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St Mary's Church Celebrates our Four-Legged Friends at Christmas

There was a wonderful start to the festive season at St Mary's Church on the 8th December when St Mary's Church filled its pews to support the Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home Celebration of Christmas hosted by actress Lisa Maxwell. The local community, many accompanied by their four legged companions, came together for a lively evening of song, music and readings with performances by Lisa, Alex Lovell, the Pamoja Gospel Choir and West End singers James Meunier and Mira Ormala. The charity depends entirely on the generosity of the local community to fund its work and all proceeds from the evening, which was sponsored by Murray's Estate Agents, will go towards caring for vulnerable animals in the community. Lisa said 'our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came along, it was terrific to see everyone enjoying the evening and we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas'.



Painswickian of the Year

See page 7 for full report

Road Closure

St Mary's Street, Painswick

Gloucestershire County Council is to close part of St Mary's street adjacent to the Royal Oak temporarily for the installation of a new water connection. The closure is planned for 9th January through to the 11th January or until the works are completed. For further information contact Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514514 or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on December 12th 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.

PLANNING

As there were no members of the public present Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis opened the Meeting and moved quickly on to the Agenda.

Apologies for Absence

Clerk, Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that Cllrs Mike Fletcher, Roey Parker, James Cross, Ed Crownshaw and Dawn Dart had sent their apologies.

To consider forming a Working Group to make recommendations on how to respond to the Emerging Strategy (Stroud District Council Local Plan Review)

The Chairman advised the Council that following the Consultation period further land in the Sheepscombe Area and in Stames Lane had been identified as possible building land for housing. It was agreed to form a Working Group to consider the Council's response. The Working Group would comprise the Committee Chairman, Council Chairman Martin Slinger, Cllrs Mike Fletcher, Steve Tye and Deputy Clerk Irena Litton. A response had to be submitted by the 18th January 2019.

Matters Requiring a Decision

There were 8 Applications to consider:

S.18/248/FUL JUBILATE, Blackwell Mead.

New low energy and low carbon eco dwelling. The Committee agreed to OBJECT to the Application on the grounds that it had concerns about potential damage to the tree roots, as detailed by the District Councils Arborologist when considering a similar 2017 Application - S.17/1550/FUL. Also the Committee objected to the size of the proposed development within the curtilage and also considered it out of character with its surrounds.

Unanimous support was given to the

remaining 7 applications.

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

Installation of pre-fabricated timber summerhouse.

S.18/2509/FUL HANLEY HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe

Single storey rear extension.

S.18/2467/LBC FLAT 5, Gyde House, Gyde Road

Addition of projecting balcony to existing mezzanine.

S.18/2473/HHOLD HORSESHOE COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane

Two storey rear extension and refurbishment of conservatory.

S.18/2519/ & S.18/2518/LBC PARK LODGE, Butt Green. Installation of a single window on rear elevation adjacent to existing bathroom window.

S.18/2442/TCA WOODSEND, Butt Green Cedar - Fell to near ground level. Sycamore - Reduce by 2m in height leaving around 10m.

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

1) Yew Tree. Reduce in height to leave approx. 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 approx. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Prior to the Meeting Mr David Allott asked the following question:

"I was surprised to read in the Beacon that at last month's Council Meeting the Public and Press were excluded before two items were discussed:

- 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 Churchyard Maintenance.

I ask what was so special or confidential about these items? They involve local assets and presumably our rates too. How are they not matters of legitimate public interest?"

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger asked the Clerk, Roy Balgobin to respond. The Clerk explained that the item relating to the Cemetery Chapel concerned Contract negotiations. details of which, for commercial reasons, needed to remain confidential until the contacts were signed. The Grant Application involved details of the applicant's financial situation and bank account details and for commercial reasons again needed to be treated as confidential.

The Chairman then opened the Meeting.

Apologies for absence

Clerk Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that Cllrs Mike Fletcher, James Cross, Roey Parker, Dawn Dart and Ian James (who had attended the Planning Meeting) had sent their apologies.

Matters of Urgency

None

County Councillor's report

County Cllr Keith Rippington advised the Meeting that at the last County Council Meeting it had been agreed that in 2019 all the current Urgent Care Centres, Walk in Centres and Minor Accident Units would be re-branded as "Urgent Care Centres." The Council were also concerned that the Accident and Emergency Unit at Cheltenham Hospital may be downgraded to an Urgent Care Centre.

Following press reports on "Modern Slavery" the County Council would be ensuring that all their contractors adhered to current employment law.

In the event of bad weather the long awaited road repairs by the Village Hall in Sheepscombe may be "put back" until March.

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District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Nigel Cooper, who was present at the Meeting, had sent a written report which had been circulated. There was an urgent need for existing customers of the garden waste scheme to renew their subscriptions or there is no guarantee that the service will be available to them next year. It's also the last month for residents who want to join the scheme to apply. The Household Recycling Centre at Pykes Quarry in Horsley is now closed every Wednesday.

As the Subscription Rooms in Stroud are being transferred to a new Charity, the Tourist Information Centre (TIC), currently based in the "Sub Rooms" will close at the end of March 2019. The Council's Community Services and Licensing Committee had recommended a one-off grant of £2,000 to each of the remaining TIC's in the District - all run by volunteers. Further details to follow. Both Cllr Rob Lewis and Clerk Roy Balgobin queried this award as in the local press the money saved would be used to encourage businesses into the Area. Cllr Cooper will investigate.

To receive and discuss details on Fireworks Legislation

Cllr Rob Lewis said that there were increasing numbers of complaints from local residents about the increase in "Firework Parties in the Village", no longer just on the 5th November but year round. He had looked into the current

legislation and whilst there were no rules or restrictions for private bonfire parties there were regulations relating to parties on land owned by Councils. A specific person must be nominated to "set off the fireworks and a Risk Assessment must be carried out". The principal cause for concern was the use of "Mortars" which were buried in the ground and when lit there was a large explosion when rockets were fired into the air. Cllr Abigail Smith recommended that the Council create a "code of conduct" for use by local residents. This would ensure that both local residents and businesses advertise in the Beacon forthcoming events involving fireworks. The recommendation to create a "code of conduct" was unanimously agreed by the Council.

To consider the Recommendations of the Finance and General Purposes Committee made during its Meeting on Wednesday 28th November 2018

- Town Hall/Painswick Youth and Community Centre Charges Review

The Council agreed the recommendation that the current charges should remain unchanged.

- Painswick Cemetery Charges Review

The Council agreed that the charges should increase by 5% rounded up to the nearest £5

- To approve Grant Allocations - Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau £500

£100	County Air Ambulance
£100	Friday Club
£100	- Sheepscombe Luncheon Club
£100	PSALMS
£100	- Painswick Valley Arts Festival
£500	- Air in G
£100	TOTAL
	£1500

- To confirm the Budget requirements for the Financial Year 2019/20. The Council agreed the budget for the year 2019/20

- To confirm the Precept requirements for the Financial Year 2019/20. The proposed Precept for the year 2019/20 amounts to £125,700, a 2.85% increase on 2017/18. On a Band D property this amounts to an annual increase 1.63 in the Parish Councils proportion of the Council Tax.

