

The Painswick Beacon

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*Christmas
Greetings
to all our
readers and
best wishes
for 2022*



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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.

There was no Parish Council Meeting in November. At the Planning Committee meeting on 10th November, the following applications were considered:

S.21/0278/REM Land to the east of Stamages Lane

Reserved matters approval appearance, layout & access including ground levels pursuant to S.19/0926/VAR for a four bedroom detached dwelling. (Original application S.17/0792/OUT).

The Committee agreed to object as they still have concerns over the drainage issues.

S.21/2440/FUL Land between 15 And 16 Upper Washwell

Construction of a dwelling (demolition of 8 no. garages).

The Committee agreed to support this application.

S.21/2457/TPO Flat 1 Hyett Orchard, Hyett Close

T1 and 2 Prune Lime - pollard to 6m. T3 Prune Lime - pollard back to old pollard points.

The Committee agreed to support this application.

S.21/2554/CPE The Pool House, Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp

Use as an independent residential dwelling - use class C3 (Resubmission of withdrawn S.21/1508/CPE).

The Committee agreed to support this application.

S.21/2510/LBC Byfield House, Bisley Street

Erection of replacement conservatory. *This application has now been withdrawn.*

Parish Council End of Year Report

Elections were held in May (that were postponed in 2020) and we welcomed Cllr Edward Boulton and Cllr Ian Massey for the Painswick Ward and Cllr Kate Amos for the Sheepscombe Ward. There is currently a vacancy for the Slad Ward, please feel free to contact the Clerk for further information. The Council transitioned back to 'face-to-face' meetings in May, and whilst the Zoom meetings worked well, it was lovely to be able to see everyone again in person. The Town Hall reopened, and the staff are available without an appointment on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Several groups have re-started but sadly for some it has not yet been possible – we look forward to welcoming them back soon.

The Council would like to take the opportunity to thank all those volunteers and organisations that have assisted the Community during the Pandemic. In particular, the Community Support Group that have shown enormous commitment to providing a wide variety of assistance. The Community Support Group and Parish Council are now teaming up to launch the Painswick Community Hub, in the Town Hall; where residents can meet for a free drink, sweet treat and chat. There will be a one-off Christmas special

on 10th December with an official weekly meet up starting on 14th January 2022, 9.30am – 11am.

The Parish Council were pleased to have been able to provide an initial venue for the Salt Bakehouse, who then established a more permanent arrangement on a Thursday morning at the Painswick Centre; now part of their Thursday morning market, plus the new Handmade In - Painswick arts café. The Council supported the Painswick Centre in putting on the Goodwill Evening, having been successful in a bid for funds from Gloucestershire County Council's Build Back Better Market Towns Scheme.

The Council has also secured funding to install a new defibrillator at the Painswick Centre and a new defibrillator was recently installed at Edge. If there is enough interest, we can hopefully arrange for another training session.

The Council are delighted to have been able to help the Cotswold Wardens with funding towards projects to improve access to the Countryside. They have installed new gates in Sheepscombe, Slad and Stark Hill as well as repairing fences and clearing numerous footpaths in the

Parish.

A Working Group has been formed and held their first meeting to consider the results of the War Memorial Consultation. Thank you to all those who contributed.

Town Hall openings:-

- Town Hall Office – Wednesday & Friday mornings 9.30am – midday.
- Community Post Office – Wednesday & Friday mornings 9.30am – 11.30am
- Fish Man – Car Park Friday mornings from 9am – 11am.
- Library – (upstairs in the Town Hall) Monday 2.30- 4.30, Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30 & 2.30- 4.30, Friday 10.30 - 12.30 & Saturday 10.30-12.30.
- Community Hub – Friday mornings 9.30am – 11am (Christmas Special 10th December and then officially opening 14th January 2022).

The Council would like to wish all its residents and visitors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Roy Balgobin on behalf of Painswick Parish Council

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Pete's Fish

Pete's fish will be on sale in the Town Hall car park every Friday morning 9.00-11.00 up to and including 17th December. As well as his usual excellent selection of top quality fresh fish there will be Christmas specials including whole sides of fresh salmon, sides of smoked and hot smoked salmon, packs of sliced salmon and smoked salmon trimmings, crevettes, prawns and much more. Pete is now taking orders for these and if you would like something special he will do his best to get it for you.

Town Hall Post Master

It is so important that we all continue to use this service, present in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings, if we are to retain it. During the Christmas season this is especially so. Recommended last posting dates are Saturday 18th December for second class and Tuesday 21st December for first class. Check on-line for overseas dates or with the post master in the Town Hall. There is a good little range of Christmas cards on sale too. Do be sure to avail yourself of this service and particularly at this time of the year.

Thursday market

Salt Bakehouse and the Fine Fish Company will be in the Painswick Centre car park as usual along with Lucy's Box Coffee on Thursday mornings from 8.15am.

Here all the year round

Our resident shops are all deserving of a visit too before you venture further afield for Christmas goodies. The Pharmacy has a lovely selection of special toiletries; Premier Store is well stocked with confectionery, drinks, magazines and basic essentials; Made in Painswick in the Centre offers a range of locally made special items; lovely pots and plants can be purchased at the back of the Fabric shop; Longfield has a good selection of items including toys and all sales go towards a worthwhile local charity; and last but definitely not least Kate Rich's delightful little shop is the place to discover all sorts of desirable pieces.

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Carol Maxwell

St Michaels

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1st prize (a bottle of spirits) to Mrs. Maureen Thulin of Sevenleaze Lane; 2nd and 3rd prizes (a half bottle of spirits each) to Rev. Michael Irving of Canton Acre and Mr. & Mrs. Stark of New Street; 4th and 5th prizes (a box of chocolates each) to Mr. Terry Roberts of Beacon Close and Mr. Martin Slinger of Lurks Lane, Pitchcombe.



The prize for our advertisers goes to Horne & Phipps, General builders and Stone masons.

Painswick Community Hub Town Hall opening - Friday December 10th

Tea, coffee and festive treats will be served at the Town Hall on Friday December 10th 9.30-11am. This is a new Painswick community initiative run by volunteers in the local community.

All are welcome so drop in for a coffee and a chat with friends. In the New Year, the Community Hub will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits/cakes in the Town Hall every Friday starting on Friday, January 14th 9.30-11am.

