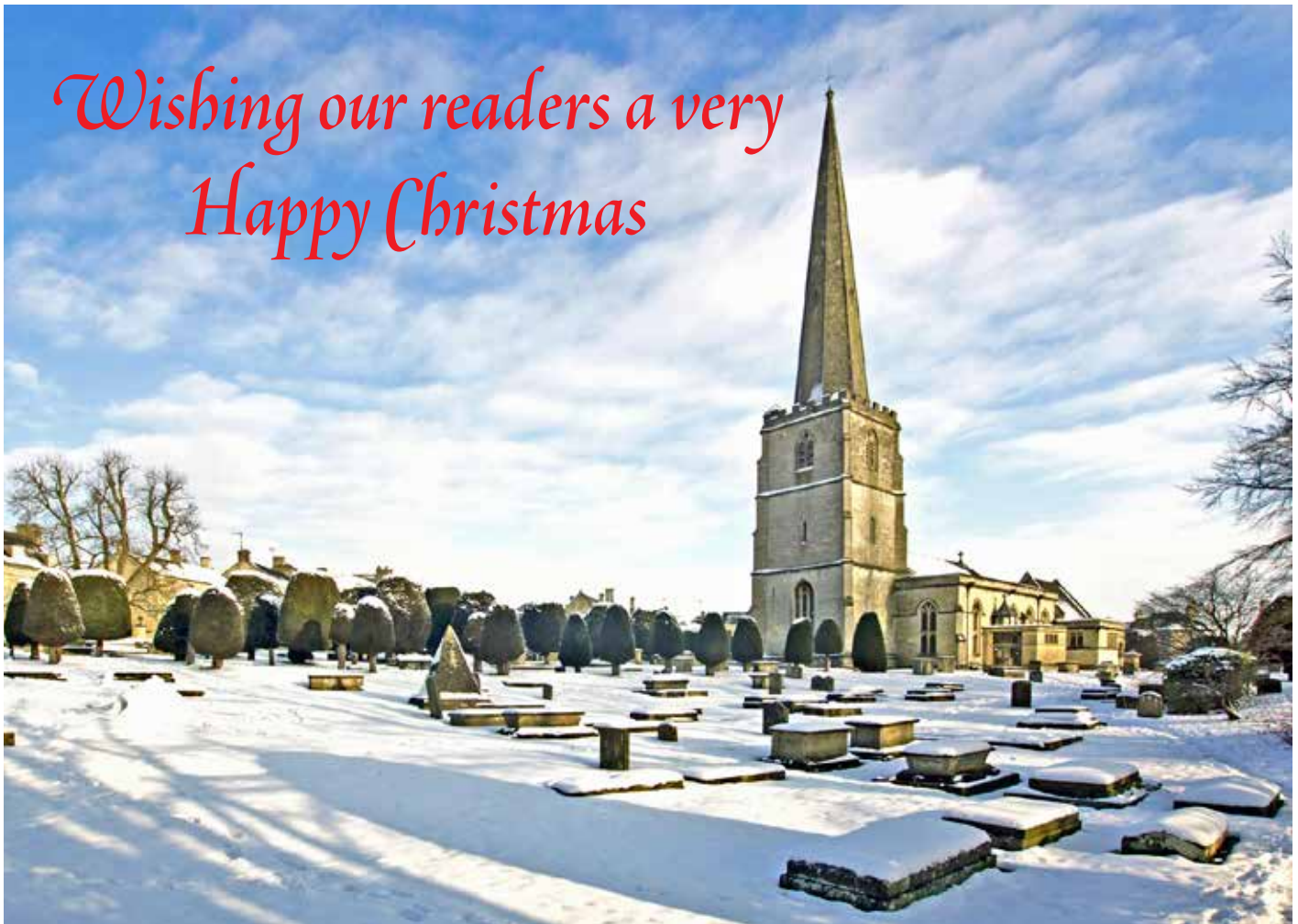


The Painswick Beacon

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*Wishing our readers a very
Happy Christmas*



We did remember them

Approximately 200 residents and friends gathered at the War Memorial on Sunday 11th November for a Remembrance Service which was conducted by visiting Minister Rev Canon Paul Nener.

Among those who gathered at the Memorial were uniformed members of the Armed Forces and Gloucestershire Constabulary. At the service the names of the 49 Painswick men who lost their lives during The Great War were read out.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on November 21st by Mike Kerton

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

As there were no members of the public present Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, opened the Meeting and moved swiftly on to the Agenda.

Apologies for absence

Clerk Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that Cllrs Ed Crownshaw, James Cross, Roey Parker and Rob Lewis had sent their apologies.

To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th October 2018

Cllr Stephen Tye queried the wording of one item in the Minutes. After a brief discussion the Council unanimously agreed the revision and subject to this amendment the Chairman signed Minutes.

Matters of Urgency

None

County Councillor's report

County Cllr Keith Rippington advised the Meeting that the County had "overspent" their budget by "several million pounds". The primary reason for the overspend was the increased cost of Social Services - both Children and Adult Services. It was difficult to recruit Social Workers and the County had to rely heavily upon Agency Staff which significantly increased costs. At present the draft budget for the year 2019/20 was subject to detailed scrutiny.

A Meeting regarding the "new A46 Pitchcombe Junction" had been arranged for 6.30pm on 13th December 2018 in the Village Hall.

Clerk Roy Balgobin queried the position of the outstanding road work outside the Village Hall in Sheepscombe. The work had been postponed on two occasions resulting in loss of income for the Village Hall and increasing frustration by Residents. The County Cllr stated the work was now programmed to be completed during the February 2019 half term.

He apologised for the continuing problems over the incorrect positioning of the "Yellow Lines" at the Junction of the A46 with Stamages Lane. The contractors had been instructed to immediately "right the wrong!"

District Councillor's Report

See page 15.

To consider comments to be made in respect of Stroud District Councils Proposed changes to SDC Off - Street Parking Places

At the next Meeting of the District Council they will discuss a proposal to vary the existing Off Street Parking Places Order. Included in the Proposal is a recommendation that car parking charges in Stamages Lane car park be abolished. It is not known when the date of this order will become effective.

To receive and discuss details on Fireworks Legislation

As Cllr Rob Lewis had sent his apologies this item was deferred until the next Meeting.

To receive a report on the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 7th November 2018

See page 11.

To consider the continued membership of the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC)

Clerk Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that the Council had been in negotiations with the GAPTC over the costs of renewing their membership. GAPTC had agreed a reduced fee. The benefits of membership were in the Council's interest and he recommended that the Council renew their Membership at the reduced rate. This was unanimously agreed.

Responsible Financial Officer's Reports

a) The Council agreed payments in

accordance with the report circulated by the Clerk.

b) In the absence of Cllr James Cross, Clerk Roy Balgobin, confirmed that Cllr Cross, as Internal Financial Checker, had carried out a detailed examination of the "books" and was satisfied that all records were in order. A copy of his report would be circulated to Cllrs.

Ward Reports

Chairman Martin Slinger confirmed that the recently felled beech tree would be used as a bench in the playground. Also that the District Council had now agreed to replace the damaged pole and waste bin in Edge.

Cllr Dawn Dart reported blocked drains, probably due to fallen leaves, in Tibbiwell Lane and the centre of the Village. This was reinforced by Cllr Ann Daniels who also said there were similar problems in the Pullens Road area.

Cllr Mike Fletcher said that he had taken photographs of the car that had crashed close to his property. He would forward them to the Clerk. The circumstances of the accident were subject to a Police investigation - possibly a stolen vehicle.

To receive reports from representatives on other bodies

On behalf of the Village, Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger thanked both the Clerk, who organised the street collection for "Poppy Day" and the volunteers who made the collection such a success. See article on page 15.

Members of the Public and the Press were asked to leave the Meeting as the following Agenda Items were deemed to be of a confidential nature:

To consider and agree options in regards future use of the Cemetery Chapel

To consider a request for a grant from St Mary's PCC towards the Churchyard Maintenance

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Stamages Lane Car Park

Parking charges are now expected to be removed from the Stamages Lane Car Park early in the New Year. Formal Notice of Stroud District Council's intention to remove charges has been issued, and requires any objections or other representations to be sent to the Council by 5pm on Monday 3rd December. They can be e-mailed to parking.consultation@stroud.gov.uk. The final decision should then be taken at the Council's meeting in January. Parking is likely to be limited to a maximum stay of 24 hours.

