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Christmas Greetings to all our readers and a happy New Year



Christmas Draw

This year the results of the random number draw taken from our many subscribers were...

A bottle of Whisky to Stephen Jordan / Barbara Browne for the first subscriber drawn.

A half bottle of liqueur for the second number drawn to Mr and Mrs Stark

Boxes of chocolates for third and fourth went to Mr and Mrs Steed and Mrs Phillipa Miller

A bottle of Brandy to Price Davis. The advertiser who, among the many we value, had the lucky draw.

UK Parliament Elections

Polling day Thursday 12th December

Stroud Constituency candidates

Siobhan Baillie	Conservative and Unionist Party
Molly Scott Cato	Green Party
David Drew	Labour and Co-operative Party
Glen Gogerly	Libertarian Party
Desi Latimer	The Brexit Party

The Carol Service at St Mary's Church is at 4pm on Sunday 22nd December

Deadline for all copy for the January Beacon is Friday 20th December

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held on November 20th by Terry Parker

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present. Three members were present, Cllrs Andy Cash, Ann Daniels and Martin Slinger. In the absence of the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was agreed that Cllr Slinger would Chair the meeting.

Minutes of 30th October meeting.

The minutes were agreed.

Matters arising from the minutes.

There were none.

Local Plan Review.

It was agreed that the working group will meet to consider the Local Plan Review documentation.

Matters requiring a decision.

The Committee recommended to the District Council that the following applications be approved.

S.19/2116/HHOLD and S.19/2117/LBC. CHURCH ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe.

Block up and replace windows, replace and relocate chimney flue, remove roof vents and replacement of flat roof and internal alterations.

S.19/2328/LBC. ST ANDREWS, New Street. Removal of section of internal wall (Retrospective).

S.19/2313/LBC. STONELEIGH, Gloucester Street. Garage extension and replacing wall with a fence.

S.19/2378/HHOLD. TERRENO, Longridge, Sheepscombe. Garden store to garden.

S.19/2314/TPO. LONG FINALS, Stamages Lane. (1) Lime in back garden – pollard to near previous. (2) 2 Poplars behind – pollard to near previous.

S.19/2375/TCA. VILLAGE GREEN, Sheepscombe. Ash – Fell – Die Back and fungus attack. Replace with small leafed lime.

S.19/2393/TCA. CHURCH ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe. T1 – Eucalyptus Tree – Dismantle to ground level.

The Committee agreed to support the following application with the proviso that the hedgerow is reinstated and that Highways confirm that the visibility splay conforms with its criteria.

S.19/2362/FUL. WOODSIDE BUNGALOW, Slad Road, Slad. Proposed access and change of use of the land to residential.

PARISH COUNCIL

Members present

Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman), Cllrs Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Abigail Smith.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs James Cross, Edd Crownshaw, Mike Fletcher, Rob Lewis, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker.

Cllr Ann Daniels said that she was appalled by the number of absences. The Clerk confirmed that all the apologies were for legitimate reasons.

Matters of urgency

The Chairman thanked the Yew Trees WI for their generous donation towards the Village Christmas lights.

County Councillor's report

No report had been received.

District Councillor's report

Cllr Nigel Cooper said "there was little to report, particularly as we were now in a pre-election period. Rubbish and recycling is always a subject of interest, so just a few things:-

I can advise you that across the whole District we are recycling 61% of our household waste (by weight) each month. Unfortunately the Council suffers a financial penalty if paper and cardboard sent for recycling is wet, so please try and keep it dry: there are even waterproof covers for boxes available. If you subscribe to the Garden Waste scheme you should by now have received a renewal reminder. I advise you to renew straightaway as the service will be sold out very quickly. Cost is now £50.

Last week I witnessed a very nasty piece of fly tipping on Severnleaze Lane. Not sure if you know but that's the lane with the biggest pothole in the Painswick area. Fly tipping is a criminal offence and in the Painswick area there are about 4 reported incidents per month. If you do happen to spot any please report it to the District Council, with the exact location and also a photograph if possible. The Council will investigate and have indeed had success in prosecuting offenders based on evidence in the abandoned rubbish. The address is:



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The Chairman thanked Cllr Cooper for his report.

Traffic Committee report

Cllr Abigail Smith updated Members following the meeting of the Traffic Committee on 6th November. At that meeting it was reported that at a recent Speed Watch exercise over 7 sessions, 117 registration numbers exceeding the designated limits had been recorded.

The Committee had been pleased to note the efforts of the police during the summer which had resulted in a speeding ticket being issued within the 20mph zone. The Council will repeat the Christmas initiative in December when a life size cut out of Father Christmas will be placed on New Street to remind drivers to slow down.

Parking.

Difficulties for the Fire Service to get to a barn fire were reported. The Fire Service have agreed to drive around villages, where appropriate, to highlight the issues with inconsiderate parking. Cllrs Rosie Nash and Dawn Dart would target Vicarage Street with leaflets making residents and visitors aware of the issues.

Pitchcombe Junction.

It was reported that following a few initial issues an emergency contact number was now advertised and a camera added to deter motorists from jumping the lights.

Road repairs.

The committee agreed to write to County Cllr Keith Rippington to ensure that the following roads are put forward for funding in the A/B road planning for lengthy repairs programme: Greenhouse Lane, Edge Road and Edge Lane.

Signage

Adrian Gyde had confirmed that he was making progress on the signage review.

Drains.

It was agreed to contact Highways to advise the number of drains and gullies that still required attention and also other works that were still outstanding.

To approve the recommendations of the Land and Buildings Committee made at the 30th October meeting.

St Mary's Street Business Unit 2. The Council agreed the quotation of £630 for the windows to be replaced. Cemetery Storeroom. The Council agreed to the recommendation to rent part of the storeroom to a local contractor.

Phone Box in Edge. The Council agreed a quotation for the purchase of a defibrillator to be housed in the kiosk.

Pre-school play equipment in the Recreation ground. The Council agreed to accept the recommended quotation with the fund coming from local fund raising efforts and the Community Infrastructure Levy. Registering of Land. The Council agreed to an additional £2,000 being added to the budget. The amount had been reduced because the Land Registry were prepared to offer some free assistance in the registering of land. Responsible Finance Offer report. The Council agreed the payments set out in the RFO's report.

Ward reports.

Cllr Daniels reported upon recent damage to the Recreation Ground by an unauthorised vehicle. Cllr Cash asked for the installation of a new grit bin in Slad. Gateway Project.

The Chairman updated the Council on the Gateway Project and the intention to place the information board on the side of the Stamages Lane car park toilets.

Next meeting. This would be on Wednesday 11th December in the Town Hall.

Closure. The meeting closed at 8.23pm.

Picture on the front page courtesy of Peter Llewellyn

Pitchcombe Corner

Progress report

Over the next few weeks you should see a rapidly changing landscape. Drainage will be installed along the southern A46; the island between the A4173 and the A46 will start to be rebuilt, new street lighting will be put in, and the new footpath will start to take shape.

The following works are currently in progress: The Phone box and bus shelter will be removed. We will begin excavation of the retaining wall and install temporary stockproof fencing. The Gas Utility Diversion will be undertaken and we will begin excavating the road to its new formation and new drainage will be installed.

