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Painswickian of the Year

Margaret Radway is exceptionally caring, hard-working and very committed to the positive development of Painswick. Voted your Painswickian of the year, she was, predictably, completely taken aback in utter disbelief when given the news.

Many will know Margaret as one of the two churchwardens at St Mary's, together with her colleague Sue Welbourn. She has held this position for almost ten years, an exceptionally long period by recent standards, and alongside two previous wardens. The unpaid position involves much more than initially 'meets the eye', covering a range of responsibilities from administration and organisation to interior and exterior maintenance and technical operations. Margaret undertakes all of the specified duties with an amazing degree of diligence and goodwill. However, as many have testified, she goes way beyond what is expected of her.

Currently, though temporarily, she is the administrator, a role which encompasses considerable paperwork, dealing with the wide range of enquiries which occur frequently, and much more. She and Sue also usually manage the various events which take place in the church or church rooms such as the recent performance on behalf of the Cotswolds Cats and Dogs Home and the school concert in the church. On both occasions the wardens set up and operated the technical equipment and made all the preparations, which in the case of the first meant being on site for ten hours.

Margaret never hesitates to roll up her sleeves, cleaning the church rooms when necessary for example, or weeding in the churchyard or sweeping up leaves and mess in the car park. To her this is all integral to an overall desire to present Painswick in the best light. 'If you care about it you do it automatically', she says - and she really does care about Painswick. She rightly points out that the church and churchyard are what draw so many visitors to Painswick but at the same time sees the building itself as being at the very core of the local community and needing to be put to use for many activities and events for local people.

As a keen walker, Margaret often leads the weekly Monday morning walks which many local people thoroughly enjoy. She also walks in Painswick every morning and particularly in areas where she knows that people live alone or are in need. One of her regular walks is to the almshouses where she looks in on the residents. 'You look out for them', she says 'and make sure they're alright'. It is almost second nature to Margaret and this level of caring and kindness is much valued by those upon whom she bestows it. She excels in making people feel cared for, always listens and responds positively.

'She always comes to the rescue, willingly completes unfinished tasks and with such kindness', says one local resident. And in the two-year absence of a vicar this has been a frequent occurrence. Furthermore, what has impressed so many people is her infinitely good-natured way of communicating with anyone and everyone on a wide range of issues. Margaret attributes this enviable communication skill to her long career as a psychiatric nurse which, as she points out, 'sets you up to engage with all sorts of people'. She specialised in patients with dementia and later became a nurse inspector for the Care Quality Commission which involved dealing with a wide range of people on many levels.

In her time out, of which there is not much according to her husband Trevor, Margaret enjoys yoga and zumba classes in Painswick. She is amazingly well travelled, having visited many countries across the globe by train (railways have been a passion since the age of ten) and, as an excellent photographer, has some beautiful pictures as a permanent record.

We are so lucky to have Margaret in our midst. She is kind, caring, conscientious, empathetic, highly regarded and imbued with a determination to see Painswick as a strong and engaged local community. She is a worthy winner of the title, Painswickian of the Year.

Carol Maxwell



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held on December 11th by Terry Parker

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Dawn Dart, Ian James, Martin Slinger. Apologies: Cllrs Edd Crownshaw, James Cross, Mike Fletcher, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker.

Public questions

Carolyn Luke had submitted the following question about Dutchcombe Farm on behalf of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society prior to the meeting. "Would the Parish Council support our objection to the size of the annex proposed to the main house resulting in excessive glazing, which will adversely impact on the rural character of the area within the AONB by causing light pollution within an isolated rural setting? We are also aware of the SDC Biodiversity Officers' response to the application. The failure to submit required data on the fauna within the application site is unfortunate. In order to carry out this there must be a survey at an appropriate time of the year i.e. not mid-winter.

The Chairman advised Mrs Luke that the biodiversity matter should be addressed directly with the Local Planning Authority and that the Committee would give due consideration to the Conservation Society's objection when considering the application later in the meeting.

Minutes of 20th November meeting

These were agreed.

Resignation

To receive the resignation of Cllr Abigail Smith from the Planning Committee.

Matters arising not on the agenda

S.19/2151/HHOLD. COOMBE HOUSE, Vicarage Street (Revised plans). Erection of garage and first floor extension. The Committee considered the revised plans and agreed not to amend their original comments.

Matters requiring a decision.

S.19/2388/FUL. DUTCHCOMBE FARM,

Yokehouse Lane. Revised replacement dwelling, new access and driveway.

The owners of the property and Mrs Luke were present during the Committee's discussion, following which the members agreed to support the application.

The Committee also agreed to support the following applications.

S/19/2417/LBC. and S.19/2416/HHOLD OLIVERS, Cheltenham Road. Erection of single storey extension to north elevation following demolition of existing extension; excavation north of the house to create wine cellar, elevational alterations and internal alterations.

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

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

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

S.10/2451/HHOLD. WORDINGS ORCHARD, Sheepscombe. Conversion of kennel to form extension to existing annexe.

S.19/2455/HHOLD. DOWN COTTAGE, Slad. First floor rear extension, repositioning of dormer window and new oak balcony.

S.19/2408/LBC. SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, Vicarage Street. Internal alterations to stairs.

S.19/2541/LBC. HAMFIELD. Edge Road. Single storey extension to the rear elevation. Removal of section of internal and external walls.

PARISH COUNCIL

Members present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Dawn Dart, Ian James, Rob Lewis, Abigail Smith.

Apologies: Cllrs James Cross, Mike Fletcher, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker.

Matters of urgency.

Cllr Slinger reported receiving the resignation of Cllr Edd Crownshaw who was one of the two Slad members. Cllr Crownshaw wrote of his appreciation for the support given him by the staff and members of the Council and his disappointment that personal reasons had required him to resign. The Councillors in turn wished to thank Cllr Crownshaw for his contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

County Councillor's report.

Cllr Rippington said that the Pitchcombe Junction work was progressing on schedule. He gave details of planned local roadworks. Cllr Andy Cash expressed concern about damage caused by wide vehicles using Steanbridge Lane. Cllr Rippington said it would be necessary for the County Council to obtain registration numbers of the offending vehicles as it would be difficult to implement a Traffic Regulation Order to address the problem.

District Councillor's report

Cllr Nigel Cooper provided a written report. He advised that the Draft Local Plan was running from November 20th to January 22nd and that there would be no public exhibition in Painswick. He said that the District Council wished to hear views on the draft plan. Is there agreement with the Council's strategy for meeting housing needs? Are there additional sites or constraints that should be considered? Do you want to suggest changes to any of the Council's policies?

He said that to help answering these questions there were 3 surveys in which the public may participate: Sites, Policies and Other. The draft plan along with a full explanation of the review is on the District Council website. Cllr Cooper said that was the best route to submit views.

Cllr Daniels asked why the District Council was not building on its land in Pullens Road and also Upper Washwell Cllr Cooper said he would investigate. Affordable housing was suggested. Cllr Abigail Smith asked whether there had



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been any changes made to the proposals for Painswick in the draft plan. Cllr Cooper said there had not.

