

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Damage to Painswick Commons habitats

Over recent months there has been an increase in scrambler bikes on Rudge Hill (Edge Common) which started just in the disused quarry but has since spread to the main body of the common. These bikes not only damage the physical common itself but are a source of not inconsiderable noise pollution both to local residents and the natural wildlife. This is a particularly difficult problem to resolve as by law common land cannot be enclosed with fences.



Within the Parish of Painswick there are around 375 acres of common land of which 85% have over the past 40 years been gradually brought into conservation management under the watchful eye of Natural England. Most of these common lands are designated as SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) important for their particular bio diversity.

The reports of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group in the Beacon testify to the work being done and bring to our attention the rich diversity of fauna and flora that are dependent upon this careful management of the lands.



In June the Beacon reported the unsightly fly tipping in Seven Leaze Lane and it has been brought to the attention of the Beacon that there has been a significant increase in fly tipping, particularly garden waste, on the second largest of the Painswick Commons, Rudge Hill. Perhaps this is due to people being unable to get to local recycling centres to dispose of items during lockdown. Whatever the reason it endangers the natural habitat by bringing in non-native species to these important areas and any occurrences should be reported to the relevant authorities.

## Painswick Covid-19 Community Support – still here for you

Whilst the lockdown restrictions are slowly lifting, the Painswick Covid-19 Community Support network is still active and providing the same support services for those who need us. The phone and email are being manned 9am until 5pm 7 days a week.

Please get in touch if you could do with some help with picking up shopping, posting mail, collecting urgent supplies (e.g. prescriptions), dog walking or benefit from a friendly phonecall.

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## More Openings

Amongst more businesses coming back to life after lockdown are the Painswick Pooch open 10am till 3pm Wednesday to Saturday - keep an eye out on social media for updates, Hair at the Fleece and the Gallery in St Mary's Street.

Painswick Community Library see page 8

The Bistro will continue to operate throughout August - watch this space for further news on this...

Please continue to support all our local businesses at this time.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting of the Parish Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 15th July by Al Jollans

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.

Present: Cllrs. Martin Slinger (Chairman), Ann Daniels, Ian James, James Cross, Andy Cash, Abigail Smith

The Council agreed that the Chairman and Committee Chairmen would remain in office until May 2021 in accordance with the COVID-19 legislation.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Rosie Nash, Rob Lewis and Mike Fletcher.

There were no declarations of interest in any of the items on the agenda.

The Council agreed the protocol that had been circulated for the conduct of remote meetings.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2020.

### Chairman's report

The Chairman in his report thanked the Painswick COVID-19 Support Group for all their work during the pandemic so far. He also expressed his thanks to the Parish Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Parish Handyman and apprentice, who had continued to carry out vital work throughout the lockdown. Roy Balgobin, Parish Clerk added his thanks to the staff of the Council and to Parish Councillors, who had continued to contribute during the pandemic. He reported that a risk assessment had been carried out for the Town Hall. Since the start of the pandemic there had been 71 legislative changes affecting the work of Parish Councils, but many of them seemed to be open to interpretation and it was still difficult to work out what was or was not allowed.

For the time being the Town Hall was open for 'essential services' only, which included the Post Office, but only on Friday mornings, and with social distancing measures in place. A separate risk assessment for the Library and a meeting with Library representatives, had concluded that it could open on a 'click and collect' basis from August, with a table at the back door and returned books being

left untouched for 72 hours. The risk assessment for the Pavilion concluded that it could not re-open at present, although it was potentially available for the School Meals service to be provided over the summer.

Cllr. Ian James noted that the Committee of the Sheepscombe Village Hall had agreed to it being used as an extension to Sheepscombe School, and to its possible re-opening from September for events with a maximum of 30 people. Cllr. James would provide the Parish Clerk with a copy of the risk assessment carried out in Sheepscombe, so that he could review any inconsistency between the interpretation being put on the rules between Painswick and Sheepscombe. Councillors agreed with the Deputy Clerk that it was appropriate for the Council to err on the side of caution for the time being.

The Play Equipment and fitness equipment on the Recreation Ground have been re-opened, thanks to the COVID-19 Support Group, which has organised a team to disinfect them daily. It remains important that any users and parents recognise their own responsibility to ensure that hands are cleaned before and after use and should take their own fluids for this purpose.

Mr. Balgobin reported that he and the Deputy Clerk were now working semi-remotely, both going in to the office but at different times. He also recorded that the Council's apprentice, Lucas Edney, had completed his NVQ Theory part, and was now being seconded to Stonehouse Town Council on 2 days a week, for which the Council was receiving an income.

### COVID-19 Support Group report

Cllr. Abigail Smith on behalf of the Group reported that the Group continued to cover the dedicated phone line for community support, although few calls were now being received. The network was still operational and would evolve into a community network, although the numbers of volunteers available would inevitably fall as people go back to work.

At present a group of 8 volunteers was supporting the daily disinfecting of Play and Fitness Equipment and plans were in place to work with the Voucher scheme for Free School Meals, probably from the Pavilion on the Rec.

### Reports from Councillors

Cllr. Andy Cash reported that Steanbridge Lane in Slad was badly damaged. Although there was a problem with cars going off the side of the road to avoid an overgrown hedge, the more serious damage was being caused by heavy lorries going to and from Cob House. Roy Balgobin said he would raise it with the Highways Manager for the County Council.

Cllr. Ian James raised the need for grass cutting on the green at Sheepscombe and Roy Balgobin was able to confirm that it had been carried out by contractors that afternoon.

Cllr. Martin Slinger reported on problems with motor bikes and quad bikes using the quarries on Edge Common, some apparently coming from as far away as Worcester. Amaury Blow was doing what he could to prevent this, the police were now involved and residents were taking down car number plates. There were also problems on the road to Whiteshill, which had been undermined by badgers. Unfortunately a large metal plate to prevent this had been installed in the wrong place, and a subsequent road closure had been poorly respected, with large number of motorists going the wrong way down Letterbox Lane to bypass the closure.

The lower green at Edge had been flailed that afternoon, but Cllr. Slinger said a decision had been taken not to cut the upper green, in view of the large number of wild flowers that had appeared. It could in future be left as a nature reserve during the flowering season and then cut later on in the year. The Village Hall in Edge would probably not reopen until September.

### Financial Approvals

The list of accounts for payment was

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approved, as was the quarterly budget and expenditure report. Almost all headings were in line with budget and target. Although there had been a loss of income at the Town Hall this was roughly covered by the payment received in respect of rates relief. The Annual Governance Statement

for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2020 was approved and the Accounts and Accounting Statement were adopted.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

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are available from the Best One or online, where the Beacon can be seen in full colour at [www.painswickbeacon.org.uk](http://www.painswickbeacon.org.uk)

## Jottings

I am old enough to remember when cart horses were used on our farm and the tractor was starting to take over. I was only allowed to “drive” the horse and cart. A lot of machinery was having the shafts removed and replaced with a drawbar. The mower cutting the grass was band driven as was most of the machinery at that time.

When cutting for hay the mower had to be driven backwards then forwards and dropped on to the band to work. The grass was turned and tossed to dry. The weather was our biggest problem because you could only get some kind of weather prediction from the radio or your barometer. You had to decide whether the broadcast forecast was right for your area, take into account your farm barometer and harvest or wait. I remember times in the 1950s when, if the grass/hay was cut in bad weather, it was nothing to go into a field and shake the whole field out with a hay fork. If you thought it was going to rain you built the whole harvest into hay cocks (piles of semi-dry grass). Next day you would go round and spread them out to dry again in the sun. Then, when the crop was dry you had the hay sweep, fitted on the front of the tractor, which then pushed the hay to where the rick was being built.