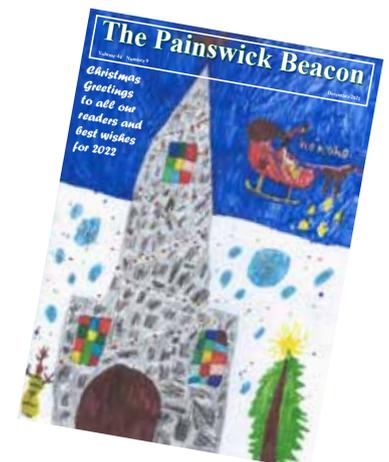


Painswick Community Support Committee

Our Christmas Front Cover

Our thanks and congratulations to Heidi Jacobs, a Year 2 pupil at the Croft School, who produced the wonderful Christmas picture on our front cover this month.

We would also like to thank all the other children who submitted pictures and the staff at The Croft School for their co-operation.



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Gloucestershire in Music

Fitting end to Music Society's season

Painswick Music Society concluded its season to celebrate the return of live music with a very special Gloucestershire themed concert by the acknowledged masters of English Song, the baritone Roderick Williams and accompanist Iain Burnside. Yet again a concert of exceptional quality played to a packed audience in the church on the afternoon of Saturday 13th November.



Roderick Williams

The programme was of settings of poems by many Gloucestershire poets (FW Harvey, Leonard Clark, Frank Mansell) and others, by composers born in, or with links to, Gloucestershire (John Sanders, George Butterworth, Gerald Finzi, Herbert Howells, Louis Mander, Ivor Gurney and Ian Venables). This included a first performance of "A Rondel for Gloucestershire" composed by the young Cheltenham composer Louis Mander especially for the concert.

The concert had a particular poignancy as many of the poems and settings were made in response to the First World War, the poets reflecting on the beauty of the Gloucestershire countryside from the trenches of Flanders, most notably Ivor Gurney's setting of FW Harvey's poem "In Flanders".

The programme concluded with John Sanders' "From the Beacon", a delightful catalogue of the merits of the settlements in and around the Painswick Valleys, followed with an encore of Roderick Williams' own humorous parody of settings of Housman.

Next season starts on Saturday 26th March with Carducci Quartet with the pianist Clare Hammond, followed by Jess Gillam (Saxophone), Voces8 and Iyad Sughayer (Pianist). Further details will be published in due course on the website <https://painswickmusicsoc.co.uk/>

Chris Swain

President steps into the breach

Being told three hours before a meeting that your guest speaker has fallen ill and will not be able to attend is surely one of an organiser's worst fears. This is just what happened at the October meeting of Yew Trees WI when the organiser had to announce that the advertised talk on Japan was off! Any disappointment was quickly forgotten when Yew Trees' President, Janet Jenkins, nobly stepped up and gave the most fascinating talk on her family's holiday to Namibia. Luxury holiday it was not – lion proof tents, hot water bottles and of course quantities of water were essential but the opportunity to meet and live alongside members of the nomadic Himba tribe; learning about the day to day life and customs of these people and witnessing the spectacular geology of the country more than made up for the lack of creature comforts.



The circular walk that Jane Rowe organised in September was so successful that she agreed to lead a similar one in November for those who had missed out. After a misty start the sun shone on members who enjoyed the novelty of a flat walk which took them past the entrance to Sapperton tunnel, and a visit to St Matthew's Church before returning through the village to their starting point at Coates. Stopping for lunch at the Daneway Inn on the way home was a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable outing.

Later the same week a jolly evening was had at Painswick Centre when a team of ten took part in the annual skittles match against Probus men. Although the ladies were defeated they were just finding their form as the game ended! They are hoping that next year it will be their turn to carry home the challenge cup so, gentlemen, watch out!

Celia Lougher 812624

Cancellation

The Painswick Music Appreciation Group committee have regretfully decided on grounds of safety in the current crisis to cancel the AGM and Christmas session on December 9th 2021. Best wishes to all our members and friends for Christmas, and New Year, when we hope to be in business once more.



Colin Moss

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal raised £752.98 this year and the final total may be more as there should be some more donations to come in. Thanks very much to the Painswick shops and business who support the Appeal with the poppies and collection tins. Louise's crocheted poppies in the Church are a popular addition.

Fiona Chapman

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Odysseys and Oddities From Tolkien to Detmar Blow

In Tony Conder's entertaining talk to the Local History Society in November, titled 'A Gloucestershire Odyssey', he traced some of the outlines of Gloucestershire's history and of its modern day customs and peculiarities. In a photographic tour of the county, Tony showed a wide range of places and had fascinating stories to tell about them.

Most of the audience would have been familiar with some of them, but almost everybody will have learned something new about our County and many will have been inspired to visit or learn about some unexplored part of it. Who knew, for instance, that at the Four Shire Stone near Moreton-in-Marsh, a stone that is said to have inspired Tolkien, Worcestershire is shown to the south, with Gloucestershire to the west?

There is no Society meeting in December, so the next meeting will be on January 18th, when Mark Bowden, a former Chairman of the society, will be returning to talk on 'Stonehenge and Detmar Blow'. The architect Detmar Blow, who bought the Painswick commons and manorial lands and built his home at Hilles, near Painswick, also played a little known role in the restoration of Stonehenge.

Meanwhile, the latest edition of the Society's journal, the Painswick Chronicle is now available for both members of the Society and non-members to buy.

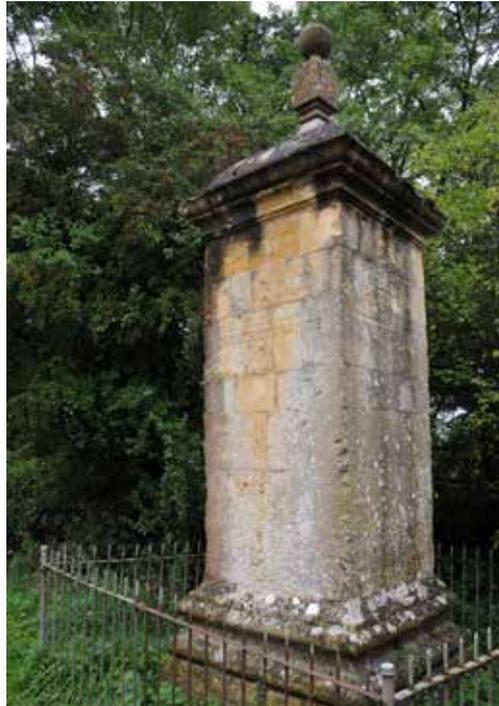
Alastair Jollans

Christmas Carols for Gloucestershire's Countryside

Local countryside charity CPRE Gloucestershire is holding its first ever Carol Concert at the beautiful Church of Holy Innocents at Highnam on Tuesday 14th December from 6pm. Traditional carols, the Cadenza Choir, poems and readings will make this a very special event. The Concert will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies to give that truly Christmassy feel.