Finance and General Purpose Committee recommendations

- Town Hall/Painswick Youth & Community Centre. The Council agreed to make no changes to the rental charges.
- Painswick Cemetery charges review. The Council agreed to make no changes to the cemetery fees.
- The Council approved the recommended grant applications.
- The Council confirmed the budget requirements for the Financial Year 2020/21.
- The Council confirmed the precept requirement for the Financial Year 2020/21 which was set at £107,279, which is a 2% increase after taking account of the tax base variations, calculated on a Band

D property. This equates to an increase of £1.17 per band D property.

Ward reports

Steanbridge Lane. Cllr Andy Cash confirmed that he was following up on the problems of damage to the verges as mentioned in the County Councillor's report.

Vicarage Street. Cllr Dawn Dart told the Council that she would shortly be placing notices on vehicles asking for considerate parking.

Greenhouse Lane. A request was made for the lane's surface to be cleaned.

Date/time of next meeting.

Wednesday 15th January in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 8.17pm.

General Election result Stroud constituency

Siobhan Baillie (Conservative)	31,582
David Drew (Labour)	27,742
Molly Scott Cato (Green)	4,954
Desi Latimer (Brexit Party)	1,085
Glennville Gogerly (Libertarian)	567
Conservative majority	3,840
Turnout 78.0%	

Tired of waiting at Pitchcombe? Update from the contractor, Knights Brown

Despite a particularly wet Autumn leading to challenging site conditions, works are progressing well. To date we have:

- Undertaken gas diversion works at Halfway Pitch
- Resurfaced the existing traffic islands
- Removed the existing footpath along the A46
- Installed new drainage and ducting on the A46 footpath
- Removed the phone box and vehicle activated roads signs from the A46/A4173
- Removed the old bus stop shelter
- Installed new drainage and ducting at the Gloucester/Cheltenham island.
- Installed additional 20 mph signage along Halfway Pitch

In the coming weeks we will be installing the precast concrete retaining wall, lighting and drainage. Progress will continue on the construction of the road and drainage at Halfway Pitch. We will begin kerbing works at the Gloucester/Cheltenham island and along the A46 to Cheltenham. Ducting work will also commence for the installation of data cables.

During works, we are operating under 3-way temporary traffic lights for the safety of both road users and workers. However, some motorists have been jumping the lights at the road works, which is a serious concern for us as it poses a serious accident risk to both road users and our workers. We are working with the police and have asked for assistance in monitoring the situation for everyone's safety.

Knights Brown alongside Gloucester's Highways department are supporting the CCP's annual Hamper Scamper. The initiative seeks to spread the spirit of Christmas and give hope by providing seasonal food parcels and children's gifts to those in need.

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News from Yew Trees WI

Dog Bingo, a brain teasing quiz, mulled wine, mince pies along with other seasonal treats - including some very special almonds sent to us by Christopher Piper Short from his home in sunny Spain – these were just some of the components of Yew Trees WI's jolly Christmas gathering.



This social meeting brought to a conclusion a very busy and successful year. 2020 is looking just as busy and entertaining as the New Year gets off to a cracking start with members making an evening visit to Stroud Auction Rooms in early January. Clare Walsh, a Cotswold designer, maker and textile enthusiast will be the first speaker of the year when she comes to talk on Traditional Indian Block Printing at our meeting in the Church Rooms on Tuesday 28th January at 7.30 pm. Ladies, why not put that date in your diary now and come and join us?

In addition to our monthly meetings, excursions and outings are arranged; last year these included visits to the theatre, Sudeley Castle and Frampton-on-Severn. Membership also entitles you to join walks, craft mornings, outings, talks, holidays, a racing club and various sporting activities such as croquet arranged by the Gloucestershire Federation. A warm welcome awaits you.

Celia Lougher 812624

New decade - New programme

Friday Club ended 2019 on a festive note with a very enjoyable Christmas lunch at 'The Waypoint' at Painswick Golf Club.

Moving on to the new decade, what's on the programme for 2020? Talks will cover a wide range of topics with the addition of four exciting visits, so be prepared to be entertained and stimulated. Opening the year on Friday January 10th will be David and Victoria Adsett with "Those were the days".

Followed by "Art for everyone" two weeks later on January 24th. On Friday February 7th, Steve Morton from the Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust will be our speaker - perhaps offering some explanation or help for all those aches and pains.



Friday Club has been a Painswick society for over 70 years offering entertainment and friendship for the over 55's. If you would like to find out more, why not come to one of our fortnightly meetings? The Club meets at 2.30pm in the Town Hall and visitors are very welcome at a cost of £3 per meeting. Members pay £2 each meeting having already paid an annual fee of £7.50. For existing and new members this subscription is payable at the first meeting in January (by cheque please).

Maybe there is nothing above to tempt you. There will be a full list of the activities for the year on the noticeboard in the Town Hall and a further list in the Societies file in the Community Library. Every month the Beacon kindly publishes a report on previous meetings, which provides a more detailed account of what is on offer, so keep a look out for the Friday Club article.

Oh... and I nearly forgot, tea and biscuits will be provided. Hope to see you soon.

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Painswick Probus Perestroika: Success or Failure?



Masha Lees returned to Painswick Probus to provide a balanced view of how Russia had changed from the time of Perestroika until the present, having previously talked about her time living in the Soviet Union and then Russia. Not being a Russian and working for a foreign bank, Masha was free to move around in a way denied to many Russians and to form friendships which enabled her to study how the country was changing.

Perestroika (restructuring) started in the 1980s as a movement within the Communist party, and is generally associated with the then leader Mikhail Gorbachev and his policy of glasnost (openness). It is often thought to be the cause of the dissolution of the Soviet Union. However, the intention was not to end the command economy but to make it work more efficiently by introducing elements of a free market economy. Unfortunately, attempting to implement Perestroika within a 500 day plan created desperate shortages. Political, social and economic tensions and corruption then became a large factor in the break-up of the Soviet Union.

Masha took her audience through the period preceding Perestroika until the present day, identifying the key moments and characters involved, both the good and the not so good; the rise of the oligarchs and how they took control of the country's industry (and much of Knightsbridge); and the rise of Vladimir Putin.

So what was Masha's conclusion? Success in that many Russians are now more affluent, freer to travel and less isolated, but failure in terms of receding democracy, control by the FSB and criminal organisations, lack of recent cultural development and the poverty of large numbers of Russians. Although Masha may not be optimistic for our future relationship with Russia, she encouraged her audience not to be deterred from visiting. The sites are extraordinary and the people are helpful, warm and friendly.

Henry Hall

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Church packed for Christmas Celebration Dogs line the aisles

The annual celebration of Christmas in aid of the Cotswolds Dogs and Cats Home saw St. Mary's Church packed on the evening of Saturday 7th December. Fittingly, the congregation

included a large number of well-behaved dogs on leads. The evening was hosted by the charity's patron, actress Lisa Maxwell with friends including Julia Hills, Stirling Gallacher and Judy Holt. The audience also enjoyed performances from the Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir and from James and Richard Murray from Murrays Estate Agents.



Above: Richard and James Murray with Lisa Maxwell.

Left: Lisa and friends with the Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir behind

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Do you wish to advertise in the Painswick Beacon? Now is the time to book your box adverts (which appear at the bottom of many pages in the Beacon) for the year April 2020 – March 2021.

