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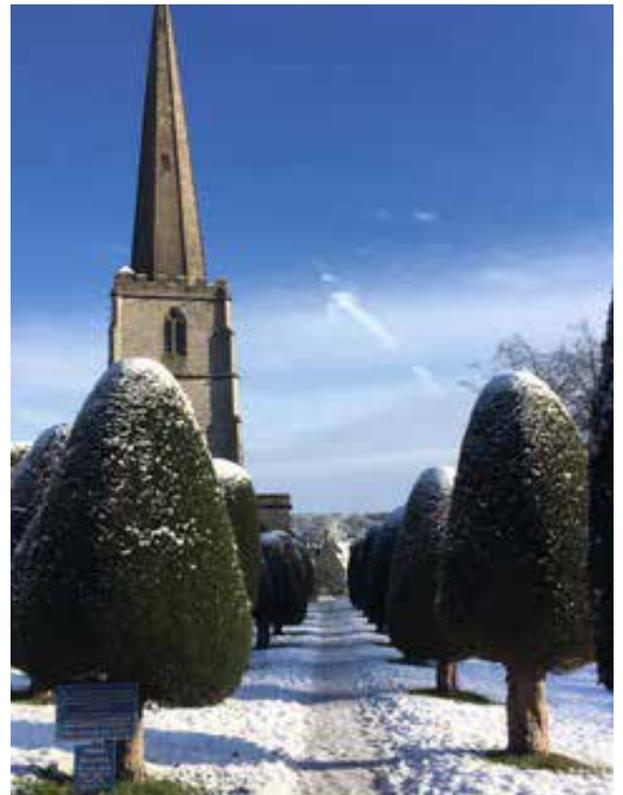
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Severe Winter weather hits Painswick

Sunday the 10th of December brought heavy snow to the Painswick area especially the higher ground. The winter wonderland was enhanced with wet snow lying frozen on the tree branches. The weight however of this snow brought many branches down and some trees causing disruption on many roads. Painswick was hit again on the 27th December with rain turning to snow overnight causing problems again for motorists but joy for the children..



The Beacon Village Quiz

Now is the time to start thinking about entering your teams for this year's quiz

Saturday 10th March
Details on page 3.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Committee meetings on December 13th by Terry Parker

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of widest public interest, based upon what we see and hear.

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and on-line at the Parish Council's web site.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Apologies. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ian James, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and Martin Slinger.

The first item discussed was an application for the creation of a glamping site for two domes with associated facilities at The Frith, Slad. Application number S.17/2611/COU. The term glamping means "glamorous camping". The applicant Mr Chris Mercer was in attendance and outlined his proposals. Also in attendance was Mr Tim Horwood, a neighbour to The Frith who explained his concerns. After a lengthy discussion the members resolved to support the application with the proviso that, if approved by the District Council, there should be a condition that lighting should be low level and appropriate to the domes' rural location.

Other applications considered by the Committee and recommended for consent were:

S.17/2525/LBC and S.17/2524/HHOLD. TOCKNELLS COURT, Cheltenham Road. New kitchen/dining room extension, internal alterations to house and alteration works to barns.

S.17/2516/LBC. CASTLE HALE, Stamages Lane. Creation of a new door opening into proposed dressing room. S.17/2565/LBC. ROYAL OAK, St Mary's Street. Proposed alterations to outbuildings to create pool room. S.17/2674. BROOK HOUSE, Greenhouse Lane. Replacement roof on outbuilding. S.17/2652/HHOLD. 1,2,3,4,5,6 PARKFIELD COTTAGES, The Park. External wall insulated wrap around render system. S.17/2607/LBC. COTSWOLD VILLA, Gloucester Street. Replacement of 4 windows to the front of the house.

Matters arising not on the agenda.

- a. Nurses House, Friday Street. It was confirmed that the work currently being carried out on the windows is allowed under Permitted Development Rights.
- b. Lovedays House, St Mary's Street. It was confirmed that the new kerbing had been permitted by Stroud District Council.

Stroud Local Plan Review

The members had received a draft response to the Local Plan Review which had been prepared by an internal Council team. The response which is set out below was given unanimous approval by the councillors.

"Painswick is a Tier Three settlement with reasonable facilities and employment opportunities, which are both integrally linked to the tourism industry. Painswick has numerous Listed Buildings, a large Conservation area and is situated in the AONB. It is important that the village retains both its historic importance and rural charm as these are the very reasons why people chose to live in the area and 'guests' come from all over the world to visit Painswick.

Possible development sites/extending the Settlement Boundary. Except for a few possible in-fill sites, there is limited scope for development without causing significant harm to the open spaces. The review identifies two areas; site A (PA1004) and site B (PA1008) which would extend the settlement boundary to enable limited development. However, both these sites come with their own difficulties and would cause significant harm to the countryside. This Council would only support such an initiative if it were to provide real opportunities to address the need for 'affordable housing', but believe the developers could abuse the opportunity on viability grounds. This Council believes it would be much better to identify some Exception Sites of which Site A & B may prove to be suitable. The opportunity to investigate whether these sites could be developed as Exception Sites will be removed if these sites were included in the Local Plan for general development. Therefore, Painswick Parish Council objects to the Settlement Boundary being extended.

Town Centre boundaries. Painswick Parish Council has previously raised concerns about the actual Town Centre Boundary which fails to encompass all the retail facilities. We are further concerned that there is insufficient protection/enforcement for the existing retail businesses. This council would like the boundary extended to recognise all the retail facilities (a copy of this map will follow) and appropriate measures taken to ensure that our centre is not permitted to deteriorate further".

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 8pm.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee meeting was followed by a meeting of the Traffic Committee. County Highways Officer, Mr Dan Tiffney was in attendance. A number of issues were discussed.

Speed Watch Week. Thanks were extended to the volunteers who carried out the speed watch week commencing 30th October, with 66 registrations recorded.

Speed Cushions

The possibility of speed cushions being positioned on the A46 within the village was discussed. Mr Tiffney told the meeting that Painswick did not feature in "the hot spot list". That said, for the County Council to give consideration to the introduction of speed cushions the following would be necessary. A survey to be carried out with a minimum 20% response by the electorate to a question along the lines of "Do you support traffic calming measures?" If there was a majority in support the Parish Council would be required to match fund the total amount which was estimated to be between £3k and £5k. There would be the requirement to seek to have the proposal, both survey and ultimate scheme, included in the County Council's budget which was set in February each year.

Residents' parking.

A resident had raised this subject. Mr Tiffney said that such a scheme would need to have parking spaces marked on the highway. He could not support the proposal.

Traffic Island.

Committee Chairman Cllr Abigail Smith said that the proposal to have a pedestrian crossing point between Pullens Road and Lower Washwell Lane was not being taken forward. However she believed that the proposal should be considered as part of a comprehensive traffic management scheme.

Emergency Services access

There had been no reports of problems since the June meeting of the committee.