We apologise for the inconvenience which has been caused on occasion during our first few weeks on site. We have been working closely with our supply chain to fix the situations which have caused congestion. We believe the issues have been resolved and will continue to closely monitor the traffic flows. If you do have any issues or concerns in relation to traffic management please contact us or if the issues are identified outside of site operating hours then please contact our 24hr emergency number 07960 280360

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Police Report

October the worse month for crime in Painswick for years.

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

September 2019

Vicarage Street	6 incidents of ASB	
Canton Acre	Vehicle crime	Unable to prosecute
Pullens Rd	Violence	Waiting Court outcome
Gloucester St	ASB	
Victoria St	Violence	Unable to prosecute
Tibbiwell	Violence	Unable to prosecute

October 2019

Cotswold Mead	Theft	No suspect identified
New St	Violence	Under investigation
New St .Nr Church	Theft	No suspect identified
White Horse Lane	Violence	Under investigation
Blakewell Mead	Burglary	Under investigation
Canton Acre	ASB	
	Violence	Under investigation
Recreation Gd	Violence	Under investigation
Vicarage St	4 incidents of ASB	
Woodborough Close	Burglary	Under investigation
Greenhouse Lane	Violence	Under investigation
Beech Lane	ASB	

Notes

No suspect identified means also investigation completed
For Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) details never given.



Painswick Ball handover £6535 to Longfield

The monies raised for this fabulous charity are made possible by the continued support of local businesses, without them the Ball, simply wouldn't take place. A huge thanks once again, to The Falcon and The Oak in Painswick, Richmond Villages, Oakwood Care Services, Price Davis, Cotswold Broking Services, CORE Lighting, The Bespoke Flower Company, and BPL Global. (Picture above)

David Nottingham

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

.. ran from 25th October to 11th November and the sum raised in Painswick and Pitchcombe was £1,767.47, so thank you to everyone who supported the Appeal with their donations. I don't know if this is more than last year as this is the first year I have been a voluntary organiser. Can I say thank you to our voluntary collectors and the shops and businesses in Painswick who had the collecting tins and boxes of poppies on display.

Fiona Chapman

Mobile Police Station

Crime prevention event in Painswick

Saturday 21st December from 12 noon to 1300 hrs

In Stamages Car Park

These events covering several villages in our area are part of a countywide Police initiative to fight against an increase in burglaries which we tend to see at this time of the year.

We will be signing local residents up to our 'Community Alert information service' and handing out free timers. The idea being to plug lamps into the timers so homes look as if someone is in at all times, hopefully deterring would be thieves from breaking in.

Debbie Collicott (Police Community Support officer)

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Library News for December

We are in the process of adding books to our stock including the following -

Adult Fiction

- Alagiah, George – The Burning Land – by the BBC news presenter
- Burton, Jessie – The Confession - by the author of The Miniaturist
- Chevalier, Tracy – A Single Thread – by the author of Girl with a Pearl Earring
- Donoghue, Emma – Akin – by the author of Room
- Evaristo, Bernadine – Girl, Woman, Other – joint Booker Prize Winner 2019
- French, Nicci – The Lying Room – by this popular husband and wife writing team
- Griffiths, Elly – Now You See Them – a Brighton Mysteries book
- Jones, Tayari – An American Marriage – a Women’s Prize for Fiction winner
- Strout, Elizabeth – Olive, Again – “this celebrated anti-hero returns in a moving tour de force” – The Observer

Many of the books listed above each have up to 75 reservations against them if you were to reserve them online, however if you pop into our Community Library you may just find them waiting for you on our New Books display. We also offer a manual reservation system for our borrowers.

Adult Non-Fiction

- Albom, Mitch – Finding Chika – by the author of Tuesdays with Morrie
- Bishop, Patrick – The Man who was Saturday – the extraordinary life of Airey Neave written 40 years after his assassination in the House of Commons car park
- Eccleston, Christopher – I Love the Bones of You – “my father and the making of me”
- Kay, Adam – Twas the Nightshift Before Christmas – from the author of This is Going to Hurt
- Mortimer & Whitehouse – Gone Fishing – described as a celebration of life by GQ

Junior Books

- Butterworth, Nick – One Springy Day – a new Percy the Park Keeper book
- Donaldson, Julia & Axel Scheffler – The Snail and the Whale, and , Zog and the Flying Doctors
- Hughes, Shirley – Angel on the Roof
- Punter, Russell – Doctor Foster went to Gloucester

A full list is available at the library. This month there will not be a Book Club meeting or a Croc-n-Roll session however both will resume in January.

Pat Pinnegar




A huge thanks from everyone at the Painswick Centre to all of you over 2019 who have booked rooms for business or pleasure, come along to a gig or to Fish & Chips or to Wick-Flix, volunteered at events, followed us on Facebook or Instagram, or come to the many classes and workshops run at the Centre. It’s been wonderful to see the space being used more and more over the past year, and we can’t wait to carry this on into 2020.

Coming up this month

Saturday 7th December

Vintage Fairy Lights Workshop with Sew Vintage @ 10 am
Join this Workshop to create a bespoke set of mini lampshade fairy lights with vintage fabrics. All materials and expert tuition provided. Please contact Victoria or Sophie at sewvintage66@gmail.com, 07835 617213 or 07766 114940.

Wednesday 11th December

Peter Knight & John Spiers @ 7.30 pm
Virtuoso Fiddler and Melodeon Mastro come together to bring us a show that in addition to their mainstream material, also included some beautiful but lesser known carols and wassailing songs from the English tradition. A Yuletide treat not to be missed. Tickets £16, available from Canton Acre Promotions: 07596 823 881 or cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com

Coming up in 2020

- 3rd Jan: Wick-Flix Gala Night
- 20th Feb: Gilmore & Roberts in concert
- 20th Mar: Medson in concert

For full listings please visit www.painswickcentre.com/coming-up and find us on Facebook and Instagram

Susie Andrews



Wick-Flix springs into the new year with a great selection of films

Friday 10th January – Yesterday (12)

A young musician waking up to a world where The Beatles have never existed is the basis for this charming British romcom. Great for friends and family!

Friday 7th February – Judy (12A) - Murray’s Gala Night with raffle.

Renee Zellweger puts in an amazing performance as Judy Garland in this biopic that covers a little-known period when the singer was in the UK. This is Murray’s Gala night and we will be holding a raffle with all proceeds going to local charity.

Friday 6th March – Official Secrets (15)

Keira Knightly stars in this fact-based drama about a GCHQ (down the road!)

Doors open at 7pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £7 (one price for all) including one free drink. Payment on the door. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity.

Up-to-date information on future screenings can be found on our website www.painswickcentre.com or search for Wick-Flix on Facebook. Come along and support your local community cinema!

