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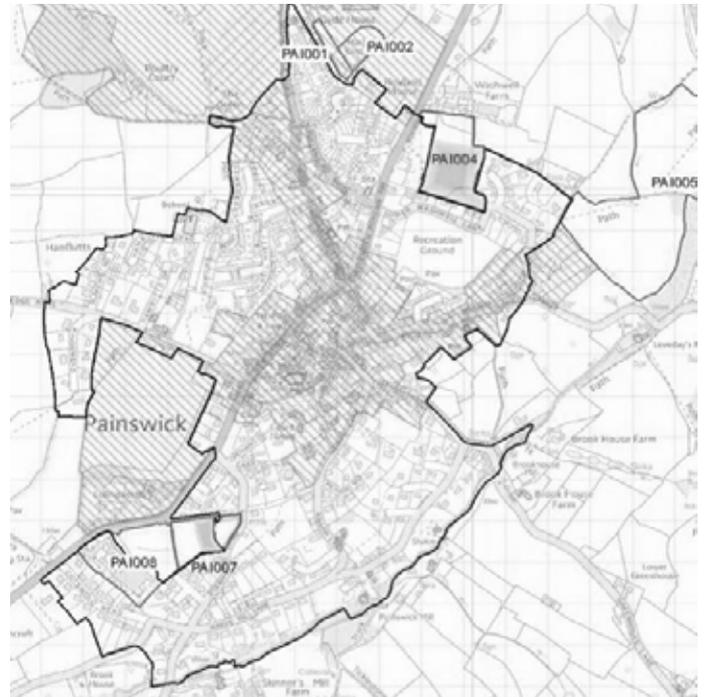
November 2017

Have your say on Painswick's future on 14th November

A new Local Plan for the Stroud District is being prepared and as part of the process there will be an exhibition and drop-in session at Painswick Town Hall on Tuesday 14th November from 3 pm to 6.30 pm. It's the chance to have your say on proposals that could have a significant impact on the future of the village.

The importance of the issues has been highlighted by several controversial plans recently for housing development, particularly in the area around Stamages Lane. Most recently, an outline application has been approved for a single four bedroom house at the edge of the field between Stamages Lane and Knapp Lane. The approval was in spite of objections from the Parish Council. Several other objectors voiced the fear that if approved, this could open the door to further applications over a larger part of the field, or even all of it.

Earlier in the year, an application to build nine houses to the west of Stamages Lane, in the garden of 'Stamages', was rejected. The Parish Council had been split on this application, and like the proposal above, it was decided by Stroud District Council officers, without going to the Council's Development Control Committee. The same was true of a recent application in Court Orchard, rejected in spite of Parish Council support, and without going to the Development Control Committee. Stroud District Councillors are able to 'call in' applications to the Committee, but did not do so on any of these applications, ignoring requests from the Parish Council.



In preparatory work for the new Local Plan, Council planners have reviewed various possible sites for development, including ten in Painswick. They reject the possible development of eight of these sites, including land around Gyde House, the area around Painswick Mill, Lower Broadham, and a large area to the North East of the village beyond The Verlands.



What's going on at St. Michael's? See page 15

Reminders

Saturday 4th November

Bonfire and Fireworks Night at The Croft School 5 pm to 7 pm. Fireworks from 6.30. Adults £3, Children £2, under 3s free.

Saturday 11th November

Remembrance Service. 10.55 am at the War Memorial.

Friday 24th November Painswick's Goodwill Evening. From 5 pm to 9 pm around the village



Gold Award for Painswick

Painswick Parish Council has been awarded 'Quality Gold', the top rating for local councils under the Local Council Award Scheme. The Award demonstrates that a council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence in governance, community leadership and council development.

It involved an assessment panel, which visited Painswick in October, meeting representatives of community projects as well as Parish Councillors. The Parish Council Clerk, Roy Balgobin, was clear that the award is as much for the village community as for the council itself. "The panel were impressed by the high level of community involvement and the sheer number of volunteers involved in activities such as the Library, The Tourist Information Office, the Toddler Group and so on", he said.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on October 18th by Mike Kerton

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, opened the meeting and thanked Richmond Villages, Painswick for kindly hosting the meeting. There were several members of the public present who raised concerns over the recent decision of the Parish Council to support an application to site a mast on land adjacent to Pincott Lane. The main concerns were the lack of publicity given to the application, that the Parish Council did not consult with those neighbours who would be directly affected by the mast and finally that they were unable to access the District Council's planning web site following recent updates to the system. In conclusion they asked the Parish Council to reconsider their decision. Chairman of the Planning Committee, Cllr Rob Lewis, advised the meeting that when the application was considered there were no objections on the District Council's web site, that views of local residents had been sought and no objections had been made. As the Parish Council had followed due process they were not prepared to reconsider the application. The application had not yet been determined and Cllr. Lewis advised residents to contact Stroud District Council's Planning Dept. and their local District Cllrs. to make their objections.

Apologies for absence

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs James Cross, Steve Morris, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and Mike Fletcher.

Matters Arising not on this Agenda

Cllrs expressed their concern over the problems caused by the newly introduced District Council's planning portal. There were difficulties over making online comments on applications and the fault resolution process was completely unsatisfactory. It was agreed that the Parish Council would send a strongly worded letter of complaint to the Head of Planning.

To receive notification of:

S.17/0502/LBC Coombe House,

Sheepscombe - an Appeal has been submitted. Ref No APP/C1625/Y/17/3180714 - The Committee noted the appeal

S.17/0040/FUL Terreno, Sheepscombe - The Appeal Ref No APP/C1625/W/17/3176458 has been dismissed.

Matters requiring a decision

The Committee agreed to support applications at Hazelhanger, Far End, Sheepscombe (S.17/2122/VAR), Chapel Cottage, The Green, Edge (S.17/2182/LBC), Bryher, Cheltenham Road (S.17/0794/HHOLD) (subject to conditions), Lindridge, Stamages Lane (S.17/2066/HHOLD), Hilcott, Cheltenham Road (S.17/2066/HHOLD) (subject to conditions) and Lullingworth, Stroud Road (S.17/2205/TPO).

The committee agreed to object to an application for variation at Abbeywood Cottage, Slad Lane (S.17/2078/VAR), maintaining support for the original application. It also objected to applications at the Nurses House, Friday Street (S.17/2119/HHOLD) and The Manse, Gloucester Street (S.17/2140/HHOLD and S.17/2144/LBC).

Applications at The Cottage, Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp (S.17/2201/FUL), at Clovers, Kingsmead (S.17/2095/HHOLD) and at Downton House, Gloucester Street (S.17/2246/TCA) were deferred.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger opened the meeting and introduced Mike Hammond and Michael Towson, Officers from Stroud District Council, who were attending to take part in a "Question and Answer" session regarding the proposed increase in car parking fees for Stamages Lane car park. Prior to the Meeting the Council had submitted a series of written questions and the Officers attending had prepared written answers to those questions. In summary the Parish Council was concerned about

the total lack of consultation over the proposed increase in car parking charges. Whilst the Council understood that the District Council had statutory powers to increase parking fees they do not believe that it has been clearly demonstrated the increase in fees will not undermine the vitality of town centres. The Parish Council requested that the proposed car parking increases be deferred until a full strategic parking review is conducted throughout the District, which will involve a full consultation process. If the car parking charges are not deferred then the Parish Council may consider consulting with both Stroud and Stonehouse Town Councils with a view to seeking a Judicial Review.

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To accept the resignation of Cllr Matthew Birch

Clerk, Roy Balgobin, read out a letter which had been received from Cllr Birch. The letter confirmed that as he was relocating for employment reasons, he wished to resign from the Council. The resignation was accepted and it was agreed to issue a formal notice of the vacancy. Details of the basic commitments of being a Councillor would be included as an addendum to the notice.

County Councillor's report

County Cllr Keith Rippington advised the meeting that work was underway to prepare the 2018/19 budget. Also the County Highways Dept would continue to repair potholes on the A46 on an ad hoc basis. Cllrs raised concerns over the noise caused by the loose manhole cover on the A46, outside the Patchwork Mouse. Although Severn Trent had "repaired" the loose cover it had only lasted a few days before the problem returned. Cllr Rippington agreed to refer the matter to the Highways Dept.

