

The Painswick Beacon

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The Falcon re-opens

As a truly significant feature of Painswick past and present the Falcon has during the past few months caused something of an anxious ripple of concern, felt by many. It has definitely been a time of conjecture and speculation so it is good to be able to report at last that the Falcon is about to open its doors again for all to enjoy.

Standing prominently and conspicuously overlooking the church the Falcon has for many centuries played an important part in Painswick life. At different times in its history it has served as a significant local law court (despite also hosting illegal cock-fighting sessions), has been a centre for the auctioneering of houses and property items, a legal centre for insolvency cases as well of course as an important coaching inn, special events venue, restaurant and public house. In recent years it has been highly regarded by many for its excellent fare, sociable atmosphere and individual character.

Balfour Hospitality (Balfour Winery) has now taken on the new lease with an emphatic determination to retain the Falcon's unique character combined with the very best service as a hotel, restaurant and public house. Having spent the past month or so sprucing up all parts of the building the company plans to open up the newly refurbished Falcon to the public on Monday 15th November and it has certainly been worth the wait.

The new manager is François Meyer who is delighted to be in Painswick and is already settled into his new home at The Falcon. He is pictured alongside his deputy Michael Harrison. François has a wealth of experience in the hotel, catering and pub trade and is keen to work with the local community. Staff are currently being recruited to join the kitchen team at all levels and training will be given. If you are interested please contact François, tel. 07786943908 or email info@thefalconpainswick.com



François (left) and Michael

Food will be served all day – both gastro pub food and high quality local fare. And remember that Christmas lunch will be available – booking essential. The Shires Bar can be hired for events, parties and special occasions and the area in front of the Shires is being transformed into a delightful outdoor venue.

Meanwhile, do go in and enjoy the fresh but unspoilt Falcon and all that it has to offer. Painswick's special inn is definitely about to open again and we welcome François and his staff.

Carol Maxwell

Ashwell Group faces uncertain future

For 35 years the Wednesday Ashwell Group has provided a valuable service to the village, offering a day of company and sociability to older people in Painswick and the villages around, who were unable for mobility or other reasons to get out and spend time with others as much as they would want. The group provided transport to bring members into Ashwell when needed, a sociable lunch and a day with some gentle activities and exercises as well as tea and company.

Sadly the group has been unable to operate for the last eighteen months and over that period the circumstances of many of the members and of the helpers have changed to the extent that it is now not possible to restart the group on the previous basis. It is hoped though that something simpler might still be possible, perhaps on the lines of a morning session once a week when older people could come in (with help where necessary) and enjoy some time together, with a cup of coffee and perhaps the occasional

activity, but mostly just to enjoy some company and conversation.

To assess both what is needed and what is possible, the group would welcome input from others. Is there still a need for something like this in Painswick and surrounding areas? Would you like to participate in something like this, either regularly or occasionally, or do you know somebody else who would, or who might be invited? Could you offer some help with running the morning or with bringing people in / taking them home? Would a more central location such as the Town Hall work better?

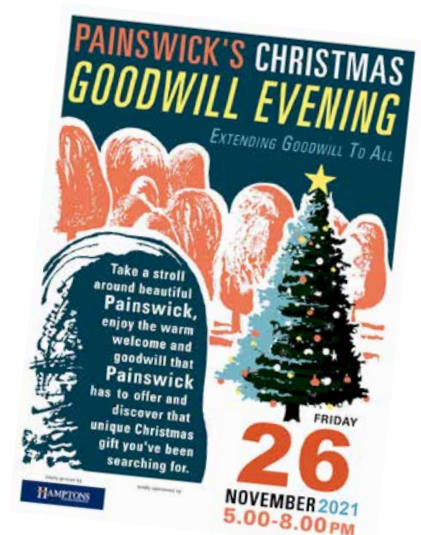
Like many activities in Painswick it is dependent on volunteers if it is to continue at all, but it would be a shame if such a positive feature of village life were to disappear entirely. Contact Sandra Glass on 814186 or at Sandra.glass@btinternet.com to offer ideas, suggestions or help.

Remembrance Day



The Armistice Day Service will be held at the War Memorial on Thursday 11th November at 10.50 am when wreaths will be laid and the names of the fallen in both World Wars read out. This annual civic service is organised by the Parish Council.

A Service of Remembrance will be held in St Mary's Church on Sunday 14th November at 10.50 am.



For full details of the Goodwill Evening see pages 10-11

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), Kate Amos, Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and Martin Slinger

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Edward Boulton, James Cross. County Cllr Sue Williams and District Councillor Jason Bullingham also forwarded their apology.

Matters requiring a decision

The members agreed to support the following applications:

- a. S.21/2285/HHOLD. 12A The Croft. Erection of rear & forward extension.
- b. S.21/2278/FUL. Hawthorns, Longridge, Sheepscombe. Erection of replacement dwelling. The Committee agreed to support the application but want to ensure that the access road is not damaged during the construction of the dwelling.
- c. S.21/2342/LBC. Old Bakery, New Street. Replacement of retail unit front door.
- d. 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.
- e. S.21/2368/TCA. Southfield House, Vicarage Street. T1 and 3 Ash. Ash Dieback, Fell. G2 Ash Dieback, Fell.
- f. 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 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 2-3 metres. The committee agreed to support this application but wish the pollarding to be restricted to that of the previous pollarding works.

The meeting closed at 7.11pm.

PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Kate Amos, Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and Abigail Smith.

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Edward Boulton, James Cross. County Cllr Sue Williams and District Councillor Jason Bullingham also forwarded their apology.

Reports

County Council. In her written report Cllr Williams advised that the County Council was about to start work on a new flagship cycle route on the B4063 between Gloucester and Cheltenham. The six-mile route will include a footpath for pedestrians and a "buffer" to separate cyclists from road traffic.

The Build Back Better Councillor Scheme. Cllr Williams reported that the scheme is a grant fund open to community groups across Gloucestershire. Over £2.2 million is available to be spent on projects to support the county's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Each county councillor has £40,000 to spend in their community over the next four years. The scheme is open to a wide range of groups and projects. Applications will be accepted from community and voluntary organisations, charities, community interest companies, town and parish councils, sports groups and other not for profit groups. It is a rolling grants fund which will run from 30th July 2021 until January 2025. All applications must be supported by the county councillor. More information can be found at: www.gloucestershire.gov.

uk/build-back-better-councillor-scheme/
Alternatively you can email: Buildbackbetter@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Recycling metal. Cllr Williams reported that there is a county wide social media campaign in which residents are being encouraged to recycle their metal packaging so as to make every can count! Metal can be recycled endlessly and so the county council and all six district councils have teamed up with Metal Matters to highlight the benefits of such recycling.

Ash Dieback. The Ash Dieback disease is particularly destructive of our native common Ash. The county council's plan is for two trees to be planted for each Ash removed.

Tree planting. The county council has recently been awarded with £300K from the Woodland Trust for planting trees in the county and developing a programme to maintain them. However, finding enough space to put the trees is the next vital step. The council is looking for landowners to come forward and offer land to plant approximately 360,000 trees over the next three years. Are you a landowner who can help? Contact the county council's climate change team by emailing: glosclimate@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Greener Gloucestershire. In 2019 many councils declared a climate emergency and have been working individually and collaboratively on a portfolio of activity to help tackle climate change and lower emissions. Planting trees will help us work towards a greener Gloucestershire by improving air quality and biodiversity. You can sign up to receive the new "Greener Gloucestershire" newsletter to keep up to date on local activity as well as receive hints and tips on how you can reduce carbon emissions and take action to protect the future of our environment. For further information, visit the Gloucestershire County Council website or contact Cllr Stephens on tel: 07766318854 or by email: Susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk. District Council. There was no report received.