Tickets are just £10 for adults, £5 for children, and can be purchased from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carol-concert-tickets-191746548087>

Thanks to very generous sponsorship from Savills, every ticket bought will help this feisty local charity achieve its ambitions



The Four Shire Stone

Painswick Probus

On Wednesday 17th November 2021 the Club held its sixth meeting since resuming the fortnightly programme of speakers. Again a substitute speaker had to be found and this time we were lucky to welcome back Peter Berry for another in his portfolio of talks based on his travels in his quest for perfectly composed railway photographs. In addition to describing a trip to Zimbabwe in 1994, covering the wildlife and the people he met, Peter explained how some of his best images of steam trains in action were captured.



He and his fellow 79 enthusiasts hired a train complete with sleeping and dining facilities. Between them they composed the itinerary of ideal locations from which to observe and photograph the train in spectacular settings and under the best natural lighting conditions. The carriages were original products of the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Company, while the locomotives they selected were built in Manchester and Glasgow. If necessary, the train which was running on the single track would be backed up to repeat the unique photo opportunity until everyone was satisfied!

The next day the Club accepted the challenge by the Yew Trees WI to the Skittles Trophy, which was last won by Probus in 2019. In a closely-fought contest Probus won by a small margin, thanks in part to the excellent food provided by the Yew Trees WI and the lubricants for the ageing joints supplied by the well-stocked bar.

Henry Hall

in 2022, from an ambitious hedgerow planting project across Gloucestershire to wellness walks in the countryside for local residents.

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Jane Rowe

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News from St Mary's

We are now in the season of Advent, this time of preparation for Christmas. The liturgical colour is purple indicating repentance and preparation. Hopefully, Christmas will be different this year. In 2020 we were in Lockdown which meant few festivities, no family gatherings and no church services. Perhaps in the stillness and quietness then, it was reminiscent of the first Christmas epitomised in the carol "Silent night". The shepherds were out on the hills looking after their sheep. Suddenly they were shaken out of their wits as a bright light shone from Heaven and a multitude of angels burst into song with a greeting of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men". Back in Bethlehem Mary had given birth to Jesus in the stable.



What does Christmas mean? I cannot answer that in a few words on this page. Recently I read a reflection about Christmas that spoke of "shalom". This is a Hebrew word which does not readily translate into English. In essence it contains God's message of wholeness, completeness and peace; peace between humanity and God, peace between people and people and peace between humans and our planet. COP26 has helped us to focus on the action needed to save planet Earth from disaster. Time is running out!

This year a full programme of Christmas services is being planned at St Mary's and in the benefice. On the Sunday before Christmas, 19th December our usual Carol Service will take place led by Canon Michael and the choir starting at 4 o'clock. This will be followed by two services on Christmas Eve, 24th December. A Crib service will take place at 4pm, which is particularly popular with young families. A Bethlehem Midnight Mass will follow later commencing at 8.30pm led by our Bishop, Bishop Rachel.

Christmas services will be held on Christmas Day at each of our churches in the benefice. The service at Sheepscombe will commence at 9.30am. All the other services will start at 10am. Each service will be a communion service with the exception of Pitchcombe which will be a family service.

Wishing all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Please come and join in some or all of our local services.

David Newell



Anne-Marie Randall
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Wildlife of the Windrush Valley

The Cotteswold Naturalists' first meeting of 2022 will be held on Wednesday 5th January, at 2.30 pm, when Andy Lewis will talk about Wildlife of the Windrush Valley. Andy's main interest is birds, but increasingly butterflies and trees as well. He was Chairman of the North Cotswold Ornithological Society until they joined forces with Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society, and still organises the Gloucestershire Winter Bird Survey. Visitors are welcome to our meetings.



Since 2015, CNFC has also held mid-monthly meetings at the Hub in Minchinhampton. However, the building is to be used by a community gym, so CNFC is on the move to Box Village Hall. Our final meeting at the Hub will be on Thursday 16th December at 2.30 pm when Mike Hemming will talk about Church Fonts. Every medieval church had a font, sited close to the entrance in the baptistry. Mike will talk about their history and changing styles and designs. The intricately carved font, pictured, dates from 1882 and was carved by Martyn and Emms of Cheltenham for the Church of Sts. Philip and James in Leckhampton.

In future our meetings in Box Village Hall will be held on the third Tuesdays of the month, the first being on 18th January at 2.30 pm when Gwilym Davies will talk about Percy Grainger and his Folksong Collecting in Gloucestershire.

In the meantime, Club members can look forward to a traditional Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 8th December, at the Waypoint, Painswick Golf Club. Contact Denise Magauran on 814570 for further details.

Jane Rowe 813228

Festive Greetings from Kate & Letty

Due to the size of our little shop in Tibbiwell it was not possible to safely open for the Goodwill Evening. However, our usual Goodwill offerings of drinks and nibbles are extended to all throughout December.

We are also excited to be soon launching a new range of jams and chutneys that will make ideal gifts for family and friends and as a 'Gift from Painswick'. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you!

Kate Rich

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Personal Column

Congratulations

To BILL AND SUE JONES (née Wear) who celebrate their Silver Wedding anniversary on December 7th. Bill and Sue were married at St Mary's Church, Painswick on December 7th 1996. Rev Bob Miles and Rev Michael Wear, Sue's brother, conducted the wedding service. Nephew John flew over from Pennsylvania, USA to join them on their special day and to walk Auntie Sue up the aisle!

To Mrs VERA ALICE FLEMING who celebrated her 100th birthday on November 1st. Vera was a teacher at Painswick School, now the Church Rooms (see article on p10).

To ANGELA NEWING, who has been awarded the prestigious Phillips Prize for 2021 by the Institute of Physics, for services to Medical Physics and to the Institute of Physics.

Moving home

JOHN AND MAUREEN POLHILL have moved to Oxfordshire to be nearer to their son and his family.

Ed: John and Maureen were closely involved with the Painswick Beacon in the early years, from the very first issue. We wish them well in their new home.

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.

Fabulous fungi



When I was taught biology at school there were three main groups of organisms:- animals, plants and a vague group containing bacteria, fungi and protozoa. Now fungi are classified as a kingdom on their own with more species than animals and plants combined. They are one of the earliest life forms and are still found in every available habitat. They have even been found inside the nuclear shield at Chernobyl and have been grown on the outside of the space station.