The process requires advertisers to indicate their requirements by mid-February. Space is then allocated giving priority to local businesses and with a view to have a mix of business types. In the last three years, requests exceeded available space and some had to be turned down. But if space remains or becomes available later, then requests after the mid-February deadline can be successful.

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Christmas Quiz Winner and answers

There were four complete and correct sets of answers submitted in the competition to solve the set of festive anagrams set by Penny Boydell in our December issue. The names were therefore drawn out of a hat and the winner was James Millar who will receive the £10 prize.

In case you're still puzzling over them, the answers were as follows: 1. Chestnut Stuffing, 2. Plum Pudding, 3. Robin Redbreast, 4. Watch Night Service, 5. Mince Pies, 6. Stockings, 7. Fairy Lights, 8. Brussels Sprouts, 9. Greetings Cards, 10. The Postman, 11. Secret Santa, 12. Red Nosed Reindeer, 13. New Years Eve, 14. Auld Land Syne, 15. Ebenezer Scrooge, 16. Silent Night, 17. The Nativity, 18. Queen's Broadcast, 19. Three Wise Men, 20. Roast Turkey, 21. Yuletide Log, 22. Santa's Little Helpers, 23. Pigs in Blankets, 24. Advent Candles, 25. First Footing.

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News from St Mary's



Early in January we move from the Christmas season to the season of Epiphany. Epiphany starts on 6th January and is traditionally associated with the visit of the Wise Men to see the infant Jesus. During Epiphany the liturgical colour is white and the season lasts until Candlemas. This is when we recall the Presentation of Christ in the Temple at Jerusalem and is celebrated on 2nd February.

The monthly communion service at Richmond Village is usually on the first Wednesday of the month. However, since the first Wednesday is 1st January, New Year's day, the communion will take place on 8th January at 11am.

During Epiphany we celebrate the baptism of Christ on Sunday 12th January. The usual communion service at St Mary's at 9.30am will be conducted by the Rector Revd Janet Turville.

In January we have a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is supported by all of the major Christian churches. In Painswick there will be a united service at the Catholic Church on Sunday 19th January at 4pm. We look forward to a united gathering at this service representing all the churches in Painswick. Other events are described in the article on the right.

Have a good New Year

David Newell

Cranham's Pleasure Garden

Cranham holds a few surprises for a small village. At the January meeting of the Society, Jan Whitton will give a presentation on Cranham's Swiss Cottages – the Georgian Pleasure Garden formed in 1820, mentioned as the place to visit by all the guide books of the time. Comparable with the London pleasure gardens and located just along the valley from Painswick, this is a fascinating subject and one not to be missed. Croft School, Tuesday 21st January, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.



Carol Maxwell

Week of Christian Unity January 19th - 26th 2020



- Sunday 19th Service, 4 pm at Our Lady and St Therese, Friday Street, Painswick
- Monday 21st Community Lunch 12 – 1.15pm. Town Hall, Painswick
- Friday 24th Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm St. Mary's Church Rooms. Speaker: David Drew
- Monday 27th Agape at The Bistro – 7p.m. Bring your choice of readings, music, poetry etc. and enjoy a light supper (provided by Catalina) There will be a cost of £12.50, to include tea/coffee. Tickets available from Terry Parker (tel.812191)

Everyone welcome at any of these events.

Sue Stick

Messy Church



Thursday 9th January, 3.30 to 5.00 pm in the St Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick. Theme: I am the Good Shepherd.

Messy Church is a family event, so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries please email: beaconmessychurch@outlook.com
Next Messy Church: Thursday 13th February at The Church Rooms, St. Mary's, Painswick.

Sue Shaw

A glimpse into Painswick's history (1)

For around a century, Painswick was an important centre of pinmaking, with more than one mill adapted after the decline of the wool trade. William H. Cole & Co. produced pins at what is now Painswick Mill off Kingsmill Lane. Cole himself was based in London, with the Painswick Mill run by Edward Reed, who was related to him by marriage.



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Community Lunches Thank-You

A big thank-you to all who have contributed to this season's Community Lunches both as guests and hosts. The money raised, for local charities, is slightly down when compared with this time last year, perhaps due to the many wet Mondays we had in October and November causing lower attendances. In January we start our Spring Season of lunches at our new and more central location, the Town Hall. Please come along, all are welcome, and help us to increase the money we raise whilst experiencing the friendship and chat we enjoy.

Join us on Monday 6th January when the Painswick Centre Trustees will be the hosts, providing vegetable based soups, bread and cheese. We look forward to seeing you there.

Charles Garstang David Linsell Mary Sparks

Gardening Club Winter Reflections

What a super way to end a great year. Ione conjured up a seemingly endless number of arrangements from a secret stash of beautiful and exotic flowers and greenery, all ably assisted by one of our members, Cathy Quant, who also managed to produce a very credible table decoration of her own. A goodly number of lucky raffle ticket winners went home very happy, maybe partly owing to the liberally administered mulled wine!



This year we ran two wreath making mornings, one at Pitchcombe and one at the Bowls Club. We were delighted to see so many at each venue and everyone entered into the spirit of it. We had such a lot of lovely feedback and would like to thank you for your support. We start a new year on Wednesday 8th January with a talk by Jim Almond about 'The Patch', a garden for all seasons. What could be better than taking inspiration from another great garden to plan our own spaces, we do hope you can join us.

Some of you may have heard our President, Paul Hervey-Brookes being interviewed on local radio last month. He was talking about his various show garden Gold Medals and some of the countries where he not only designs gardens but also judges. He gave the Painswick Gardening Club a mention too, so we have a lot to live up to!

Catherine Bond (committee member)

Donizetti, Ashkenazy and a Party



In late November our Honorary Life President, Alex Nichols, took as his theme the music of Donizetti (1797-1848). Alex brought all his customary enthusiasm and rich appreciation of opera to the session. He played extracts from Lucia di Lammermoor and L'Elisir d'Amore and in part two he made effective use of a colourful video presentation of the last Act of Don Pasquale.

A week later the visit to St David's Hall in Cardiff was much enjoyed. The Philharmonia Orchestra under the baton of Vladimir Ashkenazy gave memorable performances of the Brahms' violin concerto and Sibelius second symphony

The traditional Christmas Party was held in early December. Members brought along to the gathering a wide selection of music. Ann Williams, holding the ring on this occasion, used sensitively the members' choices whilst Jennifer Price once again excelled with her preparation and stylish presentation of some sumptuous food.

At the party in recognition of their long-term and outstanding service to the PMAG, Stewart and Jennifer Price were made Honorary Life Members of the Club. Well deserved congratulations were offered by the assembled company.

The PMAG reconvenes on 9th January at 2.30p.m. Dennis Morgan, always a welcome speaker, will present a live performance of the great American singer, Renee Fleming. In the interim I extend seasonal greetings to current and prospective members.

