

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

Regular weekly groups:

Keep Fit - Mon. / Weds. 391012 (Hugh) 390100 (Alan)...**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 -Zumba - Weds...**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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Gower Players Drama Group...next production.....Alan Ayckbourn's "Bedroom Farce" on 3rd/4th / 5th December. Readings will be held on **Thursday 3rd September** or **Monday 7th September** at 7:30pm in the Minor Hall (Reynoldston Village Hall). Rehearsals will then be held on Monday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Do come along to a reading if you would like to be considered for a part in the play or would be interested in a back-stage role.

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The Round Gower Bike Race...the timing on **Sunday September 6th** has been changed to a 2.00pm start at the top of the village, finishing from about 3.30pm on Cefn Bryn.

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The Reynoldston Afternoon Club...Meet for Lunch will be on **Monday September 7th** at the King Arthur at 12.30p.m.
Monday, September 21st. Meet in the Chapel at 2.30pm, when the speaker will be Matt Carroll who will talk on "Traditional management of woodland and green wood crafts"... a popular speaker... do come along

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Kate Fordy's New Fitness Training Class... As you may know, Kate was a most accomplished and popular fitness instructor at the Reynoldston Village Hall for a number of years. Kate has now returned to live in Gower and is keen to offer a range of fitness training, designed for women of all ages, often with particular needs. Kate intends to offer classes on a Monday morning at the Hall beginning **7th September**. Kate would welcome some indication of interest in her classes. Why not give her a ring or email her to find out more? Tel 07904369975 kate@fordyfit.com

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Post Collection from Reynoldston
As from **7th September**, the last post of the day will be collected at 4.55pm. The cut-off for any Recorded Delivery or special postings will be 4.45pm.

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Reynoldston Community Council...The next Community Council meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th September** in the Minor Hall at 7.30pm

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Black Apples of Gower.... by Iain Sinclair. Iain walks back along the blue-grey roads and the cliff top paths of his childhood, rediscovering Gower. He takes us on his journey with recollections of Vernon Watkins, poems of Dylan Thomas and the history and myths of this special landscape. Iain is a poet, film-maker, essayist and author. Meet him at the King Arthur Hotel on **Wednesday 9th September** at 7.00pm at an event hosted by Cover the Cover, the Mumbles bookshop. Tickets are £3 (redeemed on purchase of book) and available from Cover to Cover, 58, Mumbles Road and the King Arthur Hotel.

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Gardening Club...The next season of talks begins on **Wednesday September 9th** with the brief Annual Meeting, followed by a talk of undoubted local interest, namely "Wildflower Verges". Subsequent subjects will include such varied and interesting topics as "Birds in the Garden", "RHS Garden Rosemoor", "Bats on Gower" and many more.. New members are always welcome to attend join; the annual subscription s £7 per person (collected at the AGM or any convenient time thereafter. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month until May 11th at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Chapel opposite the Post Office.

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Reynoldston Knitting Group... Join us on **Thursday 10th September** at 1.30pm in the Chapel to continue to support needy children overseas with our knitted items.....All welcome - bring your knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or whatever craft you enjoy. .Further details: Shirley on 391138

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OPEN DOORS WEEKEND.... The weekend of **12th and 13th September** is Swansea's annual Open Doors Weekend, part of a national and European initiative when public buildings with interesting architectural and other features, which are not usually accessible, are open to the public.
Once again the churches of the Benefice of South-West Gower are participating, being open from **12 to 4pm** on both days and this is an opportunity to examine more closely the unique features of our six lovely churches. **Caffi Cattwg** in Port Eynon Church will be open for drinks and cakes on **Saturday 12th September** from 10.00 am to 2pm.

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Biking Group...By popular request we will repeat the ride taken earlier on in the year. Meet on **Friday 15th September** starting at 10.30am from Swiss Valley along the cycle path to Cross Hands. The meeting point is in the car park just above the lower reservoir
If you are interested in joining us and are not on our mailing list, please contact John Bastiani on jb@reynoldston.com or 391492.

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Reynoldston Ramblers... the next ramble will be on **Thursday 17th September**, led by Paul Tucker. A moderate 5 mile ramble from Reynoldston to Rhossili through lowland fields and along old farm tracks, and broadly follows the line of the southern section of the Gower Way. Parts of it might well be muddy, so boots are advised. A climb is encountered at the Rhossili end. Finish at the Worms Head Hotel where a table will be available for those who wish to eat. Return to Reynoldston via the 118 bus.

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The Paradisii Theatre Company....many of you saw last year the memorable production of "*Talking Heads*" presented by this excellent touring company. The actors were thrilled with the reception they were given last year and have booked a

return visit, all the way from North Wales. Paradisii is presenting **Abigail's Party** at Reynoldston Village Hall on **Saturday 19th September** at 7.30pm.