Now you are coming into the 1960s when engines were put onto machinery and also the power take off system, which is what there is today (power from tractor to machine). The small baler is coming in which makes small bales, which you still see made today. Mowers were the four foot wide cut with hay drying kit to match, the hay making machinery is now better and faster to make your hay. By now, there is less labour on the farms. It was at this time that the big baler came which you now see everywhere and was first designed in Painswick.

Mowers and the hay making machinery are now bigger, more efficient and, if the weather allows, harvesting is quick and no longer so labour intensive. Now-a-days more hay is made into big bales

than small ones: Small bales need to be manually stored whereas big bales are stacked by machinery. Less labour, less cost.

In the old days hay was dried as and when it could, whether it had any feed value or not. These days farmers prefer animal feed to have some food value. So, now, most hay is made in June and July.



There are criteria that still apply today; especially, you must have the hay dry. In the olden days, when it was stored as a rick – you may remember them in the corners of fields - you had a metal pole you pushed into the rick for a couple of minutes to judge how hot it was getting inside. When you pulled the metal pole out, if you could not hold it, then the rick was too hot in the middle and likely to internal combust and catch fire. You may have seen a rick on fire when you were young. It’s the same today, although you can smell it before it gets to that stage and open out the store of hay. When making hay from flower rich pasture, the grass part will dry quickly but the sap in the fleshier herb leafage takes longer to dry. So next month I will do silage making.

*Martin Slinger*



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## Upholstery workshops and leisure classes

As things are slowly returning to a new norm, we are eagerly looking forward to the restart of our regular upholstery leisure classes in Painswick. It's been a long break and we know many of you are as keen as us to finish projects and start new ones! We are also excited to introduce some new one-day upholstery workshops alongside our lampshade making, vintage fairy light and seasonal wreath making. The first of which will give you the opportunity to create your own bespoke footstool that you will upholster from a craftsman made frame and finish with your own fabric to match your home interior. As well as being a fantastic way to create a piece of furniture for your home, it's also a great introduction to upholstery, giving you the inspiration you might need to take on further projects in the future.

We are currently working on times and dates for these classes and workshops. Dates will be released on our website [www.sew-vintage.co.uk](http://www.sew-vintage.co.uk)

If you would like to join us for our regular classes or one of our workshops at The Painswick Centre, please email us at [sewvintage66@gmail.com](mailto:sewvintage66@gmail.com) to register your interest.

We hope to see you all very soon and a big thank you to all our current class members for your continued patience.

*Sophie and Victoria*



## View from St Mary's

Traditionally, August is the holiday month. Holidays are severely curtailed this year because of the restrictions imposed by the Corona virus pandemic. For most of us this means either no holiday at all at the moment or perhaps a more local holiday. Maybe that is no bad thing as it will help us to appreciate all the more all that our own country has to offer in the countryside and on the coast.



Recently I have been reflecting on the restrictions that Covid 19 has imposed and comparing them with the restrictions we endured during the last world war. During the war travel was very limited, food was rationed, holidays were virtually unknown and lights could not be switched on in the house without drawing the blinds. But children continued to go to school, you could visit and mix with family and friends and churches remained open.

Thankfully, Corona virus restrictions are being eased now and let us hope and pray that this progress will not be reversed by new spikes in the disease. Restrictions on the use of church buildings are gradually being relaxed. St Mary's is open twice a week on Mondays and Fridays from 11am to 12 for private prayer. From the beginning of this month there will be a 10am service of Holy Communion each Sunday but because of social distancing you will need to let our churchwarden Margaret Radway know if you plan to attend to avoid an embarrassment of numbers – phone 813440. Elsewhere in the benefice there will be another Sunday morning Holy Communion service and a service of evening prayer

*David Newell*

## Churchyard flower beds

There was a terrific turn out on the 12th July to weed and tidy the beds in the churchyard - 'many hands...'

It was such a success but we need to have another task force on Saturday 8th August from 10am.

If anyone has the urge to spend a little time before then please do - we also need a few plants to fill the gaps and would be thrilled with any contributions..

*Margaret Radway  
Church Warden*

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# Returning to some sort of normal

The resilience and ability of nature to adapt to changing surroundings is a thing most wonderful to watch, and our Garden is a place where this is being lived out on a day-to-day basis. For many, a visit to the Rococo Garden has been a first trip out since lockdown and for those looking for some sort of new normal, the connection with history and the past seems to be reassuring.

# Painswick Rococo Garden



Crenellated Hedge at the Rococo

I was trying to think when something like this happened in the past and was considering foot and mouth in 2001, which was a hugely serious crisis with the countryside shut down for months. Yet somehow, we bounced back and we will bounce back again. I want to extend a special thank you to all those people who have generously donated to our charity during the lockdown. During the closed period, we reduced our costs drastically but our basic expenditure was around £8,000 a month, with none of the usual visitor income to cover this. We are re-opening gradually, but our numbers are some way off what we would have expected in a normal year and any support you could give to help us in this challenging climate will be much appreciated. The easiest way to donate is through our website [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk).

## Auction of Promises in aid of the Rococo Garden

As I write this to hit the Beacon's copy deadline, the auction is still ongoing but by the time you read this it will have closed.

We have had 51 Promises donated from all around the area for which thank you very much. The Promises have ranged from simple pots of jam and celebration cakes to several paintings, handmade jewellery and bookings for weeks in holiday lets and many things in between.

These have generated large amounts of money all of which will be used to help the Garden through this difficult time. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the auction and we hope to see you in the Garden sometime this summer.

*Vicky Aspinall – Chairman of the Friends*

During August we are planning to extend our opening once again to include Wednesday – so we will be open by online advance booking only, 10am-3pm Wednesday – Sunday plus the Bank Holiday on Monday 31st. For those of you with

children and grandchildren, our summer family trail is up and running and we are very pleased that we are allowed to re-open our rustic play area. Our range of simple takeaway refreshments has proven popular, with hot and cold drinks, cakes and ice cream going down a treat. We are hoping to develop this a little further during the rest of the summer. You can find more details and book in via our website [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk).

So let me finish with a big thank you from the volunteers, staff and trustees of the Rococo Garden Trust for your support and I hope to see you at the Garden soon.

*Tim Toghill  
Volunteer and Trustee*

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# The Beacon lights up.

Natural England have recently been looking on local commons for glow worms. I remember seeing them years ago when walking back, after dark, from the Black Horse Inn across Rodborough Common to where I then lived. In recent years I have only seen a couple when walking back from the Golf Club to where I now live.



Glow worms are another example of fascinating wildlife which exists on our Beacon. The females are in fact flightless beetles (20-25mm long) and during their breeding season (July) use bioluminescence to light up parts of their abdomen. They climb up out of the grass onto a stem and use the intense green light to attract a mate. The photo shows how two segments completely light up and the end segment shows up as two dots.



They start glowing on warm, calm evenings just as colour differentiation starts to fade. Bioluminescence uses a lot of energy so if a mate is not forthcoming after a few hours, they switch off and try another evening. Once mating is successful the female stops glowing and lays her eggs in the grass. Mating is a race against time as neither the male nor female can feed as they have no mouth parts.

