

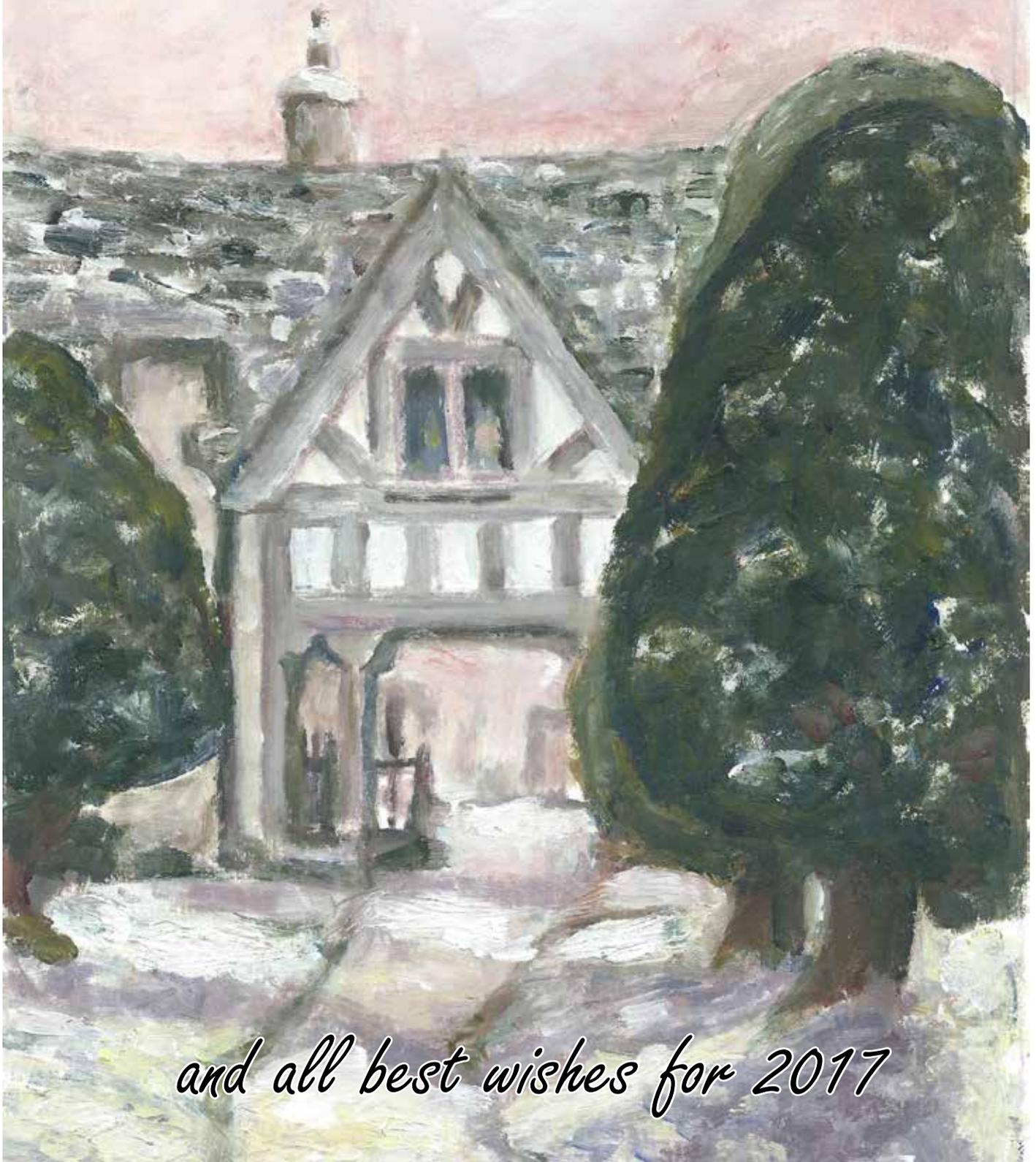
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Christmas Greetings to all our readers



and all best wishes for 2017

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Planning Committee meeting on November 16th 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.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

There were three members of the public present. They all wished to raise questions on the proposed Residential development of nine houses (including three affordable houses) at Stamages House, Stamages Lane. Mr Henry Hall raised a question on behalf of his neighbour concerning access onto the site from Stamages Lane. A previous request in 1988 had been refused. The two representatives from the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society wished to draw the Council's attention to the fact that the proposed development was outside the Settlement Boundary and should be treated as an "exception site". Chairman Rob Lewis advised the Meeting that the County Highways Dept had visited the site but had not formally commented on the development. He pointed out that the speed limit had been reduced to 20mph in 2009. The other point raised would be discussed during the Meeting.

The meeting was then opened by Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Roey Parker, Ian James and James Cross.

Matters requiring a decision

There were seven matters requiring a decision.

STAMAGES HOUSE, STAMAGES LANE

Residential development of nine houses (including three affordable houses). Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis opened the discussions by advising the Meeting that there were 20 plus objections registered from local residents. There then followed a lengthy discussion and although there was support in principle for the development

Cllrs raised several concerns as to why the application was not being treated as an "exception site", also drainage, geotechnical and highways issues. It was finally agreed that a vote be taken on the following proposals:

1. Those against the application
2. Those in support of the application
3. Those who neither supported nor objected to the application

The result of the vote was Against - 0, Support - 3, Neither - 3. The Chairman's casting vote was "Neither Support nor Object" but make the following comments:

1. Why has this application not been treated as an exception site as it is clearly outside the settlement boundary?
2. The Council, like many residents, do have concern about the access and would request a full Highways Report.
3. The Council is aware of the ground conditions with the soil being made up mainly of Fullers Earth, to at least 20 metres in depth. Therefore, it would request that a full geotechnical survey to support this application is provided.
4. The Council is also very concerned about drainage and sewage disposal from the site. It would like a full land drainage report before the application is considered any further.
5. Finally, given the Council's concerns it would ask that this application is considered by the Development Control Committee with all the above reports provided.

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, was asked to send a letter confirming the Council's decision, including the above points, to the District Council.

LAND AT BEECH LANE

Construction of an open riding arena. Unanimous support, subject to the condition that no flood lighting be permitted.

KINGS MILL HOUSE, KINGS MILL LANE (Planning and Listed Building)

Extension and alterations to the fenestration of dwelling. Erection of new detached summer house, detached studio and extension of detached garage building to provide garages, plant room and annexe. Alterations to boundary and retaining walls and installation of entrance gate. Extensions and alterations to the Grade II listed Mill House. Unanimous support.

BLAKEWELL FARM, EDGE ROAD

Dormer window in northern side elevation (retrospective). Unanimous agreement to object to the application. Not in character with the original plans for the barn conversion.

ROYAL OAK, ST MARYS STREET

Proposed internal alterations. Unanimous support

8 HYATT ORCHARD, HYETT CLOSE

Repollard Lime tree to previous cutting points and remove ivy. Unanimous support

PARISH COUNCIL

As the planned Parish Council Meeting had been cancelled the Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Stroud exhibition for local artist Closes on Sunday

Andy Lovell's enthusiastically received, one man printmaking show, 'Shifting', is on at The Museum in the Park, Stroud, until Sunday 4th December.

Comprised of silkscreen prints and monotypes, his subject matter embraces 'the land, the sea, and all in-between.' Andy lives and works in Painswick. For full details please visit his website www.andylovell.co.uk



Sue Ryder - thanks

Our very grateful thanks to all who supported the recent sale in Painswick in aid of the Sue Ryder Hospice in Leckhampton. Without the support of volunteers, local businesses, contributors and those who attended on the day, we would not have been able to raise the magnificent sum of £1,500.60.

We are aware that the Hospice has limited resources, therefore this donation will be very much appreciated.

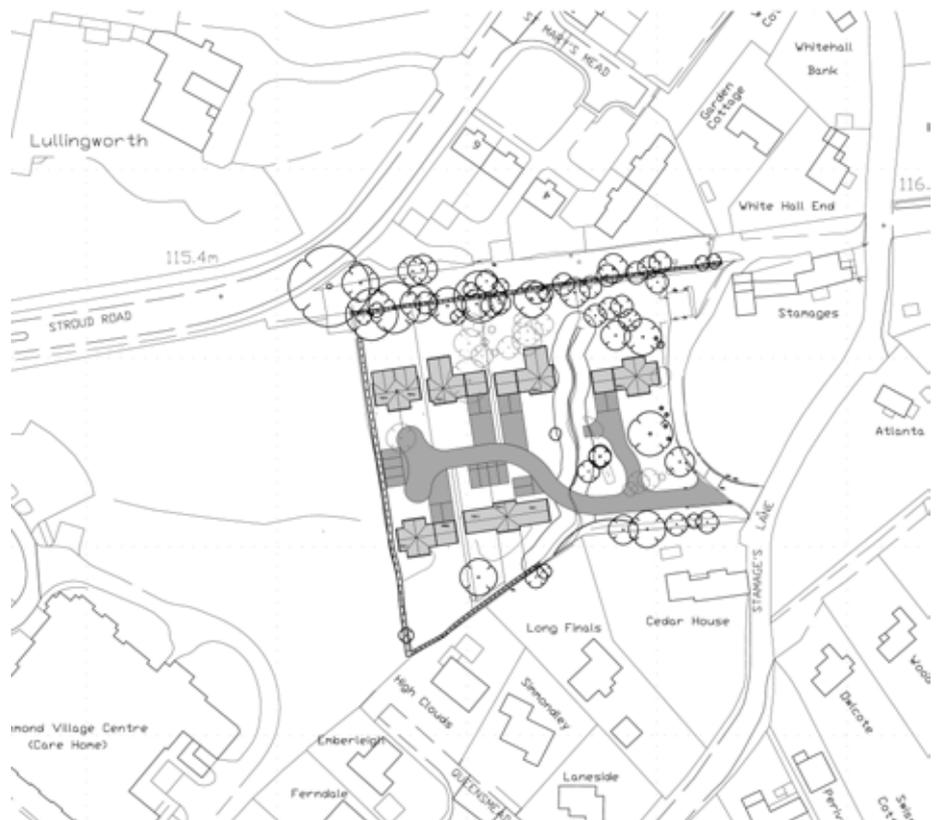
*Morna Holliday
Angela Follows
Meriel Middleton*

Stamages Lane Application for nine houses

A plan has been submitted to build nine new houses on a site between Stamages Lane and Richmond Village, to the south of St. Mary's Mead. The proposal has been put forward by Nigel Barnett, who owns, and lives next to, the site. He points out that the land is generally well-screened and that there is strong local demand for housing, particularly affordable housing. 'For many of our young people, who have grown up in the village, it's almost impossible to find anywhere to live locally, and they have to move away', he says. Three of the proposed units would be two bedroom houses, with 85 sq. m. of floor space or less, to be made available as affordable rented homes in perpetuity, for people meeting the eligibility criteria. Two others would be smaller three bedroom semi-detached houses for owner occupation.