Responsible Financial Officer's Reports

The Council agreed payments in accordance with the report circulated by the Clerk.

Ward Reports

Cllr Ann Daniels reported continuing problems with dog fouling in the village.

The Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

Road Closure Damsells Mill Sheepscombe

This road will be closed on a rolling closure from 7th January 2019 to 9th January 2019. This is to allow for works on behalf of BT Openreach.

If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact the office on 08000 514514.

A big thank you

Multiple System Atrophy Trust (MSA) is a little-known charity. The condition is a neurological disorder caused by degeneration of nerve cells in several parts of the brain. It affects adult men and women and can result in problems with movement, balance and various bodily functions. The charity provides information, equipment and care for those affected.

During the Painswick Goodwill Evening a raffle in aid of this charity was held at the Town & Country Financial Planning Office in New Street and a total of £68 pounds was raised which T&CFPO agreed to double. The raffle winner was Jenny White and Martin and the team would like to say a big thank you to everyone who entered in the spirit of goodwill giving. It means that the charity, as yet so little known and such a worthwhile cause, will receive £168.

Carol Maxwell



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Police Report

Crime statistics for the Painswick area taken from the Gloucestershire Constabulary web site.

Painswick Theatre Club

The club arranges visits for members to theatres within about one hour's coach travel of Painswick. This year we have travelled to see performances as diverse as  Macbeth at the RSC Stratford and Son of Preacher Man, a story based on the songs of Dusty Springfield, in Cardiff. We buy tickets at group prices well in advance when the better seats are available and sell them to members at cost price inclusive of coach travel. Most of our visits are to see matinee performances and we arrive in time for lunch before the show. This year we already have tickets for Taming of the Shrew at Stratford and The Importance of being Ernest at the Watermill, a small delightful theatre, near Newbury. There is an annual membership of £10 fee to cover expenses and any unsold tickets. For this members are entitled to request 2 tickets for each visit. If you think you would enjoy these visits phone 812575 for further details, or email srossmunro@aol.com.

Judith & Ross Munro

August 2018

Berry Close	ASB	
Ashwell	ASB	
Bisley Street	ASB	
Canton Acre	ASB	
Golf Course Rd	Criminal damage Vehicle crime	Unable to prosecute suspect No suspect identified

September 2018

New Street	Violence Violence ASB	Caution given Awaiting Court outcome
Bisley Street	ASB	No suspect identified
Tibbiwell	Violence	No suspect identified
Kemps lane	Vehicle crime	No suspect identified
Pullens Rd	Violence	Unable to prosecute suspect

October 2018

Blakewell Mead	Theft	No suspect identified
Kingsmead	Vehicle crime	No suspect identified
Gloucester Street	Violence	Under investigation
Cheltenham Rd	ASB	
Vicarage St	ASB	
Greenhouse Lane	Theft (2)	No suspect identified
Wragg Castle lane	Violence	Under investigation.

November 2018

Hambutts Drive	Burglary	Under investigation
Ashwell	Criminal damage	No suspect identified
Hale Lane	ASB Violence	Unable to prosecute suspect
St Mary's Mead	ASB Vehicle crime	No suspect identified
Vicarage Street	ASB 3 crimes Burglary Violence	Under investigation Under investigation

Note

No suspect identified also means case closed.
Violence category also includes sexual assault.
Anti-social Behaviour ASB, details never given.

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Have you been missing us?

Despite the Garden being closed to visitors in December, we have been extremely busy with the many and varied maintenance tasks which we've been saving up for the last few months. When we re-open on Thursday 10th

January, we should have completed a number of developments in the Garden which mark further progress towards our aim of restoring its key features back to a 1740s look. Our team of staff and volunteers have been busy working on restoring the shrubbery in front of the Red House, repairing and improving paths and progressing with the reconstruction of our vineyard, amongst other things. So do come up and enjoy a freshly-ground coffee or a pot of tea and a slice of delicious homemade cake and see what we've been up to. You'll find we've made more space in the Café for our busy snowdrops period, and our Shop will have an expanded range and more room.

As mentioned last month, we've recently been consulting informally on our plans for our new home when we move out of our current facilities in the Coach House in 2022. We've had some very helpful feedback so far which will help us develop and build the facilities we need to better look after our visitors in the future. It's an exciting project and we hope to be making a planning application this month.

But of course we are mostly thinking about snowdrops at this time. Weather permitting, we are expecting our snowdrops season to start towards the end of this month. As you will know, the Garden is famed for having one of the largest collections of naturalised snowdrops in the country, and particularly for being home to Galanthus 'Atkinsii', first discovered in Painswick by estate worker James Atkins in the 1800s. You can find the latest blooming updates on our website www.rococogarden.org.uk and also on Facebook and Twitter. If you don't follow us already, please do!

Tim Toghill Volunteer & trustee



Wick-Flix has had a break in December, but we're not twiddling our thumbs! We're busy planning for our biggest night of the year - our amazing Gala night on 11th January, sponsored by Murrays Estate Agents. We'll be screening Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again and we'll also have our legendary annual raffle, which has some fantastic prizes including a case of sparkling Woodchester wine, a B&B stay for 2 with wine tasting, and a very special hamper full of gorgeous goodies. Come and join us and kick-start your New Year with the pop of Prosecco, some fantastic songs from ABBA and the unique hospitality that Wick-Flix offers!

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 - Swimming with Men (12A)

An uplifting feel good film, based on a real-life event, about a man suffering a mid-life crisis, who finds new meaning in his life as part of an all-male, middle-aged, amateur synchronised swimming team. Directed by Oliver Parker and starring Rob Brydon, Jane Horrocks, Rupert Graves, Charlotte Riley and Jim Carter.

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.

p-to-date information on future screenings can be found at www.painswickcentre.com/wickflix or on Facebook at @Wick-Flix. Come along and support your community cinema!

- Alison Smith



Painswick Singers resume rehearsals at Richmond

The Painswick Singers would like to put on record grateful thanks to Richmond Painswick for hosting its Christmas concert on December 8th in aid of the charity Gloucestershire Headway, which will benefit by over £435 from a raffle and generous donations.

The Singers will resume rehearsals at Richmond at 7.30 pm on Monday 14th January. New singers will be most welcome to join us to enjoy music in a friendly environment. As always there will be no auditions, just come and enjoy singing with the others.

If interested please contact our Membership Secretary Jean Jones on 01452 813545
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News from Painswick Surgery

In these times of extreme pressure on the Health Service, we are extremely lucky to be a Training Practice which has allowed us to welcome two excellent extra pairs of hands in Drs Suzanne Kumar (GP Registrar) and David Ansell (GP Returner). Their clinical expertise will be invaluable over the winter months.

