

The Painswick Beacon

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Halls for hire in Painswick

Now that some of the activities in Painswick are hoping to restart in September the latest position on the availability of the halls to hire are outlined below.

The Painswick Centre

The rooms and the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre are available as from the 1st September. Various restrictions may apply depending on the potential users. Enquiries to Lindsay Wyles 01452 814567 email painswickcentremanager@gmail.com



The Church Rooms

The rooms are now available for hire, the large room for a maximum of 18 people. Safe distancing must be observed and masks worn. The usual Covid 19 safeguards are outlined in the hiring agreement. To hire please contact the Lychgate Office 01452 814795.

The Town Hall

At the time of going to press the Town Hall continues to be unavailable for hire for reasons which are hard to understand but hopefully a decision will be taken soon. It is understood that regular users having to go elsewhere will be compensated



The Bistro on the move

Cardynham House has been sold STC and so the Bistro there will have closed on September 1st. However the good news is that the current people who run the Bistro (Catalina and Marin) will be opening up again on 1st November at St Michaels. The Beacon will report on the planned opening nearer the time.

Coronavirus cases

Rate of new Coronavirus cases in the Stroud District area as reported on a weekly basis Confirmed cases in the seven days up to date given per 100,000 people. Stroud District population is...116000

21 July	4.5
28 July	3.3
7 August	1.3
14 August	3.3
21 August	4.2

21 August for	
Gloucester	4.6
Cheltenham	8.6
Swindon	40.0
National average	11.4

Surgery News

Inside on pages 10 & 11, is a comprehensive report from Dr Rhys Evans covering the current situation concerning the effects of Covid 19 on your surgery and explaining the on line consultation system e-consult.

Library now open

On page 8 is a reminder of the current system for the returning and issuing books. The Library will be open Monday, and Wednesday 2.30-4.30pm

Post Office now open

Now Wednesday and Friday 9.30 to 11.30

The Parish Council

Due to Covid 19 the Parish Council is continuing to be closed and the Clerks are working from home. This is not an ideal situation going forward so the sooner that residents can again have unrestricted face to face meetings the better. Meanwhile phone 812722 or email clerk@painswick-pc.gov.uk to make an appointment.

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

- S.20/1437/HHOLD Pincot Cottage, Pincot Lane
Erection of an outbuilding, access gate and store (part retrospective).
- S.20/1503/HHOLD & S.20/1541/LBC Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street
Installation of roof lights to dwelling and garage side extension.
- S.20/1555/HHOLD 2 The Croft
Single storey front extension, two storey rear extension & loft conversion.
- S.20/1566/HHOLD Bunch Of Grapes, Cheltenham Road
Proposed ground floor rear extension with part first floor extension, floor plan redesign and all associated works.
- S.20/1499/FUL & S.20/1500/LBC Cardynham House, Tibbiwell Lane
Internal & external alterations.
- S.20/1321/LBC The Barn, Wick Street
Removal of modern infill stonework and addition of two single-storey mono pitch lean-to extensions, replacement of modern painted timber cladding with untreated larch and infill timber glazing.
- S.20/1645/HHOLD 4 Court Orchard
Front & rear extensions and alterations to existing dwelling house.
- S.20/1027/FUL Sevenacres, The Camp
Permission for the siting of 10 tents, 4 bell tents and a traditional wagon to an existing glamping business.

REVISED PLANS

- S.20/1032/HHOLD Spring Cottage, Tibbiwell Lane
Ground floor orangery, first floor extension and alterations.

CONSENT

- 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.20/1182/HHOLD Yew Trees, Slad Road, Slad
Form kerb and crossover to upgrade existing vehicular entrance.
- 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.20/1306/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.20/1399/TCA West Hayes, Far End, Sheepscombe
Fell 2x Yew Trees (T1 & T2).
- S.20/1081/HHOLD The School House, Slad Road, Slad
Construction of a free standing garden room.
- S.20/1076/TPO Long Finals, Stamages Lane
Lime tree (TPO 527) pruning is required.
- S.20/1003/HHOLD Chapel Cottage Gloucester Street
Extension to first floor.
- S.20/0714/FUL Hillview, Cockshoot, Sheepscombe
Proposed vehicle access and parking. Change of use for section of land to residential.
- S.20/0935/HHOLD Hammonds Cottage Wick Street
Conversion of existing garage into an ancillary annexe.
- S.20/0719/FUL Upper Steanbridge Mill Slad
Installation of 2 x 18 panel/6kw ground mount solar pv systems within the curtilage of listed asset.
- S.20/0674/HHOLD Upper Greenhouse, Greenhouse Lane
Two storey side extension, single storey

- side extension and porch.
S.20/0342/HHOLD Chestnut Cottage, The Park
Two storey side and single storey extension.
- S.19/0646/HHOLD 1-6 Parkfield Cottages, The Park
Structherm structural cladding to external walls with hardwood timber finish and replace roof.

REFUSED

- S.20/0515/FUL Land at Yokehouse Lane
Barn to store agricultural machinery.

Planning correction

The planning application for the Ground floor orangery, first floor extension and alterations to Spring Cottage, Tibbiwell Lane Ref: S.20/1032/HHOLD was provided by the Parish Council for the August edition and published in good faith.

This was in fact a submission of revised plans and given the limited time-frame allowed for objections to the revised plans the Beacon apologises for the error and any confusion this may have caused.



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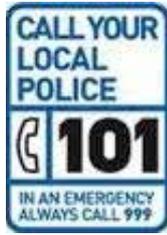
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Police Report

Crime in the Painswick Area

Crime statistics for the Painswick area taken from the Gloucestershire Police web site.



April

Cheltenham Rd	Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
Gloucester Rd	ASB
Canton Acre	ASB
Pullens Rd	Burglary
Stroud Rd	ASB
White Horse La	ASB (3), Violence
Cotswold Mead	ASB
Vicarage St	ASB
Bisley St	Drugs
New St	Drugs
Hambutts Dr	ASB (2)
Berry Close	ASB
Butt Green	ASB

May

Golf Course rd	ASB, Violence & Public disorder
Gloucester Rd	Burglary
Upper Washwell	Burglary
Beech La	ASB
Knapp La	ASB, Violence
Friday St	ASB
White Horse La	Vehicle crime
Ashwell	ASB (3)

June

Bisley St	ASB
Knapp La	Violence
Hambutts Dr	ASB
Golf Course Rd	ASB, Offensive weapons, Public disorder



Anne-Marie Randall
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Violent crime up in the Stroud area

Gloucestershire constabulary recorded 1,978 incidents in the area for the 12 months to March an increase of 51% over the previous 12 month period. Most of the rise was accounted for by violence without injury. There were 568 cases of stalking or harassment, 200 sexual offences, a rise of 18%, but theft offences were down by 4%. The total number of recorded offences in the Stroud area increased by 23%, giving a rate of 47.4 per 1000 people which is below the national average.