David Chapman



Christmas Services and Events around the area 2019

Compiled by Churches Together Around Painswick (CTAP)

Sun	Dec 1	11.00 am	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Advent Carol Service
Mon	Dec 9	11.30 am	Resthaven	Pitchcombe	Carol Service
Thur	Dec 12	2.00 pm	Brookthorpe Hall	Brookthorpe	Carol Service
Sun	Dec 15	4.00 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Christingle Service
Sun	Dec 15	5.45 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Pitchcombe	Carol Service
Tues	Dec 17	2.30 pm	Church Rooms	Painswick	Carols and Tea
Wed	Dec 18	7.00 pm	St Swithun's Church	Brookthorpe	Carol Service
Fri	Dec 20	7.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Harescombe	Carol Service
Sun	Dec 22	10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Christmas Meeting
Sun	Dec 22	4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Carol Service
Sun	Dec 22	6.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Carol Service
Sun	Dec 22	6.30 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Carol Service
Christmas Eve		3.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Harescombe	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Crib & Christingle
		11.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Midnight Mass
		11.30 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day		8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass of the Nativity
		9.30 am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Parish Communion
		9.30 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Family Communion
		10.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Harescombe	Parish Communion
		10.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Christmas Praise
		10.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Pitchcombe	Parish Communion
		11.00 am	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Parish Communion
Sun	Dec 29	10.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Benefice Communion
Sun	Dec 29	6.30 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Lessons & Carols

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

News from St Mary's



We now have a new Rector for the Beacon Benefice, Reverend Janet Turville (Pictured below). She was installed as Rector at a special service at St Mary's church on Monday 4th November. The service was attended by a large congregation representing the benefice and the Stroud Deanery. It was conducted by the Bishop of Tewkesbury, The Right Reverend Robert Springett and Janet was installed as Rector by the Archdeacon of Gloucester, The Venerable Hilary Dawson. During the service Janet was welcomed to Painswick by representatives of the benefice, the local community and the area generally. We wish Janet and her husband Kevin a long and happy stay here.

We are now into the season of Advent. Traditionally this is a season of penitence and prayer marked by the liturgical colour purple as we prepare for Christmas. It is the first season of the Christian year. This particular year is year A in the Christian calendar when the main gospel readings in our services are taken from St Matthew. Use this time as an opportunity for prayer for peace in the world and a healing of divisions in our country.

It will soon be Christmas. How will you be spending Christmas this year? In the frenzy of Christmas preparations, largely driven by commercial interests it is all too easy to lose sight of the real meaning of this festival. It started in a stable 2000 years ago when God came to this planet in the form of a human baby ultimately to reveal what God is like. Christmas is a celebration of that birth which changed the world for ever. We give gifts at Christmas in recognition of God's greatest gift to humankind.

So what are your plans for Christmas? Christmas is a time when families get together and that is a positive benefit to society. Another encouraging sign of the times is that for a number of years churches have been reporting increased congregations at Christmastime. Cathedrals in particular are recording record numbers attending Christmas services. This suggests that we have not entirely lost sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

We hope to welcome you at one or several of our Christmas services (See Above) On Sunday 29th December the main benefice service will be a communion service at St Mary's at 10am for the whole benefice. It will be conducted by Revd. Andrew Leach.

David Newell



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Letters



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise.

Graham Lilley from Edge writes

Cllr Rippington has now I see decided to join an opposition party rather than sit as an Independent - or, as he offered himself at the time of election, a Conservative.

Since many people will have voted for him because he was a Conservative representative the honourable thing would be for him to resign and offer himself in his new colours - Lib Dem. When will he do this?

Stuart Munro from Gloucester Street writes

When setting out the tree lights for the festive season early this morning there were two huge dog messes on the grass of the Memorial Ground. When will we be rid of this antisocial behaviour?



Croft School

Mrs Mitchell will be leaving at Christmas due to a change in her family circumstances. The Croft has been very privileged to have Mrs Mitchell as a teacher for an incredible 22 years. Over this time she has shown an immense and outstanding commitment to the school; hundreds of children have benefitted from her talents both within the curriculum and beyond.

Our Governors are currently planning a thorough interview programme to ensure we find an energetic, passionate and committed successor.

Well done to both the football and netball teams who have been very busy in the past few weeks playing games both here and at other schools; the teamwork on display has been brilliant as has the individual skills of all players. The Netball team recently drew their match with Grange Primary in Tuffley and have another fixture this afternoon against The Moat from Matson. The football team had a match this week also against The Moat from Matson and were 5:1 winners.

Staff at school would all like to say a huge thank-you to anyone who was involved in the organisation and running of the FOTC firework display. The event was very well attended and everyone seemed to be enjoying the food drink and fireworks. It is has now been confirmed that FOTC raised a record profit of over £3600 which is amazing – Thank-you to everyone who attended.

Rebecca Gore

It's Christmas Quiz-time.



Why not test out your knowledge by coming along to Painswick Youth & Community Centre on the 9th December, where PSALMS young people will be running an interactive, fun and engaging Quiz. No connection to PSALMS needed, but come along and enjoy yourself - we had 45 last year. Nibbles & Refreshments will be provided, and all teams will be sorted out on the night, so start inviting your friends and get revising!

Who: All ages Price: £1 entry
Where: Painswick Youth & Community Centre, Painswick Recreation Ground
When: 9th December 7:00 - 8:45pm

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Painswick Chronicle 22

- Hot off the press



After twenty one editions of the Painswick Chronicle there might be an assumption that there was no more local history to be told. Nothing could be further from the reality. Painswick's past is packed with fascinating facts and events and the latest edition, number 22, reveals yet more intriguing stories, analysis and information about a range of topics relating to our town.

An account of Painswick Shows, both those which took place in the latter half of the 20th century and still remembered by many and those in the late 19th century, reveals why Painswick was acknowledged as one of the best locations in the county for staging such events. The second part of the late Derek Hodges' knowledgeable and charmingly written notes about the history of St Mary's Church, a glimpse into the presence of Eric Gill's work around the town and a nostalgic account of the heyday and sad decline of Painswick's billiard club are just some of the topics included. There are also articles on the fascinating and controversial history of the recreation ground involving sport, infested rubbish dumps and ownership, a detailed look at the many aspects of life and how it developed in Painswick as presented by the censuses from 1851 to 1911 and a delightful set of memories by a lady who has been a Painswick resident all her life. The Chronicles aim to add to our knowledge and understanding of Painswick's past, be that the light-hearted or the more weighty and serious. This involves much research and analysis and the Chronicles always present a balanced set of subjects. This edition is on sale at the Painswick Pharmacy or from Carol Maxwell tel. 813387 email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net. Previous editions are also available.

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 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 there is the legend of Painswick residents' renowned longevity, related together, with relish, with the various origins of Painswick puppy dog pie in the little booklet Barks and Bites from Bow-wow Land – an excellent little stocking filler.

Carol Maxwell

Mistletoe

- past, present and future

There's so much more to mistletoe than kissing at Christmas. At the November meeting of the Society, Jonathan Briggs gave a stunningly rich account of this fascinating shrub from its botanical features to its cultural and scientific history.

More prevalent in the West Midlands than anywhere else, including our own area, it is a rare, midwinter, hemi-parasitic, evergreen shrub growing almost exclusively in orchards, gardens and man-made habitats. Jonathan explained how it grows - one inch each year but each time with two new shoots thereby doubling in density. It is however, its rare white berries which make it special. Maturing in February when they almost glow it is this feature which has long since given rise to the many legends.

From at least Roman times man has associated mistletoe with fertility, protection, friendship, peace, luck and ongoing life and this legendary aspect has been evident in art, literature and ceremonial activities especially among Druids. In this country the kissing tradition, origins unknown, began in the 18th century and resulted in the trading of mistletoe becoming big business worldwide for many decades. It certainly acquired its romantic associations in the 19th century possibly encouraged by Dickens in his novels.