The hatched larvae spend 15 months feeding on snails up to 200 times their size. They evade the snail's slime trail then bite and inject it with a paralysing toxin which slowly dissolves the snail. So as not to lose their meal, the larvae hitch a ride on the shell until the contents are ready to suck out. It's the stuff of Sci-Fi! Once fully developed the larvae pupate and the adults emerge in time for the next breeding season two years later.

PBCG have undertaken surveys and initial results indicate The Beacon may well be the best site in the area for glow worms. In one, two-hour count, over 400 were recorded. The collective noun for glow worms is a glimmer. A good pub quiz question.

## Guided Walks

We are offering to run three walks, each for a maximum of four, observing strict social distancing. Pre booking is required, and places allocated on a first come first served basis. Donations to our funds will be gratefully accepted. The itinerary will be weather dependent, but expect to see butterflies and flowers, areas we have been working on and perhaps the cows. Duration 2-2.5 hrs.

1st, 13th, 16th August. Start from the cemetery car park at 10.30am prompt. Wear stout shoes and clothing to suit the weather.

To book please contact me on 07971 633 242 or [pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com](mailto:pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com)

*Paul Baxter*

## Citizens Advice - Pension Credit

This is an income-related benefit made up of 2 parts, and is designed to help pensioners on low incomes. Guarantee Credit is intended to top up the weekly income of a single person in receipt of State Retirement Pension, whose income is below £173.75, or a couple where at least one receives State Retirement Pension and their joint income is below £265.20. There are slightly different rules for couples where one is below state retirement age.



Savings Credit is an extra payment of Pension Credit for people who have additional pensions or savings. To be entitled to Savings Credit the claimant must have reached State Retirement Pension age before 6th April 2016.

All Pension Credit claims are means-tested, however income from Attendance Allowance and Personal Independence Payments are disregarded and may allow an increase in any Pension Credit payment. If you receive an award of Pension Credit you may be entitled to Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Support, and you can still be eligible if you own your own home. You will also not have to pay for your TV Licence if you are aged 75 or over.

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Richmond Painswick would like to thank you, the local community, for your continued support and kindness.

We hope you are keeping well. Please stay safe and let's stay connected.

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# Foodbank Drop in St Mary's Church

A massive thank you to all who supported this from all around the valley. We were overwhelmed with the love and generosity of the many many people who came with donations. Three full carloads turned in to over 30 crates at the Foodbank Warehouse which weighed in at a staggering half a tonne of donations.

Many of you said you would be happy to support another drop in , thank you so much.

So here is the shopping list for the next collection on Wednesday 12 August 10-12 at St Mary's Church.

UHT Fruit Juice  
 Cooking Sauces  
 Tinned Veg  
 Tinned Fruit  
 Tinned Custard  
 Tinned Rice Pudding  
 Tinned Potatoes

Hundreds of people including children are now facing real hunger poverty and fuel poverty and the situation will get worse as unemployment rises.

We are delivering food parcels from Thornbury in the south to Brockworth in the north including families in the Painswick area.

So thank you for showing compassion and kindness to the those who need it most.

*Pippa Dickinson, Joan Wells,  
 Pippa Medcalf 07740514230*

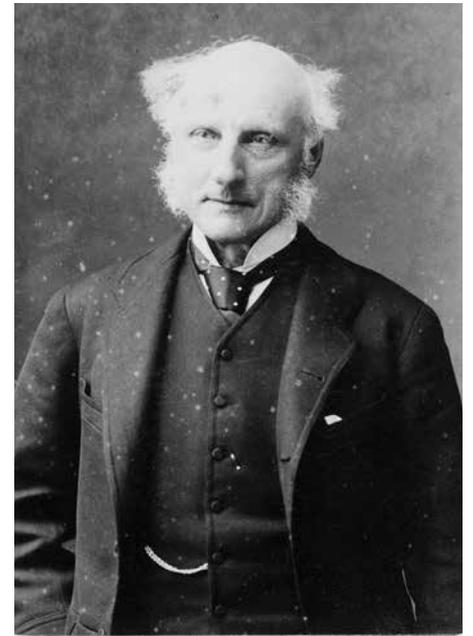


## What became of the social niceties?

Social niceties. There was a time when certain behaviours were considered de rigueur in Painswick, as indeed elsewhere throughout the land. Are they still observed is the question. Edward Caruthers-Little (pictured right) was a local man who definitely moved in the most prestigious and elite circles and his name appears on all and every esteemed committee and group of importance. Born in 1823 he wrote a review of his life in 1894 from which the following paragraph is taken.

‘Society has strangely altered since I first entered into it, more than 50 years ago, not only in those who then formed it but in the mode and style of entertaining. At that time the dinner hour was never later than 6, and then it became half past 6. The table loaded with meats and not as now covered with white table cloth and flowers. When the late Mr. Dickinson came to Browns Hill in December 1853 he made 7 o’clock his dinner hour and he never deviated from it. I have said that society has strangely altered and in those who formed it – yes, indeed for families then unknown in society have sprung into notice and now occupy a forward position while others have disappeared altogether. It is remarkable that there are I think only 6 or 7 families at the most now who have possessed their property for 100 years and only 2 or 3 who are now residing on their family property, viz. Mr Hyett and my brother John.’

*Carol Maxwell*



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# Working towards re-opening in August 2020

We thank all our users and volunteers for their patience over the lockdown.

We are now ready to move towards the first phase of the programme for re-opening the library and we are looking to provide a limited service enabling the return of books and the collection of books which have been ordered.

### Phase 1 for Painswick will consist of:

- The facility to return books, which will operate in conjunction with the Post Office on Friday mornings. This will operate from Friday 10th July. Simply place books for return in the boxes in the lower hall. They will be processed after a quarantine period of 72 hours.
- The ability to reserve books for collection. Reservations are placed on-line in the usual way\*, and when the book is available in the Painswick Library, you will receive an e-mail letting you know it is available for collection. Collections will be from the rear entrance to the Town Hall, with no requirement for anyone to enter the building. Returns can be made at the same time. Social distancing will be required, and face coverings will need to be worn in line with current Government guidance.

We expect this facility to be operating from Monday 24th August, with restricted opening hours – Monday and Wednesday afternoons 2.30 – 4.30, and possibly Friday 2.30 – 4.30.

- To borrow “Painswick-Only” books, (essentially new books), which are not available through the county reservation system, you will need to consult the list available in the Beacon, on the website, <http://www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk>, on social media and available during the restricted opening hours at the town hall. After choosing a book, either leave a message on the Library phone, (814744) or e-mail the Library on [painswicklibrary@btconnect.com](mailto:painswicklibrary@btconnect.com) making sure you also leave your contact details, and a volunteer will get back to you, letting you know if the book is available, or when it will be. It can be collected in the normal way described above. A two-week loan will be operating for these books.

All Government and Gloucester County guidelines will be followed, a Covid appropriate risk assessment has been done, and the Health and Safety Policy has been reviewed.

When we are ready, we will move to the next phases of re-opening where the ability of users to enter the Library and browse for books as normal or use the computers will be considered.

\*To reserve a book, go to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/search-for-a-book/> you will need your library number and PIN.