Most commonly reported crimes during June 2020 in the Stroud rural area which includes all the villages but not Stroud itself

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)	46
Violence and sexual offences	28
Public order	12
Criminal damage and arson	7

DIRECTORY 2021 – it's your call

The Painswick Directory is delivered every year with the January issue of the Beacon. It is free of charge. Providing a very valuable source of information for both residents and our visitors, it is also, of course, of great benefit to those businesses, services, clubs, societies, agencies etc which are included in its pages. A copy is posted on our website too which continues to receive 'hits', not least from people moving into the area.

If you run a business, service, society etc it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant and correct details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on, and need these details as soon as possible if you wish to be included in the 2021 edition. Inclusion costs you nothing.

If you are already in, please check the details and let us know if there are any changes to be made. Out-of-date and incorrect information is most irritating for all concerned. If you wish your entry to be removed, or if you are aware of an entry that is no longer valid, you should let us know as soon as possible.

This is a free community resource and it is important that it is up-to-date, comprehensive and accurate. Please send your details, or relevant information about any entry, via the Beacon's email address – beacon@painswick.net – or to Carol Maxwell at carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or post in the Beacon box in New Street as soon as possible.

Carol Maxwell

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Summer in Painswick, 10,20,30 years ago

Summer 2010

Cotswold Care Hospice shop opens, now known as Longfields
New management in the Falcon Hotel and also at the Royal Oak
Chaos caused by closure of the A46 from Bisley St to Victoria St due to Gas Works
Christ Church closes
Lead stolen from porch of St Mary's
Painswick Fete held at Painswick House
20 MPH speed limit introduced
New tennis courts opened at Broadham by Jeremy Bates (Wimbledon finalist)

Summer 2000

Travellers occupying parts of Juniper hill and the Beacon. Police refuse to take action so Manorship proposes to seek a court order for their removal.
Rugby Club terminates lease on the pavilion at the recreation ground and hands back the keys to the Parish Council.
Gloucester Guild of Craftsmen open their doors to their new home at the Painswick Centre.
Severn NHS Trust announce the closure of St Mary's home at the top of Stamages Lane
Bernard Jones retires as Headmaster at the Croft School after 17 years.

Summer 1990

Playgroup commences the building operations of their new Playgroup portable building after raising £8000 in just a year.
Painswick is awarded the Bledisloe Cup for the best kept large village in Gloucestershire.
The development of the Cup House in Bisley Street is given go-ahead by Stroud District Council despite many objections.

Painswick Art club

Every Tuesday morning in August the club has met at various outside locations to sketch and paint whilst keeping to social distancing. Autumn sessions start in the Church Rooms on the Tuesday 8th September. Pictured here are two morning sketching locations



Dog Training

The Dog Training Club will start again from Thursday 24th September. We meet every Thursday morning in the Church rooms and run two classes, puppies and beginners 10.00 to 11.00 and older dogs 11.00 to 12.00. Do come along and continue from where we left off in March. New puppies are always welcome, just come along once your puppy has had all his/her vaccinations.
Fiona Chapman 01452 812462

Painswick Educational Trust

Are there any young people out there resident in the Painswick area who need financial help with their education in these difficult times. The Trust can help in a small way with books, tools, IT equipment etc.

If you need to know more please contact Michael James on 01452 812646 or Joy Edwards on 07810 476 473.

Community Lunches

Community Lunches plan to recommence in January 2021 in the Town Hall

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Welcomes users back

The Trustees of the Painswick Centre have been working hard over the last few weeks to ensure that the Centre can reopen. With the safety of our users being paramount, this is a slow process with the Beacon Hall and Gardiner Room being the first areas to welcome users back. We look forward to seeing Badminton Club, Yoga and Table Tennis return over the next few weeks. We constantly monitor the guidance and when we can we hope to be able to restart the Co-Working Initiative and to welcome back more of our groups.

As we are all aware the guidance means that public spaces require masks to be worn indoors unless your activity has an exclusion. Hand washing or sanitising will be available throughout the open areas of the building and where possible one-way systems will be in place so you will certainly find that if you visit the Painswick Centre things will be a little different. There are areas of the building which are simply too difficult to open due to the lack of space so very sadly the Skittle Alley is one of these areas which means the three teams who usually play over the winter can't return for the moment but we fully intend reopening as soon as we are permitted

Over the lockdown period Lindsay, the Centre Manager, has been on furlough but will return to work slowly and securely from early September. She will be in work only one morning a week for now and please don't be offended if you find you can't enter her office but are asked to keep your distance by staying at the door. During lockdown we have not been monitoring the use of our car park however as The Centre returns to 'normal' our car park will also return to normal and cars which do not have a permit to park but which repeatedly do so WILL be issued with a parking ticket.

We also have a problem at the moment with fly tipping in our pedestrian entrance way. Unfortunately it is very hard to catch the culprits, most likely visitors! Perhaps if you own a property on Vicarage Street you could let your visitors know that they must take their rubbish home with them, not leave it on the streets of Painswick.

We are hopeful that while things remain quiet we will be able to do some maintenance work including both exterior and interior decorating so if you are handy with a paint brush and would like to do some volunteering please get in touch. There's always something to do at the Centre so even if decorating isn't your thing please don't be shy in volunteering!

The Painswick Centre is here in the centre of town and we are looking forward to welcoming familiar faces and new faces too. Please check out our website and see if perhaps the Beacon Hall or Gardiner Room could help you bring a new activity to Painswick.

The Trustees

Red Kites over Painswick

Standing in my front garden earlier this month, I saw a medium to large-sized raptor high above the Painswick Stream – another buzzard? No, this bird had a deeply forked tail, the key distinguishable feature of the Red Kite. Its long angular wings and rufous colour are also distinguishing features. There have been several other recent sightings of Kites above the village, including a pair seen over the Park.

Following persecution, the Red Kite's UK population was eventually reduced to a handful of pairs in Mid Wales. Conservation policies resulted in the re-introduction of these birds to the Chilterns in the 1990s, subsequently in other locations, and they have now spread more widely. The majority of Gloucestershire's Red Kites are observed in the Cotswolds nearer the Oxfordshire border which suggest the Painswick birds come from the Chilterns rather than Wales. At this time of the year perhaps birds are dispersing after breeding.