Front Cover

We are grateful to Pete Llewellyn for the main front cover photograph and to Trevor Radway for the War Memorial scene. We wish to thank everyone who submitted photos/illustrations for our consideration.

Christmas draw for Subscribers and Advertisers

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Happy Christmas and thank you all

The Arctic – A Changing World

The interests of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club are wide-ranging, from natural history and the environment, through to antiquities, heritage and culture. Locally, we explore the Cotswolds and Gloucestershire, however, our programme of talks allows us to expand our horizons and to hear about places further afield. This December's talk is a case in point.



Last year, the explorer David Fletcher gave members a fantastic talk about the Antarctic, having spent 39 years studying the Polar Regions with the Antarctic Survey. On Wednesday 5th December, David will return to talk about how the Arctic is changing. 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.

Please contact me for details of our plans for future excursions and talks in 2019. Alternatively, drop into one of our meetings in the Painswick Centre.

Jane Rowe, 813228



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PROBUS Women 'Every picture tells a story'

Peter Preece, our Speaker on 12th November, (accompanied by his Wife, Margaret on digital presentation) worked as a Graphic Designer for 36 years and retired at the age of 50. He later took up wildlife photography in the hope it would help both him and Margaret cope with this transitional period in their lives. They moved to the countryside in search of the perfect picture of idyllic, peaceful retirement. They soon discovered that peaceful wasn't part of this particular equation as, since 1999, he has completed over 1,000 talks all over Britain. However, it certainly became their idyll and the transition from graphic design was completed and his experience in this field certainly served his creative 'eye' when setting up his stunning wildlife shots. Peter went digital a few years ago and told us that these cameras make photography so much easier as you can easily 'freeze' water droplets and fade out backgrounds. It really is now more a case of setting up, waiting patiently in a hide and pressing the button. For example, when photographing a Kingfisher, he sunk a small bowl into water on the lake and filled it with small fish like sticklebacks. This bowl was attached to an electrically controlled arm which he could raise or lower from within his hide. He then stuck a wooden stump close by this bowl into the water and, when the Kingfisher landed on the stump and just before it dived down having spotted the fish, he lowered the bowl thus concealing it and capturing that perfect shot.

He operates mostly in 8,000 acres of the 'Heart of England Forest' project, land which was donated by the late Felix Dennis but also spends time abroad, particularly in Northern Spain, which he has found to be a delight when photographing wild plants, small insects, butterflies and various little creatures.

What makes his photographs so striking, stunning, spectacular and even surprising, is that they are obtained by carefully considered attention to detail achieved by meticulously planning the 'setting up' of a shot. You need to know your subject. Where they like to feed. What they like to feed on. What their natural habitat is and where that is located then hide away.

So, it's easy then. Get yourself a digital camera. Know your subject. Plan ahead. Be patient. Be patient. Be more patient and, when you've out-patience your patience rustle up some more!

Next meeting 10th December at Painswick Church Rooms. 10.00am for 10.30. Humorous poems written and recited by Delia Mason. All welcome. Please come along, £3 or join us - PROBUS Women, £20 p.a.



delia Mason

Probus Club

Many in the audience on 1st Nov 2018 probably feared an hour loaded with slides of Renaissance art and a discussion of the merits of various artists and their techniques, but not so. This was an interesting discussion by Ken Power who explained his view of the cultural and social changes that emerged in the Renaissance period and influenced the presentation of art.

Ken started by describing how the ancient civilisations sought stability in their society by worshipping the heavens and the gods. Perhaps in order to maintain this power and stability Egyptian art became very stylised and remained 2-dimensional – the Pharaoh was always represented in the same way and any artistic improvisation could be penalised by death.

Ken's belief is that this all changed largely because of one man - St. Francis of Assisi. In his preaching he presented a more accessible, human image of Christ. Artists were freed up to paint all kinds of subjects; paintings told stories, subjects showed emotion and human traits, techniques developed, and paintings had both perspective and depth. The Renaissance in art, which gave us the likes of Raphael, Da Vinci and Michaelangelo, had begun.

On 14th Nov 2018 Lew Lawton gave an interesting talk about his climb to Everest Base Camp. A full report may be found on the Club's website (painswickprobus.org.uk).

Henry Hall

Christmas Greetings

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Colder weather will soon be upon us and Marah, the charity which runs a Drop-In Centre providing a hot meal, support and advice three times a week to the homeless and vulnerable in Stroud is appealing for warm clothes, particularly gloves, woolly hats, scarves and warm socks. There is also a need for vests and men's underpants (new only please) and as Christmas approaches, boxes of biscuits and chocolates to give out as presents would be very welcome.

There is an ongoing need for toothpaste and toothbrushes, shaving and shower gel as well as instant coffee, sugar and UHT milk. Any items you can donate will be much appreciated and can be put in the boxes at the back of Painswick and Cranham Churches or in Murrays Estate Agency.

In addition, the small change collection (1ps, 2ps and 5ps) continues to bring in a steady supply of ready cash for emergencies (more than £200 so far this year). Please hand any thing you can spare to Alison Robinson (812 286) or Frances Watson (812 071) or we will come and collect if that is more convenient for you. Marah is very grateful for your generosity and uses it well.

Alinson Robinson

Dog Fouling in the Churchyard.

The Churchwardens have written to the Beacon to report their concerns about dog fouling. They have advised that "On Sunday 11th November the two Churchwardens had a VERY distasteful job to deal with. Some thoughtless person with a dog had allowed it to foul the Churchyard. Someone then walked through it and left 22 traces INSIDE the church building which had to be cleaned by hand as a matter of urgency. The Stroud District Council undertakes responsibility for collecting dog waste and the control of dogs in public areas. In short that means dogs should be kept on leads on an excrement-free Public Right of Way, together with the adjoining grass in The Painswick Churchyard.

Villagers, who should be more responsible, have been seen allowing their dogs to run free in the Churchyard and then fail to clear up the excrement deposited. Notice is given that a record will be made of future offences and where possible photographic evidence will be obtained. Every effort will then be made to get the Local Authority to take legal action to procure a safe Churchyard area for all to use and hopefully shame any local or other perpetrators. The assistance of all good village inhabitants is solicited in stopping these disgusting acts".

Nick's iconic portraits – not to be missed at the Painswick Pooch

Nick Pike's work is familiar to many in Painswick. It is both striking and compelling in its subject, context and skilfully executed detail. His latest work will be on display in the Painswick Pooch until 23 December. With the focus on portraiture this new show will have something of a Parisian theme featuring famous French film stars such as Catherine Deneuve, Brigitte Bardot and Jane Birkin. Musicians such as Miles Davis are also there and there is one very British portrait too.



However, Nick's portraits are not simply straightforward likenesses of his subjects. Each one is completely different in style, presenting a different set of ideas and features based on Nick's perception of the personality. They are unmistakably identifiable but open to analysis and interpretation. Working from his Bisley Street home, Nick achieves this by using sponges to apply oil paint which results in soft natural looking skin tones for his subjects combined with rich background textures. The result is always fascinating and somewhat intriguing.

This latest display is titled Seductive, Charismatic and Timeless and is a series of really interesting likenesses and ideas. Everything on show – the new oil portraits and framed limited edition prints – is on sale and would make excellent gifts. For more information Nick can be contacted on email at nickpike@outlook.com or tel. 07798 897634. Do go along to the Painswick Pooch and take a look at this unique collection produced by a Painswick artist.

Carol Maxwell

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On the 25th October a well attended Meeting welcomed Dr Tim Brain who enthralled members with a fascinating talk on the life and musical compositions of Ralph Vaughan Williams, whom he described as England's "Greatest Symphonist" and founder of the Nationalist movement in English music.

Born in the Cotswolds his work included operas, ballets, chamber music, secular and religious pieces, orchestral compositions, including 9 symphonies, and in later life film music all written over a 60 year period. In his early days he travelled into the countryside to collect folk songs and carols from singers notating them for future generations to enjoy. Despite being an Agnostic in 1904 he was asked to be editor of the English Hymnal. This involved 2 years of hard work as he was determined to do a thorough job. During this period he composed 4 original tunes including "He who would Valiant be."

During the talk we listened to extracts from several well known compositions including the Pastoral Symphony, The Lark Ascending and various folk songs. An evening enjoyed by all!