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District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Nigel Cooper advised the meeting that work was underway to prepare the 2018/19 budget. He too was concerned about the problems with the new Planning web site. He would take up the matter with the Head of Planning.

To confirm the recommendation of the Personnel Committee

The Council agreed to the Committee's recommendation to continue with the Apprenticeship Scheme and to start the recruiting process for a new Apprentice in January 2018. The current Apprentice had completed her training and had achieved her NVQ ahead of schedule. The Council extended their thanks to George Hodder, the Handyman, for his excellent tuition and training.

To consider a request from St Michaels to erect a sign on the Town Hall wall

After a discussion the Council agreed not to support the request. The Town Hall is a Grade II listed building and advertising of the nature requested was not appropriate but it suggested alternative advertising solutions be considered.

Responsible Financial Officer Report

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

b) The Clerk circulated a report showing "budget v expenditure". The report was accepted by the Council.

Ward Reports

Cllr Ian James reported two large potholes at the junction of Beech Lane with Vicarage Street and that the previously reported road slippage along the B4070 by Bidfield Barn seems to have worsened. This should be treated as a priority as the drainage system has failed. The Clerk will report both of these concerns to the Highways Dept.

As the last Question and Answer session held in Sheepscombe was successful it

was agreed that Cllr Ian James would liaise with the Clerk to arrange a further Q&A session.

Cllr Abigail Smith reported on the results of the recent pedestrian crossing survey, carried out by the County Council. The results show very few pedestrians crossing but the survey was only measured over a short distance on the A46 adjacent to the entrance to the old fire station. Questions have been raised over the methodology since it does not appear to have included the bus stops or the pedestrian link between Pullens Road and Lower Washwell, which are the two key targets for the potential pedestrian island. Cllr Smith is liaising with Highways Dept in order to have another survey completed in a more realistic position.

Cllr Martin Slinger reported that the Edge Village Hall restoration project has now been fully completed and that the Hall is now open for normal use.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Car Park woes

With effect from 26th October, Stroud District Council has increased charges at the Stamages Lane car park, as well as at car parks in Stroud and Stonehouse. Charges for one hour have been doubled to 40p, with other charges also increased, including for season tickets.

Painswick Parish Council has protested at the increase, which is the first since 2011, but well in excess of inflation since then (see report of meeting above). Parking in most other villages around Stroud is currently free.

However on Wednesday 25th October the payment machine was almost demolished, having been rammed by a car overnight, apparently deliberately.



We had some great feedback on our October screening of Hidden Figures. This was an example of a thoroughly good film that did not get much publicity on release and only had a short run in the cinemas. Our aim is to find more like this and we have some great ones coming up:

Friday 3rd November - Eddie the Eagle (12A)

This uplifting film tells the story of local boy, Michael "Eddie" Edwards, and his unflinching determination to beat all odds and become Britain's first Olympic ski-jumper at the 1988 Calgary Winter Games. This is a British made movie with Hugh Jackman as the coach and a great supporting cast. Who knows? The real Eddie might even turn up!

Friday 1st December - Baby Driver (15)

Coerced into working for a crime boss (Kevin Spacey), a young getaway driver (Ansel Elgort) finds himself taking part in a doomed heist. Spacey appears in good films and this is no exception. Described as the "coolest film of the year" this is an exceptionally well crafted British made movie with a great soundtrack that should keep you on the edge of your seat.

Friday 12th January - film to be decided.

Doors open 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £6.00 on the door (one price for all) including one free drink. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity.

As always up-to-date information on what's coming up can be found on the Wick-Flix page at www.painswickcentre.com. Come along and support your community cinema!

David Chapman



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A 'gem' of a new business in Painswick

Well known as a local photographer, Anne-Marie Randall has recently launched a brand new business from her home in Painswick. Spotting a gap in the market, Anne-Marie has researched, designed and produced her own jewellery range called 'Photogem'. The jewellery uses cherished pictures that are set in a precious metal using resin to create a 'gem' which is then worn on necklaces, bracelets and even cufflinks.

"I've had an amazing response from family and friends and now the word is spreading. I've even posted gems to the Netherlands and the United States." says Anne-Marie. "People love the ability to be able to personalise their jewellery and create thoughtful and affordable gifts. Customers say that Photogems are a modern day take on an old-fashioned locket. I've had people order jewellery and cufflinks with old pictures of loved ones that they have lost, so that they can keep them close. I make them to order in 9ct gold and sterling silver."

Anne-Marie lives in Painswick with husband Bruce and daughter Lily, 12, while eldest daughter Izzy is studying TV production at the University of Gloucestershire. Having built up a successful photography business Anne-Marie loves combining her passion for images with creating something really treasured and unique.

"Being a photographer, images are a huge part of my life. My girls are growing up so fast and I can feel them slipping away. I have seen other photo jewellery which was beautiful but not quite my style. This led me on the journey of creating Photogem so that I could see my girls' beautiful faces all the time in a style that suited me. I am really pleased with my designs. I wear my necklace and leather wrap bracelet everyday."

It's not too late to order for Christmas. To find out more see <https://photogem.myshopify.com> or contact Anne-Marie directly at info@photogem.co.uk



Emma Bradshaw

First novel for local author Book Signing 24th November

Emily Elgar's first novel, a psychological thriller called "If You Knew Her", has now been published in paperback, to considerable critical acclaim. Emily grew up in Painswick and was married in St. Mary's Church last year.

The British edition is published by Sphere and is available now at £7.99 in all good bookshops as well as on Amazon. Translation rights have been sold in eight languages. In the United States it will be published in January 2018 by Harper Collins.

Emily will be signing copies of the book at The Suffolk Anthology, Cheltenham's Independent Bookshop (run by Helene Hewett of Painswick), 17 Suffolk Parade, Cheltenham at 6.30-8.00 pm on Friday 24th November

Estate Agency returns to its roots

A new office has opened in Painswick for the Estate Agent, James Pyle & Co. This brings the firm back to its roots, the original office of Lear & Lear (now Hamptons) in Painswick having been opened by James Pyle's father, Alan Pyle. Alan later went on to found A.R. Pyle & Co., one of the original sponsors of the Painswick Beacon at its launch in 1978. The new office, based in Hoyland House, below the Doctors surgery, is now fully open for business and can be contacted on 812054.

The Croft School

We have had a fantastic start to the school year with everyone working really hard, demonstrating excellent attitudes and producing some superb work. We have welcomed 19 new Reception pupils to The Croft and also 5 new pupils in other classes across the school; they have all settled in extremely well.



The football and netball teams have already been in action in league games as well as tournaments with a range of other schools in Gloucester. The children are also making the most of a range of extra-curricular activities as well as learning various different musical instruments with our peripatetic music teachers.

The Croft Primary School are hosting open sessions for prospective parents of children who are due to start school in September 2018. Please join us on Tuesday 21st November between 9:30am and 10:30am or on Thursday 23rd November between 1:30pm and 2:30pm. No need to book - just come and visit our school and talk to our Class Teachers.

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Yew Trees Women's Institute A walk to Roma

Thirty four members enjoyed the Summer Supper in August and Jane Rowe led a circular walk in September through the Holcombe Valley, over the Beacon, round through Paradise and back to the Rococo Gardens for an optional lunch.



Evening meetings resumed on 26th September with a talk by Chris O'Grady entitled "A Walk to Roma". This was based on his pilgrimage from Pershore to Rome covering 1,200 miles, 114 nights and speaking in three languages. Singing The St Matthew Passion at Tewkesbury Abbey the day before had given him an uplifting start to his journey. Crossing the Channel to Caen he walked his way through France often knocking on doors to ask for a bed for the night for a pilgrim or sleeping in beds ordered through couchsleeping.org. Hitch-hiking through the Mont Blanc Tunnel he reached Italy and joined the Via Francigena into Italy along ancient Roman and Medieval roads.

Every day Chris read John Bunyan's hymn and prayer "To be a Pilgrim". Certainly Chris showed true valour in all winds and weather and nothing made him relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim. He did not meet hobgoblin or foul fiend on the way but he was encouraged and helped by very many interesting strangers. He observed that those with the least gave the most. His ultimate goal was an audience with the Pope which had been arranged through the Vatican. This he achieved.

