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Stamages Lane parking charges to go?

Stroud District Council has launched a consultation on dropping parking charges in Painswick, after the Council's leader faced fierce questioning at the Parish Council in October. See our report on page 2.

The move is the latest twist in a saga that started with the Council proposing to introduce charging for the first time at car parks in Nailsworth, Dursley, Wotton-under Edge and Stratford Park in Stroud. That provoked such a response that the Council backed down and agreed not to bring them in, leaving Painswick and Stonehouse as the only outlying towns / villages with parking charges. Painswick's Parish Council spotted an opportunity and asked Cllr. Doina Cornell, leader of the Council to come to their meeting to answer questions and explain the position. We reported on some of the questions posed by the Council in our September edition.

Meanwhile Stonehouse's representatives on Stroud Council proposed in the Strategy and Resources Committee that charges in Stonehouse should be scrapped. This was agreed to, with no votes against, although it was later explained that charges could not be taken away without first going through a period of public consultation. Painswick's representatives on the same committee did not propose that charges should also be scrapped here, a move that drew criticism from Martin Slinger, chairman of the Parish Council. He asked Cllr Nigel Cooper to confirm that he would propose this at the full Council meeting in Stroud in October. When he did so, it was accepted by Cllr. Cornell and by the full Council. Consultation will take place over the next three months with the Council aiming to take a decision at its budget meeting on 24th January.

Charges at the Stamages Lane car park were doubled earlier this year, with the minimum charge going from 20p to 40p. It is understood that income to the Council from the car park is around £16,000 a year, before allowing for the cost of enforcement. Charges were first introduced in 1999 and were originally supported by the Parish Council and by local traders, who wanted to discourage the use of the car park for long term parking.



100 Years since WW1 Armistice

This year's ceremony at the War Memorial in Painswick will be particularly poignant, marking as it does the centenary of the moment when the armistice ending the First World War was signed. The service will begin at 10.50 am, with two minutes silence at 11 am, following the striking of the restored church clock. The names recorded on Painswick's War Memorial are read out each year, in a moving tribute to all those from Painswick who gave their lives.

The centenary of the ending of the war will also be marked by exhibitions in the Painswick Centre for the weekend of 10th / 11th November, in St Mary's Church for a longer period, and in Cranham Village Hall. See pages 3 and 16.

Remember, Remember ...

The Croft School's Fireworks Night - Saturday 3rd November 5pm to 7pm. Tickets available on the gate: £3.50 for adults, £2.50 for children. Under 3s free.

If you are planning your own fireworks event, please be sensitive to the concerns of owners of pets and livestock and other residents.

Painswick's Goodwill Evening Friday 30th November

5 pm to 8 pm. See page 15 for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on October 17th by Alastair Jollans

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

Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis opened the meeting and welcomed new councillor Stephen Tye, representing the Slad ward.

Apologies for absence

The committee accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Ed Crownshaw, James Cross and Roey Parker.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 3rd October were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

Matters requiring a decision

There were six matters requiring a decision:

- S.18/2028/HHOLD ABACUS HOUSE, Kings Mill Lane. Renovation of existing garage. Agreed to support.

- S.18/2062/FUL EDGE FARM COTTAGE, Edge. 20 Solar Panels on two frames holding 10 panels each. Agreed to support.

- S.18/2139/HHOLD 2 ROCKMILL COTTAGES, Rock Mill. Proposed rear conservatory extension. Agreed to support.

- S.18/1968/HHOLD and S.18/1969/LBC TIBBIWELL HOUSE, Tibbiwell Lane. Rear entrance hall single storey extension, replacement of rooflight glazing & removal of internal door & window panel to kitchen. Agreed to support.

- S.18/2077/TPO MULLIONS, Queens Mead. Oak TPO 470 aged approx 150 years. Height approx 80 feet, now unsafe and liable to collapse. Pollard the tree to below the upper limb break. Agreed to support.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger welcomed Peter Tiley, the new Neighbourhood Warden with responsibility for the Stroud North East area, including Painswick, together with Police Community Support

Officer Debbie Collicott. Peter Tiley explained his responsibility for community safety including abandoned / untaxed vehicles, the Careline service and working with vulnerable people. He could issue on the spot fixed penalty notices for littering, fly-tipping and dog fouling, and had already dealt with six recent cases of fly-tipping in the area. PCSO Debbie Collicott said her area was similar to Peter's so they worked closely together. In Painswick she had to deal with some neighbourhood disputes, but there was not a high level of crime. She kept a look out for suspicious vehicles or for indications of burglary.

Cllr. Abigail Smith asked if there was any indication on the ground of the additional resources that Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl had indicated would be available. Could Painswick access resources for instance for speed checks through the village? Debbie Collicott said there was little indication yet of additional resources, but she was attempting to get better kit for the local community speed watch team.

The Chairman then welcomed Cllr. Doina Cornell, leader of Stroud District Council. The Parish Council had invited her to attend to answer questions, particularly about the issue of parking charges. She had been provided with questions in advance.

Asked why the Stroud Car Parking Review had been suspended, without being finalised, Cllr Cornell said it had been ended as public consultation had shown very negative feedback on the introduction of parking charges in Nailsworth and other towns. Cllr. Ian James pointed out that the Strategy and Resources Committee, which she chaired, had since agreed to suspend parking charges in Stonehouse. This would leave Painswick as the only place, except Stroud itself, that had charges. Cllr. Cornell replied that there were particular circumstances in Stonehouse, but that charges there could not be removed without first going through a consultation process. If the Stroud Council meeting

the following day agreed to it, there would be consultation on removing charges in Stonehouse.

Cllr. Martin Slinger said that Painswick's representatives on the Strategy and Resources Committee had taken no action when Stonehouse representatives had pressed for charges there to be suspended. He asked for confirmation from Cllr. Nigel Cooper, who was present at the meeting, that when it came to the full Council meeting, he would propose removing charges in Painswick too. Cllr. Cooper agreed to do so.

Parish Councillors went on to ask Cllr. Cornell a series of questions about waste management, including the budget overspend of around £700,000 that Stroud Council had incurred on its waste contract. Cllr. Cornell said that there were a number of causes including higher rates of recycling and higher costs. The contractor was able to pass on some increased costs, for instance for more food waste recycling. In response to a question on the waiting list for green waste collection, she said that putting on an extra vehicle and team would cost £150,000 p.a and have capacity for 4,500 homes, whereas there were currently only around 200 people on the waiting list.

Finally there was a question on fireworks. Cllr. Cornell said that the Council had no formal policy at present on private use of fireworks, although if there were persistent problems, the Environmental Services team could intervene. Cllr. Rob Lewis suggested that there was a need for some controls on private displays outside the normal period around 5th November, because of the effect on pets and livestock.

Apologies for absence

Moving on to the main agenda of the meeting, the Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Ed Crownshaw, James Cross and Roey Parker.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 19th

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September were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

County Councillor's report

County Cllr Keith Rippington reported that the County Council's budget process was under way. The Council was making progress following the OFSTED report critical of its Children's Services, but there was pressure on its Adult Services as well. Another Senior Officer had resigned, this time to become Chief Executive of a Council in Somerset. He asked councillors to let him know what the priorities were for highway spend in 2019/20.

Cllr. Ian James said that work by the Village Hall in Sheepscombe had been postponed at very short notice, after the Hall had already cancelled bookings. This came on top of the nightmare of road closures caused by the work being done by Gigaclear, installing fibre cables.

District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Nigel Cooper reported that the Local Plan review now needed to identify additional land for housing. The annual build rate must go up from 456 to

638. There would be public consultation from 16th November to 18th January. Development sites included in the public consultation document had been put forward by landowners and developers. They were now referred to as part of the Council's "emerging strategy" rather than its "preferred strategy".

Fireworks

Cllr. Rob Lewis proposed to defer a discussion on fireworks as it was getting late.