Then on the 8th November our "home grown" presenter, David Simpson talked to us about the great German composer Johannes Brahms who was born in Hamburg in 1833. By the age of 15 Brahms was busy composing, performing and even conducting the local choir. The essence of his music is melody, harmony, rhythm and counterpoint. He composed countless piano works which framed his career, 13 orchestral works, a great deal of choral work, of which the German Requiem is the most performed and 27 chamber pieces. A broad range of musical composition. He will be remembered as one of the "Three B's" - Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. Again we all enjoyed the evening particularly the relaxed style of presentation plus musical extracts from various compositions including both the 1st Piano Concerto and Sonata, the German Requiem and the 4th Symphony.

The only event in December is our Christmas Tea Party at 2.30pm on the 6th December in the Town Hall. It will be an opportunity for Members to relax and listen to music of their choice.

Mike Kerton

It may be winter, but we're not hibernating!



Whilst the Garden may be closed in December, our team of staff and volunteers are already working really hard preparing for our snowdrop season! The first green shoots are peeking through (as they usually do around now) reminding us that the promise of the new year is actually not far off.

During our closed period it's becoming a bit of a tradition for us to hold a special Carol Concert in Painswick Church to bring together all of our team and our supporters. This year's is on Friday 7th December, 6.30-8pm in St Mary's Church. There will be seasonal readings, lusty singing of Christmas carols and solo items. It will also feature the voices of readers David Drew MP and BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Dominic Cotter. Best of all admission is free, there are seasonal refreshments afterwards and all are very welcome.

Looking to the future... as many of you will know the we are planning a new building which will replace the Coach House and provide us with the facilities we need to better look after our visitors in the future. It's an exciting project and we will be making a planning application in the next few months. Look out for further news here as the project unfolds.

Throughout next summer, from May to September, we're delighted to be hosting Art Unbound, an exhibition of outdoor sculpture that will intrigue, entice and delight our visitors. 18 top-notch sculptors have been selected to bring us playful and evocative pieces of gorgeous and intriguing sculpture to appeal to the imagination. Suitable for all ages, we are aiming both to embrace the spirit of the Rococo period and complement the beauty of the Garden. Again watch this space for further details in the New Year.

With so much going on, why not buy a season ticket next year so that you can keep coming back for all the exciting things we have to offer? From just £25 a year for individuals, unlimited visits to the Garden can be yours...

Tim Toghill Volunteer & trustee

Croft School News



Head Teacher Rebecca Gore writes, "I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the organisers and volunteers from the Friends of The Croft (FOTC) who made the fireworks such an amazing and successful event. Thanks also to all the parents, carers, family and friends who came along and spent lots of money whilst enjoying the event. FOTC have raised over three thousand pounds which is a significant increase on the amount raised last year and is thanks to your generosity and support and also thanks to a generous donation from a local business towards the cost of the fireworks". The money raised will all go towards further improving the nature area and other outside spaces at school for all the children.

Mrs Gore continues. "Another HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated Christmas boxes for the shoebox appeal. These will be delivered to children in Romania or the Ukraine by one of the teachers from Cranham Primary. We all had a lovely day celebrating Children in Need by eating cake with Reception and Year One children! They have all worked really hard making posters, organising the raffle and making and decorating lots of tasty cakes. We will let you know how much money they have raised once it has all been counted".

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Royal Gloucester

Tony Conder's talk to the Local History Society on 20th November traced the history of Gloucester with a focus on its royal connections, testing the evidence for a recent campaign to rename the city as Royal Gloucester.



Back in the 10th century, Aethelfraed, Queen of Mercia, made Gloucester her power base. Edgar the Peaceable later held his Parliament in Gloucester and Edmund Ironside is said to have fought King Canute in single combat nearby, to settle the long dispute between the Saxons and the Danes. The two of them eventually called off the fight and instead signed the Treaty of Alney.

Later, the decision to create the Domesday Book was taken in Gloucester by William the Conqueror, and Robert, Duke of Normandy, William's eldest son is buried in the city. Henry I, Robert's brother, raised the status of Gloucester and it became traditional for monarchs to go there at Christmas time, even up to the Tudors.

Perhaps the high point of Gloucester's royal history came in 1216 when Henry II was crowned in the city, the only coronation outside London since the Norman Conquest. Then when Edward II died in 1327, he was buried in Gloucester Cathedral. But the fatal moment for Gloucester's chances of Royal status may have come in the Civil War when the city sided with the Parliamentarians. After that its royal connections went into a bit of a decline!

There is no meeting of the Society in December. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15th January when Jane Kilpatrick, local author, historian and gardener, will talk about Painswick's place in the history of the snowdrop.

Alastair Jollans

Infectious little cripples, crucks, squints & bow-wows ...and much more in Painswick Chronicle 21

The fact that Painswick has a rich history is recognised by many. It is therefore not surprising that the latest edition of the Painswick Chronicle, the annual journal of the Local History Society, reveals yet more fascinating stories, analysis and information about a range of topics relating to our town.

The late Derek Hodges' knowledgeable and charmingly written notes about St Mary's Church, an archaeological report on a local industrial mill and the lucid memories of a lady with long-standing connections to the old post office are just some of the subjects included. There are also articles on the existence of a very controversial hospital for consumptive children in Painswick, a description of a rare medieval cruck beam house, the story of a very wealthy family with links to the Titanic, and finally a very quirky account of the Painswick Banner written as a parody after World War One.

The Chronicles aim to add to our knowledge and understanding of all aspects from the light-hearted to more weighty subject matter. This edition is on sale at the Painswick Pharmacy or direct from Carol Maxwell tel. 813387 or email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net. Previous editions are also available and a list of topics covered is given on the Society's website www.painswicklocalhistorysociety.org.uk.

Other local history books available from the Society are: Gyde Orphanage Remembered, Time Chart of a Cotswold Village and Painswick and the Great War. Painswick today is very much a product of its past and all these publications provide information and analysis of historical significance locally. And last but not least, the legend of Painswick residents' longevity together with the origins of Painswick puppy dog pie is related with relish in the little booklet Barks and Bites from Bow-wow Land – an excellent little stocking filler.

Carol Maxwell

Two Become One

Readers may recall the visit of the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club (CNFC) to Southern Ireland in October 2016. A number of Painswickians made the trip. With them was Brian Swinyard as photographer. We featured two of his photographs in the Beacon report. Brian has been diagnosed with Sarcoma and he and his Consultant Cancer Surgeon, humanist and poet friend, Richard Lodge have written a book in which they explore the meaning of life as they face their own diagnoses in an innovative poetry book entitled "Two Become One" Richard has been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Having been diagnosed with these devastating diseases, the authors have teamed up with The Motor Neurone Association and Sarcoma UK "to share half of the proceeds and spread comfort to those looking for answers".

Richard shares a lifetime of experience and dedicated practice focussed on helping patients and their families. His search for a simplified exposition of the role of love, endurance, empathy and dignity was made even more poignant when he was diagnosed with a terminal illness. However, in the press release, it is stated that "life nor art is one-dimensional and it is here that Professional Photographer, International Judge, Lecturer and Tutor, Brian Swinyard, has produced images that have emotional content whilst questioning the traditional concepts of 'What is' and 'What reality Means'. This too was thrown into sharp focus by his diagnosis and subsequent treatments for Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer that is all too often life-limiting".

The book was published on 28th October this year and is priced at ten pounds and ninety nine pence. It is available in local book shops.

Terry Parker



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PSALMS

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And what better way to see in the Christmas festivities by coming along to a Quiz. Why not test your knowledge by coming along to Painswick Youth & Community Centre on the 10th of December between 7pm and 8.45pm where PSALMS young people will be running an interactive, fun and engaging Quiz. Nibbles and refreshments will be provided and all teams will be sorted out on the night, so start inviting your friends and get revising. The quiz is for all ages with a one pound entry fee.

PSALMS continues to run a lively youth group of 20 plus teenagers on a Monday night. PSALMS works in local schools and alongside the church but it's starting to set its eyes upon a handful of new opportunities for teenagers and families in the area, such as Sports Community Pop ups, Community serving events, Holiday clubs and much more. One person who is helping to do this is Louise Rees Cansdale who is working this year with PSALMS as one of our interns. She studied Youth Work at



the University of Gloucestershire and has a real passion for tackling mental health issues among young women and men. Currently she is heading up the Youth Club on a Monday night and wants to see young people have more voice in questioning and debating both faith and social issues. Louise will only be here for a year, so if you see her in Painswick please do say hello: chat and pick her brains about youth work and how to empower teenagers.