Fungi facilitated the evolution of plants by forming lichens, a symbiotic relationship with single celled algae. It was a perfect partnership which allowed bare rocks to be colonised. The fungi produced chemicals which released inorganic nutrients from the rocks. This benefited the algae, which in turn photosynthesised to produce complex sugars for the use of the fungi. Dead lichens combined with rock particles ultimately formed our soil. Oxygen, a by-product of photosynthesis, accumulated in the atmosphere over a billion years ultimately enabling respiring animals to evolve.

As plants evolved they became larger and larger to gain access to sunlight. This reached its zenith 290 – 360 million years ago in the Carboniferous Period. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels were high then, plants grew exceptionally well and much of the plant material didn't decompose. It became buried and ultimately formed reservoirs of oil, coal and gas. So much CO₂ was removed from the atmosphere in this period that the planet entered a period of global cooling. Our current excessive use of fossil fuels is reversing this trend.

Fungi grow by extending hyphae into their surroundings forming complex networks. These thin tubules can communicate over large distances. For example, fairy rings can appear overnight and be tens of metres in diameter. How do the hyphae know to come together to form fruiting bodies all at the same time? Chemical or electrical signals? Nobody knows for sure, but it is becoming increasingly apparent that all ecological systems ultimately depend on the interaction between plants and fungi. The current phrase being used to describe mycorrhizal communication is the Wood Wide Web. There are certainly parallels to how air lines operate, distribution systems work and even how brains work. They all rely on 'Hubs' which are areas of more intense activity. Research into the WWW is exceptionally challenging mainly because so many species are involved and they are usually underground.

Fungi are already important to humans. They aid decomposition, form antibiotics, some are edible and some form mind altering drugs. There will doubtless be new uses in the future. Already research is occurring into waste recycling, neutralising hazardous waste, digesting plastics and oil and making radiation proof fabric. We think ourselves smart but these simple lifeforms are truly amazing!

Paul Baxter

Goodwill returns to Painswick

Heralded by a hailstorm shortly before the bells of St Mary's rang out to mark the start of Painswick's Goodwill Evening, the night was then crisp and clear for the traditional start to the festive season. After carols from the Thames Head Singers and the children of The Croft School, Father Christmas led his procession past the twinkling yew trees to his grotto at The Painswick Centre.

Shops and offices were open to welcome people in, there were stalls selling beautiful wares and hot food galore, while the mummings performed traditional folk plays outside. Thanks are due to volunteer organisers, businesses and individuals and to our sponsors: Murrays Estate Agents, the Falcon, DF Legal, Goddards Garage, Price Davis, the Elgar family, and Space Intense. Large contributions were collected for the Foodbank and the Salvation Army and profits will be donated to local charities.

Susie Andrews

Beacon publication in January

Would contributors and deliverers please note that because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the January edition of the Painswick Beacon will be published on the second Saturday, 8th January, not on 1st January. The copy deadline is correspondingly later and now falls on Boxing Day - Sunday December 26th.

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Croft School report

We have had another really busy week in school with one highlight being the visit of Siobhan Baillie, MP. Siobhan had a tour of the school whilst staff discussed pertinent issues affecting education currently including funding and COVID. She also took questions from Year Four and Year Five as part of their recent learning about 'What is democracy?'. The children had prepared different questions which ranged from 'What is your favourite chocolate bar?', 'Is Boris Johnson nice?' to 'What is the government doing about climate change?' and 'How do you make new laws and what is the biggest change you have been able to make?' As you can see the children had some interesting and thought provoking questions and Siobhan commented on the quality of the questions posed.



The Year Six pupils were privileged to participate in the Remembrance service at the war memorial earlier this month. Two of the children were particularly proud to have the responsibility of laying a wreath on behalf of all the children and staff at The Croft. All of the children enjoyed the opportunity to talk to both veterans and serving soldiers after the service and to find out more about their experiences and their medals.

Staff and pupils are now preparing for our Nativity and Carol Service and we are all hoping that despite COVID restrictions we will be able to share these exciting events with parents and the wider Painswick community.

Rebecca Gore, Head Teacher



Pupils and others at the Remembrance Service

Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)

There is little to report from the Group this month as we have been unable to hold a meeting with the Practice owing to their current workload. To help out, we have been helping staff at weekend vaccination clinics with volunteers. Our thanks to all who do this.

On the wider front, we hear there is a concern about the lack of equipment that is no longer required being returned to the NHS. As a result, with the current shortage of aluminium there has been a shortfall in the availability of many items. If you have walking aids or any other equipment, please help the situation by returning it. You can return equipment to the Sudmeadow Row, Hempsted NHS site between 8.30am and 4.30pm or drop off small pieces of equipment at the following:

- Stroud Office, Redwood House, Beeches Green, Stroud GL5 4AE.
- Cotswold Office, The Old School, 47 Lewis Lane, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 1EB.
- Shire Hall Members Car Park, Westgate Street Gloucester, GL1 2TG.

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David Perry

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Advance Notice

After missing this year, the Beacon Village Quiz will be back in 2022, provisionally on the evening of Saturday 5th March at the Painswick Centre. Local clubs and societies are invited to create teams of four to compete, but groups of neighbours or families are welcome too. More details next month.

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The garden is nothing without our visitors, and together with my fellow trustees I would like to thank you for helping us through some difficult times this year. Thanks to the support of you, our Friends and visitors, we have been able to complete the repair and repainting of the Eagle House and Red House over the past month or so. The Eagle House has a few finishing touches outstanding but both are now looking very smart and safe for the future.



By the time you read this, we will have closed the Garden gate for a few weeks so we can tackle some of the more disruptive jobs which we need to get done. Yes, there will be more tree work as we continue to deal with the consequences of ash dieback, but we will also be giving our paths and other features some TLC.

We will then be open between 26th and 31st December inclusive from 10-4, with last admission at 2.30pm. Advance booking will be required via our website due to anticipated demand (it was busy at this time last year) and we have limited capacity. So do book ahead and come and enjoy some fresh air, a freshly-ground coffee or tea and meet with friends and family. We'll also be running our brand-new Christmas family trail, perfect for enjoying time in the garden exploring the slopes, woodland and follies together. You might remember that last year it snowed as well – will we get some this time, I wonder?