Parish Council Chairman. Cllr Slinger said that it was concerning to note that



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recent Covid statistics showed that currently the Stroud area is at its highest level since the beginning of the pandemic. He asked that everyone took care. He said that committees and groups around the villages were starting to function again in such open meetings as can be allowed at this time. He said that over COVID the Parish Council had been functioning as well as possible by contact with the public and Council members by Zoom, phone and computer. The Office has been open since May for those wishing to call in and that Parish Council meetings were being held again in the main hall of the Town Hall albeit with some spacing still in place.

Cllr Slinger said it was important that the Civil Parish of Painswick start going again, supported by all our clubs, groups, festivals and businesses. The Chairman went on to report that a successful application had been lodged for the "Build Better Fund" and we have been granted £10,670 to hold Christmas community events. The Parish Councillors would wish to extend their thanks to the Clerk to the Parish Council and to Susie Andrews of the Painswick Centre for putting together the successful bid. He concluded his report by commenting that groups of Parish Councillors were looking at the area around the War Memorial to see if it can be enhanced. Councillors were also looking at our footpaths to see if any with permissive rights needed adopting.

Rural Environment Committee. The Council approved the recommendation from the Rural Environment Committee that every Council committee amended its Terms of Reference to read that members MUST give due consideration to Climate Change when considering proposals.

Land & Buildings Committee. Cllr Rosie Nash updated the Council on the Committee's recent meeting at which they had agreed to appoint a working group consisting of Cllrs Martin Slinger, Rosie Nash, Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis and Abigail Smith to review the War Memorial and its surrounds.

Accounts. a. The Council approved the accounts for payment as submitted to the meeting.

b. Town Hall roof. The Council agreed to accept the following quotes for scaf-

folding and repairs to the Town Hall roof as recommended by the Land & Buildings Committee.

T Morley & Sons (Ltd). £2,570.00.
Sevenside Scaffolding. £1,060.00.

Reports from representatives on other bodies.

a. Painswick Community Support Group. Cllr Abigail Smith reported on a recent meeting with a community advisor from the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

b. Painswick Beacon Conservation Trust. Cllr Ian Massey reported that the Conservation Group had now been registered as a charity. He also updated the Council on the cattle that are now using GPS collars. Ward reports

a. Road Traffic Accident. Cllr Rob Lewis reported on a recent road traffic accident at the junction of Cheltenham Road and Bisley Street.

b. Cllr Martin Slinger reported that many of the road markings in Painswick had faded. It was agreed to report the matter to County Highways.

c. Cllr Andy Cash reported that the Memorial Bench for Slad had now been

installed. He advised that it had been well received by local residents. He wished to pass on his thanks to the Council's Ground Staff and Clerk.

d. Slad Kissing Gate. Cllr Andy Cash reported that a new Kissing Gate had recently been installed by the Cotswold Wardens. He wished to thank them for their continued support.

e. Recreation Ground – Football Match. Cllr Rosie Nash reported her concern that during a recent adult football match abusive language was clearly heard from the away team players. She expressed her concern given that the Recreation Ground was a family environment. It was agreed that the Clerk would make further enquiries in regard to the incident.

f. Ward Meeting – Sheepscombe. Cllr Roey Parker reported on a recent Ward Meeting in Sheepscombe which was mainly to do with traffic concerns. There will be a further meeting shortly which will be attended by the Highways Stakeholder and County Cllr Sue Williams.

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 8.18pm.

A garage surprise

Can you imagine coming home after a week away and opening up your garage, to find piles of somebody else's rubbish in it? That's what happened recently to Vicarage Street resident Elaine Page, who found somebody's broken fridge, worn out garden chairs and bags of rubbish left inside her garage. There have been other recent incidents of fly-tipping in the village, including at The Painswick Centre and outside Hamptons. If you recognise any of the items here, or have any other information that might help to put a stop to this anti-social behaviour, do get in touch with Elaine, with the Police, or with the Beacon.



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Message from Friends of The Croft School (FOTCS)

We would like to firstly thank Parents, Carers and the Local Community for your support during the past rather turbulent year. You will be pleased to know that we raised just shy of £13,000 before costs, this money paid for the fantastic play fort in the KS1 playground which the children are getting endless amounts of enjoyment from on a daily basis. Once again, thank you for all of your sponsorship and donations throughout the year.

We recently held our AGM with lots of new faces and enthusiasm for the year ahead. A new committee leadership was nominated ensuring the legacy of hard work and dedication by previous volunteers can continue. The new committee have reviewed previous FOTCS events and have developed a plan leading up to Christmas (Covid dependent). There are a variety of smaller children centred activities being conducted within the school, however the key target will be to deliver another successful Elf Trail.

Last year's event highlighted the fantastic community spirit which exists in our area, we hope to see everyone out again searching for those Naughty Elves. If you are able to volunteer some time to help make the event a success, or have any ideas or suggestions, please email fotcspainswick@gmail.com

Other Ways you can help

- Register with Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1030573-0>. Select "Friends of the Croft School" as your charity and shop via smile.amazon.co.uk
- Register with Easy Fundraising www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/croftschoolpainswick/
- Register on our website www.pta-events.co.uk/fotcs
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Many thanks for your continued support. Our aim, as ever, is to enrich the experience for all children at The Croft School by organising fun events, fundraising and nurturing their community spirit.

Sophie Jacobs, Mel Curtis and Amy Conroy – Friends of The Croft School Co-Chairs



Yew Trees WI were delighted to have a stall at The Painswick Feast and are most grateful to the many members who contributed to it and to those who visited it. A good day was had by all.

In September members were able to enjoy their first 'live' meeting for many months. Over 40 members and guests gathered to listen to Frank Tunbridge talk on "Big Cats in Gloucestershire and Beyond". Frank has been known to say "To most people the concept of large predatory cats similar to black leopards and pumas living in the British countryside is quite unbelievable". His talk set out to disprove this. He believes that many big cats were released into the wild in the UK during and after the Dangerous Animals Act was introduced in 1976. He admits that sometimes 'sightings' can be down to too much alcohol or simply getting the sighting wrong. However, he firmly believes that the large number of reported sightings across the UK and Gloucestershire give credence to these creatures existence and while there were members of the audience who are convinced they had seen them, others remained sceptical. Until hard physical evidence is produced the mystique and controversy of the subject will continue, as was shown in the conversations between members of the audience at the end of the evening.

On Tuesday 23rd November Robert Bryant, an award-winning Associate of the Royal Photographic Society, will give an illustrated talk entitled "A year-long walk in Woodchester Park". It sounds delightful, so ladies do come and join us at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. On that evening there will also be a collection for the ACWW, a charity supporting women in rural communities all around the world. The collection will be of unwanted gadgets such as satnavs and mobiles, as well as cameras, stamps, jewellery and currency from any country and any age.

Celia Lougher 812624

Slow progress on War Memorial

Various articles in the Beacon over the past two years have drawn attention to the state of the area around the War Memorial. Proposals for improvement have since been drawn up and a questionnaire from the Parish Council was circulated with the Beacon in June this year, to find out the views of local people. There were 166 responses, generally in favour of the proposals, particularly to replant with lower hedging, although inevitably, not everyone agreed.