Objectors say though that the site is outside the village settlement boundary, which has only just been agreed in last year's Stroud District Plan. They also point to problems with the access from Stamages Lane and to potential underground and surface water drainage problems. Hannah and David Lansdowne, who live just below the site, and many others, say that the lane is far too steep and narrow to take so much additional traffic. They see the proposal as over-development of a garden, which would have a detrimental impact on the character of the area.

The Parish Council Planning Committee reviewed the application at its November meeting (see report opposite).





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The Natural History of Christmas

Christmas came early for the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club and the Painswick Bird Club at their joint meeting in November when zoologist and wild-life photographer Dr Michael Leach explained the origins of our Christmas traditions.



He immediately surprised us with research which suggested Christ was in fact born in April. The early persecuted Christians 'hid' their celebrations in the Roman celebration of 'Saturnalia' - twelve days of feasting to welcome back the sun after the winter equinox. In pagan times and throughout the Middle Ages, it was the custom to decorate homes with holly (or 'holy' bush) and ivy as these shiny leaves were perceived to show a glint of light in those dark drab winter days, welcoming back the sun.

Michael explained that it was the Victorians who introduced the Christmas card with the ubiquitous Robin, and Charles Dickens who introduced the concept of the 'White Christmas'. He lived through 9 White Christmases as the 19th Century experienced a mini-Ice Age – with global warming there have only been 2 in the last 100 years.

Birds and poultry have long been traditional Christmas fare. Some wealthy people could enjoy roast swan or as did Henry VIII, a 'fourteen bird roast'! Prior to the popularity of the turkey, the usual fare was goose. From September onwards these were driven across the country to the Goose Fairs to be slaughtered for the Christmas Meal. They were only walked about a mile a day to let them graze on the way and to keep up their body weight.

In the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', Michael said the 'Five Gold Rings' referred to the early name for the pheasant, the colley or calling bird's name is a derivative of 'coaley' bird or the blackbird – baked in a pie for a feast, and the partridge in a pear tree is another Christmas delicacy – partridge in pear sauce.

Mistletoe was brought into the house to ward off evil spirits. There was a belief, however, that it will only grow on trees where lightning has struck. Propagation is in fact due to the Mistle(toe) thrush, the only bird to eat its berries. They pass through the bird to be excreted in a softened state ready to germinate in the branches of the trees. Besides the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe, it was expected a berry should be removed for every kiss. Fortunately we live in an area where mistletoe grows in abundance!

Penny Boydell

Ken Farlow

Last year an article appeared in the Beacon describing Ken Farlow's participation in the VE Day 70th anniversary celebrations in London. This was indeed a proud day for Ken and rightly so, representing, as he did, those many comrades who served in World War Two. We owe much to the likes of Ken for the freedoms and democracy we enjoy today. Sadly, Ken died on 10th November thereby just missing out on wearing his poppy on Remembrance Day, an occasion he had been looking forward to. His last outing was to the Croft School Fireworks which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Earlier this year the Beacon carried a further report on a series of momentous events for Ken starting with a visit to the Jet Age Museum, followed by an invitation to spend a day at RAF Coningsby and another at the Air Tattoo, Fairford and finally culminating in a flight in a two-seater airplane at Gloucestershire airport. For Ken this was a truly wonderful set of experiences, evoking wartime memories and great pride.

Ken was a lovely man, a joy to talk to and I feel very privileged to have been able to spend time with him in order to produce the Beacon articles.

Carol Maxwell



Ken Farlow meeting David Cameron in London

Jenkins Lane

Our front page article on the Washbrook Tunnel last month included a suggestion from Martin Slinger that the line of Jenkins Lane and Kingmill Lane had altered when the A46 was first built. This is challenged by Hywel James of New Street, who has researched the original construction of the road (research published in Painswick Chronicle 4, in 2000).

Both Charles Baker's plan for the construction of the road in 1818, and the 1820 map of Painswick, show the lane in the same place as it is today. The construction of the road simply sliced through the lane, as it was then, with the bottom part of it being renamed as part of Kingsmill Lane. The alternative line identified as an older route by Martin was probably the boundary of the field that was also sliced through.

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The Oak opens its doors again

The Royal Oak has been at the very heart of Painswick for hundreds of years and so there was some concern when its doors closed a few weeks ago. It is therefore good to see it open for business once again.

New landlords, Charlie and Lucy John, have done a magnificent job in refurbishing this historic public house, creating a very welcome space without spoiling the character of the building. By removing the dividing wall, which was not an original wall anyway, they plan to have one very spacious area in which to enjoy the atmosphere of this essentially traditional public house. With just one bar, there will be more room in which to move about and for the tables and settles to be arranged comfortably. And of course there is the lovely open fire in the centre.

Charlie and Lucy's aim is for the Oak to be a family-friendly pub. Basic pub food classics are on offer but it is not a formal restaurant. With good simple fare and a choice of good beers the atmosphere at the Oak is welcoming and comfortable. It is there to serve the whole community in the very centre of the village and Painswick is indeed lucky to have such a traditional pub at its heart.

Having been landlords of the Stirrup Cup in Bisley, Charlie and Lucy come to the Oak with valuable experience. Lucy is a local girl having been a pupil at the Croft School and Stroud High School. She is very keen therefore to see the Oak serving the whole of the local community, as it has done for centuries, but with modern comforts.

Although a considerable amount of work has already been done there remains much still to do and the intention is, that with the coming of spring, the exterior as well as the interior will be ready for everyone to enjoy. For the work to be completed, the Oak will be closed for most of January. However, it will be open until the New Year.

If you haven't already been in to see this lovely traditional village pub – and there are fewer and fewer of them nowadays – do go in and enjoy the atmosphere.

Carol Maxwell



Our Christmas Front Cover

The picture of the Churchyard and Lych Gate on the front cover is from a painting by Helen Baker. It was chosen from several entries sent in by artists and photographers. Our thanks to everyone who sent us their work.



Beryl Ireland

Another link to Painswick's past has disappeared with the death on 19th November of Beryl Ireland. Beryl was born in Wales, but came to Painswick at the age of 18 and married two years later. She lived in Painswick for almost 70 years, in Pullens Road and Gyde Road, before moving to Ashwell. Our commiserations to all her family and friends, including her daughter Sheila Barnfield, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Christmas draw for Subscribers and Advertisers



Every year, the Beacon holds a draw for all subscribers and advertisers. The winners this year are:

First prize: A bottle of Whisky to Mr. & Mrs. Liley of Edge

Second prize: A half-bottle of liqueur to Dr. & Mrs. Sibley of Kemps Lane

Third prizes of boxes of chocolates to Mr. & Mrs. Colby of Churchill Way and Mr. & Mrs. Simpson of Cotswold Mead.

Advertisers: A bottle of Brandy to the Three Gables Dental Centre, Cheltenham Road

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Painswick Ball 2017 Save the date - June 23rd

Following the success of the Painswick Ball in 2015, the next ball is planned for June 23rd next year. Put the date in your diary now!

David Nottingham

What's in a name?

Well, quite a lot, it would seem. Dr Simon Draper has for the past six years been a member of a team carrying out intensive in-depth research into the origins and meanings of British surnames. At the November meeting of the Society he gave a fascinating presentation on this research and its results, to be published in a new Oxford dictionary on the subject.



Before 1066 there were no surnames. Gradually French place names were adopted by the knight class. Later, some mediaeval surnames or nicknames appeared, usually locative, or topographical eg Ash meaning lives near an ash tree, but also occupational, status, relationship or behavioural eg Noble. These were not necessarily permanent and many people changed their names occasionally such as adopting an employer's name. They were then recorded as one name plus an alias.

In the 16th century parish records were introduced giving rise to new problems through spellings and aliases. In the 17th and 18th centuries the Welsh began to introduce names as the son of ... and during the 19th century thousands of Irish immigrants brought yet more new names; likewise multi-ethnic immigration in the 20th century. Nonetheless, the research shows that in many cases (60000 names are listed) a surname derives from just one family as DNA testing can now prove.

Previous dictionaries are not reliable compared with this new work which is based on stunningly thorough research. The distribution of names, especially noting where there are large clusters, is a good starting point. However, linguistic meanings and changes of spelling mean the subject is very complicated. This project is an excellent example of geography, history and linguistics working together to produce a fascinating picture of British surnames and Dr Draper's superb presentation evoked great interest in the subject.