Meeting closure. The meeting ended at 9.10pm

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|-------------|--|
| Gyde Rd | Violence and sexual offence |
| Pullens Rd | theft Violence and sexual offence Ditto Ditto |
| Chelt. Rd | ASB (Anti Social Behaviour) |
| Vicarage St | ASB |
| B4073 | ASB |

Investigation completed
No suspect found
Under investigation
Under investigation
Unable to proceed
Awaiting Court outcome

Crimes reported in October (Last year 4)

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|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Canton Acre | ASB |
| Chelt Rd | ASB |
| Nr Ashwell | Burglary |
| Nr Ashwell | Violence and sexual offence |
| New St | Violence and sexual offence |
| St Mary Mead | Theft |
| Kingsmill Ln | Burglary |
| Kingsmill Ln | ASB |

Investigation completed
No suspect found
Unable to prosecute
Under investigation
Under investigation
Completed
No suspect found

Crimes reported in November (Last year 6)

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Golf Course Rd | ASB |
| Butt Green (2) | ASB |
| Yokehouse Ln | ASB |



The Beacon Village Quiz

Saturday 10th March
in the..

Painswick Centre. 7.00 for 7.30.

Teams of four could come from clubs or societies, local street or just a group of friends.

If you wish to reserve a table, then a quick email to John Barrus at barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk will prompt an acknowledgement or just drop a note in the Beacon post box. The cost per team including light refreshments is £24.

Warning of

Partial road closures...

of the A46 and A4173 for drainage and safety improvement works to be carried out by Amey (Ref 22018607) on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council

The work will be carried out from the 8th of January for approximately eight weeks - 9.30am to 3.30pm excluding weekends

To ensure the safety of road users and our workforce, it will be necessary for us to use temporary traffic controls such as traffic lights or a convoy system. We will be working in multiple locations along the stretch of road so will be unable to give exact times and locations, these traffic controls will only be in place during off peak hours to minimise disruption. However there may be some short delays and your patience is appreciated.

If you have any queries please contact us on 08000 514514 or email GCHighways@amey.co.uk.



Painswick Easter Egg Hunt

This annual community event is run by parents to raise vital funds for Painswick Playgroup. This year, it will take place on Easter Saturday, the 31st of March between 12-4pm. It has become a firmly established and popular event in the local calendar, attracting visitors from all over Gloucestershire. We are now in the planning stages, and are looking for local volunteers who would like to help us on

the day itself. There are many volunteer roles available, from helping us set up, to making tea, or handing out prizes to families who have completed the hunt. For those wanting to enjoy the event, we have shorter volunteer time-slots available. It's a great day out, with a fantastic atmosphere - please join us in making this year's hunt yet another excellent showcase for the village. Donations of leftover Christmas bottles for our tombola are also welcome!

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Painswickians of the Year

Jackie and Russ Herbert without doubt give 100% to whatever they are involved in and over the past few years they have committed themselves to a host of projects and activities all for the benefit of the Painswick community. It is for this laudable reason that they have been voted Painswickians of the Year.

Exactly twenty years to the month Jackie and Russ came to live in Painswick and shortly afterwards Jackie joined the Painswick Players both as an actor and in back stage management. Russ became involved too, building many sets for the various performances. This of course was in the Painswick Centre.

At this time the Centre was in a state of flux and, concerned about the future of such a valuable community venue, Jackie became a trustee. Russ was chairman of the trustees from 2003-2007, then Jackie was chairman and together they served for twelve years. This was a crucial period for the Centre and a great deal of time, planning, negotiation and effort was required if it was to move forward as appropriate for the 21st century. They both emphasise the fact that the whole building was in need of considerable renovation and they were very involved in the work which took place, Russ often rolling up his own sleeves to get some of the jobs done. "We saw some massive changes for the better," they comment, "both in the structure of the building and the way it was run." They emphatically insist that it was a team effort, but it has to be said that they were at the heart of the project throughout.



Jackie's hobby is definitely art. She took it up seriously when she came to Painswick and has taken courses locally. She is a fine artist. It is she who had the idea of setting up the artists' studio in the Painswick Centre, an idea of which she is rightly proud.

A few years ago she was aware of the many small art displays and exhibitions in Painswick and thought it would be a good idea to bring them all together. This started off in a small way, evolved into Painswick Art Festival and finally, six years ago, Artburst, an exceptionally successful biennial event. Jackie is the organiser and Russ explains that it takes months of hard work to make it happen. For Painswick this event is important. It not only gives our local artists an opportunity to showcase their work it also brings hundreds of visitors thus boosting the local economy and has gained national recognition.

For Russ a real interest in classic and vintage cars for 40 years led to the idea of an apprenticeship award scheme. He spent eighteen months setting up the scheme. "It started as a regional initiative," he explains, "and has now gone nationwide with the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs taking it up." Russ's idea was to encourage interest amongst young people in taking up these specialist apprenticeships and it has certainly been a success. It has taken a lot of time and effort but "it has been immensely rewarding."

Many will also know of Russ's involvement with the Royal British Legion. For the past ten years he has organised the local Poppy Appeal. Few however will realise what a major undertaking this is. For Painswick, Pitchcombe, Edge and Harescombe Russ organises the rota, the 54 collection boxes, the poppies and the money. It is of course important and as Russ says, "It is very rewarding and you meet some lovely people."

Both Russ and Jackie are involved in the Ashwell Wednesday lunch scheme which is organised for elderly people in the area. They collect and take home participants and are very committed to the scheme. Furthermore, Jackie spends half a day every week voluntarily making beds at Stroud Hospital. She really enjoys this and especially chatting with patients.

Jackie was a physiotherapist and then an assessor for DLA appeals and Russ was a mechanical engineer and company director with British Gas. When they arrived in Painswick they were still working part-time – extraordinary when one considers all that they took on here. They are committed, enthusiastic and willing to take on sheer hard work. In many situations it is the considerable amount of time, effort and work behind the scenes which is not acknowledged but which truly deserves recognition. This is certainly the case where Russ and Jackie Herbert are concerned and they are certainly worthy of the accolade, Painswickians of the Year.

Carol Maxwell

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Painswick Singers

Resume Rehearsals at Richmond

The Painswick Singers would like to put on record grateful thanks to Richmond for hosting its Christmas concert on December 16th in aid of the charity Gloucestershire Nightstop

The Singers will resume rehearsals at Richmond at 7.30 pm on Monday 8th January. New singers will be most welcome to come and join us to enjoy music in a friendly environment. As always there will be no auditions just come and sing with the others.