The Parish Council at its July meeting decided to refer the matter to its Land and Buildings Sub-committee, which did not meet until October. When it did meet recently, the matter was again referred on, this time to a Working Group (see our Council report on page 3). Hopefully there will eventually be some decisions for us to report!


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What's on at The Painswick Centre



There's too much going on at the Centre at the moment to fit it all in here! Please always check our social media and website (www.painswickcentre.com) for up-to-date listings, and our notice boards at the bottom of Bisley Street are also a great place to find out what's happening.

Alongside all our regular classes, clubs & workshops, we have a few real highlights this month:

Bootique	Fri 19th Nov from 7pm	Our first vintage & preloved clothing event
Bella Mia Pizza	Thurs 4th & 18th Nov 5-8pm	Woodfired sourdough pizzas to takeaway
Morning Market	Every Thurs 8.30-9.30am	Coffee, bread, eggs, honey, fish & meat
Goodwill Evening	Fri 26th Nov 5-8pm	Santa's grotto, reindeer, stalls & bar

Centre Manager

We're very sad to see our Centre Manager for the past year, Serena Garde, leave us this month. She is moving on to bigger things and we wish her all best wishes in her new role. She will be very much missed and we'd like to say a huge thank you for all of her hard work getting the Centre open again following lockdowns, and generally whipping it into shape. Her role is currently being advertised: c.25 hours/week, up to £15/hour, flexible working possible. If you're interested please look at our socials, website, or email Judie Hill, Trustee, at Judie.hill@painswickcentre.com

Farewell to artist Adele Lambert

We also say a very fond farewell to the exceptional local artist Adele Lambert, who has been one of our artists-in-residence since we opened the Studios in 2008. She has lived in Painswick for over 40 years, and at the grand age of 90 she is reluctantly retiring from the Centre Studios. Her paintings are a colourful joy to behold and we are hoping we will be able to mount an exhibition of her work soon, so please watch this space.



Susie Andrews

Two new Trustees

It's not all farewells: we had a good turnout at our AGM last month and are delighted to welcome on board two new Trustees: John Podmore and Roy Wallis. We very much look forward to working with them. The Centre will accept nominations for new Trustees at any time, so please get in touch if you'd like to be involved: info@painswickcentre.com

New café and shop

Handmade In – Painswick are delighted to announce their new venture opening in mid-November. Housed in the Gardiner Room at The Painswick Centre this independent business will combine a café selling tea/coffee, delicious treats and light refreshments with a shop selling high-quality locally produced goods created by artists and artisans of Painswick and the wider Five Valleys.



The business is co-owned by Sandra Randle and Anne-Marie Randall, both of Painswick, who have drawn experience from their successful summer Pop-Up shop. Their previous venture supported 23 local artists and makers, through the sales of their goods, both in terms of welcome revenue following a year of lockdowns, and in raising the profile of the artistic pulse of Painswick.

Anne-Marie and Sandie are using the same principles in their new venture - supporting local makers and producers by providing an outlet for goods and extending this ethos to the café through sourcing local suppliers of exceptional quality to combine excellent customer experience with community support and growth.

If you are a maker, a baker or you have an interest in selling your work through this venture please get in touch with us at info@handmadein.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to Handmade In – Painswick in the very near future!
Sandra Randle

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News from St Mary's

When we put the clocks back and the days are suddenly shorter we recognise that it is the beginning of the winter season. The sun still shines and gives us daylight but not much warmth.

At the beginning of November we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. I mentioned last month that we would be holding a special All Souls Service at St Mary's on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. This is a time not only to remember any loved ones who have died during the last year but also any departed loved ones who are dear to us. There is a warm welcome for all to attend this service which is a moving occasion. During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved ones.



Armistice Day is on 11th November when there will be a service at the War Memorial at 10.50am led by Revd Andrew. It always amazes me how many local lives were lost in the two World Wars. This is a time to remember their sacrifice from which we all benefit. Armistice Day is followed by Remembrance Sunday which is on 14th November. There will be a special Remembrance Service at St Mary's at 10.50am which again will be led by Revd Andrew. This is another opportunity to remember all those who have died in war and also those who have been maimed for life.

The church year ends on Sunday 21st November with the theme "Christ the King". The following Sunday 28th November marks a new church year as we celebrate the beginning of Advent. There is a short verse which reminds us of the significance of the early church seasons:

Advent tells us Christ is near
Christmas tells us He is here
In Epiphany we trace
All the glories of His grace

David Newell

Congratulations Rex

On Tuesday, 12th October Rex McGowan reached a wonderful milestone – he celebrated his 100th birthday. A special lunch was thoroughly enjoyed with family members at the Edgemoor Inn, Rex's favourite restaurant.

Rex grew up on the family farm at Downend. On leaving school he took up an apprenticeship in aircraft engineering which involved learning about the many skills involved in the industry. Unfortunately in 1939 Rex suffered some serious injuries in an accident which resulted in a long period of recovery. In 1940 the drawing office from which he was thus temporarily absent was badly bombed – his fellow apprentice sadly killed in the explosion.

Unable to resume his apprenticeship Rex returned to the family farm where his contribution was much appreciated and needed. Farming during the war was of course of supreme importance with the nation needing to be fed and labour in short supply. Later, in 1948 he rented Tortworth Estate Farm, then moved away for a short time to rent Glyndebourne Estate Farm before returning to the family farm at Downend in 1953. Eventually the farm was sold and the land developed for housing. Rex himself spent the remainder of his working life in property dealing.

Arriving in Painswick in 1991, Rex set about creating a lovely home for himself and Jean. Settling here gave him the time and opportunity to engage fully in practising a skill which he is both exceptionally good at and also clearly loves – working with wood. All of the wood parts of his house such as doors, window sills, beams, fireplaces, skirting boards etc have been beautifully crafted by Rex. He has also made some very lovely pieces of furniture. Quite apart from these personal items there are two benches, each commemorating erstwhile Painswick residents, which stand on the roadside opposite The Falcon and which were both produced by Rex.

He has a son, Roger, and two grandsons. Still very independent and very fit, he is intelligent, sociable, modest, a good conversationalist and a delightful person with whom to spend an afternoon. Our very best wishes and congratulations, Rex, on achieving this memorable and significant birthday.

Carol Maxwell



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Daddy Longlegs

You'll probably have been seeing a lot more daddy longlegs drifting around in your garden in September. They are part of the crane fly family and are true flies, "Diptera", having just two wings. They live for about 10 to 15 days and are easily recognised by their long bodies and long legs. They lay some 50 to 150 eggs or more in the damp soil, which hatch in the autumn.

The larvae which emerge are known commonly as leatherjackets. They are about 3/4 of an inch long and love moist soil, feeding through the autumn, winter and spring. They can be important in the soil ecosystem because they process organic material and increase microbial activity. They like algae and micro-flora; and living or decomposing plant matter, including wood. They can also be a pest, living in the top layers of soil where they feed on the roots, root hairs and crown, and sometimes the leaves of crops, stunting their growth or killing the plants. There can be so many leather jackets in the soil that you will see some of your lawn going from bright green to brown. In 1935, Lord's Cricket Ground in London was among venues badly affected by leatherjackets. They can be a farmer's nightmare in new grown vegetables, grass, and in some years, you see rows of dead and dying corn.