Carol Maxwell

Library News

Happy Christmas from the Library Trustees and Volunteers! We wish everyone a great Christmas and Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing you in 2017! Meanwhile.....



Call for Library Volunteers

We are looking to add a few more people to the group of willing and able volunteers who run the library. If you like the idea of an approximately one-a fortnight session, please get in touch with Ann Castle on annus@waitrose.com or 01452 812798. Full training is given !

Hamper draw – 10th December

As indicated in last month's Beacon, anyone using their library card up to the date of the draw is entitled to a free raffle ticket for our seasonal hamper for adults, and a stocking for the children. The Draw will take place, combined with a Coffee morning (10.30 – 12.00) on Saturday 10th December. Be there at 11.30 for the draw itself.

12 days of Christmas in wool ! [see picture]

Visiting the Library and looking up opposite the door, you will notice the 12 Days of Christmas. This is the work of the Knit & Natter group who meet on the first Monday morning of the month in the Library. You will remember last year's nativity scene – this was sent via the charity "The Vine Trust" to South Africa, and was well received!

Library opening hours over Christmas /New Year

The Library will be closed from 1pm Friday 23 December, opening again on Wednesday 4 January at 10.00am. Book loans will be extended to cover that period.

New Books for December and January include:

Adult Non-Fiction: Jeremy Paxman, *A Life in Question*;
Michael Coveny *Maggie Smith A Biography*

Adult Fiction: Jeffrey Archer, *This Was the Man*; John Grisham, *The Whistler*; Lee Child, *Night School*; Ian Rankin, *Rather be the Devil* (the latest Rebus).

Junior Fiction: David Walliams, *The Midnight Gang*; Jeff Kinney, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Double Down*; Clare Balding, *The Racehorse who wouldn't Gallop*.

The full list, as usual, is at the Library desk

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Yew Trees WI



On two occasions recently the members of Yew Trees WI have been seen showing off their skills in the Skittle Alley at Painswick Centre. The first occasion was during a friendly derby with neighbouring Sheepscombe WI; the second the annual challenge to beat the men of Painswick's Probus Club.

At our October meeting Philip Wilkinson's talk on High Street Histories proved extremely interesting and entertaining. His photographs demonstrated how shop architecture has changed. If you look carefully you can still find evidence of markets and workshops of the Middle Ages, the commercialism that crept in during the Georgian period, the glitter of the Victorian High street and the elegance of Edwardian cities. We learnt how pioneering retailers like W. H. Smith and Jesse Boot created their brands and how the legacy they built can still be seen in the bricks and mortars of the high street today. In future his audience will not only be studying the contents of shop windows but will be stepping back and studying the buildings themselves.

In order to avoid clashing with Christmas holidays, the December meeting will be held earlier in the month than usual: on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms, when festive fun and entertainment will be the order of the day.

Celia Lougher

Theatre Club Year

Promising variety, the Painswick Theatre Club has delivered to its members, six visits this year and a seventh still to come. These have been to theatres as far as Oxford and as close as Malvern, to see productions as varied as Shakespeare's Cymbeline to Ayckbourn's Relatively Speaking. Numbers have varied from a disappointing 13 to an exceptional 34. The last visit of the year, still to come and offered to members and non members alike, will be to see the traditional Christmas ballet, The Nutcracker.

The Club already has plans for next year. Visits will include to see Griff Rhys Jones in The Miser, Shakespeare's Anthony and Cleopatra at Stratford, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time and Ayckbourn's pair of linked comedies, House and Garden, at the Watermill Theatre, Newbury.

For £10 a year, £15 for two at the same address, members can buy tickets for at least 5 visits, with coach travel, to see a variety of productions at theatres within easy travel of Painswick. Current members will be contacted to renew their membership. New members are welcome, so if you are not currently a member and wish to know more contact me or Judith, phone 812575 or email Judithmunro@aol.com

Ross Munro, Chair, Painswick Theatre Club

Gilbert and... Schumann

Gilbert and Sullivan: Sullivan's music combined with Gilbert's wit created comic operas with many well-known phrases still in use today like "a policeman's lot is not a happy one".



On 27th October, Mike Kerton played extracts from some of the best known: HMS Pinafore, The Pirates of Penzance, Patience, Iolanthe, The Mikado, The Yeoman of the Guard and finally the Gondoliers, all performed by famous household names of yesteryear – with the Glynbourne Chorus and Orchestra under the baton of one of the finest 20th century conductors, Sir Malcolm Sargent. What fun to remember them all!

Back to serious classics: on 10th November, Roderick Winfield reflected on the life and music of Robert Schumann - one of the "greats", a romantic dreamer, intellectual and almost as much of a poet as a music composer, with the piano his favourite instrument.

We heard recordings of some of his famous works: Papillons, Carnaval, Kreisleriana, Dichterrliebe, Piano Quintet in E flat, The Paradise, Piano Concerto in A minor, Genoveva Act 1, Symphony no.4.

And off to to Birmingham on 16th November to listen to three masterpieces from three centuries in one gloriously colourful concert, with the brilliant Lithuanian Mirga Grazinyte-Tyla conducting the Symphony Orchestra playing a first UK performance of the Lithuanian Serksnyte (Fires), Haydn's Symphony no.6 and Mahlers's Symphony no.1 - a rousing finale after an equally rousing introduction.

Ralph Kenber

Poppy Appeal 2016



The Appeal is over for another year and it remains for me to thank all those who contributed and collected. The latter are particularly to be applauded because it is becoming increasingly more difficult to recruit people to venture forth, house by house, in the cold and wet November weather. Ladies and gentlemen I salute you.

To those who contributed, many thanks. The total you raised in 2016 from villages in the Painswick Valley was £4444.08 which was only marginally below last years total.

To achieve this figure some notable contributions in Painswick were achieved by The Croft School, The One Stop Store, and one individual collector, supported by his young grandson who broke the record to achieve £205.00! On behalf of the Royal British Legion may I thank you all.

Russ Herbert, Local organiser



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Painswick Beacon News

The Cows have gone. Many thanks to Danny Partridge for his cows which have been on the Beacon for three months. They have been removed because they were losing condition since the grass has stopped growing and supplementary feeding is not allowed under the Natural England Conservation regulations. The results of grazing are obvious for all to see and we look forward to having the cows back towards the end of next summer.



The work in the Madams Wood track area has been completed, the recent sapling stumps treated and grass has been strimmed, raked and burnt. For details of the next work party please ring 07971633242 if you would like to come and help. I am pleased to report over the last few months we have had several new faces at work parties so our numbers are swelling.

There were 40 people who attended the AGM and after the formalities were completed there was a talk from Natural England on local conservation issues. This was followed by a Q & A session.

Ash die back has been found on multiple sites on the Beacon. It is a fungal disease which infects the tree through its leaves. Ash is a wonderful native tree, its timber is light, tough and flexible. Traditionally the wood is used for tool handles, wagon frames (Morgan car chassis), bell back stays, wheel spokes etc. It also makes excellent firewood. What a shame it will be if this tree disappears over the next few years. However, there is some evidence that a small percentage of trees may be resistant so all may not be lost.

Paul Baxter

Health and Social Care Make your views heard

Healthwatch Gloucestershire has recently been established, as part of a network of similar bodies throughout England, to act as a consumer champion for health and social care in the county, and give a voice to consumers.

If you have a relative currently resident in a local care home, work as part of a staff team in a home or receive care in your own home, and would like to share your experience of the care with us (good or bad), we would like to hear from you.

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Becky Endacott

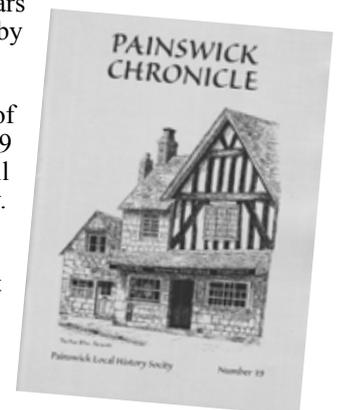
Painswick's fascinating past – Chronicle 19

Did you know that the Town Hall went up in flames in 1893? Did you realise that crime, ranging from the theft of turnip tops to murder, was rife in Painswick throughout the nineteenth century? These subjects are just two of several included in the latest edition of Painswick Chronicle, the annual journal of the Local History Society. Mrs Joan Wood, now the oldest Painswick bow-wow living in Painswick, provides some fascinating local facts and stories spreading back over more than 100 years and another article reminds us of the many allotments, now gone, which were extensively worked by many local families.

Painswick has a rich history for a small town and the Chronicles aim to add to our knowledge of all aspects from the light-hearted to more weighty subject matter. This latest edition is number 19 and can be obtained, as can previous editions, from Painswick Pharmacy or from Carol Maxwell tel.813387. A list of the subjects covered in each edition 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





Wick-Flix, Painswick's very own Community Cinema, held its first screening at The Painswick Centre on Friday 11th November, kicking off with Stephen Spielberg's War Horse. The evening was very well received with excellent feedback and the team behind this initiative is keen to build on this early success.

Wick-Flix offers much more than just a movie, providing a great opportunity to bring Painswick and the surrounding communities together in a relaxed and social environment. Entry is only £6.00, including a drink at the well-stocked bar, with tickets available on the door. Bar and kitchen open from 7.00pm with the movie starting at 7.45pm. Upcoming screenings are scheduled as follows:

Friday 6th January: Florence Foster Jenkins (Cert. PG)
Friday 3rd February: Bridget Jones's Baby (Cert. 15)

Full details on the dedicated Wick-Flix page at www.painswickcentre.com

David Chapman (david@painswickcentre.com)



Community Safety Team

The police, fire service, village agent and neighbourhood warden have now banded together to form the "Community Safety Team". From January they will hold a "surgery" in Painswick Town Hall on the morning of the 4th Wednesday of each month. More details next month.