If interested please contact our Membership Secretary Jean Jones on 01452 813545

Jeff Clarke

Painswick Community Choir

Painswick Community Choir are a vibrant 'world-music' community choir. We meet on Monday evenings (during school term times) at 7pm in the Cotswold Room at The Painswick Centre. We enjoy singing songs from around the world in unaccompanied 3 - 4 part harmony... song styles include folk, sacred, gospel, contemporary and seasonal songs. We learn our parts by call & response style leadership from our experienced singer and singing leader, Sophie Sterckx. No auditions and no music reading skills are required to join the choir - just an enthusiasm and interest to sing in harmony with others. New members are very welcome this January. Please get in touch if you are keen to join us. Our first session of the new year is on Monday 8th January 2018. *To join, please contact: Sophie Sterckx - Tel: 01453 298138 / Email: sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk and visit our website for more details: www.painswickcommunitychoir.co.uk*

Painswick Community Lunches

The Community lunches start again on Monday 8th January, 12 noon to 1.15p.m. at the Ashwell Centre, off Churchill Way. These are informal soup, bread and cheese lunches which are hosted by local groups each week, and the money raised is donated to local charities. The numbers of people attending has picked up again after a slight fall in October, in total though both numbers attending and monies received are lower than the same period last year (September to December). We hope that more will start to come along to what can be a most enjoyable gathering.

We should welcome suggestions from residents about local charities which could benefit from the funds raised, which can amount to several hundred pounds over the winter season.

*Charles Garstang 812146
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Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal in the Painswick valley this year totalled £4418.55, with Pitchcombe and Edge again showing increases over 2016 and Painswick declining. This has been a consistent pattern in recent years.

After 10 years as the Local Organiser, I am seeking to retire and now look to find a willing replacement. The job requires time and a little space to store the collection materials, but is rewarding. I will help my replacement through his/her first year. Those interested in being involved please contact me on the number below.

In the meantime, my thanks to all who contributed to the Appeal and my gratitude to all who knocked on doors and collected. You are stars.

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Snow Causes Chaos!

The cows were supposed to be moved the Wednesday after the heavy snowfall but Sunday morning saw several of us trying to find them in very poor visibility and carrying feed to them. They were eventually moved the following week end, after Paul Griffiths will be able to get his trailer out from his farm at Edge, and are now happily grazing at Holcombe Farm.

The snow was beautiful that morning but it was wet and heavy resulting in many branches and trees coming down. Conifers are supposed to resist the weight by sloughing off the snow but many succumbed. Beech branches, damaged by rot caused by grey squirrels stripping off bark, crashed down. The damage is clearly visible on the upper surfaces. Unfortunately some of the old junipers on the Beacon have been damaged too.

Pat Burrows letter in last month's magazine has prompted me to mention ivy. I too hate to see it in majestic old trees. It is not a parasite and in the short term doesn't harm the tree, however it can overburden the tree with weight and make it susceptible to wind and snow. It is easily killed by cutting carefully through its stems at ground level. The leaves wither in a year and the stems eventually fall away years later. However it is not all bad! Ivy flowers are a late source of nectar for insects, birds like its shelter and when on large old or dead trees can provide roosts for bats. I'm rapidly learning there is a place for everything in nature but it isn't always in the place where we would want it.



The group now has a new web site; pbcg.co.uk Please look it up and leave comments. Its early days but it will improve as we add more articles and photographs. We also now have new PBCG car window stickers. If you would like one call me on 07971 633 242.

The Back from the Brink (BftB) national project is now well underway and is targeting approx. 30 species to save them from extinction. We are trying to re-establish the iconic Large Blue butterfly on the Beacon and the clearance work we do is vital. Do come and help, it is so rewarding. If our work is too physical, BftB are willing to train volunteers to identify and monitor key species. Details can be found on their website. naturebftb.co.uk/the-projects/limestones-living-legacies/

Paul Baxter

Bulls Cross scrub bashing - Sunday 14th January 10am – 3pm

Why not come and work off the last of those mince pies with a few hours clearing scrub from the common and enjoying fresh air and a big bonfire? We will be easy to find, just look for the smoke! Feel free to come along for the whole day or even just an hour or two.

Please wear warm comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and sturdy footwear. If you are planning to stay all day then you will need to bring lunch - hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. It is also advisable to bring waterproofs in case of light rain. If it rains heavily we may have to stop work early or cancel the task so if the weather is bad on the day it is advisable to ring the mobile number below to check the task is still on. All tools and work gloves will be supplied.

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News from St Mary's

After the Christmas festivities we enter the season of Epiphany which begins on 6th January. Epiphany is associated with the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem. They followed the Star there to present their gifts to the infant Jesus.

Christian Unity Week is celebrated from the 18th to 26th January. This is a week when churches work together specially to celebrate what we share rather than what divides us. Churches together around Painswick (CTAP) have organised a number of events to underline this unity. See article on the right.

Community lunches take place every Monday at Ashwell, please see page 5 for further information.

We said goodbye to our Vicar Revd. Mike Holloway on 31st December. We are now in an interregnum before the next vicar is appointed which may be in the next 6 to 12 months. In the meantime our Curate Revd. Andrew Leach will be the point of contact. He can be located through the benefice office – telephone 814795.

David Newell



Churches Together around Painswick

Week of Christian Unity

January 18th -26th 2018

Monday 22nd Jan Community Lunch 12 – 1.15pm. Ashwell Centre

Thursday 25th Jan Afternoon Tea and a Talk about: 'Gloucestershire's Asylum Seekers and Refugees' 2.30pm St. Mary's Church Rooms

Monday 29th Jan Agape at The Bistro – 7pm
Bring your choice of readings, music, poetry etc and enjoy a light supper (provided by Catalina)
There will be a cost of £12.50, to include tea/coffee.
Tickets available from Terry Parker (tel.812191)



Messy Church

THURSDAY 11th JANUARY

3.30pm to 5.15pm in the St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick

Our session in the New Year will be on the theme, 'Stairway to Heaven'. Please join us for some fun crafts and activities, as well as a delicious tea together.

Messy Church is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult.

Any queries please contact Fiona Gill: Mobile: 07771 513 382 or Email: fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net

Designed by



Club Pulse Christmas Quiz

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion (PYCP) on the Rec last Monday evening. The place was buzzing with energy and we all had a very interesting and entertaining evening. Thanks go to Liz Burge and the Mission Team for providing delicious snacks to feed the brain, and special thanks to Nathan Youlton and the young people of Club Pulse who dreamed up the questions and ran the evening very efficiently!

Funds were raised towards the residential TRAC summer camp 2018. The Trophy was won by Beverley Butler, Joan Warner and their Team. Congratulations!

Barbara Gay

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Painswick Theatre Club

With Christmas and New Year behind us our thoughts are turning to the year ahead. Summer holidays are traditionally planned at this time of year but what about something more lasting? The Painswick Theatre Club offers the opportunity to see theatre productions throughout the year.

Last year we saw productions and performers as diverse as Cabaret starring Will Young, Josette Simon as Shakespeare's Cleopatra and Griff Rys Jones and Lee Mac in The Miser. Join us this year, we already have tickets for Son of a Preacher Man featuring the hits of Dusty Springfield, Art starring Nigel Havers and the RSC production of Macbeth. Most visits are to matinee weekday performances and we always plan to arrive in time for a comfortable lunch before the show.

If you were not a member last year contact me for details. Existing members will receive an invitation, in the week commencing 22nd January, to rejoin and to buy tickets for the first event of the year

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Stroud and Cotswold Districts Citizens Advice are looking for new recruits to join their team of volunteer advisers to help deliver the advice service.