Its future is possibly in the balance with orchards disappearing, demand dwindling (plastic mistletoe!) and climate causing changes to arboreal growth patterns. Furthermore, it was always mistle thrushes which spread the seed but latterly it is incoming blackcaps.

This was an excellent presentation, full of interest and visually intriguing. At the January meeting Jan Whitton will talk about Cranham Pleasure Gardens. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell



Floral Frolics

The room was truly buzzing as Alan Wells began his talk on Bees. His enthusiasm to help our declining bee population by providing the best pollen rich flowers for them, inspired us all to do our bit. He encouraged us not to be too tidy in our borders and lawns and to leave some weeds and wild flowers for the bees to forage, and helpfully provided us all with a list of good bee friendly plants and trees with his own nectar scoring table.

By the time you read this we will have had our two wreath making sessions, which are proving to be hugely popular and great value. It's such a lovely way to begin the Christmas festivities, creating one's own door welcome with fellow members and friends, choosing from a huge selection of greenery and trimmings to make your own unique wreath! If you didn't make it this year be sure to look out for us next time.

Our last evening meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm. Our in-house florist and committee member, Ione Woodger - Smith will again keep us entertained in her inimitable style, whilst producing some wonderful Christmas themed arrangements. As usual we will be serving some festive drinks and nibbles and running a very special raffle to include Ione's displays. It's always a really fun evening and a great antidote to politics. The Gardening Club Committee would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to sharing our super programme of events in 2020, with you.

Catherine Bond (committee member)

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'Festive Fashion' and a Christmas 'Treetorial' were just some of the good things on offer at an Evening Christmas Shopping Event at John Lewis, to which all WI members were invited. A number of Yew Tree ladies enjoyed some retail therapy in the relaxed festive atmosphere. The festive spirit was again in evidence when some members joined other WIs to travel to Waddesdon Manor. There a Christmas Fair set against the back-drop of a floodlit north facade adorned with twenty-foot Christmas trees, and rooms in the house dressed for Christmas was quite magical! By the time you read this Chris West will have demonstrated Christmas cake icing to members so preparations for Christmas are well underway.

The spirit of goodwill abounded during play in the annual skittles match between Probus Men and Yew Trees. A fun evening ending with the ladies graciously allowing the men to carry away the prized cup!

In October Frankie Marsh and Clare Kenchington spoke about their work as Street Pastors. This is a Christian interdenominational charity, their motto being "caring, listening, helping". Trained volunteers from local churches work in teams, usually at weekends from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. helping keep the streets of towns and cities safe. Members were full admiration for the compassionate help our speakers have given to so many. It led many to wonder what is wrong with our society that there should be this need. Because there is; thank goodness for such committed volunteers.

Ladies, do not forget December's meeting is on Tuesday 10th. All election talk will be forbidden as we meet for festive fun in the Church Rooms at 7.30pm!

Celia Lougher 812624

The ladies of Yew Trees WI help to light up PAINSWICK!

The gallant team of volunteers who organise the illumination of the Yew Trees in the Churchyard at Christmas time were delighted to learn that £250 has been donated by Yew Trees WI to the lighting fund. The money will be used to add additional lights and bring even more sparkle to Painswick during the festive season!

The money is the result of the sale of the small leaflet entitled "Exploring Painswick – a short walk around an old Cotswold wool town" which was originally designed by the former Painswick Women's Institute. Since 2007 it has been regularly updated by Celia Lougher and Maggie Drake on behalf of the current Yew Trees WI. Enjoyed by visitors to the village, its largest sales come from The Rococo Garden and The Tourist Information Centre. With the aim that its modest profits should benefit the local community, the ladies of Yew Trees WI are happy that their contribution will help light up Painswick at Christmas for years to come. If other readers wish to do likewise, donations are always welcome and can be paid to the Parish Council's lighting fund.

Celia Lougher



PMAG

In late October Dr David Lucas delivered an informative presentation on the life and music of Percy Grainger (1882-1961). David moved quickly beyond Grainger's best known composition – Country Gardens. With an abundance of musical examples he illustrated Grainger's genius as a composer and performer of piano music and of large scale orchestral works, e.g. Handel in the Strand, In a Nutshell Suite and the Rosenkavalier Ramble.

Whilst conceding that Grainger was not among the top rank of composers, David explained succinctly that he was a composer who had retained his popularity and had been admired by – among others – Benjamin Britten.

In early November Jenny Quick described her cycling journey in 2011/2012 across vast swathes of Europe. She spoke of her quest to play Beethoven sonatas wherever a piano was available to her. She succeeded and played a wide variety of instruments.

Jenny presented a brief analysis of Beethoven's wonderful piano sonata Op 110. Then in part 2 she played on her keyboard the sonata with great sensitivity and technical competence. Her performance will long be remembered by the membership.

Howard Allen.

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So young, such an achievement

Flo Cross is inspirational – quite a feat for a young lady who is just 15 years old. With an acute awareness of the pressures and stresses which face today's young people Flo is dedicated to helping reduce the detrimental effects that inevitably result from such pressures. Her remedy - yoga.



Flo has now emerged as the youngest qualified yoga teacher in the country. As a pupil at the Croft School she was teamed up with Robin Watkins-Davis as a mentor and, inspired by Robin, decided to try yoga for herself when aged eleven. 'I loved it from the start,' she says and has continued to practise ever since. Recognising its many benefits Flo realised she would like to teach as well as practise and, after four years of studying and practising, last summer embarked on the very intensive 200 hour programme to qualify. She finally, and successfully, undertook the assessment for full qualification in October. Social media in particular are often extremely negative and unpleasant on a personal level especially for young people. Flo is very aware of this and is now running two lunchtime classes a week at Stroud High School where she is a student. She also offers one class every week for teaching staff. Already the classes are having a positive effect. They are well attended and the benefits are manifest. 'When people tell me how good it makes them feel, that makes me really happy,' she says. Her friends have branded her classes 'Floga'.

She is keen to explain that it is so worthwhile for the students because it is effective in helping to retain self-confidence and self-respect in a safe environment. Already within a few weeks of starting the classes she has witnessed the positive effects in abundance. Flo also teaches people of all ages, privately at present, and the benefits similarly are about confidence, strength and body-awareness.

Currently studying for her GCSEs, she also plays rugby and enjoys scuba diving – a very busy young woman indeed. She is seriously researching the possible practice of yoga in schools, strongly believing in both the mental and physical benefits for young people and the potential spin-offs in classroom behaviour.

This is a young person of remarkably mature social awareness. She is motivated, inspiring and extremely altruistic and she is local. You can contact Flo by email yoga.floga@gmail.com or Instagram [@floga_yoga](https://www.instagram.com/floga_yoga) and the website www.floga.org.

Carol Maxwell

The joy of writing – a discovery

For Peter Turnham writing was never an option to be considered – until, that is, an unpleasant little accident brought about an unexpected new direction. Peter lives with his wife, Carol, in Cranham. Having retired early from his dental laboratory business in London some thirty or so years ago he decided to move to Cranham where he built their house while running a small trout fishery.



Then the accident happened. Whilst playing tennis Peter snapped his Achilles tendon and found himself in a state of total inactivity to be endured for several months, 'tantamount to torture' he says. It was at this point that he decided to try writing a novel. So why was this such an unusual step to contemplate? Well, Peter is dyslexic.