Surgery News - Choice +

Whatever your personal views may be on David Cameron's time in office, one surprisingly underpublicised achievement is his allocation of significant funds to form the Prime Minister's GP Access Fund. This was designed partly to help meet his manifesto promise of a seven day NHS, but in no little part recognised the growing disparity between GP numbers and patient needs.

Locally this fund has been used to set up the GP Choice+ service, which is able to offer same day booked appointments with experienced local GPs at a range of locations, the closest being at the Minor Illness and Injury Unit (MIU) at Stroud Hospital. These appointments are accessed by telephoning the surgery, but at present the criteria preclude their availability at this or any other GP surgery premises.

Not all conditions are suitable for the service, but it is immensely useful to be able to offer these appointments in those cases that are and where same day access is required. The vast majority of patients are extremely satisfied with the care they receive, but understandably there are some who would prefer to see their own GP. Wherever possible, every effort will be made to accommodate this, but not infrequently it can be extremely difficult to do this on the same day. The reasons for this are twofold, both to do with safety. Firstly, those patients with urgent problems that are not suitable to be seen by Choice+ must be seen at the surgery and therefore take priority; and secondly, the steadily increasing number of very elderly and frail patients is accompanied by a corresponding increase in necessary home visits.

However hard we work, there are a maximum number of patients we can safely see per hour, and the more "extras" we squeeze in to an already fully booked surgery, the longer these frailest and sickest patients have to wait before we can visit. We are quite certain that none of our patients would knowingly put another patient at risk, particularly when a suitable alternative exists. To be frank, the partners worry less about those occasions when all the receptionists have to offer is a booked appointment in a few hours a few miles away with a local GP that we know and trust than how we will manage if the funding for this excellent service is ever withdrawn.

The Partners, Painswick Surgery

Painswick Gardening Club Around the world in 80 Minutes

It's 8.30am on a lovely, balmy mid November morning and I've just come in from the greenhouse in shirtsleeves.....but not for much longer I fear!



Bill Laws proved to be a madly passionate and enthusiastic speaker who delighted his audience with a chaotic whistlestop tour of artists' gardens around the world...with only a few plugs for the book he has written on the subject! So much information to take in....was I the only one feeling a tad exhausted and in need of refreshments?!

And talking of refreshments, by the time you're reading this, the Gardening Club will have held its Festive Drop In - judging by past events I anticipate it will have been a fun packed morning filled with laughter, delicious home made cakes and a spot of creative wreath making.

If you haven't already popped the PGC Christmas Quiz on your calendar do it now as even more laughter is guaranteed for Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. Join us and quizmaster, Head Gardener at Painswick Rococo Garden, Steve Quinton (we'd love to welcome non members too - just a nominal charge) for merriment, nibbles, crackers, wine and a bit of a quiz!

Must get back to the weeding before the frost holds them tightly in its grip for the Winter!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

Surgery Xmas Opening Hours

The surgery will be closed on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December. It will also be closed on Monday 2nd January 2017. Please ensure requests for repeat prescriptions are made in good time. 48 hours must always be allowed for requests to be processed. Hence any requests made after Wednesday 21st December may not be processed until the week after Christmas.

News from St Mary's

The season of Advent which started on Sunday 27th November heralds a new church year. There is a short rhyme which puts the first few weeks of the Christian year in context:

*Advent tells us Christ is near
Christmas tells us He is here
In Epiphany we trace
All the glories of his grace*

Traditionally, Advent is a season of penitence and preparation, but it is also a season of hope and expectation as we look forward to Christmas. Inevitably Christmas dominates the month of December.

However, there are other events happening this month. For instance, our new Bishop of Tewkesbury, The Right Reverend Robert Springett was consecrated at Canterbury Cathedral last month by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Robert is the ex Archdeacon of Cheltenham recently promoted to Suffragan Bishop. He will be welcomed to the Diocese in his new post on Sunday 11th December in a service at the Cathedral at 2-30pm to which all are invited.

Our Christmas celebrations get underway with Carols and Tea in the church rooms on 20th December at 2-30pm. This service is primarily for our more elderly members but others are free to attend and will be welcomed.

The traditional service of nine lessons and carols led by the choir will be on Sunday 18th December at 4pm. This a joyous occasion to prepare for Christmas and everyone is invited to attend and participate.

On Christmas Eve 24th December there will be a Crib Service in the church at 4pm led by the Vicar. Crib Services are very much family occasions when children are particularly welcome. It is a participative service for them so bring your children along.

Christmas Day is welcomed in by the Midnight Mass commencing at 11-30pm on Christmas Eve. The service this year will be led by Canon Michael Irving. For those unable to make the midnight service there is a family communion service on Christmas Day at 9-30am led by Revd Andrew Leach.

We hope to welcome many of you to some if not all of these Christmas services. Have a good Christmas.
David Newell

100 years ago ...

There was yet more news from the Front for Painswick, reported in Stroud News, December 1916: 'Private Ernest A. Skinner, of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, son of Mr. W.J. Skinner, of St Michael's Cottage, Painswick, is in the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, suffering from wounds in the head and right hand. This is the second time he has been placed hors de combat, and he has undergone two serious operations.'

Other men were occasionally discharged as unfit for service. The following report issued by the medical board in December 1916 is about Charles Edward Ryland. 'Been sent home twice, once with piles & once with myalgia. As regards his piles there is now no evidence. States he has pain in his back. Doctor cannot refute this. Otherwise a perfect specimen of unusually good muscular development & grand physique. In Doctor's opinion he is fit to go anywhere or do anything.'

Meanwhile, back home the Painswick Christmas Gift Fund was actively supported by a wide group of local people including the boys of Painswick School. The Parish Magazine reported that 119 parcels had been sent out with more to follow. Each parcel cost 7/9 'and consisted of a plum pudding, a whole chicken, a tin of sausages, half-a-pound of muscatels and a quarter-of-a-pound of almonds.'

These excerpts are taken from Painswick and the Great War, available at Painswick Pharmacy.

Carol Maxwell

PROBUS Women

Imagine living on your own in a silent world. Isolated, anxious, and feeling detached from everyday life. Exasperated by being unable to communicate effectively. Becoming solitary. Depressed. This, Elaine Clarkson from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf told us, was exactly what happened to Betty who was deaf as a child. She married, but her husband died quite suddenly, leaving her on her own. For ten years she hardly left home. Then a life changing appointment with her Audiologist who suggested she make application for a Hearing Dog. Eventually, Tango arrived and turned her life around, upside down and everywhich way! Two long walks a day! Tango's 'hearing dog' jacket made people aware of Betty's disability and regular communication and friendships soon developed.

Tango heard the alarm clock, doorbell, telephone, cooker, fire alarm and other noises notifying her friend accordingly. Tango's presence alleviated Betty's anxiety. They became devoted to each other. Elaine had many similar stories to impart and the dedication of the volunteers who work so hard for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (www.hearingdogs.org.uk) impressed us all. There is a long waiting list for hearing dogs and each dog costs around £5,000 to train. Deafness is the most widespread disability in the Country and the least understood. There is no Government funding, so volunteer's donations are vital and extremely valued. To a deaf person, dogs like Tango are priceless!

No meeting December (our Christmas Lunch). Next meeting Painswick Church Rooms, 9th January, 2017 - Looking at pictures by Simon Trapnell from Nature in Art. We love to welcome new Ladies. Guest welcome £3. 10.00 for 10.30am

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Well deserved recognition for Holly and Emma

Regional Success for Bespoke Flower Company

The Bespoke Flower Company has been running very successfully in Painswick now for several years. With a well deserved reputation for excellence it is essentially a bespoke service for weddings, impressively managed by Holly Lynall and Emma Smith, both of Painswick. Holly and Emma are therefore delighted to report that they have just won not one but two very prestigious awards. Their business is the regional winner of both the English Wedding Awards and the Wedding Industry Awards. This means that they will now go forward to the Wedding Industry National Awards to be held in London in January.

This achievement is a real accolade. It is an acknowledgement of the undoubted skill and acumen with which they have managed the business. All their work comes through recommendations and the many weddings for which they cater take place in a real variety of venues. Locally, and in addition to the wedding service they provide, they are the in-house florist for The Falcon's Nest and their flowers can be purchased every week from Wednesday onwards at The Falcon's Nest (the little shop behind The Falcon). They are also happy to make up bouquets to order with free delivery in Painswick. The work is all done locally and they have recently moved into a new workshop located in the chapel rooms at the cemetery near the golf course. Both are fully trained.

Holly and Emma have also for the past few years successfully organised an annual Christmas wreath-making evening and this year is no exception. It will take place at the Town Hall on 13th December starting at 7.30pm. The cost is £30 which includes all the materials, mince pies and mulled wine, and of course at the end of this lovely evening you have a beautiful wreath to take home. Numbers are limited and anyone interested should contact Holly on 813675 or Emma on 247403 or email info@thebespokeflowercompany.co.uk

Our congratulations to Holly and Emma on such a wonderful achievement and fingers crossed for the national finals.



Holly and Emma at the award ceremony

Carol Maxwell

Painswickians of the Year

Ahead of the announcement of a new Painswickian of the Year in January, here is a reminder of previous holders of the title.