The Painswick Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) has reported elsewhere on the extra GP and Nurse appointments and we must emphasise the importance of these and vaccinations for frail and COPD patients.

Many patients will by now be aware that with very few exceptions, scripts for items that are available over the counter will no longer be issued on the NHS. Patients have been very, well . . . patient with these new rules. The message is that for relatively minor complaints please consult your pharmacist first, even if you have previously received medication from the surgery. There is more information and a small video clip available at <https://bit.ly/2A3QHbg>

Finally, patients can relieve the pressure on NHS A&E and surgeries over this busy time by appropriately self-managing many conditions, gaining confidence at the same time. NHS Direct is now closed but there are a range of sensible self-help apps on www.NHSInform.Scot. These are safe, quite fun to work through and give advice on when to seek help. See <https://bit.ly/2LjQBR2>

Dr Rhys Evans, Senior Partner

Painswick Surgery Patient Participation Group News

Some good news first: There has been a good response to the flu clinics the surgery has run and all at the Practice thank you. The clinics are finished now but despite shortages Mike, the Practice Manager has managed to source extra stock vaccines which are available via the nurse. The cold weather hasn't hit yet, so get yourself vaccinated before it does!

As everyone will be aware the pressures on the NHS are severe nowadays and a main reason is the ageing population - you won't be surprised to know that this is true of Painswick more than some other practices.

The Surgery is as always conscious of the pressure for appointments and is involved in several innovative schemes to manage this. Appointments are available for extended hours now: with nurses from 7 am on Mondays and doctors Mondays only until 8pm as a pilot. Some appointments are now carried out in Facetime (Apple computer to Apple computer) - details are available from reception. There will also be extra winter pressure surgeries. The limiting factor with all of these is the national shortage of GP's so it is the same doctors providing the extra appointments. Existing doctors simply working longer hours is really not a sustainable or long term solution and means the number of additional appointments are in short supply.

As patients we ask everyone to bear this in mind and avoid asking for attention from doctors whenever possible. And remember – doctors get ill too!

We can all do our bit to help by sourcing guidance elsewhere. A quite remarkable Healthy Lifestyles Scheme is now being funded by the Gloucester City Council. Patients can self-refer to the Healthy Lifestyles Team for help and advice on a range of lifestyle changes including losing weight, stopping smoking, sensible exercise, healthy diet, alcohol and even gambling. It is free of charge and details are available on their website at: <https://www.hlsglos.org/>

John Morley, Chair



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.

Jonathan Choat writes from New Street

One of the great pleasures of living opposite St Mary's church is the plangent, richly sonorous bell ringing on a Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday. The peals and cascades of their music is so distinctly English and so steeped in our history that no other nation has anything approaching its sheer joyous exuberance. I only wish for an open day when I can watch the 'mysterie' of campanology at St Mary's. Thank you bell ringers for your delightful and generous music.



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Painswickian of the Year

Most years the person or couple voted POTY are taken aback when the news is given to them. This year's winner was utterly stunned and shocked. He is, however, considered by many as exceptionally deserving of this recognition for many reasons. He is Mike Powis and the overwhelming feeling is that he is most certainly 'a credit to Painswick'.

Mike has now worked in the Pharmacy for forty years. It began as a holiday job before embarking on courses at Keele University and subsequently Bristol Polytechnic. He decided not to complete either course, unsure about what career he wanted to pursue. During these uncertain times he returned and worked again as an assistant in the Pharmacy gaining experience in all aspects of the business. In 1982 Mike's father bought the business. A pharmacist, Robin Last, was employed and Mike explains that he learnt a great deal under him about how the business operated. He decided to become a pharmacist himself but had to return to college on a part-time basis to acquire the right A levels. He went on to Bath University from 1993-96 to gain his degree in pharmacy plus another year for pre-registration training. At the same time he was running the business and had a family – a very intensive life indeed. He qualified successfully in 1997.



Meanwhile, in 1984 Mike joined the retained fire service based in Painswick. This meant that he with the rest of the team could be called out at any time. Our retained firemen were always highly regarded and respected for the excellent job they did and the amazing team spirit within the group. Mike became station commander in 1999 and certainly engendered a positive sense of duty and willingness to serve amongst his comrades. Mike says of this time 'I made good friends and we certainly felt we were doing a good job for the community.' It was his leadership though which enabled this attitude to develop. In 2015 however, the pressures of increased paperwork both at the Pharmacy and within the fire service led to Mike's decision to retire from the service. Shortly afterwards Painswick's fire station was of course, sadly, closed down.

It was Mike who arranged for the wonderful sundial on the front of the Pharmacy building to be restored and renovated. This is regarded as a lovely community asset and is now a matter of pride for many Painswickians. He has also played cricket for Painswick Cricket Club for the last seven years where he is keen to encourage young people to develop their skills and is typically modest about this. Despite the fact that running the Pharmacy is incredibly demanding in both time and responsibility, much more so in recent years, Mike is always willing to give that bit extra to the community. His colleagues all testify to his great ability to encourage a spirit of cooperation and teamwork, whether that be in the business, sport or fire service. And there is family too. Mike has three children and two stepchildren.

Mike insists that anything he achieves is simply because he is part of a team but of course it is he who creates that great sense of positive collaboration. He says he feels honoured to have been elevated to the company of previous winners. However, in the words of some of those who have worked with him 'Mike has a caring, generous nature and is very knowledgeable. He has helped so many people; he is a credit to Painswick and we would all be at such a loss without him.' This is certainly high praise but which is very widely held in the community and Mike without doubt deserves the accolade, Painswickian of the Year.

Carol Maxwell

Churches Together around Painswick

Week of Christian Unity January 20th -27th 2018

Sunday 20th Jan. Service 3 pm at Our Lady and St Therese,
Friday Street, Painswick

Monday 21st Jan. Community Lunch 12 – 1.15pm. Ashwell Centre

Thursday 24th Jan. Afternoon Tea 2.30pm St. Mary's Church Rooms
Alison Robinson will talk about the work of the Samaritans.

Monday 28th Jan Agape at The Bistro – 7pm
Bring your choice of readings, music, poetry etc and enjoy a light supper
(provided by Catalina) There will be a cost of £12.50, to include tea/coffee.
Tickets available from Terry Parker (tel.812191)

Everyone welcome at any of these events

Sue Stick



Ladies, if your New Year resolution is to make new friends, do something different, or listen to interesting speakers, and then you should come along to Yew Trees WI. In addition to the monthly meeting excursions and outings are arranged. Membership also entitles you to join walks, craft mornings, outings, holidays, a racing club and various sporting activities arranged by the Gloucestershire Federation. Yew Trees first meeting of 2019 is on Tuesday 22nd January at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms. Chris O'Grady proved so popular in 2017 talking about his walking pilgrimage to Rome, he is returning to give us a light hearted talk on the pleasures and pitfalls of collecting art and antiques.