Land and Buildings

It was proposed that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk should undertake an exercise to register all bits of land owned by the Council. It was agreed to make provision in the forthcoming budget for overtime in respect of this exercise. Cllr. Stephen Tye suggested that the process should not be difficult.

Responsible Financial Officers Reports

- The Council agreed payments in accordance with the report circulated by the Clerk.
- The Council accepted the Quarterly Budget Review in respect of the Second

Quarter of the Financial Year, which was broadly in line with the plan.

- The Council deferred the report from its Internal Financial Checker, Cllr James Cross, as Cllr. Cross was not present.

Ward Reports

Cllr. Martin Slinger reported that the large pond at Painswick Mill was being cleared out and that appropriate precautions were being taken.

To receive reports from representatives on other bodies

Cllr. Abigail Smith said she had attended the AGM of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group and was very impressed with the work they were doing. Cllr. Rosie Nash said that the Fair Trade Group had succeeded in getting agreement from various local businesses to use Fair Trade products and this would enable Painswick to retain its Fair Trade accreditation.

Date of next Meeting

To be held on Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

End of WW1 Exhibition Marks a unique occasion

This month has huge significance on a local, national and indeed worldwide scale. The end of World War One exactly 100 years ago brought about changes to communities everywhere which we are still experiencing today. To mark this important centenary an exhibition will be held in the Painswick Centre over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th November and in St Mary's Church from Sunday 4th November until Sunday 18th November.

Painswick, like every other community, experienced the effects of the War in all aspects of life throughout its four year duration. With the absence of about 250 men, 49 of whom never returned, women, children and the remaining men had to turn their hands to activities and tasks often completely new to them. The arrival of Belgian refugees to be housed, wounded soldiers to be nursed, shortages and rationing, questioning of formerly held attitudes in the face of intensive propaganda, work in the fields and factories, the constant raising of funds for the needs of the fighting men (including tobacco and cigarettes) and simply the need to carry on as normal in the abnormal circumstances left long-lasting marks on Painswick.

This exhibition is important. It signifies a unique occasion. The aftermath is, furthermore, notable here because Willoughby Dickinson of Painswick was instrumental in forming the League of Nations in 1921 which still works towards achieving world peace. He is of course commemorated in the Church. Do go along to either the Church or the Painswick Centre to mark this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Carol Maxwell

Christmas Lights Can you help?

Each year a dedicated team of volunteers prepares, installs and maintains the beautiful chains of white Christmas lights that adorn the Yew Trees in the Memorial Garden. Keeping the lights lit requires the simple daily task of removing batteries from the trees at about 9.30 am, leaving them on charge in the church for about six hours and returning them to the trees at 4 pm. The more helpers involved in the rota, the easier it is for everyone.

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Painswick Probus Concorde and a wealthy man

After hearing about the Duke of Devonshire in September, it was a complete change on 3rd October when we visited Aerospace Bristol, the new museum at Filton, which tells the story of aviation at Bristol throughout the past century.

Sir George White (1854–1916) formed with his brother, Samuel, the Bristol Aeroplane Company. Initially the company produced and sold 80 Bristol Boxkite aircraft and by 1916 was producing the famous Bristol Fighter. At the other end of the scale, many Concorde parts were manufactured at Filton and aircraft were assembled there. A knowledgeable and enthusiastic young guide provided an excellent guided tour which was followed by the walk through the last Concorde to be flown.

On 17th October, Peter Covey-Crump spoke about the life of his seventh cousin Anselm Beaumont who became a wealthy man through trading in India. Born in 1715 he followed in his father's footsteps and became an apothecary. By 1751 he had risen to the highest grade in the Society of Apothecaries but this would not have explained his later immense wealth. So how did he do it?

Peter read extracts from Beaumont's business letters to explain how he ultimately traded as a factor (agent on commission) for the East India Company in a diverse range of goods including opium, coral, pearls, emeralds, textiles, wine, rice, cloves, cinnamon, hides, cowtails, shellac and marble slabs! However it was probably his trade in salt where he made most of his fortune. After only 10 years of trading and risk-taking he amassed an estimated fortune of £70,000 (£10.5M today), despite the difficulties in communication and travel at the time.

Henry Hall



Singing in the Library

Painswick Community Choir performing at a Sing in the Library Day event on 13th October

Probus Women Around the world in 80 images

On 8th October the Probus Women AGM was convened and conducted by our President, Ann Smith. Jane Titshall accepted nomination to be our President for 2019 and all Officers were duly elected. Formalities concluded, we then enjoyed our talk "Around the World in 80 images" by Peter Berry, a 'Gloucester lad' whose passion for photography lured him, over a period of 30 years or more, to most parts of the World, always seeking that elusive stunning and unusual shot. He told us he doesn't tend to seek out to photograph 'the norm' and that the more bizarre, the more extraordinary, the more stunning and shocking, the more 'off the wall' - the better. This has always been his aim in his role as photographer and, dare I add his focus! (sorry!)



One anecdote we particularly liked was when he and his wife, Sarah, visited Table Mountain in South Africa. Alas, it took four visits there before the weather finally allowed them to reach the top. There is a famous flat granite rock jutting out of the mountain side, which has an absolutely terrifyingly long drop beneath. The photograph showed Sarah standing all alone in the middle of this 'diving board' and a very long way away from her photographer husband! The scenery around her was stunning, the death-defying drop evident, the photograph awesome. We all gasped and asked how he managed to persuade her to stand there. He said, "Well, obviously someone has to be the photographer and someone the model in order to give the picture depth"! Of course! Silly us.

Peter encouraged us - plan your picture, be patient, ask people to move if required and make pictures 'happen'. He certainly inspired any would-be photographer in us. Now! - where did I put my Brownie 127? (camera kids - it's a camera!)

Next meeting 12th November, 10.00am for 10.30 - Every Picture tells a story by Peter Preece. Guests welcome £3 or come and join us - £20p.a.

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Friday Club

On 12th October, despite the high winds and rain, an undefeatable group of Friday Club members set off by coach on the last outing of the year. Harvington Hall is famous for its Priest Holes and our visit was made even eerier by a sudden power failure - the wind had blown down a high voltage cable! We made our way around the house by natural light and lighting from emergency exit signs. You could almost imagine that you were a Priest awaiting the dreaded knock on the door from soldiers searching for you! The ingenuity of the design was incredible - moveable staircases, cleverly designed hinged wall panels and even a false fireplace which allowed a Priest to scramble up to a loft above. Then we moved on to the brightly lit Webbs Garden Centre where everybody enjoyed not only lunch but an opportunity to buy their early Christmas presents. A great day out!



Now what's in store for members in November? On the 9th the well known glass artist Sarah Brown will be demonstrating the technique of glass fusing. This involves joining partly melted multi pieces of glass together. The glass is melted at a high temperature. We have a change of venue on the 30th. We meet at 2.30 pm in the Church Rooms. Caroline Gould, who is the Charity Founder of the "Vale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre," will be talking to us about the vital work carried out by the Charity she founded in 1984. There is always something of interest for Friday Club members. Why not come along to one of our meetings? You will be warmly greeted and can enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits at the end of the meeting.

Mike Kerton

Yew Trees WI In Comes I ... Stephen Rowley



At our September meeting, Stephen Rowley from Pitchcombe, dressed in a hat and a costume known as 'tatters', gave us a fascinating talk on the history of mumming and all it entails in the modern day. The first reference to mumming occurs as part of the birthday celebrations for Richard II in 1377. These included a procession in 'elaborate disguise and a game of dice with prizes'. Throughout the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries there are references to courtly mumming but this bears little resemblance to what we see today. John Lydgate of Bury, who was Abbott of Hertford Priory, wrote many detailed scripts and elaborate plays based on, but very distorted versions of, ancient legends and these underlie much of the mummers plays performed in local pubs or the farmer's market today. There are also links to the Commedia dell'arte, Shakespeare's rude mechanicals, to 'wassailing', hobby horses and of course to Morris dancing which started at court as early as 1480. As a result, we came to realise that the development of mumming is not a straight forward path. The evening finished with the first ever production of the Painswick mummers play in Painswick! The Turkish knight was played by Rosie Nash, the doctor by Vicky Aspinall, Jack Straw by Naomi Dunn and St George by Maggie Drake. Father Christmas, who is often a key player in mummers' plays, was taken by Stephen Rowley and last but not least, an excellent, although silent horse, was played by Anne Newhill! And of course the play started "In comes I...." Our next meeting on November 27th at 7.30 will include a talk on African Elephants and our AGM.