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| 1985 Colleen Hayne | 1996 Christl & Quentin Mathias | 2007 Martin Slinger |
| 1986 Hazel Hendry | 1997 Patrick Daly | 2008 Iris McCormick |
| 1987 Phyl Crooks & Robert Payne | 1998 Jennie Oakley | 2009 June Gardiner & Sue Coates |
| 1988 Peggy Perrins & Paddy Wildy | 1999 Margaret & Charles Say | 2010 Helen Baker |
| 1989 Kathleen Wear & June Crane | 2000 Barbara & John Hulme | 2011 Midge Leney |
| 1990 Fred Semark | 2001 Bill & Phil Varah | 2012 Anne Kenber |
| 1991 Carol Parker | 2002 Joyce Tranter | 2013 David & Rita Bishop |
| 1992 Margie Hamilton | 2003 Pam Bailey | 2014 David & Andrea Linsell |
| 1993 Freda Cox | 2004 Hilda Musty | 2015 Ann Williams |
| 1994 Dr Jim Hoyland | 2005 Jack & Rose Smith | 2016 ? |
| 1995 Pam Musty | 2006 Michael Buttrey | |



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Christmas shopping



Kate Rich's shop at the top of Tibbiwell

Interesting and unique – Painswick's shops most certainly are. Finding that something which is different as a Christmas gift is not easy but each of our local retailers offers ideas and products which are not to be found elsewhere. And surely shopping locally is a joy compared to jostling with the crowds in a big town.

Kate Rich's tiny gem of a shop in Tibbiwell is packed enticingly with lovely items of glass, china, jewellery, linen, pictures and ornaments, both vintage and contemporary. A new venture is architectural stonework which is proving very popular. Kate's mum, Lottie, is still very much involved in running the shop and Kate now also offers a dog sitting and dog walking service. Do phone or pop in if you are interested in this service.

Approche on the corner of St Mary's Street offers a lovely range of special knitwear and an interesting selection of different sorts of scarves. There are also handbags, cushions, books and prints for sale, all displayed attractively around the shop. Items of furniture, including armchairs, are also on sale.

Best One has the usual reliable range of provisions, magazines and children's confectionery, but additionally for the festive season there are special offers on beer and wine. Christmas cards, special chocolates, Painswick cards, key rings and fridge magnets are also available. Best One will be closed on Christmas Day.

ACP in the Painswick Centre has a very attractive display of items, all for sale, and including cards, candles, pottery, jewellery, slippers, snoods, wrist warmers, craft kits, prints and decorations. Profits from the sale of Andrew Davidson's products, which are based on a Painswick woodcut theme, help to fund an art student.

Longfield, our charity shop in Bisley Street, is packed with goodies for all ages including games, crockery, decorations, books, toys, DVDs, bric-a-brac, small electrical items and charity cards. There is also an excellent selection of party and evening wear for men and women and all items here offer very good value for money.

Painswick Woodcrafts in New Street offers beautiful and skilfully crafted indigenous wood items, some of practical use and others purely decorative. The workmanship involved is first class and the resulting quality is second to none.

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

The Falcon's Nest situated behind the Falcon has a very desirable range of artistic goods including prints of Kerry's own beautiful drawings. This little shop also offers jewellery, candles, socks, cards, art, soaps, special chocolates, local preserves and honey, mugs, jugs, tea towels, cushions, throws, gift wrap and fresh flowers.



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Painswick Pharmacy offers, in addition to its usual broad range of quality toiletries, many extra interesting gift ideas. There are some lovely hot-water bottles and wheat wrap warmers, men's toiletry gift sets, lots of lovely children's packs, extra special toiletries, books, edibles, gift wrap and gift bags. The Pharmacy will open as normal on 24th December and New Year's Eve, then on Tuesday 3rd January.

Pete's Fish will be on sale in the Town Hall car park every Friday morning 8.30-11.00 up to Christmas. In addition to his usual top quality produce he will be offering specials to order, such as whole turbot and whole sides of salmon, sliced and trimmed. Order forms will be available each Friday and if you want something especially, he will do his best to get it for you!

Hair Connection has some attractive special hair product packs on sale for Christmas and **Hair at the Fleece** in Bisley Street will be open for business on Thursday and Friday in each week after Christmas and New Year.

Eating out is a joy in Painswick. We are fortunate to have a variety of cafes and restaurants, each offering a different, excellent experience. **Olivas**, open every day 10.00-4.00, will be serving Christmas extras such as mince pies along with the usual fare, and there is a great selection of beautifully packaged gifts (edibles and crockery) with a special Mediterranean theme. **The Patchwork Mouse** with many festive treats and Christmas specials in the way of beverages and food on offer, plus some lovely cards, will close only on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. **The Bistro** is fully booked for Christmas Day but will be open from 26th December to 2nd January as normal with a special New Year's Eve menu for which booking is advisable. **The Falcon** will open on Christmas Day for drinks at lunchtime, on Boxing Day from 10.00-4.00 with food from 12.00-2.30, on 31 December from 10.00-4.00 with food from 12.00-2.30 and the same on 1st January. Please contact Neil or Alex for further information. **The Royal Oak** will open on Christmas Day from 12.00-2.00 for drinks and on Boxing Day from 12.00-4.00 with food, normal hours with food on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day opening will be from 12.00-4.00 with food.



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Last Bow for Painswick Players

At their AGM on October 18th, the remaining active members of Painswick Players decided with great reluctance that the time had come for the Players to close down. Our final play, "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" by Jeffrey Archer, staged in May 2013, was our 90th anniversary show – a polished production enjoyed by all too few. Since then it has proved impossible to find a director and, due to age or ill-health, the number of available actors has fallen to a point where casting a play is no longer viable.

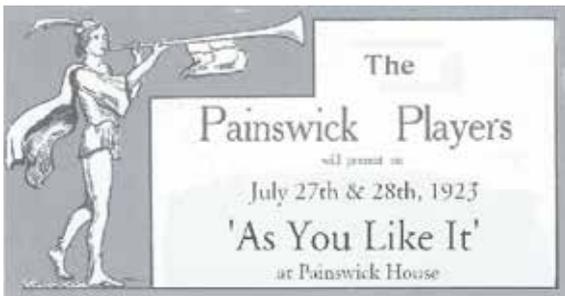
Attempts to recruit new members have proved unsuccessful – perhaps the time for amateur drama in a community such as Painswick has passed. Everyone has so many demands on their time; there are now many competing forms of entertainment and Painswick has the particular problem of an aging population, understandably unwilling to go out at night.

Taking all these things into account, it seemed sad and undignified to allow Painswick Players, with its proud 93 year history, to linger on as an empty name with no substance. Our remaining equipment and funds will be shared among other local groups to continue our aim of encouraging drama.

The closure of Painswick Players means the end of a tradition which began in 1923, when Miss Lucy Hyett produced "As You Like It" in what we now know as the Rococo Garden at Painswick House. Many more productions followed; open air summer productions, very often Shakespearean, in the Painswick House garden and winter plays in the Institute – now the Painswick Centre. The Painswick Players built the Institute stage and constantly improved facilities there throughout their existence. All the theatrical equipment installed in the Beacon Hall (at a cost of several thousand pounds) has now been donated by the Players to the Centre Trustees for the benefit of Hall users and the local community.



Dave Kilmister and Jean Burgess in the final production in 2013



Announcement of the very first production in 1923

Early productions featured large casts with much of the village involved. Miss Hyett acted as well as producing; giving a memorable performance as Lady Macbeth in 1936 when the Players defied theatrical superstition and performed Shakespeare's Scottish Play. Additionally, she had a skill for finding talent; most notably Julian Slade, who was later to compose "Salad Days" and other musical shows. Julian remained our President until his death in 2006. Writing on our 70th anniversary in 1993, he has left us a description of a Lucy Hyett rehearsal for Sheridan's "The Critic" in 1948:-

"At the last Dress Rehearsal in The Institute, Miss Hyett sat there, watching us "doing our nuts". She never spoke. She never laughed – never even cracked a smile. She never stopped me, or anyone else. At the end of the rehearsal – in some kind of desperation- I went forward on behalf of us all to say: "Well Miss Hyett, what do you think?"

She got up, came forward, looking more like Lady Macbeth than anyone I'd ever imagined, and said: "I think it's frightfully funny." With that brief blessing we were able to carry on to a thundering success."

Even a World War did not clip her dramatic wings – performances continued as a way of keeping up morale. Miss Hyett staged her final play "The Holly and the Ivy" in the Institute at Christmas 1961, while she was clearly ill. She recruited Derek Hodges, new Head of Painswick School as deputy producer to assist her. Miss Hyett died early in 1962 and Painswick Players greatly felt the loss of their formidable founder-producer, taking a decision to stop performing under that name. In the summer of 1962, the remaining Players and some new recruits reconstituted themselves as the Country Players. They were to entertain the village with twice yearly offerings of drama and comedy for the next 20 years. Key figures in these years were Derek Hodges, Colin and Naomi Maclaurin Jones, Mervyn Ward and Geoffrey and Dorothy Cox. Their first play was "The Camel's Back" by Arnold Hellsby and in 1980 a huge cast became involved in an ambitious staging of "Alice in Wonderland".



Lucy Hyett as Lady Macbeth in 1935 in front of the Red House in the Rococo Gardens

When the 1980's began, the Country Players had been performing for nearly two decades and were feeling the need to recruit new members. This in turn led to a wish to identify more closely with our home village. As a result, the Country Players changed their name to Painswick Dramatic Society (PaDS) in 1982. We staged our first musical, "Salad Days" in 1984, with Julian Slade, the composer and our President, in the first night audience. This was followed the next year by a production of "Guys and Dolls". In time some Players' regulars moved on for career reasons and the company became smaller again, but the recruitment of Hayne Ryan, a professional actor living in Painswick, to act as director ensured that PaDS productions remained polished, high quality affairs. However by 1994 numbers had dropped still further and PaDS were "resting".