"Light hearted" is a good description of our Christmas meeting when members' competitive spirit came to the fore with a Snowman drive - a seasonal variant on a beetle drive. Disputes over the rules were quickly settled over a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie!

In November David Lemon gave us a fascinating talk on the largest living land animal: the African Elephant. We were impressed to learn that the females can be distinguished from the males because they have an enormous forehead which houses their exceptionally large brain. David's passion for these beautiful creatures and his enthusiasm for conservation were inspiring.

At our AGM we welcomed Janet Jenkins as our new President and thanked Vicky Aspinall for all her hard work ensuring the last three years have been so successful under her guidance. She was presented with a bouquet as a mark of our appreciation - see photo.

Celia Lougher 812624

Fish & Chips and other pop-up food events

As many of you will be able to attest, the pop-up Fish & Chips nights at The Painswick Centre were a big success. We had planned to continue these on a monthly basis in the new year, however unfortunately Simpsons are not in a position to do this currently. We very much hope that later in 2019 we will be able to restart these wonderfully popular nights.

In the meantime we are exploring other food pop-ups that we can bring to the village. We have lots of ideas, and we are talking to lots of other people about making them a reality. If you have any ideas we would love to hear from you. You can message us on Facebook or Instagram (The Painswick Centre), or you can email painswickcentremanager@gmail.com, heading your message 'FAO Susie'.

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Painswick Quiz

Cryptic clues to names of places within 20 miles of Painswick

1. Military Academy?
2. Where Scrooge lives
3. The value of a badger
4. Matthew's offspring
5. Essential part of a car engine
6. Shooting Range
7. Narrow Crossing
8. John's naïve
9. What makes a good knife
10. A sort of orangey colour
11. Years ago they made cider?
12. Barrel makers' obstacle
13. The colour of an old £1 note
14. Pooh's master's trees
15. Royal tribute to footie's brothers
The route the Vikings took
17. The lighter blues
18. Angry bovine
19. Shakespeare's Rec
20. Birth name of the Lord Mayor
21. Abel's sibling is livid
22. Avian kisser
23. Royal Engineer's load
24. Has it lost its Hemel?
25. Colour of the trees
26. Apostle before conversion
27. Why lamp is difficult to light
28. He went to Widdicombe Fair
29. Right on the rim
30. The bad wolf won't blow this

£10 prize on offer...

Answers will appear in the February issue with a £10 prize for the entry with the most correct answers. In case of a tie the winner will be drawn from a hat. Answers should be emailed to the Beacon by Sunday 23rd January.

Penny Boydell

Painswick's Christmas Lights need your support

Since 2010 Painswick Christmases have featured illuminated trees in the Memorial Garden, but for how much longer?

There is no easy way to illuminate the trees and no handy mains electricity supply. Instead 20 separate boxes each containing a battery, a timer and transformers, illuminate the trees. The battery charge lasts about 2 nights so every morning volunteers collect half the boxes and take them to the church porch to be re-charged. Then each evening volunteers return them to the trees. The fully loaded trolley used to transport the boxes weighs nearly 100kgs ... and feels twice that when pulling it up the slope from the church!

The lights were conceived and funded by the now defunct 'Painswick Matters' group. Last year the Parish Council took ownership of the equipment and have donated towards the running costs. This is an appeal for contributions to fund replacement of the batteries and for maintenance of the lights so that they can be enjoyed in future years. £100 will sponsor a battery box and lights for one tree for 3 years and can carry a dedication to a relative, friend, group or business. £50 will sponsor a battery box for 3 years and can also be dedicated. Lesser donations are very welcome and will be used to maintain unsponsored equipment.

For more details about the lights and sponsorship contact Ross Munro 812575 or rossmunro@aol.com. If you are ready to donate contact the Parish Clerks Office 01452 812722 or clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com.



Ross Munro



Gardening Club - Bowling Along

The final Gardening Club evening of the year, was as expected a real joy. Plenty of laughter and fun as we watched Ione Woodger-Smith, firstly creating a mantelpiece runner, then a floral display and finally an arrangement based on Cornus stems, with carefully placed but a minimal number of blooms. As she worked, effortlessly gathering just the right amount of material, she kept us entertained with tales of her various floristry competitions, including Chelsea and the embellishment of a large country estate with her wreaths, swags and floristry work.

At the end of the evening the raffle prizes were awarded, including a tea for two at The Painswick and Ione's arrangements. It was heartening that nobody was in any hurry to leave, chatting and enjoying wine and nibbles in good company.

Our first meeting in 2019 will be at the Falcon Bowling Club on Wed January 9th at 7.30. We are very pleased to welcome back Fiona Warin to talk to us on 'Digging For Victory'. Her last talk on allotments was hugely popular and amusing, so I'm sure this evening will be one to look forward to.

By the time you read this, Christmas and New Year will be over and we will have time to sit back with the odd seed catalogue or gardening book and plan for the new year in our gardens.. Lots of good intentions not always achieved but then that's gardening.

Catherine Bond. (Committee member)

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News from St Mary's



The Christmas season is followed by the four weeks of Epiphany which begins on 6th January. This is the time traditionally associated with the visit of the Wise Men from the East to see

the infant Jesus and pay him homage. The liturgical colour remains white.

The first Sunday of Epiphany is also associated with Plough Sunday. The tradition of honouring the plough goes back to the time when the majority of the population were dependant on farming for their livelihood. The beginning of Epiphany was about half way through the ploughing season which lasted from the Autumn to the Spring. This was when all the ploughing was done by horses.

In keeping with the Plough Sunday tradition there is a Plough Sunday benefice service at Edge Church at 3pm on 6th January which will be conducted by Andrew Leach

In January we keep the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is from 20th to 27th of the month. Churches Together Around Painswick have arranged a programme of events for the week – please see their separate notice. I will just stress the open meeting with afternoon tea in the Church Rooms on Thursday 24th January at 2.30pm. The speaker is Alison Robinson talking about the work of the Samaritans.

David Newell

Charity Swim

Sandy Dicks, aged 50 and born and raised in Painswick by Kath and Ivor Dicks is no stranger to charity fundraising. Over the last couple of years she has hit the pool and raised thousands of pounds for spinal charity Aspire and the Brain Tumour Charity. After swimming 50 miles in 50 days this Summer for the Brain Tumour Charity and raising over £1000, Sandy intended to take a well-deserved rest. However, not one to shy away from a challenge or willing to stand by when she sees someone struggling; Sandy's next charity swim is to help raise money for a friend called Ryan, a Weston man, who had his life completely changed after breaking his neck and damaging his spinal cord in a mountain biking accident. Ryan has initially been diagnosed as an incomplete tetraplegic which means that all his limbs are affected. Due to the high level of injury, Ryan is unable to care for himself. His partner Suze cares for him full time and also has to work full time.