*Ian Cridland*

**New books** - for list see page 18

Now GCC’s library catalogue is available again we are in the process of adding new stock here at Painswick. The books are exclusively available to Painswick borrowers for the first six months and not reservable online. Under normal circumstances they would be prominently displayed in the library but this is not possible right now. If you are interested in reserving any of the books below please either email the library, call on 01452 814744 or leave a note in the Town Hall external post box with your requested books and borrower number - a volunteer will be in touch when possible – thank you.

### New library computer system

As you may be aware, a new county-wide library computer system was set to go ‘live’ around the same time all libraries closed due to Covid-19. This has caused several problems including an issue with erroneous system generated fines. In some cases, including my own, accounts have been frozen (de-barred in Spydus terminology) and books flagged as ‘lost’. This should not have been the case and to compound the situation the ‘system’ also recently generated very terse emails to some borrowers.

Thank you to everyone who has called and texted me detailing their concerns. Thank you also to everyone who has returned books to the Town Hall on Friday mornings. When returning books on the system (after a 72 hour quarantine) I have been checking accounts and sorting out any account problems. I have been giving extensive feedback to our Community Libraries Support Officer with Gloucestershire County Council and an apologetic and explanatory e-mail is going out very soon to everyone who received the overdue notice.

Please rest assured that no fines should have been incurred during lockdown and any problems will be dealt with as soon as possible.

*Pat Pinnegar*

### Change of treasurer

Hywel James recently retired as a trustee and treasurer of the Community Library. We were fortunate that he was prepared to join us in November 2015 and to give us the benefit of his long experience as a chartered accountant. He has kept us on the financial straight and narrow ever since. The trustees have benefited from his wise and mature counsel during his time as a trustee and are grateful for all his efforts on behalf of the Library. We are fortunate that Hywel has been replaced by another chartered accountant, Michael Collins who is also a Painswick resident and already has considerable experience in the running of charities. We are looking forward to his contribution to the future development of the Library

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In common with the rest of the country the Painswick Centre has been in lock-down since March and the Trustees have been awaiting official guidance about when, and more importantly how, we could begin the process of re-opening the facilities.

There is now guidance and slowly but surely Lindsay and the Trustees will be working our way through the copious amount of paperwork and highlighting which groups MAY be able to recommence meeting in September, which is when we hope to reopen, at least partially.

We will contact ALL user groups of the Centre with details of how the new regulations will affect them and their members – taking names and contact details, cleaning, etc., and asking about the likelihood of their class or group restarting, and when. We are very aware that many of our regular groups have members who will have been shielding and the groups will have to consider that very carefully.

We thought we might have been able to host Simpsons for a take-away fish and chip evening in July, but sadly the logistics proved too complicated. We do hope to be able to do this at least once or twice over the remainder of the summer.

We very much hope that the Co-working space will be available for use very soon, but again there will be more Covid-19 regulations to consider.

## Wick-Flix

Sadly it's very hard to see a way for Wick-Flix to resume safely in the coming months. To make it worse, we have now lost our leading light and guiding star – David Chapman! David came up with the concept, led us all into hats and dinner jackets and along with Noriko did so much to make Wick-Flix a hugely popular fixture in the Painswick calendar. We sincerely hope that when Wick-Flix does manage to resume screenings, in whatever form, David and Noriko will be in the audience!!

What Coronavirus has shown is that change is upon us and we must adapt! The Painswick Centre has various spaces available, both large and small, and how we use them now or how we facilitate others to use them is something we need to look at long and hard for the future. Currently the demographic of Painswick is ageing but that doesn't mean there are no young people – we just rarely see them in the Centre; hardly any young people are involved in decision making; hardly any young people use any of the facilities and we would welcome suggestions, ideas and ideally new blood using the Centre and helping us create facilities that will continue to be used for years to come. If you feel you could become involved but are unsure perhaps this link to The Young Trustees Movement - <https://young-trustees-movement.mn.co/> might help.

Young or old, if you have any ideas or could contribute in any way please contact Lindsay at [painswickcentremanager@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcentremanager@gmail.com)

## Aged 12-24? This is just for you



Robin Watkins-Davis and Flo Cross are exceptional young women. Aged just 21 and 16 respectively they are remarkably altruistic and beneficent in their attitude to the wellbeing of other young people, a propensity clearly demonstrated from early on during lockdown.

Robin and Flo are of course our highly skilled and respected young yoga teachers and with the help of funding by SportEngland they have already offered three months of on-line classes to help students during lockdown. These proved to be a great success and very popular. Now Gloucester Cathedral is funding another round of free on-line 'movement for well-being' classes. These will run until 27th August and are specifically aimed at students aged 12-24.

With an excellent reputation for inspiring, effective and sensitive teaching already well established, both Robin and Flo are happy to welcome students, regardless of existing knowledge, experience and ability, to join any of the sessions. Many of those who have already benefitted from the classes testify to the way in which they feel less stressed and more contented and relaxed after the sessions, quite apart from the improvement gained in strength, coordination and flexibility. The classes, importantly, are also fun.

There are so many benefits to be had especially if you are young at this rather testing time. Quite apart from the obvious physical factors, yoga can be calming, can increase resilience, positive thinking and motivation and improve the ability to focus. It is also relaxing. Robin and Flo make the classes adaptable to suit your needs and wants, be that challenging or simply fun.

Delivered via Zoom, the classes are on Wednesdays 8.30-9.30pm with Robin and Thursdays 4.00-5.00pm with Flo (the UK's youngest qualified yoga teacher). No previous experience is necessary and nothing fancy in the way of clothing and equipment – comfortable clothes and either a blanket, towel, rug or exercise mat on which to move.

You can register by emailing Robin at [shiftmovement.art@gmail.com](mailto:shiftmovement.art@gmail.com) and let her know which session you are interested in - Wednesday, Thursday, or indeed both. You will receive an email within 1-2 days with a link. If you are one of Painswick's many young people, do take advantage of this wonderful free offer.



## Demolished – No. 4

The demolished building this month is another pub, the Bell Inn in Friday Street, or as it used to be known, Bell Street. The inn is recorded from 1703, and in 1830 it was advertised “For Sale with Brewhouse, Coach-houses, Stables, Yard, Garden”. The Coach-houses and stables were probably in what is now the Catholic Church. The old Assembly Rooms, now The Georgian House, were added behind the Inn around the same time and by 1838 the Inn was advertising that “Attached to the Premises is a Commodious Room, well adapted for Public Business.”



Over the years the Bell Inn had connections to many well-known Painswick families. In the 19th Century it was run for a period by the Tidmarsh family, who then moved to the Falcon Inn around 1849 and later took on the butcher’s business next to the Falcon. That butcher’s shop closed only in 1972 and there were members of the family living in Painswick at least until the 1990s. Later on the Inn was run by William and Eliza Ryland. Their daughter Elsie, later Elsie Merchant-White, worked as a barmaid there, and celebrated her hundredth birthday locally in 1989. And for a period around the First World War, the landlady was Emily Steele (left), grandmother of Arthur Swain, mentioned last month in connection with the White Horse pub.



A fire at the Bell in 1926 led to its closure and it was converted to a house known as Belgrave House, which then briefly became the Vicarage in 1930 for the Rev. Coode, vicar of St. Mary’s. That lasted for only about three years though and in 1941 the building was damaged by the bomb that fell on Friday Street, and which eventually led to its demolition.

## Cotteswold Naturalists & CPRE create a record of Stone Stiles



During lockdown, CNFC member Peter Wilson has launched a project with CPRE to record and photograph all the stone stiles of Gloucestershire.