Larvae and adults are valuable prey items for many animals, including insects, spiders, fish, amphibians, birds and mammals. If you have been walking on Painswick Beacon, you may have noticed the scuffed areas where the crows have been digging into the grass to get to the leatherjackets. Badgers can dig up big areas of our fields looking for them.

Martin Slinger

Floral demonstration

The Painswick Gardening Club is delighted to be able to invite you to a pre-Christmas floral demonstration at the Painswick Centre in the Beacon Hall on Saturday 27th November from 2-4pm.



This will be our first opportunity to welcome back all our existing members and encourage you to bring along a guest or two to an "open to all" entertaining afternoon and maybe leave with a lovely floral arrangement.

We have moved to the Painswick Centre for our members, guests and speakers comfort as it allows ample space for all, and we will be starting a new programme commencing Wed 13th April 2022, with full details to follow soon.

The committee so look forward to seeing you all again and do hope you can join us.

Catherine Bond

An unexpectedly productive year draws to a close!

Our autumn season draws to a close on Sunday 28th November, so you have just a few weeks left to enjoy autumn in Gloucestershire's most romantic hidden garden. As I write this the autumnal colours are looking fantastic and I am looking forward to enjoying them at this quieter time of year.



This month we are open Friday until Sunday, 10am-4pm. As an added incentive to visit, kids go free. So why not meet friends, take the dog for a walk and get some exercise in the fresh air in our beautiful hidden valley?

As I write this, our conservation work on the Eagle House and the Red House is nearing completion. Whilst the Eagle House fabric was in a worse condition than had been anticipated, we have been able to tackle it thanks to the support of our lovely visitors over the year. Both buildings should be looking splendid (and watertight!) when you next visit.

Meanwhile the team of staff and volunteers in the Garden have been preparing for next spring, planting more bulbs in the orchard and in the Exedra Garden. Come next March, we can promise an amazing display of daffodils and tulips!

Looking forward to Christmas - our shop is fully stocked with lots of lovely present ideas. There are just a few bottles remaining of Rococo raspberry and rosemary gin, and we have just taken delivery of a limited quantity of our locally-brewed Red House Amber Ale, featuring hops grown in the Garden. We are also selling our own specially-commissioned Christmas cards this year - and of course one gift you can give that will last a whole year is membership to the Garden. From just £27.50 you can give someone special the freedom of the Garden (during opening hours!) for all of 2022. For more details see rococogarden.org.uk.

The Garden closes for most of December for a well-earned rest, although we will be open 26th-31st for post Christmas walks. More on that next time.

I hope to see you in the Garden soon.

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Orchestra of the Swan

Painswick Music Society resumed its celebration of the return of live music at their regular Saturday afternoon time on 9th October, with a concert by the Orchestra of the Swan, based at the Stratford Playhouse, played to yet another packed audience.



The programme entitled An English Idyll, enchanted the audience with music written for string orchestra in the early half of the 20th century by British Composers: a joyful opening with the St Paul's Suite by Cheltenham born Gustav Holst, the reflective Sospiri written at the outbreak of the First World War by Worcestershire's Sir Edward Elgar, the many faceted Oboe Concerto by Gloucestershire born Ralph Vaughan Williams, delicately performed by the oboist Victoria Brawn, and finally the delightful Simple Symphony by Suffolk's Benjamin Britten. Following an enthusiastic ovation, the Orchestra of the Swan concluded the afternoon with a reflective encore – the second of Sir William Walton's Two Pieces from Henry V.

It was fascinating and moving to hear this music, and at times to detect the more famous works within them and it continues to be a privilege to hear such wonderful music played by leading musicians in the heart of the Painswick valley.

The season continues with further concerts by the celebrated Nash Ensemble and finally, the baritone Roderick Williams accompanied by Iain Burnside in an "English Song Recital", a carefully created programme for Painswick Music Society, largely by Gloucestershire composers. For more details and tickets see <https://painswickmusicsoc.co.uk/2021-season>

Peter Holmes

The Little Ships at Dunkirk

On 29th Sep 2021 Painswick Probus Club welcomed maritime historian Paul Barnett who put into perspective the heroic achievements of the "Little Ships" and their crews which were pressed into service for Operation Dynamo during a hastily planned evacuation in WWII. The British Expeditionary Force was in dire need of rescue from the beaches of Dunkirk in 1940. It was estimated that some 45,000 personnel could be saved during a 2 day period.



861 Belgian, British, and Dutch vessels with a shallow draft were requisitioned, sometimes with the knowledge and permission of the owner, but sometimes without. The smallest vessel was just 14' 7" long. Most were manned by the RN and experienced volunteers, but some ships were sailed by fishermen or owners. Larger ships and RN vessels stood offshore to receive "passengers" from smaller craft which would return to the shore for more. The Luftwaffe was bombing the area and the RAF was defending the airspace by intercepting as many bombers as they could.

Captain William Tennant was appointed Senior Naval Officer ashore at Dunkirk. Tennant's task was to organize the men and get them onto the ships. Tennant stayed right up until the last ships left, patrolling the beaches of Dunkirk with a megaphone, seeking British troops. The evacuation was extended to 9 days from 26th May 1940, during which 338,226 men including 139,997 Belgium, Dutch, French, Polish forces were saved. The French continued to defend Dunkirk which was annihilated, while the evacuation proceeded. The German tanks could not advance further across the low lying and flooded land to finish their attack. Some 200 British ships were lost in the rescue, along with more than 60,000 men who were either captured or killed.

The rescue operation turned a military disaster into a story of heroism which served to raise the morale of the British. The "Dunkirk spirit" lives on!

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Joe Green

The 14th October was our first Meeting since 2019 and our Life President, Alex Nichols, certainly made up for lost time with an excellent presentation on his favourite composer, "Joe Green" alias of Giuseppe Verdi! The session was also in commemoration of two of our founder members, Harold Wood and Leslie Brotherton. Tributes were paid to both of them.



Alex told us that he has for many years been a keen supporter of the world of opera, particularly Verdi. He recalled as a young man being introduced to Verdi's Rigoletto, and being mesmerised by the performance. Verdi was known for his skill at creating melody and for his profound use of theatrical effect. Alex demonstrated Verdi's skills by playing extracts from well-known operas – La Traviata, Il Trovatore, Don Carlos and of course Rigoletto. The Town Hall became an Opera House as we listened to the soaring music and voices from these well-known operas.

Verdi is considered to be one of the greatest composers in history and as members left the Meeting with Verdi's music ringing in their ears I'm sure many agreed!

On the 11th November Duncan Richardson will be presenting "Musical Miniatures" - we await with bated breath to hear what he has to say about this intriguing title. Then to round off the month Peter Jenkins will talk to us on the 25th about Arthur Sullivan and will pose the question "How great a composer was Sullivan?"

Why not join us and help us answer the question? We look forward to greeting both old and new members at 2.30pm in the Town Hall to enjoy musical afternoons together.

Mike Kerton

All in the Name

How often, if at all, do we think about the names of places we may know or pass through? Probably never. At the October meeting of the Local History Society Dr Simon Draper gave a riveting presentation on the subject of place names which certainly roused everyone's curiosity.



Dr Draper is an archaeologist and explained how knowledge of the name of a location can be a real asset in his profession. Most names, particularly in Gloucestershire, have Anglo Saxon origins. Painswick for example is first recorded in Domesday Book, 1086, as Wiche, a very common Saxon name probably meaning dairy farm. Pain was added later because the lord of the manor was Pain. This sort of name development was typical of many places. Locally too were words meaning a specific sort of valley shape, Slad and [Sheeps] Coombe being nearby examples.