At 7.30 pm on November 28th in the Church Rooms there will be a talk by John Dickson "Nylons. Where did you purchase your last pair?" This will be followed by the AGM and we hope to see you all there.

Janet Jenkins

Off to a strong start

Our new season is off to a strong start. On the 28th September Howard Allen talked to us about Sir Thomas Beecham's lifelong adoration and promotion of the music of Mozart going on to play extracts of Mozart's music. Sir Thomas was a member of the famous Beecham pharmaceutical family, known to his friends as "Tommy". His fascination with the music of Mozart began at an early age. Aged 10 he boasted that he knew all the tunes and arias of Mozart's operas. He felt the British public were unaware of Mozart's importance so he set about changing this view. By his death at age 82 in 1961 not only was he one of the greatest orchestral conductors and operatic impresarios of his time he had achieved his objective, Mozart was a firm favourite with the British public.



Then on the 12th October Mike Clark explored the ways composers have used and developed the overture. Some overtures were written as "standalone" but the majority as a prelude to an opera. Sullivan wrote overtures for each of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas giving the audience a "taste" of the music to come and also allowed them to settle into their seats! We enjoyed examples from Sullivan to Bernstein.

For our November programme on the 9th Peter Jenkins will be talking about Johann Strauss II and exploring the influence of his music. Then on the 23rd Rod Winfield's talk is intriguingly titled "Early Departures", which covers nine composers all of whom died before the age of 40. Why not come and join us in the Town Hall at 7.30 on either one or both of these dates.

Mike Kerton



Spitzbergen, Swallows and Swifts

Where do some of our winter birds go in the summer? We have John Sparks, former head of the BBC Natural History Unit, coming to give us an talk on the Wildlife of Spitzbergen. This will be on on Tuesday, November 7th, at the Town Hall, Painswick, starting at 7:30 pm. Please join us, Visitors welcome @£3

David Cramp, RSPB Gloucestershire group leader, came to give us a talk on Swallows, Martins and Swifts in October. We see a mixture of these enigmatic summer migrants flying in the Painswick area in the summer but it is not always easy to distinguish them. David showed through his excellent series of photographs, many of his own, the features of each. And he added detail such as size, silhouette and colour in flight. Most of us will have experienced the screaming swifts as they arrive and leave from the middle of Painswick, so we welcomed information as to where they migrate to, for the winter.

Joyce Barrus

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Meet the new PSALMS team



New Members Based Predominately in the Beacon Benefice

Nathan Youlton – has just joined the team and is taking on the role of

overseeing the children and family work in the Beacon Benefice including Club Pulse (Youth Club) on a Monday night. He is also helping at Cranham School's Monday Pulsar Lunch Club. He loves sports and used to work at Dean Close School.

Rob French – started Multi Sports Club last summer and is currently at the Youth Club and exploring Sports Ministry across Gloucestershire.

Ben Fudge – has also just started as a PSALMS intern for this school year. He is involved in Monday's Youth Club and The Croft's Tuesday Pulsar Lunch Club and 'Open the Book'! He is a keen footballer and referee.

Steph Poole – continues to run the Pulsar lunchtime games clubs in Cranham for Y3-Y6 and at The Croft with Y5 & Y6's. Also for a short time she is helping at the Youth Club on Mondays to aid the transition for the younger children.

Fiona Gill continues to help behind the scenes whilst overseeing the residentials and bigger events.

Sue Shaw



Left to Right - Ben Fudge, Louise Rees-Cansdale, Nathan Youlton, Elly Powell, Rob French, Fiona Gill, Jake Powell, Anton Wynn, Andy Poole

News from St Mary's

November 1st is All Saints Day, followed by All Souls Day on 2nd November. At St Mary's we celebrate both of these occasions on Sunday 5th November. The annual All Souls service will be in the afternoon at 4pm. Here there will be an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones during this service.



Messy Church will meet in the Church Rooms on Thursday 9th November at the usual time of 3.30pm (see article alongside). Also on 9th November, Churches Together around Painswick (CTAP) are holding their AGM in the church rooms at 7pm (see separate article).

Armistice Day is on Saturday 11th November and there will be a remembrance service at the War Memorial at 10.55am led by the Vicar Mike Holloway. The following day is Remembrance Sunday when there will be remembrance services in all our churches at 10.50am. This includes Painswick, Edge, Pitchcombe, Sheepscombe and Cranham.

Advent Sunday which heralds the start of the church's year falls on 3rd December. The beginning of Advent will be celebrated by a peal of our bells by visiting ringers on Saturday 2nd December. The peal will last for about 3 hours. So if you hear the bells ringing on that Saturday and wonder why they are ringing, it is for Advent.

David Newell

Messy Church Thursday 9th November



From 3.30pm to 5.15pm in the St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick. Join us as we tell the parable of 'The Ten Bridesmaids'. We will have activities and crafts to enjoy, as well as a delicious tea together.

Messy Church is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries please contact Fiona Gill: Mobile: 07771 513 382 or Email: fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net

Sue Shaw

Services of Remembrance

The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in St Mary's Church at 10.50am on Sunday 12th November. On Remembrance Day, Saturday 11th November, there will be short service at the War Memorial at 10.55am during which wreaths will be laid. All local organisations are invited to participate in the wreath laying ceremony. Everyone will be most welcome at the services.

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Churches Together

The Chairman and committee of C.T.A.P. warmly invite you to the AGM, followed by a talk given by Jackie Natt on her work with Marah, a Stroud based charity supporting the homeless and disadvantaged.



Thursday 9th November at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms at the far end of Stamages Carpark, Painswick. There will be light refreshments. We look forward to your support – ALL ARE WELCOME.

C.T.A.P. exists to promote activities which bring together the Christian denominations in and around Painswick and to promote a greater understanding of the beliefs of other religions. Come along to the AGM to share your ideas and to find out more!

Sue Stick

Walking to Rome again

On 29th September the Club welcomed Chris O'Grady who enthralled us with an illustrated talk of how he celebrated his 50th birthday - walking from his home town of Pershore to Rome. He set off in March 2011, arriving in Rome in June, after trekking some 1200 miles, following a route used by centuries of pilgrims. Chris carried with him only the bare essentials, one pair of boots, a tent and four pairs of underwear! The tent was only used once on his first night and after that by the wonders of the internet - a web site called "couchsurfers" - he stayed each night with either a local family or in a church building. He still corresponds with several of the families who welcomed him into their home. The highlight was to be granted an audience at the Vatican shortly after his arrival.



Then on 13th October the Club visited the Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. It is difficult to find the words to describe this. With 300 memorials spread over 150 acres and covered by 30,000 trees breathtaking seems appropriate. After a Land Train ride, with commentary, around the site we were then able to explore ourselves. A lasting memory for many was the circular wall that contained the names of those who had lost their lives in service to their country since 1945. The wall is designed so that at 11am on 11th November a beam of sunlight shines through a slit and illuminates the interior.

On 10th November, Mike Powis, our local pharmacist, will be talking to us about The Painswick Pharmacy. The current business started in 1948, the same year as the NHS. He will explain the evolving role of the local Pharmacist compared to 1948. Christmas comes early on the 24th November, when Howard Beard and friends will be entertaining us with Christmas music together with mulled wine and mince pies. Remember we start at 1.45! A date for members' diaries - our Christmas lunch is on 8th December at the Painswick Golf Club. We look forward to you joining us.

Mike Kerton

An Autumn trial Dogs welcome

By popular request, we are trialling opening the Garden this year beyond our normal closing date of 31st October. We will open for the six weekends between 1st November and 10th December between 10.30am and 4pm. It's a rare chance to see the structure and architecture of the Garden in winter and enjoy a walk in its sheltered valley. And for these twelve days only, we will be admitting dog owners for nothing - for every dog, one grown-up gets in free of charge. For more info, see our website.



Our Garden team will be hard at work preparing the Garden for 2018. You will see the preparatory work happening in the Exedra Garden as we get ready for next spring's replanting, bringing it closer to how it might have looked in the 1740s. The Plunge Pool beds are already replanted, with just finishing touches to be added. And we'll be starting work on our expanded rustic play area in our woodland.