Red Kites are scavengers feeding on carrion and rubbish and will search for food anywhere. They nest high in trees in broadleaved woodland, and there is evidence of breeding in Gloucestershire since 2012. They are year-round residents : continental birds are winter arrivals in Eastern England. (Picture taken by Joyce Barrus of a Red Kite in Painswick)

Bill Boydell



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News from St Mary's



September is usually a time of new beginnings and new possibilities. Our children are starting a new school year, and we wish them well on their adventure. But for most of us it doesn't feel like a fresh start. We probably haven't had the summer holiday we wanted. We're not feeling reinvigorated. The virus is still here. Some of us are still isolating ourselves at home. So, it doesn't feel like a new beginning. It feels more like just plodding on with no end in sight.

Church Services resume

However, we are now able to open our churches for services on a Sunday and so St Mary's Painswick will be holding a service every Sunday morning at 9.30am from the 6th September. Because of social distancing rules in place we are limited in numbers so if you wish to come along to a service, we ask that you let our Church Warden Margaret Radway know on 07896430107 by 6pm on the Friday before so we can ensure we have a space. We don't like turning people away but if our safe capacity is reached then I am afraid Government guidelines mean we must. At this time, it is also a legal requirement that all coming to services wear a face covering over mouth and nose.

Clypping Service cancelled

Unfortunately, the guidelines mean that this year we are unable to hold our Clypping service as holding hands and singing are both not allowed at the time of planning. We look forward to next year's service.

We do look forward to welcoming you back to worship in our beautiful building.

Rev Janet Turville Rector Beacon Benefice.

Conservation: A Guided Walk around Painswick Beacon

Four members of the public joined Paul Baxter, Project Manager for the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group, for one of the guided walks organised in mid-August. The Beacon and surrounding common land are part of a network of increasingly rare unimproved limestone grassland sites, providing habitats for many threatened species of wildflowers and insects, including the Large Blue and Duke of Burgundy butterflies.

We visited the three quarries behind the cemetery, to see the results of clearing a clump of invasive species including hemp agrimony and brambles. Once cleared, fresh grass and wildflower species were rapidly returning, with wild marjoram and wild basil providing a colourful display, attracting pollinators such as hoverflies, bees, and day-flying moths.

Our route followed shaded woodland edges where broad-leaved hellebore were already standing tall amongst the grasses. Down a narrow steep path, slippery from recent showers, into Long Quarry, we examined the impact of removing trees over 10 years ago to let more light in. The PBCG volunteers plan to return to control the scrub: fast-growing buddleia, hemp agrimony and dogwood have returned, choking the delicate ground flora. Crossing the road that leads to Catbrain quarry, we visited the first paddock where the conservation cattle began their restoration grazing work in July. They have cleared coarse grasses, but left the spurge laurel untouched, perhaps sensing that these plants are poisonous. Hopefully, the resultant grassland mixed with scattered juniper and hawthorn bushes will encourage the growth of larger cowslips, better meeting the needs of the Duke of Burgundy butterfly larvae. Many of the experimental plantings of young Juniper bushes, funded by a grant from the No.3 London Dry Gin in 2014, have taken well, apparently succeeding better by being on north-west facing slopes, protected from the fierce midday sun.

Towards the trig point, the sun was warming the slopes and we were rewarded with sightings of Gatekeeper, Chalkhill Blue and Brown Argus butterflies. Higher up we found Autumn Gentians and the spent flower-spikes of Musk Orchid. We admired the cattle hard at work in their new paddock below, looking healthy with their glossy black or brown coats and short legs, perfectly built for the hard grazing needed on the ramparts to protect the Iron Age Fort from invasive scrub. And indirectly helping me to find my lost golf balls more easily.

It was a relief to see only limited amounts of rubbish on our route, thanks to the many individuals who pick up rubbish on their daily walks or rounds of golf. In total we spent a fascinating three hours meandering around enjoying late summer flowers and hearing about the plans for the PBCG volunteers.

Jane E Rowe

Thank You

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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Quiz - Name the non residential buildings in Painswick

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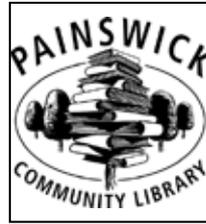
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Library News

First phase of re-opening underway

As detailed in last month's Beacon, in line with government guidelines and the restrictions posed by our premises, we are now providing a limited service at Painswick Community Library.



It has been possible since July 10th to return library books. There are labelled boxes in the Main Hall accessible during Post Office hours – Friday 9.30 to 11.30 am. These are processed by our volunteers after a 72 hour quarantine period.

Additionally, since August 24th it has been possible to both return items and collect books reserved online (at the Gloucestershire libraries' website) at the rear access to the Town Hall however there is no public access to the building. Physical distancing is required and face coverings worn in line with current government guidance. If you selected Painswick as the collection point during the reservation process you will receive an email to advise when the book is available at the library. Further information on how to reserve books was in last month's Beacon.

Opening hours are Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30. These hours are very dependent on the availability of our hardworking volunteers and are subject to change at short notice should circumstances require it. A lot of work is going on behind the scenes to enable this re-opening to take place and we are immensely grateful to all our volunteers for their time and energy.

New books

We are adding new books to our stock and these are exclusively available to borrowers at Painswick library for the first six months and not reservable online. A comprehensive list was on page 18 of last month's Beacon and is on the library's website (www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk). Please call the library on 01452 814744 during the above opening times for more information.

Recently added adult fiction includes:

Kate Grenville – *A Room Made of Leaves*

Inspired by the real life of a remarkable woman, this is an extraordinarily rich, beautifully wrought novel of resilience, courage and the mystery of human desire. Set in the late 1700s it tells the tale of a young woman married to a lieutenant in a new South Wales penal colony and described by the New Yorker as 'An unflinching exploration of modern Australia's origins...which pulls us ever deeper into a time when one community's opportunity spelled another's doom.'

Sue Monk Kidd – *The Book of Longings*

Her first novel was 'The Secret Life of Bees' which became a literary phenomenon translated into 36 languages and selling more than 8 million copies worldwide.

This new novel tells us the story of Ana, a rebellious young woman and a gifted writer of secret narratives about the neglected and silenced women around her. Raised in a wealthy family in Galilee, she is sheltered from the brutality of Rome's occupation of Israel. Expected to marry an elderly widower to further her father's ambitions a chance encounter with the eighteen-year-old Jesus changes everything.

Polly Samson – *A Theatre for Dreamers*

From the writer of lyrics for four Number One albums and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. Polly Samson's earlier novel, *The Kindness*, was named Book of the Year by *The Times* and *Observer*.

Her most recent novel is set in 1960. The world is dancing on the edge of revolution, and nowhere more so than on the Greek island of Hydra where a circle of writers, painters and musicians live. Within this circle forms a love triangle including Marianne Ihlen and a young Canadian poet named Leonard Cohen with wars waged between men and women on the battleground of genius.

Happy Reading

Pat Pinnegar



Motorists in Gloucester Street ignore flooding to drench the adjacent listed properties.