Ryan was given the opportunity to follow up his rehabilitation in Bristol at the Neurokinex Physio centre. As he lives in Weston it means that every week he has to travel the 50 miles for the sessions. The cost of sessions and the distance means that he has been limited to one session a week. Sandy's aim is to raise money to help support Ryan. To do this Sandy will swim 100 miles in 100 days. The challenge was scheduled to start on Christmas Day and finish on 4th April 2019.

If you wish to support Sandy she has set up a Just Giving Fundraiser page for Ryan which you can fund at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sandy-dicks1. There will be a sponsor sheet in Painswick Church Rooms and you can also post donations through the Lychgate post-box: please mark the envelope "Sandy Dick's Sponsored Swim" with cheques made out to Aspire. Sandy wishes to thank everyone for reading this article and hopes that you will support her swim challenge and help to raise money to enhance a friend's life. Sandy says, "it's a big challenge and a lot of swimming every day but I am ready for it. The simple act of walking and being able to take care of ourselves we take for granted. I want to help Ryan". 7% of the money raised will go to Aspire and help people with spinal injury.

Emma Louise Dicks



PSALMS is recognised as the first Centre of Excellence for Sports Ministry

A charity that is having a positive impact on the lives of thousands of young people throughout

Gloucestershire has achieved external recognition as the first Centre of Excellence in the UK for its exciting new concept of Sports Ministry.

PSALMS (Putting Sport alongside Local Ministries) was established in 2005 in Painswick and Stroud to support and encourage local churches of all Christian denominations in reaching out to their communities through sport. The registered charity uses sport to engage with young people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds in rural or semi-rural areas. Although Christian-based, PSALMS work with young people of all faiths and none.

A recent grant of £45,000 from Gloucester-based Allchurches Trust, one of the UK's largest grant-making charities, means that fundraising towards the £300,000 target for phase one of this ambitious partnership project is almost complete.

This funding is enabling sports specialists to assist with and run youth clubs, sports sessions and other activities, often working with local schools, youth clubs, churches and town councils. Working with local and national partners, the aim is to develop models of sports ministry that could be replicated throughout the UK.

Ian Marsh (Chair of PSALMS)

The PSALMS run youth club ran a well-attended Christmas Quiz to end the term on the 10th December. We had about 50 turn up for an event that included round topics such as Sport, Space and Music History. All the rounds were run by the young people, and it was great to see so many from the local church as well as those who don't normally venture into church. Only one team went home with the coveted trophy, but no one can deny it was a great night for all. PSALMS continues to celebrate the young people, and will continue to develop new ways of bringing all local demographics and ages together to discuss faith, purpose and life's big questions. Particularly at this time of year, it seems apt to be celebrating community, but above all the celebration of a saviour being sent.

Club Pulse will return on Monday the 14th January 2019.

If you have any questions, queries or opportunities where you could include PSALMS please do contact Nathan at Nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net

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The Cows have gone



On a very wet Saturday morning in early December the Gloucesters were taken from the Beacon to be sold on. The decision wasn't taken lightly but a number of factors determined the outcome. We wish to replace them with a hardier breed which could stay on the Beacon through the winter, thus extending the grazing season. To that end we have contacted a local breeder of Dexter cows with the view of buying eight to be delivered in the early summer to Holcombe Farm. We will then have six to eight weeks to train them to respond to the bucket and hopefully halter train a few so they can be led between paddocks. Other factors were the cost of feed this winter (high because of the dry summer) and wanting the replacements to be dehorned. If all goes well the replacements will be kept for a long time.

Recent work parties have concentrated on Jackdaw Quarry and the immediate surrounding area. A huge amount of scrub has been cleared and burned. Following on from the Back from the Brink training day we transplanted about 60 marjoram plants, taken from near the cemetery, for the benefit of the Large Blue butterfly. The last of our cowslip plants (100+) were planted nearby for the Duke of Burgundy. The remaining task is to transplant a few juniper plants from the nearby scrape into the quarry.

Future work will continue clearing southwards past the other quarry to join up with the turning circle glade. This will improve a huge area for both the umbrella species of butterfly.

PBCG is now on face book thanks to Kim Brocket. It is hoped that interaction on this medium will improve the general public's awareness of our existence and what we do. It may even generate more helpers.

Finally, thanks to all who have helped over the last year and best wishes for the coming one. If you're stuck for a New Year's resolution why not decide to come and help us!

Paul Baxter (M) 07971 633 242

Jottings

After a summer heat wave with no rain, we had just over six inches of rain up to 10th of November. So, as the rain and sometimes cold weather comes in November this is the time to get your animals in for the winter. If we were to leave them out in waterlogged fields the ground gets pouched by their feet and mud builds up around their feeding troughs. If you spread their winter feed out over the fields for them to pick up and eat, a fair amount gets trodden in and covered in mud. They do not like eating that. Cows need food concentrate and hay to supplement the poor winter grass but they need to be put out twice daily and kept free of mud, their excrement, grit and stones to avoid infection.

Before you bring them in you must check that the shed or yard has been cleaned out and is tidy. The walls are stable to stand the battering during the winter from the weather and the knocking by the animals. The roof does not have any loose roofing sheets.

The animals do not like lying on rain soaked bedding. Loose roofing sheets banging in the wind may frighten them. We check the gates and doors work properly and the latches work properly so that the animals cannot open them. They like playing with catches with their tongues.

The water troughs need to be clean and stable against being knocked and the water spilled. The reservoir tanks must be cleaned out regularly and the ball taps working properly so the indoor area does not get flooded. We have to be careful to avoid contamination, especially when the cows are close together, may be getting cold, weakened and more likely then to get disease.

The outside pipes have to be protected from freezing or you find yourself spending half a day carrying water to the animals. It is amazing how much they drink when they are on a diet of dry hay and supplements. Then you hope spring comes early and you can let your animals out to grass

Martin Slinger

PMAG



On the 22nd of November our Life President, Alex Nicholls, presented a fascinating talk on the famous Italian Composer, Giuseppe Verdi with specific reference to his orchestration and comparison with Wagner. Both men were considered to be the most influential figures of 19th Century Opera and although they apparently resented each other and traded insults they never actually met! Highlights of the orchestration of both composers were played, the first half of the talk concentrated on Verdi's Opera Rigoletto. We listened to soaring extracts from this famous work.

The second half was devoted entirely to Verdi's greatest tragic Opera, Otello. You could scarcely hear a pin drop as we listened to the final act, with Placido Domingo in the title role supported by Cheryl Studer as Desdemona and Denyce Graves as Emilia. An uplifting experience. During his lifetime Verdi composed 27 operas including three based on Shakespeare plays, Falstaff, Otello and Macbeth and several Sacred Works including his Requiem Mass. Even in his late 70's and early 80's he was still composing.