Undaunted he set to and found very quickly that it presented no problems and that in fact it was a real joy. He developed his own style of writing and has now completed two novels as a series. Essentially they are powerful stories which convey a range of feelings and emotions through the characters and, as Peter explains, they aim to create an experience for the reader. Novel one is Autumn Daffodils: Charlie's Story and novel two is Autumn Daffodils: Joanna's Story.

He and Carol self-published the books, initially via Amazon, and now Peter has embarked on his third novel. He points out that he could not have achieved so much without the support and assistance of Carol. 'We are very much a team,' he says. For Peter, writing is now, and hopefully in the future will be, one of life's greatest pleasures.

Carol Maxwell

Red Dot Painswick ...

is thrilled and very excited about the artists and sculptors that will be showing here through till Christmas. All of them are exemplary artists some with national recognition, so be sure not to miss this unique opportunity to view!

3-10 Dec: Teresa Poole: specialising in contemporary Japanese cloisonné art and furniture.

11-17 Dec: Vivien Townsend: a water colourist focusing on tall ships and seascapes.

18-24 Dec: Sue Jarvis: a Zimbabwean showcasing amazing wildlife.

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Jottings for December 2019

Worms are one of the most important things in our soil. Soil nutritionists tell us to look after our soil and it will look after us. Worms eat organic matter such as roots, leaves, grasses. And also take in soil particles, grit, which grinds everything else up. Their stomachs concentrate the organic and mineral constituents of the food they eat, so their casts are richer than the soil around them, with greater nitrogen, phosphate and potassium content which is then available to the plants.

They are very good at soil aeration, taking air into the sward and soil as well as improving drainage getting water down to the roots of plants. Earth worms breathe through their skin, prefer a loose loamy soil although present in most soils and prefer a Ph above 4.5 in other words neutral to alkaline. They do not like temperatures below freezing or above 95 degrees Fahrenheit. If it gets cold they may go deeper into the soil, although most live in the top 6 inches, and some types of worm live in depths up to 2 metres and never see day light.

Unlike us, earthworms are unable to drown. They can live for several days fully submerged in water, sometimes weeks in water-logged fields. A healthy soil may have 10 to 15 worms per spade full or up to 1 million per acre. The weight of earthworms beneath a farmer's soil could be greater than that of the livestock upon its surface. These earth worms have deep vertical burrows which they use to visit the surface to pull down plant material such as leaves for food. Root dwelling worms live on your top soil or sub-soil, taking in soil, creating horizontal burrows as they move through and leaving their casts (waste) behind.

Compost worms, the numerous little red worms you see in your compost (not in the soil), do not form burrows but live at the soil-litter interface and eat decomposing organic matter. But the down side of all this activity is that, like with all other animals, they are producing the greenhouse gases which are making the earth warmer.

Martin Slinger

**Painswick
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Garden**

As you may be aware, the Garden has now closed for the season to enable our dedicated team of staff and volunteers to undertake some widespread and much needed heavy maintenance before we open for the New Year on Friday 10 January. This year we will be using this time to take down a number of fairly mature trees in the Hidden Hollow which have been affected by ash dieback. All the timber felled will be put to good use, and the felled trees will be used to create habitat piles, make play equipment and benches for the Garden. We are in the process of organising a programme of replacement tree planting, with over 100 to be planted in the next year thanks to generous donations from our Friends and visitors.

If you're pondering getting out more, learning a new skill or meeting new people in 2020, then we may be able to help. We are home to an expanding team of friendly volunteers who help us in all areas of our operation, from governance to gardening and welcoming to weddings. If you have a little time to spare and would be willing to help look after this fascinating place, then please do get in touch with Ineke, our Volunteer Co-ordinator, on 01452 813204 or friends@rococogarden.org.uk.

We end 2019 in good spirits. We have welcomed thousands of people, continued the restoration of the Garden and improved how we tell its fascinating story. Thanks to the hard work of Head Gardener Roger Standley and his team of staff and volunteers, we are able to present the garden as a place of beauty, peace and tranquillity throughout the year. Thank you if you have visited the Garden, had a coffee in the Café or bought some lovely local produce from the Shop. I hope to see you in the Garden in 2020!

Tim Toghill, volunteer & trustee



Will it be the last visit?

Will the music fans of today be dancing in the aisles 60 years in the future when they hear their music? It certainly happened when the Theatre Club fans were at the Everyman Cheltenham to hear the music of Buddy Holly who tragically died aged 22 in 1959.

The Buddy Holly Story is the story of the meteoric rise of Buddy Holly and the Crickets, to be the first white band booked for New York's Apollo Theatre in Harlem ... by mistake ... through to his final performance in Clear Lake, Iowa. In those 2 years the world heard some of the greatest songs ever written and performed, influencing the development of popular music. In the audience of a performance during their 1958 tour were 2 teenagers, John Lennon and Paul McCartney. Featuring two terrific hours, including That'll be the Day, Oh Boy, Heartbeat, Peggy Sue, Chantilly Lace, Johnny B. Goode, Everyday, Shout and many more, the show is all about the music ... few could resist, singing and clapping and by the end, dancing. Then the stage went quiet, all that was on it was a guitar as over the radio we hear of a terrible snowstorm and the plane crash, there were no survivors.

This was the last visit this year for the Painswick Theatre Club, but will it be the last ever? Currently there are no organisers for visits next year. So, if there is anyone interested in continuing to organize theatre visits please contact me, phone, 812575 or email Srossmunro@btinternet.com

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Painswick Golf Club

The Seniors' competition trophies are awarded at a Presentation Dinner in the first week of November each year. The photo below shows John Hitchcock (right) and Peter Rowe (centre) receiving their trophy glasses from Ann Smith, club secretary. This Dinner is the last major event organised by the Seniors Captain before the AGM the following lunchtime, when a new captain is elected. Many thanks were given to George Paton, the outgoing Captain, in what has been a challenging year for the club, and a warm welcome to John Hitchcock who was elected Seniors Captain for the coming year and to Nigel Barnett elected vice Captain.



The monthly Mid-week Stableford in November was called off due to poor weather, but a mixed Texas Scramble organised by the Ladies section took place on 12 November. The winning team was Lesley Wylde, Harry Burke, Boo Hussain and Peter Sibley. Harry also won 'nearest the pin' on the 18th hole. Congratulations to the winners.

The Golf Club welcomes visitors, whether to play golf or make use of the club house for refreshments and meals. Please get in touch (01452 812180) for further details.

Peter Rowe

Tennis Club Annual Awards

From left to right in the picture....

Inca Padfield - Junior Member of the year.

Ruskie Stuart-Menteth - Most Improved Boy.

Emma Watkins (collected for Hannah Watkins) - Most Improved Girl.

Chris Barber - Most Improved Adult.

Val Sharpe - Adult Member of the Year.

Andy Harris - Player of the Year.



Use them or lose them – Christmas specials

It is so important that we support our local businesses and our shops, eateries and art studios have much to offer regarding Christmas goods and dining specials. Two businesses are present only once and twice each week but provide a valuable service.