It was the arrival of Jack and Jean Burgess in Painswick, which sparked a revival in 1997. Jack's background in AmDram acting and production, together with his ability to draw people in, meant the beginning of a new era for PaDS. Initially revues were staged in

the Church Rooms; then, as confidence grew, PaDS returned to the Institute to stage full length plays again.

These were times of change as the Institute became the Painswick Centre and PaDS marked the millennium by finally reverting to its original name of Painswick Players, also reviving the original “Trumpeter” logo designed by Miss Margaret Hyett. In the difficult times after the closure of the Institute Club, the continued use of the Institute building as a public facility was by no means a certainty and it was the involvement of local groups – not least the Painswick Players – which ensured that the Painswick Centre survived.

Memorable productions in the new millennium included a polished production of “An Inspector Calls” and “A Man for all Seasons”, which was performed in the impressive setting of St. Mary’s Church. It also became the custom for the Players to provide some entertainment at the annual Victorian Day. Life imitated art when the Players performed “Stepping Out” in 2002; a play about a tap dance class. In order to acquire the skills to perform it, the cast found a teacher and formed a tap class! In these years also, Young Painswick Players (YiPPies), run by Lesley Wolowiek, gave regular performances.

Our inspiration was of course Jack Burgess and we were privileged to give the very first performances, (world premieres, no less!), of two of his original pantomimes: “The Dragon’s Tale” in 2002 and “Snow White and the Seven Not Particularly Tall People” in 2008. They have subsequently been published. It was Jack who suggested we celebrate our 80th anniversary in 2003 with a “Living Legends” evening, when a cast of past and present Players performed extracts selected from eight decades of past productions to a packed hall. The evening included the unforgettable experience of performing a number from “Salad Days” accompanied on the piano by Julian Slade himself. Another memorable anniversary was the centenary of the Painswick Centre, which we marked with a Music Hall in 2006.



Julian Slade with the cast of 'Living Legends' in 2003

Jack's death in 2009 was a great loss to his family, his many friends and to the Players. Our productions continued until 2013; at times when casting became difficult we “borrowed” from other local societies. Many friendships have been formed and memories made over the course of more than 200 productions in 90 years. Everyone who has been involved will have their own particular memories.

So many people were part of the Players over the years, both onstage and behind the scenes. We have been grateful for their friendship and the good times we enjoyed as Painswick Players. As the lights fade and the final curtain falls, perhaps the last word should go to Julian Slade. Writing on our 70th anniversary, he said: “Productions ... I have seen have demonstrated beyond any doubt that the high standards set by Lucy Hyett have been nobly maintained. It is something for which Proud Painswick can be justly proud.”

Andrew Leach

Christmas 2016					
special services and events throughout the area					
compiled by Churches Together Around Painswick					
Sunday	December 11th	4.00 pm	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Carol service
Thursday	December 15th	2.00 pm	Brookthorpe Hall	Brookthorpe	Carol service
		6.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	The Croft School, Carol Service
Saturday	December 17th	7.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Painswick Singers Xmas Concert . (Tickets £10 on door or at Patchwork Mouse, children free)
Sunday	December 18th	4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Service of Lessons & Carols
		6.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Carol Service with Gospel Choir
		6.30 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Carols by candlelight
Monday	December 19th	7.00 pm	Brookthorpe Hall	Brookthorpe	Carol service
Tuesday	December 20th	2.30 pm	Painswick Church Rooms	Painswick	Carols & Tea
		8.00 pm	Woolpack Inn	Slad	Carols
Saturday	December 24th	4.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Crib Service
Christmas Eve		4.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Crib Service
		11.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Midnight Service
		Sunday	December 25th	8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Therèse, RC
Christmas Day		9.30 am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion
		9.30 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Family Communion
		10.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Christmas Praise
		10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Christmas Meeting
		11.00 am	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Christmas Eucharist
Sunday	1st January 2017	9.30 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Benefice Communion
		6.00 pm	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Carols by candlelight
For details of services at St Peter's Grange see www.prinknashabbey.org or the notice board in the foyer of the RC Church in Friday Street, Painswick					
Christmas Blessings to one and all					



Wreaths on the war memorial after the Remembrance services

No joy on Route 61 buses

The possibility of newer and more reliable buses being passed down from other routes onto Route 61 (reported in our September issue) seems to have disappeared for the foreseeable future.

Trevor Radway

Christmas Greetings

The Chairman and Members of Painswick Parish Council wish all residents and businesses a very happy Christmas, and a successful 2017.

Martin Slinger

Croft School News

All pupils from The Croft have been very generous in raising money for charity in the last month. Year Six pupils sold poppies this year and the school raised £190, which is more than in previous years. Children from The Croft attended remembrance service at St. Mary's and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

The reception pupils and staff made cakes in class to sell alongside donations from other year groups in aid of Children in Need. The whole school came in non-uniform, including Super-Heroes in Reception and had tea and cakes followed by a teddy bear hunt around school (luckily all bears were found before home-time!) Some Year Six pupils ran a raffle – organising the whole event themselves. In total we have raised a staggering £493.



Connie and Faye Allen lay a wreath

The Key Stage Two pupils from The Croft visited Cadbury World recently to support learning in their current topic – The Mayans. They all really enjoyed the day and returned tired but with lots of chocolate! Key Stage One pupils have been busy writing stories and persuading friends to visit their own theme parks! They have been learning about why the Great Fire of London spread quickly and investigated 'which is the bounciest ball?' The Reception pupils have used the outdoor area for a bear hunt and have been learning how to write different numbers.

As Christmas is now getting closer rehearsals have begun for the Carol Concert and Nativity performances. We would love an audience for the dress rehearsal of our Nativity so if you are free on Monday 5th December at 2pm please come along to school and join us.

Rebecca Gore, Head Teacher

A man's wallet was found near the end of the school day on Thursday 17th November in the road outside the school. If anyone knows who it might belong to please contact the school office on 01452 812479.

Vacancy for a Governor at The Croft School

We are looking for someone to fill a vacancy we have on the Croft School's Governing Body. The post is for a co-opted governor, and the normal term is for four years.

In order to complement the skills we already have, someone with knowledge of, or links to local business or enterprises, or financial skills would be useful. However, even if you do not have these skills we would like to hear from you if you are interested in helping to ensure that our local school is the best it can be.

Please contact the Head, Mrs Rebecca Gore on 01452 812479, or Dr Ian Cridland, Chair of Governors on 01452 812626 or iancridland@btinternet.com if you would like to learn more.

Ian Cridland

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Tales of the Severn

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club will be welcoming historian Dr John Chandler to their next meeting at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 7th December in the Painswick Centre.



John is the Editor of the latest volume of the Gloucestershire County History covering the Vale of Gloucester. He will tell the fascinating story of the Severn through the lives of the people who lived on its banks. From Maisemore and Ashleworth, to Minsterworth and Elmore, John will explore everyday parish life from medieval times to the Industrial Revolution, with flooding and fishing to cider-making and river crossing. John kindly agreed to step into the breach when I learnt that the travels plans of our original speaker, the polar historian Dr David Fletcher, had changed and he would still be in the Antarctic. I hope to agree a new date in 2017 for him to talk to us.

Our first meeting of 2017 will be on Wednesday 4th January at 2.30 pm when Tim Mars of Stroud Civic Society will make the case for 'Brutalism in Architecture', the much maligned and misunderstood child of modernism, examples of which are fast disappearing from our towns and cities.

Our meeting at the Hub in Minchinhampton on Tuesday 13th December at 2.30 pm will include seasonal fare provided by members, with entertainment from Morwenna Rose Louttit-Vermaat and her husband Creag from Nailsworth who make and play Celtic Harps.

Contact me for information about our meetings and membership as we prepare our plans for next year's excursions including Guernsey and the smaller Channel Islands, the medieval and modern in Leicester, the prehistoric at Avebury, the Jacobean at Stanway, the Italianate at Iford near Bradford on Avon, and much more.

Jane E Rowe 813228

What are your New Year's resolutions?

If you have a little time on your hands and are thinking you'd like to do something different in 2017, volunteering at the Rococo Garden might be just the ticket. Our friendly team is looking for new recruits to help provide our 30,000 visitors per year with the best possible experience when they visit the Garden.

If you would like to get out more and meet people, you may enjoy volunteering at our welcome desk, meeting and greeting visitors and selling goodies from our shop. In this role, you are the first person our visitors will encounter when they arrive, providing the smiling public face of this unique and special place.

If you are looking to develop your gardening skills, you might find your place amongst the dedicated team of garden volunteers who work alongside Steve, our Head Gardener. They work tirelessly throughout the year to keep every corner of our magical valley in tip-top condition.

We also have a team of dedicated volunteers who support us in the office with marketing, events and general administration. In fact, we can use almost any skill you may be prepared to offer - why not ring us and see how you could fit in?

Volunteers receive a full induction and training before taking on any of these tasks. Many learn new skills and make friends as they volunteer, and have a great time being part of a busy team of enthusiastic, like-minded people. As a thank you, our volunteers have free entry to the Garden as well as a range of other benefits in recognition of the time that they give.