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If you would like to attend the information session or want more information about Citizens Advice, or the volunteering opportunity itself, take a look at <http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/> or email Sheila Orson at sheila.orson@ca-scd.org.uk

Jane Rowe

Painswick Surgery Patient Participation Group

This group goes from strength to strength and looks to keep people better informed about developments. In the New Year patients will be seeing a new information screen in the waiting room which will help reduce the clutter of notices and the bookshelves will be moved higher to make them easier to access. We are represented on the new Healthwatch volunteers group but it is getting going very slowly. Other changes are due shortly which we will keep you informed about covering such things as ensuring access to a doctor 8am to 8pm every day and ensuring access to your records if you have to seek treatment elsewhere, such as in a remote A&E.

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Painswick Probus - Khyber Pass ... or Bust

Rail enthusiast Peter Berry returned to Probus on 29 Nov 2017 to recount his train journey in 2004 through the Khyber Pass which connects Pakistan with Afghanistan. After making arrangements with Pakistan Rail and the Pakistan Army, he set off with a like-minded group of enthusiasts in a chartered train and with an armed guard.

Peter described the journey with lots of photos and amusing anecdotes, particularly about the absence of health and safety constraints. He was impressed by the friendliness and the helpfulness of many of the people - on several occasions the travellers would leave the train while the driver reversed then steamed past for carefully composed photographic opportunities.

Sadly the Khyber Railway track was damaged by flooding shortly after Peter's trip and, with little commercial traffic to justify its repair; it is unlikely ever to be operational again, with or without an armed guard!

Ian Breckels provided a fitting vote of thanks for the talk; more details of the talk are on the Probus Club website.

The Probus Club marked the break for the Christmas season with the customary dinner at "The Hill" in Stroud where the usual excellent meal was organised with precision by our retired professional, Paul Sparks.

Henry Hall

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Yew Trees W.I.

Has the festive season left you feeling tired and jaded? If so (and even if not) why not come and learn all about Stress Management and the importance of sleep. Janet Dowling is coming to talk about this at the Yew Trees WI meeting on Tuesday 23rd January at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms. New members and visitors (£3) most welcome. In fact why not make a New Year resolution to join Yew Trees WI? We meet on the third Tuesday in every month and the programme for the coming year includes talks on a range of subjects from what it is like to be "Wed to the cloth" to a member telling us about her intrepid trekking adventures in Nepal. In addition to the monthly meeting, excursions and outings are arranged; last year these included visits to the theatre and The Royal Mint. Membership also means entitlement to join walks, craft mornings, outings, holidays, a racing club and various sporting activities such as croquet arranged by the Gloucestershire Federation.

Sadly, since snow had fallen and ice was forecast, our December meeting and Christmas celebrations were cancelled. Happily there was a good attendance at our AGM in November when President, Vicky Aspinall paid tribute to our retiring secretary Joan Hardwidge and thanked her for the huge contribution she has made to Yew Trees. Prior to this, John Dixon had entertained us with a talk entitled "How did you obtain your first pair of nylons?" This wasn't, as some may have thought, a talk on hosiery, but referred to how nylons were given to women by the American soldiers who were stationed at the very important Ashchurch base near Tewkesbury during WW2. Nylons were only one of the aspects that John covered in his talk on the effect the GI Invasion, and the war in general, had on the local population.

Celia Lougher

Fire & Rescue report

My Name is Dave Woodward and I have taken over the role from Paul Barrett who was looking after Painswick and the surrounding areas to provide prevention, protection and education advice to help keep the community safe.

Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue works in partnership with various other agencies these include The NHS, Telecare, Gloucester Deaf Association, Age Uk, The Silver Line, Warm & Well and all the local District Councils and housing associations. This allows us to refer to and receive referrals from these agencies to ensure the community receives all the assistance it needs to stay safe and well in their home.

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Nick's Snowdrops

Our local snowdrops are of course truly inspirational and especially during those dark days at the beginning of the year. 'They're like little soldiers,' says Nick Pike, 'they come out when the weather is at its worst and they herald spring.' Nick is an artist who lives and works in Painswick and, to celebrate the snowdrop, he will be presenting an exhibition of snowdrop paintings in the Rococo cafe in January and February.

This is not, however, simply a collection of similar pictures. Each one has a character of its own, a theme, and each is completely different. Nick achieves this by using a range of techniques including sponges, wax carving knives and cotton wool buds as well as more conventional methods. The resulting physical effects on the paint itself, especially its texture, create a definite interpretation for each picture. Winter light, breaking free, fairy tale, expressionist, coming of spring are just some examples. Each painting is special and fascinating and beautifully executed. Of added interest is a time lapse video, a speeded up film of Nick painting the pictures. This will be playing during the exhibition



and shows how the different techniques are used to create particular effects. Nick is a very fine artist who approaches each artwork with a carefully considered idea of style and meaning. His work is intelligent and compelling and each of the snowdrop paintings, despite the apparent simplicity of the subject, has meaning and interest.

All of the snowdrop paintings are inspired by the gardens and nearby fields in Painswick and the Rococo is the perfect place to display them. Nick's work is very collectable and he exhibits nationally. Along with original artworks, greetings cards will also be available in the cafe and shop and signed limited edition prints will be on sale on Nick's website www.nickpikeart.co.uk.

The exhibition is from 10th January until 28th February in the Rococo cafe. Do go along and enjoy these fascinating paintings.

Carol Maxwell

Nia - New weekly class

Starting at Painswick Town Hall, with local resident, Yael Hochenberg 6-7pm Tuesday evenings this January!

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ACP - Emily Knight

Emily Knight is exhibiting her beautiful artwork and fabrics she has made inspired by Seville, Spain during January 2018 at the Art Couture Painswick Gallery. She has written a statement explaining her work. As part of my research for this project I spent a week exploring Seville, Spain. During this time I was able to collect a lot of primary research that included colour inspiration from buildings and geometric inspiration from beautiful tiles and decorative work. Using the imagery I collected to draw from I used a mixture of media and experimented with different painting styles. I have been able to integrate textural brushstrokes into my designs and included a lot of depth. I have used both silk screen printing and digital printing onto a variety of fabrics based for interiors. I am really proud of what I have created with this project. My designs are light and colourful and create a sense of summer and warmth.



On Saturday 13th January, to coincide with her exhibition, Emily Knight is hosting a workshop targeted at anyone who is interested in learning how to turn loved photographs and memories into designs that can be printed onto fabric or paper. During the workshop you will use your own drawings to learn how to make a block or half drop repeat, which are the standard repeat structures used in the textile industry. Your repeat design will be translated onto a block that you will use to print your design onto either fabric or paper. All equipment will be provided – you will just need to bring lunch! Emily will conduct the workshop using her knowledge about use of colour, texture and detail to help make your designs.

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Friday Club

A New Year has dawned - a very happy new year to all.