If you are looking for a special gift that lasts all year, our memberships are very popular. They start at £27.50 and are the perfect gift for a garden-lover. Visit our website rococogarden.org.uk to sign up. The membership gives free unlimited entry to the Garden during public opening hours for twelve months - plus every membership helps to conserve and restore this wonderful place.

And finally, from all of us – trustees, staff and volunteers – thank you again for your support and a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2022.

Tim Toghill, trustee & volunteer

Library Report

Croc-N-Roll

We restarted these guitar-led musical sessions for pre-school children last month. Taking place at the library, there are songs, stories and lots of fun with the 30 minute sessions starting at 2.30pm. There is no need to pre-book and a nominal charge of £1 (cash only please) per child. The sessions will be held on Wednesday Dec 1st and 15th then after Christmas, Jan 5th and 19th - all Covid permitting, of course.



Library Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday December 14th starting at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to everyone and will be followed by refreshments for those attending.

Christmas Information

Please note the library's last opening day of the year will be Wednesday December 22nd (from 10.30 to 12.30 and 2.30 to 4.30) and it will then be closed until it opens in the New Year on Monday 3rd January 2022 from 2.30 to 4.30.

New Books available

The list below shows just a small selection of the new books available. A comprehensive list of our new books can be found on the Library's website (www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk).

Fiction

Albom, Mitch	The Stranger in the Lifeboat
Bennett, SJ	A Three Dog Problem
Child, Lee	Better Off Dead
Clark, Susanna	Piranesi
Cleeves, Ann	The Heron's Cry
Connelly, M	The Dark Hours
Day, Elizabeth	Maggie
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Non-Fiction

Connolly, Billy	Windswept & Interesting
Goodall, Jane	The Book of Hope.
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Happy Birthday Vera 100 years old!

Vera Alice Fleming is an amazing lady – and on 1st November she celebrated her 100th birthday. An achievement indeed.

Vera has lived in Painswick since 1960 and is known to many locally. The youngest of five children from a seafaring family, she spent her formative years in Arlingham. A strong character from early on, she was taught to drive at the age of only ten by her brothers and would drive their car around the local fields. Her father was a schooner captain and at age twelve she sailed with him across the Irish Sea, trading goods to Ireland. In the early 1930s this was quite extraordinary for a young girl and certainly the reception she experienced on arrival was one of amazement.

It was, Vera says, her father who was her inspiration in so many ways. Determined that his daughter should be well educated and have a career, he encouraged her to complete her teacher training course in Chichester, where she was billeted during the war, rather than leave to work as a land army girl. Thus she embarked on her teaching career which was to span more than 40 years.

Vera taught in several local primary schools, including Painswick Primary in the 1960s when it was located in its former premises just above the car park. Her love of teaching and the consequent benefits for her pupils is more than evident from the testimony of many of them who remember her well. “She was so encouraging, always striving to focus on and develop her pupils’ strong points”, says one ex-pupil. “She encouraged me to write and to continue to do so, which I have and I love it”, says another.

One of Vera’s pupils speaks of his very happy memories of her as a teacher. “Although we did not realise it at the time”, he says, “Vera was preparing us for the next big step up” and he explains how she broadened their thinking, their horizons and their confidence, adding that he is “always grateful for Vera’s gentle influence”. Eventually she specialised in teaching remedial literacy as a supply teacher to the schools in the local area. Such a popular teacher, she was regarded by many as very special.

Vera has been very much at the heart of Painswick life. After retiring she continued to help several local children with their reading and writing and she worked in the Antiques Centre which used to be in the old Baptist chapel on New Street. She is very proud of her daughter Juliette and her three grandchildren, all of whom are, quite understandably, also very proud of her. Her birthday, a joyful occasion, was celebrated at her house with a lovely tea party with a large gathering of family, friends and some old pupils. Our congratulations and very best wishes to Vera.

Carol Maxwell



Painswick office targetted again

The boarded-up offices of Town & Country Financial Services on New Street have been struck again, this time by a mystery stenciller. Sadly it's not Banksy and although he may agree with the 'Love Painswick' sentiment, the joke is certainly wearing thin for Martin Falshaw, the owner. He reports that this is the 5th incident in just over a year and has offered a reward of £250 for information leading to a conviction. 'We have supported initiatives to encourage more people to visit Painswick and supported other local businesses, to the tune of several thousand pounds' he says. 'But while this goes on, it is a real barrier to re-opening our office'.

The incident is believed to have happened on the late evening of Saturday 13th November. Any information on it can be reported to Martin or to the Police, quoting incident number 219/14112021. The stencils have since been painted over.



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Handmade In - Painswick - the café!

Painswick has a new café and shop! Friends and neighbours of Tibbiwell Lane, Sandie Randle and Anne-Marie Randall have launched their new venture, an Arts Café in the heart of the village, with a distinctly local flavour. Anne-Marie and Sandie aim to showcase the vital creative seam of the area, combined with an enticing café. Guests can enjoy barista-made coffee, Twinings tea and scrumptious hot chocolate accompanied by delicious cakes and treats, of course made in Painswick.

Whilst enjoying a refreshing cuppa, visitors can take in the work of artists and artisans of the Painswick Valley and wider Stroud area. Shoppers will find stunning paintings, locally produced honey, willow baskets, ceramics, greetings cards, organic skincare, jewellery, infant hats made from local alpaca yarn and much more. There really is something for everyone. The arts café is open Mon-Tues and Thurs-Sat from 9am-4pm. You can find us in the Gardiner Room at the Painswick Centre where a warm welcome awaits!

Sandie Randle

Cotswolds Muscle Therapy A new local Painswick business

Ali Haigh has been living in Painswick for the last year and is a qualified muscle therapist. Soft tissue muscle therapy uses a range of neuro-muscular and muscle energy techniques along with massage, to release tense muscles and restore balance to the body. She's been working alongside local sports physiotherapists to provide the hands-on soft tissue and muscle energy techniques needed to treat conditions they diagnose. With a course of muscle releasing massage, tension in the body is eased and balance restored to the muscular system. Scar tissue can also be managed to minimise restrictions at joints and enhance muscle and tendon recovery following operations. Importantly, it can prevent further potential injuries.

Daily postural problems from sitting at a computer, driving the kids, or driving to work, heavy shopping bags or keen gardeners or golfers can all develop muscular tension and imbalances. What Ali enjoys most is seeing the change in people after a course of therapy, from being inhibited with discomfort or pain from stiff muscles to being able to go about their daily life and enjoy it with improved mobility and confidence.