Howard Allen

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Painswick Surgery PPG Patient Participation Group

Waiting time – non-urgent appointments

At the time of writing this stands at five weeks. As reported in the last issue of this bulletin, the Practice is striving to shorten this but this is not proving easy to achieve. The Practice is responsible for ensuring that triaging (prioritising according to need) is sufficient to get more urgent cases before Doctors as soon as possible. Additional GP appointments are available away from the surgery in Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham

If you have specific concerns about ease of access to appointments, including experience with online bookings, you are invited to report this to the Patient Participation Group, which will compile these and raise them with the Practice at our next meeting. Please also bear in mind that this problem, like waiting times in A&E, currently prevails nationwide. PPG contact details: PainswickPPG@gmail.com

Apple Maps error

You may be interested to know that a member of the PPG noticed that on Apple Maps the Surgery was shown to be where one of the Gyd Road almshouses is. Action was taken and this error has been corrected preventing any unwitting patient from following their SatNav into a private garden. This seems to have been in time as no instances of erroneous parking have been reported!

More Committee members needed

If you are interested in joining the PPG Committee and can spare time for 'attendance at regular, quarterly meetings and a preparedness to be active on specified issues between meetings' as our code of practice describes it, please contact us on the email address above.

Carers meetings

Another opportunity has arisen as the surgery's receptionists, being under extreme pressure at the moment, have been unable to organise a follow-up to the much appreciated Carers' Support Meeting. If you could volunteer a small amount of time to help arrange these occasional meetings it would be very welcome – contact the PPG by email as above.

REACH – Restore Emergency at Cheltenham Hospital

A campaign under this name supported by local businesses was set up to oppose the downgrading and/or closing of Cheltenham A&E, which is already reduced to 12 hour daytime opening only. Threatening a Judicial Review of recent decisions has put back plans to reduce the service to an MIU and further campaigning continues.

David Perry, pp Painswick Surgery PPG

Advice from the NHS Stop! Think...

If you are unwell, Stop! Think... before you head to A&E and, if it's not an emergency, you can:

- Visit your pharmacy for minor ailments, expert health advice and 'signposting'
- Call your GP surgery if it's an illness that won't go away or an urgent medical need
- Phone NHS 111 when your GP surgery is closed and you need urgent advice or care. The service is also available 24/7 and can advise on injuries
- Visit a Community Hospital Minor Injury and Illness Unit, 7 days a week. You don't need an appointment and there are short average waits
- Call the Gloucester Health Access Centre for a wide range of GP care from 8am-8pm, 7 days a week. It offers a walk in service, but it's best to call for an appointment – 01452 336290
- Try the ASAP Glos NHS App or visit asapglos.nhs.uk – if you're not sure where to turn. The App and website provide step by step health advice and information on the right service for you.

Sophie Hopkins, NHS Gloucestershire CCG



The Church was packed for the Carol Service on 22nd December

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Happy New Year to all of our users, hirers, volunteers, and those of you who come to events at The Painswick Centre! We're looking forward to an exciting 2020. Highlights include:

- Wick-Flix film nights: including the fabulous Gala Night in February – see right for more details
- Fish & Chips with Simpsons: back from April – October
- Music nights: upcoming folk gigs include Gilmore & Roberts on 20th Feb and Megson on 20th March (tickets from Canton Acre promotions 07596 823 881 cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com)

Details of all events & classes are on our website www.painswickcentre.com/coming-up, and you can keep up to date with us on Facebook and Instagram.

Meet our Trustees - Martyn Smith

"I'm Martyn Smith and I became a trustee earlier this year. I was born and brought up in Bristol, and lived in Cambridge, London and Amersham before moving to Painswick in 2001. Though originally a scientist, my career since university has been mostly in finance, including sixteen years with Dyson and the Dyson family office. Since moving to Painswick, I have mostly been working full-time, in a job with lots of travel, so have not really contributed much to the village.



When, shortly after I stopped working full-time, I saw an appeal from The Painswick Centre for someone with finance experience to become a trustee, I volunteered. I have director/trustee experience with other not-for-profit organisations, including the Association of Corporate Treasurers, Elim Housing, Lilian Faithfull Care (including Resthaven), the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum and Thames Head Singers, so I hope to be able to apply that, and my finance experience, to the Centre to allow it to fulfil its charitable mission in a way that is financially sustainable in the long term."

Happy New Year from the Wick-Flix team! We have a great selection of films coming up as well as the annual Murray's Gala Night in February. This is a special night with a great selection of prizes generously donated by our sponsors with all proceeds going to local charities. If you have never been to Wick-Flix, then now is a great time to come along and try it out. Here's what's coming up.

Friday 10th January – Yesterday (12)

A young musician waking up to a world where The Beatles have never existed is the basis for this charming British romcom from Richard Curtis and Danny Boyle. Himesh Patel and Lily James star and Ed Sheeran lends a hand. A heart-warming and glowing tribute to The Beatles and their music. Great for friends and family!

Friday 7th February – Judy (12A)

Renee Zellweger puts in an amazing performance as Judy Garland in this biopic that covers a little-known period when she was in the UK. A worthy tribute to Judy Garland's flair and commitment to the show going on despite inner battles. This is Murray's Gala night and we will be holding a raffle, all proceeds going to local charity.

Friday 6th March – Official Secrets (15)

Keira Knightly stars in this fact-based drama about a GCHQ (down the road!) whistle-blower who leaked information about an illegal operation to push the UN Security Council into sanctioning the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Directed by Gavin Hood, this is a very British story of espionage, journalistic and legal intrigue.

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

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

David Chapman

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Fifty-three years on ...

If you were watching BBC Points West on 12th December, you may have been surprised to see local residents Eve and Roy Wallis being interviewed, in a fascinating piece about an exhibition of photographs at Stonehenge. All the photos are taken at Stonehenge, but are focused on people rather than on the stones. A photo of Eve, taken by Roy just one day after their wedding 53 years ago, has been chosen to be part of the exhibition, which runs until August 2020.

To mark the opening, Roy and Eve were invited to the Press Day, which just happened to be exactly on their wedding anniversary, so they were able to re-create the photo, with television cameras looking on. It was, needless to say, an emotional moment!



Eve - back where she started!

Winter work

All of us connected with the Garden were saddened at the loss of Richard, Lord Dickinson, at the end of November. He was one of our two founders, and a genuine and loveable gentleman. With his wife Rita at his side, he pressed ahead and had the vision to begin restoring the Garden in the 1980s. A trustee until recently, he continued to take a keen interest in everything that happened at the Garden. Both he and Rita will be missed but their inspiration for Rococo lives on. A service of thanksgiving for his life will take place on Friday 10th January at 11.30am in St Mary's Church and all are welcome.



The Garden has been closed for the past month and we have continued to be astonished at the amount of rain which has fallen. At least the ground water levels will be topped up after recent dry summers! We re-open on Saturday 11th January and our team have been flat out with some of the big maintenance tasks we can't do with the public around – tree felling and replanting, making repairs to the paths and of course planning for our annual snowdrop extravaganza at the end of the month. The very earliest ones are already peeking through the soil in the warmest spots of the Garden.

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

I look forward to seeing you in the Garden in 2020, and all of us at the Garden wish you a very Happy New Year.