Vicky Aspinall

Painswick Pharmacy 170 years and still going strong

Painswick Pharmacy is extraordinary in that it has existed in the same building for at least 170 years. At the October meeting of the History Society, Mike Powis, our current pharmacist, gave a fascinating presentation on its development from 1851 to the present day.



The longest serving family were the Harts, from Thomas who appears in the 1851 census and then his daughter Julia in 1901. She granted the lease to a Gloucester chemist in 1938 and in 1948 it was taken over by Beetham and Clark, a Cheltenham business famous for a glycerine application. David Merrick followed, then John Read and then Robin Last. Mike's father bought the business in 1982. In 1987 the shop underwent renovation during which a well was discovered and in 1988 the name was changed to The Painswick Pharmacy.

Pharmacists had to be employed until Mike, who made a decision to train as a pharmacist, which took five years, became fully qualified in 1997. Over the last 20 years there have been many developments in the use of technology for prescriptions, staff training, medicines and several public health services on offer. The excellent sun dial on the front of the building has also been restored. We now have in Painswick a superb pharmacy with highly trained staff - 'it is very much a team effort', says Mike. It is no wonder that our pharmacy has gained the Investors in People Award many times.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 20th November when Tony Conder will give a presentation on Royal Gloucester. 7.30 Croft School. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Christmas Concert

Richmond Painswick Retirement Village is pleased to host the Painswick Singers Christmas Concert at 3.30pm on Saturday 8th December. The choir will be performing Christmas favourites with some audience participation under the leadership of Howard Williams.

Seasonal refreshments will be provided and there will be a retiring collection in support of the local charity Headway Gloucestershire which is dedicated to improving life after brain injury. Entry is free, however, due to the limited capacity you will need to book. Please call Penny or Steph on 01452 810203 to reserve your

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Robin realised that the practice of yoga and meditation could be key elements in helping young people to deal with the sort of stress and difficulties they undoubtedly encounter particularly in school where there is now so much pressure to achieve. She has been running yoga classes for teenagers targeting key individual issues and anxieties. With a serious intention the classes are nevertheless also highly enjoyable social occasions. And from this month there is a new class for children aged 6-12. The benefits for this age group, also these days facing similar pressures, are multiple.

Having recently successfully completed an art foundation course at Stroud College with excellent results, Robin is engaged in running her art workshops as well as teaching yoga. Aged just 19, she is one of the youngest teachers - possibly the youngest - in the country and is now keen to develop the practice. Her approach is scientific, intelligent and very mature but also very enjoyable.



'I like to bring yoga to people who wouldn't normally consider it to be for them', she explains. She has, as an obvious example, observed a tendency for her classes to be attended mainly by girls and feels boys may think yoga is not for them. Now she has teamed up with Scott Johnson and together they will soon be starting Yoga for Boys and Men in Painswick. Both she and Scott, fully qualified as teachers of Sivananda hatha yoga, believe this to be an important step.

A further development for Robin is in offering individual sessions either in her home in Tibbiwell or in a client's own home. She points out the advantages of one-to-one sessions, essentially that they are tailor-made to suit individual needs. These sessions are very different from classes and can cover all or any aspects of yoga and mindfulness as required. Anyone of any age is welcome. Robin will also be starting a mindfulness/meditation session lasting just half an hour on Thursday mornings at 9.00am to aid de-stressing. She explains this is not about spirituality or religion but more about training the brain to think clearly and positively. By relieving stress, the ability to focus and remain calm achieves a better mental balance which has benefits in every area of life.

Robin's clients are quick and eager to describe how helpful and effective her sessions have been for them. The teenagers emphasise the benefits with regard to school and personal life and her one-to-one adult clients are certainly pleased. 'Robin is a ray of sunshine who has taught me a lot through the regular practice of yoga. I would recommend her to anyone,' says one happy practitioner. Current classes are in Stroud, Lansdown Hall, Mondays 5.30 and Cheltenham, Isbourne Centre, Thursdays 4.45, both for teenagers, and Stroud, Lansdown Hall, Tuesdays 4.15-5.00 for children aged 6-12. There is a website www.blissbyrobin.com and Robin can be contacted by email blissbyrobin@gmail.com or telephone 07427 484745.

Carol Maxwell



Music Appreciation Group

On 11th October we enjoyed a fascinating talk by Dr David Lucas on "Neo Classicism in early 20th Century Music." After the First World War simplicity in musical style was encouraged as so many orchestras were depleted by the war. Composers had to produce music for smaller ensembles. We listened to a wide range of extracts from two of the leading Neo Classicist composers of the era, Igor Stravinsky and Paul Hindemith. Although the music had hints of earlier composers such as Handel, Bach and Vivaldi there were distinct jazz inflected rhythms. A very enjoyable and instructive evening.

November will be a busy month for the Club. Not only will we have two interesting presentations but also a visit to a concert in Birmingham. On the 8th, David Simpson will be talking to us about the "Life and Music of Johannes Brahms." We will

also enjoy various examples of Brahms compositions. Then on the 22nd, at the earlier time of 2.30pm, our Life President, Alex Nichols, will be presenting a talk on "Giuseppe Verdi with specific reference to his orchestration and comparison with Wagner." Finally on the 27th, we're off to the Symphony Hall in Birmingham for a concert featuring music by Brahms and Tchaikovsky. There are still a few tickets available. If you would like to join us please contact John Herbert on 01242 250427. It's a month Members are all looking forward to!

Finally a date for your diary. Our first outing of 2019 will be on 6th February when we again visit Symphony Hall in Birmingham to enjoy an afternoon Concert by the CBSO featuring music by Strauss and Schuman.

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Two Painswick painters, Jane Garbett and Angela Mullen-Bryan are opening their studios as part of the Stroud International Textile (SITselect) winter exhibition and studio trail event. Angela whose studio is located in The Painswick Centre will be showing a selection of beautiful paintings inspired by the Swedish landscape. Jane situated five minutes away in her studio on Vicarage Street will be showing new small works of bright, highly textured abstract paintings.

Do come and see what we have been up to, you will be guaranteed a very warm welcome. If you would like a taste of the work on offer check out their websites: www.angelamullenbryan.com and www.janegarbett.co.uk More information on SITselect, the exhibition and other artists taking part in the trail can be found at www.sitselect.org

Jane Garbett, The Artists Studio, Vicarage Street



Jane Garbett at work in her studio

Rococo Garden News

With another busy season drawing to a close at the Garden, we're already working hard on our plans for 2019. Our visitor numbers are up around a quarter or so on last year and whilst this has kept us very busy, we have plenty more to do! We very much appreciate all of your support, whether volunteering, bringing us donations of second-hand books or visiting!



Talking of which... after a successful trial last year, the Garden will once again be open this month, daily 10:30am to 4pm right up until 30th November. For me, the Garden itself offers a tranquil escape from the busy world, and there's also the attraction of the Shop, stocked with gift ideas and the Café serving delicious homemade food and warming drinks. Dogs are very welcome to bring their owners for free this month – it's a simple deal – one owner will be admitted per visiting dog. See our website for more information.

Looking slightly further ahead, we are delighted to present our Christmas Carol Concert in St Mary's Church on Friday 7th December, 6.30-8pm. If you came along last year (and many of you did!) you'll know it was a great way to get in the Christmas mood. This year we have seasonal readings from David Drew MP, BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Dominic Cotter, along with local musicians and lusty singing of Christmas carols. There will be seasonal refreshments afterwards in the Church Rooms. No tickets are required and we will be delighted to see you.