Stuart Munro



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Maggie Drake from Tibbiwell writes

Recently, returning from a hospital appointment, on one of the hottest days of the year, and unable to find a space within a few minutes' walk of my house, I parked my car in a turning off Kemps Lane. When I went back to move it, some 5 hours later, there was an aggressively-worded A4 size, printed reprimand on the windscreen, which included a photograph of my car and a suggestion that I might be willing to make a contribution to the proposed resurfacing of the road in question.

I was shocked and upset by the unnecessarily heavy-handed tone of the missive, and I was struck by the sad and sharp contrast between this incident and the community spirit and great kindness shown by so many Painswickians during the testing months of lockdown. But, as the old saying goes 'It takes all sorts.....'

Martyn's Atlantic quest – your chance to see the boat at The Falcon

If you are planning to row single-handedly across the Atlantic the somewhat bizarre changes of weather conditions such as we have been experiencing recently are almost irrelevant. So it is for Painswick's Martyn Thornton for whom this stupendous planned undertaking is yet another month closer.

Martyn will attempt to set a new world record in December by rowing solo across the Atlantic in under 60 days, the oldest man to do so at 62 years of age. Training is now intense and covers a range of factors including detailed knowledge of the boat, safety issues, potential sea conditions and hazards, personal strengths and weaknesses and so much more. And of course real physical fitness is a key issue, ensuring essential stamina and energy levels. Martyn's training programme recently included a week rowing on the Jurassic coast and another full training week is planned in Weymouth from 5th to 12th September. After that he will take the boat to Swindon where the sponsor logos will be inscribed and then he will bring it back to Painswick early on Saturday morning, 19th September, setting it up in the car park of the Falcon by early afternoon. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all Painswickians to take a look at this amazing vessel. Then on Sunday morning Martyn will take it back to Burnham-on-Crouch ready for more training.



It goes without saying that sponsorship is essential and it is to be hoped that Painswick residents will show their support for Martyn, very much a local man. Provided the sponsorship goal is reached he will be able to donate the proceeds from the sale of the boat on his return to the charity Horseheard. This very worthy organisation works with horses to promote positive outcomes for people, especially children and young people, with social and emotional needs.

Support through sponsorship has been growing locally but more is needed. There are various possibilities including 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 larger corporate opportunities at £10,000. Interest is definitely growing via the BBC and other media and the focus of this interest is Martyn, a Painswick man on an amazing mission.

Please consider adding your support. You can contact Martyn by email martyn.thornton@btinternet.com, tel.07785.350840, the website is www.atlanticsolo.co.uk, or follow on Instagram @atlanticsolo and his GoFundMe link is www.gofundme.com/f/atlantic-solo.

And don't miss the opportunity to take a look at the boat in the Falcon car park on the afternoon of Saturday, 19th September. It's amazing.

Carol Maxwell



Looking forward to 2021 with the Cotteswold Naturalists

Like many other Clubs, CNFC officers have held virtual Committee meetings by Zoom. Much of the Club's programme for 2020 has been postponed to 2021, although the content of our excursions will be adjusted to meet the new circumstances in which we all find ourselves. For example, we are building-in greater flexibility and variety: more visits to local venues to allow travel by car; guided walks for smaller groups of people; inclusion of historic outdoor sites, parks and gardens; and for visits to places of interest, timed entrance-slots and self-guided tours to indoor venues.

Our next Newsletter will be sent to members later this month with more details of our plans. If you would like a copy – you don't need to be a member - please contact me by email to [janeerowe2015@gmail](mailto:janeerowe2015@gmail.com)

We have had a good response to Peter Wilson's request for help to create a record of Stone Stiles (more details in last month's Beacon newsletter). This is an ongoing project, so if you come across any on your walks anywhere in Gloucestershire, please contact Peter with photos and details on email Peter.Wilson@woodchestervalleyvillage.co.uk More information and a form outlining the details sought can be found at the following website <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/creating-a-record-of-gloucestershire-stone-stiles/>

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Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)

The NHS is surrounded in mythologies many of which go back to the euphoria of 1948 when the Labour government first set it up. Whilst we all use it, over the years as medical capabilities and costs have risen little has been said about the real truth behind how its costs are managed and what limits there are to any one person's treatment. We welcome therefore Dr Rhys Evans frank and open response to our request to say more about how matters are unfolding now as a response to the pandemic. Clearly we all have to accept change

David Perry (PPG)



Dr Rhys Evans writes :-

We need to have an honest discussion about the NHS. Free care at the point of access means demand will always exceed supply. So, there must be rationing; always has been, always will be. Even before Covid GP's were the gateway to a bankrupt and overstretched system. Time-consuming infection control measures mean it now takes twice as long to see each patient, even longer to perform any surgery. Rationing used to take the form of waiting lists, but nobody wants to go back to waiting 5 weeks to just to access a GP. The challenge is to find the fairest alternative.

Triage concept

This alternative is triage, a battlefield concept of assessing large groups of patients to assess the severity of their condition and prioritise the urgency of treatment based solely on those criteria. "Total Triage" is now being practiced across the NHS. Every referral and appointment request, both current and those that have built up since March, are being actively screened to identify those most in clinical need and to ensure they see the right healthcare provider.



Covid-19

There may be a perception that doctors and consultants are "working remotely from their French holiday homes" as one journalist unhelpfully suggested. Nothing could be further from the truth. Hospital Consultants, who remember spent 4 months at the front line, are now working harder than ever addressing the mountain of outstanding work. In all specialisms, even dermatologists.

Every previously routine procedure needs to be redesigned: how does our surgery ensure distancing and scrupulous infection control while administering flu vaccines to the nearly 3000 patients who need it including those who are extremely vulnerable? It is like asking a pilot to redesign the flight deck in mid-

flight. In Painswick we are receiving 60% more patient contacts each day compared to the same time last year. Changing PPE and decontaminating the room after every patient is essential but halves our consultation rate. The sums just do not balance, so it remains the case that we must avoid face to face consultations unless unavoidable, and that pre-booked appointments are not an option.

E-Consult. The new way of working?

Which is where 'e-consult' comes in. This is an online consultation aid that asks targeted questions triggered by your specific symptoms. Like the programme used by 111 operators it aims to provide exactly the information we need to help you best, in advance. When it works, it is terrific, but as with any new system there are teething problems. The bottom line is that it is essential given current conditions, is the best option available and is being rolled out in almost every GP surgery in the county, including Painswick.