Just turned 56 and having been an avid horse rider, multiple dog owner and mother of two now grown-up children, Ali knows the pressures work and family life can have on the body long term and the toll they take on us as we age, particularly when we think about conditions such as osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, and menopause in women. A level 5 sports massage therapist she is a member of the ISRM, trained at the Oxford School of Sports Massage and is fully insured and first aid trained. This is a mobile service so you can be treated in the comfort of your own home. If you would like more information or to make an appointment, please call Ali at Cotswolds Muscle Therapy on 07900 682912.

The Naughty Elf Trail is back

Don't forget the Friends of The Croft School's Naughty Elf Trail around Painswick that will run from 18th to 23rd December. Around 20 naughty elves will be up to all kinds of mischief in windows around Painswick. Families can follow a map to spot the elves – at any time over the six days. Each trail map purchased brings a chance to win a £200 John Lewis voucher. Maps cost just £3 each from naughtylftrail.co.uk.



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Painswick Chronicle 24

Dip into Painswick's past and you'd be surprised at what you discover. It certainly has a very rich and varied history and one which continues to reveal events and practices which have produced the Painswick we see today.

The Painswick Chronicles, published annually, have always endeavoured to cover a range of subjects of historical significance and the latest edition, number 24, hot off the press, is no exception. Part two of the article on our bells and bell ringers, the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, completes the story of a fascinating and nationally renowned set of bells and practitioners here in our midst. Metal detecting, undertaken in compliance with strict rules and regulations, can reveal unexpected, significant finds which in turn provide answers to how an area developed and who lived or worked in it. Finds within three miles of Painswick and covering 2000 years of human activity locally are the subject of another article.

The history of The Eagle public house, a closer look at some of Painswick's minor roads, the story of one Painswick man's life and the presence briefly of the British Chess Company locally are all included in this edition. Perhaps most shocking however is the revelation in a further article that an aspect of church practice stretching over 1000 years, led, possibly uniquely, to rioting, drunkenness and debauchery in the streets of Painswick for at least two centuries.

The Chronicles carry articles of local interest ranging from the erudite to the lightweight, the personal to the more social, all carefully researched and presented. Painswick today is very much a product of its past and all editions provide information and analysis of historical significance both locally and nationally. This edition can be purchased from Painswick Pharmacy, Painswick Community Library, Premier Store and from Carol Maxwell tel. 813387 or email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net. Back editions can be purchased from Painswick Pharmacy and Carol Maxwell. A list of subjects covered in each edition is available in the Pharmacy and is also given on the History Society's website www.painswicklocalhistorysociety.org.uk.

Other publications available from the Society are Gyde Orphanage Remembered, Time Chart of a Cotswold Village and Painswick and the Great War. And last but not least, the legend of Painswick residents' longevity together with the origins of Painswick puppy dog pie is related with relish in the little booklet Barks and Bites from Bow-wow Land – an excellent little stocking filler.

Carol Maxwell

The article on Frank Colin Gyde in Painswick Chronicle 24 includes this photo of Painswick Infants School around 1925. Colin is in the centre of the back row. Can you identify any of the other children?



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Jottings Recognising what we have

We have some eleven Commons and a Beacon in our civil parish with another four nearby, all under some form of management by different organisations such as Natural England, The National Trust, the Wildlife Trusts, local authorities and the Cotswold Conservation Board. This is because these areas are unimproved limestone grasslands. They were created by farmers clearing woodland, centuries ago, to provide areas on which to graze their animals. Species of wild flowers, butterflies, moths and other invertebrates have evolved to be able to live in this kind of habitat which has very poor soil. Most of these sites are no longer grazed and will become areas of invasive scrub, if not maintained. More than a half of the total Jurassic unimproved limestone grassland in the UK is in the Cotswolds. Conservationists want to maintain them as they are because of rare species found on them, such as the Chalkhill Blue and Duke of Burgundy butterflies, Fly orchids, Rugged Oil beetle and more that we have on these commons.

There are three main streams coming down the valley, the Painswick, the Edge and the Slad. Dotted along these streams are some twelve strong springs, which mostly start high up the valley sides; plus some small ones and many boggy areas. Bushes and hedges have grown along the banks of these twelve streams creating safe, secure habitats which are not damaged by cultivation, chemicals or pollution. They contain large numbers of birds, insects and waterlife and rare plants are now appearing.

Along the many miles of hedgerow we have on these hillsides of ours you quite often get drops from one field to the one below which leave small banks of undergrowth for wildlife. We have some five or six large areas of woodland and some smaller ones as well. Farmers have to maintain their hedges, trimming every year to keep them stock-proof and compact, providing homes for small birds and mammals. There are tall hedges, including trees, for sheltering farm animals. These provide habitats for large birds and produce a large amount of berries for wildlife to feed on. These hedge rows also provide corridors for animals to travel to other parts of our valleys.

Grasslands have a huge potential for locking up carbon, but ploughing in and changing them to arable production releases a lot of carbon dioxide. The Wildlife Trusts are working with farmers to encourage wildlife-friendly practices for managing grassland habitats.

We are all able to help by planting trees in our area and have our gardens full of trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants and vegetables. Now to look after our atmosphere.

Martin Slinger

Christmas wreaths and flowers with Emma

One local business known to so many for its consistent excellence and for the real joy it produces is Emma Hutchinson's Bespoke Flower Company. The exceptional quality of the flowers, the arrangements and the service provided are outstanding and during this past year Emma has certainly worked hard to maintain such high standards. More than 50 weddings have been catered for as well as many deliveries of bouquets locally. And '...our Spring and Autumn wreaths were very popular and we loved seeing them on doors around the village' says Emma.

Emma is keen to express her appreciation for the support she has received from the local community explaining that it certainly helped all through the tough business year of 2020 and into 2021. She is very aware of the way in which flowers can make anyone feel special and bring such pleasure. Readers might also remember too that last year she sent out arrangements of flowers to local key workers as a gesture of thanks.

For the past few years Emma has organised Christmas wreath making workshops which have proved very popular and thoroughly enjoyable. It has indeed become an annual event much enjoyed by all the participants. This year's workshop will take place in the Painswick Centre, Saturday 4th December, 2.00-3.30 and all materials will be provided. Booking is advisable. And you might like to consider a home DIY wreath kit, available from Emma, ideal perhaps as a lovely gift and which can be posted nationwide.