*Nathan Youlton, Sports Minister
07875681130*

News from St Mary's



In December we begin the season of Advent marking the beginning of a new church year. The liturgical colour is purple underlining that this is a season of penitence, prayer and preparation. It is year C in the lectionary with the main gospel readings being centred on St Luke. The Richmond village communion service will be on Wednesday 5th December at 11am. This service is not only for Richmond residents but is open for anyone to attend.

On Tuesday 15th December there will be a celebration of Carols and Tea in the Church Rooms commencing at 2.30pm. This event is primarily for those who find it difficult to get to church but others are warmly invited also. If you would like transport provided please contact Clare Irving – tel. 814242. The Christmas season proper starts on Saturday 22nd December. The annual Carol Service sponsored by the choir will be at 4pm. What a good opportunity to start Christmas celebrations by singing well known carols and listening to the familiar Christmas readings.

There will be a Crib Service at St Mary's on Christmas Eve at 4pm. This year the service will be led by the benefice Mission Team. Also on Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 11.30pm. This service will be led by Canon Michael Irving. On Christmas Day there will be a communion service at 9.30am led by Revd Andrew Leach.

The first Sunday of Christmas is on 30th December. The only services in the benefice that day will be a communion service at St Mary's at 10am and a service of lessons and carols at Cranham church starting at 6.30pm. There is a warm welcome to everyone to attend all or some of these Christmas services as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

The Church Times advertisements in October did not produce any applicants for the post of Vicar for the Beacon benefice. The working party dealing with the appointment were due to meet in late November with The Bishop of Tewkesbury to consider what next steps to take.

David Newell

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Sun	Dec 9	4.00 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Christingle Service
Mon	Dec 10	11.30 am	Resthaven	Pitchcombe	Carol Service
Thur	Dec 13	2.00 pm	Brookthorpe Hall	Brookthorpe	Carol Service
Sun	Dec 16	5.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Carols by candlelight
Sun	Dec 16	5.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Pitchcombe	Carol Service
Mon	Dec 17	7.00 pm	St Swithun's Church	Brookthorpe	Village Carol Service
Tues	Dec 18	2.30 pm	Church Rooms	Painswick	Carols and Tea
Fri	Dec 21	7.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Harescombe	Carol Service
Sat	Dec 22	4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Carol Service
Sat	Dec 22	6.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Carol Service
Christmas Eve		3.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Harescombe	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Christingle Service
		11.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Midnight Service
		11.30 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Midnight Service
Christmas Day		8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass of the Nativity
		9.30 am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Parish Communion
		9.30 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Family Communion
		10.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Harescombe	Parish Communion
		10.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Christmas Praise
		10.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Pitchcombe	Christmas Praise
		10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Christmas Meeting
		11.00 am	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Parish Communion
Sun	Dec 30	10.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Benefice Communion
Sun	Dec 30	6.30 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Lesson & Carols

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YEW Trees WI

At 20 Alison Hesketh a bright, ambitious, librarian whose young husband was about to qualify as a civil engineer, could picture the house they planned to build and the conventional life they would lead. Her dreams were shattered when six weeks into their marriage, and to her total surprise, her husband announced he was going to train for The Church of England Ministry. The ladies of Yew Trees WI sat mesmerised as they listened to Alison's account of how she coped with endless moves from tiny bedsitters to vast cold rectories. There were also many entertaining stories of the embarrassing happenings that can befall a vicar's wife. It became obvious that Alison's deceptively petite stature hid a very strong character, full of kindness and great humour.

On a beautiful autumn morning a small party of members gathered at Chalford before catching a bus to Thrupp. Jane Rowe then ably led the ladies on a delightful walk back along the Stroudwater Canal noting points of interest on the way. The friendly chatter probably scared away the wildlife, but the sun shone, the countryside looked beautiful, a delicious lunch awaited at The Lavender Bakehouse and there was even time for a little retail therapy. Who could want for more?!

The annual skittles match vs the Probus men had a nail biting finish. The Probus team proved true gentlemen by gallantly allowing Yew Trees to win by the narrowest of margins!

It has been a busy month, the final social event seeing a number of members and their guests watching Trial by Laughter at the Everyman Theatre, many enjoying a pre-theatre supper together before the show.

The December meeting is earlier than usual on Tuesday 11th when a Christmas Gathering will be held in the Church Rooms at 7 for 7.30pm. The evening will include mulled wine, mince pies, a "snowman drive" and a raffle. Visitors most welcome.

Celia Lougher 812624



Christmas Preparations.

In November's evening with Jonathan Briggs, we were treated to an extraordinarily interesting talk, diverse and wide ranging, regarding the mysterious 'Viscum Albun'. (Mistletoe to you and me). A unique hemiparasitic, usually choosing apple trees as its host. Although slow to establish, it grows particularly well in the counties around Worcestershire. We learnt about traditions, old and new, folk-law and its association with the Druids and if that got you inspired you can see it being auctioned at Tenbury Wells before Christmas.

Sadly I was unable to attend, so I thank Ione for her resume.

Our next meeting on Wed 12th Dec at 7.30 will be a great festive follow up to the Wreath making morning (1st Dec) with wine and nibbles and no doubt a certain amount of banter, whilst our resident florist and committee member Ione Woodger - Smith tries to hold some order at the same time, effortlessly producing her fabulous floral decorations. These, together with our super surprise prize will be raffled on the night.

This will be our last evening at the Church Rooms. We thank them for hosting us for so many years, but in January we have been offered the use of the Falcon Bowling Club. This was an invitation we couldn't resist as our payment for the rooms is not monetary but labour, working to improve and maintain their already lovely borders, which we feel fits well with the Gardening Club.

Do remember to note our change of venue for 2019.

In the meantime, The Painswick Gardening Club wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Catherine Bond. (Committee Member)



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They will be in Painswick if you are are interested please contact me.
crazy.daisy@btinternet.com

Ione Woodger Smith



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Trevor Radway writes from Kingsmill Lane

Carol Maxwell, Peter Jackson and a few others from the Painswick Local history Society must be congratulated for their efforts in producing and then manning an excellent display both in the Church and then in the Painswick Centre in commemoration of the World War One history. I know they spent hours at home making captions and enhancing displays to enable us to understand the true significance of the event. Were it not for them we would have been much the poorer. A good example to us all!



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Painswick Parish Council

Traffic Committee Action Plan

Painswick Parish Council Traffic Committee oversees all traffic-based issues and concerns within the Parish boundary, including those originating in the surrounding road network.

Key areas of concern are:

- Speeding including enforcement and signing.
- Infrastructure condition, specifically road surface, road markings and drainage.
- Parking, including provision, enforcement and signing and maintaining access for emergency services.

Traffic Committee: Cllrs Abigail Smith (Chair), Edd Crownshaw, Dawn Dart, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and Martin Slinger. The Action Plan is approved and owned by the Traffic committee. Its implementation is assisted by the Community Speed watch group and other volunteers. Any spend will require approval by the full Council.

Application of the Action Plan

At each 8-monthly Traffic Committee meeting, the Action plan will be reviewed and the actions contained therein will be approved for implementation by delegated individuals. Between Traffic Committee meetings, any actions previously agreed as requiring full Council approval shall be presented by the Chair of Traffic to the next appropriate full Council meeting, without the need to return to the Traffic Committee before doing so.

Useful points of contact

Police Contacts: PCSO Debbie Campbell (Community Speed Watch)
Gloucestershire Road Safety Hub: via GCC Website
Gloucestershire Highways: Scott Tomkins (Lead Commissioner); Daniel Tiffney (Area Manager).

Report from the Parish Council Traffic Committee held 7th November

Traffic Calming. Following on from the Traffic Calming consultation, the installation of a pedestrian island at Cheltenham Road/Pullens Road had been investigated but the cost was considered prohibitive.

Electric charging points. The initiative by Gloucestershire County Council for electric charging points was being explored by County Councillor Keith Rippington.

Inconsiderate parking. Concerns regarding inconsiderate parking were raised and it was requested that the Neighbourhood Warden leaflet drop the worst areas when patrolling.

Pitchcombe Junction. The new plan for the Pitchcombe Junction had been agreed and works were likely to take place in early 2019.

Community signs. Sign clearance work by the Parish Handyman/Apprentice for improved visibility had been carried out effectively and will continue with input from community representatives identifying signs in need of attention.

Emergency Service access. Concerns were raised that the parking situation in Vicarage Street could cause issues for Emergency vehicles. The Deputy Clerk would speak with the Fire Service requesting that a Fire Truck is driven along the area to raise awareness.