You will now all be directed by reception to this simple online questionnaire, easily available on the surgery website. It genuinely does have many patient benefits. No more time off work, arranging transport to the surgery, enjoying 45 minutes of outdated waiting room magazines. Time to present your symptoms in your own time, at your own pace, and at your own convenience. Never again hearing 'There are no appointments available, please phone back at 8.30am'. Knowing that your request will be actioned within 2 working

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days, often earlier, but that genuinely urgent problems will be flagged either by the e-consult process or when they arrive at the surgery. Perhaps most important it allows every patient access to healthcare and advice without risk of infection to themselves or clinicians. From our point of view we get consistent, focused information, the ability to customise care, for instance altering appointment length or arranging investigations first to avoid duplication and the ability to continue working if we are self-isolating. We know any change is difficult. Please remember that every single one of us working at the surgery is also a patient with our own GPs. We have all been asked to do the same thing. So some tips to make it less frustrating and make your situation clear. Take choosing your place on the scale of pain. 10/10 is giving birth, so if you score your knee pain as 9/10 because you are fed up and your op was cancelled in March, the programme will instead assume something catastrophic has happened and waste your time telling you to go to A+E. If you are breathless say that, but if you used to run 10 miles now can only run 8, say that instead. If you want a script for longstanding reflux, don't say you have chest pain. If you can see your comment has obviously been misinterpreted don't give up, just go back a page and try again.



The problem with triage is that while it prioritises those most in need, it necessarily allocates lower priority to others. As with any rationing you will not always get what you want. Sometimes we simply have to say no. This can be exceedingly difficult to accept. It does not mean you or your problem are not important. It does mean that there are other cases with more pressing clinical needs. To help us assess this it is really helpful to tell us how the problem impacts on you and your life. E-consult will ask you this. We need to know why you should go to the front of the queue. What is so different about your problem that means it requires priority over others with the same problem. Even descriptions such as 'agony' can be unhelpful: a man whose knee pain is so excruciating after 9 holes of golf that he has to quit clearly needs help but would no doubt agree that the 94 yr old sole carer for another whose knee pain means she has to navigate the stairs on her bottom and is at risk of falling should be helped first

Need help with E-Consult?

We have been pleasantly surprised by how effectively many of our most elderly have utilised e-consults, video consultations, online prescriptions, digital photos and texted advice sheets, sometimes with help from family or carers. Indeed those with hearing difficulty have found it far easier than the telephone. However, if for any reason you really cannot do it our receptionists are able to run through a short series of questions on your behalf to complete an 'e-consult lite'. You can of course refuse even this, but be aware it means we will be unable to triage your case, making it very difficult to prioritise you appropriately, in exactly the same way 999 would struggle to help anyone refusing to explain why they called.

Matt Hancock enthusiastically promotes online consultation as the future of General Practice. I am not too sure. Let's see what the next Health Minister says. It is likely to have a place and I am sure will adapt, change and improve, but in the meantime, given the circumstances, it is an essential tool. Please help us to help you by giving it a fair chance.

Dr Rhys Evans, Senior partner

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Emerging from our cocoon



Like almost every other organisation, our charity has been earnestly focusing on recovering from the extended period of lockdown closure. Thanks to your support and that of our committed staff and volunteers, we have extended our opening days from just two days a week in May to five in August! That's pretty good going, although overall visitor numbers will be significantly down this year compared to last. We have really enjoyed welcoming people back into the Garden and in particular seeing lots of new Friends joining up, so they can visit as often as they like.

During September we are expecting to be open from Thursday to Sunday between 10am and 3pm with advanced booking through our website rococogarden.org.uk. Booking ahead allows us manage the numbers of people onsite and to maintain the peace and tranquillity of the Garden. Thankfully, feedback from our visitors suggests that our system is straightforward and has been working really well.

I'm so pleased that we have been able to provide some special events during this extraordinary time. As soon as outdoor theatre was permitted again, the Handlebards confirmed their tour dates for a lockdown version of Romeo & Juliet, and luckily we managed to find a free evening! No sooner had we got the word out there, the tickets had sold out – you may get a return if you're lucky at handlebards.com.

After some very hot days last month, we're already noticing a bit of a chill in the air first thing in the mornings, and we are anticipating the colour and harvest of autumn. If you're looking for a gorgeous spot to have a coffee, meet a friend or family, do book yourself in via rococogarden.org.uk. I hope to see you in the Garden soon.

Tim Toghill, Trustee & volunteer

Jottings.

Dust and spores are one of the biggest problems in farming. When doing anything with cereals, workers are breathing in grain dust produced during harvesting, drying and storing crops. The dust includes bacteria, fungal spores, insects and insect debris as well as particles of pesticide which had been sprayed on earlier. Manure pits produce hydrogen sulphide; silos produce nitrogen dioxide which can lead to silo filler's disease.

If cereals are not dried enough they can go mouldy in storage and then you get spores floating about in the air. Farmer's Lung is caused by breathing in this dust. The disease is not infectious but an allergy that affects how our lungs work. Symptoms appear after some hours after exposure and may include shortness of breath, tightness of the chest, fatigue, cough, muscle ache, headache, chill or even fever. So you could be feeling you might be getting flu or a heart attack. If it happens too often the lungs become permanently scarred and do not work as well.

When hay-making you get dust and the pollen rising up off the grass, especially when you are tossing it to dry it. And again when you shake it out into feed racks to feed your animals.

Years ago before cabs were put onto tractors and combines the driver was at the mercy of dust and that has been a big problem with machines. Now-a-days we have air conditioning in the cabs to keep the dust, flies and wasps out in the summer.

Also, in very dusty situations you will find the driver trying to get some of the dust and dirt off their machine. Because when hot, air with these tiny particles in it, can become explosive. You get micro bits of meal floating in the air in and around the silos with the nitrogen dioxide and this mix can be explosive if not stored right. When the buildings are not kept up to standard you can get these problems as well. We use mould inhibitors and ventilate with fans as well as using masks in enclosed places.

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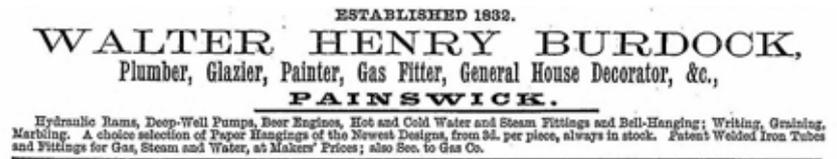
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Walter Henry Burdock 'Painswickian of the Year' 1896

Walter Henry Burdock was born in 1850, as at least the eighth child of his parents. His father Nathaniel Burdock had started the firm of Burdocks in 1832 - a firm that was to go on in some ways to shape modern Painswick. Although Walter had older brothers, he seems to have been the one who went into the family business, certainly the one who took it on and eventually ran it under his own name, after his father's death in 1867. Like his father before him, Walter described himself for many years as a plumber and glazier, but by 1879 he was advertising as a Plumber, Glazier, Painter, Gas Fitter, General House Decorator, etc. The firm was also able from the early days to make coffins and carry out funeral arrangements.