Emma will be selling wreaths throughout December for UK delivery and free local delivery. The Christmas flower bouquet collection will also be available from early December, a lovely way to treat yourself or friends and relatives. Details of all these services including ordering are on the website www.thebespokeflowercompany.co.uk/shop, or telephone 07798 672227. This is definitely a local business worthy of your support and one which continues to bring great joy to all.

Carol Maxwell



Emma Hutchinson working on a wreath

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Golf

The last month has been unusually mild and good for golf. And the beech trees along the course were resplendent in their autumn colours.



The Seniors section held its AGM and trophy presentation on 4th November. Robin Hare was welcomed as Seniors Captain for the coming year, Duncan McCarroll as vice-captain. John Barrus, Henry Hall and Phil Taylor were re-elected as secretary, treasurer and competitions secretary respectively. Photo shows (from left to right) Peter Rowe, Boo Hussain, Brendan Nunan and Robin Hare.



On Remembrance Day, a group of golfers from the Seniors Section of Painswick Golf Club played a competition aimed at raising funds for the Royal British Legion. The team competition was won by Finlay McLean, Peter Rowe, Norman Pullin and Phil Taylor. Twenty players took part and generously donated a total of £264.



Visitors are welcome at the club, both on the course and at the clubhouse. Food and refreshments are available everyday except Mondays, and private events and parties can be catered for. Please call 01452 812180 for more details.

Peter Rowe

Left: A group of the Remembrance Day golfers

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Tennis

The Club AGM was held on Wednesday 10th November. The annual presentations were awarded at the start of the AGM:

Juniors -

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Maureen Connolly Cup - Arianne Harbord
Peter Bolton Cup - Sophie Compton



Adults -

Most improved player - Elizabeth Darroch
Player of the year - Sophie Barnett
Member of the year - John Gardner
John receives this award for the second time after continuing to carry out maintenance work for the club.

During the AGM, under "any other business", Joan Griffiths (President of the Club) announced that the committee are looking into having courts 5&6 resurfaced with an artificial clay surface. New members are very welcome and should contact the Club Secretary Ruth Smith on 01452 813693.



News from The Painswick Centre

November has been a very busy month at The Painswick Centre, what with our hugely successful vintage & preloved clothing sale, Boutique, as well as taking part in the beautiful Goodwill Evening.



There's also plenty of change going on... We're delighted to welcome Vanessa

Clarke onto the team as our new Centre Manager, and jeweller Alice Huggins (who already runs Painswick Jewellery Workshop from one of our upstairs rooms) into our working studio space. November has also seen the opening of the new Handmade In Painswick local arts café within the Centre. This has been desperately needed in the village for a long time, and we are so pleased we could work with the Handmade In Painswick team to provide them with a permanent home.

Susie Andrews



Events Manager Becks Brooks talking to buyers and sellers at Boutique vintage & preloved clothing sale



Wick-Flix returns!

Wick-Flix is delighted to announce it will be back on the evening of Friday 7th January, showing the film 'The Father' with Sir Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman.

Alice Huggins, known locally for her superb craftsmanship in jewellery making, is now established in the Painswick Centre artists' studio where she will be making, remodelling and repairing jewellery. Alice welcomes commissions and repairs and can be contacted at the studio or by email painswickJworkshop@icloud.com

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Pat and Mair Daly Memorial bench

As well as being a useful place to sit and rest legs, or just enjoy the view and people watch, this new bench on the corner of New Street and Victoria Street is a memorial to Pat and Mair Daly.

Pat, who died earlier this year, was a former Painswickian of the Year and for many years Chairman and President of the Friday Club and its predecessor. His wife Mair died in 2007, but is still remembered by many people in Painswick.

'The best bench in the village!', says John Rohrbeck, who sent in the photo.

Property Report

Nationally, the ending of the Stamp Duty holiday has led to a quiet property market, with a slump in sales in October. Prices have remained at the higher level stimulated by the reduction though and that seems to be its lasting effect. In Painswick the problem now is a shortage of properties to sell and agents would welcome anyone looking to sell.

4 White Horse Lane came briefly onto the market in November through Murrays, but is already under offer. A 3 bed semi-detached property at 3 George Court is available through a Cheltenham agent (Elliot Oliver, £425,000), and at £1,000,000, Hamptons have Timbercombe Cottage in Jacks Green, a four bedroom period property in around one third of an acre. Also at £1,000,000 is Cotswold Bungalow at the Green in Edge, a renovated and extended 4 bedroom detached bungalow, set in 1.2 acres with great views and available through Murrays.

The Painswick Pooch on New Street, a business opportunity with 2 bed flat above, is now offered by Hamptons at £399,950 and they have a new guide price of £2.1 million on Back Edge Hall, an elegant grade II listed property with around three quarters of an acre and additional land available by separate agreement.

Other properties going under offer this month include The Old House in New Street, Wayside in Victoria Street, Rosemary Cottage in St. Mary's Street, Wellgrove in Paradise, Thorne in Friday Street and Mirfield in Stroud Road, the latter two for the second time. 11 Churchill Way, Woodford in Cheltenham Road, 15 Berry Close, Timbertops in Cranham and Edgewood at Longridge have all exchanged and/or completed.

Murrays were one of the main sponsors this year for the Goodwill Evening, while Hamptons are sponsoring the Naughty Elf Trail before Christmas.

Footpath closure

The County Council has published a notice of temporary closure for footpath MPA5 that runs from Gloucester Road by the end of Sevenleaze Lane, across the north side of the Beacon to a point near the Walkers' Car Park above the Royal William.

The closure is to allow construction works related to a new dwelling. It will come into force on 15th December and may continue for up to 6 months.

Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library book club is on Monday 13th December at 1.30-2.30pm. We will be discussing *Lion* by Saroo Brierley. The novel has been made into a successful film.