Whilst writing a brief history of dry-stone walls for CNFC’s annual proceedings, Peter noted the historic significance of stone stiles, some of which are well over 200 years old. Unlike the footpaths leading to the stone stiles, there is no definitive list of these historic landscape features, most of which are unprotected. There are still some around Painswick, including the massive stone stile, pictured, on the edge of The Park. No doubt the local quarrying industry provided a ready supply for nearby use.

There are several types of stiles. Most people think of them as solid upright slabs, but they can include steps set into the wall, and gaps in a wall too narrow for larger farm animals but wide enough for humans to pass through. In most cases, they occur on pathways but not always, as some paths have fallen out of use or been diverted. Where they exist, they mark ancient routes prior to land enclosure, and the lines of the pathways can give a clear indication of where there was human habitation pre-1800s, which could include a long-disappeared farm, hamlet or mill.

If you’d like to help Peter to record all the stone stiles in Gloucestershire, we’re asking you to find them, photograph them and send details (location, map reference, etc.) to email Peter. Wilson@woodchestervillage.co.uk

More information and a form outlining the details sought can also be found at the following website <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/creating-a-record-of-gloucestershire-stone-stiles/>

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# Martyn – training in earnest

In the middle of summer, thoughts of December are for many of us low on our list of priorities. However, if you are planning to row solo across the Atlantic in December then a great deal of your thinking is already focussed entirely on that month. For Painswick's Martyn Thornton, with just over four months to go before the big day, the need to concentrate on the all-important preparations is now crucial.

Martyn is now spending blocks of time away on the boat, mostly at Burnham-on-Sea in Essex, though it is due to be moved to the south coast imminently. Part of the current training regime involves 48-hour stints which include two night rows and anchoring in relevant places in the North Sea. This covers several purposes, learning about a variety of needs, potential difficulties and necessary solutions - and of course the actual row will involve many nights at sea.

Already Martyn has learnt a great deal about the boat's capabilities and limitations as well as his own. On the positive side he happily declares that the boat feels completely safe. 'I've had rolling swells that have had it on its beam end,' he explains, 'and it pops right back up like a cork.' Rowing in the pitch dark also feels very safe though 'I do have to keep a watch for the odd ship and seal.'

Staying very fit generally is obviously a tremendous advantage and means that he has no problem with energy and stamina. However, one unexpected potential difficulty which did arise after a long rowing session was a severely blistered hand. This means Martyn will need to change his technique, and is a good example of the lessons he needs to learn well in advance of the actual row.

Quite apart from all the rowing and fitness training, there are various courses to attend which are essential for safety and for knowledge about all the equipment. One critical weekend course recently undertaken centred on how to manage and repair his water maker, 'the most important piece of kit in the boat' of course.



Interest in Martyn's quest – to be the oldest man, at 62, to row solo across the Atlantic in under 60 days – is now widespread and BBC Radio Gloucestershire is definitely on his case. Nicky Price broadcasts an update on his progress every three weeks or so. Excitement and real interest are definitely building up now.

Interest is certainly and rightly starting to manifest itself in Painswick. Since the last issue of the Beacon, which featured news about Martyn's gift of his beautifully carved boat bench to the Rococo Garden, some local residents have offered their support. More are still needed, as many sponsors as possible indeed and in the current lockdown situation fund raising is not easy to organise. Both major and minor sponsors are welcome and there are several possibilities: Feed a Rower for a Day £25; your name on the boat £250; sponsor an oar £2,500; Martyn's medical kit £1000; Message in a Meal £6.50 (with ActivEat Foods); and there are larger corporate sponsorship opportunities at £10,000.

Provided the sponsorship goal is reached Martyn will then be able to donate the proceeds from the sale of his boat on his return to the very worthy charity, Horseheard. Please do consider this appeal for sponsorship. You can contact Martyn by email [martyn.thornton@btinternet.com](mailto:martyn.thornton@btinternet.com), tel.07785.350840, the website is [www.atlanticsolo.co.uk](http://www.atlanticsolo.co.uk), or follow on Instagram @atlanticsolo and his GoFundMe link is [www.gofundme.com/f/atlantic-solo](http://www.gofundme.com/f/atlantic-solo). This is a Painswick man who will be undertaking an amazing world challenge – he needs your support.

*Carol Maxwell*

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## Historic August crimes in Painswick

Augusts in past years ending in 0 seem to have been rife with crime in Painswick. Many cases of drunkenness are recorded and in 1880 a young girl who apparently stole a pinafore, a pair of drawers and three pairs of socks by tucking them under her dress was sentenced to seven days hard labour in Gloucester Gaol – as a lesson! The following are just a few of many others.

### August 1870

George Holloway, a factory worker aged 21, was charged with attempting to shoot William Hanbridge at Painswick. Hanbridge said 'I am a superintendant of police ... I was in the yard at the police station in Painswick and saw the prisoner come in. He went towards P.C.Davis and I heard him ask for me. Davis said "there he is" pointing to me. Prisoner came towards me and said he wanted a knife and 1/- and would not leave until he had it. I walked away and shortly afterwards saw him take a pistol out of his pocket and point it at me. I took it from him and found it loaded with powder and shot. About six months since the prisoner was sent to jail for threatening to shoot me and said that as soon as he had done the six months he would shoot me and P.C.Davis.' Prisoner said that when he was apprehended he was chained arms and legs and that he was kicked by the police. "That's how you are served by them if you get a drop of beer." Two witnesses proved that the prisoner purchased powder and pistol on 25 May. Guilty, and sentenced to five years penal servitude.

*Gloucester Journal*

### August 1890

John Bradshaw, of Painswick, was summoned in respect to a nuisance existing on his premises [in Vicarage St]. The inspector of nuisances for Stroud Rural Sanitary Authority stated he had visited the premises on several occasions. The nuisance was caused by manure. Water analysed that was in close proximity to the manure heap had indications of pollution. The Sanitary Authority had endeavoured to induce defendant to abate the nuisance without legal proceedings. He had received complaints. Notice was served to abate. Defendant now appeared and the evidence was read to him. He said after the notice was served he sold the pigs and removed the manure. He was willing to have the pit concreted and made water-tight. The Chairman said the Bench did not think this was a case to impose any penalty.

*Stroud News and Gloucester Advertiser*

### August 1910 – one of our GPs!

At Cheltenham Police Court Dr. David Scott, of Painswick, admitted driving a motor cycle to the danger of the public. Supt. Hopkins said that on the date named a gala and fete were being held at Shurdington. There was a good deal of traffic in the road along which the defendant was driving at a good speed which, under the circumstances, was dangerous. He had made enquiries and found that defendant was a careful driver, and that on the day in question he was hurrying back to his patients at Painswick after visiting Cheltenham to see his wife who was dangerously ill. In view of the facts mentioned by the Superintendent, the Bench dismissed the case on payment of costs(9s.6d).

*Stroud News*

### August 1910 – another assault on a policeman

Ernest White, labourer, of the Bull, Painswick, was charged with assaulting P.C. Hayward in the execution of his duty and also with damaging the constable's tunic. The constable said at 11p.m. he was proceeding down Bell Street, Painswick, when he saw White and other men standing together. Prisoner remarked "Here's the corporal coming full cock." Witness said "Is there anything the matter, Ernest? If there is, say so." Accused thereupon stepped across to him and hit him with the right fist and also tripped him up. He fell to the ground and a severe struggle ensued. During this the prisoner so badly maltreated him that he was obliged to release him. Witness procured the assistance of two other men, and together they proceeded to the man's house and there waited for a couple of hours until he returned. He told him he should arrest him for assault, and the accused rushed at him again and threw him over some iron railings into the main road, a fall of six or seven feet. In the tussle his tunic was damaged. When witness got up he again approached White, withdrew his staff, and said, "If you don't come I shall hit you with this." Prisoner then said, "I'll come," and he conveyed him to the Police Station at Stroud. En route he used most abusive language. He was not drunk but under the influence of drink.