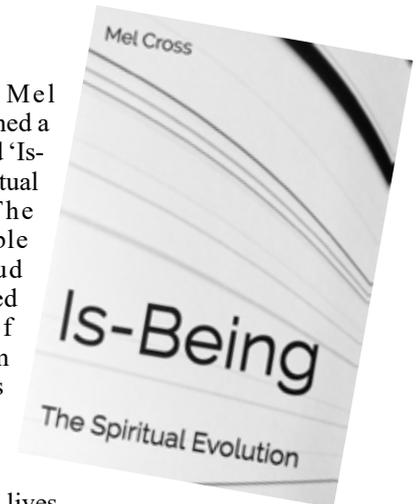
Tim Toghill, volunteer & trustee

New book from local author

Local author Mel Cross has published a new book entitled 'Is-being. The spiritual evolution'. The book is available from the Stroud Bookshop, priced at £12, or of course from Amazon. Mel is an artist, healer, energy worker, spiritual guide and teacher who lives

in Pitchcombe. She offers spiritual guidance and support to tentative beginners, seasoned travellers and all those in between, as they journey towards a personal relationship with the Mystery of that which 'Is'. Mel writes that "she works to create relationships, dialogue and understanding between faith and spiritual communities, focussing on the Mystery sensed at the centre of all beliefs and spiritual practices. She works with the silent light within, the threads that link us all together as One, and the profound Love that holds us always".

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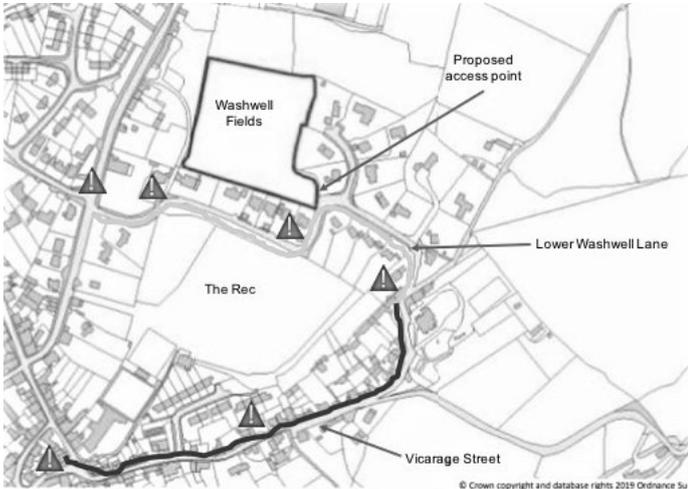
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Did you know?

Proposed development of 20 New Houses on Washwell Field

You may not be aware that we are now in the final Consultation Period of the Local Plan Review, which runs until 22nd January 2020. Stroud District Council having rejected all other suitable sites, have chosen Washwell Fields as their preferred site for building at least 20 additional houses in Painswick. No more than one third of these would have to be “affordable”.

Access is proposed via Lower Washwell Lane which would have a huge impact on the village, particularly Vicarage Street, the centre of Painswick and Lower Washwell Lane itself. 20 houses could potentially mean 40 extra cars significantly increasing traffic flow through the village, causing more congestion at the junction onto the A46 and inevitably resulting in more vehicles diverting through Vicarage Street and the village centre. The only other possible access to this large development would be directly onto the A46, which could be equally hazardous.



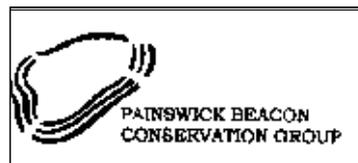
Apart from the traffic impact this development would have on the village, Washwell Field is historic pasture land and is still used to this day for grazing livestock. Any development would also be clearly seen from across the valley. Furthermore, it is debatable that Painswick has sufficient infrastructure to support this development.

Stroud District Council invite you to register your comments by email to local.plan@stroud.gov.uk before 22nd January 2020. For details of the Plan Review go to www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview and scroll to page 144/145 of the Local Plan Review (map reference PS41)

Friends of Washwell Field

Future Funding Appeal.

2020 is looking to be an uncertain year when it comes to funding the PBCG. Since I became involved in the group, funds have been obtained from a number of sources.



Initially the Higher-Level Stewardship scheme, funded by DEFRA, financed the start of the current grazing program. Subsequent funds have come from Butterfly Conservation (thanks to Biffa), The London Gin Company (for the juniper regeneration project) The Summerfield Charitable Trust and the Back from the Brink project (Lottery fund). BftB is due to finish early in the new year and as things stand, we have no significant income stream secured.

Currently we have sufficient funds, but we do have significant ongoing costs which have to be met and these will eat into our capital.

- Training/refresher courses for chainsaws, brush cutters, spraying, first aid.
- Insurance.
- Cattle. Cost of purchase, transport, fencing, winter feed, veterinary fees and insurance.
- Repairs and maintenance.
- New equipment.

Grants are available from charitable organisations but applying for them is very time consuming and the outcome uncertain, however we are investigating these options. The Beacon is a beautiful natural resource for the village and enjoyed by so many. If you cannot help with the conservation work please consider helping financially with a donation, setting up a direct debit or even remembering us in a will. Everything will help.

Thank you

Paul Baxter

Get ready for the Beacon Village Quiz

Almost as much of a village institution as the Yew Trees and the Goodwill Evening, the Beacon Village Quiz will this year be on Saturday 7th March in the Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30 pm. The cost to enter a team of four is £24 including light refreshments, and there will be a licensed bar to help stimulate the grey cells.

In previous years many of the teams have come from Painswick clubs and societies and we hope they will start arranging teams again. But we also welcome teams of friends, families or neighbours. Come and show Painswick what you can do!

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Norman Rampton

Many people in Painswick will have been saddened to learn of the death of Norman Rampton at the age of 83. He was a well-known figure in the village where he lived with his wife Mary at the Highlands for many years. He had held a very senior and high-pressure role as Director of Property Services at the County Council in Gloucester, and after retirement he threw himself into community life in Painswick with the same level of energy.

He took up the sport of bowls in 1989 and was secretary of the Falcon Bowling Club for 16 years, largely responsible for the continued development of the Club, believed to be the second oldest in the country. In particular he organised the construction of a new clubhouse in 1996 with the benefit of a lottery grant. He was also involved in 2000 in the construction and establishment of the Mid Glos Bowling Club, a new indoor bowling club in Brockworth, which continues to thrive.

Perhaps even more significantly for the village, he was one of the 'Group of Four' local residents who first put forward the proposals for a residential care home in Painswick that eventually led to the opening of Richmond Village. Together with Leslie Brotherton, Philip Oakley and Tony Bradley (all of whom have now died - Norman being the last surviving member of the group), he organised public meetings and in 1996, a survey of the village. They went on to negotiate the sale of the land by the County Council and the invitation to Richmond to set up in Painswick. It took around ten years of work before it finally opened, but the group persisted and saw it through. That was in no small part due to Norman's enthusiasm, persistence and sheer hard work.

Amongst his many other activities in the village, Norman was a founder member of the Bridge Club, President of the Probus Club and for five years organised the distribution of the Painswick Beacon and served on the Beacon committee. He and Mary moved to Chippenham in 2011 and later to Keynsham where he passed away at the end of November at home with Mary and his family. He will be missed and remembered by everyone who knew him.