For further information about the book club email Pat Andrew at painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

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Regular Village Activities. Please contact Vicky Aspinall on cvasp.26@gmail.com

Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.20 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Badminton(juniors). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.00pm
	Badminton(adults). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 9.30pm
	Community Choir. Contact Sophie sophie@sophiesterckckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Thames Head Singers. Info from Martyn thamesheadsingers@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
Wednesday	Yoga and sound healing. Info from Bharathy tvamyoga@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10 - 11.00am
	Table tennis. Contact David 01452 812464	Painswick Centre	7 - 8.30pm
	Vinyasa yoga(from Nov 17th) Contact Kim on	Painswick Centre	6.30 - 7.45pm
	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Badminton (adults). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 10.00pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Bollywood dancing. Contact Bharathy tvamyoga@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 11.00am
Saturdays			
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am

Village Diary

As life returns to normal, please let me know your dates for the diary on cvasp.26@gmail.com

December

Wed	1	Cotteswold Naturalists: Phil Willmott - Tin tabernacles and corrugated iron churches. Enq 01453 873262 . Visitors £4.00	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	3	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch	The Waypoint	
Sun	5	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	7	Yew Trees WI Christmas Party. Prebooking is essential. Members only	The Waypoint	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed	8	Probus: Christmas Dinner with the Ladies	Mercure Gloucester Bowden Hall	
	8	Cotteswold Naturalists: Christmas lunch. Enq 01452 814570	The Waypoint	12.30 for 1.00pm
Thurs	9	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: AGM and Christmas buffet tea CANCELLED	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	10	Painswick Community Hub: Serving coffee,tea and festive treats	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am

Sun	12	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	13	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	14	Painswick Art Club AGM + Christmas Party	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.30pm
Thurs	16	Cotteswold Naturalists: Michael Hemming - Fonts. Enq 01453 873262	The Hub, Minchinhampton	2.30pm
Sun	19	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Fri	24	Crib Service Bethlehem Midnight Mass	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Sat	25	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	8.30pm
Sun	26	Rococo Garden - opening daily until Dec 31st - advance booking required	St Mary's Church Rococo Garden	10.00am 10.00 - 4.00pm
January				
Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists: Wildlife of the Windrush Valley - Andy Lewis. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thur	6	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Dennis Morgan - topic to be announced	Town Hall	2.30pm

Some December crimes

1821 Who's in the wrong?

Jane Scott was charged with assaulting Harriet Ireland at Painswick on the 18th inst. The complainant deposed that on Saturday night she was leaving the Golden Heart at Painswick, where she had been at work, when she saw two boys fighting outside the door and she tried to stop them. One of the boys was the son of the defendant, and he threatened to kick her legs, and he did so. She kicked his legs in return, but could not part the boys, and so she went on up the street. While she was walking along, Mrs Scott came up and said the next time witness struck her boy she would have her to Stroud. A crowd gathered, and defendant's husband struck witness's husband and knocked him down. He was also assaulted by the young Scott, and meanwhile defendant called her the most disgusting and opprobrious terms, and afterwards put her fist in her face and struck her. It appeared that the language and imputations made use of were the gravamen of the charge. The Bench suggested that the defendant should apologise and pay the costs. A great deal of recrimination ensued between the two women, but Mr Clutterbuck at length induced his client to consent. The defendant then paid 3s 6d costs and left the court, muttering all kinds of vengeance against complainant.

Stroud Journal, December 1821

1851 Hard labour

Thomas Newman, age 34, hair brown, eyes grey, visage long, scar between eyes, two warts back of neck, has lost front teeth, labourer, charged with breaking and entering the dwelling house of Thomas Able at Painswick. Guilty, 10 days hard labour in the Penitentiary. Henry Moss, age 47, hair brown, eyes grey, visage oval, large burn scar on forehead, charged with feloniously stealing at Painswick half hundredweight of cord wood property of Thomas Webb. Guilty, 3 weeks hard labour in the Penitentiary.

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.21/0278/REM Land to the east of Stamages Lane
Reserved matters approval appearance, layout & access including ground levels pursuant to S.19/0926/VAR for a four bedroom detached dwelling. (Original application S.17/0792/OUT).
S.21/2440/FUL Land between 15 and 16 Upper Washwell
Construction of a dwelling (demolition of 8 no. garages).
S.21/2554/CPE The Pool House, Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp
Use as an independent residential dwelling - use class C3 (Resubmission of withdrawn S.21/1508/CPE). e. S.21/2510/LBC
S.21/2547/TPO Castle Hale, Stamages Lane
Tree works – various
S.21/2733/HHOLD & S.21/2734/LBC
Stocks Cottage, St Marys Street
Erection of two single storey extensions.
S.21/2661/LBC Fourways, St Marys Street
Replacement of windows & front door like-for-like.
S.21/2702/HHOLD Highfield, Edge Road
Removal of conservatory, chimney breast and window. Erection of extension.

CONSENT

S.21/1620/HHOLD 24 Upper Washwell
Installation of replacement roof and external cladding.
S.21/1995/HHOLD 16 Upper Washwell
Erection of two-storey side extension, including new garage. Resubmission of S.18/1552/HHOLD.
S.21/1966/HHOLD & S.21/1967/LBC
Hillworth House, Gloucester Street
Replacement of dormer window, like for like.
S.21/2190/HHOLD & S.21/2191/LBC
Wellington House, Stroud Road
Installation of garage door, replace garage roof, changes to fenestration and removal of internal wall.
S.21/2278/FUL Hawthorns, Longridge, Sheepscombe
Erection of replacement dwelling.

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S.21/2352/TCA Gyde House, Gyde Road
(T46) Silver Birch (Betula Pendula) - Crown reduction works to include reduce height by 2m only and remove the phototropic branch growing on the building side. (T50) Walnut (Juglans) - Remove all dead, dying and broken branches. Reduce the end weight of fractured branch by 50% using entrenchment pruning. (T51) Lawson Cypress (Chamaecyparis Lawsoniana) - Complete removal, including stump.
S.21/2368/TCA Southfield House, Vicarage Street
T1 and 3 Ash - Ash Dieback, Fell. G2 Ash - Ash Dieback, Fell.
S.21/2327/TCA Hazelbury House, New Street
T1 - Beech tree - crown lift, reduce and reshape the remaining crown. Reduce 2-3 metres height and 5 metres width.
T2 - Bay tree - reduce by 4 metres height and 3 metres width. T3 - Grp Willow and Christmas tree - fell at ground level. The Willow coppice the regrowth. T4 - Silver Birch - reduction in height and width of approximately 2-3metres.

REFUSED

S.21/2111/TEL Wick Street Farm, Wick Street
The installation of 20m lattice mast with 6 antennas & 2 dishes along with ground cabinets & ancillary development.

WITHDRAWN

S.21/2221/HHOLD & S.21/2222/LBC
Jenkins Farmhouse, Jenkins Lane, Edge
Removal of one & a half storey oak frame kitchen extension & replacement with single storey kitchen/dining extension



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Right: The Remembrance poppies in the churchyard are captured by Barbara Gay



Revellers, human, canine and mythical, were out in force for Painswick's Goodwill Evening on Friday 26th November



The Rococo Garden in Autumn, looking particularly beautiful in this photo by Deb Hopton