Witness said his elbow and right hand were injured. White was sent to prison for 21 days' hard labour for the assault. Damages [for constable's tunic] 19s.6d.

*Stroud News*

*Carol Maxwell*

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# Charles and Margaret Gere

## 'Painswickians of the Year' 1939

Painswick's reputation as an artistic place is perhaps a relatively recent one, but the village has been home to prominent and well-known artists over a long period. Charles and Margaret Gere, half-brother and sister, who lived for many years in Stamages Lane, are amongst the best known and in 1939 Charles was elected a member of the Royal Academy.



Margaret Gere

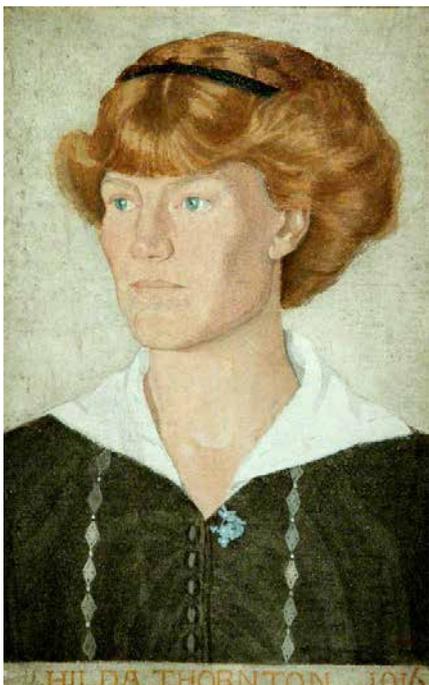
Charles March Gere (1869 – 1957) was the older of the two and born in Gloucester, his mother dying when he was just one year old. His father remarried and by 1878 when Margaret Gere (1878 – 1965) was born, the family had moved to Leamington Spa. Charles both studied and then taught at Birmingham Municipal School of Art, becoming known as one of the 'Birmingham Group' of artists, with his sister Margaret as one of his students.

Charles became interested in the Pre-Raphaelite style and then in the Arts and Crafts movement. He came to know William Morris, staying with him at Kelmscott Manor late in Morris's life and

producing a frontispiece illustration of the manor for one of the books published

by the Kelmscott Press. Detmar Blow, a leading architect of the day, who later built Hilles House for himself and bought the Painswick manorial rights, was another friend and follower of William Morris. It may have been through Morris that the Geres first met Blow, who they eventually employed to re-model Rosebank Cottage in Stamages Lane, renaming it as 'Stamages'.

Before moving there, the two artists had lived for several years at the next house down Stamages Lane, now called Cedar House, renting it from Mrs Seddon, the wife of the then vicar. They moved in to Stamages around 1915 and lived there until they died, 40 to 50 years later. Charles was a Churchwarden at St. Mary's Church in 1916.



Portrait of Hilda Thornton by Margaret Gere (1916)

From about 1910 onwards, Charles painted mostly landscapes and his subjects included many views of the area around Painswick. Margaret became an expert in tempera, painting portraits as well as biblical scenes, flowers and landscapes. She exhibited at the New English Art Club and had several solo exhibitions as well as a joint exhibition with her brother in 1912. There was a retrospective exhibition of her work at Cheltenham Art Gallery in 1984.



View from the Artist's Garden by Charles Gere (1941)  
Courtesy of Nigel Barnett

Margaret's sister Edith had married Henry Payne, another artist of the Birmingham Group. The two of them moved to live at Amberley in 1909 and the Gere and Payne families remained close. After Margaret's death 'Stamages' passed to her nephew Robert Payne, from whom it was eventually bought by Nigel and Jennifer Barnett - Jennifer being another artist.



Self-portrait by Charles Gere (1939)

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# Painswick Sports

by John Barrus

## Falcon bowling club

The 2020 bowls season at Falcon has been drastically curtailed by Covid 19. No County competitions or leagues are running and the Club has not been able to play the normal fixtures with other clubs. The green could not be opened in April because of the lockdown but as a result of the relaxation of the rules play was able to start on 8th June. This was in a very limited format to begin with members only being able to play singles games against each other. It has been possible to expand this now so that the Club is running triples competitions for members.



It is hoped that competitions like this and casual full-ups will continue until the season finishes at the end of September. In spite of these limitations the Club has been able to welcome 3 new members and would be pleased to hear from anyone else interested –

contact David Glass 01452 814186 for details

## Painswick Golf Club

Last month was the first in which the club house has been open since lockdown in March. It has been good to be able to have some refreshments after a game, even though social distancing rules apply. Fortunately, there is plenty of space in and around the clubhouse.

As several competitions were due to take place when the course was closed, there is quite a backlog if all are to be completed by the year end. Competitions have been re-arranged and it is hoped to complete most on a revised schedule. Three mid-week stableford competitions (open to all members) took place over the last month. In the first, the winners in each handicap section were Ed Deasey, Terry Stead and Nigel Cooper. In the second, the winners were George Paton, Rick Carman and Phil Jennings. In the third, the winners were John Bentley, Ian Broderick and Mahboob Hussain. The three individual competitions (for those eligible) also contributed to the Seniors Centenary Cup; the winner for the best two rounds out of the three was Nigel Cooper with a total of 84 points. Congratulations to all the winners.



Painswick golf course welcomes visitors and new members. The clubhouse is now also open and welcomes both members and visitors for refreshments. Social distancing measures have been put in place – including floor markers for the queue to the bar, table service with fewer tables spread out across the available space, etc. There is also a balcony area outside with glorious views across the valley if the weather is good. Please call (01452 812180) ahead of time for further details.

Peter Rowe

## Cricket up and running again.

Painswick Cricket Club has a series of friendly matches arranged for the rest of the season as well as a truncated league to play in. Junior coaching started again on Friday 24th July from 5.30. Interested players should contact Dom Barnard on domrolle@yahoo.co.uk



On Sunday 19th July, the first home match of the season was against Frocester. Painswick were 226 for 5, and won by 1 run against Frocester 225 for 6. For Painswick Ross Martin made 52 runs, and Callum Nicholls 69 runs. An exciting finish in a very enjoyable game.

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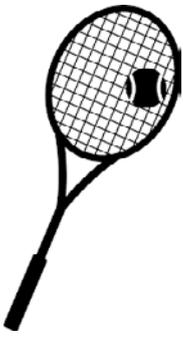
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## Tennis success for Alicia Barnett as lock down eases.

Following the long hiatus in training and competition that lock down caused, Alicia has gone straight back into the tournaments that have been arranged for the top 20 British players.

Playing in Weybridge, which was streamed live, she played 7 singles matches in 7 days finishing a respectable 6th out of 12. Moving on to the National Tennis Centre,

Alicia played in the Progress Tour, where not only were all her matches live on BBC Sport, but as the commentators kept reminding us, she was instrumental in organising.

