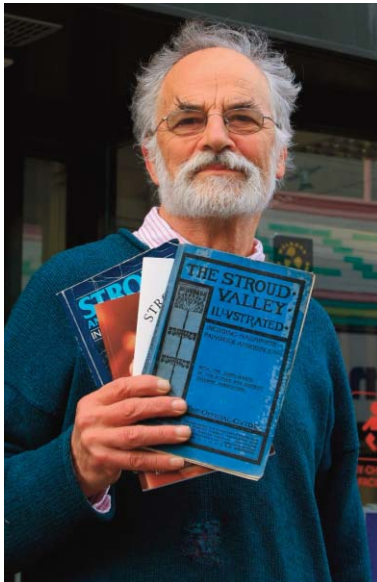


ABOUT TOWN



Mayor John Marjoram

Help us protect our heritage

Stroud mayor John Marjoram is appealing for people to help him safeguard the history of the town.

He wants to set up an archive of historical material at the town council offices in London Road.

"People need to know the history of Stroud and that can be from hundreds of years ago or just 40 years ago. It is important that we keep a record of our past for today and for future generations," said Mr Marjoram.

The town council is appealing for donations of books, postcards and photo-

graphs which relate to Stroud's past. They can be offered to the council on a long-term loan.



"We will take great care of any loaned material we receive. We feel that while there are organisations gathering historical information on the district that there's no one concentrating on the town," said Mr Marjoram.

Donations to the archive can be dropped off at the town council office which is open Monday-Thursday 10am-1.30pm and Friday, from 9.30am-12.30pm

Community venue is thriving

A threatened Stroud venue has gone from facing closure to becoming a thriving community hall - in just a year. Stroud Town Council bought Lansdown Hall a year ago. "Nothing practical was working and the hall was in desperate need of repair," said Jeremy Collingwood, chairman of the Lansdown Hall charity.

"Now with the town council's help and support we are working hard to restore the building."

The council has so far spent about £14,000 on urgent repairs and surveys on the grade 2 listed building.

Now the hall, formerly known as The Space, is almost fully booked during the day.

The town council has unveiled the next stage of plans for the hall and gallery. It has applied for planning permission to build a new main entrance to the hall to provide access directly from Bank Gardens, and to reopen the original street door into the Gallery from Lansdown. A newly built entrance at the rear of the building will allow the backstage area



Volunteers dress up to promote Lansdown-on-Sea to raise hall funds

to be improved and give staff more vital storage space.

If the plans are approved, the town council will apply for grants for financial support. It has set aside £75,000 to complete the initial project.



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News in brief

Olympic Flame comes to us

On May 23, the town of Stroud and the village of Painswick will host the Olympic Torch on its journey to London to signify the start of the 2012 London Olympic Games. They are two of over 1,000 villages, towns and cities - announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games - through which the Olympic Flame will be carried by Torchbearers, during the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay.

All ready for a kickabout

Renovations to the two goal mouths and work on the outfield has been completed at The Leazes kickabout area.

Further work will be carried out in the spring.

Members of the public have commented favourably on the new work.

Floral triumph for our gardener

Stroud Town Council gardener Tony Butler was honoured for his outstanding contribution to town's green spaces.

Tony, a member of the council's Green Spaces Team, won the Stroud in Bloom Cup. His work included designing and planting the flower beds at Cornhill in Park Gardens.

Town council cleaner Julie Prockter also swept her way to victory in the competition. Thanks to her creative work the town council won the Chamber of Trade Cup for Best Shop Window Display.



Floral triumph: Tony Butler

Fringe festival is a success

Stroud Fringe Festival was a resounding success and organisers are planning bigger and better things for 2012.

Jeremy Collingwood, chairman of the Fringe, revealed the news at a Stroud Town Council meeting.

The town council is the

principle sponsor of the festival, giving it a £5,000 grant. Organisers hope to provide more events on Sunday next year.

"We are attempting to run three stages on the Sunday to maximise 'empty' Stroud and bring a new day's trade to the town," said Mr Collingwood.

Apple Town has big a-peel

Stroud is about to become the nation's first Apple Town.

It is all part of a scheme to promote the rich apple harvest and heritage of the Five Valleys.

Launched by the Stroud Valleys Project, the scheme is supported by Stroud Town Council, Stroud

Valleys Project, Stroud Farmers' Market, Down to Earth Co-operative, Day's Cottage and the Gloucestershire Orchard Group.

Town councillor Ben Spencer, and member of the scheme, said it would look at creating mini orchards throughout Stroud.

News in brief

Residents have say on future

Hundreds of residents have had a say on what they want for Stroud over the next three years.

More than 300 have completed a survey sent out by Stroud Town Council.

The answers will help determine what the town council's priorities are in years to come as the budget is set.

"We will soon be setting our budgets and priorities for the next three years. The more we know about what residents want, the better we can serve the community," said town mayor John Marjoram.

Results of the survey will be revealed soon.

Spring planning

The town council's Green Spaces team have planted more than 10,000 spring bulbs in the town's two parks.

This includes the first phase of the creation of a spring meadow on the steep bank at Park Gardens.

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