The ends of names are often the key to the meaning eg ley, holt and wold all mean woodland, lade or lode relate to water and there are many also meaning hill such as dun (don, ton), beorg (borough, berrow), clif and ecg (edge). The differences usually denote shape or formation and Gloucestershire has many such names. These shape words were important in Anglo Saxon times as navigation aids.

There are also Latin words obviously dating back to the time of Roman occupation eg camp (field), port (spring), ceaster (Roman fort), straet (street) and there are field names denoting specific properties eg cinder (iron works) and crocc (pottery) – Brockworth meaning field of broken crockery. Celtic place names have, unsurprisingly, tended to survive towards the west of the county eg Dymock (fort of the pigs), Maisemore, Newent.

There are no Viking names in Gloucestershire, indicative of the lack of historic occupation. And one interesting unusual name is Miserden which is French, the manor of the family Musard.

Dr Draper explained these and so many more names in a truly stunning presentation. The next meeting is Tuesday, 16th November when Tony Conder will give a talk, A Gloucestershire Odyssey, looking at various landmarks, ancient monuments and the formation of the county. Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Smart Meters

Smart Meters are being talked about a great deal these days and many people are having telephone calls to encourage them to have one in place of their old meters.



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More criminality in Painswick history

Last year in the Beacon we featured a photo from around 1895 of Arthur Meeze and his family, holding the bullet-marked cockerel weathervane from the spire of St. Mary's Church that he had admitted to damaging with his rifle. The Meeze family then lived in what is now Lovedays House, opposite the churchyard, and the photo hangs in the belltower of the church.

The photo attracted the attention of Keith Browning in Chichester in Sussex, a distant relative of Arthur Meeze, who had other stories to tell and who could explain how the Meeze family first came to Painswick. Arthur Meeze's grandfather, Ephraim Cooper from near Frome in Somerset, had as a young man been sentenced to death for stealing items worth 7 shillings. The sentence had been commuted and after a year's hard labour in Ilchester gaol, Ephraim changed his name, taking his mother's maiden name of Mees and moved away from the area. He came to live at Cooper's Hill in 1821, where he worked as a gardener. His son George Meeze went on to be the landlord of the Golden Heart Inn on Tibbiwell, while his grandson Arthur made a fortune as a researcher and inventor.

Keith came across the story as part of the detective work on his family history and has now published a beautifully produced book on his researches. Copies of 'Frome Fables' are available from Keith on kbrow5121@aol.com at £12.99 including postage.

Al Jollans

Christmas art & craft fayre

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Painswick Goodwill Evening

The bells of St. Mary's will ring out across the Painswick valley at 4.45pm on the 26th November heralding the season of Goodwill to all; and as the fairy lights on the Yew trees in the Church yard are illuminated, an evening of family packed fun will begin.

St Mary's will host the voices of the Thames Head Singers and the children of The Croft Primary School in a festive musical feast. Local artists will judge an art competition themed around Goodwill. Children can take part in a village map trail and prize draw. Children will also be invited to join a lantern procession with Santa, his elves and their Shetland ponies! Santa's Reindeer will be in situ at The Painswick Centre enjoying a carrot or two and resting after their long journey – they will be very happy to share their magic with children who come along to say hello. Visits to Santa's grotto are a must on any Christmas evening, however, in the spirit of Goodwill we ask children to bring an unwrapped gift to give to Santa or for parents to make a donation. Santa will be pleased to hear what all the little ones in the village would like to add to their own Christmas list.



Plan Your GOODWILL Evening

Time	What's on	Fun things to do	GOODWILL activities
4.45pm	Bells and Lights The Bells of St. Mary's will ring and the lights on the Yew trees will glow heralding Goodwill to all .		
5pm	We are OPEN! The Painswick Centre St. Mary's Church Participating businesses Collect the children's trail map in return for your donation	Art Competition - View the entries in St. Mary's which will be judged by local artists Jane Garbett and Rupert Aker and winners announced Performance – Thames Head Singers and the children of The Croft School provide some glorious festive singing Map trail – collect stamps on your map by visiting the venues (maps available from St. Mary's in exchange for a donation to the food bank) Feeling peckish – hot food available from vendors at The Painswick Centre (open all evening)	Donate dry and canned goods to The Food Bank – collection at St Mary's & at The Painswick Centre. In return you'll get your Goodwill map which will guide you round the night's entertainment. Buy a raffle ticket at the Painswick Centre or enroute from a wandering seller
5.45pm	Lantern Parade	Join the Children's Lantern Parade – gather at St. Mary's, through the churchyard, along St. Mary's Street to The Painswick Centre	Santa's Lantern Parade of Goodwill – with the Elves and their Shetland ponies
6pm	Christmas Reindeers	Meet Rudolf and his pals at The Painswick Centre	Bring a carrot for Santa's Reindeers!
6.15pm	Santa's Grotto opens Don't forget to bring a present to see Santa.	Visit Santa Children bring a new, unwrapped gift (not books please) to give to Santa, or parents can make a donation.	Give a gift Children bring a new, unwrapped gift (not books please) to give to Santa, or parents can make a donation. These will be passed on to the Salvation Army who will give them to children who might not otherwise receive any presents this year.
7.50pm	Winners	Announcing the winners of the adult raffle and children's map competitions At The Painswick Centre.	
5pm-8pm	Eat, drink, shop and Be Merry at The Painswick Centre – visit food and drink stalls and unique shopping opportunities from local sellers in the Beacon Hall		

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Adult visitors have not been forgotten. The Painswick Centre will host a festive market with a wide range of independent sellers offering beautiful and unique gifts as well as edible treats and seasonal flowers. Hot food and drink sellers will be at the Centre all evening and the bar will be open in The Beacon Hall. Raffle tickets will be on sale with a range of tempting prizes, anything from a three-course meal at the Painswick Hotel to a village walk with Tibbiwell Alpacas! The evening is a not-for-profit event and is hosted in the spirit of Goodwill and giving. Toys given to Santa will be donated to the Salvation Army and onwards as gifts to children who may not otherwise receive a Christmas present. The Marah Trust will receive tinned and dry goods to their Foodbank for distribution. Play Painswick and the Painswick Centre will be the beneficiaries of a financial donation to support their valuable work in the village. The organisers would like to thank the Goodwill already extended to the event by their sponsors who include: Balfour Hospitality (Falcon), DF Legal Stroud, Murray's Estate Agents, The Elgar Family and Price Davis Accountants.

Goodwill has been an important theme in our lives across the past eighteen months, where our worlds have become smaller as restrictions have posed various limits. Communities have had to refocus their gaze closer to home and we have grown grateful for what we have near at hand. Goodwill has been extended and received, as our interconnection and reliance on one another has proved more potent. On this special evening we hope that you will have time to reflect on what is most valuable and dear within your community and see how this celebration of Goodwill is an acknowledgement of its importance every day of the year.

Sandra Randle

Christmas gift donations

As the days start getting shorter and the nights get colder, the winter season seems to be on everyone's mind. Christmas will be here soon with warm fireplaces and hot drinks, but unfortunately this isn't the reality for all families. During the last 18 months life has been extra hard for many people. Domestic abuse has been on the rise and combined with the rise of unemployment due to Covid-19 this has left a lot of women and children in very vulnerable positions.