So popular was Verdi that a period of National Mourning was declared in Italy following his death at age of 87 in 1901. Then on the 6th December we all enjoyed our Christmas Party in the Town Hall. Quiz Master Ann Williams was on fine form setting us a challenge to identify both the composer and the decade of the composition from the past 100 years. All helped down by great food and wine.

We open the New Year at 2.30pm on the 10th January when Ann Williams will be talking to us about Stradivarius and on the 24th, again at 2.30pm, Duncan Richardson will be discussing "Nature in Music." Intrigued? Why not join us at one of our Meetings in the Town Hall? You are assured of a warm welcome, interesting talks interspersed with a diverse selection of classical music and importantly biscuits washed down with either tea or coffee. All for the price of £3! Or even better a full Season membership for only £25! We look forward to welcoming both old and new members to our Meetings.

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.18/2518/LBC & S.18/2519/HHOLD
PARK LODGE, Butt Green. Installation
of a single window on rear elevation
adjacent to existing bathroom window.

S.18/2467/LBC FLAT 5, Gyde House,
Gyde Road. Addition of projecting
balcony to existing mezzanine.

S.18/2473/HHOLD HORSESHOE
COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane

Two storey rear extension and
refurbishment of conservatory.

S.18/2594/HHOLD LANESIDE,
Queens Mead

Replacement dwelling and new garage.

S.18/2669/LBC FLAT 18 GYDE
HOUSE, Gyde Road. The proposal is to
add a mullioned window to the west wall
of the 1990's drawing room extension.

CONSENT

S.18/1912/FUL ABBEY BARN, Slad
Lane. Change of use of room above
garage to bed and breakfast studio.

S.18/2139/HHOLD 2
ROCKMILL COTTAGES, Rock
Mill

Proposed rear conservatory extension.

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.18/2213/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.

S.18/2324/HHOLD THE LITTLE
RUIN, Edge Road. Single storey
extension, new access and parking area.

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.18/2305/HHOLD LYNTON,
Paradise. Roof extension and balcony.

S.18/2325/HHOLD JUNIPERS,
Edge Road. New extensions and
alterations including vehicular entrance
to highway.

S.18/2411/TCA WOODSEND, Butt
Green. Cedar - Fell to near ground level
Sycamore - Reduce by 2 meters in height
leaving around 10 meters.

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

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



Messy Church

Thursday 10th January

3.30 to 5.30 pm in the St Mary's Church
Rooms, Painswick

Join us for the theme of 'Jesus Growing
Up'. We will have activities and crafts to
enjoy, as well as a delicious tea together.

Messy Church is a family event, so all
children should be accompanied by
an adult. Any queries please contact
Katherine Davies: Email: dandkdavies@
hotmail.com

Next Messy Church : Thursday 14th
February at The Church Rooms, St.
Mary's, Painswick

Rodgers & Hammerstein



Malcolm Lewis returned to
Painswick Probus on 28th
November 2018 to present
another of his popular talks
on a musical theme. This
time it was on Rodgers

and Hammerstein, arguably the most
successful writing partnership in the
musical theatre.

Richard Rodgers (1902-1979) met Oscar
Hammerstein at the age of 12 when he
visited his brother at Columbia University;
however it was not until 1943 that they
teamed up as a musical partnership.

Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960)
was born into a theatrical management
family. The business was started by
his grandfather Oscar Hammerstein I
who emigrated to the US from Prussia
to escape his overbearing father. He
found employment in a cigar factory and
went on to make a fortune from cigar
machinery patents. Oscar II's family were
not keen on him following a theatrical
career and he initially studied law at
Columbia but quit to pursue theatre. He
had some successful partnerships with
composers, notably Jerome Kern, before
teaming up with Rodgers.

Their first major success came with
"Oaklahoma" which ran on Broadway for
over 2000 performances until 1948 and
became a film in 1955. Other musicals
followed and many of them also made
into films.

As usual Malcolm interspersed his talk
with music and amusing anecdotes and
regularly tested the knowledge of his
audience. In all a very entertaining way
to spend an hour.

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PROBUS Women

On 10th December, Delia Mason (me!) recited a selection of poems she had written, (mostly humorous) explaining the stories and inspiration behind them along the way and ended with the following one:-

There's always time for a Friend

Sometimes things are funny
Sometimes things are sad
Sometimes things are just too much
and sometimes not too bad.
Sometimes we are flying!
Sometimes sinking fast
Sometimes we can't talk enough!
and sometimes "please don't ask"
Sometimes the World's our oyster!
Sometimes it seems a cage
Sometimes we burst with happiness!
Sometimes just in a rage.
Somehow we all get through life
with all its twists and bends
and the World is such a better place
for the company of Friends

Anyway, nobody threw any rotten fruit which was good!

PROBUS Women wish all readers a very happy and peaceful 2019.

Next Meeting on 14th January 2019 with John Bromley talking about The World of Metal Detecting at the Painswick Church Rooms 10.00am for 10.30. All welcome. Guests - £3 or please join PROBUS Women at £20 p.a.

Delia Mason

Library News for January

Library Survey 2019



We would like to hear your views about Painswick Community Library including the views of those of you who do not currently use it. So we have devised a short on-line survey, which should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. For those of you who don't want to complete it on-line, or have trouble accessing the survey, we have paper copies at the Library – just ask at the desk.

The web address for the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3SGCVNX>

Thanks very much in advance. We will publish the results in a future edition of The Painswick Beacon.

New Junior Fiction includes:

- Brownlow, M & Rickerty, S – Ten Little Robots
- Carroll, Emma – Secrets of a Sun King
- Donaldson, J & Sheffler, A – Zog
- Gray, Kes – Oi – Duck Billed Platypus
- Fletcher, Tom – The Creakers
- Haig, Matt – The Truth Pixie
- Hay, S & Scafer, L – A Very Corgi Christmas
- Kerr, Judith – Katinka's Tail
- Kinney, Jeff – Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Meltdown
- Meadows, Daisy – Priva, the Polar Bear Fairy
- Morpurgo, Michael – Wartman, and, Poppy Field
- Usher, Sam – Snow
- Walliams, David – The Ice Monster, and, Geronimo - The Penguin Who Thought He Could Fly
- Wilson, Jacqueline – My Mum Tracey Beaker

Pat Pinnegar



Waddesdon Manor visit ends 2018 in style

The Cotswold Naturalists' final excursion of the year was to Waddesdon Manor on 30th November. Dodging the showers, a group of us walked from the coach park through the rolling parkland, with its collection of fine mature trees, hidden glades and picturesque views up to the house.



On the day of our visit, it was still possible in the bright winter sunlight to appreciate the restored Victorian gardens. They are rated as one of the UK's most important surviving Victorian gardens, with a fine parterre, fountains and statuary, and a Rococo-style aviary. A tree trail highlighted examples of the specimen trees planted 150 years ago, whilst a second trail took in the romantic Pulham grottoes, the Water Gardens with pools and cascades falling over elaborate Pulhamite 'rock' formations, alongside a Dairy built in the 1880's in the style of Marie Antoinette's farm at Versailles.