And finally... we are on the lookout for friendly people to join our team, part-time, for our snowdrop season, which runs approximately from the end of January to end of February. We welcome many thousands of visitors during this period and we need good people to help us provide a great experience for them all. It's a great way to make some money after Christmas - you'll need to be as comfortable operating a till as you are directing cars in the car park. Visit our website for more information at www.rococogarden.co.uk/support/vacancies.

Tim Toghil, Volunteer and Trustee

Painswick Music Society

Two months to save the society

Painswick Music Society has again engaged an outstanding list of artists for our 74th season in 2019 comprising Voces8, pianist Stephen Hough, the Carducci Quartet and the clarinetist Julian Bliss accompanied by Robert Bottriell.



Sadly I had to announce at our recent AGM that unless more people volunteer to join the committee before the end of 2018, it will almost certainly be our last. We have been searching for 18 months without success for someone to take over as treasurer from Dennis Morgan who has now stepped down after 4 years of devoted service, and we have also found it impossible to recruit sufficient new committee members to replace others who have recently retired. We do not now have enough committee members to cover the many tasks involved in the successful running of the society, and cannot therefore begin to plan for what would be our 75th season in 2020. We will have to make a decision about the Society's future at our meeting in early January so do please get in touch as a matter of urgency if you think you may be able to help, by email or telephone (cgsvain@btinternet.com or 01453 822998) or, as I shall be away for about 10 days in early November, our secretary, David Homer (david.homer99@gmail.com or 01453 882993).

Painswick Music Society has been a jewel in the Painswick crown for almost three quarters of a century providing concerts of the highest quality for generations of Painswickians and visitors from far and wide, and its demise would be an enormous loss to our community and beyond.

Chris Swain - Chairman



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News from St Mary's

The first Sunday of the month is the 4th which is All Saints Sunday. There will be the usual Parish Communion at 9.30am. In the afternoon we will be holding our annual All Souls Service at 4pm. This is the time when we particularly remember those who died during the last year. It is also when we remember other loved ones who have passed on but whom we hold dear. It is customary to read out the names of all these during the service and to light a candle in their memory. If you would like to add a loved one to the list please either let one of the church wardens know or post a note through the benefice office.



The monthly communion service at Richmond Village is on 7th November at 11am. There is an open invitation for anyone to attend.

Sunday 11th November is Remembrance Sunday which coincidentally is Armistice Day this year. There will not be the usual Remembrance Day service in the church. Instead we will all join together for the Armistice Service at 10.50am at the Cenotaph. We welcome a visiting minister to conduct this service who is Canon Paul Nener.

The vacancy for a new Vicar of the Beacon benefice was re-advertised in the Church Times twice during October and was also posted on the diocesan website. The closing date for applications was 29th October. Depending on the response, interviews will be conducted on 20th November. Please continue to pray that we may find the right person for this particular challenge

David Newell

Tilly the Cat

In remembrance of Tilly, who was well known in Painswick village, who passed away peacefully on Monday 24th September 2018 at the age of 18. Tilly adopted the church and was known as the church cat. She came to retire at St. Mary's House, Stroud Road, for the last 2 years of her life, where she was well loved and cared for. She loved to lie in the sunshine on the grass and also had a summer house in the garden, where most afternoons she would be found sleeping, but always brought in at night-time. She also had a good friend, a lady from "Paradise House" residential home, who made regular visits, which both enjoyed very much.

After being granted the relevant permission, she has been given the special privilege of being interred in the church garden, next to the new walkway. She loved listening to music from Classic FM and the "Wizard of Oz" and enjoyed to be sung to and would sing along in small meows. So with her favourite song; "Step into the sun and into the light" will be put onto her stone in remembrance of her. We would like to thank God for the gift of Tilly, a special cat, who had a strong, independent and enquiring nature and who was also loving, friendly and caring. She brightened every morning and gave warm affection every evening; so, here's to you! Tilly, from all who knew and loved you. God Bless.

The Anderson family



Churches Together AGM Enaikishomi School



The Chairman and committee of CTAP warmly invite you to their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15th November at 7 pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms in Painswick at the far end of Stamages Car Park. It will be followed by a presentation given by Edward Elgar on setting up the Enaikishomi School in the foothills of Mount Kenya in memory of his daughter Amy. Visit <https://enaikishomi.org/> for more information.

Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to your support – all are welcome.

Sue Stick

Messy Church



Thursday 8th November 3.30 to 5.15pm in the St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick. Join us for the theme of 'Listening and Learning'. We will have activities and crafts to enjoy, as well as a delicious tea together.

Messy Church is a family event. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries contact Katherine Davies: email: dandkdavies@hotmail.com Next Messy Church : Thursday 13th December at The Church Rooms

Sue Shaw



The new bench in the churchyard, shown on the left, is dedicated to the memory of Cliff Davis, who died recently and who created the small garden around it.

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Church Clock Returns!

The clock face is being repaired and repainted by a firm in Derby. I mentioned last month that it was very heavy. It actually weighs 162 kg which is just over 3 cwt. As I write I understand the work is nearing completion.

It is expected that the face will be re-hung on the North face of the church tower on 6th November. This means that it should be in place by the time of the Armistice Service at the War Memorial on 11th November, which commences at 10.50am. When the clock strikes 11am we will observe 2 minutes silence.

David Newell



History repeating itself?

Our church clock, whilst undergoing some very necessary repairs and renovations, is missed by many. However, this is not the first occasion it has had to be removed. This letter was sent out to a selected group of residents by the vicar 119 years ago.

From the Vicarage, Painswick, Nov 21 1899

Dear ...

It has been decided to hold a bazaar next Summer to provide funds for re-hanging the Bells and renovating the Clock of our Parish Church.

A provisional Committee consisting of Mr Hyett, the Vicar, and the Churchwardens has been appointed by the Church Council to further the project, and I am instructed by them to request you to serve as a member of the general Bazaar Committee, and to attend a meeting of the same to be held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 5th at 4 o'clock.

An early reply will oblige

Your obedient Servant,

W.H.Seddon.

Cotteswold Naturalists Wildlife of the Western Isles



This month, the popular naturalist and photographer Philip Mugridge will make a welcome return on Wednesday 7th November to give an illustrated talk on the Western Isles of Scotland, to CNFC members, reminding us of the spectacular wildlife to be found there. Philip will also share a few tips on his techniques, as well as the trials and tribulations during the process of taking his remarkable pictures.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre. Members pay £1, non-members £4, which includes tea and biscuits after the talk. We are putting together plans for next year's excursions, walks and talks. Membership costs £20 (or £30 for two people) and will cover you from now through to December 2019. Contact me for further details of our plans and membership, or drop into a meeting in the Painswick Centre.

Jane Rowe, 813228



Some of the Church Bells loaded up to be taken away to have their cannons removed in 1901

Steve Tilston in Concert At the Painswick Centre

Another concert from Canton Acre Promotions presents guitarist and songwriter Steve Tilston, with Hugh Bradley (Double Bass) and Keith Warmington (Harmonica). Saturday 17th November at 7.30



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Why I volunteer Vicky Aspinall

I volunteer once a week at the beautiful Rococo Garden and have been doing it for about seven years. I originally started because, although I had been living in Painswick for ten years, I didn't know many people because I had an all-encompassing job and I felt that volunteering would make me some friends – and it certainly has! I work on the entrance desk selling tickets and gifts in the shop. One of the things I have learnt is working the till without making major mistakes – it isn't nearly as complicated as you might think and I soon became competent. I love talking to all the visitors, many from all over the world. I am also passionate about horticulture and can answer most questions about the plants in the garden and those that we sell but there is always help if I need it. I would really recommend the Garden – it's a great place to volunteer!



The Painswick Beacon

The Beacon is looking for back-up deliverers who can step in when any of our regular delivery team are unavailable. If you can help, please contact Celia Lougher on 812624.