Meanwhile, the Café and Shop will remain open every day until 10th December serving warming drinks, great food and our famous delicious selection of cakes for pre-Christmas coffee and teas with friends. We also have our own range of handmade chocolates and fudge which could make excellent gifts for family and friends. Proving very popular is our bottled Rococo Apple Juice which was picked and pressed on-site during October. And speaking of gifts... our Shop has a terrific range of interesting items if you are looking for ideas that are just a little bit different. These range from ceramics from the Taena Pottery to local books to unusual foody items which you could pop in a gift hamper. Come and see us soon!

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Sarah raises funds for eye care and burns victims

On Sunday, 1st October, Painswickian Sarah Burges Watson, soprano and Craig Greene, piano gave an appreciative audience a musical treat in St Mary's Church. It was a concert in aid of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group and Burns Violence Survivors based in Nepal. Sarah, a previous finalist in the BBC Choirlife of the year competition, has since studied singing and piano at The Royal Academy of Music, before reading Classics at Cambridge and completing a PhD at Harvard. Her present music teacher is based at the Welsh Academy of Music. Craig Greene is much in demand as a concert soloist with leading orchestras.

In the first half Sarah sang music by Monteverdi and Purcell and demonstrated the remarkable purity of her voice throughout its wide range. During the interval Denise Magauran explained the work of the Eye Hospital Group. This gives the only expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. It treats patients regardless of religion, ethnicity or ability to pay. Denise herself worked for the Group for quite a long time, mainly in Jerusalem but also in the hospitals in the West Bank and Gaza. Alison Marston then talked about the charity she supports - The Burning Issue, based in Nepal. There are many badly burned survivors from the 2015 earthquake and the charity provides treatment that otherwise would not be available.

In the second half Sarah started with a superb interpretation of Schumann's challenging "In der Fremde" from his Op 39 Liederkreis conveying quiet resignation and longing for death set against remarkable dynamics on the piano. The following pieces allowed Sarah to show a wide variety of emotions and Craig again to demonstrate his virtuosity. The recital ended with beautifully sung Britten's arrangements of folk songs from Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

Afterwards we had a lovely tea in the Church Rooms. A grateful Denise and Alison reported that a leaving collection after the concert raised, including Gift Aid, almost £1,250.

Peter Jenkins



Painswick Gardening Club

I'm still desperately clinging on to thoughts of summer and autumn but with the clocks changing... don't let that stop you coming along to the monthly meetings, as we have great speakers lined up and, of course, there is the lovely, lively atmosphere from beginning to end!



Hugh Thomas from Little Malvern Court shared his passion for great gardens and great design in October and for our next talk on 8th November (Church Rooms, 7.30pm) we welcome back multi gold medal winner Paul Hervey-Brookes to talk about 'Beautiful Borders'. Don't forget that on Friday 10th November the Gardening Club is hosting a talk by James Alexander-Sinclair - see last month's article or our website for details. Committee members have had a memorable time delivering flyers! This event is a real coup for the Club and your support is greatly appreciated.

Our 'Drop In' wreath making morning - no need to pre-book - is on Saturday 2nd December (10am - 1pm) in the Church Rooms. A creative and fun morning with everything provided including a bit of guidance and coffee and mince pies; all for £10. Please bring secateurs but don't worry if you forget. If you just fancy coffee and mince pie (nominal charge) just pop in; we'd love to see you.

Quiz night is on Wednesday 6th December (Church Rooms, 7.30pm). Teams/tables to a maximum of 6 people please in the spirit of fairness. Visitors are warmly welcomed on quiz night and at all of our monthly meetings for a very reasonable £4 pp. Wine, nibbles and many, many laughs are guaranteed!

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David Drew on the Beacon

Congratulations to Pat Pinnegar, the outright winner with an impressive 23 out of 27 of the PBCG Painswick Feast quiz. However, it was rumoured that she used her initiative and used some display literature as help, well done. I hope she enjoys (enjoyed) the wine.



The AGM was well attended. Terry Parker stood down as chair to be replaced by Richard Aspinall. We welcome Joyce Barrus back onto the committee. After the formal part of the evening Julian Bendle and Jennifer Gilbert gave a very informative talk on the Back from the Brink project. They explained how part of the plan is to connect existing conservation sites by encouraging local land owners to manage marginal land better. It is an important national 4 year project funded by the National Lottery and I expect to see more of the details in the national press.

The cattle have now been moved to a new paddock on the Beacon ramparts having spent some ten weeks near the Cemetery. They have done a great job and we will soon be returning to that area to clear some more trees and scrub to help regenerate more grass and flower habitat. We hope to leave them in the new paddock as long as possible until they have to be moved to Holcomb Farm.

This month I was invited to meet with Butterfly representatives and David Drew on the Beacon. He is championing the Large Blue butterfly introduction and we explained how what we do will help. It was a very interesting couple of hours and he clearly takes local issues very seriously. It is hoped his involvement will promote the reintroduction.



The first work party in November will involve planting wild thyme and marjoram plug plants on the ramparts. These are the food plants of the large blue caterpillar, to increase the success of reintroduction. The correct species of red ant are present in sufficient numbers on the site because of the success of grazing over the last few years.

Paul Baxter

Come to the Cabaret!

1931 Berlin is a sexually charged haven of decadence, the Nazi party is growing stronger. The Kit Kat Club is a seedy place of decadent celebration, hosted by the unsettling Emcee, and entertained by the singer Sally Bowles. This is the musical Cabaret!

The Painswick Theatre Club finished its 2017 on a high with Cabaret at the New Theatre Cardiff. Staring Will Young and Louise Rednap, Cabaret featured the iconic songs Money Makes the World Go Round, Maybe This Time, Tomorrow belongs to me and, of course, Cabaret. Cabaret comes with fishnets, suspenders, corsets and gaiety, but there is also an underlying tension that subtly captures the atmosphere of the time reflecting the insidious political climate of Germany in the 1930s. The subtlety only extended so far though and the show built to a bone-chilling final tableau that dispels any complacency.

This was the final visit of 2017. The first visit of 2018 will be to Malvern to see a matinee performance of Son of a Preacher Man, a musical based on the songs of Dusty Springfield. Invitations to re-join will be sent out to members in January. If you are not a member and want to receive an invitation contact Judith on 812575 or email, judithmunro@aol.com.

Ross Munro

Rococo Gardens

Our October meeting featured a talk by Roger Turner on the topic of "William Kent and the Rococo Garden style". Roger explained that William Kent was already a well-known architect when he turned his hand to landscape and garden design, a field in which he soon made a name for himself.



His involvement stems from about 1730 and coincided with the period when the gardens of the early 18th century were beginning to change from the traditional formal culture, to the more informal and natural layout in the later part of the century. It is only relatively recently that garden historians have started to use the term Rococo to describe the style of garden found during this short period of transition.

The major feature at that time was straight lines laid in a symmetrical pattern coupled with whimsically designed buildings and structures. Kent played a leading part in developing this change. Although he was involved in many schemes his best known were major projects at Chiswick House in London and Stowe in Buckinghamshire.

As evidence of his style of work we were shown pictures of various structures and the layout of many gardens. On both counts these schemes fitted neatly into the style now known as rococo. We were also shown pictures of our local rococo gardens which included the rebuilt exedra and red house which were of similar design to those in Kent's projects. The layout of the gardens was also similar although there is no suggestion that he had had any involvement in the design of the local garden.

Our next meeting will be on 20th November when we will have a presentation by Tony Condor who will speak on the topic "Canals in the landscape"

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Painswick knitters answer call for help

When Pat Chase, of Longridge, received a call for help in September from a friend who is a surgeon working in Africa, she didn't at first know where to turn. Pat has worked to help disadvantaged children in South Africa for many years and her friend James travels out to Rwanda on a regular basis as relief support for a local surgeon, performing Caesarian operations. The maternity hospital is desperately short of supplies, to the extent that babies born there are sometimes referred to as 'fish and chip babies'. Blankets are so scarce that new-born babies have to be wrapped in newspaper to keep them warm. To help out, Pat had sent a few small knitted vests, which turned out to be just what they wanted. Now James was asking if she could get any more.