At dusk, the Manor's façade was illuminated and light-shows filled the woods with colour. The many statues, wrapped up in full-length covers to provide protection from frost damage, added a ghostly quality to the woods. A fascinating day out.


By the time this article appears, our Winter Newsletter will be published with details of our new programme of talks, excursions and walks for 2019. Our afternoon meetings resume on Wednesday 9th January at 2.30 pm when Ian McGuire will be talking about the 'Conservation of British Owls'. We meet in the Painswick Centre and visitors are very welcome.

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ArtBurst Painswick in August 2019 –

bigger and definitely better with cash prizes for the new ‘Character of the Cotswolds’ competition.

The Painswick Valley Art Festival is branding itself ‘ArtBurst Painswick’ for the ten day, fine art festival in the village from August 17th to 26th 2019, with a bigger and more ambitious programme than ever before. “We did not want to rely on the success of the last festival in 2017, and as the premier public event in Painswick in the year, we have extended the opportunities for local artists to display their works and win prizes for the very best, as well as starting a whole new children’s art experience and competition, and a series of Master Classes run by real experts in different aspects of fine art like abstract, live figure drawing and art appreciation. This is in addition to the numerous open studios and exhibitions all through the village, including the Gloucestershire Society of Artists annual show,” says Jackie Herbert, who chairs the organising committee.

The major ArtBurst Painswick art competition in 2019, with prizes of £500 pounds, £250 and £100 is being sponsored by Town & County Financial Planning, whose office is in the centre of the village, on the theme “The Character of the Cotswolds”, which can include any form or style of fine art.

Emma Falshaw, a director at T&C Financial Planning, says “We are delighted to support the ArtBurst festival and the main art competition, so we want to open the widest perspective for an artist to use whatever materials or forms they like in interpreting the Cotswold theme broadly”. All the entries will be displayed in the Saint Mary’s Church Rooms and they will be judged and the prizes awarded at an opening reception on the eve of the ArtBurst Painswick Festival, on Friday 16th August.

Applications to enter the “Character of the Cotswolds” competition or for displays in any of the other numerous exhibition venues are on the ArtBurst Painswick website www.artburstpainswick.co.uk or by emailing to artburstpainswick1@gmail.com

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Robin’s exhibition – a new year treat

Many in Painswick will know Robin Watkins-Davis for her yoga activities. However, Robin is also a highly qualified artist and will be holding an exhibition of her work, titled ‘Shift’, in the Painswick Centre in January.

Robin sees a very positive connection between her love of movement and her skill as an artist. She understands how movement can affect you inasmuch as it can bring about changes of mood and feelings of well-being and also affect self-expression. This is represented in her artwork and the purpose of the exhibition is to show how movement can have a positive effect. This exhibition is definitely contemporary and abstract. For much of it she has used photography, charcoal prints/drawings and an art installation using huge sheets of perspex from re-cycled bus shelters which she has painted using her own physicality. ‘It’s new, it’s fresh, it’s unusual,’ she explains and ‘it’s about making art using the body.’ The pieces are, according to her former college art lecturer, ‘stunning. They would grace any top gallery.’

Robin’s work will be on display in the Centre from Friday 11th January (5.00-8.00pm) until Monday 14th January (10.00am-5.00pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday). Entry is free. The Friday opening immediately precedes the showing of the film *Mama Mia* so what better way of spending a really enjoyable and exciting Friday evening? There will also be a private viewing on the Saturday at 6.30pm which will include a special art and dance performance. Everyone is welcome to the private viewing but it is an invitation only event so if you would like to be there you need to contact Robin on 07427 484745.

Thought-provoking and modern, this promises to be an interesting and exciting exhibition. Do go along and support this very talented young Painswickian.



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Lifetime Achievement Award

from the Gloucestershire Lawn Tennis Association.

Joan Griffiths, President of Painswick Lawn Tennis Club received the very deserved life time achievement award at the Gloucestershire Lawn Tennis Association's (GLTA) awards dinner held recently at Brickhampton Golf Club. Joan joined Painswick Club in 1984 and since then has been secretary, club captain, ladies captain followed by president since 2010.

Although Painswick is one of the largest tennis clubs in the county it still retains a warm, family atmosphere with opportunities for beginners, social and competitive tennis. Joan's award also recognised her tireless work as Chairman of the GLTA League committee which runs the County Summer Leagues providing mens and ladies doubles; the Floodlit Winter league providing mixed doubles and the Over 60's league for mixed, mens and ladies doubles. In fact Joan won a competition award for starting the Over 60's leagues in the County. For the last 15 years Joan has organised and catered for a ladies summer charity tournament which is enjoyed by over 35 ladies. The event raises about £450 a year which has been donated to Sue Ryder for the last 8 years.



Painswick Golf Club



Golf in the winter months can be something of a challenge. The location of the golf course on and around the upper slopes of Painswick Beacon means that the course is almost never closed because of rain, but it can be very cold when there is an icy wind. This was the case on 13th December when

the Seniors section held their Christmas Competition. A few decided that preservation was more important than completing the round and retired back to the warmth of the clubhouse. The rest managed to complete the competition which included Christmas gifts from the organiser of two mulligans (retaking a shot without penalty), gimmes (pronounced gim me, which allow one to pick up one's ball, at the cost of a shot, if the ball is within a putter length of the hole) and two super-gimmes. There were several excellent scores despite the conditions – and the overall winner with an incredible 46 stableford points was John Hitchcock. The December stableford competition played the week before (with normal rules) – also in difficult conditions – was won by Phil Jennings with 37 points. Congratulations to the winners.

The Ladies section held its AGM on 11th December. Congratulations to Lorna Sparkes on her election as Ladies Captain for a second year.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors – whether looking for a round of golf or for refreshments at the clubhouse or both. For all matters, please check availability on 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe

Painswick Tennis Club success

At the Gloucestershire LTA awards evening Painswick tennis ladies received awards after a successful year. Summer Ladies division 4 winners, Seniors Ladies division 2 winners, and Joan Griffiths life time award



Pictured above from L to R...Carole Hargrove, Chris Laffan, Jess Barnett, Wendy Wood, Ruth Smith, Jill Willoughby, Joan Griffiths, Judith Todd, Maggie Slader

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Friday Club

The Club were delighted to welcome Sarah Brown on the 9th November. Sarah, who has her own Studio, gave a fascinating demonstration of "Glass Fusing." She started off by bending slender glass rods over a candle to shape them into curves. Sarah then glued on tiny flakes of red and green coloured glass to make miniature Wreaths as Christmas Tree decorations. Members were encouraged to try the fusing and several stepped forward. They were amazed at the results of their efforts. She also showed us how to construct snow covered twigs with red berries by using liquid glass. Members thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Then on the 30th we were spellbound listening to an illustrated presentation from the Vale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre. The Centre opened in 1984 in the back garden of founder Caroline Gould and today occupies modern purpose built premises near Tewksbury. They tend both injured and orphaned wildlife and limit exposure to humans as they always return the wildlife back to their natural habitat. Pictures of baby hedgehogs being hand fed will remain with us for a long-time!