Apart from an interesting and varied programme of speakers, what else does the Friday Club have to offer in 2018? Answer - exciting outings to the theatre, a Stratford upon Avon boat trip, climbing aboard Concorde at Filton and to round the year off, a visit to Harvington Hall, which has the finest surviving "Priest holes" in England.

By popular request, the 12th of January will see the return of Peter Berry who will present an illustrated talk on his Zimbabwe steam safari, on the 26th Howard Allen will be taking us through his reflections on 100 years of educational change. So why not join us on the 12th January.

We are an expanding, welcoming club, providing interesting talks and outings for the over 55's. An annual membership is only £7.50 plus £2 fee for each meeting - tea and biscuits included. if you want to bring a friend the visitors fee is £3, again including tea and biscuits.

We are looking forward to welcoming both old and new members on the 12th. See you then.

Mike Kerton



Llanthony Secunda past, present and future

At the January meeting of the Local History Society Liz Griffiths will give a presentation on Llanthony Secunda, the

stunning medieval priory in the middle of Gloucester with its strong connections to Painswick. This scheduled monument is now being restored and the presentation will consider its fascinating long history, its abandonment in the 20th century, its significance locally and the current restoration project, made possible by the Heritage Lottery Fund. And what of the future? What will be available for both visitors and local people and how will this important heritage site be used as a valuable community space and venue?

Tuesday, 16th January, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell



Painswick Bird Club

Painswick Bird Club visited Slimbridge at the beginning of December. Highlights included close views of a Water Rail skulking in the reeds; and seven cranes from the Holden Tower.

The next Meeting is on Tuesday, February 13th, in the Painswick Town Hall, starting at 7:30 pm. Phil Muggridge will be showing us the spectacular scenery and wildlife of the Falklands, through his, and Helen's photographs. Visitors are welcome to attend @£3 entrance.

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PMAG started 30 years ago.

The Painswick Music Appreciation Society was formed a little over thirty years ago. The Parish Clerk, Leslie Brotherton (who, like his father before him, was dedicated to fostering interest and enjoyment for the people of Painswick) submitted a notice to The Beacon asking all villagers if they had an interest not covered. Music Appreciation was the only subject put forward. Invitations were sent out to a meeting in the Town Hall and nine or ten villagers attended. It was decided to form a regular group and suggestions were put forward to hold regular meetings, discuss subject matter and to appoint officers. The very important role of Tea Ladies was filled by Betty Wood and Stella Bavister. Leslie Brotherton was appointed Chairman and I, Harold Wood, was appointed Programme Officer. I immediately set to work on the basis that we would alternate local members with outside contributors to our programmes. I telephoned around and initially recruited:

The Boss of Bath CDs

The Head of Nimbus Records

The Head of Music at Cheltenham Ladies College

The Head of Chandos Records

When the initial programme was announced our numbers increased to twenty five. We bought and borrowed equipment and were soon up and running.

Harold Wood

From small acorns mighty oak trees grow.

From the early days set out by Harold Wood, the Club has continued to grow but still maintains the tradition of presentations by both guest speakers and members. We also arrange Concert outings - in the 2017/18 season to Birmingham, Oxford and Bristol.

During January, Meetings are held in the afternoon at the Town Hall, starting at 2.30pm. On the 6th Ann Williams' presentation will be on the life and works of the great English composer Frederick Delius. Then on the 18th Robert Crockford will give an intriguingly titled presentation on "The Mass". He will play music from and discuss how composers have been inspired by the church service to write some of their best music.

If you have a broad interest Classical Music, similar to that heard on Classic FM, why not join like minded people for an afternoon of good music and good company. See you at the Town Hall.

Mike Kerton

10, 20, 30 Years ago

Oct 1987

Frith Wood changes hands

Frith Wood near Bulls Cross has been managed as a Nature Reserve since 1966 by the Workman family. The Wood has now been bought by the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation so will continue to be managed as a Nature Reserve.

Nov 1987

Parking problems

Parking problems are again causing annoyance to Residents. The area behind the Town Hall should not be used for general parking and in Friday Street concern is expressed at the poor standard of parking.

Dec 1987

Village Appraisal

The Council agreed to undertake a survey of all development that had taken place in Painswick and the surrounding area since 1978. The survey would be used as a basis for forming a Parish Council Plan for future uses of land in the area.

Mountbatten quits Gyde

The Mountbatten Training Organisation will withdraw from Gyde House at the end of November. This means that Gyde House will then be vacant and the Gyde Trust is looking for a new occupant.

Oct 1997

Council to evaluate housing sites

There is to be a special Meeting of the Stroud District Council on the 15th December to evaluate a range of possible sites for development in and around urban Stroud including the Painswick Valley.

Nov 1997

Painswick W.I. were special guests at a Playgroup session last month to view the new cycles that the Playgroup had purchased thanks to the generous gift of £350 from the W.I.

Dec 1997

Blueprint for low cost homes

Proposals for affordable housing in Painswick have been given a boost by the news that the Gyde House Trust are prepared to consider the release of land to the Parish Council for this purpose. The land lies between the new surgery car park and the Gyde Barn.

Oct 2007

Calor Gloucestershire Village of the Year
This year a new category was introduced for the best Parish magazine/newspaper and the Painswick Beacon was the winner

Nov 2007

Parking charges waived

It was announced that due to the A46 closure car park charges in Stamages car park would be waived until the New Year.

Dec 2007

A46 closure effecting local businesses

Concern was expressed to the Parish Council at the seeming shortcomings of the contracted work on the A46 repairs resulting in a damaging effect on local businesses. The work, which only started 4 months after the flood, is falling short of the 24/7 working which was promised.

Painswick's Intriguing Places

Historic England has recently produced a publication which contains a collection of 20 "Intriguing Places" in England that have been listed in 2017. Of the twenty, two are in our area. One relates to the milestones which lie along the B4073 between Painswick and Gloucester. The surviving milestones lie at three, five and six miles from the city. The other is the Church of Our Lady & St Therese in Friday Street. Both are afforded a Listed Grade II category. Grade II buildings are described as being of special interest warranting every effort to preserve them. Over 90% of all listed buildings are in this grade. Grade I buildings are deemed to be of exceptional interest and those listed Grade II* are described as being particularly important buildings of more than special interest.

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Library News

New Books & Free Christmas Raffle



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS
Ewan and Rachel Meek (pictured on the back page), suitably dressed for the occasion, drew the winning Christmas raffle tickets at our coffee morning on December 16th.
The winner of the Christmas Hamper was Wendy Milcoy with the Seasonal Stocking won by Kate Gyde.

New books for January include:

ADULT NON-FICTION

Shabrani Basu – ‘Victoria & Abdul’
John Christopher – ‘Brunel in Gloucestershire’
Ken Clarke – ‘Kind of Blue’
Robert Peston – ‘WTF’

ADULT FICTION

William Boyd – ‘The Dreams of Bethany Mellmoth’
Lee Child – ‘The Hard Way’
Di Lampedusa – ‘The Leopard’
Maggie O’Farrell – ‘Instructions for a Heatwave’
Leif Persson – ‘The Dying Detective’

JUNIOR NON- FICTION

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Enid Blyton – ‘The Secret of Spiggy Holes’
Patricia Cleveland-Peck – ‘You can’t take an Elephant on a Bus’
Harriet Muncaster – ‘Isadora Moon Goes on a School Trip’

SPOKEN WORD CD

Walter Lord – ‘A Night to Remember’
Good reading and listening.