Painswick Community Library

Painswick Community Library is an independent charity run entirely by volunteers, supported by an annual grant from Gloucestershire County Council. A hardworking team of 28 volunteers do everything from staffing the library to financial management of the charity, and organisation of special events. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with the library, ask one of the volunteers on duty.

Building Circles

Building Circles works to transform the lives of people with learning disabilities who are isolated and lonely. Painswick resident Frances Watson was instrumental in setting up the charity 12 years ago, which now supports over 280 people. More people are needed to join their fantastic team of volunteers. Contact admin@buildingcirclesglos.org.uk or on 01452 617346.

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Volunteering The life blood of

Over the last 30 years, many of Painswick's commercial activities have disappeared. We now have no bank, no post office, no butcher, no baker, no greengrocer. I don't have to have lived in Painswick all that long to remember a time when residents can remember when Painswick had six or seven churches and

But Painswick is still a vibrant community. It is far more than a dormitory town where people live their separate existences. It still has many of the institutions that make a community: a playgroup, a busy library service, an active Parish Council and an entertainment Centre, capable of introducing and running events such as Wick-Flix and Artburst, Art Couture Painswick, Painswick Feast and the Good Friday Service at the Painswick Beacon. Painswick also has a wide variety of societies and

None of these can be taken for granted. They are all very dependent on volunteers. The Centre, are entirely run by volunteers; others like the school, the Parish Council, but could not provide the service they do, without a small army of volunteers. Painswick and Music Society concerts in St Mary's. It is volunteers that monitor traffic speeds and arrange the Christmas lights. It is volunteers that keep Painswick Beacon clear of scrub, raise funds for the Croft School

The number of local people who volunteer is enormous and some do it as committed volunteers in the Painswick Beacon, particularly through the Painswickian of the Year there are a hundred others, almost equally dedicated to it. So this article is first to thank everybody who does already volunteer

Despite the successes, Painswick needs a continual supply of new volunteers. We are currently looking for help. In some cases you will see that services are currently looking for help. In some cases they may continue, but with some reduction in their activities or their time. So can you help - with these or other activities? Please take a moment and think about whether you are in a position to give some of your time

Painswick Music Society

The Music Society has run a series of concerts in Painswick each year for 73 years now and will be running a 74th season in 2019. To ensure there is a 75th season, volunteers are needed to join the organising committee and particularly somebody to act as Treasurer. See our article on page 7.

Ashwell Wednesday Group

The Group provides activities and companionship for older people, mostly living on their own and with few other opportunities to get out. It needs new helpers who can join their rota for a three hour session from 9.30 to 12.30 or from 12.30 to 3.30 on Wednesdays. Even one session a month, would be much appreciated. Contact Sandra Glass on 814186.

Painswick Beacon Conservation

The group is constantly in need of more volunteers to join its work at the Beacon and is currently looking for volunteers to help plant out cowslip seed. See article on page 12 for contact details.

earing the community

closed. Even many of the Council-provided services have gone. No police station, no fire station, no publicly-run library. You know when we had all those amenities. Some of the longer established and an even bigger number of pubs.

ry town, and far more than a place where individuals and families make up a living community. It still has a thriving school and surprising community organisation and building in the Painswick and Pop-Up Painswick. The community is served by regular events and will Evening, and of course it still has a community newsletter in and organisations, many of them reporting regularly in the Beacon.

on volunteers. Some, like the Beacon and the Tourist Information Council and the Rococo Garden have a core professional team, volunteers. It is volunteers that bring you Wick-Flix, Art Couture that support the Youth Club and the Baby and Toddler Group, that act as snow wardens and churchwardens, monitor our footpaths, and provide activities for older people on Ashwell Wednesdays.

so in multiple ways. We recognise some of the most active and in the celebration of Painswickians of the Year. But for every serving, who give their time willingly to help make Painswick what it is, and secondly to ask those who don't do so yet, to consider it.

unteers. We highlight this month some of the organisations that are in danger of having to end for lack of volunteers. In other words by putting an increasing load on those who already give a lot of time to make a moment to review some of the organisations mentioned here and to make Painswick a better place.

The Painswick Centre

Could you offer some time to support the activities that the Painswick Centre puts on to support the local community? They urgently need volunteers to help on the night of Wick-Flix screenings. If you'd be interested in helping for a few hours, please email allyson.davis@outlook.com.

Support is also needed for other events including the range of Pop-up Painswick activities now planned.



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The Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal has in the past raised around £4000 a year in Painswick to help the British Legion in its work with veterans. That is likely to fall significantly this year as nobody has yet come forward to take over as the local organiser.

Temporary arrangements are in place for this year, as the Parish Council has stepped in (see page 13). Could you take on the job of organiser from next year? Full training provided. Contact Roy Balgobin at the Council offices on 812722.



Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice is looking for people who can spare 8-10 hours a week for a minimum of two years to join their adviser training programme, starting in Spring 2019. Contact Susie McCormick on 01453 758252.

Why I volunteer Dawn Dart

I am a mother of four wonderful children, two dogs, and now alpacas. I run a unit at Stroud's The Malthouse Collective. So with all these commitments I am often asked why on earth do I volunteer?

I truly believe it is our social responsibility to be an active member of our community and not a bystander. We all lead busy lives these days juggling work /family commitments etc, however as things seemingly are going a bit haywire both internationally and nationally this inspires me even more to invest in our locality, as this is the one thing we can control.

I have seen the power of what volunteering can do and what a difference it can make to people's lives. From setting up the village cinema with my husband, and David Chapman, to helping organise the Stop the Mast campaign, fundraising for PlayPainswick and for other charities, and of course being on the Parish Council.



It's a great feeling to be part of something that is hopefully going to benefit the community you live in. So I urge you volunteering is not just for the time rich, go get involved, meet some new people and contribute to the amazing place we are lucky enough to call home!

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The Cows Have Moved.

The five Gloucesters were moved at the beginning of October from the paddock on the ramparts to a smaller paddock based around Jackdaw Quarry. The move was done on a very wet Saturday morning. A temporary electric fence was made between the two paddocks and the cows led through with a bucket of nuts. This was much easier than herding them into a trailer and driving them around. Already the impact of their grazing can be seen, especially near the water trough on the path up to the trig point.



Another full house in October and thanks to Woodchester Valley Vineyards for bringing along their excellent limited edition Orpheus Bacchus 2017 for us to taste prior to the film. Please do get in touch with Woodchester if you would like to purchase this - only 3,000 bottles in all! In November, Dominic Hamilton will be coming along to tell us what the Rococo Garden is up to over the winter in the lead up to the snowdrop season. Here are the great films we have lined up:

The AGM was very successful with an attendance of about forty. Selina Blow, owner of the Beacon, thanked the group for the improvements now apparent. Further appreciation of the group's efforts was acknowledged by a recent site meeting of Butterfly Conservation and Natural England. The formal affairs were efficiently dealt with and the committee voted through with one resignation and two new members. After tea and cakes, we were treated to a wonderful talk by Dave Simcox about the history of the large blue butterfly in the Cotswolds. The Beacon was one of the key sites before the butterfly became extinct. How apt that it is now the site for another reintroduction project.

Friday 9th November I, Tonya (15) An Oscar nominated Best Film, based on the unbelievable true events surrounding the "nobbling" of US ice skater, Nancy Kerrigan in the lead up to the 1994 Winter Olympics. Excellent performances by Margot Robbie as Tonya Harding and Allison Janney as her mum (Oscar for Best Supporting Actress).

Winter work parties are now gathering momentum and we are planning a big clearing effort on the edge of Victoria Quarry, below the Round Table. This is an area with habitat suitable for both the Large Blue and the Duke of Burgundy. We had a very productive clearing session in Jackdaw Quarry using a group of six volunteers from The Ecclesiastical insurance company and the Cotswold Wardens have again given more of their time helping us with various projects. Finally, if anyone would like to help plant out cowslip plants we have grown from seed please contact me on 07971 633 242 or email pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com

Paul Baxter

Friday 11th Jan. Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG) Murray's Annual Gala Night provides a wonderful opportunity to shake off those holiday cobwebs and get into the New Year with Abba's latest movie. Lily James leads as the young Donna with the story stepping back in time while those unforgettable Abba songs just keep on coming!