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Town Hall Post Master

The postal service, present in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings, must continue to be used by everyone if we are to retain it. This is especially important during the Christmas season. Recommended last posting dates for the UK are Wednesday 18th for second class and Friday 20th for first class. Check on-line for overseas dates or with the postmaster in the Town Hall. Do make sure you avail yourself of this service especially at this time of the year.

Carol Maxwell

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Christmas quiz



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| 1. | Cutest f-fun nights | 8, 8 |
| 2. | Muddling Pup | 4, 7 |
| 3. | Trained Robbers | 5, 9 |
| 4. | The crew's caving hit | 5, 5, 7 |
| 5. | Spice mine | 5, 4 |
| 6. | Nicks Togs | 9 |
| 7. | Girly faiths | 5, 6 |
| 8. | Sus burpless sort | 8, 7 |
| 9. | Triggered scans | 9, 5 |
| 10. | Top anthems | 3, 7 |
| 11. | Rates ascent | 6, 5 |
| 12. | Need errors denied | 3, 5, 8 |
| 13. | Any wee verse | 3, 5, 3 |
| 14. | Angell Sunday | 4, 4, 4 |
| 15. | Coo – green breezes | 8, 7 |
| 16. | Shingle tint | 6, 5 |
| 17. | Vanity tithe | 3, 8 |
| 18. | Baroque descants | 6, 9 |
| 19. | New sheer item | 5, 4, 3 |
| 20. | Out at Skerry | 5, 6 |
| 21. | Edge out lily | 8, 3 |
| 22. | As the pillarless tent | 6, 6, 7 |
| 23. | Baking slips net | 4, 2, 8 |
| 24. | Caved land nest | 6, 7 |
| 25. | Soft fir ingot | 5, 7 |

£10 prize on offer...

Answers will appear in the January issue with a £10 prize for the entry with the most correct answers. In the event of a tie the winner will be drawn out of a hat. Answers should be emailed to the Beacon by Sunday 22nd December.

Thanks to Penny Boydell who sent in the Quiz.

Painswick Library Book Club

Next meeting Monday 20th January 2-3pm There will be no meeting in December.

At the next meeting on Monday 20th January 2020, 2-3pm, we will be discussing 'This is Going to Hurt' by Adam Kay. Copies are available to reserve online from the library, and I have some from a library group set which can be borrowed. Please contact me for details of how to get a copy if you would like one.

This month we discussed 'The Salt Path', an award-winning book by Raynor Winn. It's a memoir from when she and her husband Moth walked the 360-mile South West Coast Path, camping wild along the way in all weathers. Worth reading if you're looking for something which is slightly different: it contains some thought-provoking nuggets. The group consensus about The Salt Path was that it was slightly irritating in places and slightly repetitive in others. As a memoir it was very readable, but as a travelogue it was lacking in detail. People were pleased to have read it, but surprised that it had become a best seller. Would anyone recommend it to others? "No-one wanted to comment"

We were also treated to a preview of the books being added to the library's stock this month: an interesting and very varied collection! Many thanks to Pat Pinnegar for providing some risqué excerpts!

Carole Smith Painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com



Juggling to Japan, back for Christmas

With the business of the AGM safely concluded, it was time for something different. We all watched spell bound while Mark Abbot produced - not rabbits out of a hat but whirring scarves and balls, spinning plates and twisting diablos. Juggling clubs were also demonstrated but thankfully they were deemed too dangerous for our amateur audience. Then it was our turn. Some people had a natural ability to keep plates in the air or look competent as the brightly coloured balls or scarves whizzed from hand to hand but for many it was a question of avoiding those items which were likely to drop just when least expected.

A complete change for the next meeting. Couch surfing round Europe and on to Japan was a much calmer activity. Our guide Chris O'Grady took us on a journey through his life of wanderlust, meeting many remarkable new and old friends along the way. By trusting to the kindness of strangers he was never disappointed in his request for help, starting as a schoolboy hitching from Winchcombe to Cheltenham in a Rolls Royce! The Autumn programme has been adventurous so for the last meeting of the year it was delightful to welcome old friends, The Wassailers who entertained us with a Christmas musical miscellany. The carols and readings were pleasantly familiar but with unexpected and updated additions.

Friday Club will now have a break until the New Year. Our first meeting will be on Friday January 10th 2.30 pm at the Town Hall. Until then we wish all our members, visitors and speakers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pat Francis





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Painswick Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) -News for December

CQC Inspections

Having attained a 'Good' rating in its last full inspection the practice was recently subject to a telephone update, finding and interrogating aspects of the surgery's practice, which confirmed the continuing rating as Good

Primary Care Network (PCN)

Dr Rhys Evans has become a co-Director of the local Stroud and Cotswold Vale network. The PCNs across the county are making over 100,000 additional GP surgery appointments available this year in the daytime, evening and weekends. The extra appointments are mainly provided by GPs and nurses to offer a greater range of skills and services and free up GP. Painswick's first priority is for a Clinical Pharmacist to help with prescribing – watch this space for further news.

Appointment delays

The practice regrets the present delays for non-urgent appointments and asks patients to recognise that they have a large elderly population and four care homes which impact on the amount of demand. The receptionists are very careful to ensure more urgent needs are identified and responded to with same or next day appointments. They can also advise you on where else to find help.

Urgent Care Developments

The PPG heard from one member who had attended a CCG briefing promoting the development of MIUs (Minor Illness and Injury Units) in all local hospitals with a full A&E at Gloucester Royal and daytime only (8 to 8) in Cheltenham. Meanwhile the REACH group led by Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce continues to press for a 24hr A&E there.

Carers Group

The practice still hopes to resurrect the Carers Group but pressure of work has prevented this recently. Are you in a position to help organise this? If so please talk to Julie Hughes, Head Receptionist at the surgery who has suggestions for speakers ready.

Finally

Regretfully the time has now come for me to step down from the PPG after five years and I hope you have found the work of value.

[The PPG members wish to thank John sincerely for the time and effort he has put in over the years leaving the group in a stronger position than he found it – Ed]

John Morley Painswick Patient Participation Group Chair

More members needed

If you feel you could give two hours for four or five meetings a year in the interests of liaison between the practice and its patients we would be glad to hear from you. Please email painswickppg@gmail.com



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CNFC Report

John Crowther, is giving a talk at The Hub, Minchinhampton, on Tuesday afternoon, 17th December on "The Plight of Hedgehogs in the UK". He is involved in the Help a Hedgehog Hospital Charity which now has four centres for the rescue, treatment and returning hedgehogs to the wild. Again, Members £1: Bring a contribution for tea and you get free entry! Visitors are welcome, £4.



Last month's meeting at Painswick Centre on November 6th focused on the evidence Darwin collected on his voyage in the Beagle. Our Speaker, Nick Wray, Director & Curator of the Bristol Botanic Gardens, had followed in Darwin's footsteps round South America and brought together miscellaneous observations Darwin had recorded, forgotten, and returned to in writing up his «Theory of Evolution». Nick postulated that most of the evidence had been recorded before Darwin reached the Galapagos and that Darwin was first and foremost, a Botanist!

Two weeks later, on 19th November, Ray Hedger came to The Hub, Minchinhampton, for our afternoon "Talk and Tea". He is dedicated to encouraging the appreciation of art and demonstrated the use of wood engraving in landscapes, especially creating colour and depth in black and white.