Pat Pinnegar

Wick-Flix

Wick-Flix kicks off its second year with two excellent films in the run up to the 2018 Oscars, which also promise some good choices for future screenings.



Friday 12th January My Cousin Rachel (12A) – Special night sponsored by Murray’s
Beautifully crafted adaptation of Daphne Du Maurier’s novel of mystery and romance starring Rachel Weisz and Sam Claflin. This will be a special screening to celebrate Wick-Flix’s first year in operation with our Gold Sponsor, Murrays, auctioning several exciting packages donated by all our sponsors.

Friday 2nd February Victoria and Abdul (PG)

Once again Judi Dench plays Queen Victoria in this true story about her affection for a young Indian manservant, Abdul Karim. A heart-warming and comical look at a relationship that was considered so scandalous at the time that her family members wiped any mention of it from the family history.

Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £7.00 (one price for all) including one free drink. Payment on the door. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity.

As always up-to-date information on what’s coming up can be found on the Wick-Flix page at www.painswickcentre.com. Come along and support your community cinema!

David Chapman

Line Dancing

After the frantic Christmas/New Year celebrations it’s time to think about life returning to normal and picking up some new interests and hobbies. What about trying Line Dancing? - so good for both physical and mental exercise.



Julie runs a very friendly class in Painswick Town Hall on Thursdays from 12.00 - 1.00 p.m. dancing to a variety of music. It is suitable for both men and women, but no partners are needed, so that makes life easier ladies!

I have been line dancing for over 17 years and it has given me such enjoyment, with the possibility of attending socials and even weekends away dancing to live bands when you get really keen on it.

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Liz Fisher

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Sports reports

assembled by John Barrus

Painswick Golf Club

The first snowfall last month made golf impossible for about a week, but the course quickly recovered once the snow disappeared. A few trees have suffered damage – with some quite large branches breaking off. These are not affecting the course itself, thanks to the work of our greenkeeping staff. For different reasons, the 15th hole has been closed for a few months so that green can be improved, and the old 18th hole has been brought back into action so that a full round can be played.

The Christmas Dinner was well supported by 60 members and partners with the excellent food provided by Hortons. (Pictured above)



Two competitions took place before the snow arrived. A “Blue Tees” competition was held on 28th November, open to both ladies and seniors. The winner was Roger Anthony with an excellent 46 stableford points. And the Seniors Christmas competition took place on 30th November – Peter Rowe narrowly winning with a score of 40 points. It is hoped to arrange a number of joint ladies and seniors events over the coming months in addition to regular competitions.

The Ladies section held its AGM in December and elected Lorna Sparkes as Captain (Pictured right) for the coming year. Congratulations to Lorna and all the competition winners. Visitors – whether golfers or just those seeking refreshments or a meal are welcome at Painswick Golf Club. For all matters, please check availability at the club house (01452 812180).



Peter Rowe

Tennis Club AGM

At the recent Tennis Club AGM the Committee Members who retired were Nigel Barnett, Pat Andrew and Sara Poultney - many thanks for all their hard work.

The New Committee members are Chris Scott, Richard Poultney and Judith Todd - welcome to all of them.



Awards

The Adult Annual Awards presented at the AGM were given to: Most Improved Player - Sara Poultney, Player of the Year - Vicki Smith, and Member of the Year - Roger Stewart. The Junior Awards were also presented at the AGM with the Boris Becker cup for the most improved boy being awarded to Marcus White and the Maureen Connolly cup for the most improved girl to Hannah Watkins. The Peter Bolton cup for the most enthusiastic young player was awarded to Xander MacInnes.

Group picture on left followed the Christmas Club Night

Ruth Smith



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Badminton Club playing silly games at their Christmas Party

Jottings for December.

A lot is being said about life between the two World Wars but I can only really speak about life following the second war and how it affected farming.

My father started farming at Jenkins Farm in Edge in 1942, and by 1944 he had 12 cows of different breeds, a few pigs and a few hens and turkeys for the Christmas trade. This gave enough to support our family and employ a farmhand. He also grew grass for grazing and hay, mangles to store for winter feed and grew corn and kale for autumn grazing. He had two cart horses for work. Milk from the cows went to Cadburys chocolate factory at Frampton.

There was also the Painswick Dairy which took milk from farms in churns. Milk was then delivered to the village and district in bottles.

Mr Margeson was the vet from London Road, Stroud. He was also the ministry vet during the war. In those days there were also other vets that were not properly trained but knew a lot about horses. Mr Burcombe was the local farm contractor and would come around and cut and thresh your corn. The local animal feed merchant was Fawkes Bros. whose mill was where Fawkes Place now is, behind the Subscription Rooms in Stroud. There was another mill in Merrywalks which is now Halfords. This was powered by a water wheel in the Slad Stream. Other feed stuff and products could be delivered to Stroud Station for collection.

Other haulage back at this time was J. W. Goddard which we now know as Goddards Garage. Then, they had lorries for hire and were agents for G.W. and L.M.S. Railways as well as Western National and "Bristol" Bus Services.

The local Livestock Market was in Gloucester for the buying and selling of all types of livestock. This area is now the Gloucester Bus station. In 1946 Father bought his first tractor, a Standard Fordson. You got your petrol and car repairs from Hornes garage in the centre of Painswick. The tractor was started using petrol and then, when warmed up, you turned the tap over onto TVO (tractor vaporising oil).

Working horses and steam engines were starting to decline in favour of tractors. To start with as little as 20 – 30 hp, very low geared and flat out at 8 mph. Machinery which had been built for horses had to be modified - the shafts removed and replaced by draw bars.

Martin Slinger



Cotteswold Naturalists: 2018 Programme

The Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club has an exciting programme for 2018, including visits to Wells Cathedral and Bishops Palace, St Fagans National Museum of Wales and the Royal Mint, and David Austin's Plant Centre and Rose Garden and Lichfield Cathedral. In September, we are planning a 3-day, 2-night trip to St Albans and the Chilterns, followed by a visit in November to Tyntesfield, dressed for a Victorian Christmas. We believe that membership, still £20 per person in 2018, remains good value (£30 for two at the same address). Contact me for a copy of the 2018 programme, including all the visits, along with the twice-monthly talks and walks.

On 26th January, we shall be returning to Harnhill near Cirencester in search of winter bird-life. Last September, members visited the Royal Agricultural University's Innovation Centre at Harnhill. The morning concluded with a farm tour including to a Countryside Stewardship, formerly HLS, demonstration site where a field was planted with environmental and game cover seed to encourage scarce farmland birds. The Farm Manager has advised that January is a good month to visit this easily accessible field and see the results. We will also look for wildlife in the old parkland surrounding Harnhill Manor and visit the church which has some 12th century features. We meet at Dobbies at 10 am. I plan to have a guided walk every month with various themes: natural history, geology, archaeology and designed landscapes, and can provide further information

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I'm writing this on the shortest day of the year which is always a date to celebrate in the Bodington household as Spring is just around the corner! Nonsense, I know, but I'm an eternal optimist!