Chantell and Veronika have decided to help 'Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service' and 'Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre', who are both charities working to help women escape domestic and sexual violence. Women who suffer

from domestic abuse often feel ashamed and guilty, but Chantell and Veronika want to change that. They are asking everyone in Painswick to help make this festive period not only bearable but also enjoyable for mothers and their families. Any little gift that could put a smile on a young child's face would be gratefully received and will help make the end of this year slightly easier to cope with. No gift is too big or too small and things such as small toys, dolls, puzzles, pyjamas, gloves/hats, sweets and toiletry sets for both boys and girls would be greatly appreciated.

All donations can be dropped off at Painswick Pharmacy or you can get in contact with either Chantell or Veronika via their emails below.

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Daisy Stark

Food bank Christmas appeal

We will be continuing the food bank collection on Wednesday 10th November at the Stocks and Painswick car park from 10.0 am to 12.0 noon. You have all been very generous over the Covid period and lock down. There is also a greater demand than ever because of increasing food prices, fuel and the general cost of living. More and more people are reliant on the food bank. This will be our Christmas appeal so please, please give generously with food donations. Don't forget the following is a guide but anything will be gratefully received.

Boxes of chocolates, boxes of savoury biscuits and snacks (crisps/nuts) cranberry sauce/pickles, tinned ham, xmas cake/pudding, boxes of biscuits, nice toiletries, hot chocolate. You can also help transform more lives with a financial donation as well. Bank details of the Stroud District Foodbank CIO are sort code 09 01 29 acc no. 21994911. If anyone would like to make a standing order the form can be downloaded from their web site including gift aid.

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Work party attendance numbers are steadily growing as the autumn progresses. We had 15 for the first one in October and we cleared a lot of small scrub and cut back brambles on the Southern Ramparts prior to the cows being moved there this month. Several areas were heavily raked to remove cut material and leaves, then sown with a mixture of grass and flower seeds collected from the site during the summer. This, with some spot spraying of bramble regrowth, will speed up the regeneration of grassland by several years.

For the second one we had 17 and we spent time working in the area below the 16th tee. Although everything we did was for the improvement of the grassland, some work improved the visibility of walkers on the Cotswold way, making teeing off on the 16th a much safer proposition.

This area is home to the best colony of Chalkhill Blue butterflies on the Beacon. This year butterfly numbers have been generally very poor, but I think the Chalkhills have done very well. Their food plant, horseshoe vetch, requires a short sward of grass and will benefit from grazing. We can now graze this area this winter because of the flexible NoFence system and it will be the first time it has been grazed for many, many years.

It is now the time of year to start looking again for Rugged Oil Beetles. These were one of the species flagged up by the BftB project as being endangered. However, helpers surveying for them, showed them to be present in greater numbers than anticipated. I will be going out, after dark, to look for them again this year to try and find them in new areas of the Beacon. If you would like to learn more about these fascinating beetles do contact me, I'd love to show you how to find them.

Paul Baxter. (M) 07971 633 242

Friday Club off to a flying start!



Although members came together for a very enjoyable lunch in August, Friday 17th September was the first meeting back at the Town Hall since March 2019. It couldn't have been a better start, well attended and the spectacle of birds of prey circling the room was both thrilling and unnerving. However, members were soon enthusiastically holding out their gloved hand in the hope of a landing from one of the birds. This visit from Clare from "Walks with Hawks" was much appreciated.

Two weeks later the film producer, Robert Arley presented a very different outlook on the world. He had produced the short film "We did our bit" and explained the process of finding and interviewing a selection of WW2 veterans from Worcestershire. These men and women had all served, in different ways, on the front line and their memories were both revealing and fascinating.

There was an unexpected link between Robert and the subsequent speaker on October 15th. The Air Ambulance service was first used by the French over the battlefields but not started in the west of England until 1987 in Cornwall. The Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) now operates out of Filton Airport delivering critical care where needed mainly for cardiac arrests and trauma. There is no government funding and it is partly supported by voluntary personnel. For more information see <https://greatwesternairambulance.com> As you can see from the above, Friday Club offers a very varied programme and we still have the following to look forward to: November 12th, a visit to Gloucester Docks for lunch & shopping, On November 26th the Peakies will offer musical entertainment and 2021 concludes with Christmas Lunch at Waypoint on December 3rd.

New members are always welcome -see Beacon Diary for more details.

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Thank you to all volunteers

We are very grateful to all patients who have been working as volunteers in vaccination clinics for the last year. Now that we are doing all vaccinations at the Painswick Surgery we still need

up to four volunteers for each session. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the forthcoming sessions, please contact the surgery by email: painswick.surgery@nhs.net. The work can be tiring – volunteers will be on their feet for at least four hours if doing a half-day session, or for up to eight hours if doing the full day.

30 years of service at Painswick Surgery

Our longest serving member of staff, Caroline, said farewell to the Surgery on the 28th September. Caroline started working for Painswick Surgery when the Practice was on Gloucester Street with Dr Hoyland, Dr Jacques, Dr Chapman and Dr Jansen. We wish Caroline all the best in her retirement, where she plans to enjoy lots of time with her grandson!

Michael Mack-Smith, Business Manager

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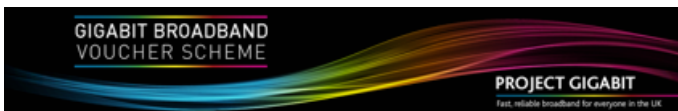
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The following week, on Wednesday 8th December, the Club is holding its traditional Christmas Lunch at the Painswick Golf Club. Guests are welcome - contact Denise Magauran on 814570 for further details.

Jane Rowe 813228



Painswick is in the slow lane when it comes to internet connectivity. We were upgraded to older "fibre to the cabinet/copper to the premises" when many surrounding villages were being upgraded to gigabit-capable "fibre to the premises", which can be 10 and 100 times faster.

During lockdown many of us struggled with the demands of working from home with video conferences whilst our children were also trying to use the internet: so much so that we had to accept second-rate options or give up completely. We also have businesses based here who rely on the internet for their prosperity.

The world is moving at an increasing pace with more services needing ever faster and reliable internet; for example: home security systems, video and music streaming, games, cloud data storage, and internet connected devices. In five years', we will

be using these even more, yet we will still be suffering with old-fashioned connections: sadly, we are in the 5% of the country that has no gigabit rollout plan for at least this long.

However, all is not lost! Communities such as ours can get funding in the form of vouchers from DCMS towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband. We've set up the Painswick Community Gigabit Project to raise money for a new fibre infrastructure. Suppliers will fund a large proportion of the cost and we will need to raise money in the form of vouchers and a small upfront cost to cover the remainder.

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Results from Gloucestershire Div 2 North

Sat 23rd October Painswick 46 - 19 Cheltenham II

Sat 9th October Painswick 24 - 26 Norton

Sat 2nd October Painswick 28 - 56 Newent II

Sat 25th September Minchinhampton 10 - 17 Painswick

Painswick now lie 5th out of 12 teams in the division.



Painswick Golf Club

The last month has been something of a bonus for all those enjoying the outdoors with the mild weather. It certainly has been for those enjoying golf.



The annual Margaret Kemp texas scramble was held on 12th October. This is a mixed (Ladies and Seniors) event between Painswick and Minchinhampton Old Course golf clubs. In the spirit of mutual friendship each team of four comprises golfers from both clubs. The winning team was Nigel Hawker, Pat Phipps, Neal Haddock and Peter Rowe.