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. Come early to avoid disappointment. Up-to-date information on future screenings can be found at www.painswickcentre.com/wickflix or on Facebook at @WickFlix. Come along and support your community cinema! Also, we urgently need volunteers to help on the night of our screenings. (see the centre pages)

Alison Smith

Fish & Chips Nights Will be back in January



The Pop-Up Painswick fish and chips nights at The Painswick Centre have been more popular than we could have hoped, and we're delighted to announce that Simpsons will be back in the New Year on a regular, monthly basis (dates TBC). The trial events over the past two months have seen large numbers of people coming down to the Centre for some award-winning fare, a drink or two from the bar, and to eat and chat with friends. We're looking forward to this becoming a regular feature in the Painswick calendar, and we're also excited about other kinds of foodie pop-ups... if you have any ideas for these then please get in touch, we'd love to hear your thoughts.

PopUp Painswick in conjunction with the Painswick Local History Society will also be hosting an exhibition - Painswick and The Great War to commemorate the armistice centenary - at The Gardiner Room, The Painswick Centre on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November from 11.00am to 4.00pm. A fascinating insight into how our community was involved and the impact that it had. Do come and bring your family.

Susie Andrews

Vietnam to Cambodia by bike Raising funds for Sue Ryder

Mahboob Hussain (Boo) formerly of Sheepscombe and now living in Beacon Close has just completed a bicycle ride covering 503 kms from Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam to Angkor in Cambodia. Boo undertook the cycle ride to raise funds for the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice in memory of his wife Sally who spent nearly seven weeks in the hospice before she sadly died. Boo writes that the Hospice depends heavily on fund raising and you can contribute here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SalandBoo. He says that there is a fee (it's optional) but it's a very convenient way. Alternatively you can send a cheque made out to Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice and he will pass it on. His address is Rocklands, Beacon Close, Painswick, Glos. GL6 6UF.

Terry Parker

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New ventures at the Malthouse Collective

Merry Makers Shop

Painswick residents Lindsey Butcher and Suzie Lew have joined forces to launch a new Pop-Up Makers Shop in the Malthouse Collective at Salmon Springs for the next three months in the run-up to Christmas. Over 30 designer-makers will be offering hand-crafted creations, ranging from jewellery and ceramics to handwoven scarves. The shop has a space on the upper floor of the Malthouse, run by Lindsey, with its existing huge range of both antiques and modern arts and crafts.

There will be lots of workshops and events there too over the next few months, including the Christmas Wreath workshops with the Bespoke Flower Company that we featured last month. Or for something a bit different, see the article below on



creating your own fabric baubles or wreath. Full details on all workshops and events from the Malthouse Collective at 01453 755800 or on <https://themalthousecollective.co.uk/>



Fabric baubles and wreaths

Another Painswick resident, Sophie Cater, and her sister Victoria, who together run Sew Vintage, will be running workshops at the Malthouse on making fabric wreaths and baubles. You can create your own wreath from a selection of beautiful printed fabrics, or a set of fabric baubles from printed cottons.

Thurs. 22nd November 6- 9 pm - Fabric Wreaths
 Saturday 24th November 10.30 to 12.30 - Fabric Baubles
 Saturday 1st December 10.30 to 1.30 - Fabric Wreaths
 Saturday 8th December 10.30 to 12.30 - Fabric Baubles

Christmas Concert

The Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home annual Celebration of Christmas concert will be held at St Mary's Church this year on 8 December from 6.45 to 8.30 pm.

The event will be hosted by the Home's Patron Lisa Maxwell and will include performances by the Pamoja Gospel Choir, International Opera Singer Abigail Iveson and the BBC's Alex Lovell.

Carolyn Blackburn

This year's Poppy Appeal



In the absence of any organiser for the Poppy Appeal this year, Roy Balgobin, the Parish Clerk has stepped in to ensure that poppies are still available in Painswick. For most of the village there will be no house to house collection / sale of poppies, but they will be available in various community and commercial premises including the Council Offices and the Library, the Surgery, the Falcon, the Painswick Pharmacy and the Best One. Please take the initiative to make a donation and get your poppies without waiting for them to come to you.

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Painswick LTC Tennis Finals

The annual tennis finals were held on Sunday 30th September. The men's final was contested between James Barnett and Jamie Morgan. The match was of a high standard with many excellent rallies. James was on good form and won 6-0, 6-1. This result meant he has now equalled Matthew Bamber's record number of eight singles championships. The ladies' final was an all sisters' match between Jessica and Sophie Barnett. Youth prevailed with Sophie winning 6-0, 6-0.

The men's doubles was a very closely fought match between Graham Britton/James Barnett and Jamie Morgan/Jeremy Chapman. The crowd really enjoyed the contest with Graham and James winning 6-4, 7-5. The ladies' doubles was between Ness Fair/Sarah Scott and Ruth Smith/Rachel Stenning. Following a close second set, Ness and Sarah secured the championship 6-2, 6-4. The mixed doubles final resulted in a win for Liz Cowan/Graham Britton against Ness Fair/Jamie Morgan, 7-5, 6-4.

Congratulations to Jamie Morgan for playing in three finals for the second year running. A big thank you to Ness Fair and Ruth Smith for organising a well run tournament.



James and Sophie Barnett, winners of the Men's and Ladies' singles

Rugby

Results in Gloucestershire League 2 North:



September 29th	Minchinhampton 29	Painswick 34
October 6th	Painswick 19	Norton 10
October 20th	Painswick 24	Westbury on Severn 19

After winning their first four games, Painswick lie 2nd in the league table, as at 21st October.

Painswick Golf Club



There is a nip in the air on Painswick Beacon and the trees are starting to change colour and shed their leaves. But at least until now, we have been blessed with a surprisingly large number of warm Autumnal days ideal for golf.

In the Seniors section, our monthly Stableford competition was won by Don Merrylees with an excellent score of 40 points. And a joint social texas scramble competition with the ladies section was won by the team comprising Lesley Wylde, Phil Jennings, David Butler and Michael Little. Congratulations to all the winners. Next month, there will be another texas scramble with the ladies, the November Stableford competition and a Christmas special.

Members of the public are welcome at Painswick Golf Club, whether to play our unique course or for meals/refreshments at the clubhouse. For more details, please call 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe

Painswick Gardening Club Mistletoe Moments

Jon Mason from Highfield Garden Centre entertained and informed in equal measure, putting together some wonderful winter pots and containers to give interest and colour until spring. He emphasised that you could cram in as many plants as you wished as, unlike summer containers they would put on very little growth and so did not need space to expand into. He then very generously donated two of his displays to our raffle, so two very happy members!



Our next meeting on Wed 14th Nov at 7.30 is with Jonathan Briggs. His talk, "Mistletoe Matters" will cover Traditions and Legends, Habitats and Hosts and how to grow your own. Very topical heading towards the festive season. On that note, the Club is running its popular Wreath Making day on Saturday 1st Dec from 10 - 2 in the Church Rooms, £10 will include everything you need to make your own door decoration along with a lot of fun and homemade cakes, tea and coffee to help your creative talents. It would be helpful if you could register your interest in advance so we can plan accordingly, but please do feel free to pop in on the day, we'd love to see you.

Looking forward to Wed 12th Dec 7.30, we have an evening of festive fun with wine and nibbles to accompany a Christmas Decoration Demonstration, with a Big Value raffle prize, so be sure to purchase plenty of tickets.

Catherine Bond (Committee member).



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Croft School News



We have had another very busy start to the school year at The Croft. We have welcomed twenty new children into Reception and six new children into other year groups across the school. The football and netball teams have already been in action at local tournaments and at other primary schools in the league and have demonstrated excellent play and sportsmanship.