Tony Bradley, Norman Rampton, Leslie Brotherton and Philip Oakley at the opening of Richmond Village in 2007

Improving our Environment with the Cotteswold Naturalists

The Club's final talk of 2019 was given by John Crowther who described the plight of Hedgehogs in the UK and what we can do to help their survival. Changing our gardening habits to create more hedgehog-friendly habitats was top of the list. Setting out drinking bowls of fresh water (not milk), checking old heaps of wood before having bonfires, and creating shallow sides to garden ponds for climbing out, will also help. If we find an underweight hoglet, under 500g, at the start of winter, John asked us to call the 'Help the Hedgehog Hospital' on 07870 378 207, as it would lack sufficient body fat to see it through to spring.



Our 2020 programme starts on the second Wednesday, 8th January at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre when Dr Steve Blake returns to tell us about 'The perils of speculation in Regency Cheltenham: the rise and fall of the Hon. Miss Monson'. Miss Monson was a property developer, a highly unusual career choice for an aristocratic lady of her day; perhaps she was the inspiration for 'Lady Denham', one of Jane Austen's characters in her unfinished novel 'Sanditon'?

The start of a new year is traditionally the time for making resolutions. What promises have you made to yourself? Do you have plans to do more for your community? For inspiration, why not come along to our meeting on Tuesday 21st January at 2.30 pm at the Hub, Minchinhampton to hear Julie Wickham describe the work of the charity Stroud Valleys Project, which works with volunteers to improve the natural environment around Stroud.

Jane Rowe, 813228

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Richard Dickinson (1926 - 2019) and Rita Dickinson (1928 - 2019)

It is often said how common it is for a spouse to die soon after the death of their loved one, that the huge gap it leaves in life saps the will to carry on. The family are terribly sad that in a short six weeks both Richard and Rita have left us. They married relatively late in life but for the last 40 years they have loved each other devotedly and worked hand in glove on everything they have done. They did everything together, and perhaps we shouldn't be surprised that they have died close together too.

They will be remembered most for the transformation of the Painswick Rococo Garden. In 1984 a visitor would have found thickets of brambles and nettles and scrub surrounding a few mysterious old stone structures - now more than 50,000 people a year are enjoying the beauty of England's only complete surviving Rococo Garden. From 1985 they both worked tirelessly on its restoration, investing their time and money in faithfully restoring the garden to its 18th century blueprint. As they grew older, they could do less - but they completed their task in giving the entire garden over to the ownership of the Painswick Rococo Garden charitable trust - ensuring that future generations will continue to be able to enjoy the garden.



They always believed in sharing the beautiful land they lived in; for years they hosted the Painswick Show in the summer and many an open air theatrical production.

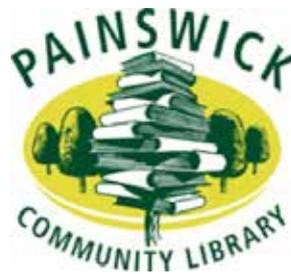
In their personal life they were warm and welcoming. Visitors to the Stables would often arrive expecting to find a couple of 80 year olds dozing in chairs and instead come in to find others were there before them with the house noisy with laughter. Children from their extended family loved visiting them; it was a pleasure, not a duty. We will miss them hugely.

Andrew Dickinson

Library News for January

Knit and Natter group

The Knit and Natter group meet in the library on the first Monday of every month from 10am to 12 noon with their next meeting being January 6th. They tend to knit for The Vine Charity during the year as the children helped by the charity need jumpers for the cooler African evenings. Everyone is welcome to pop in.



In the library over the Christmas period the group's colourful 'Twelve Days of Christmas' has been on display (see photos on the back page). They also created a beautiful 'Knitivity' for Sue Ryder's Christmas Coffee Morning where it was sold raising significant funds for the charity.

Croc-n-Roll

These popular sessions of guitar-led action songs involving rhymes, puppets and stories will continue in the New Year on the second Wednesday of the month starting on January 8th. The sessions run from 2.30 to 3pm and are for children from 6 months to 5 years at £1 per child.

Bookstart

The charity, Book Trust, aims to encourage families to share books, stories and rhymes as early as possible and gifts free books to all pre-school children. Their new packs should be available in the library this month and will include a bright new tote bag, two finger puppets with rhymes and a beautiful guidance leaflet to tell parents about ways they can share books, stories and rhymes, in relation to their baby's development.

Painswick Library Bookclub

The next bookclub meeting will be on Monday 20th January starting at 2pm in the library. The book being discussed this month is 'This is Going to Hurt' by Adam Kay but everyone is welcome to pop along even if you have not read the book.

We are in the process of adding several books to our stock including the very popular 'Lady in Waiting' by Anne Glenconner. Why not pop into the library and see what we have available? Happy Reading.

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Lifetime Achievement Award for John Courts

On November 25th members of Painswick Tennis Club attended the annual Gloucestershire Lawn Tennis Association award ceremony at Hatherley Manor where Judith Courts received this prestigious award to rapturous applause. Judith is pictured right with the award.

This award is presented annually to the man or woman who has contributed most to tennis in Gloucestershire over the years. John Courts, who sadly died in August, was given the award this year for his work over many years improving the facilities at Painswick Tennis Club and work on the LTA Council in Gloucestershire.

Nigel Barnett



Sports reports

assembled by John Barrus

Table Tennis

Table Tennis is returning to Wednesdays!

As from Wednesday 8th January we will play every Wednesday up to 25th March from 7.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre.

As before the Club provides:- tables, nets, bats and balls. Only £5 when you play.

We look forward to seeing you.

David Linsell 812 464



Rugby

The first XV is currently lying 6th out of 9 in the Gloucestershire Div 2 North league. Recent results are...

7th December Bream 54, Painswick 0.
14th December Painswick 19, Bredon Star 12

Forthcoming home fixtures are..

Saturday 18th January v Cheltenham Civil Service
Saturday 15th February v Norton



Jottings

We've had just short of 6½ inches of rain since the beginning of October. I have never seen fields so wet, even one field on a slope is saturated, with springs appearing in places never seen before. They will take some time to dry out. Luckily with us being high up we don't get flooding, but water is beginning to seep in everywhere, and standing water is appearing in areas where there is a dip in a field.

The very strong winds are making trees bend right over but I have not heard of many trees falling with their roots pulled out of this wet ground. I expect it would be different if the trees had leaves. Winds have blown the rain right into sheds full of animals, making their bedding damp. This then makes them damp and with breathing in the damp air they develop lung problems. They can get stressed, being uncomfortable and not wanting to sit down in the wet and cold bedding. In the summer with the warmth, they don't seem to mind so much.

You will probably have noticed a lot of the berries have gone from the hedgerows where the larger birds have been having them. When the weather turns cold again they will be finding their way to where animals are kept to try and get a few mouthfuls.

Since the ground is saturated, the worms have gone down deeper and snails and slugs have gone into hiding, which means that animals such as foxes and badgers can't find much to eat. Already we have heard of people running out of winter feed either because they had to start feeding winter rations early or they misjudged what was needed for the winter.