The play, devised by Mike Leigh, spawned the toe curling characters of Beverly, the party hostess and Angela the enervating new neighbour. It's a glaring take on the British class system and the conflicting personalities produce a nightmare of a party.

A night of high class entertainment. Tickets are £8, obtainable from Box Office Tel **01792 391012/hugh.jones@reynoldston.com**. Bar available.

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Gower Film Club... SUITE FRANÇAISE on **Wednesday 23rd September** at 7.30 Reynoldston Village Hall. Over fifty years after acclaimed novelist Irène Némirovsky's death in a concentration camp, her daughter decided to find the courage to read her journals. What she discovered was an incredible story set in 1940s France.

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The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support** is on **Friday 25th September** 10.30 - 12noon at Margie & Malcolm Bond's, Cefn Bryn House Reynoldston. (On the road out of the village towards Fairy Hill). Entry and coffee £2.00. Raffle and home baking stall. Further info: 01792 391310/ 390973

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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 or direct from John Rock On **01792 391316**

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Harvest at Stouthall... On **Sunday 27th September** *Emergence* invites you to a walk, a talk and a feast, from 11.00am- 7.00pm. A harvest supper with local produce ... a pilgrimage to Arthur's Stone... the Great Gower Veg. Swap...listen to a fascinating talk about the deep mythology of Gower and Arthur's Stone from scholar, psychotherapist and teacher, Ian Rees. ...a chance to visit the recently renovated Grade 2 listed Stouthall Country Mansion. There are just 50 tickets available priced at £10 waged, £5 no/ low wage. To book your ticket, go to www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-gower-harvest-walk-talk-sharing-the-gifts-of-gower-tickets or Fern Smith [fern@emergence-uk.org]

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Reynoldston Village Harvest Supper... is on **Sunday October 4th** (6pm for 6.30pm) at Reynoldston Village Hall. Entertainment from Copper Caillie, a group of musicians based in Port Eynon... song, dance... and a chance to join in and enjoy. Sale of harvest produce in aid of charity Tickets £12 from Angela (391056) ab@reynoldston.com

Book early as tickets sell really quickly for this very popular event.

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Reynoldston Wi... On **October 6th** Sarah Russell from Viney Hearing will be talking about the problems of, and solutions to hearing difficulties. An open invitation is extended to anyone thinking about joining the Institute. Meetings are held in the Minor Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

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Jigsaw... Do you look after young children? Are you searching for some missing peace? Well, the toddler group 'Jigsaw' meets every Friday at the Chapel from 9.30am, during the school term. With lots of toys and activities to choose from and some song time each week, we can't promise you peace, but Jigsaw may just be a welcome piece of your week, and the sharing of parenting with others may give you some peace of mind that you are not alone! We hope to see you soon. Just turn up!

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REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE.... The First Phase

Over one hundred people packed the Village Hall on 6th August to discuss the future of the village shop and Post Office and to learn more about the options available to purchase and then to run the business.

Two hundred customers, from Reynoldston and from other villages, had returned survey forms, with a 100% vote that the business should continue in Reynoldston. The banking service proved a most important facility, particularly with many local businesses. The most popular products bought at the shop were newspapers, provisions, stationary and wine. The survey produced many useful ideas of possible developments in services and products, ranging from cafe to cash machine, laverbread to logs! It was clear from the survey that the shop and Post Office represented a very important facility, particularly in the life of very many elderly people living in the area.

Jane Ryall from the Plunkett Foundation outlined the ways in which her organisation helps rural communities to establish co-operative and community ownership of businesses by taking control of the issues affecting them. The Foundation can give legal and financial advice. For Reynoldston, Jane recommended that to purchase the premises and to finance the project, a community share issue would be best. Shareholders would then be active participants in the venture, including the right to vote on key issues.

Ivor Williams from the Llanmadoc Community Shop gave details of how their shop was developed and run by volunteers.

The Open Forum gave the audience the opportunity to gain more information about what lies ahead and the need for active support. Indeed, thirty seven people offered their help if volunteer staff were to be required, many offered financial assistance and other came forward to state that they were prepared to serve on a Management Committee.

What happens next? A Management Committee has to be set up, with its own constitution and bank account. Then the Committee has to start applying for grants and loans and to firm up on the financial assistance offered at the meeting.

Many readers will have seen the recent TV programme about the closure of Sub-Post Offices throughout the country. The Chief Executive of the Post

Office has written to guarantee the future the Reynoldson Community Sub-Post Office!

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to help the project in any way or require more information then contact Peter Bowen-Simpkins on 01792 390180/pbs@reynoldston.com

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