On the 7th December the Club enjoyed their Christmas lunch and party at the Painswick Golf Club. Judging by the laughter and chatter around the tables it was an event enjoyed by all.

What does 2019 have in store for Members? Our new Season opens on the 11th January when Kate Ripington, a highly qualified local Physiotherapist, will talk to us about what to do "with the problem of the ageing body" and then on the 25th Chris Witts will be presenting a personal account of one of the River Severn's worst disasters. In 1960 two Tanker Barges collided in the fog with disastrous consequences.

The Club meets on alternate Fridays at 2.30pm in the Town Hall offering interesting and stimulating talks for all. In addition we arrange at least four outings a year - in 2019 visits are already planned to both Longleat and Weston - Super - Mare.

Interested? Why not join us on the 11th January. The Meeting fee is £2.00, which includes a hot drink and biscuits. In addition there is an Annual Membership Fee of £7.50. We look forward to meeting YOU.

Mike Kerton



The Beacon Village Quiz



Saturday 9th March

.. in the Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30.

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

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

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PROPERTY REPORT Now written by Beacon Staff

Perhaps not surprisingly, relatively few new properties have come onto the market in December, but the estate agents' offices are still busy with buyers and viewings and there are still houses being sold. New this month through Hamptons is 2 Court Orchard, a 3 bedroom detached house in a private road near the centre of the village. The same agent is also offering The Old Stores, a 4 bedroom detached house in the heart of Cranham. Murrays were offering Winfarthings in Whiteway Colony, but that went very quickly under offer. Whitehall Bank in Stamages Lane is also now again under offer through Murrays.

Sintra in Mill Lane near Cranham and 6 Painswick Heights at the old Squash Club site, have both now been sold through Murrays, while 3 Painswick Heights has been let by James Pyle. Hamptons have sold Througham Slad Barn, between Bisley and Miserden, once the recording studio for Mike Oldfield of Tubular Bells fame.

Simmondley, in Queens Mead, recently extended and renovated to offer striking open-plan living, is available through Hamptons for offers in the region of £900,000. Tythe Cottage in Vicarage Street, a 4 bedroom converted chapel is being offered by Murrays, now at a new price of £485,000.

After a successful Goodwill Evening at the end of November, all Painswick's Estate Agents wish you a prosperous New Year, when they look forward to helping you with your property needs. On 11th January, Murrays are hosting the Wick-Flix Gala Night, when there will be a charity auction as well as a showing of Mamma Mia 2.

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Regular Village Activities If the times of your regular activities have changed please let Vicky Aspinall know

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
Wednesdays	Drawing for absolute beginners (Oct-Nov) Contact Lucinda Burgess 07950 930005	Highpoint Studio Golf Course Road, Painswick Centre	10.30 - 12.30pm 7.30 - 9.30pm
	Table Tennis	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm
	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 Afternoons
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Painswick Bootcamp	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Yoga - all abilities	Town Hall	9.30am
Thursdays	T'ai chi. Contact 812344	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Dog training club.		Mornings
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
	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
Sundays	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
January			
Wed	2 Richmond Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am



Sat	5	Beacon published		
	5	Painwick Beacon Conservation Group : work party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
Sun	6	Parish Communion	St Marys Church	9.30am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Mon	7	Knit and Natter Club	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm
	7	Community Lunch: Painswick Centre trustees	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	9	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club: The Conservation of British C	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	9	Painswick Probus Club: Gloucestershire Battles: Dr Tim Brain	Painswick Centre	10 for 10.30am
	9	Rococo volunteers training morning	Rococo Garden	
	9	Painswick Gardening Club: Digging for Victory - Fiona Warin	Club House, Falcon Bow	7.30pm
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: Aches and Pains - Kate Rippington	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	13	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Holy Communion and Holy Baptism	St Marys Church	9.30am
Mon	14	Community lunch: Richmond Village	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	15	Local History Society: Local famous people - Jane Kilpatrick	Croft School	7.30pm
	15	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club: History of Horns - Paul Tomli	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Wed	16	Midday prayer	St Marys Church	12
Sat	19	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: work party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
Sun	20	Parish Communion	St Marys Church	9.30am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Mon	21	Community Lunch: Churches Together	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
	21	Copy date for Beacon		
Tues	22	Yew Trees WI: Chris O'Grady - Fake and Fortunes, Art and Antiques, Forgers and Dealers	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	23	Painswick Probus Club: The Magic and Mystery of Glenn Miller - Bill King	Painswick Centre	10 for 10.30am
Thurs	24	Painswick Music Appreciation Group	Town Hall	7 for 7.30pm
Fri	25	PSALMS	St Marys Church	9.00am
	25	Friday Club: Severn Bridge Disaster - Chris Witts	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	27	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	27	Painswick praise	St Marys Church	9.30am
Mon	28	Community Lunch: Painswick Golf Club	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm

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PENNY AND IAN EASTWOOD would like to thank all our friends in Painswick who were so kind and supportive following Ian's operation. It was greatly appreciated by us both during such a worrying time and we feel we are so lucky to have such good friends.

Best wishes

To JOHN HOGG and JUNE GARDINER, who have recently moved to Bussage to be closer to June's daughter. June was the Beacon's Painswickian of the Year for 2009 together with her friend Sue Coates. John has lived in Painswick almost all his life and was particularly associated for many years with the Rugby and Cricket Clubs in the village.

Congratulations

To 8 years old Imogen Woodward who is now the South West Champion (for her age group) for 2018 in the gymnastics tumbling competition.

Condolences

To the family and friends of ANNE LEONI who died on 1st December and whose Requiem Mass was held in the Church of The Immaculate Conception, Stroud on 21st December.

To the family and friends of Sylvia Cox who died peacefully on December 3rd in the Richmond. A thanksgiving service was held on December 20th at Holy Trinity Church, Stroud.

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A wonderful evening of Goodwill

Local groups and businesses put on a wonderful show for this year's Goodwill Evening, and were rewarded with a fantastic turnout. Visitors followed the trail around Painswick, visiting alpacas, enjoying locally made hot food, listening to local bands and choirs, and browsing craft stalls. Children happily brought a present to Father Christmas when they lined up to see him, and the large number of gifts were collected at the end of the night by the Salvation Army. The Foodbank and Marah also benefitted from very generous food donations. Proceeds from the evening are being shared between two village charities, Play Painswick and The Painswick Centre.

A special mention and thanks is due to our main sponsor, ProcessMaker, for making the event possible.

Anne-Marie Randall & Susie Andrews