Her first match was scheduled against Heather Watson who unfortunately withdrew due to injury and so Alicia instead played Katie Swan. Katie, world ranking 254, started strongly, winning the first set 6-4. Alicia took control of the second set going 4-1 up when Katie retired with a hip injury. Alicia then played Maia Lumsden, the Scottish number 1 and world ranked 265. Alicia played a really solid match forcing Maia to earn every point. The match went to a 3rd set which Alicia won 6-4. The final group match was against Freya Christie, who started the match in command winning the first set 6-2. The second set went to a tie break which Alicia won comfortably. Playing great tennis she closed the 3rd set, winning it 6-4. The semi final was a match too far for Alicia, this being her 19th match in 16 days. She looked tired playing Jodie Burrage, world ranked 243. The first set was even and Alicia missed several opportunities to take the lead. Jodie served to win the set 6-4 and then the second set 6-2.



Teaming up with Olivia Nicholls for the doubles, the pair won all their 3 box matches to then progress to the final. Alicia and Olivia went into the final as favourites as they are regular partners. They dominated the first set by taking control at the net winning it 6-2. They continued that form into the second set, however, their opponents started playing very well forcing the set to a tie break. Alicia and Olivia played well in the tie break winning the doubles championship.

### Tie Break Tens winner takes all.

The night before the finals a 'quick tennis' tournament was held. A knock out tournament with competitors only playing a 10 point tie break. Alicia played solid and powerful tennis throughout, winning the final 10-8 and taking the £5000 prize. Winning the event she qualifies for the world tie break tens next year where she will be joining the top players in the world.

*Jessica Barnett*

## Painswick Library Bookclub

Coincidences do happen. It was a definite coincidence that in last month's Beacon there was a piece about The Burundi Educational Foundation School on the same page as the latest library Bookclub choice, 'The Other Half of Augusta Hope'. At the age of eight, Augusta decided Burundi would be her favourite country because she liked the sound of its name. And then, purely by coincidence, Parfait, a refugee from Burundi becomes an important part of Augusta's life. Two characters from two very different backgrounds are woven together in Joanna Glen's debut novel, both desperate to escape the lives fate has dealt them.



There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be in September when we will be discussing 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernadine Evaristo, winner of the 2019 Booker prize.

New or returning members to the library book club are always welcome, and there's absolutely no obligation to come to every meeting. Enquiries to [painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com).

*Carole Smith*



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## Painswick Car Crash

Police arrested the driver of a BMW after the car careered off the road and into a field near Painswick last night. [18th July]

PS Handley and PC Furse of Stroud police arrested a suspect for driving whilst unfit, dangerously, without a licence or insurance, taking without owner's consent and for supply of class B drugs.

None of the occupants were injured following the incident.

Report taken from Stroud News & Journal  
Photo: Stroud Police



## Property Report by Beacon Staff

The property market in Painswick is reported to be particularly active at present. The temporary cut in stamp duty to zero on the first £500,000 is encouraging buyers to act quickly, and Murrays report that three quarters of their recent sales have been to London buyers.

Through Murrays, 3 Court Cottages in Butt Green has very quickly gone under offer, 9 Brookhouse Mill and the Gallery in St Mary's Street are also now under offer, Edgewood at Longridge has exchanged and Wayside in Victoria Street has completed. Through Hamptons, Otters Pool on Kingsmill Lane and 5 Randalls Field have gone under offer and Sheaves on Longridge has completed. Both agents also report sales in the wider area that includes Cranham, Pitchcombe and Bisley.

Two substantial period properties new onto the market in Painswick are Dry Knapps House, a detached 5 bedroom family house just off Edge Lane (Murrays, £950,000) and Ludloes in Gloucester Street, which comes with garaging and parking as well as a detached self-contained cottage in the garden (Hamptons, £1,000,000). Even more substantial is Park House at The Park, detached and extended and with 4.75 acres of paddocks, views over the valley and an outdoor swimming pool (Hamptons, £1.5 million).

Period cottages include Stonebarrow on Tibbiwell (Murrays, £595,000), a light and spacious three bedroom cottage, and 1 Washwell Cottages on Cheltenham Road (Murrays, £375,000), also 3 beds and end of terrace. On the other side of the valley, Cockshoot House, a detached 3 bedroom period house has been reduced in price (Hamptons, £700,000).

In terms of more modern properties, Stonecroft in Hambutts Mead is a 3 to 4 bedroom house in a private road next to the Croft School (Hamptons, £750,000) and 10 Stroud Road is a 3 bedroom townhouse (Murrays, (£375,000). To benefit from the stamp duty reductions, property purchases have to be completed by 31st March next year.

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**Regular Village Activities: In the light of the Coronavirus pandemic most of the activities below may not be running. As we gradually come out of 'lockdown' and events start to run again, please will organisers make sure I have the correct details.**

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	
	Upholstery classes. For information contact Victoria or Sophie on 07835617213 or 07766114940 or www.sew-vintage.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.00am or 6.30pm	
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
	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	
Artspace Painswick		The Falcon's Nest	4.00 - 6.00pm	
Morning /evening prayer		St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
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
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons	
	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm	
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
	Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
		T'ai chi. Contact Jeff on 07970 303694	Town Hall	9.30am
		Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
		Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
Jolly Stompers as above: Experienced beginners.		Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm	
Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com		Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm	
Morning /evening prayer		St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
Fridays		Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
		Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	2.00 - 3.30 pm	
Sundays	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am	
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am	

**As lockdown eases and life returns to 'normal' please let me know your dates for the Village Diary. [cvasp.26@gmail.com](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)**

## August

Sun	2	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	9	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	16	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	23	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	30	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am

# Library Book List - see library report p8

## Adult Fiction

Allende, Isabel A Long Petal of the Sea  
 Anappara, Deepa Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line  
 Backman, Fredrick Bear Town  
 Blake, Sarah The Guest Book  
 Carty-Williams, Candice Queenie  
 Cummins, Jeanine American Dirt  
 Deaver, Jeffery The Goodbye Man  
 Enright, Anne Actress  
 Foley, Lucy The Guest List  
 Gardam, Jane Old Filth - trilogy no 1  
 Gardam, Jane The Man in the Wooden Hat  
 Glen, Joanna The Other Half of Augusta Hope  
 Gregory, Philippa Tidelands  
 Griffiths, Elly The Lantern Men  
 Halls, Stacey The Foundling  
 Harris, Anstey Where We Belong  
 Hornby, Gill Miss Austen  
 Hunter, Cara All the Rage  
 Jewel, Lisa The Family Upstairs  
 Kawaguchi, Toshikazu Before the coffee gets cold  
 Kent, Tony Power Play  
 Keyes, Marion Grown Ups  
 Kim Richardson, Michele The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek  
 Mantel, Hilary The Mirror and the Light  
 May, Peter Lockdown  
 McCann, Colum Apeirogon  
 McDermid, Val How the Dead Speak  
 Millwood Hargrave, Kiran The Mercies  
 Morrey, Beth Saving Missy  
 Moyes, Jojo The Giver of Stars  
 Nesbo, Jo Knife  
 O'Farrell, Maggie Hamnet  
 Owens, Delia Where the Crawdads Sing  
 Patchett, Ann The Dutch House  
 Prescott, Laura The Secrets We Kept  
 Samson, Polly A Theatre for Dreamers  
 Shriver, Lionel The Motion of the Body  
 Swallow, James Rogue  
 Swift, Graham Here we Are