We could not open Rococo without the help and support of our team of volunteers. Please, if you have a few hours to spare, join us - you will be warmly welcomed, as I was. To find out more, contact our Garden Director, Dominic Hamilton, on 01452 813204 or email info@rococogarden.org.uk

Finally, we would like to wish all our visitors and Friends past, present and future a very happy Christmas, and we hope to see you when we re-open on 10th January 2017.

Tim Toghill, Volunteer and Trustee

Mobile Phones while driving

Gloucestershire Police launched a campaign in November to target motorists using a mobile phone when driving, aiming to change social attitudes as well as behaviours. Over the last three years 2701 drivers have been prosecuted for using a mobile phone when driving in Gloucestershire.



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.

Abigail Smith, chairman of the Traffic Committee writes:

May I clarify my remarks in response to Ross Munro's question at the Parish Council, reported last month.

It is not that the data from the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) is not reliable, simply that we do not fully understand it as yet. Also, we do not know the distance at which the units are currently recording the speeds, as opposed to the 100m reported. This is a key part of what we need to better understand, to help set the data collected in context. Finally, I assured the meeting that the installation of the VAS did not make it harder to make a case for further traffic calming measures, as suggested by Mr Munro in his question.

Virginia Falconer of Kemps Lane writes:

I disagree that the Vehicle Activated Signs at each entrance to Painswick on the A46 have had no effect. We drive into Stroud and back perhaps 20 times a week, and out of Painswick towards Cheltenham perhaps 5 times a week, and we have noticed a marked improvement in reduced driving speeds since these were installed. We have also noticed better compliance with the 20 m.p.h. restrictions. Getting people to slow to 30 encourages them to go down to 20 m.p.h. I oppose speed humps on the A46 - their slowing effect on fire engines and ambulances can result in deaths.

Jonathan Choat of New Street writes:

How unfortunate that Abigail Smith, now being on a committee, is seemingly infected with bureau-speak, an extreme form of ignoring the question and prevaricating with irrelevant obfuscation. Thus Ross Munro's questions about the effect on the 20mph areas of the Council-sponsored, but largely disregarded 30mph signs, were palmed off with 'careful thought', 'misunderstanding of data', 'concern over 20mph zone' and the 'VAS has an important role'. I can report that, 3 years on, the speeding traffic past my house in New Street is as bad as ever and that nothing has been achieved because they will not recognise the simple, preventive solution - speed bumps - affordable speed bumps, not the extortionately costed Council ones.

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Sports reports

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Painswick Golf Club

Are you looking for a Christmas present for that difficult-to-buy-for family member? Have you thought of a golfing present – perhaps a round of golf for two or membership of the club? Christmas offers (available for purchase up to 25th December but may be used up to 31st March 2017) start at £20 for a round of golf for two. For more details please contact Ann Smith on 01452 380279.

In the Seniors' section, a new Captain (John Bentley), vice Captain (Mike Horton), Treasurer (Henry Hall) and Competitions Secretary (Peter Rowe) were elected at the Seniors AGM on 3rd November. Many thanks were given to John Courts (Captain last year), and to Stewart Price and Duncan Toase who stood down after many years of excellent work as Treasurer and Competitions Secretary respectively.



New Seniors Captain, John Bentley

The first prize for the Seniors Open, which was generously donated by The Falcon (Painswick) and The Stirrup Cup (Bisley), was presented to the winners, Nick Chapman and Geoff Laney, by John Courts. The Seniors Stableford competition on 10th November was won by John Hitchcock with 42 points.

The early morning fog cleared just in time on 15th November to allow a joint Ladies/Seniors Texas Scramble to take place. The most enjoyable social competition was won by Phil Taylor, Martin Taylor, John Hitchcock and Peter Rowe. Congratulations to all the winners.

The Golf Club welcomes visitors to the course and for refreshments and meals in the clubhouse. Before starting your round of golf, please pay your green fee at the clubhouse. For details of Christmas lunches and opening times, please contact Mike Horton on 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe

Right: John Courts congratulates Nick Chapman and Geoff Laney



Professional World ranking for Alicia Barnett

Following four years attending Northwestern University (USA) on a tennis scholarship Alicia graduated with a 2:1 BA degree in Political Science (with a minor in Business). Her years playing for Northwestern across the USA were a great success with her team winning their Big Ten Conference on two occasions.

Since returning home to Painswick this summer, Alicia has begun her career as a professional tennis player, competing in \$10,000 tournaments. To achieve a world ranking, a player must win a main draw match in three separate tournaments, possibly having already fought their way through the qualifying rounds. Her attempt to do this meant committing to the professional tour and therefore a lot of international travel, perseverance and dedication. This all paid off, as in October, Alicia achieved this feat and now has a professional world ranking in both Singles and Doubles.

Alicia has also been selected to play for the Great Britain Universities Team against France, which will take place in Lille (France) in early December. If successful, she will travel to China to compete in the World University Championships.

Jess Barnett



Alicia in action



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Kim is a highly qualified yoga teacher and much respected locally for her yoga teaching generally. The new classes will be held in the Painswick Centre starting at 6.30pm.

Carol Maxwell

Jottings for November 2016

After more than twenty years, I am giving up snow ploughing. The plough belongs to the County Council, but the tractor belongs to me and the equipment has to pass an inspection every year plus a check of your insurance. When out I mainly ploughed from Cranham down the Painswick Valley to Stroud, and the Slad Valley, so Painswick, Edge, Pitchcombe, Sheepscombe, Slad, Elcombe and the Vatch plus other roads.

Snow is quite hard to push, and you could be out for many long hours. Most lanes and roads I covered were tapered and you had to keep the plough some two inches above the road so as not to hit obstacles.

Steep roads cause problems on how not to lose control on ice. When coming out of Elcombe you stopped by hitting the bank with the plough, transferring to the other side of the road and then turning into the Vatch, to avoid going down over the big bank. Coming out of Pitchcombe it was always a problem to avoid hitting parked cars. In Sheepscombe I ploughed to the far end, but not on the way back to avoid pushing the snow against garden walls and over into the gardens.

There were always a fair number of complaints, about blocking entrances or whatever, and the rewards were not much, other than public Service. At times though, you were wanted everywhere at the same time.

Martin Slinger

Vandalism at Cemetery?

The Parish Council is investigating the cause of a fire at the bottom of the Cemetery on the Beacon, which seems to have taken place on 5th November.

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Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat... However this is also the time of the year that temperatures drop and we need to ensure that we and our neighbours are not at risk. So what should we do? –

Stay warm. The NHS advise that your home should be kept at a temperature of a minimum of 18 degrees C. If this is not possible throughout the house, at least one room should be kept at this temperature and your bedroom at night.

Eat well. Eating good food, keeping warm with soup and eating regularly through the day is essential to keep warm from within.

Keep Active. Keeping moving throughout the day – just 250 steps an hour will help your circulation and wellbeing.

Wrap up. Wrap up warm, inside and out. Wear lots of thin layers - clothes made from cotton, wool or fleecy fibres are particularly good and help to maintain body heat.

Help each other. If you can, check on older neighbours or relatives to make sure they're safe and well. Make sure they're warm enough, especially at night, and have stocks of food and medicines so they don't need to go out during very cold weather.

Keep safe. Wear shoes with a good grip to prevent slips and falls when walking outside. If possible, stay inside during a cold period if you have heart or respiratory problems.

- Get your heating system serviced every year by a qualified engineer to ensure it's running safely and efficiently. Never block air vents and if you have wood-burning, coal or gas heaters make sure there's adequate ventilation.
- If water pipes freeze they can burst. Make sure you know where the main stopcock is and check that it's easy to turn so you can turn off the water if you need to.

- Make sure you claim all the financial support you can to help with heating bills. Grants available include the Winter Fuel Payment and Cold Weather Payment.
- Keep a mixture of salt and sand handy to put on steps or paths in icy weather. Consider fitting a grab rail if you have steps at your front or back door.
- Keep simple cold, flu and sore throat remedies in the house. Follow up your GP's invitation to have a flu jab. Order repeat prescriptions in plenty of time, particularly if bad weather is forecast.
- Keep basic food items in the cupboard or freezer in case it's too cold to go shopping. You could also do your food shopping online and get it delivered to your door.
- Keep a torch handy in case you lose power and keep your radio, mobile phone, laptop or tablet fully charged, so you can use the battery power if there's no electricity. If there is a power cut you can call 105 for free.

Remember if you need advice your Community Safety Team is here to help –

Gill Cannon – Village Agent 07776 245767 gcannon@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

Carol Novoth - Neighbourhood Warden 07970 250343 carol.novoth@stroud.gov.uk

Paul Barrett – Fire Service 08001804140

Debbie Campbell – Police Community Support 01452 753511 debbie.campbell@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful Happy New Year to you all.
Gill Cannon

PROPERTY REPORT for November from Hamptons International

As we now head towards the end of 2016 and get ready to dig out our advent calendars it seems like a good opportunity to look back at a couple of the year's events and for me to plug our latest Hamptons competition.

Who could have imagined at the beginning of the year that we would now be heading towards the UK leaving the EU and Donald Trump becoming the President of the USA. It is still far too early to know the impact of either of these two events and in both cases the reality will be that life will still go on regardless. We will have to seize and build on the opportunities that open up for us – whether this be as individuals, communities, companies or nationally.

One thing you can rely on is that Hamptons International is here to assist you with all your property requirements. Having agreed sales on more houses in and around Painswick than any other agent during 2016* we are looking forward to forging new relationships and reinforcing long-standing ones within the local community. Looking back through our archives, it is astonishing how much has changed in our industry over the years – much of which I

have experienced first hand for myself. We have always been at the forefront of changes in the industry and I am confident that 2017 will be no exception. Here in Painswick, our four full-time staff have countless years of experience in the industry that we are happy to put at your disposal with the added benefit of the support and backing from our marketing, research, mortgage and conveyancing teams, all of whom our clients have access to in-house.