Yellow lines. Following the works to the A46 where the incorrect width of line had been painted, a response was read to the Committee from Gloucestershire Highways. In it the Highways Department apologized but stated that no action would be taken as such would be detrimental to the road surface and too costly.

Traffic Lights. Correspondence had been received to suggest that a sign be installed requesting that vehicles turn off their engines whilst waiting at the traffic lights. It was agreed to investigate further with Highways and to see if the air quality could be tested.



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 place.

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Painswick first for Christmas gifts

It's so tempting to simply jump in the car and drive off to a big town to do the Christmas shopping. However, do look in Painswick first. It's surprising what lovely, different and interesting goods are to be found here and our businesses of course really do need your support.

The Falcon's Nest is tucked away behind The Falcon and is an absolute delight. The range of cards, including charity, is stunning from exquisitely beautiful to cleverly and wittily funny and there are also many artistic goods including Kerry's own very beautiful work in the form of prints and cards. You will also find decorations, gift wrap, jewellery, scarves, gloves, hats, socks, chocolates, diaries, calendars, candles, stocking fillers and so much more. Fresh flowers are available and wreaths made by Painswick's Bespoke Flower Company can be made to order.



Approche on the corner of St Mary's Street offers an impressive range of goods well worth a look. Some lovely special knitwear and various items of clothing, books, furniture, prints, leather handbags and greetings cards are just some of the items on sale. Approche also offers a clothing alteration service.

The Art Studios in the Painswick Centre feature the work of several Painswick artists. It is of course their workshop but the public is welcome to take a look round and much of the work is for sale. Cards, original paintings and drawings and prints, all the work of talented Painswick artists, are for sale and make for interesting gifts.

Painswick Pharmacy offers some attractive Christmas extras to its usual stock of quality toiletries. There are some lovely specials, Bronnley goods in particular, and some interesting toiletry gift packs for men, women and children. Microwave warmies, lovely toilet bags, hats and gloves for men, women and children, socks, handkerchief packs, special mugs, gift wrap, Fair Trade chocolates and dates and the new Painswick Chronicle and much more are to be found here. Our pharmacy is packed with lovely products of real quality.



Best One is reassuringly stocked with essential provisions but also offers many items for the festive season. There is a huge range of magazines for adults and children, Christmas cards and children's confectionery. The selection of sweets, chocolates and biscuits is impressive with some special Christmas packs, a choice of breads, fruit and vegetables is offered on a daily basis and a very good range of quality wines is available.

St Michael's, as well as being a restaurant, has a selection of very special goods for sale. There are teas and coffee, jars of condiments, a selection of special gins, mince pies, salts, and edible stocking fillers. Mugs, gloves, wooden kitchen utensils and cards are also on sale and hampers can be specially made up to order.

Kate Rich's tiny shop at the top of Tibbiwell is a gem of a shop. It is packed with delightful and lovely items both contemporary and vintage, all of which make for interesting and attractive gift ideas. Stunning candle lamps, metal and stone animals, glass, china, jewellery, pictures, cushions, architectural stonework, basketware, chairs, lamps, mirrors and lots more, make this a treasure trove of discoveries.



Painswick Fabrics in New Street offers a stunning range of beautiful silks, cottons, velvets and linens. There is also a range of interesting related items such as tassels and throws.

Longfield is Painswick's charity shop in Bisley Street and is well worth a visit. There is something for everyone - men, women and children of all ages. Christmas cards including local scenes, crockery, books, toys, bric-a-brac, decorations, clothes, games, DVDs and small electrical items are available as well as an excellent selection of party and evening wear for men and for women. Longfield offers very good value for money and of course is supporting a very worthwhile cause.



Pete's Fish will be on sale in the Town Hall car park every Friday morning 8.30-11.00 up to and including 21 December. In addition to his usual excellent selection of top quality fresh produce there will be specials such as a range of smoked salmon including whole sides, hot smoked salmon sides and portions, fresh salmon, a range of prawns, crab and much more. Pete will take orders up until 15 December and should you want something especially, he will do his best to get it for you.

Town Hall Post Master The postal service, present in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings, must continue to be used by everyone if we are to retain it. This is especially important during the Christmas season. Do make sure you avail yourself of this service especially at this time of the year.

Our shops in Painswick are definitely unique and offer goods and products not to be found elsewhere. Do look here first - our businesses really need your support.

Carol Maxwell

Did you hear?

On Monday 5th November 2018, BBC Radio 4 broadcast a programme in its series 'Voices of the First World War', which was based on extracts from an interview the Imperial War Museum did with Brian de Courcy-Ireland in 1991.

Brian was well known in Painswick, coming to live at 'Little Garth' in Tibbiwell (now Tibbiwell Lodge) in 1980 with his wife Ruth. They lived in Painswick for around 20 years and Brian died in 2001 at the age of 101. Appropriately enough, he died on the morning of November 11th, Remembrance Sunday. Brian and Ruth's daughter, Alison Robinson, still lives in Painswick.

Brian was born in 1900, while Victoria was still on the throne. He joined the Navy at 12 and served throughout the First World War, including at the Battle of Jutland, and throughout the Second World War. The programme recounted an incident in 1918, when he was just 18 and serving on the destroyer, HMS Pellew.



The ship was hit by a torpedo and badly damaged. Brian and the Chief Engineer, who had been asleep in their cabins, were trapped below, with the hatch jammed and water steadily rising around them, mixed with escaped fuel oil. It had reached their chests, before other members of the crew managed to unjam the hatch and get them out. The destroyer had to be hauled back to Aberdeen by a fleet of tugs, all the time a sitting duck for enemy submarines. Astonishingly only three men were injured as a result of the torpedo strike and none died.

Brian talked calmly about the event and said there was no panic, the crew just getting on with their jobs. Fortunately a case of gin had survived the impact and was put to good use during the journey back to Aberdeen! He was asked at the time if he was OK and said yes, although it was far from the truth. So he was given a week's leave and then reassigned to another destroyer.

In practice he then suffered from delayed shock and memory loss, the effects staying with him for many years. But he went on to a successful career in the Navy, commanding HMS Ajax at the end of World War II and rising to senior positions in the Admiralty. Brian was heard again in a second programme of the same series, broadcast on 8th November, recalling the surrender of the German Fleet in November 1918, where again he was present.



Mini snow storm

On Wednesday 21st November in the late morning we had a mini snowstorm which lasted for a short while. It reminded us of the "beast from the east" earlier this year. We are grateful to Pete Llewellyn for his montage of snowy scenes photographed during that exceptional period of severe weather. .



Kindness at Christmas

a Christmas Celebration in Aid of the Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home

The Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home has been supporting the most vulnerable animals in the community for over 80 years. The charity ensures that no animals living in the community is without a safe place and through its welfare work ensures that no animal suffers because of cost. Four years ago the charity's Patron, actress Lisa Maxwell set up the Celebration of Christmas concert held in beautiful St.Mary's Church in aid of the Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home. Lisa is passionate about the work of the charity and says "many of us share our life with a much loved and treasured four-legged friend, sadly this isn't the case for every animal and many will spend their Christmas feeling frightened, hungry and vulnerable." Join the Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home and Lisa at St Mary's Church on 8th December, 6.45pm for a magical evening of Christmas Celebration and help change the life of a vulnerable animal in our community this Christmas. As well as Lisa there will be performances from International Soprano Abigail Iveson, the BBC's Alex Lovell and the Pamoja Gospel Choir, tickets are available on-line www.cdch.org.uk and through the charity's 10 shops.



Hempsted Household Recycling Centre

The Centre will be closed for three weeks, commencing Monday December 3rd and will remain shut through to Friday 21st. This follows on from similar work carried out at Pyke Quarry HRC in June. As with Pyke Quarry we are changing the method used to compact some types of waste and recyclable materials. A mobile materials handler will replace the existing static compaction equipment which is old, breaks down frequently and has become expensive to maintain. The new method will save money and also give more operational flexibility. During this closure residents will be redirected to their closest alternative centre, these being:

Pyke Quarry HRC at Horsley near Stroud (Closed on Wednesdays).
Oak Quarry HRC (Closed on Tuesdays).
Wingmoor Farm HRC in Stoke Orchard (Closed on Wednesdays).

