekends or midweek. How the group grows depends on the people who make it .We'll be advertised on Facebook plus we'll put events "Reynoldston News" and on this email when some members have organised or planned events or attendance at events. The new name - to reflect our outdoorsy and child friendly ethic is '**Green Giants, Blue Skies**'. Look for us on Face Book!

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Ramblers....Wednesday October 14th led by David Richards. An exploration of the post-industrial landscape around Dunvant, through old lanes and forgotten railway lines, passing abandoned coal mines and brickworks. Meet on the Lower Green at 10.30 or the Hungry Horse Dunvant SA2 7SL at 11.00. (please park on the left hand side of the car park). The walk is about 5 to 6 miles long mostly on good surfaces with a few muddy patches; there is a steep climb for the first 1 or 2 miles. Bring a packed lunch, but there is the opportunity for something more substantial or liquid at the pub afterwards.

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Gardening Club..... *Birds in the Garden* is the theme for the meeting **on October 14th** at the Methodist Chapel (7.30pm). Anthony Walton is a keen photographer and bird watcher and will present his own photographs in an enthusiastic and lively talk. New members are welcome to join us.

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Afternoon Club.... On **Monday October 19th** at 2.30pm at the Chapel. Sue Woodhouse, from the famous cheese makers at Blaenavon will be speaking about the production of their cheeses and how the business has grown into an international company.. She will also be bringing lots of samples to taste and buy!

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Biking Group... Friday 23rd October starting from Coed Gwilym Park, just outside Clydach to Ystradgynlais, alongside the canal and River Tawe. If you are interested in joining the group, contact John Bastiani - jb@reynoldston.com

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Painted in Gower..... an Art Exhibition and Sale by the very talented Port Eynon Art Group **on Sunday 25th, Monday.26th (11-8) and Tues.27th (11-5) October** at the King Arthur Hotel. An opportunity to view a wide range of paintings, from Gower views to portraits. All paintings will be for sale. An excellent opportunity of personal purchases at very reasonable prices or a chance to buy a unique present!

Supporting aid to refugees

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Gower Film Club....Wednesday 28th October at 7.30pm in Reynoldston Village

Hall.....*Far From The Madding Crowd*. With the aid of a great cast, director Thomas Vinterberg mounts a very honourable adaptation of Thomas Hardy's sweeping melodrama about lust, doomed romance and how not to pick a husband. As the woman-who-shall-not-be-tamed, a feisty Carey Mulligan plays Bathsheba Everdene, the robust, independently spirited woman of the country whose proud proto-feminist self-belief and fiery, patriarchy-defying personality still aren't quite enough to awaken her better judgment when it comes to picking a partner. In the running for her hand are lonely rich guy William Boldwood (Michael Sheen), soldier Frank Troy (Tom Sturridge) and farmer Gabriel Oak (Matthais Schoenaerts)

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Cancer Research UK....Coffee Morning & Floral Demonstration by Daphne Furneaux (Chelsea Gold Medallist) Cakes, Stalls, Raffle, Crafts . King Arthur Hotel **Tuesday November 3rd**.10.30a.m – 12.30p.m. Admission £5 (incl. Tea/Coffee)

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Training for Unpaid Carers....The Swansea Carers Centre is offering a range of Lottery funded half--day courses at Reynoldston Village Hall..*Everyday First Aid (Nov); Dementia Awareness (Dec); Sleep and Relaxation (Jan 2016); Intro. to Tai Chi Movements for Wellbeing (Feb); Intro. To Stress Control (March)*. Further details ring 01792 653344 /www.swanseacarerscentre.org.uk

Christmas Food and Craft Fair.... Saturday November 21st at Reynoldston Village Hall.... 10am –2.30pm. The usual high standard of local craft and food producers. Christmas gifts galore plus bacon butties, cakes and lots more.

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Reynoldston Village Shop and Post Office.....LATEST

We now have a Committee to take matters forward, with the clear objective to purchase the Village Shop and Post Office on behalf of the community as soon as possible.

The Committee is receiving support from Jane Ryall of the Plunkett Foundation, who advise communities across the UK wishing to start community shops

The first (and most difficult task!) is to raise money to purchase the premises. At the public meeting in August, those attending were asked to make an initial declaration as to how much money they were prepared to pledge to finance the project and to benefit the community. The response was most encouraging **but** not enough to make the purchase of the business and essential renovations a real possibility.

If you have pledged money, **THANK YOU!** Members of the Committee will be in touch with you soon.

.If you have not yet pledged money, this is what is on offer:

- You will be investing in the future of our Village Shop, which will be a Community Benefit Society, where the business will be owned by the community in perpetuity.
- Your investment will mean that you can hold a share in the business and consequently you will have a say in the running of the business. Alternatively, you can also make a loan.

We welcome pledges of all sizes, but obviously the more we raise, the more likely it will be that we can secure the future of our Shop and Post Office..

So we need your help and soon. At this stage you are not committing yourself but the Committee would like to know how much potential money it can raise from within the community of South Gower.

Please contact: Laurence Carpanini (391103/ Laurencecarpanini@btinternet.com or Rob Vine (391280 / rob.vine@reynoldston.com) with the amount you are prepared to pledge. They will be pleased to answer any of your queries. Alternatively there are forms available at the Shop and Post Office. All information given will be treated in complete confidence.

What happens next?

Once we complete all due diligence and we raise enough money, we will commence negotiations to purchase the premises.

Production of a full business plan to demonstrate that the Shop and Post Office can be run as a viable business

Hold discussions with Post Office regional management

Invite applications for the post of Post Master/Mistress, and any other personnel or volunteers to help run the shop.

Continue fundraising activities to gain grants, etc. for shop renovations.

No real progress can be made until the Committee is confident that Community Village Shop and Post Office can be purchased on YOUR behalf

Reynoldston - An Exciting Business Opportunity

The Reynoldston Community Shop and Post Office Committee is currently reviewing options to acquire the Village Shop and Post Office on behalf of the community. Apart from being the vital hub of our village, the business draws customers from many parts of Gower and as such represents an excellent opportunity for further development and expansion.

Key to the future viability of the Shop and Post Office will be appointing the right person(s) to run the venture, and so the Committee would like to hear from anyone interested in taking on this exciting opportunity, with a view to starting early in 2016. At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest, with no obligation on either side to proceed. But as a committee we are excited at the opportunity and so would like to hear from people with the same level of enthusiasm and excitement for this venture.

Are you the right person, with the energy, commercial awareness and communication skills necessary to run this Shop and Post Office in the centre of Gower?

If you believe you are then please email Laurence Carpanini, Chairman of the Reynoldston Community Shop and Post Office Committee at:

laurencecarpanini@btinternet.com

You should include your contact details, CV and a paragraph on why you would be the best person to take on this job. Applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.