From about 1884 onwards Walter described himself simply as a builder, and his firm became a general building company, employing a wide variety of trades. He also moved the firm from its premises next to the Town Hall, to a new base at the yard in New Street, now known as Bell Yard.



Burdock's Yard with horse and cart

would have been a well-deserving 'Painswickian of the Year'. He remained in that role for 26 years, retiring at the age of 71, with his son taking over as Chief Officer. The first fire engine, bought for £250, and its later replacements, continued to be based at Burdock's yard in New Street until the construction of a new fire station in the 1950s.

Walter and his wife Caroline had five children with at least one of them, Frederick, joining the business, which by 1910 was operating under the name of Burdock and Son. It maintained a dominant position in Painswick for many years after that, in later years being run by the family of David Archard, whose grandfather originally joined the business around 1906. When David was no longer able to run it for health reasons, the firm finally closed in 1991 after almost 160 years.

In 1886 Walter was awarded a patent for a new type of blowlamp for the use of painters, plumbers and gas fitters. But his curiosity and inventiveness was not applied only to his work, as this was followed a few years later by another patent for an improvement to the game of quoits. The firm also went on to develop a type of concrete building block, made in Painswick using gravel from a pit on what is now the Recreation Field. These blocks were used on several buildings in Painswick, perhaps most notably the Institute in Bisley Street, now the Painswick Centre.

Having established his firm as the principal building firm in Painswick, Walter Burdock turned some of his energies into the life of the community, serving on the Parish Council and becoming a Churchwarden at St Mary's in 1902. But perhaps his most important contribution to the community was his role in the Painswick Fire Brigade. A fire at the Town Hall in 1893 had been made much worse by the delay in the fire engine coming from Stroud and while they were waiting, Walter Burdock organised ladders and water.

The need for a local fire engine was clear and in 1896 Walter became the first Captain of the Painswick Fire Brigade and



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Painswick Sports

by John Barrus

Painswick Cricket

The club has been thriving numbers wise so far during this limited season, so much so that the club selected 4 teams for a recent Saturday. Unfortunately the weather then put paid to any play but we are hopeful the club will be able to reach such dizzy heights again soon.

Below are a few highlights of recent matches.

On 25th July Painswick beat Cheltenham Civil Service. Highlights being 49 runs for Ross Martin.

The 2nds beat Frocester 4ths mainly thanks to Nick Marment scoring 89 runs.

The 3rds beat Frampton 3rds in the final over by 2 wks. Highlights being James Elliott and James French scoring fifties and young Sam French taking 3 wickets.

On the 1st August the Firsts lost away to Staunton and Corse by 6 runs. Reece Morris scored 90 runs for Painswick.

The Thirds were up to their usual leave it to last ball antics. Painswick's David Nottingham (67 runs) and Noel French (60) steered the side to within sight of victory. However Painswick still needed 15 to win from the final over. Not to worry, young Evan Moriarty strolled out to the wicket and proceeded to smash several boundaries including another 4 off the last ball to win an amazing game.

Village cup

On 26th July Painswick comfortably defeated Whitminster by over 100 runs in the first round of the national village cup. Callum Nicholls scored 145 not out and George Macduff 60. Unfortunately the club then exited the competition losing to Winterbourne CC in a tight game.

Youth cricket

The U11s lost to Hardwick but were victorious against Tetbury. The U15s won against Hardwick and drew with Cam.

Youth training continues on Fridays at 1700 at Broadham, Do pop by if interested.

Other than playing, the club continues apace with its fundraising for a new NetBay. More news soon.



Painswick Golf Club



On 30 September, the club is holding its re-arranged Seniors Open Competition. This is a Better Ball pairs competition open to all male golfers over the age of 55. The booking form is available from the website www.painswickgolf.com, the clubhouse or direct from the organiser, Phil Jennings (07561 108358). Over 80 entrants have booked at the time of writing this article but a few spaces remain.

Last month saw the completion of two competitions – the Seniors Championship and the Deva Cup. The Seniors Championship is a two round medal competition which took place on 30 July and 6 August. The winner of the Championship was Nigel Barnett with an aggregate gross score of 162. The winner of the Seniors Tankard (for the best net score in the same competition) was George Paton. Prizes for the best stableford scores in each round went to John Bentley, Peter Rowe, Anthony Fisher, Rick Carman and Jim Eva. The Seniors Deva Cup is a greensome competition which took place on 20 August. Both members of each team of two drive off the tee and then one ball is taken and players take alternate shots. The winners of this competition were Brendan Nunan and Mike Sanderson with a score of 43 stableford points. Congratulations to all the winners.

Visitors, whether golfers wishing to try out the course or members of the public looking for refreshments or a place to hold an event, are welcome at Painswick Golf Club. To book a tee time or a meal at the clubhouse, please call 01452 812180.

Steve Pegram

Peter Rowe



Table Tennis

The club will be starting up again on the first Wednesday in October in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre. Enquiries for membership to David Linsell at.812464



Badminton Club

The Badminton club will be starting up this season again in the Painswick Centre on Thursday 3rd September and from then on every Monday and Thursday evenings

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Painswick Tennis Club

Tennis sessions for the less experienced

The Club has introduced a tennis session aimed at new tennis players, less experienced players, rusty players or people coming back to playing tennis again. The emphasis on the session is enjoyment and not to be intimidated so please remember that!!



Ness Fair will be running this newcomers session every Thursday evening from 7 pm. Those interested please email nessfair1@gmail.com to book your place each week by 6.30 pm the evening before so we have some idea of numbers. Prospective new club members are welcome for one free session to see if they want to join.

General enquiries about joining the club should be directed to Ruth Smith at 813693 or ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com

Ness Fair.

Battle of the Brits

Following Alicia Barnett's recent tennis success she was invited to play with the top British players in a team event at the National Tennis Centre. Alicia's team included Andy and Jamie Murray, Dan Evans and Heather Watson.

Alicia's first match was against Maia Lumsden the Scottish number 1 which went to a third set where Alicia was injured resulting in a loss.

Teaming up with her doubles partner Olivia Nicholls they comfortably beat a top doubles pair, Beth Grey and Eden Silva. Alicia continued to play for the rest of the week whilst carrying the injury from her first singles match and she has been off court for a month whilst she recovers. This fantastic week of team tennis went down to the final match where Jamie Murray and Heather Watson lost to Joe Salisbury and Harriet Dart.

Nigel Barnett

Junior Tennis Coaching starts...