The summer season of Seniors competitions was concluded with Robin Hare winning the knock-out Ironman competition. A social texas scramble held on 7th October was won by Finlay McLean, Roy Woodward and Mahboob Hussain. The monthly stableford competition, held on 14th October, was won by Harry Burke after countback from Mike Sanderson, both of whom finished with 41 points. Congratulations to all the winners.

The club welcomes visitors – both to play the unique course and/or for food and refreshments in the clubhouse. Private events and Christmas lunches can be booked. Please phone 01452 812180 for more details.

Peter Rowe

Painswickians of the Year

Each year about this time we invite nominations for Painswickian of the Year and Young Painswickian of the Year.

Readers are invited to put forward the names of parishioners who have brought credit to the village in the past year, or who have given exceptional service to the community in the longer term. The nominations are then considered by the Beacon committee. Your nominee for Painswickian of the Year should be over 21. You may wish to nominate a couple. Nominees for young Painswickian of the Year should be 21 years or younger.

Nomination details should not exceed 100 words. They should be marked 'POY' and placed in the Beacon Box by the telephone kiosk in New Street or sent by email to: beacon@painswick.net with 'POY' in the subject line. The deadline for the receipt of nominations is Sunday 21st November.

In anticipation, thank you for your interest.

Library book club

We will next meet on Monday 15th November at 1.30-2.30pm. We will be discussing the number 1 Sunday Times Bestseller:-
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Christmas carol concert

Join us for our Christmas Celebration Carol Concert, in aid of the Cotswolds Dogs and Cats Home.



To be held St Marys church, Painswick on Saturday 4th December 2021. Doors open at 5pm and the concert will begin at 5.30pm.

It will be hosted by our patron, actress Lisa Maxwell, who will be joined by friends from screen and stage. Whiteshill and Ruscombe Community Choir will lead the carol singing!

We will also have mince pies and mulled wine, a Christmas raffle and stalls selling cards and gifts.

More information and tickets are available on our website here: <https://www.cotswoldsdogsandcatshome.org.uk/christmas-celebration>

Bring your friends (and clothes) along to Bootique!

On the evening of Friday 19th November you are invited to a sparkling soiree and a chance to prep for the upcoming party season – without forking out a fortune. As the demand for a circular economy becomes ever stronger, The Painswick Centre is delighted to be doing its bit by hosting our first Bootique event. With a focus on vintage, preloved and local clothing, come along with a group of friends to enjoy a night looking for something special, rifling the racks of our professional vintage sellers. Fizz will be on tap, the music will be playing, and there'll even be a chance to get your nails done. One person's shoved-to-the-back-of-the-closet might be another's newfound treasure, so you can sell your own clothing on our rails; and there'll also be a swap table so you could even bag something new for free.

Check out our website or socials for more info and how to book. To register interest in selling your clothes or as a professional seller, please email Susie at marketing@painswickcentre.com

Susie Andrews

Property Report

Local estate agents are still reporting high demand for property in Painswick and a shortage of supply. Properties going under offer this month include Thorne on Friday Street, Garden Cottage off Stamages Lane, Greythwaite in the Highlands, Beechcroft at Jack's Green (all Hamptons) as well as Hope Cottage in Gloucester Street, 4 St. Mary's Mead and Stables Cottage in Hale Lane (all Murrays). Properties that have exchanged and /or completed include 8 Canton Acre, Howbeg on Stamages Lane, Aries on Edge Lane, Woodford on Cheltenham Road, Rake Hill at the Highlands and the former delicatessen in Friday Street.

In comparison, new properties on the market are relatively scarce. Murrays have Rosemary Cottage, a traditional three bedroom cottage opposite the churchyard (£450,000) and 15 Gyde House, a 2 bed apartment at £300,000. Beechcroft (Hamptons, £850,000) and Hope Cottage (Murrays, £500,000) came and went very quickly, but Hamptons still have Cherry Tree Cottage, a 3 bed cottage on Longridge at £475,000 and Flat 3 Hyett Orchard for over 55s (£190,000).

One measure of the current level of demand for local property is that Hamptons report so far in 2021 they have a 97% instruction to sales ratio on all houses in and around the Painswick valley. Murrays have been similarly busy and report particularly high demand for properties over £800,000. James Murray would like to thank all those that supported and helped to raise money for his Triathlon and Marathon – raising £1350 for Sunflowers Suicide Support and £1550 for Cancer Research.

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Historic Crimes in November

Painswick farmer causes riot in Cheltenham

The following report was in the *Western Daily Press* - 13 November 1861

'One of the most serious riots that have occurred in Cheltenham for some years past was the subject of several hours' investigation at the Cheltenham Police Court on Monday. A Mr Dance, farmer of Painswick, had supplied Mr Ballinger, butcher, Bath Road, for many years past with meat, and in September last Mr Ballinger took the benefit of the Insolvency Act at Lewis, and scheduled Mr Dance in the sum of £115.

On Sunday night week Dance went up to Mr Ballinger's, an altercation ensued and a mob was speedily collected. Mr Dance, it appears, addressed the crowd, treated them with beer, and incited them to create a disturbance. The police were sent for and remonstrated with Dance, who refused to leave Mr Ballinger's shop, and had to be removed by force. A crowd of several hundred "roughs" remained outside, and for several hours the road was almost impassable.

Dance subsequently returned to the shop, more demonstrative than ever, and a strong force of police had to be sent for to remove him and convey him to the station. As he was being removed Dance called upon the crowds to "Give it to the b" and the crowd assailed them with stones and brickbats. One or two of the officers were severely injured. Dance's son, a young man of eighteen, interfered with the police, and swore that they should not take his father to the station. Both, however, were safely lodged in the police-station, and on Monday they were brought up before the magistrates, charged with resisting and assaulting the police and inciting the crowd to riot. Mr W Boodle appeared to prosecute, and Mr F Marshall defended the accused. The evidence of the police officers concerned in the affray, and of Mr Ballinger, having been taken, Mr Marshall addressed the jury in mitigation of punishment, and the magistrates, after a brief consultation, fined each of the prisoners £5, in default one month's imprisonment. The money was immediately paid.'

Obstructing the highway

From the *Cheltenham Chronicle* 11 November 1911

'Leonard Walter Edward Bicknell, of Painswick, pleaded not guilty to obstructing the highway with a motor car near the Cross, Cirencester, on the afternoon of Oct 7. PC Watkins said that defendant left his motor car opposite Messrs. Jeffries Shop for fifty minutes. When spoken to, defendant said that people in London could leave cars as long as they liked. When he was told that he would be reported for it, defendant replied "Well you must report it" Defendant did not remove his motor car until five minutes after he was told to do so. Questioned as to the width of the road between defendant's motor car and the opposite side of the street, Supt. Selwood said it was about 30 feet. Mr Bicknell on oath admitted a technical offence by leaving his car longer than fifteen minutes. It was however no obstruction, as there was room for other cars to pass according to the statement of Supt. Selwood. He did not know anyone could leave a motor car in the centre of the market place or the church side of the street.

The magistrates retired to confer privately, and on their return to court, the Chairman said that the practice of leaving motor cars for a long time was undesirable, but taking all the facts of the present case into consideration it would be dismissed. The magistrates thought it would be advisable for a policeman, when he saw a motor car causing an obstruction to acquaint those in charge of the fact.'

Leonard Bicknell was an illustrious member of the community being Chairman of the Parish Council and one of the leading lights behind the foundation of the Painswick Institute.