Tyler, Anne Redhead by the side of the road  
 Vickers, Sally Grandmothers  
 Walsh, Rosie The Man who didn't Call  
 Ware, Ruth The Turn of the Key

## Adult Non-Fiction

Clarke, Rachel Dear Life: A doctor's story of love and loss  
 Erikson, Thomas Surrounded by idiots – the 4 types of Human Behaviour  
 Fairweather, Jack The Volunteer – the true story of the resistance hero  
 Gladwell, Malcolm Talking to Strangers  
 Kay, Adam Dear NHS - 100 Stories to say Thank You  
 Maiklem, Lara Mudlarking- Lost & Found on the River Thames  
 Oattes, Gavin Life will see you now  
 Orr, Deborah Motherwell – A Girlhood  
 Rajesh, Monica Around the World in 80 Trains  
 Rosen, Michael The Missing - my family in WW2  
 Samuel, Julia This Too Shall Pass – stories of change, crisis and hopeful beginnings  
 Stroud, Clover My Wild and Sleepless Nights

## Junior Books

Burgerman, Jon Everybody has a Body  
 Bunzl, Peter Shadowsea  
 Dawnay, Gabby If I had a Sleepy Sloth  
 Farook, Nizrana The Girl Who Stole an Elephant  
 Haig, Matt Evie in the Jungle  
 Howell, A.M. The House of One Hundred Clocks  
 Meddour, Wendy Lubna and Pebble  
 Millwood Hargrave, Kiran The Girl of Ink and Stars  
 Pankhurst, Kate Great Women who saved the Planet  
 Penfold, Nicola Where the World turns Wild  
 Punter, Russell Alice in Wonderland - graphic novel  
 Rivers, Holly Demelza & the Spectre Detectors  
 Thompson, Lisa The Boy who Fooled the World  
 Walliams, David The Beast of Buckingham Palace  
 Walliams, David Slime

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# PLANNING MATTERS

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.20/1153/TCA Falkland House,  
Gloucester Street

Large Copper Beech in the rear garden  
- Remove the small pendulous branches  
which hang down low over the neighbour's  
roof.

S.20/1151/TCA Compton House, New  
Street

Maple (self-seeded) – fell.

S.20/1130/HHOLD Springfield,  
Gloucester Road, Edge

3 Single storey extensions, two storey  
outbuilding forming car port and  
garage store, with first floor ancillary  
accommodation.

S.20/1182/HHOLD Yew Trees,  
Slad Road, Slad

Form kerb and crossover to upgrade  
existing vehicular entrance.

S.20/1221/FUL Carpentry Workshop,  
Beacon Farm

Re-roofing the main building, rebuilding  
the existing lean-tos on the front and rear  
of workshop, and rendering the existing  
walls.

S.20/1306/TCA Yew Tree House,  
Vicarage Street

(1) Large old Yew at the bottom of the  
garden - Reduce by approximately one  
third (4.0 -5.0m) and reduce the spread  
by approximately 4.0m. (2) Magnolia  
by the wall - Lightly prune the longest  
extremities by up to 1.0m. (3) Cherry to  
the right - Lightly reduce all over by 1.0m. (4)  
Tulip tree to the side of the house - Reduce  
all over to near previous (approximately  
3.0m).

S.20/1308/TCA Marling House, Gyde  
Road

Silver Birch - Cut back to clear the roof  
by approximately 2.0m.

S.20/1272/HHOLD Highpoint,  
Golf Course Road

Erection of greenhouse and enclosing wall.

S.20/0883/HHOLD Brookdale, Far  
End, Sheepscombe

Detached single storey annexe.

S.20/1344/LBC The Buddings, Slad  
Road

A minor amendment to previously

approved porch design S.20/0452/LBC.

S.20/1399/TCA West Hayes, Far End,  
Sheepscombe

Fell 2x Yew Trees (T1 & T2).

S.20/1320/HHOLD The Barn,  
Wick Street

Removal of modern infill stonework and  
addition of two single-storey mono-pitch  
lean-to extensions to the north and south  
wings, replacement of modern painted  
timber cladding with untreated larch and  
infill timber glazing to south gable.

## CONSENT

S.20/0834/HHOLD

Woolgatherers, Longridge, Sheepscombe  
Installation of new solar PV panels on  
roof.

S.20/0943/HHOLD Woodlands,  
Stamages Lane

Extensions and alterations to dwelling  
including detached ancillary garden store.

S.20/0964/TCA The Lodge, Gyde  
House, Gyde Road

1x Western red cedar - Fell. 1x Cypress -  
Reduce in height by 4m. 1x Sugar maple  
- Crown reduce by 2m.

S.20/1035/TCA Fieldcroft,  
Sheepscombe

Fell (1) Field Maple due to disease. Fell  
(1) Field Maple due to excessive shading  
and low amenity value

S.20/1040/TCA Stonecroft,  
Sheepscombe

Fell cypress and rowan, rowan remove one  
branch from to even it up in appearance.

S.20/1032/HHOLD Spring  
Cottage, Tibbiwell Lane Ground floor

orangery, first floor extension and  
alterations.

S.20/1060/TPO The Old Sunday  
School, Slad Road, Slad

Copper Beech TPO 298 - T2 - Lifting  
of the crown by removal of three of the  
lowest primary branches.

S.20/1153/TCA Falkland House,  
Gloucester Street

Large Copper Beech in the rear garden  
- Remove the small pendulous branches  
which hang down low over the neighbour's  
roof.

S.20/1151/TCA Compton House, New  
Street

Maple (self-seeded) – fell.

## REFUSED

S.20/0910/LBC Southfield House,  
Vicarage Street

Rear extension to form entrance porch /  
garden room.

S.20/0909/HHOLD Southfield  
House, Vicarage Street

Rear extension to form entrance porch /  
garden room.

## WITHDRAWN

S.20/0891/FUL 15 White Horse Lane  
Erection of dwelling.

## MINI-ADS

### Lost:

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## Personal Column Thank you

JENNIFER AND STEWART PRICE have moved to Northleach from Cotswold Mead after 27 years in the village. They would like to thank all their many friends in Painswick for their good wishes.

## Condolences

To the family and friends of PAM BENTLEY, formerly living at Croome House, Bisley Street, who died peacefully at her home in Cheltenham on Sunday 5th July. She will be deeply missed by her daughter in law, Jane, her granddaughters and her many friends.

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.

## Local Fauna

Photographs by Jacqueline Sanderson and Joyce Barrus (Brimstone),

Demoiselle  
Grasshopper  
Brimstone

Large Blue  
Marbled White  
Red Damsel fly

If you have any pictures you would like to be considered please send them in.



## Stock Doves



A pair of Stock Doves have been frequent visitors to our garden this summer. I do not recall ever seeing them

before in the 40 years I have lived here. In the company of Wood Pigeons on our lawn enjoying the seeds falling from the bird-feeders, you can see that the Stock Doves (above) are smaller, more agile and short tailed. An iridescent green patch on the side of the neck is a sight to remember in the late afternoon sun.

Unlike the Wood Pigeons who are currently nesting on a platform of twigs in our weeping silver birch tree, Stock Doves nest in tree-holes or on ledges in old buildings. The location of their nest is a mystery. We wait with interest to see if they do have young and will introduce the fledglings to our garden. They are all round residents in the U K, joined by some winter migrants from the Continent, and their numbers are increasing in Gloucestershire.



*Bill Boydell*



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