From Monday 7th September.. Those interested please contact Charlie Ferrett at 07871628773 or charlietennis101@gmail.com

Painswick Rugby Club



Senior Rugby

The club has managed to start some form of pre-season training, which follows RFU guidelines. It is quite restrictive at the moment, but has had a positive step in the right direction as the RFU have moved forward a level in the 'road map'. Although restricted training has been a bit of a pain, we are unlikely to be playing any matches until at the very least October. We have avoided using the clubhouse and changing rooms so far, with players bringing their own water bottle and beer to enjoy after the session then showering at home. Whilst the weather is good, this is a much simpler way of managing things at the moment. Training numbers are good, and I think that a session every Tuesday evening is working well to give people a break from the monotony of lockdown.

It's difficult to say how other clubs are faring, but as everyone is following the RFU guidelines for 'return to rugby', I would imagine it is very similar to our situation.

On the 5th September, we are holding our first presentation afternoon that involves both the senior section and the M&J section. This will coincide with the Jack Mitchell memorial fundraiser that was postponed in April. Although no senior rugby can be played, we are hoping that the M&J section can play some mini matches on the day. All funds raised from the day will go to support the Jack Mitchell Memorial Fund, and will continue to help some very worthy causes in Kenya. Last year's Jack Mitchell memorial day helped provide a new mini bus for children of the Nanyuki Children's Charitable Trust for their rugby teams.

Craig Mayo.



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New Term at the Croft School

On Thursday 4th September the Croft School welcomed back all its pupils after their long forced break due to Covid 19. In order to minimize contact and mixing, pupils will be organized into bubbles (groupings) with appropriate ratios with staff. Pupils will stay within these bubbles at break times with limited contact with those

from other bubbles. Start and finish times will be slightly staggered between the various groups to minimise the number of people on the school site and parents have been asked not to congregate at the school gates. An increase in the frequency of routine cleaning has been arranged and steps taken to adhere to all the latest Covid 19 safety advice.

This September will certainly see a different start to the school year in comparison to previous years. However procedures will be continually monitored and adapted or amended if necessary in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Rebecca Gore



Property Report by Beacon staff

Painswick's estate agents are currently reporting record sales as the effects of the limited time stamp duty reduction and of buyers looking to move out of London have combined to boost demand.

Properties going under offer this month include Ashleigh in Gloucester Street, Amesbury in Vicarage Street, Millbrook House and Dormy House in Kingsmill Lane, Stonebarrow in Tibbiwell (all through Murrays), Glendale Cottage in Vicarage Street, Stocks Cottage next to the churchyard, Otters Pool on Kingsmill Lane and the Byre at Quercus Bluff at the Park (all Hamptons). And that's just directly in Painswick. Another long list of properties in Cranham, Sheepscombe and around, have also been sold.

Several of the properties sold had only recently come onto the market, although others being offered before lockdown have also now sold. Other new properties on the market (still unsold at the time of writing) include Stone Croft in Hambutts Mead (Hamptons, £750,000), and Mulberrys on Churchill Way (Hamptons, £750,000), both in easy walking distance of the Croft School. Lower down the village, Lantern Cottage on Tibbiwell (Murrays, £550,000), Cranmore Cottage on Vicarage Street (Murrays, £495,000), Corner Cottage on Bisley Street (Murrays, £275,000) and Yew Tree Barn on New Street (Murrays, £300,000) are all now available.

At the upper end of the market Hamptons have Park House at the Park at £1.45 million and Ludloes in Gloucester Street, a sizeable family house with a separate 1-2 bedroom house in the garden, at £1 million. Further out, Murrays are offering 8 Ivy Lodge Barns, a four bedroom barn conversion in Birdlip at £650,000.

The stamp duty reduction runs until 31st March next year and represents a saving of up to £15,000, but only applies if the sale can be completed before that cut-off date. Any of Painswick's estate agents would be happy to advise you if you want to try to take advantage of it, either as a buyer or a seller.

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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 that 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	
Thursdays	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
	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	

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

Village Diary

The Beacon would like to restart the Village Diary but we can't do it without your contributions. Whilst I appreciate that all clubs and societies will have to start with reduced numbers and attention to social distancing, the events still need to be publicised. Please send me all the details so that the Diary can, once again, provide a source of useful information for everyone. My email address is cvasp.26@gmail.com

Vicky Aspinnall

Foodbank

We held our second successful Foodbank Collection and, despite the 34C heat, people came from all over the Benefice and donated an astonishing 356kg of food for the people who need it most.

Food poverty and real hunger is increasing as unemployment bites and Stroud District Foodbank have risen to the challenge by having volunteers hand deliver hundreds of food parcels each month to a wide area of the county.

Despite the heavy loads of tinned foods, people with big hearts and the kindest of wishes toiled up to the church to help support the hungry, many of whom are children. We hope you will support a third donation on Wednesday 9 September from 10-12 noon - but this time we thought we would set up in St Mary's churchyard and the Church Rooms car park, at the top of Stamages car park to make life easier. The next shopping list is lighter on the arms too!

Please could you donate sweet and savoury snacks as little treats for those in need. But all donations of (non-perishable) food and toiletries are welcome and every single item will go to someone who needs it.

Pippa Dickinson



Starting the New Winter Season.

We shall be starting work parties, as usual, to coincide with schools opening for the Autumn. This year, because of Covid-19, we are taking extra precautions to keep helpers safe. Working outside is fine, as long as we maintain 2m distancing and clean down tools before and after use.

The first will be at 9.00am on Saturday 12th September and thereafter every fortnight until Christmas. New helpers are always needed, so if you have enjoyed the Beacon during lockdown, why not consider joining us. The work can be hard but the benefit to mental wellbeing, fitness and the environment are worth it. No experience is required, advice and equipment are supplied. Contact me on 07971 633 242 if interested.

The Back from the Brink project, which has been so supportive over the last three years, finishes this spring. Currently, we have no funding in place for the future. Our annual running costs are about £2,000, which is very modest for a site the size of the Beacon. Could I earnestly appeal to villagers for help. If the Beacon is special to you, why not consider making a donation as a birthday gift, in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. Whatever you give will all go to ensuring the future of the Beacon for all to enjoy.

One project, which is well under way, is information boards to be sited at the main access points to the Beacon. A common comment from visitors is that they do not realise why the site is so important and what may or may not be done on a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Notices warning the public about the risk of the golf course will be incorporated on the same posts.

The cattle are now in the second, much larger, paddock and should remain there until the end of September. However, this is will depend on how well the grass continues to grow into the autumn. It is so rewarding to see them looking so healthy and doing a great job.

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Pandemic and Pets

The Human view

I have never walked that dog so much! Can't go out for coffee and lunch, only so much gardening and lawn-cutting you can do. So when those large eyes follow you round the room and shift to the lead hanging on the back of the door, the only thing you can do is take her out again. We have walked parts of the Wysis Way, parts of the Cotswold Way and circuits of Painswick clockwise and anti-clockwise. We complete 6 or so miles at a time and I'm pretty knackered but guess-what? After a bit of food and a brief nap she is up for it again! If she could only talk I'm sure she would agree that the pandemic has been wonderful.