I predicted that our wreath making morning would be successful and it was! I'd like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who supported a fabulous event that was a lovely start to the festive season.

A few days later the Club "decked the halls..." beautifully for a splendid quiz evening. A great time was had by all: much competitive banter and lots of laughs resulting in only a few points separating all teams.

As mentioned in the last article, we'd like to invite Members to bring someone along with them (for free inc. refreshments of course) to the talk on 10th January (Church Rooms 7.30pm). Fiona Warin will be entertaining her audience with an account of allotments, 'Digging for Victory' and the impact of television gardens. Join us; a warm welcome awaits.

A note for the diary - Timothy Walker, former Director of Oxford Botanic Gardens and accomplished speaker, is lined up for 14th February.

Must dash.....

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

PROPERTY REPORT from Moulton Haus

And so it's 2018! In the property world, homeowners everywhere are beginning to emerge from their winter hibernation and are starting to think about their plans for the coming year. Indeed many of you may well be considering a house move this year – 'New Year New Home', as estate agents so love to say at this time of year.

Whether you're planning an up-grade or a downsize, you are also quite likely wondering what you need to do to get your own home ready for sale. With this in mind, and continuing on our previous theme of 'house selling strategies', we are going to take a brief look at which jobs to prioritise and which jobs may be better left for a new owner.

While the personalised answer to this question will of course always depend on your own budget, timescales and inclination, our philosophy is to focus on the work that needs doing to best present the property when it goes on the market.

Buyers are savvy and eagle-eyed these days, and they are very good at spotting un-finished jobs and general maintenance issues when viewing houses. While every home inevitably has them, it's best to tackle these first so would-be buyers are greeted with a good first impression.

We're often asked whether or not it's worthwhile spending serious money replacing things like kitchens and bathrooms. In short... more often than not the answer is: no, it isn't.

Some buyers love the idea of putting their own stamp on their new home, and refitting a kitchen is usually a relatively easy concern to overcome at viewings. A tougher problem is a kitchen that has been recently refitted by you at great cost, but your buyers don't like it. They then feel they are paying a higher price for something they will want to re-do and will either not want to offer, or they will want to negotiate significantly.

If you're skilled and practiced in all things DIY and can achieve an amazing makeover on a small budget, then go for it: it might just make the sale for you. However if you're budget and time is tight we'd suggest focusing on the small jobs, they're just as important.

If you're thinking of selling this year and you'd like some personalised advice on what to do in preparation, feel free to give me a call on 01452 812100 or email me at hugo@moultonhaus.co.uk. We can give you our professional suggestions on where to focus your efforts and point you in the direction of our tried and trusted local contractors.

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JANUARY

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| Sun | 7 | Mass Parish Communion Meeting for Worship | Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House | 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am |
| Mon | 8 | Probus Women: Stroud and its other industries - "More Than Just Cloth" - Dr. Ray Wilson Knit & Natter Group Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Centre Trustees (off Churchill Way) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623 | Church Rooms Library Town Hall Ashwell Centre | 10.00 for 10.30am 10.00am 10.30am and 2.00pm 12noon to 1.15pm |
| | | Painswick Community Choir - Mondays. Enq. Sophie 01453 298138 Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325. | Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Church Rooms | 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.00 to 8.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm |
| Tue | 9 | Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Gentle Pilates for all - Tuesdays: contact Vicky at abcPilates@btinternet.com or 07934977171 Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6.50 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Bingo: Tuesdays | Church Rooms Painswick Centre Painswick Centre | 9.30am 9.30 to 10.30am 10.00am |
| Wed | 10 | Gardening Club: Lost the Plot - Fiona Warin Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 Table Tennis re-starts - Wednesdays | Ashwell House Church Rooms Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre | 6.30 to 9.00pm 7.30pm 9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am Afternoons 7.00 to 9.00pm |
| Thu | 11 | Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 | Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms | 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons |
| | | Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com | Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre | 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm |
| Fri | 12 | Baby & Toddler Group - Every Friday (term-time only) Friday Club: Zimbabwe Steam Safari - Peter Berry Wick Flix: Gala Auction sponsored by Murrays Estate Agents. My Cousin Rachel: £7 to include 1 drink | Youth Pavilion (Rec.) Town Hall Painswick Centre | 10.00am to 11.30am 2.30pm 7.00 for 7.45pm |
| Sun | 14 | Mass Sharing in One Bread (Holy Communion) Meeting for Worship | Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House | 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am |
| Mon | 15 | Community Lunch: Hosts - Yew Trees W.I. (off Churchill Way) | Ashwell Centre | 12noon to 1.15pm |
| Tue | 16 | Cotteswold Naturalists' Talk & Tea: Falconry - John Dowling. Enq. 01453 834486 Local History Society: Llanthony Secunda - History and Current Works - Phil Moss | | 2.30pm 7.30pm |
| Wed | 17 | Probus: The Korean War - Battle of the Imjin River (Gloucester Regiment) - David Thorp Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting | Painswick Centre St. Mary's Church Town Hall | 10.00am 5.00pm 7.30pm |
| Thu | 18 | Music Appreciation Group: The Mass | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Fri | 19 | Country Market re-opens: Coffee available - Fridays | Town Hall | 9.30 to 11.30am |
| Sun | 21 | Mass Parish Communion Meeting for Worship | Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House | 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am |

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| Mon | 22 | Community Lunch: Hosts - Churches Together around Painswick (off Churchill Way) Copy Date for February Beacon | Ashwell Centre | 12noon to 1.15pm |
| Tue | 23 | Yew Trees W.I.: Stress Management & the Importance of Sleep - Janet Dowling | Church Rooms | 7.30pm |
| Fri | 26 | Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Trip (Birds) and Church Visit, Harnhill. Pre-book 813228 | Dobbies, Cirencester | 2.30pm |
| | | Friday Club: Reflections on 100 years of Educational Change - Howard Allen | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Sun | 28 | Mass | Catholic Church | 8.30am |
| | | Painswick Praise | St. Mary's Church | 9.30am |
| | | Meeting for Worship | Quaker Meeting House | 10.30am |
| Mon | 29 | Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Golf Club (off Churchill Way) | Ashwell Centre | 12noon to 1.15pm |
| Wed | 31 | Probus: Mountain Rescue in the UK - Vince Williams | Painswick Centre | 10.00am |