Joyce Barrus

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Music, Friendship And The Cotswold Hills : A Life of Gustav Holst

On Wednesday 13th Nov 2019 the Painswick Probus talk was given by Angela Applegate, a volunteer at the Holst Birthplace Museum in Cheltenham. Despite his ultimate fame Holst was a shy and private man and the title of the talk about Holst's life indicates the things he valued most.

Not a strong child he was short-sighted and suffered from asthma and neuritis in his right hand. Nevertheless, as a child he played the piano and the violin and later the trombone hoping it would strengthen his chest. He always loved walking in the Cotswolds and he would often walk from his home in Cheltenham to Wick Rissington, where at the age of only 17 he was appointed as organist and choirmaster.

At 18 he wrote 'Lansdown Castle', an operetta which was well received and ignited his desire to compose. However, composing was not paying the bills and a career as a concert pianist was out of the question because of his weak right hand, so he supported his family by teaching in schools and colleges.

Angela concluded her excellent talk with a description of the Holst Birthplace Museum in Cheltenham, and the 'Gustav Holst Way' a signed 35 mile footpath from Cranham through Cheltenham to Wick Rissington

Annual Skittles Match with Yew Trees WI

Incredible news from Probus Sports Correspondent: Led by our enthusiastic Club president and skittles team captain Somerset Moore, Painswick Probus Club recorded a comfortable victory on 21st Nov 2019 at the annual skittles match against the ladies of Yew Trees WI, after too many years of frustrating defeats. Contract negotiations with Jose Mourinho for the post of Probus Skittles Manager have been terminated by the Committee.

Henry Hall

Bonfires?

Following on from last months article I wish to answer another question we are sometimes asked. Should we have bonfires?



I grew up during a time when most keen gardeners had one or two bonfires a year. It was the easiest and quickest way to dispose of hard garden trimmings and tough weeds. Suitable vegetable waste always went on the compost heap. Domestic use of bonfires has become frowned on in recent years but in conservation work they still have their use.

The limestone grassland we are conserving and restoring has the largest number of associated species of any habitat in Britain. Somewhat counter intuitively, this is because the ground is very poor in nutrients. As scrub develops into secondary woodland, nutrients in the ground increase because trees can utilize inorganic minerals extracted from deeper down in the bed rock. These are assimilated into wood and leaves which ultimately form a rich layer of humus as they rot down.

For centuries woodlands were heavily exploited as wood was used as fuel, tools and building material. Every last stick was used, and the forest floor was relatively nutrient poor. However, since the collapse of traditional coppicing methods nutrient levels are rising. Now good woodland management encourages plenty of standing deadwood and rotting wood piles. This is beneficial for fungi and insects and therefore other birds and mammals benefit.

In an ideal world we would remove all the scrub we clear to secondary woods and let it rot down. Unfortunately, we have don't have the manpower or resources to do this. A good bonfire is the best solution.

Firstly, it has the advantage of concentrating all the inorganic compounds in one small space, then, over a few years, rainwater leaches them away through the very porous bed rock. The burn site very quickly recovers on the Beacon.

Secondly, many of the seeds which would later germinate, are destroyed.

Some people are concerned about the carbon dioxide produced. Burning wood is actually carbon neutral as only CO2 absorbed during the growth of the tree is released. The same amount of CO2 would be released if an equivalent quantity of wood were to rot away. The only difference is that it would take longer.

Finally, Happy Christmas to all and thanks to all PBCG helpers.

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Painswick's Community Lunches - - are moving

From January 6th the community lunches will be held in the Town Hall instead of Ashwell. The lunches are on Mondays, from 12 noon to 1.15pm, and as now will consist of vegetable soups, bread and cheese, with tea or coffee to follow. The cost, as now, is £3 for the lunch with 50p for the tea or coffee.

Each week the lunch is hosted by a group of volunteers, and the profits are donated to local charities at the end of the year. Do please come and meet your friends there.

Mary Sparks 814169, David Linsell 812464, Charles Garstang 812146



5 A-Boards. What a clutter. Hardly likely to attract visitors

Stephen Friar



Remembrance Day

There was a good attendance at the War Memorial on Monday 11th November when parishioners gathered to recall those who had given their lives in defence of the nation. The Remembrance Service was led by the Rector of Painswick, Rev. Janet Turville who gave the address.

The names of the fallen in the two World Wars were read by a Painswick resident who is a serving member of Her Majesty's Armed Forces. Wreaths were laid by representatives of local organisations and by 6th Year children from The Croft School.

PROPERTY REPORT by Beacon Staff

Despite all the turmoil of Brexit and the General Election, property in Painswick is still selling, with several properties going under offer this month. Just within the village, agents report offers agreed on Highfield House in Gloucester Street, 24 Upper Washwell and 2 Vicarage Street (all Hamptons), Rozel Cottage in St. Mary's Street (Murrays) and 3 Hillview Cottages in Gloucester Street (Moulton Haus). Contracts have exchanged on Mount Pleasant Cottage in Vicarage Street and sales of 5 Hyett Close and 3 White Horse Lane have now completed. Rental contracts have been agreed on Hazelbury in New Street and Clovers in Kingsmead, both through Moulton Haus.

New properties on the market include Rake Hill, a 6 bedroom house on the Highlands with the possibility of separating an annexe (Moulton Haus, offers over £1.5 million), and two other detached four bedroom houses through Murrays. South Gables in Cotswold Mead (795,000) is an Arts and Crafts style family home and 9 Randalls Field off Kingsmill Lane (£650,000) has great views from an elevated position. Hamptons are offering Southwood at Jacks Green, a detached house in need of some renovation, but with an adjoining three quarter acre paddock. James Pyle have Moreland Cottage in Bisley (£445,000), another cottage with some scope for modernisation / development. Right in the centre of the village, Lovedays Cottage in St. Mary's Street (Hamptons, £700,000) might suit a downsizer, but can also now be purchased fully furnished for use as a rental property. Also very central is 4 White Horse Lane (Moulton Haus, £260,000) a three bedroom terraced house.

All Painswick's estate agents wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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Regular Village Activities If the times of your regular activities have changed please let Vicky Aspinall know on
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Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm	
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm	
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm	
	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	
	Sheepscombe baby and toddler group - every Monday except holidays. £ 4.00 for first child, £1.00 others	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30am	
	Community Lunches at the Ashwell Community Centre start Monday October 7th, every Monday until end of the year	Ashwell Centre	12.00- 1.15pm	
	Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
		Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790		Painswick Centre	10.00am	
Bingo		Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm	
Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers in term time.		Rococo Gardens	10.00am	
Nia Holistic Fitness		Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm	
Table Tennis		Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm	
Artspace Painswick		The Falcon's Nest	4.00 - 6.00pm	
Wednesdays		Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
		Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm Afternoons
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm	
Thursdays	Painswick Bootcamp	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am	
	Yoga - all abilities	Town Hall	9.30am	
	T'ai chi. Contact Jeff on 07970 303694	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm	
	Dog training club.		Mornings	
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm	
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm	
	Jolly Stompers as above: Experienced beginners.	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm	
	Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Church Rooms	7.30pm	
Fridays	Stroud and District Philatelic Soc. 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month throughout the winter. Contact 813440			
	Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris 812600	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am	
	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am	
Saturdays	Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am	
	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	2.00 - 3.30 pm	
Sundays	Meeting for Worship Mass	Quaker Meeting House Catholic Church	10.30am 8.30am	
December	Please remember to send your programmes for 2020 to cvasp.26@gmail.com			
Sun 1	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am	
Mon 2	Community Lunch provided by Christian Aid	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm	
2	Knit and Natter	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm	
Wed 4	Cotteswold Naturalists: Disaster waiting - the Severn bridge disaster - Paul Barnett. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm	
4	Wreath making workshop with Bespoke Flower Co.	Painswick Centre		
4	Richmond Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am	
5	Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Christmas Party	Town Hall	2.30pm	