In October we celebrated the opening of our new outdoor learning lodge. The lodge, funded and built by the Friends of the Croft School, is big enough to be an outdoor classroom and is set in a beautiful wooded nature area at the bottom of the school field. This is an amazing space that the children love and the lodge enhances our opportunities for outdoor education which is so valuable in teaching the children skills such as problem solving, team building and self-reliance. The lodge will not only provide us with an outdoor classroom but also with an opportunity to enhance our pupils' physical and social experience at school.

We are already thinking about next September and have organised some open mornings to enable prospective parents to come and look at the facilities and experiences we can offer children. Our open mornings are on Thursday 1st November and Tuesday 13th November at 9:30am; if you have pre-school aged children please come along and meet the staff and children. Please also pass this information on to anyone else you know who has pre-school aged children and encourage them to come and visit us.

Rebecca Gore, Head Teacher

Painswick's Goodwill Evening Friday 30th November

Painswick's Goodwill Evening will take place in the village on Friday 30th November, from 5pm until 8pm, kindly sponsored by ProcessMaker. It will be a beautiful evening of festive cheer for all the family, to wander around our beautiful village and see the Christmas lights, munch on a mince pie and sip some mulled wine, and maybe pick up a perfect present from one of the local stalls. Hot food, locally made, will also be available.

Maps will be available on the night from The Painswick Centre, Town Hall and St Mary's Church. As this year's theme is 'Extending goodwill to all', in the spirit of giving we are asking for Foodbank donations to receive a map. Particularly needed are instant coffee, biscuits, sugar, shampoo, deodorant, shaving gel, adult toothpaste and toothbrushes, as well as tinned fruit and vegetables (please no baked beans!). The map will show where the attractions are, from carol singing to Painswick's very own Christmas alpacas (the reindeers will be busy this year preparing for Christmas deliveries). The maps will also show which local businesses in the village children can visit to collect Christmas stickers; when at least 8 have been collected the map can be entered into a big prize draw.

Father Christmas himself will be leading a lantern parade of local schoolchildren from St Mary's Church through the village at 6pm. After that he will be in his vintage caravan grotto at The Painswick Centre, ready to meet any children who would like to tell him or bring him a list of what they are wishing for this Christmas. Children will receive a small treat from Father Christmas, but this year we are asking that children bring a present to give to him. These will then be passed on to the Salvation Army in Stroud, who are partnering with three local charities who work with families and children who would not otherwise get presents. Please can we ask that presents are: not books as these are being collected separately by the Salvation Army, new (unfortunately we cannot accept second hand), unwrapped, and for any age up to 18 years. All profits on the night will be shared between Play Painswick and The Painswick Centre, both registered charities at the heart of the village. For more up to date information please find Painswick Goodwill Evening on Facebook or Instagram.

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Charity Calendar

Wendy Old, a Painswickian and daughter of Joyce Lamort, is one of a group of ladies, the Stroud Stragglers, who are raising funds for Cancer Research UK. Their Calendar Girls style calendar featuring 'girls' aged from 19 to early 70s is a response after close family and friends were affected by different types of cancer.

They are holding a charity ball in November to launch the calendar, priced at £8.00, and will also be selling raffle tickets. If you would like to purchase a calendar, raffle tickets or support them in any way please email Stroud.Stragglers@gmail.com or Facebook page Stroud Stragglers or phone Wendy Old on 07825 953588. The calendar will also be available at Stroud Farmers Market during November and December.

Sue Hill

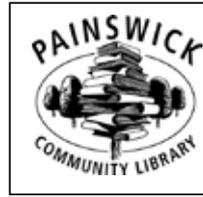


Library News for November

Library Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held in the library on Thursday 29th November starting at 7pm. The meeting is open to everyone and will be followed by wine and nibbles for those attending.

Recent additions to our book stock include:



Adult Fiction

Brown, Dan – Origin (Robert Langdon Book 5)
Candlish, Louise – Our House
Christie, Agatha – The Witness for the Prosecution & other stories
Cleeves, Ann - Wild Fire (Shetland)
Follett, Ken - A Column of Fire
Gunaratne, Guy - In Our Mad and Furious City
Hermans, W F - An Untouched House
La Plante, Lynda - Murder Mile (Tennison 4)
Lodato, Elisa - The Necessary Marriage
Morton, Kate - The Clockmaker's Daughter
Mosse, Kate - The Burning Chambers
Ng, Celeste - Everything I Never Told You, and, Little Fires Everywhere
Rankin, Ian - In a House of Lies (Rebus 22)
Robinson, Peter - Careless Love (DCI Banks 25)
Steele, Danielle - Fairytale
Vincenzi, Penny - A Question of Trust

Adult Non Fiction

Palin, Michael - Erebus: The Story of a Ship

Children's Fiction

Anderson, Laura - Amelia Fang and Unicorn Lords
Carroll, Emma - Secrets of a Sun King
Fletcher, Tom - The Creakers
Grey, Kes - Oi Duck Billed Platypus
Kerr, Judith – Katinka's Tail
Roberts, Leonie - Storytime: My Colourful Chameleon

Our new books cannot be reserved online through Gloucestershire Libraries for the first six months ensuring they are available exclusively for Painswick borrowers calling into the library. Happy Reading!

Pat Pinnegar

Cranham Remembers

To mark the centenary of the end of World War I, Cranham Local History Society will be mounting a "Cranham Remembers" exhibition. It will be held in Cranham Village Hall on Saturday 10th November 10.30-4.30pm. A chance to look at all things military connected to Cranham from Tudor times to the Cold War. There will also be talks: 2pm. Wenches in the Trenches-a talk about nurses in WW1 by Susan Williams 3pm. What is a Tommy? Meet him in uniform. 3.20 Lest Endeavours Fade. The importance of Remembrance. A talk by David Clarke.

Refreshments available. Entry free but donations to the Poppy Appeal welcome.

Norma Kay

PROPERTY REPORT Now written by Beacon Staff

There are several detached houses new onto the market this month in the £500,000+ price range. 'Mullions' in The Highlands (Murrays, £695,000) is a four bedroom house described by the agent as a great family "doer upper", with a large garden and far reaching views. 'The Ferns' at 2 Randalls Field (Hamptons, £765,000), also with four bedrooms, is a well presented house with a south-facing garden and versatile accommodation.

In Stamages Lane, 'Howbeg' (Moulton Haus, £875,000) is a detached three bedroomed Chalet Bungalow, unusually for Painswick having both a level garden and views across the valley. Higher up the village, 12 Gloucester Road (Moulton Haus, £635,000) has 5 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms and a good-sized family garden.

Murrays are now marketing 'Hanley House', a contemporary new build family house at £1,680,000, with four bedroom, open-plan living, set in 2 acres adjoining National Trust land, at the top of

Far End in Sheepscombe, and with magnificent views. Two other new build houses are also available at Far End through James Pyle – Lime Tree House is already on the market and it will shortly be followed by Hazelhanger, the adjoining property that will be ready towards the end of the year.

4 Canton Acre was only very briefly available through Hamptons at £320,000 before a sale was agreed. Hamptons have also sold 3 Court Cottage at Butt Green (£555,000) and Highfield at Longridge (£1,200,000). Whitehall Bank in Stamages Lane is now under offer through Murrays, as is Sintra in Cranham. Hazelbury House in New Street has gone under offer with Moulton Haus.

Hamptons are pleased to be sponsoring the Croft School Fireworks event on 3rd November, while Murrays are holding an 'Antiques Valuation Day' on Friday 16th November between 10am and 1pm. To book an allocated spot, you can call the office on 814655.