The Dog's view

I'm a spaniel so I can take it but every day (sometimes twice) he is dragging me out there on these long walks! I mean a long one once in a while, maybe once a week, but most days! I've even tried to hint by looking at the lead and shaking my head but, before you know it, we are off again! How many times can I bring that ball back and he still keeps losing it

I don't know what's afoot but they are around all the time. I have no time on my own anymore. How I miss it when they are out and having those long relaxing hours on the leather sofa (that I'm not supposed to go on) and getting on the table to steal the cat's food.

So whatever is going on I want it to go back to how it was.

The Human view

And so do I!

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Kathleen Quant (nee Chandler)

Grandfather spotted amongst the historic crimes.

In the May edition of the Painswick Beacon the heading 'Historic crimes tried in the month of May 1910' caught my eye as it read: 'Samuel Bullock was fined 17/- for allowing a horse to stray at Painswick. P.C. Payne was the informant.' Surprisingly this was my mother's father, my grandfather, who married Rose-mary, nee Birt. When mother was young they moved to Juniper Cottages, Wick Street. After marriage to our father, Edmund Harold Chandler, 5 children were born in the house.

Grampy Bullock kept a pony and trap and also a cow. The milk was carried in two buckets attached to a yoke on his shoulders which he sold locally, I believe. A fine of 17/- for allowing his horse to stray would have been very costly to him in 1910.

And those teachers ... Kathleen responded to the item about notable school teachers in the May edition. She writes –

I attended Painswick Council School from Sept.42/3 until July 1949. My first infant class teacher was Miss Davies, a lovely caring lady who taught us to write the ABC in trays of sand.

Next was Miss Toft, a very strict, stern teacher. She caught us chewing gum thrown out by the yanks passing through Painswick. Out came the cane, a long stick, sharp and swift. After walking through the churchyard holding hands in twos we entered the Institute for school dinner where Miss Toft stood over us to make sure our plates were clear of food.

Our next teacher was Miss Hutt, a very kind lady. I remember making and sewing a white and blue felt rabbit, also a handkerchief sachet in blue edged in green blanket stitch, which I still possess. In the centre of the classroom was a tall black coal stove heating the room, in which the milk was warmed in enamel mugs, which formed skin on the top, ugh!!!

In the middle school Miss V.Webb was a very good teacher. We spent hours at our desks practising looped writing until it was correct, that is with pen and ink.

Moving on we had Miss Moody who read us stories and rhymes just before going home. Stories and adventures came alive in our young minds as books in the home were rare in those days.

Mr Marfell was a teacher I don't remember so well.

Mr Morgan, a new Welsh teacher, was sent to control our unruly class. His favourite trick was to 'ping' a piece of chalk across the classroom catching the culprit on the forehead. He was a very good teacher, reforming us to good behaviour.

Our last teacher was Mr 'Putty' Holister-Short, a very strict ex-Army man. Every week he set us 20 spellings to learn by Friday morning. After the test we had to line up in front of the classroom in numerical descending order. A trick of his was to leave the classroom, of course chaos ensued, we ran round shouting etc, until a hush descended in the classroom as he stood in the back doorway watching us. Then he got out his 'stick of sugar', a strong black hazel stick and naturally some of us got it and felt the pain across the knuckles. Happy Days.

Our Headmaster was Mr R.T.Harper, a quiet kind of person for head teacher. He lived with his wife and daughter Margaret in the Headmaster's house on Stroud Road. Families in Painswick were large in those days. Our school days were rough, tough and very strict. Most of us worked hard and learnt our 3 Rs. Painswick was an exceptionally good school where my foundations were firmly laid. I enjoyed my school days and thank all our teachers.

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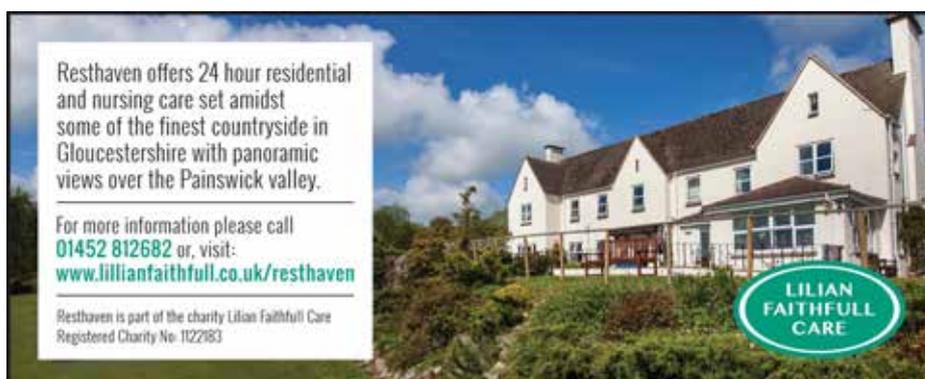
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Congratulations

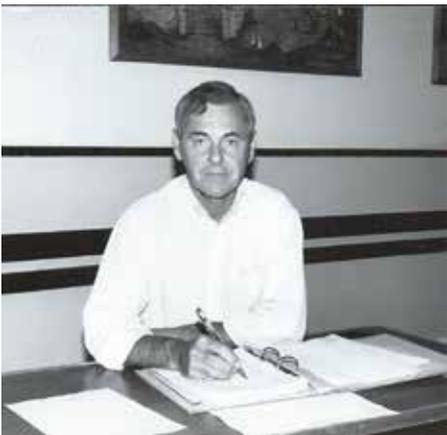
To SAM ANDREWS (formerly Hyett Close) and JADE CROSSTHWAITE on the birth of their daughter on the 18th July. A third granddaughter for Sharron and Rob Andrews and great granddaughter for John and Mary Bessant.

Thank you

Sue Conway would like to say an enormous thank you to all at PAINSWICK PHARMACY. They have worked (and are working) above and beyond the call of duty during this strange time we are all living through. Thank you again for your dedication and care.

Condolences

To the family and friends of JOHN STEPHENSON-OLIVER (pictured below) who lived in Painswick for many years and who died on the 20th of June aged 81 years. He held a number of local positions including that of parish councillor, treasurer of the Painswick Dramatic Society and Chairman of the Painswick Centre Trustees. He represented Painswick as a district councillor and was Leader of Stroud District Council. His death occurred in Surrey where he lived having spent eight years in Canada following his move from Painswick.



Birth announcements

The Beacon is happy to publish any announcements of local births. Please send details to Vicky Aspinall on 812379 or rgasp@tiscali.co.uk



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3. Tourist Office
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10. Back of the Surgery
11. The Painswick
12. Catholic Church

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