Fri	6	Beacon published		
	6	Friday club: Christmas Lunch	Golf Club	12.30 for 1.00pm
	6	Rococo Christmas Concert	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
	6	Painswick Gardening Club: Wreath and Garland making	Falcon Bowls Club	10.00 - 12.30pm
Sat	7	Painswick Gardening Club: Wreath and Garland making	Falcon Bowls Club	10.00 - 12.30pm
	7	Cotswold Cats and Dogs - celebration of Christmas	St Mary's Church	6.45 - 8.30pm
Sun	8	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	9	Community Lunch provided by Monday Walkers	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	10	Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Church Rooms	7 for 7.30pm
Wed	11	Peter Knight and John Spiers - a yuletide treat not to be missed. Tickets 16.00	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
	11	Painswick Probus: Christmas Dinner with the Ladies	The Waypoint @ Golf Club	
	11	Painswick Gardening Club: A Christmas evening with lone Woodger-Smith	Falcon Bowls Club	7.30pm
	11	Parish Council meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sun	15	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	17	Cotteswold Naturalists: Plight of the Hedgehog in the UK - John Crowther Enq 01453 873262	The Hub, Minchinhampton	2.30pm
	17	Carols around the piano followed by tea and cakes. All welcome!	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Wed	18	Midday Prayer	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
Fri	20	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
Sun	22	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	24	Christmas Eve - Crib Service	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
	24	Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass	St Mary's Church	11.30pm
Wed	25	Christmas Day - Family Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Fri	27	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Sun	29	Holy Communion for the Beacon family of churches	St Mary's Church	10.00am

January

Fri	3	Beacon published		
Mon	6	Knit and Natter	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm
	6	Community Lunch provided by the Painswick Centre Trustees	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15
Wed	8	Painswick Gardening Club: The Patch, a garden for all seasons - Jim Almond	Falcon Bowling Club	7.30pm
	8	Cotteswold Naturalists: Perils of Speculation in Regency Cheltenham - Steven Blake. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	8	Painswick Probus Club: Pourquoi pas Gallia Nova - Bill Affleck	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Thurs	9	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Dennis Morgan - Renee Fleming live in concert	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	10	Wick-flix TBA	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
	10	Rococo Gardens open for the new season.	Rococo Garden	10.30am
Mon	13	Community Lunch provided by Richmond Village	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Mon	20	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
	20	Community Lunch provided by 'Churches Together Around Painswick'	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
	20	Library Bookclub	Library	2.00pm
Tues	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: Stroud Valleys Project - Julie Wickham. Enq 01453 873262	The Hub, Minchinhampton	2.30pm
	21	Local History Society: The Georgian Pleasure Gardens; Todd's Cottages - Jan Whitton	The Croft School	7.30pm

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Vicky Aspinall at: cvasp.26@gmail.com**

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.19/2116/HHOLD CHURCH ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe
Block up and replace windows, replace and relocate chimney flue, remove roof vents and replacement of flat roof and internal alterations.

S.19/2117/LBC CHURCH ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe
Block up and replace windows, replace and relocate chimney flue, remove roof vents and replacement of flat roof and internal alterations.

S.19/2328/LBC ST ANDREWS, New Street. Removal of section of internal wall. (Retrospective).

S.19/2313/LBC STONELEIGH, Gloucester Street. Garage extension and replacing wall with a fence.

S.19/2362/FUL WOODSIDE BUNGALOW, Slad Road
Proposed access and change of use of the land to residential.

S.19/2378/HHOLD TERRENO, Longridge, Sheepscombe
Garden store to garden.

S.19/2314/TPO LONG FINALS, Stamages Lane
(1) Lime in back garden. - pollard to near previous. (2) 2 Poplars behind - pollard to near previous.

S.19/2375/TCA VILLAGE GREEN, Sheepscombe
Ash- Fell- Die back and fungus attack. Replace with small leafed lime.

S.19/2393/TCA CHURCH ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe
T1 - Eucalyptus Tree - Dismantle to ground level.

S.19/2399/FUL DUTCHCOMBE FARM, Yokehouse Lane
Revised replacement dwelling, new access and driveway.

S.19/2417/LBC OLIVERS, Cheltenham Road
Erection of single storey extension to north elevation following demolition of existing extension; excavation north of the house to create wine cellar, elevational alterations and internal alterations.

S.19/2416/HHOLD OLIVERS, Cheltenham Road
Erection of single storey extension to north elevation following demolition of existing extension, excavation north of

house to create wine cellar.
S.19/2154/FUL PROSPECT HOUSE, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe
Split house and annexe into separate dwellings.

S.19/2453/HHOLD HILLVIEW, Cockshoot, Sheepscombe
Proposed two-storey extension, alterations to existing and new garage.

S.19/2458/HHOLD 2 THE CROFT
Front & rear single storey extensions and loft conversion.

S.19/2451/HHOLD WORDINGS ORCHARD, Sheepscombe
Conversion of kennel to form extension to existing annexe.

CONSENT

S.19/1862/HHOLD 1 CHURCHILL WAY

Single storey side extension.
S.19/1869/LBC SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe

Creation of access
S.19/1859/HHOLD SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe

Creation of access, erection of carport and landscaping.

S.19/2049/TCA GRAYS, Far End Sheepscombe

Tree 1 - Ornamental Prunus - reduce by 30%, all deadwood removed and one limb removed. Tree 2 - Weeping Willow - pollarded to previous points.

S.19/1809/TCA THE GRANGE, Sheepscombe
Weeping Willow - pollard.

S.19/2124/TCA THE CROFT, Sheepscombe

2 Poplars in the bottom corner of the garden - Fell to near ground level.

S.19/2057/VAR EASTLEA, Back Edge Lane, Edge

Removal of condition 4 - no living accommodation (garage) from S.13/1828/HHOLD.

WITHDRAWN

S.19/1896/FUL QUERCUS BLUFF, The Park.

Proposed new access track to The Byre (Dwelling 2 as shown on drawings).

S.19/1946/HHOLD BUNCH OF GRAPES, Cheltenham Road

Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey garden art studio.

Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of JONATHAN CHOAT of Dynevor House who has died aged 79 following a tragic accident.

and to the family and friends of LORD RICHARD DICKINSON who died peacefully at home on November 27th.

Welcome

To ALAN & MICHELLE BODEN who both lived in Painswick for some of their childhood and have recently returned to make The Croft their home. They lived in Brimscombe for over thirty years where they raised their family of four boys.

Congratulations

To RORY BODEN AND LEAH TOMKINS who got married at St. Mary's Painswick on November 2nd. Very best wishes to them as they make their home in Bussage. Have a long and loving marriage. Love Mum and Dad.

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

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