FEBRUARY

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| Thu | 1 | Music Appreciation Group: The Harp Wick Flix screening: Victoria and Abdul: £7 to include 1 drink | Town Hall Painswick Centre | 7.30pm 7.00 for 7.45pm |
| Sat | 3 | February Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published | | |
| Mon | 5 | Community Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling Club. (off Churchill Way) | Ashwell Centre | 12noon to 1.15pm |
| Fri | 9 | Friday Club: Sleep - Janet Dowling Wick Flix Special Screening in conjunction with Stroud college | Town Hall Painswick Centre | 2.30pm 7.00 for 7.45pm |
| Mon | 12 | Probus Women: The Life & Loves of Katherine Parr - Mike Bottomley Community Lunch: Hosts - Friday Club. (off Churchill Way) | Church Rooms Ashwell Centre | 10.00 for 10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm |
| Wed | 14 | Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Trip (Birds), Horsebere Brook Wetland. Pre-book 813228 Probus: Pourquoi Pas Gallia Nova (Canada) - Bill Affleck | Dobbies, Cirencester Painswick Centre | 10.00am 10.00am |

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Eddie Buttrey** at: eddie@thebuttreys.com

Ancient Society of Painswick Youths - News from the Tower

2017 has been a busy year for Painswick bell ringers. In addition to service ringing, they have rung for thirteen Weddings and two funerals. Quarter peals have been rung once a month assisted by members of the Stroud Branch ringers. The Stroud Branch consists of 17 local towers. There were several groups of visiting ringers on their annual outings, one Peal lasting 3 ½ hours and 15 quarter peals in total. We have hosted the G & B Youth Team on two occasions. The team is comprised of children from 10 – 18 years of age over the whole of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocese areas from Somerset in the South to Warwickshire in the North.

So far, there are between 12 and 15 Weddings booked for 2018. Many of these, if not all, will require the bells. During holiday periods, the Painswick ringers are assisted at these events by ringers from local towers. There are groups of visiting ringers booked during the year including the Gloucester Cathedral ringers. A new clapper on the 10th bell was funded by ringers.

On the social side, there was a Summer Dinner at Hortons at the Golf Club and an excellent Christmas Dinner at the Cardynham House Bistro. (Photo on back page).

2018 marks the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day. More than 1400 of the country's bell ringers laid down their lives for peace in the 'War to end all wars'. The aim is to recruit 1400 ringers throughout the country during the year and for these new recruits to take part in the ringing on and around Remembrance Day.

We will be pleased to hear from anyone interested in learning the ancient art of Bell ringing. Ringers come from all walks of life. You don't need strength but you do need commitment as 'practice makes perfect'. For more information please contact the Tower Captain, Deborah Foreman. Tel: 01452 812306.

Janet Crispin.

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.17/2674/LBC BROOK HOUSE,
Greenhouse Lane
Replacement roof on outbuilding.
S.17/2652/HHOLD 1,2,3,4,5,6
PARKFIELD COTTAGES, The Park
External wall insulated wrap around
render system.
S.17/2607/LBC COTSWOLD VILLA,
Gloucester Street
Replacement of 4 windows to the front of
the house.
S.17/2816/HHOLD ABBEY BARN,
Slad Lane
Two storey extension.
S.17/2776/HHOLD 2 WORDINGS
MOUNT, Sheepscombe
Two storey extension to the side of the
property.
S.17/2765/TCA YEW TREE HOUSE,
Vicarage Street.
Reduce the height of Holly by
approximately 4-6m.
S.17/2777/VAR LULLINGWORTH,
Stroud Road
Variation of condition 2 for S.17/1687/
FUL.

CONSENT

S.17/2265/HHOLD 9 THE CROFT
Single storey side extension.
S.17/2327/HHOLD DROVERS
CORNER, Longridge, Sheepscombe
Raising height of entire roof by 350mm
and minor modifications to North West
elevation.
S.17/2268/HHOLD HOBBS BARTON,
Orchard Mead
Single storey extension and new retaining
wall.
S.17/2356/HHOLD GLENROY
COTTAGE, Slad Road, Slad
Alterations and extension, rooflight and
air source heat pump.
S.17/2379/HHOLD DETCOMBE
HOUSE, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe
Alteration and extensions.

S.17/2299/TPO OVERDALE, Slad
road, Slad.

Scots Pine T1 on TPO 543 – Fell tree as
it is dead.

S.17/2358/HHOLD DILLAY FARM
Erection of an oak framed garden room.
S.17/2368/HHOLD & S.17/2369/LBC
KINGS MILL HOUSE, Kings Mill
Lane

Construct a new free standing building
on the site of an existing woodstore.

S.17/2416/HHOLD TURNPIKE
HOUSE, Slad

Ground and first floor extensions to
house.

S.17/2352/LBC UPPER
STEANBRIDGE MILL, Slad

To demolish a late addition wall to
provide larger kitchen space, with the
addition of a lightweight partition.
Remodel of kitchen and installation of
new boiler and vent pipe.

S.17/2473/HHOLD
HIGHGROVE HOUSE, Lower
Washwell Lane

Erection of a chimney stack.

S.17/2488/FUL JUNIPERS
New single dwelling.

WITHDRAWN

S.17/2262/FUL SEVENACRES, The
Camp

Erection of 6 glamping lodges, reception
block and formation of new access.

Cat Found.

Black cat, male tom, unchipped. Very
affectionate and house trained, appeared
towards the end of November.

Stroud Road area of Painswick. Contact
Roy Woodward mobile 0772 414 0008

Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of CLIFF
DAVIS who passed away on December
1st. He will be remembered for the
garden he created in the grounds of
Painswick Church. His two sons,
Howard and Trevor, and all those who
knew this well known character will miss
his ready smile and tales of the past



To the family and friends of BETTY COPE
who passed away peacefully on December
6th in Bagshot, Surrey. Betty, who lived in
Painswick for many years before moving
to Bagshot, lived to the 'grand old age'
of 101 and greatly enjoyed reading the
Painswick Beacon to which she continued
to subscribe.

Congratulations

To CHRISTINE and DAVID BARNFIELD
of Ashwell who will be celebrating their
50th wedding anniversary on the 13th
January 2018.

Best wishes from Paul, Sarah and Tobias.

Peter Bateman

St Mary's Church in Painswick was
standing room only for the funeral service
of much-respected local resident and
Stroud businessman Peter Bateman.

The business was founded in Gloucester
Street by his great-grandfather in 1893
and Peter took over the business in 1961
after his father Bill died suddenly at just
53. Peter was the third generation to run
Bateman's Sports shop and he still came in
to work at the Kendrick Street store where
he worked alongside his son Andrew,
daughter Emma Rosewell, shop manager
Kev Smith and staff.

Peter, who passed away at the age of
79 on November 7th, was movingly
remembered with personal tributes from
family, friends and colleagues, to a
congregation of several hundred mourners
—a testament to his popularity.

Close friends Nick Slader, Adrian Pointer
and Russ Hillier shared stories about the
'gregarious and friendly man' whose love
of travel had led them to adventures in
countries such as Namibia, New Zealand,
and Cuba. After the service friends and
family were invited to Painswick Golf
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Bell Ringers
at their
Christmas
celebration at
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Quiz held in
the Recreation
Pavilion.



Pictured on the right
are the winners of the
Library Christmas
raffle. Ewan and
Rachel Meek

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