Roger Smith, Joint Waste Team, Shire Hall, Gloucester

Recycle your Christmas Tree

Longfield is again organizing a Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign. Longfield will collect real Christmas Trees from your house for a donation to our local hospice between January 10th and 13th. All you need to do is to register before 6pm on Sunday January 6th and make your donation on line or by phone. The money raised will help to pay for Longfield's Hospice at Home nurses. They provide specialist support, day and night, on every day of the year (including Christmas Day) and the service is completely free of charge. So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas and support people in your community, when they need it most. For more information or to register go to:

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Tibbiwell Alpacas



The dream child of Dawn Dart and Sandra Randle, Tibbiwell Alpacas is now up and running. The three boys Pablo, Teagan and Dumbledore were welcomed by the community in November whilst exploring life beyond their field on Tibbiwell Lane. On the Goodwill evening they will be based at The Falcon, collecting for PlayPainswick. If you read this before the event, please give generously. If it has already happened, thank you for your support.

Dawn Dart

'Another Christmas'

Jonathan Stedall's film that he made for the BBC series Everyman in 1991 is to be shown at 7.30pm on Saturday, December 15th in St Lawrence Church, Stroud (entrance free; donations gratefully received).

The documentary was filmed in and around Painswick, where Jonathan was then living with Jackie and their two young children, and looks at a group of individuals all trying to prepare for Christmas in a meaningful way. Eric Pyecroft, the former vicar of Bisley, holds his weekly hour of silence in the 'cowshed' at the bottom of his garden. The artist Oliver Heywood works on a Christmas card in which he attempts to avoid the traditional clichés and yet honour the spirit of the festival. Margery Leney takes the Christmas Meals on Wheels to two people on their own who are as grateful for the company as they are for the food. And at the Paradise Community near Painswick Friedrich Roder helps the young adults in his care through rehearsals for a Nativity Play.

Jottings

Every now and then you get some animals in a group which cause trouble when they get past twelve months old. If they get can get out of their field they will by eating their way through a hedge or jumping it. Always making a noise when we are near and running about or destroying their drinking trough. Yet there is plenty of grass for them and the rest of the group are happy.

Nearly all farm animals these days need tag numbers and, with small groups, it is easy to catch the animals and have them completely still to read them. If you have large numbers you can get what we call a wand, a hand held piece of electronics you hold in your hand and just sweep past the animals. Even when they are on the move, so it is easier than trying to write them down manually in the field. The numbers can then be added to the paper work if you are selling the animals.

Recently, someone asked what a "freemartin" was. When a cow has twins - if she has two heifer calves or if she has two bull calves that is ok. But if she has a bull calf and heifer calf the heifer may not be able to breed later in life (60% chance). She is called a freemartin and is infertile with masculinised behaviour and non-functioning ovaries.

Flea Beetles have been causing a lot of problems in fields of brassicas such as cabbages and brussel sprouts. This can be very costly on a field scale. Before sprays were available, farmers drenched sacks with tractor vaporising oil (a form of paraffin) and dragged them across the fields. The very strong smell helps deter them.

Martin Slinger

Garden Waste & recycling

Stroud District Councillor Niger Cooper has written the following to the Beacon. "If you are interested in the garden waste scheme it is time to act. Existing customers must renew their subscriptions soon or there is no guarantee that the service will be available to them next year. If residents want to join the scheme, the sooner they put their name on the list the better".

Stroud Local Plan

The next stage in the development of Stroud District's new Local Plan is now under way with the publication of the Council's 'Emerging Strategy' paper. This follows consultation on first proposals at the end of last year and also a new requirement from the Government to increase the rate of house building from 456 new homes per year to at least 638 per year.

To meet this requirement the Council is proposing major new housing developments at Sharpness on the Severn Estuary and at Wisloe just north of Cam. In Painswick only one clear site for new development is proposed - for 20 houses at Washwell Fields between Lower Washwell and the A46. But other areas are indicated as alternative sites. And the plan moves Painswick up from a Tier 3 (medium sized) settlement to Tier 2 (relatively large) alongside Minchinhampton and Nailsworth.

An exhibition of the proposals was held at Painswick Town Hall on Wednesday 28th November, with events at other venues planned for early December. Details are on the District Council website at <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview> where the Emerging Strategy Paper can also be downloaded and comment can be left.

Poppy Appeal

The total amount collected so far for the Poppy Appeal is three thousand and eighty five pence. The Parish Council wishes to extend its thanks to all the businesses and the many volunteers for their efforts in this fund raising. In turn, the Beacon thanks the Parish Council Clerk and Deputy Clerk for taking on the responsibility for the 2018 collection. Fiona Chapman has come forward to take on the organization for next year and she will be sending out thank you cards.



Painswick country market

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As Christmas is fast approaching, we think of the many things to be done in preparation for the festivities. Painswick Country Market can help you lighten the load.

We are taking orders for mince pies and Christmas cakes as well as for quiches, sausage rolls and cooked ham. Sweet bakes too include our ever-popular shortbread and various loaf cakes, flapjacks and more.

Why not call in to see our assortment of unique hand-crafted gifts and cards.

We are also excited to introduce our newest producer, Liz Holmes, from Cranham who is supplying the Market with goats' cheese. Liz owns a flock of rare breed Golden Guernsey goats and she pasteurises their milk to make a delicious soft cheese that is proving a hit with our customers. To date we boast of three goats' cheese converts that we know of who have been won over by the creamy delicate flavour. You really should try it!



The Cranham goats, Wilma, Ida and Bluebell

If you would like to talk to us about ordering produce for Christmas, or in fact want information about anything else concerning the Market, please contact Chris Campbell on 01452 812600 or email: chris@mc-cc.co.uk, or head for the egg stall on a Friday and have a chat.

Dates for your diary: The last Market before Christmas will be on Friday December 14th, and we re-open again at 9.30am on Fri. January 18th

MERRY CHRISTMAS
From the Country Market Team



We had another successful Wick-Flix in November and we'd like to give a special thanks to our event sponsor on the night, the Painswick Rococo Garden. Dominic Hamilton, Garden Director, came and spoke about the exciting things they have going on, which includes a carol concert in St Mary's Church, at 6.30pm on Friday 7th December – all welcome.

Wick-Flix is taking a break in December, but we're back in January with our amazing annual Gala Night, sponsored by Murray's Estate Agents. There will be a raffle with a fantastic array of prizes so come along and welcome in the New Year to the sounds of Abba and the pop of Prosecco!

Friday 11th January - Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG)

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!

Friday 1st February – First Man (12A)

A fantastic family film that tells the riveting story behind the first manned mission to the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the decade leading to the historic Apollo 11 flight in 1969. Oscar-winning director Damien Chazelle reteams with Ryan Gosling who gives a fabulous performance as the thoughtful and intelligent space pioneer.

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.

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!

Alison Smith

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Rugged Oil Beetle found.



I must confess to not knowing what one looks like, yet. The Back from the Brink project identified this beetle as endangered in the Cotswolds and in need of urgent support. It is fantastic news that it has been found on the Beacon. We will endeavour to learn about its habitat needs and ensure that our work promotes its long-term survival.

As for the umbrella species of butterflies which we know more about (the Duke of Burgundy and the Large Blue) most of the work we are currently doing is aimed at improving their habitats. Many other sites tend to focus one on or the other, but the Beacon is very special because the two species can exist within metres of each other.

We have been splitting clumps of marjoram and transplanting it onto south and south west facing slopes where plentiful numbers of *Myrmica sabuleti* ants are known to exist. Marjoram is the food plant for the Large Blue caterpillars and the ants are crucial in the life cycle by providing its own lava as a food and a safe underground shelter over winter. The ants require the heat found on southerly aspects and the marjoram is more drought resistant than the other food plant, wild thyme. Being a lower plant thyme also needs harder grazing conditions than marjoram.

Cow slips are the food plant of the Duke of Burgundy. Studies have shown that on Edge Common females prefer to lay eggs on E to NE slopes and on Rodborough Common on W to NW slopes. So, where best to plant on Painswick Beacon? Most recent sightings of the D of B have been on the NW slopes above Madams Wood, so this is a prime site to target. However, we will be putting plenty into the E facing aspects of Victoria Quarry and Jackdaw Quarry.

Paul Baxter 07971 633 242

Hospitality at the Golf Club – a fresh start

Painswick Golf Club has a fresh new team running its hospitality and catering. Paul Dorer, Karina Ivanova and Joe Biscoe (with hat) are three friends who, as a newly formed company, took over the business, now called The Waypoint, at the beginning of October and they are keen, and rightly so, to encourage everyone to go along to see what is on offer. The clubhouse is, after all, very close at hand to Painswick.