Hedges are not being trimmed because the tractors cannot get onto the fields. If they did they would make a terrible mess compacting and damaging the soil. Because it is still warm, some plants are thinking it is spring, growing and flowering. Autumn crops have not been planted so it is going to be a big rush in the spring to get things done. Hopefully things will be back to normal by then.

Martin Slinger

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Painswick's Goodwill Evening a great success

Thank you from the organisers

Painswick's Goodwill Evening was a great success again this year. From the Christmas lights to Santa's grotto with the reindeer and everything in between. It was a wonderful warm, kind, kick off to the Christmas season and we were blessed with good weather. The Goodwill evening is special because you can wander around the village enjoying Painswick's hospitality with a glass of mulled wine and a warm mince pie in your hand, greeting your neighbours and meeting new people. You don't have to spend a penny, it's about kindness, generosity and getting the community together. It is an opportunity to enter local businesses that you may never have been into before, to meet the owners and enjoy their goodwill. The evening is also about charity and people gave generously of dry food goods for The Marah Trust and new children's toys for the Salvation Army.

A huge thank you goes to Core Lighting and Space Intense. Thanks to The Elgar Family, Price Davis Accountants, J.W.Goddards Garage, The Dentist and Hamptons for sponsoring the evening. Huge thanks for all the wonderful raffle prizes that were donated by The Painswick Hotel, The Falcon, Probus, Roccoco Gardens, Anthony Churchill, Woodchester Wines, Yoga Kim Brockett, Roberts Limbrick Architects, Kitchen Garden, Revive Beauty. Thank you to all the volunteers, you know who you are but especially Amanda Porter, Ros Ion, Susie Andrews, Robin WD, Deborah Pickin, volunteers at St.Mary's church, Ross Munro, Alan Pinnegar, The Leivers Family, George +1, Tom, Alex, Georgie and Scarlet, Dijon, David, Judie, Dawn, Lindsay, Sam, Bruce, Jules, Annaleigh, Ella, Vicki, Diana, Bill, Mandy & Rob, Sandie and Sean. Apologies if I have missed anyone but please know we are eternally grateful. It couldn't happen without you.

These were the local businesses that made the evening such a success: The Painswick Hotel, Anthony Churchill, Town & Country, The Pooch, Murrays, The Library, St.Michael's, The Red Dot Gallery, Approche, The Bistro, Kate Rich, Rupert Aker, The Longfield Hospice, the Art Studios and Hamptons. Though we didn't have a headline sponsor this year we were amazed to raise just under £700.00 for our main charities. Some of the proceeds will go to the Play Painswick charity and the rest to The Painswick Centre to support its upkeep. Thank you to everyone that attended, we hope you had a lovely evening.

Anne-Marie Randall, Amanda Porter and Ros Ion

Right: Painswick had some very important visitors on the Goodwill Evening

Thank you from Marah

A big THANK YOU to everyone who gave gifts of food, toiletries and chocolates at the Painswick Goodwill Evening recently.

Marah is a charity for the homeless and vulnerable people of Stroud. We run regular Drop-ins at lunch times on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday in Stroud. We serve about 40 to 50 two course meals on Mondays and Wednesdays and give out hot toasties on Saturdays. All this is much appreciated by the clients who often ask for take-aways to cover the rest of the week.

The clients are vulnerable men and women (mostly men) who often have alcohol or drug addictions and some have mental health issues. We provide a welcome to anyone who comes to our door and offer a smile, a welcome, a hot meal and support where necessary. The need never diminishes.

We are extremely grateful for all the help given to us by our supporters. Every item donated is used and gratefully received. On behalf of these vulnerable people, thank you.

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A glimpse into Painswick's history (2)

In the picture below, Rowland Smith looks out of the door of his butcher's shop in Bisley Street, with his wares hanging in the open shop window alongside. The building is now a hairdressing salon and owned by the National Trust. Sadly the ornate stone and metal canopies over the door and the window are no longer there.

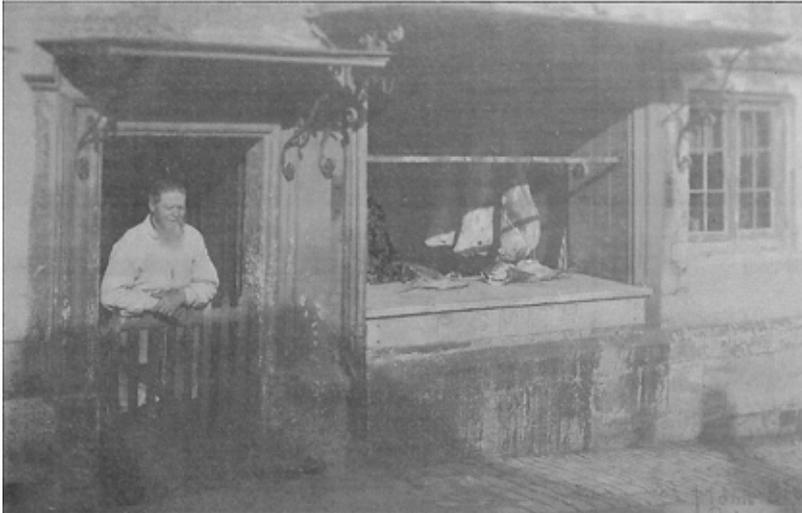


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The photo is believed to come from around 1904. At the time this was not the only butcher's shop in Painswick and it was one of several businesses in Bisley Street. Painswick's last butcher's shop closed in 2007 with the retirement of Allen Hale, who had run his Real Meat Company shop in Friday Street for twelve years.

This photo, together with over 1000 others, forms part of the electronic archive of old photos of Painswick, that can be consulted in the Council offices in the Town Hall in normal opening hours as part of Painswick Community Archives. There is also access to the archive of old documents of the Parish Council and to a searchable archive of old copies of the Painswick Beacon.

PROPERTY REPORT by Beacon Staff

With so many other things to do in December, there are few new properties on the market in Painswick this month, but houses are still selling. Contracts have exchanged on Meadowcroft in Lower Washwell, sold by Murrays, and Hamptons report that three different properties in Sheepscombe, Jacks Green and Longridge have gone under offer in the month, one very quickly after coming onto the market.

New properties include 3 Hyett Orchard, a spacious 2 bedroom retirement apartment (Murrays, £195,000) and Glendale Cottage, a 3 bedroom Cotswold Stone cottage in Vicarage Street with superb views across the Painswick Valley (Hamptons, £500,000). In Pitchcombe you can take your pick from The Croft on Halfway Pitch, a beautifully renovated 3 bedroom family home with a 1 bedroom holiday let (Murrays (£695,000) and just round the corner, Greyholme on Lurks Lane, a detached 4 bedroom family house (Hamptons, £700,000). Both properties share outstanding views over the Painswick Valley, and by the time you could expect to move in, will share a brand new junction onto the A46! Back in Painswick, 14 Canton Acre (Hamptons, £325,000), a 3 bedroom semi-detached house, within a short walk of the Croft School and other village facilities, might make an ideal home for a young family.