It took a couple of phone calls for Pat to find herself in contact with Sue Kerton of Painswick's Knit and Natter Group, who was able to help. Sue created a pattern and called in assistance, not just from the Knit and Natter Group, but from the Friday Club, from Delyth Allen and friends at St. Mary's Church, even from the Chalford Stitchers. In just three weeks 165 knitted vests were produced, many with matching bonnets as well. Ninety vests have already been sent out to Rwanda and the rest will be on their way before long. The vests come in an array of rainbow colours – anything but white, which in Rwanda is the colour associated with burial and death. Pat is overwhelmed with the response from Painswick and sends heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.

Meanwhile the fantastic knitted Nativity scene produced by the Knit and Natter group two years ago, has also found a new home in Africa, at a school in Esikhawini, north of Durban in South Africa. And now the knitters are helping Pat again by working on jumpers in larger sizes for older children in South Africa. To contact the Knit and Natter group, ring Sue Kerton on 810878.

Right: Pat with just a few of the knitted vests



Painswick Singers Seek More Recruits

Painswick Singers' rehearsals for their Christmas Concert restarted on Mon. 30th October at 7.30 in the Auditorium at Richmond Painswick and continue weekly until the 11th December. There is still enough time for new recruits to join us and be well prepared for the concert at St Mary's Church on Saturday 16th December at 7.30 pm.

We would welcome singers for all parts, particularly altos and basses to boost our numbers. No auditions are held, just come along and enjoy the experience of singing traditional Christmas carols under the direction of Jessi Pywell.

If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Secretary Jean Jones on 01452 813545

Jeff Clarke

Library News New Books & Free Christmas Raffle

New books for November include:

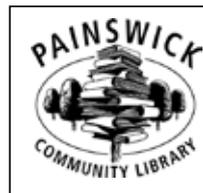
Adult Non-fiction: Duncan Hamilton – "For the Glory", Adam Rutherford – "A Brief History of Everyone who ever Lived – the stories in our genes"

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Junior fiction: Adam Blade – "Beast Quest. Vedra & Krimon", Isla Fisher – "Marge & the Great Train Rescue", Franklin W Dixon – "Hardy Boys" – "Bound for Danger" & "The Secret Warning", Daisy Meadows – "Susie the Sister Fairy", Robin Stevens – "The Guggenheim Mystery"

Spoken Word CD: William Boyd – "Solo"

Starting Friday November 17th, anyone using their library card at the Library is entitled to a free raffle ticket for our seasonal hamper for adults or a seasonal stocking for children. The Draw will take place, at a Coffee Morning, in the Library on Saturday December 16th at 11.30 am. The Painswick Community Library AGM will also be held in the Library on 30th November at 7pm.



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Autumn is a time for reflection on past achievements. As well as a busy and successful programme of visits, talks and walks, the Cotteswold Naturalists have been raising money for good causes. In October, members had a talk on 'Water, water everywhere, but...' in which John and Jean Broadbent described projects in Ethiopia to improve access to sources of clean drinking water and to enable young students to continue their education. In addition to enjoying a cream tea and photographic presentation of the Club's September Excursion to Guernsey, Herm and Sark, over £300 was raised during the afternoon for the projects.



This year's Annual Lunch was held at the National Star College's Bistro on the main campus at Ullenwood. Forty-five members arrived for a presentation on the work of the College. In addition to enjoying a delicious lunch, we met young people with disabilities who were gaining work experience within a bustling hospitality environment. Over £500 was donated towards the charity's work, including a flutter or two in the College's 50th Anniversary Raffle. We plan to return for a College tour on 15th March, 2018.

Donations are also a way of thanking our Guided Walks Leaders for sharing their time and expertise. A summer visit to Roundhouse Reserve near Lechlade benefitted Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and our September evening Bat Walk resulted in a donation to the Bat Conservation Trust, which kindly provided the bat detectors. Please contact me (813228) for details of our plans for 2018.

Jane Rowe

Portrait of an Artist

'Artists attract other artists', says Jane Garbett explaining the expanding artistic community in Painswick. The Painswick Centre has its permanent artists' open studios, but more artists coming to live in Painswick are opening their own ateliers to the public to demonstrate, teach and show their art.

Jane took an Arts Foundation in Stroud followed by a BA in Fine Art at Bristol. Her degree show was a room entirely filled with bright red roses made from the set skins of household paint, all over the walls and ceiling. 'I wanted to create something that pulled people into the work, to appreciate the textures, forms and perspectives' she says. Now she is painting gentle, drifting abstracts, but with the same if more subtle layered emphasis on texture and perspectives. Jane has a solo show each year of fifteen or so new works as well as exhibiting in the Painswick Artburst Festival, and has developed a loyal following of collectors. Her work is currently on display at St Michael's restaurant and the Patchwork Mouse.

Jane also runs classes three times a week at her studio 'I concentrate on the essential techniques and explore a variety of subjects including landscape, still life, architecture and abstraction'. She likes to reference the techniques of the masters from Rembrandt to Freud to understand how they worked and also incorporate an art historical perspective.

Jane is enthusiastic about the growing impact of the ArtBurst Festival on the village and the wider Gloucestershire public. 'It will bring collectors and new visitors to Painswick providing a showcase for art and artists with wider publicity, which is always a challenge for the solo artist', she says.

Jonathan Choat



Painswick Art Club at the Goodwill evening

If you are thinking of Christmas presents think paintings and visit the Goodwill Evening at the Painswick Centre on November 24th. Here you will have the opportunity to see a collection of original paintings produced by members of the Painswick Art Club especially for this event. These depict a wide range of subjects from landscapes to still life and will make unique presents.

If you are interested in painting why not come and talk to some of the artists present about the Art Club and what we do and take a look at our programme for 2018. If you are a budding artist it might just be for you!

Keith Harris

Christmas Fayre Cranham, 26th November

There will be a Christmas Art and Craft Fayre at Cranham Village Hall on Sunday 26th November from 11.00am to 4.00pm. New & Different Art & Craft Stalls. Unusual Christmas Gifts. Refreshments Served All Day. Christmas Hamper Raffle. Free Entry.

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New Year's Eve Party at the Golf Club

Lifting the Blues

The Gloucestershire charity Lifting The Blues <http://www.liftingtheblues.co.uk/> is holding a fund raising New Year's Eve Party at Painswick Golf Club. Live music from Hipkiss featuring the fabulous Patsy Gamble on sax and vocals, Muddy Maninnen, formerly of Wishbone Ash on guitar and other great musicians playing the music you cannot refuse to dance to!



Great food from Hortons and fizz at midnight! Tickets are £43.00, with all profit to Lifting The Blues, from Mike at Painswick Golf Club on 01452 812180 or Dave Jones on 07545 385518 or e-mail dave@vonnies.onmicrosoft.com

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Dave Jones

Probus Women The Riesling Grape

On 9th October the PROBUS Women Annual General Meeting was convened in accordance with our Constitution and was conducted by our President, Sarah Taylor. Ann Smith accepted nomination to be our President for 2018.

Once the formalities were concluded we enjoyed a most interesting talk on The Riesling Grape by Martin Taylor with the added bonus of blind tasting four wines he had brought along as well as tasting and appraising, with each wine, four delicious cheeses. Martin told us that wine production had changed drastically since the early 1960's when the shape of the bottle appeared to be more important than the quality and balance of the wine within. Alcoholic content then was more like 7 - 8% whilst nowadays it is 11 - 13%. We tasted two German, one from France and one from Australia and unfortunate drivers had a vessel to empty contents from their glass after one or two sips. We marked out of ten the 'nose' and taste of these wines as well as 'guesstimating' their worth. How varied all our comments and guesses were. Martin was so well informed and tried his best to enlighten us about these complexities but as time was limited and our brains fixated on the actual tasting, he very kindly handed us an information sheet to take away and study whilst relaxing at home - no doubt, with glass in hand! Cheers!