The Waypoint is open from Tuesday to Saturday serving breakfast and lunch and also on Sundays for a lunchtime carvery. Teas and coffee are also available during the day and there is a bar. Essentially Paul, Karina and Joe are not looking to make drastic changes but 'we do want to put our own spin on it,' says Paul. 'Our emphasis is on good service.' They are certainly keen to move the business forward and point out that the catering side of the club is open to the general public. It is a resource for the local community. It is furthermore an excellent venue for functions of all types with a very attractive, versatile space and lovely views across the valley.

Paul, Karina and Joe are young and enthusiastic but between them they also have considerable experience of a broad range of skills within the industry covering management and catering. They have worked in various establishments and their combined joint experiences have equipped them well to run the catering at the Golf Club. Do go along and enjoy the excellent service provided. And for the festive season there is a special Christmas menu available throughout December with Christmas Day opening, bookable of course.

Carol Maxwell





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Sports reports

assembled by John Barrus

Painswick LTC - AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held at Broadham on Wednesday 7th November 2018. Before the AGM the annual presentations were made by the club president Joan Griffiths.



Juniors:

Maureen Connolly Cup - Lottie Elliott, most improved girl.

Boris Becker Cup - Peter Gardiner, most improved boy.

Peter Bolton Cup - Flora Leeper, for most enthusiastic and hard working player.



Adults:

Member of the Year - John Gardner, for all his hard work, support and help to the club.

Player of the Year - Sarah Potter, for her consistency and the high standard and quality of her play.

Most Improved Player - Andrew Rodda, Andrew has improved steadily and through a very competitive year for his team, has helped them to win promotion.

If you would like to Join Painswick Lawn Tennis Club please contact Ruth Smith on 07919 246386.

Nigel Barnett

Painswick Golf Club



The Seniors section held its annual Presentation Dinner on 31st October and its AGM the following day. At the Presentation Dinner, the trophies were presented to the winners of the Cup and Trophy competitions that took place over the year. At the AGM the officers for the coming year were chosen. George Paton and John Hitchcock were elected Seniors Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. Congratulations to both. Ian Smethurst and Vern Watkin were thanked for their substantial contributions over a number of years and Mike Little and Phil Jennings took on their roles as Seniors Secretary and Opens Organiser respectively. The other officers – Henry Hall (treasurer) and Peter Rowe (competitions organiser) – were re-elected.



A joint texas scramble with Ladies and Seniors took place on 12th November which was won by Sarah Taylor, George Paton, Dave Butler and John Hitchcock. The Seniors November stableford resulted in a three-way tie between Harry Burke, Nigel Barnett and Mike Little all with a score of 35 stableford points. The tie was broken in favour of Harry Burke by considering who had the best score on the last nine holes. Congratulations to all the winners.

Visitors and golfers are welcome at Painswick Golf Club, whether looking for a round of golf or refreshment/meals at the clubhouse. For all matters, please check availability on 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe



John Hitchcock & Peter Rowe receiving the Winter Pairs Shield

Rugby

Cainscross 14 Painswick 36

Painswick had a convincing win over local rivals Cainscross at the Stroud side's ground on Saturday 17th November. However Painswick did not establish their victory until the final quarter when they ran in four tries.

Scorers for Painswick were tries by James Harber (2), George Macduff (2), Neil Churchill and Eti Millward. Conversations: Tom Powell (3).

Christmas greetings and a happy New Year

The Beacon wishes all our sports clubs a happy Christmas and a successful 2019. Sports reports are welcomed and should be forwarded to John Barrus at the Beacon address which is: beacon@painswick.net. Photographs are also welcomed which we will endeavour to include. Reports are always acknowledged. If you haven't received an acknowledgement it is best to check with John or a member of the editorial team whether it has been received. The team details are on the back page. If it hasn't been your practice to send reports to the Beacon you might wish to consider doing so in 2019.

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Library News for December

Painswick Bird Club

Bill Boydell of the Bird Club, which closed in March after 20 years, has passed across the Club's Historical Record which can be found near the Library's Local History section. Mr Boydell also donated the Club's copy of 'The Birds of Gloucester' by Gordon Kirk and John Phillips which was gratefully received.

Free Christmas Raffle

Every time you use your library card at Painswick Community Library up until Wednesday December 19th you will be entitled to a free raffle ticket with the possibility of winning our seasonal hamper for adults or seasonal stocking for children. The draw will take place on December 19th.

Christmas Opening Times

The Library will be open as usual on Saturday December 22nd until 1pm then closed until Wednesday January 2nd.

Additions to our book stock will include:

Non -Fiction

Brand, Jo – Born Lippy – How to Do Female

Caine, Michael – Blowing the Bloody Doors Off

Obama, Michelle – Becoming – an inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States

Smith, Wilbur – On Leopard Rock – A Life of Adventures

Sopel, Jon – If only they didn't speak English – Notes from Trump's America

Fiction

Deegan, James – Once a Pilgrim – SAS thriller by a local author

Faulks, Sebastian – Paris Echo

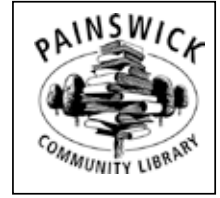
Galbraith, Robert – Lethal White (Cormoran Strike Book 4)

Moriarty, Liane – Nine Perfect Strangers

Rooney, Sally – Normal People

Happy Reading

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.18/2293/LBC FLAT 5 GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road

Take up the carpet in the hallway and replace with classic Cotswold style flagstone. The area is 7 square metres.

S.18/2268/HHOLD RIVENDELL HOUSE, Stroud Road, Edge

Extension to existing detached workshop and conversion to form ancillary accommodation to main house.

S.18/2305/HHOLD LYNTON, Paradise

Roof extension and balcony.

S.18/2325/HHOLD JUNIPERS, Edge Road

New extensions and alterations including vehicular entrance to highway.

S.18/2324/HHOLD THE LITTLE RUIN, Edge Road

Single storey extension, new access and parking area.

S.18/2402/TCA T1 HILL VIEW COTTAGE, Vicarage Street

Reduce in height by 1.5 metres, crown raise by removing first two limbs.

S.18/2411/TCA WOODSEND, Butt Green

Cedar - Fell to near ground level Sycamore - Reduce by 2 meters in height leaving around 10 meters.

S.18/2442/TCA ST JOHNS CHURCH, Sheepscombe

1)Yew tree. Reduce height to leave approximately 6.0m tall with radial crown spread of 1.25m. 2) Holly x 1. Fell 3) Yew. Prune all round to leave as a column approximately 1.5m in diameter. 4)Two Yew trees. Prune / trim all over by up to 0.75m to shape and contain. 5) Yew x 1. Trim all over to shape.

S.18/2415/HHOLD THE OLD VICARAGE, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe.

Installation of a pre-fabricated timber summerhouse.

S.18/2482/FUL JUBILATE, Blakewell Mead

New low energy and low carbon eco dwelling.

CONSENT

S.18/1940/HHOLD HIGH MEAD, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge

Two storey side and single storey rear & side extensions and alterations, replacing existing garages.

S.18/2002/LBC KNAPP BARNES, The Vatch, Slad

Installation of a log-burner flue on the gable end of the Tythe Barn

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 EB WORTH FARMHOUSE, The Camp

Installation of packaged treatment plant.

S.18/2023/LBC OLD EB WORTH 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

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Our forbears' December crimes

Despite the presence of a very strong temperance movement in Painswick, with several pubs and many beer houses in Painswick it is perhaps not surprising that many of the offences committed in past Decembers were alcohol-related. So, in 1908 for example, Richard Davis and John Ireland, labourers of Painswick, were charged with being drunk on licensed premises, the White Horse Inn. Davis was fined 13/6, or in default 14 days imprisonment, and Ireland was fined 6/-. Robert Cooke, labourer of Painswick was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on two consecutive days and fined 5/- and Frank Trow, labourer of Painswick, was fined 9/- for drunkenness.

There were other offences of course. In 1858 Stephen Spring was charged with wilfully damaging two roses and an ivy in the dwelling house of Henry Spring. He was ordered to pay 9/6, or in default to be imprisoned for two calendar months with hard labour at Horsley House of Correction. In 1878 Joseph Ireland was summoned for neglecting to send his child to school. The defendant said the girl had been sent to school but had been sent back because the fees had not been paid. [What were these fees for Painswick School?]