Look out for art by local junior artists in the windows of Murrays. You can vote for the winners in a Drawing Competition run with Anthony Lewis Churchill. Hamptons are running a roadshow in March aimed at London buyers - contact them if you would like your property included. And James Pyle, based below the surgery at Hoyland House, remind you that they operate on a handshake agreement, with no contract tie-ins.

It is still hoped that at some stage the archive will be available in the Painswick Library.

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Regular Village Activities If the times of your regular activities have changed please let Vicky Aspinall know on
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Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15-11.30am
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Sheepscombe baby and toddler group - every Monday except holidays. £ 4.00 for first child, £1.00 others	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30am
Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers in term time.	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Nia Holistic Fitness	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
	Table Tennis	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wednesdays	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
	Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm Afternoons
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Painswick Bootcamp	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Town Hall	9.30am
	T'ai chi. Contact Jeff on 07970 303694	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Dog training club.		Mornings
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
	Jolly Stompers as above: Experienced beginners.	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm
	Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fridays	Stroud and District Philatelic Soc. 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month throughout the winter. Contact 813440		
	Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris 812600	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
Saturdays	Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	2.00 - 3.30 pm
Sundays	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am

January

Sat	4	Beacon published		
Sun	5	Holy Communion and celebration of Ministry for the Beacon Family of Churches	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	6	Knit and Natter	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm
	6	Community Lunch provided by the Painswick Centre Trustees	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15
Wed	8	Painswick Gardening Club: The Patch, a garden for all seasons - Jim Almond	Falcon Bowling Club	7.30pm
	8	Cotteswold Naturalists: Perils of Speculation in Regency Cheltenham - Steven Blake. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm

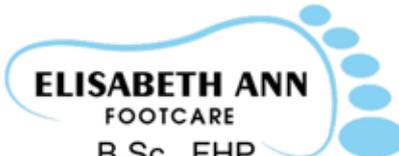


	8	Painswick Probus Club: Pourquoi pas Gallia Nova - Bill Affleck	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	8	Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am
Thurs	9	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Dennis Morgan - Renee Fleming live in concert	Town Hall	2.30pm
	9	Messy Church	Church rooms	3.30pm
Fri	10	Wick-flix: Yesterday(12)	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
	10	Rococo Gardens open for the new season.	Rococo Garden	10.30am
	10	Friday Club: Those were the days - David and Virginia Adsett	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	12	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	13	Community Lunch provided by Richmond Village	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Fri	17	Christian Aid General Knowledge Quiz. Call 01452 812966 to enter	Sheepscombe village hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	19	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	19	Christian Unity service	Our Lady and St Therese	4.00pm
Mon	20	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
	20	Community Lunch provided by 'Churches Together'	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
	20	Library Bookclub	Library	2.00pm
Tues	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: Stroud Valleys Project - Julie Wickham. Enq 01453 873262	The Hub, Minchinhampton	2.30pm
	21	Local History Society: The Georgian Pleasure Gardens; Todd's Cottages - Jan Whitton	The Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	22	Painswick Probus Club: Galapagos Islands - Arthur Ball	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	22	Middy Prayer	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
Thurs	23	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Howard Allen - commemoration of 250 years since the birth of Beethoven	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: Art for everyone - Mark Kelland	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	26	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	27	Community Lunch provided by Painswick Golf Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	28	Yew Trees WI: Indian Block Printing - Clare Walsh	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	29	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Beethoven 2nd and 4th symphonies/Britten Young Apollo played by City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Enq 01242 250427	Concert Hall, Birmingham	2.15pm
Fri	31	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am

February

Sat	1	Beacon published		
Mon	3	Community Lunch provided by Falcon Bowling Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	5	Painswick Probus: Dunkirk's little ships - Paul Barnett	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	5	Cotteswold Naturalists: Elizabethan Table Furnishings - Gillian White. Enq 01453873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	6	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Mike Ward - Franz Joseph Haydn	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	7	Wick-flix: Judy (12A)	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
	7	Friday Club: Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust - Steve Morton	Town Hall	2.30pm

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.19/2151/HHOLD COOMBE HOUSE, Vicarage Street (REVISED PLANS)

Erection of garage and first floor extension.

S.19/2455/HHOLD DOWN COTTAGE, Slad

First Floor rear extension, repositioning of dormer window and new oak balcony.

S.19/2408/LBC SOUTHFIELD

HOUSE, Vicarage Street

Internal alterations to stairs

S.19/2541/LBC & S.19/2540/HHOLD HAMFIELD, Edge Road

Single storey extension to the rear elevation. Removal of section of internal and external walls.

S.19/2552/TCA BARROWCOTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane

Lawson Cypress tree (T1) fell.

S.19/2565/LBC SPOONBED FARM

Removal of existing two light mullioned windows and replace with pair of metal casement doors.

S.19/2577/HHOLD OLD STAR

HOUSE, Gloucester Street

Erection of replacement garage and associated works.

CONSENT

S.19/0570/FUL PAINSWICK

ROCOCO GARDEN, Gloucester Road

Construction of a new visitor centre, community and education room, function room, secured compound with associated hard and soft landscaping.

S.19/2029/HHOLD & S.19/2184/LBC

RAMBLER COTTAGE, Sheepscombe

Infill extension to existing cottage and annexe.

S.19/2314/TPO LONG FINALS,

Stamages Lane

(1) Lime in back garden. - pollard to near previous. (2) 2 Poplars behind - pollard to near previous.

S.19/2375/TCA VILLAGE GREEN, Sheepscombe

Ash - Fell. Die back and fungus attack. Replace with small leafed lime.

S.19/2393/TCA CHURCHORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe

T1 - Eucalyptus Tree - Dismantle to ground level.

WITHDRAWN

S.19/2313/LBC STONELEIGH,

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Above: Christmas Evening at the Tennis Club

Below: The Friday Club's Christmas lunch



Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of SYBIL HILARY TORTONESE née Daniel, who sadly passed away on Sunday 1st December aged 93. Wife of the late Raymond Tortonese, cherished mother to Sue, Tim and Mandy, Mother in law to Pip and much loved Grandmother and Great Grandmother. The funeral took place on Friday December 13th at St Andrew's Church, Miserden followed by a private family burial.

To the family and friends of WENDY HODGSON who passed away aged 78 years. She was the loving wife of the late John, the much loved mother of Matthew, Sophie and Kate and grandmother of 7 grandchildren. Her funeral service was held at St Mary's Church, Painswick on Tuesday 10th December.

To the family and friends of GWEN WELCH who passed away peacefully at Gloucester Royal Hospital on Wednesday 4th December 2019, aged 84 years. A very

special lady, much loved and sadly missed by all her family, friends and everyone who knew her. The funeral service was held on Monday 23rd December at St Mary's Church, Painswick.

To the family and friends of NORMAN RAMPTON who died at his home in Keynsham at the end of November (see tribute on page 12).

To the family and friends of SOMERSET MOORE who died on 19th December at the age of 76.

Thank you

Thank you to ROY BALGOBIN and all the kind people who helped me after a recent fall at the Town Hall steps. As a result of your help, I am now on the mend.

Ruth Robinson

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

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Seven swans a'swimming, eleven pipers piping and two turtle doves. Just a small part of the wonderful Knitted Twelve Days of Christmas by the Knit and Natter Group currently on show at Painswick Library.



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