Next meeting on Monday, 13th November - A Victorian Christmastime. Church Rooms 10.00am for 10.30. All most welcome. Visitors £3

delia Mason

Probus Club Morning Coffee and a Mint

On 4th October, 26 members, including some guests, joined a coach trip to The Royal Mint at Llantrisant, where the history of coin design and production was presented through a combination of a guided tour, films, demonstrations and an exhibition titled "The Royal Mint Experience". Several visitors struck their own brilliant, uncirculated, one pound coins which were packaged immediately. Morning coffee on arrival and an excellent finger buffet rounded off the visit in appropriate style.

Top tip for visit organisers: if a disabled coach passenger has a blue badge the coach may cross the Severn Bridges toll-free (normally £20)! The toll is due to cease by 31st December 2018.

Dr. Tim Brain, Chief Constable of Gloucestershire from 2001 to 2010, returned to Painswick Probus on 18th October to give another excellent talk, this time on the history of policing in Britain. With his audience expecting the history to start with Robert Peel, Dr. Brain explained that this may have been the start of the police force as we know it today but policing can be traced back to King Alfred the Great's time. Dr Brain drew on his extensive knowledge both as a social historian and a full career police officer to enthral his audience. A more detailed report is on the club's website, along with the programme of future of events.

Guests are always welcome – just contact a committee member – details also on the website.

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Lindsey and the Malthouse Collective

The historic Malthouse at Salmon Springs has for the past few years been a well-known centre for antique and quality second-hand furniture. Lindsey Butcher has been part of the enterprise for three years. From 5th November the plan to turn the building into a collaborative creative space for art and craftsmanship will move one step closer, a first on this scale in the region.

The furniture retail section has to-date occupied the ground and first floors of the building along with a restaurant. There is however a basement and the plan is for this to eventually provide a workshop space for a very diverse range of artists and makers of unique products where they can produce their goods, share ideas and equipment and use the area as a resource for training. The retail space on the ground and first floors is to be Lindsey's new business. Makers of a wide range of individual products can rent whatever space they need and the Malthouse will sell the items for them. Lindsey makes all the arrangements and manages the space, a complicated task bearing in mind that the products can include all sorts from jewellery, lampshades, furniture, photographic items, pottery, sculpture, art work, even a blacksmith's work.

For Lindsey this is an exciting venture. She is passionate about providing an opportunity for artistic producers to work collectively under one roof. This she feels will engender positive creativity, people working together to develop new ideas. 'It will be full of fabulous things, including our antique furniture,' she enthuses, 'and a local resource for advice and information on where to access makers and skills.' She envisages the building as a centre for real integration and an opportunity for people to learn and develop. It will be a resource covering a vast range of creative skills and furthermore for the public to purchase some beautiful things.

Lindsey's previous experience equips her well for her new role. A graduate of UWE, she has worked in television advertising and production, and retail and marketing. Nick Hallam's partner, she has lived in Pitchcombe then Painswick for 14 years. This new venture is very demanding but she is happy to point out that working with people who are passionate about what they create is a joy. Anyone can apply for a space. Lindsey is also looking to employ a porter to help move and arrange the items. Can you spare a few hours on a flexible basis each week? The ground floor opens on 5th November and in December the first floor will house an exhibition of local art. Do go and take a look at this new enterprise. Housed in a locally important historic building, it is unique, creative and exciting.

Carol Maxwell

To celebrate the opening of the new shop The Malthouse Bar and Kitchen restaurant next door are offering readers 50% off their food bill if they present this article. T&Cs apply. Valid until 30th Nov. (Booking recommended)



Surgery News

Flu Vaccinations

If you are eligible for a flu vaccination and have not already had one, then please make an appointment for what will probably be our last flu clinic on Saturday 25th November. Please ring the surgery to make an appointment. Patients who have registered for Patient Access will be able to make their appointments online. Please only make an appointment if you know you are eligible for the vaccination.

Please let the surgery know if you have had the vaccination elsewhere, maybe at a Pharmacy or at work. Please also inform us if you have chosen not to have the vaccination this year, so that we do not send you any reminders.

Pneumonia Vaccinations

There is currently a national shortage of the Pneumonia vaccination so we are currently unable to offer this. When the vaccine does become available again, we will put an announcement in the Painswick Beacon.

Michael Mack-Smith

Hoyland House PPG

The Hoyland House Patient Participation Group is now meeting regularly, and aims to keep in touch through occasional reports in the Beacon. We are also keen to build a list of e-mail addresses. This must be separate from the Practice's information, and won't be linked to any other information on you such as private details of illnesses and treatment. Please email painswickppg@gmail.com asking to be put on our list. We promise to contact you only occasionally!

If you have attended the surgery recently you may have been invited to complete a very simple form that asks about your experiences with the Surgery and whether you would recommend it to friends or family. A lot of feedback has been very complimentary. Unsurprisingly the main cause for concern has been the waiting time for appointments. The partners are very conscious of this and have been doing everything they can to cope with ever-growing demand. Nationally and locally there is a growing gap between what GPs would ideally be able to offer and the reality of what is feasible. Two initiatives are underway to help with appointment waits: Choice+ appointments are available on Monday evenings (as well as at Stroud General for same-day needs) and extra 'Winter Pressures' appointments on some Saturday mornings. As yet, both are funded only for a limited period, and subject to several criteria, so they don't offer a magic answer.

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assembled by John Barrus

Painswick Cricket Club The season closes....

Well September 5th saw the club complete its Saturday league campaign. The first team finished powerfully winning the last 7 games in a row finishing fifth and dare I say a little frustrated, knowing they could have achieved a higher position. Bowling was certainly the first team's main weapon and they put a number of sides to the sword. Top performers in the Saturday league for Painswick were spin bowler Simon Taylor who topped the Division for wickets taken together with James Harber who finished third. On the batting front George Macduff had a much improved season and finished tenth overall in the Division for runs scored. Well done to all those individuals but also to the whole squad who fought hard to recover from a somewhat precarious position at the midway point. Alex Jennings and Jack Hobbis should take great credit for leading the team.



The seconds and thirds were both relegated despite fighting hard to the very end. The players and the club as a whole would like to thank both Nick Marment and Gary Fagg the respective skippers for their efforts in maintaining team spirit and developing youngsters in their sides. The club would like to extend a special thank you to Nick, who is standing down this year, for a job well done. The club are already looking forward to regrouping for next season and driving forwards.

The Sunday squad led by Reece Morris also finished fifth. A tough league at times with some very good teams. Our top performers on Sunday include Reece who finished fourth in total runs in the Division (inc a top score of 166 no) and Adam Brown who finished eighth (top score of 76 no). Simon Taylor again topped the wickets taken with Nathan Evans taking eleventh place overall in the whole Division.

The club also competes in the Gloucester midweek league. This season the club became the Champions of Division four under the captaincy of Tom Hayward. Well done Tom and all the other organisers and players. Our youth section grew in membership, many thanks to Dom Barnard and his team for providing practice and coaching for the youngsters on Friday evenings throughout the summer. Youth are of course the club's future and the club aims to invest more in this area for next season.

During the season the club organised several events including Frog Racing and the usual 6 a side Sunday tournament. A busy time has been had by all, but we now have a new swish looking scoreboard which is now in full operating order and a new mobile Net Bay has also been in use this season.

I will finish on a somewhat sombre note, as of course many of you know, sadly our club President Jack Smith passed away this season. He will be remembered by many villagers as well as members of both rugby and cricket clubs alike with much fondness. We will miss him very much. Finally, thank you to everyone who has helped and assisted the cricket club throughout the season, we could not do it without you! Roll on Spring 2018!

Steve Pegram

Golf

Autumn on the Beacon is a beautiful time of year. The leaves on the beech trees are turning colour, and the sunlight somehow seems less harsh. The cattle have now moved from the paddock by the cemetery to that round the southern ramparts of the hill fort. Golfers generally welcome the cattle grazing there as trying to find miss-hit balls can be a real challenge in thick long grass.



The Ladies and Seniors sections held a joint Texas Scramble in October, and a number of other joint mid-week events are being planned. The winners were Sylvia Walker, Stewart Price, Peter Sibley and Phil Taylor. And in the Seniors October Stableford, Nigel Cooper and Dave Warren both scored 37 points on club handicap. Congratulations to all the winners.