And in December 1838, when detailed descriptions were given, Thomas Bishop, sawyer, was charged with feloniously stealing a shirt the property of Jonathan Strange. He is described thus: aged 16, 5'2", brown hair, light grey eyes, round visage, fresh complexion, four scars on the small of the back, scar on the right leg, scar under the right eye. He was sentenced to six weeks in Lawfords Gate House of Correction.

Carol Maxwell

PROPERTY REPORT Now written by Beacon Staff

New property coming onto the market in Painswick is thin on the ground this month, but Hamptons are offering Simmondley, an extended and modernised 4 bedroom house in Queens Mead (offers around £900,000). Nearer the top of Stamages Lane, Whitehall Bank is now back on the market and offered at a substantially lower price to sell quickly (Murrays, £595,000). Dover House in Vicarage Street has also come back onto the market (Hamptons, £750,000), a Grade II* listed early Georgian House, believed to have been built in 1720 for a member of the Loveday family, local cloth merchants.

In Sheepscombe, Thumper's Cottage is a 4 bedroom semi-detached stone cottage with views across to the Painswick valley (Moulton Haus, £600,000), while in Slad, The Buddings at the Vatch has 4 bedrooms as well as a one bedroom self-contained annexe (Hamptons, £850,000). The Buddings is the building that used to house the Star Inn.

At the top of the Highlands in Painswick, Mullions has been in the same family for 55 years. It's in need of some modernisation but

kept beautifully with a large garden and lovely views (Murrays, £695,000).

Sales have now been completed of Yew Tree Barn on New Street, the Old Fire Station on Pullens Road and Church Mews on Stroud Road, all through Moulton Haus. Murrays report offers on several properties in the last week or so, that they hope to turn into sales. Hamptons have sold Junipers in Edge Road and Lower Greenhouse in Greenhouse Lane.

Rental properties now available through Moulton Haus include Rest Harrow, a 4 bedroom detached home in Cranham at £1600 pm, and Benedict's Cottage, a 4 bedroom semi-detached cottage in Paradise at the same price.

If you read this before then, do drop in to see your local estate agents on the Goodwill Evening on 30th November. Hamptons are helping with publicity for the evening and they and others would be happy to see you.



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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
Tuesdays	Community lunches - 10 Mondays from October 8th	Ashwell House	12.00 - 1.15pm
	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, Painswick	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
Yoga - contact Kim 812623		Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176			Afternoons
Thursdays	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	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
Baby and toddler group - term time only		Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
Saturdays	Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Artspace Painswick	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm
December			
Sat	1	Beacon publication date	
	1	Painswick Gardening Club: Wreath making day	Church Rooms 10.00am - 2.00pm
Sun	2	Mass	Catholic Church 8.30am
	2	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church 9.30am
	2	Holy Baptism	St Mary's Church 3.00pm
Mon	3	Knit and Natter	Library 10.00 - 12.00pm
	3	Community Lunch provided by Christian Aid	Ashwell Centre 12.00 - 1.30pm



Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists: The Arctic, a changing world - David Fletcher. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	5	Richmond Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Thur	6	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Party	Town Hall	2.00 for 2.30pm
Fri	7	Rococo Garden Christmas Concert	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
	7	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch	Golf Club	12.30pm
Sat	8	Painswick Singers: Christmas Concert	Richmond Village	3.30pm
	8	Cotswold Dogs and Cats Home; A Celebration of Christmas	St Mary's Church	6.45 - 8.30pm
	8	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Working party	To be arranged	9.00 - 12.30pm
Sun	9	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	9	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	9	Wreath making course - see rococogarden.org.uk to book	Orangery, Rococo Garden	12.30 - 2.30pm
	9	Garland making course - see rococogarden.org.uk to book	Orangery, Rococo Garden	3.00 - 5.00pm
Mon	10	Community Lunch provided by Monday walkers	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	11	Yew Trees WI: Christmas event	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
	11	Cotteswold Naturalists Talk and tea: Lives of narrow boat families - Boaters craft group Enq 01453 873262		2.30pm
Wed	12	Probus Men: Christmas Dinner with the Ladies	The Hill, Stroud	
	12	Painswick Gardening Club 'Festive Fun' and demonstration	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Sun	16	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	16	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	17	Copy Date for Beacon		
Tues	18	Come and sing carols around the piano followed by tea and cake.	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Sat	22	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group; Working party	To be arranged	9.00 - 12.30pm
	22	Carol Service	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Sun	23	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	23	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Mon	24	Crib service	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
	24	Midnight Mass	St Mary's Church	11.30pm
Tues	25	Family Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	25	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Sun	30	Benefice Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	30	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am

January 2019

Sat	5	Beacon publication date		
	5	Painwick Beacon Conservation Group : work party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
Sun	6	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Wed	9	Painswick Probus Club: Gloucestershire battles: Dr Tim Brain	Painswick Centre	10 for 10.30am
Thurs	10	Painswick Music Appreciation Group	Town Hall	7 for 7.30pm
	10	Rococo Garden opens daily for snowdrop display	Rococo Garden	10.30 - 5.00pm
Fri	11	Wik-flix: Mamma Mia! Here we go again (PG)	Painswick Centre	7 for 7.30pm
	11	Friday Club:	Town Hall	2.30pm

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The Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of EDWARD JAMES STOCKBRIDGE (Jim) who sadly passed away suddenly at home on 26th October, aged 85 years.

Thank You

JOHN AND PAM BAILEY would like to say a big thank you to all their friends and neighbours who have called in to chat to John, visited him during his long stay in hospital, helped with shopping, cheered them up when they have been down and many other kind acts. It is very comforting to know we have such kind folk around us.

Happy Christmas

IRENE HODGES will not be sending Christmas cards this year but would like to wish all her friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

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.

Friends of The Croft School

Our Fireworks Night this year was another record-breaker, raising more than three thousand pounds! Much of this is thanks to a very generous donation from a local business towards the fireworks. On top of this, despite doubling orders we sold all of the food and most of the bar – and delivered a cracking bonfire & display for 600 people (whilst keeping everyone safe).

Huge thanks again to everyone involved. The money will go directly towards further improving the Nature area and other outdoor spaces for all the children at The Croft.

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Lest we Forget.

To mark the centenary of the end of WWI we held an exhibition in the Painswick Centre. Using text, photographs, war time posters and the display of artefacts loaned by residents we aimed to show how Painswick coped with 250 men suddenly leaving the area and going off to war. A smaller exhibition was held in St Mary's Church with the same theme



A major section of the display was the Roll of Honour, naming the 49 Painswick men who had paid the ultimate sacrifice in this "war to end all wars", whilst an adjoining section focussed on the 22 men known to have been discharged as a result of injuries received in battle. These sections proved to be very popular with visitors.

Many people also appeared to spend considerable time reading two stories which were incidental to the main theme. One of these dealt with the housing of Belgian refugees in the village and the impact they had upon our community, and the other with the text of a sermon delivered in St Mary's Church by Rev WH Seddon on 4th August 1914.

50 Belgian refugees came to Painswick during the War. A committee was set up to help them. Some were lodged with families whilst family units were allocated houses on their own. The committee provided food and clothing, together with arranging work for the menfolk. A furniture making business was set up in Kingsmill

A lasting memorial to the Belgian Refugees is the carved memorial screen in St Mary's Church which was carved by one of their number - Mon. Alphonse Bal.



The sermon by Rev Seddon on 4th August pulled no punches. It seems to have served up such patriotic fervour that by the end of the month 44 men from Painswick had signed up.

Many fascinating artefacts were generously loaned by several Painswick residents. These included 'dress' and 'standard' uniform tunics, British & German uniform belts, various medals, trench art, German and British bayonets, bullets, hard tack, personal family photographs and memorabilia, a cabinet made by two of Painswick's Belgian refugees in 1916, a despatch rider's map of German territory together with goggles and compass as well as mail to and from home.



Chris Roberts rode his 1915 Triumph Motor cycle to the Centre on our second day. This restored machine had been used by dispatch riders in the war and created a lot of interest particularly after Chris donned the uniform of the day.

We were also treated to a visit by David Drew MP. Almost 300 visitors came to see the exhibition over the two days it was in the Centre and many others viewed the display when it was in St Mary's Church during the two weeks before and after. This seriously researched exhibition was organised by the Local History Society but in the main represented the work of two of our members Carol Maxwell and Peter Jackson to whom we are grateful. It roused much interest amongst visitors of all ages. Its theme was without doubt of huge significance.

Harold Clark