This Christmas, Hamptons have teamed up with Micro Scooters to give away a cool Mini Micro Scooter and accessories to one lucky Painswick youngster. If you have children, or grand-children, aged between 2-5 years old, please pop into our office to pick up a "Santa Stop Here" sign for them to colour in and send to us after Christmas to be in with a chance of winning this fantastic prize. Finally, I would like to thank all of those who supported our Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning on 8 October at the Painswick Centre. We had a lot of fun along with some delicious cakes and raised the superb sum of £456.40 for this most worthwhile charity.

Guy Tabony

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DECEMBER

Fri	2	Film: The Revenant: £6 at door, to include 1 drink	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sun	4	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	5	Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Community Lunch: Hosts Comm. Lunch Committee & Friends (Off Churchill Way) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Library Town Hall Ashwell Centre Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon 10.30am and 2.00pm 12.00 to 1.15pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Church Rooms	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	6	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Bird Club: Slimbridge Field Trip - Guided Visit to see Winter Migrants Guided Health Walk (One Hour) - Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Church Rooms Painswick Centre Reception Area Town Hall Ashwell House	9.30am 10.00am 10.45am 2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	7	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 Cotteswold Naturalists' Lecture: Tales of The Severn - Dr. John Chandler. Enq. 813228 Table Tennis - Wednesdays Probus: Christmas Dinner with the Ladies Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Painswick Centre The Hill, Stroud Town Hall	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am Afternoons 2.30pm 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.00 for 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	8	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Tea Party with Musical Entertainment	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30pm
Fri	9	Country Market: Every Friday: Coffee Available Christmas door-wreath workshop: materials provided, refreshments included: £45 - spaces limited - also Sat 10th To book: Tel: 07790429920 / crazy.daisy@btinternet .com	Town Hall Rococo Garden Café	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am to 12noon
Sun	11	Friday Club Christmas Lunch Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	12	Probus Women: Social Fun Morning - visitors very welcome	Church Rooms	10.00 for 10.30am
Tue	13	Theatre Club Outing to Birmingham Hippodrome: The Nutcracker: Tel. 812575 No Guided Health Walk Today Cotteswold Naturalists' Talk & Tea: Celtic Harps - Creag & Morwenna. Enq. 01453 836618 Yew Trees W.I.: Christmas Gathering	Stamages Car Park The Hub, Minchinhampton Church Rooms	10.30am 2,30pm 7.30pm
Wed	14	Holy Communion Gardening Club: Christmas Quiz	St. Mary's Church Church Rooms	12.00noon 7.00 for 7.30pm start
Sat	17	Painswick Singers Christmas Concert: Carols, Songs & Readings & Christmas Cantata by Chris Boodle: Tickets £10 at door - or from The Patchwork Mouse	St Mary's Church	7.30pm



Sun	18	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Carols by Candlelight with the Beacon Gospel Choir - followed by refreshments. All welcome	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Edge Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm
Tue	20	Guided Health Walk (One Hour) - Enq. 813228 Tea & Carols around the piano: All welcome: Tel. Clare Irving 814242	Town Hall Church Rooms	2.15 for 2.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	21	Evening Prayer Last Table Tennis Session this season	St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre	6.00pm 7.00 to 9.00pm
Sat	24	Crib Service Midnight Mass	St. Mary's Church St. Mary's Church	4.00pm 11.30pm
Sun	25	Mass Family Communion	Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.30am 9.30am
Mon	26	Copy Date for January Beacon		
Tue	27	No Guided Health Walk Today		

JANUARY

Sun	1	Benefice Holy Communion	St. Mary's Church	9.30am
Tue	3	No Guided Health Walk Today		
Wed	4	Probus: The Queen's Bodyguard of The Yeomen of The Guard - Shaun McCormack	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	5	Music Appreciation Group: German Opera	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	7	January Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	9	Probus Women: Looking at Pictures - Simon Trapnell Community Lunch: Hosts Painswick Centre Trustees (Off Churchill Way)	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.00 for 10.30am 12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	10	Guided Health Walk (One Hour) - Enq. 813228	Town Hall	2.15 for 2.30pm
Wed	11	Gardening Club: Close up view of Cotswold Countryside - Roger Umpelby	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	12	Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Symphony Hall, Birmingham		
Mon	16	Community Lunch: Hosts Churches Together around Painswick (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	17	Local History Society: The Berkeleys of Berkeley Castle - David Smith	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	18	Probus: Vergeltunswaffen - Retaliation Weapons or V Bombs - Bill Affleck Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	19	Music Appreciation Group: A Baltic Cruise	Town Hall	2.30pm

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.16/2028/LBC DEAN RISE, Stroud Road

Replacement of 5 x aluminium double glazed windows, 1 x aluminium entrance door & 1 x set of aluminium double glazed sliding patio doors to rear of main building with machined, painted timber flush casement windows, entrance door & french doors.

S.16/2281/FUL STAMAGES HOUSE, Stamages Lane

Residential development of nine houses (including three affordable houses).

S.16/2308/HHOLD BLAKEWELL FARM, Edge

Dormer window in northern side elevation (retrospective).

S.16/2342/HHOLD and S.16/2343/LBC KINGS MILL HOUSE, Kings Mill Lane

Extension and alterations to the fenestration of dwelling. Erection of new detached summer house, detached studio and extension of detached garage building to provide garages, plant room and annexe. Alterations to boundary and retaining walls and installation of entrance gates.

S.16/2306/FUL LAND AT BEECH LANE

Construction of an open riding arena.

S.16/2582/HHOLD MAGPIE HOUSE, Lower Washwell Lane

Side extension, first floor extension and new dormer windows.

S.16/2251/HHOLD GROVES CLOSE, Stroud Road, Edge.

Extension, alterations, new entrance porch, pool and detached garage.

S.16/2528/HHOLD CARTERS COTTAGE, Hammonds Farm, Wick St.

Proposed construction of two storey extension, new garage block and alterations to existing porch.

S.16/2529/COU HAMMONDS FARM, Wick Street

Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings into dwelling.

S.16/2461/FUL DUTCHCOMBE FARM, Yokehouse Lane

Erection of one dwelling to replace the former fire damaged farmhouse.

S.16/2123/LBC THE OLD HOUSE, Slad

Repairs and replacement of roof to outbuilding within boundary of listed property. Rebuild roadside supporting wall as damaged and now leaning.

S.16/2623/FUL LAND AT EDGE HILL BUNGALOW, The Green, Edge Lane

Erection of a covered yard for livestock.

REVISED APPLICATIONS

S.16/1923/VAR (The Old) PAINSWICK LIBRARY, Stroud Road

Variation of condition 6 on planning application S.12/1633/FUL to allow windows on north elevation to be opened for ventilation, but controlled with a restrictor stary to maintain privacy.

CONSENT

S.16/0833/LBC THE MANSE, Gloucester Street

Replacement of external doors and windows.

S.16/1849/FUL PAINSWICK ROCOCO GARDEN, Gloucester Rd.

To erect a wooden shed within the garden to be used for storing tools and equipment.

S.16/2047/VAR FOLLY COTTAGE, Gloucester Road.

Variation of Condition 4 – Application Reference Number S.03/79. Varied in relation to the use of the log store to enable the creation of a residential annexe for elderly relatives.

S.16/2192/TCA 2 COURT ORCHARD T1-Copper Beech removal of dead wood within the crown.

S.16/2184/TCA BRAESIDE, Slad.

T1, T2, T3 Apple Trees; prune tops by 1-1.5m. T4 Cherry; Reduce by 30%. T5 Quince; light prune to reshape maximum 0.5m. T6 Lilac; Fell.

S.16/2240/TCA GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road

T1 Ash – Crown lift drive side up to 5m and remove dead wood. T2 Sycamore

– Crown lift up to 5m, reduce back some of the extended low branches by 2.3m, thin and remove dead wood. T4 Copper Beech x 6 – Remove all dead wood, crown lift up to 2.5m (secondary branches only).

S.16/2210/TCA BAYLISS HOUSE, Sheepscombe.

1 Cotoneaster: reduce the height to near previous, reduce the spread all round by approx. 2-3m. Cut the lower canopy and the Laurel back to clear the roof by at least 1.5m. (2) Hazel: crown raise lawn side to approx. 4m and drive side to approx. 3m. (3) Rowan: Fell to near ground level. (4) Chestnut: crown raise uphill side to approx. 3m and follow this line around. (5) Sycamore: fell to near ground level.

S.16/2211/TCA BEACON HOUSE, New Street.

T1 Silver Birch: fell by sections to near ground level. T3 Purple Plum: reduce all over by up to 2.0m to leave in smaller 'ball' shape.

S.16/2263/TCA LOVEDAYS HOUSE, St Marys Street.

T1 – T11: Fell all. H1 Cupressus hedge – Fell. All details on application form, proposed re-planting as part of garden restoration.

REFUSED

S.16/2001/HHOLD ROSE COTTAGE, Catswood Lane

Construction of a first-floor extension.

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Painswickian of the Year Ann Williams was busy on the Friday Club stall in the Painswick Centre



The Patchwork Mouse had a fine display of cakes



Matt and Magda at St. Michael's were not ready to start trading, but still hosted a party



Olivias was brightly lit, decorated and welcoming



The Royal Oak was crowded, inside and out!



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Ann Burges-Watson, Denise Magauran, Anne and John Newhill