Visiting golfers are welcome at Painswick Golf Club. Please check in at the club house to pay the green fee (winter rates: £12 per visitor on weekdays, £15 at weekends; less if playing with a member) before starting your round. The public are welcome in the club house for refreshments and meals. Clubs and societies looking for a venue for Christmas lunches are also welcome. To check opening times and make reservations, please phone 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe

Tennis Founding member dies aged 95

Jocelyn Warren, who died recently, was one of the Club's founding members in 1962. She won the ladies singles in 1974 and was the Club's treasurer for many years. Jocelyn lived in Sheepscombe for 40 years and enjoyed her tennis in Painswick and watched the Club grow over the years from two courts to eight.



Badminton New members welcomed

The new season is now under away but there are still a few spaces for new members. Badminton is a good way to keep fit in a social environment so if you have played at whatever standard in the past come along a give it a try. We play at the Painswick Centre on Monday and Thursday evenings. Phone John Wylde on 814349



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An Arty Party at St. Michael's Bistro

Raising funds for Recreation Ground

Art, they say, is food for the soul, so the coming together of art and food at St Michael's Bistro this month, was perhaps not as odd as our pictures may make it seem! Matt and Magda Black at the Bistro both come from artistic families and grew up surrounded by inspiring art. So it seemed natural for them to team up with local artist Anthony Lewis-Churchill, to hold an Art Auction on 18th October, supporting local artists and raising funds for Painswick Recreation Ground Trust.

Those attending were able to view over 20 artists work while taking in the picturesque surroundings at St Michael's Bistro and sampling some of the Cotswold produce available. As Anthony says, "The art community in Painswick is thriving and Matt and Magda are so supportive of this expanding creative scene and the most generous hosts."



Martin Williamson was the Auctioneer on the evening, which raised £905 for the Recreation Ground Trust. The money will go towards funds the Trust is trying to raise for proposals including a new Toddlers play area.

Dawn Dart

Seasonal Cover Final reminder

Would you like your painting or photograph to appear in full colour on the front page of the Beacon's December edition? We invite contributions to be sent to the Beacon address: beacon@painswick.net or postbox by Saturday 11th November. The picture should, ideally, be seasonal with a Painswick setting. Originals will be returned.

Jottings for November

As we come into the autumn, the grass now growing has very little feed value. It may keep our animals alive, but not keep their body fats up to the standard that is required to keep them fit and healthy. So we have to supplement their diet with extra feed during the winter period especially if there is a hard winter.

We have had a couple of mild winters, but still have to ensure that we do get enough hay and silage into storage in case we get a hard winter, late spring or drought. Not so much good hay was made this summer because of the mixed weather we have had. For a long winter you need enough winter feed to last 120 days.

You may have been aware in your travels how many non-UK nationals are working in agriculture and horticulture. The numbers that were employed on agricultural holdings in 2015 totalled just under 500,000. About 70% of workers in the horticultural industry were from Romania and Bulgaria. About 50% workers throughout the poultry industry are from outside of Britain. About 30% of workers in the egg industry are from Central and Eastern Europe. A survey in 2016 indicated that about 50% of dairy farmers had used labour from outside the UK in the last few years. Is it because British people do not want to work in these industries because the wages are not high enough for them?

We know that a lot of the doctors and skilled surgeons in Britain are non-UK nationals, but perhaps fewer people know that up to 80% of the official veterinarians carrying out official controls on our meats are, too! We are accustomed to EU nationals in the service industries and they are also employed throughout food manufacturing, too. These considerations are important as the government negotiates our future outside the EU.

Martin Slinger

The casual vacancy

Details of the vacancy on the Parish Council caused by the resignation of Matthew Birch are on the Council's website and the noticeboard outside the Town Hall. Anyone wanting to be considered for co-option must apply by 8th December.

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Painswick's Xmas lights Many hands make lights work

Each year a dedicated team of volunteers prepare, install and maintain the beautiful chains of white Christmas lights that appear, as if by magic, to adorn the yew trees in the Memorial Garden by St. Mary's churchyard. Keeping the lights lit requires the simple daily task of removing the batteries from the 20 trees at about 9.30 am, leaving them on charge in the church for about six hours and then returning them to the trees at 4 pm.

The lights will be lit for the first time on Friday 24th November, for Painswick's Goodwill Evening, and will remain lit every night until the New Year. Many hands make 'light' work seems an appropriate saying here. The more helpers involved in the rota of daily battery chargers certainly lightens the load for everyone.

If you would like to volunteer to help keep the Christmas lights burning, please contact me, preferably by e-mail at amyleivers@btinternet.com or phone me on 07810 358200.

Amy Leivers

Painswick and the Great War Experience of local man remembered

Some years ago, probably in the early eighties, I used to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to a very elderly lady called Mrs. Merchant-White. She lived in a cottage close to the fork at the bottom of Vicarage Street, which leads to Sheepscombe. Mrs. Merchant-White was the widow of Sidney Merchant, mentioned in the book 'Painswick and the Great War', by Carol Maxwell and Peter Jackson, as having had a leg amputated as a result of fighting in France. It might be of interest to some readers to know the story behind Sidney Merchant's war experience, as his widow told it to me.

He sustained injuries to his leg whilst fighting in the front line in France. Along with other injured men, Sidney was carried to nearby caves to await stretcher bearers, who would take them further back to a Casualty Clearing Station. Before this could happen, the front line moved back and the caves were now behind the German front line. The casualties were left in the caves for days while the fighting went on outside. Finally the Germans were pushed back and the casualties were able to be moved. By this time Sidney's injured leg was covered by mould, but the infection had not moved further into his body. His leg was amputated, but Sidney always believed that the mould had prevented the infection spreading. This was before the discovery of Penicillin, but could it have been the same effect? I have no reason to doubt this account and it is the sort of detail that I think is worth recording.

Midge Leney

PROPERTY REPORT from Hamptons International

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing this report for the January issue and now we are heading into the depths of winter with the clocks going back last week – how time flies!

What is more remarkable is that it is now a decade since 1.3 million people bought homes at the top of the last housing market cycle. Soon after buying, these people saw the value of their home dip to below what they'd paid for it. For most, the fall was a paper loss as they sat tight with no need to sell up. Just 31% of those who bought in 2007 and sold in 2009 got their money back but 74% of those selling properties today are getting at least as much as they paid in 2007. House prices in London recovered faster and to higher levels than much of the country meaning Londoners have proved most likely to move on more quickly. This is why the Hamptons Roadshow events, in which we take country properties to the doorsteps of London buyers through our network of 35 London offices, is such a success.

For many homeowners, the downturn is all but a distant memory. And the 2.4 million first-time buyers since then will only have

ever seen prices go up. But a decade isn't such a long time: many will remember similar cycles in previous decades – indeed, last week marked the 30th anniversary of Black Monday! What we know all too well is that the values of homes can go down as well as up. I consider myself fortunate in knowing that Naomi, Ruth and I have all worked through rising and falling markets and that the depth of our experience is at your disposal to advise and guide you in your own property market encounters.

On more local matters, we are pleased to be supporting two local fireworks events this weekend at The Croft School and Miserden School so do please turn out to help these nights go off with a bang! The Painswick team is determined to finish 2017 on a high note: we are proud to have been Highly Rated in the first edition of the Best Estate Agent Guide and we are also currently nominated for Best Estate Agent in the Cotswold Awards 2017.

And finally, I would like to welcome two new members to our team: Julia Power and Sarah Saunders.