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Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Have your Say - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 536325	Church Rooms	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15- 11.30am
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Community lunches - 10 Mondays from October 8th	Ashwell House	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers - during term time	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Nia Holistic Fitness	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
	Drawing for absolute beginners (Oct-Nov) Contact Lucinda Burgess 07950 930005	Highpoint Studio Golf Course Road,	10.30 - 12.30pm
	Table Tennis	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wednesdays	Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
	Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	T'ai chi. Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
	Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
	Art class (watercolours) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
	Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris Campbell 01452 812600	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
	Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm

November

	Beacon publication date		
Sat 3			
Sun 4	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
4	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon 5	Community Lunch provided by Croft Primary School	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.30pm
5	Knit and Natter	Library	10.00- 12.00pm
Wed 7	Cotteswold Naturalists: Wildlife of the Western Isles - Philip Mugridge. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm



	7	Richmond Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am
Thur	8	Painswick Music Appreciation Society	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	9	Wick-Flix - I, Tonya	Painswick Centre	7.00pm for 7.30
	9	Friday Club: Sarah Brown - Glass fusing demonstration	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearing	Painswick Beacon	9.00 am - 12.30pm
	10	Sue Ryder Autumn Fair	Town Hall	10.00 - 1.00pm
	10	Exhibition: Painswick and the Great War.	Painswick Centre	11.00- 4.00pm
Sun	11	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	11	Holy Communion for Remembrance Sunday	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	11	Armistice Day Service	Painswick War Memorial	10.50am
	11	Exhibition: Painswick and the Great War.	Painswick Centre	11.00 - 4.00pm
Mon	12	Community Lunch provided by Puffins	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.30pm
Wed	14	Painswick Gardening Club: Jonathan Briggs - Mistletoe Matters	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	14	Painswick Probus: Trek to the Himalaya Base Camp - Lew Lawton	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Sat	17	Canton Acres Promotions: Concert with Steve Tilston. £15 Tickets contact 07596823881	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sun	18	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	18	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	19	Last copy date for the Beacon		
	19	Community Lunch provided by Wednesday Ashwell Group	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.30pm
Tues	20	Cotteswold Naturalists Talk and tea: A Village Through Time - Rose Hewlett Enq 01453 873262		2.30pm
	20	Local History Society: Royal Gloucester - Tony Conder	Croft School	7.30pm
	21	Evening prayer	St Mary's Church	5.00pm
Thur	22	Painswick Music Appreciation Society	Town Hall	2.00 for 2.30pm
	22	Christian Aid Autumn Supper	Church Rooms	7 for 7.30pm
Sat	24	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearing	Painswick Beacon	9.00am - 12.30pm
Sun	25	Tea, coffee, cakes and chat in aid of Glos Multiple Sclerosis Information and Therapy Centre	Pitchcombe Village Hall	3 - 5.00pm
	25	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	25	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	26	Community Lunch provided by Painswick Parish Council	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.30pm
Tues	27	Yew Trees WI: African Elephants - David Lemon. Followed by AGM	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	27	Watercolour painting workshop with Barry Herniman. Cost £15. Contact 01452 812724	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.30pm
Wed	28	Painswick Probus: Christmas Bon Bons - Malcolm Lewis	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thur	29	Cotteswold Naturalists Coach Trip to Waddesdon Manor for Illuminations and Christmas Market. Enq 01453 834486	Stamages Lane car park	
Fri	30	Friday Club: Caroline Gould - Wildlife Hospital	Church Rooms	2.30pm
	30	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am

December

Sat 1 **Beacon publication date**

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.18/2014/FUL WORGANS BARN, Folly Lane
Construction of stable with associated tack room, store, garage and workshop.

S.18/1902/FUL HEATHER BANK, Cheltenham Road
Replacement of render and creation of stepped entrance.

S.18/2022/FUL OLD EBWORTH FARMHOUSE, The Camp
Installation of packaged treatment plant.

S.18/2023/LBC OLD EBWORTH FARMHOUSE, The Camp
Alterations to the internal layout of the toilet building.

S.18/2028/HHOLD A B A C U S HOUSE, Kings Mill Lane
Renovation of existing garage.

S.18/2062/FUL E D G E F A R M COTTAGE, Edge
20 Solar Panels on two frames holding 10 panels each.

S.18/2139/HHOLD 2ROCKMILL COTTAGES, Rock Mill
Proposed rear conservatory extension.

S.18/1968/HHOLD and S.18/1969/LBC TIBBIWELL HOUSE, Tibbiwell Lane
Rear entrance hall single storey extension, replacement of rooflight glazing & removal of internal door & window panel to kitchen.

S.18/2077/TPO MULLIONS, Queens Mead
Oak TPO 470 aged approx 150 years Height approx 80 feet high straddling my and my neighbours gardens. The two tree surgeons who have examined the tree have stated that it is now unsafe and liable to collapse if a non prevailing wind was to blow. I intend pollarding the tree to below the upper limb break leaving approx 20 feet of trunk to remain.

S.18/2178/HHOLD WOODSIDE, Kings Mill Lane
Demolition of UPVC conservatory and

erection of dining and garden room.

S.18/2160/HHOLD RUDGE HILL HOUSE, Edge Lane, Edge
Erection of a two-bay garage with first floor office.

S.18/2213/LBC 9A BISLEY STREET
Alteration of doorway to 'donkey stable'. Replace parapet wall cladding with shiplap timber.

S.18/1719/LBC CROOME HOUSE, Bisley Street
Replacement windows and door.

CONSENT

S.18/1547/FUL WOOLPACK INN, Slad
New extension and alterations.

S.18/1781/COU THE RECTORY, Stroud Road, Edge
Change of use from C2 (Care Home) to C3 (Dwelling house).

S.18/1998/TCA ASHTON HOUSE, Gloucester Street
T1 Eucalyptus- Reduce height by 4m.

WITHDRAWN

S.18/1593/VAR CHESSED, Slad
Variation to Condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning application S.15/0170/COU to include dormer window, replacement windows and internal alterations.

S.18/1871/TCA HILL VIEW COTTAGE, Vicarage Street
T1 - Yew Tree, situated at the front of the property as indicated on map, to be reduced in height to approximately 3m and cut all sides branches back to near main body of trunk leaving any epicormic growth.

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The Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of BERNARD HATCHARD, formerly of Gyde House, who sadly passed away on October 7th in France. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him in Painswick and, latterly, in Cheltenham.

To the family and friends of ELIZABETH GARDAM, of Stepping Stone Lane, Painswick who died suddenly on October 7th. Her funeral was held on October 29th in Thornbury.

You could help Vicky Aspinall, if you would send information about those you know for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.

Christmas Art and Craft Fair

Sunday 2nd December, 11.00 am to 4.00 pm in Cranham Village Hall. New and different Art and Craft stalls. Unusual Christmas gifts. Refreshments served all day. Christmas Hamper raffle. If you would like to have a stall, contact Jane on 814873 or jane-rosecottage@hotmail.co.uk.

Jane Shepherd

GARAS Please help ...

GARAS is Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Currently there are many refugees who have had to flee with nothing and are in a desperate situation through no fault of their own. Many are being accommodated and cared for in Gloucester. Our Goodwill Evening will feature a stall providing information about this very worthwhile charity. The stall will also accept toiletries of all kinds for which there is a desperate need at present. Any toiletries you can bring along will be very gratefully received for this very worthwhile cause.

Carol Maxwell

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We invite nominations for the Painswickian of the Year, to be announced in our January issue. Readers are asked to put forward the names of local people (individuals or a couple) who have brought credit to the village in the past year, or who have given exceptional service to the community in the longer term. All nominations will be considered by the Beacon committee.

Your nominee for Painswickian of the Year should be over 21. Anyone under 21 may be nominated for Young Painswickian of the Year. Nomination details should not exceed 100 words. They should be marked 'POY' and placed in the Beacon Box by the telephone kiosk in New Street or sent by email to: beacon@painswick.net with 'POY' in the subject line. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Monday November 19th. Please consider putting forward a nomination and thank you for your interest.

December Cover

Would you like your painting or photograph to appear in full colour on the front page of the Beacon's December edition? We invite contributions to be sent to the Beacon address: beacon@painswick.net or the Beacon New Street postbox by Saturday 10th November. The picture should ideally be seasonal with a Painswick setting. Originals will be returned.

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