Black-out

From the *Gloucester Citizen* 6 December 1941

'Annie Launder, Gladstone House, Painswick was fined £2 and 10/- costs for displaying a light during the black-out on 19 November 1941'

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	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
Tuesdays	Community Choir. Contact Sophie sophie@sophiesterckckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	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
	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
Wednesdays	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 yoginikim@icloud.com	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
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30am
	Bollywood dancing. Contact Bharathy tvamyoga@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 11.00am
Saturdays			
Sundays	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Meeting for worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am

November and December Events

November

Sat	6	Painswick Music Society. Nash Ensemble. Contact Edward Bowron: tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk or 07789 006006	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
	6	Bespoke footstool workshop. For details contact sew-vintage.co.uk or sewvintage66@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	6	Jewellery Workshop: silver stacking rings. Contact Alice on painswickjworkshop@icloud.cc	Painswick Centre	9.00 - 12.00pm
	6	Jewellery Workshop: silver band. Contact Alice on painswickjworkshop@icloud.cc	Painswick Centre	1.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	7	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	7	All Soul's Day Service of Remembrance	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Thurs	11	Holy Communion (shortened)	St Mary's Church	9.30am

	11	Armistice Day service	Painswick war memorial	10.50am
	11	Painswick Music Appreciation Group. Duncan Richardson: Musical Minatures	Town Hall	2.30pm
	11	Arts Society: Reading pictures - Are you visual? Contact painswick@theartsociety.org	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 1.00pm
Fri	12	Friday Club. Outing to Gloucester Quays for lunch and shopping. Information and enquiries from Ann Williams 812344	Stamages car park	12.00pm
	12	Pitchcombe Christmas Fair	Pitchcombe Village Hall	2.00 - 7.00pm
Sat	13	Painswick Music Society. Roderick Williams (baritone) and Iain Burnside (piano). Contact Edward Bowron: tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk or 07789 006006	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
	13	Pitchcombe Christmas Fair	Pitchcombe Village Hall	10.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	14	Remembrance Sunday	St Mary's church	10.50am
Mon	15	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	16	Local History Society. Tony Conder: A Gloucestershire Odyssey	Croft School	7.30pm
Weds	17	Probus: Pourquoi Pas Gallia Nova - Bill Affleck. Contact 01452 813977	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Thurs	18	Bella Mia Pizza takeaway	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Fri	19	Bootique	Painswick Centre	from 7.00pm
Sat	20	Jewellery Workshop: silver stacking rings. Contact Alice on painswickjworkshop@icloud.cc	Painswick Centre	9.00 - 12.00pm
	20	Jewellery Workshop: silver band. Contact Alice on painswickjworkshop@icloud.cc	Painswick Centre	1.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	21	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	23	Yew Trees WI. Robert Bryant: A year long walk in Woodchester Park	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	24	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (PBCG) AGM The Brink and the Beacon Members Free Visitors Welcome £2	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	25	Painswick Music Appreciation Group. Peter Jenkins: Life and music of Arthur Sullivan	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	26	Friday Club. Musical entertainment: 'The Peakings'	Town Hall	2.30pm
	26	Goodwill Evening	Around Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Sat	27	Box cushion workshop. For details contact sew-vintage.co.uk or sewvintage66@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	27	Painswick Gardening Club: pre-Christmas floral demonstration	Painswick Centre	2.00 - 4.00pm
	27	Piano and Flute Concert	St Mary's Church	7.00pm
Sun	28	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
	28	Rococo Garden closes until January 15th 2022	Rococo Garden	4.30pm
December				
Sat	4	Christmas Carol Concert in aid of Costwolds Dogs & Cats Home	St Mary's Church	5.30pm
Tue	7	Painswick Art Club AGM and Christmas Party	Church Rooms	10.00-12.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

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.
S.21/2285/HHOLD 12A The
Croft, Painswick
Erection of rear & forward extension.
S.21/2278/FUL Hawthorns,
Longridge, Sheepscombe
Erection of replacement dwelling.
S.21/2342/LBC Old Bakery, New
Street
Replacement of retail unit front door.
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.
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.
S.21/2440/FUL Land Between 15 And
16 Upper Washwell
Demolition of 8 No garages and the
construction of a dwelling (C3).

CONSENT

S.21/2027/FUL Land At Jacks Green,
Sheepscombe
Erection of an agricultural storage
building.
S.21/2074/HHOLD Meadow
House, Slad
Erection of extensions.
S.21/2099/HHOLD Wild Acre,
Back Edge Lane, Edge
Erection of single storey side extension.
S.21/1956/TCA The Skippets, Damsells
Mill Lane, Sheepscombe
T1 & T2 - Ash - Fell.
S.21/2186/TCA The Chur, Bisley Street

T1 Laburnum - Remove, it's dead.
S.21/1283/LBC Castle Hale, Stamages
Lane
Additional canopy above door on the
North-East Elevation. No changes to the
building's existing fabric and the canopy
will match the existing aesthetic.
S.21/1765/HHOLD Hambutts
House, Edge Road
Replacement windows to front (South)
and side (East) elevations and removal of
lean-to porch at rear of entrance gate.
S.21/1826/FUL Land Adjoining
Greenacres, Cheltenham Road
Erection of a dwelling (Renewal of
S.15/1002/FUL & S.18/1153/FUL).
S.21/1852/HHOLD Little Gables,
The Highlands
Demolition of garages and rear extension.
Erection of two storey rear extension &
single storey front extension.
S.21/1855/HHOLD Yew Tree
House, Edge
Proposed detached cart shed garage.
S.21/1781/FUL Castle Godwyn,
Paradise
Erection of timber log store.

WITHDRAWN

S.21/0806/LBC Cardynham House,
Tibbiwell Lane
Change of use from hotel (C1) and
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Personal Column

Welcome

Many people may remember BRIAN HASLETT, who lived in Painswick for some years, first in Cotswold Mead, then in Vicarage Street with his late wife Audrey. He has been living in Ledbury Herefordshire but has just returned to Richmond Village Nursing Home to be near to his daughter & son-in-law who live in Ruscombe.

Condolences

To the friends and family of JOHN HULME who died peacefully on October 10th. With his wife Barbara, John ran the Central Stores in New Street from 1959 to 2002. He was a Parish Councillor for many years, former Painswickian of the Year and a keen bowls player. He had 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He will be missed.

To the family and friends of DAPHNE HUDSON who died peacefully at Rashford Care Home, Droitwich on September 13th. For many years Daphne was very actively involved in Painswick life and always considered it to be her home.

Farewell to a loving gentle sister MAUREEN ANN CUTAJAR (nee Chandler) formerly of Juniper Cottages, Wick Street who died on October 10th. She was an ex-pupil of the original Painswick Council School. Her funeral will be held on November 8th at 12.00 noon at St Mary's Church, Painswick. Happy memories from Kathleen, Ted and Billy Chandler.

Remembrance display

The importance of remembering the part played by the men and women of Painswick during two World Wars and other conflicts cannot be stressed enough.

Accordingly a display commemorating the fallen of the two World Wars will be in St Mary's Church from 6th November for about two weeks.

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Congratulations

To JANET AND DAVID CRISPIN of Cotswold Mead who recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married on 28th October 1961 at Batheaston Methodist Church.



To REX MCGOWAN who celebrated his 100th birthday on 12th October [See article page 6]

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.

Pete the fish

After a couple of weeks away for hospital treatment and then a family bereavement Pete is now back selling his lovely fish every Friday morning, 9.00 to 11.00, in the Town Hall car park.

Please continue to support him.

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