Guy Tabony, Branch Manager

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Wed	15	Probus: A Painswick Miscellany - David Archard Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre St. Mary's Church Town Hall	10.00am 5.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	18	Arts & Crafts Market Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party; Tel. 07971 633242 for location details	Town Hall Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 2.00pm 9.00am to 12noon
Sun	19	Mass Parish Communion Meeting for Worship	Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Mon	20	Copy Date for December Beacon Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Parish Council (off Churchill Way) Painswick Singers rehearsal	Ashwell Centre Richmond Painswick	12noon to 1.15pm 7.30pm
Tue	21	Cotteswold Naturalists Talk & Tea: Reading Houses Part 2 - Mike Hemming. Enq. 01453 836618 Local History Society: Canals in the Landscape - Tony Condor	Croft School	2.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	23	Music Appreciation Group: Early Departures	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: Vocal Entertainment (note change of time) Goodwill Evening: Stalls & Refreshments	Town Hall Around Village	1.45pm 5.00 to 9.00pm
Sun	26	Holy Communion (Traditional Language) Mass Painswick Praise Meeting for Worship	St. Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Mon	27	Community Lunch: Hosts - Wednesday Ashwell Group (off Churchill Way) Painswick Singers rehearsal	Ashwell Centre Richmond Painswick	12noon to 1.15pm 7.30pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees W.I.: The G.I. Invasion - How did you obtain your 1st pair of nylons - John Dickson: Followed by AGM	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	29	Probus: The Khyber Pass.... or Bust - Peter Berry	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	30	Music Appreciation Group concert outing to Symphony Hall, Birmingham Painswick Community Library AGM	Library	7.00pm

DECEMBER

Fri	1	Wick Flix Screening: Baby Driver: - £6 at door to include 1 drink	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	2	December Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party; Tel. 07971 633242 for location details Gardening Club Festive Drop-in & Wreath-making	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon
Mon	4	Knit & Natter Group Bird Club: Field trip to Slimbridge W.W.T. Community Lunch: Hosts - Christian Aid (off Churchill Way)	Church Rooms Library meet at reception area Ashwell Centre	10.00am to 1.00pm 10.00am 10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	6	Probus: Christmas Dinner with the Ladies	The Hill, Stroud	7.00 for 7.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.17/2081/HHOLD ABBEY FARM, Slad Lane
Erection of timber framed double garage.

S.17/2073/TEL Land off PINCOT LANE
Base station installation of a 15M mast, complete with 3 antennas, one dish antenna, associated radio equipment cabinets and development thereto.

S.17/2165/FUL ROCOCO GARDENS, Gloucester Road
To build a new play structure in a woodland area.

S.17/2078/VAR ABBEYWOOD COTTAGE, Slad Lane
Install balustrade to make flat roof of existing rear extension safe to use as a terrace (Retrospective). (see S.16/1604/HHOLD).

S.17/2122/VAR HAZELHANGER, Far End, Sheepscombe
Variation of condition 7 from permission S.17/0385/FUL

S.17/2119/HHOLD NURSES HOUSE, Friday Street
Removal of chimney stack and new trellis to provide screening to courtyard.

S.17/2182/LBC CHAPEL COTTAGE, The Green, Edge
Alteration and improvement of interior of cottage.

S.17/2140/HHOLD and S.17/2144/LBC THE MANSE, Gloucester Street
Proposed insertion of side elevation window at first floor level.

S.17/2066/HHOLD LINDRIDGE, Stamages Lane
Single storey side extension to form garden room.

S.17/2199/HHOLD HILCOTT, Cheltenham Road
Two new two storey extensions.

S.17/2201/FUL THE COTTAGE, Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp Lane.
New entrance and driveway from Camp Lane.

S.17/2095/HHOLD CLOVERS, Kingsmead
First floor extension over existing terrace and extension of the ground floor level Terrace with provision of outside dining area underneath.

S.17/2205/TPO LULLINGWORTH, Stroud Road
Various works to trees.

S.17/2246/TCA DOWNTON HOUSE, Gloucester Street
Felling of Laburnum.

S.17/2292/TCA FIELDCROFT, Sheepscombe
Pollard back 4 Field Maples to the last cutting point and/or epicormic growth buds in the range of 4-5 metres.

S.17/2305/TPO CASTLE HALE, Stamages Lane
T1 – Sycamore 0634 – lift by 1.5m. T7 – Lime 0627 – lift by 2m. T10 – Sycamore 0636 – Lift by 2m. T15 – Lime lift by 2m. T11 – Lime 0637 – Lift by 2m. T12

Lime 0638 – Lift by 2m. T15 – Lime lift by 2m. T2 Lime 0633 – install cobra bracing, leaving old cables in place. T8 Sycamore install cobra bracing, leaving old cables in place.

S.17/2318/HEDGE, KINGSMEAD
Mixed hedge mainly Hawthorn, reduce to 1.5 metres in height.

S.17/2268/HHOLD HOBBS BARTON, Orchard Mead
Single storey extension and new retaining wall.

S.17/2265/HHOLD 9 THE CROFT
Single storey side extension.

S.17/2327/HHOLD DROVERS CORNER, Longridge, Sheepscombe
Raising height of entire roof by 350mm and minor modifications to NW elevation.

S.17/2303/TCA SEN SOOK, Far End, Sheepscombe
Flowering Cherry – Reduce the height by approximately 2m. Reduce the spread all round by approximately 2.5m. Remove the deadwood, tidy and shape.

S.17/2299/TPO OVERDALE, Slad Road, Slad.
Scots Pine T1 on TPO 543 – Fell dead tree.

CONSENT

S.17/1687/FUL LULLINGWORTH, Stroud Road
Extension to existing 3-bay garage to provide ancillary accommodation.

S.17/1738/COU LAND ADJOINING PAINSWICK MILL, Ticklestone Lane
Retrospective planning permission for a starvation paddock.

S.17/1726/HOLD BEECHCROFT, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe
Reconstruction of an existing roof allowing for first floor accommodation.

S.17/1773/FUL BRAESIDE, Slad
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and associated landscaping works

S.17/1862/FUL WICK STREET FARM, Wick Street.
Erection of a covered yard for livestock and general agricultural use.

S.17/1242/FUL LAND AT ARIES, Hambutts Drive
Erection of one bungalow.

S.17/2017/TCA FIELDCROFT, Sheepscombe
Removal of whitebeam tree.

S.17/2054/TCA MERRY LODGE, Court Orchard
T1 Beech – Crown lift up to 6M all around. Reduce branches by 2M remove dead wood. Cooper Beech T2 – Remove dead wood, reduce back off chimney to give 2M clearance, crown lift all around to 6M. Beech T3 – Remove low Primary branches. Crown lift all around up to 6M. Remove dead branches.

WITHDRAWN

S.17/1550/FUL JUBILATE, Blakewell Mead.
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The Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of CHRISTL MATHIAS who died on 7th October.

Wendy Hodgson is very sad to announce the death of her lovely husband JOHN HODGSON who passed away aged 73 on the 3rd October surrounded by his family. He was a fun-loving father to Matthew, Sophie and Kate, and Grampy to 6 grandchildren. John and Wendy moved to Painswick in 1980 spending most of that time in the Highlands before moving into the village 6 years ago.

SUSAN PYLE passed away peacefully at home on 19th October, aged 82. A service will be held at Painswick Church on Tuesday 7th November at 12 noon.

Change of address

DAVID AND ANDREA LINSELL have moved from Stamages Lane to 11 Hyett Orchard, Hyett Close, Painswick GL6 6RJ

Thanks

The family of TISHA DAVEY wish to thank most warmly the many friends who have written to them since her death in September.

Welcome

To ANDREW AND JO WALSH who have just moved to Lynton, Paradise. Andrew and Jo are IT specialists.

Congratulations

To MARGUERITE TREGLOWN who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on November 15th.

To JENNIFER AND STEWART PRICE of Cotswold Mead who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on 11th November.

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

Enaikishomi School

As part of this year's 'Quaker Week' activities, Painswick residents Edward and Sandy Elgar were invited to speak at the Friends Meeting House in Vicarage Street on 24th October, about the work of the Amy Elgar Trust in Kenya.

For more than a decade, the Trust has worked with a Maasai community to create a sustainable school in an area of the Kenyan highlands prone to drought. The first classroom was built in 2004 to accommodate fewer than 20 pupils, all under seven. Now there are 10 classrooms and over 200 pupils, providing education up to age 14. Edward and Sandy's account of the progress of the school and the difficulties encountered along the way, was inspiring in showing what can be done, with the right attitude and commitment.

One simple step was providing a brick press and the training to go with it. This has produced the bricks for a toilet block and two splendid new classrooms. The school also has a wonderful vegetable garden, with drip-feed irrigation, to help children understand agriculture as well as providing nutrition for the school meals.



It can't be done without money and the Trust is lucky to be the main focus for the charity work of Edward Elgar Publishing, as well as being supported by family and friends. If you would like more information about the school project or would like to make a donation to the Trust, please contact Sandy Elgar on 814359, or via sandy@e-elgar.co.uk

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