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No date set for Broadham work

The temporary traffic lights below Broadham on the A46 may be in place for some time, with no date set for work to improve safety at the site. The latest problems started when Ash trees suffering from Ash dieback were removed a couple of months ago, opening up the valley bottom and exposing a steep drop that had not been as evident before. However they came on top of longstanding problems with blocked drains that have led to frequent flooding there.

All this came to a head in January when a burst water pipe coincided with a serious accident, with a car going over the edge of the road. To prevent further accidents, the road has been reduced to a single carriageway controlled by lights, while the County Council 'give consideration to the creation of a permanent barrier'.

Painswick's County Councillor, Sue Williams, says she understands an Inspector is visiting the site in the first week of March to make recommendations, but until that is done there is no time frame for action. Realistically it seems likely that the traffic lights will be in place for several weeks if not months.



The traffic lights have been leading to queues at peak times

Future of New Drive field in the balance Residents await decision on preferred purchaser



The 'For Sale' board has been evident on Stamages Lane for some time and unconditional offers were required by 10th February, but at the time of writing, there is still no news of a decision on the future of the field off New Drive, between Kemps Lane and Stamages Lane.

Following the refusal of planning permission for development of eight houses on the site and confirmation of the refusal on appeal, the current owners decided to offer the land for sale. It was marketed with an existing planning permission to build one house just off Stamages Lane, a house that if built would largely block access to the rest of the site for further development. Potential purchasers would have the option though of applying again for permission for a larger development.

The question of who buys the site and what their intentions are, is therefore a matter of great concern for a significant number of nearby residents. It is understood that one group of residents has put in an offer to buy either the whole site or just the part that is currently without planning permission.



For those who receive their Beacon on Friday you have the opportunity to see 'King Richard' this evening at the Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30pm

Coming soon to Painswick



Ben Waters
12th March
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Jess Gillam
9th April
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Platinum Jubilee
2nd - 5th June
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

from the meetings held on 16th February

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 at 7pm.

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

Public Questions

Concerns were raised by a member of the public about the state of the road and construction vehicle parking at the top of Tibbiwell relating to the development of Cardynham House. It was agreed that the Clerk pass the concerns to the District Council's Planning Department.

Apologies for absence. Cllrs Jamie Cross and Roey Parker.

Matters requiring a decision

a. S.21/2625/HOLD. Hambutts End, Edge Road.
Rebuild garage on existing base. (Revised plans)

The Members commented that the changes were not sufficient to warrant a change to the original application. The Clerk had already requested that the application be considered by the District Council's Development Control Committee.

b. S.22/0006/HHOLD. Laburnum Cottage, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe.
Erection of rear first floor extension.

The Members agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the design was out of character. The proposal was "not in scale and overbearing".

c. S.21/2962/LBC. Lower Flat, The Manse, Gloucester Street.

Maintenance on two walls. Agreed to support.

S.21/2823/HHOLD. The Old Vicarage, Slad Road, Slad.

Erection of single storey addition, detached car port, pool pavilion, pool shed & landscaping proposals. Agreed to support.

e. S.22/0137/HHOLD. Beechwood Cottage, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe.
Replacement of existing roof light with dormer window. Agreed to "No comment".

f. S.22/0174/AFP. Hammonds Farm, Wick Street.

Erection of agricultural building and polytunnel. Agreed to support.

g. S.22/0114/HOLD. Meadow Bank, Kings Mill Lane.

Replacement of existing driveway entrance and pedestrian gates.

The Members agreed to object to this application following the concerns expressed by Gloucestershire County Council's Highways Department.

h. S.22/0249/FUL. The Worthing, Sheepscombe.

Renovation, of existing property including new external cladding, first floor extension and addition of roof terrace. Agreed to support.

i. S.22/0124/TCA. Trees at Lower Washwell Lane. To fell a Pine tree (T1). Agreed to support.

j. S.22/01222/TCA. Gyde House, Gyde Road. (T58) Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*) – Pruning.

(T59). Purple Leaved Maple (*Acer platanoides* Crimson King) – Crown reduction works.

(T60). Purple Leaved Maple (*Acer* Crimson King) – crown reduction works.
(T12) Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) – Remove. Agreed to support.

The meeting ended at 7.37pm.

PARISH COUNCIL at 7.47pm.

Present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Kate Amos, Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Abigail Smith. Also present: County Councillor Sue Williams.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs James Cross, Roey Parker and Rob Lewis.

Cllr Edward Boulton

The Chairman informed the Members that Cllr Boulton was leaving the area and had submitted his resignation. Cllr Slinger expressed his appreciation for the contribution made by Cllr Boulton to the work of the Council.

Reports

County Council. Cllr Williams who was present at the meeting had submitted a written report, the full details of which are on the Parish Council's web site.

A46 at Broadham. Cllr Williams advised the Members of the situation on the A46 close to Broadham. She explained that she had spoken with the County Council about her concerns for the safety of traffic following the felling of a number of trees because of Ash Die Back. The removal of the trees had exposed a considerable drop to the ground below. The County Council had placed temporary traffic lights on the A46 causing traffic to keep to the centre of the road whilst they gave consideration to the creation of a permanent barrier.

Budget. The Budget proposed by the Cabinet to the County Council sees an increase of more than £37 million from the 2021/22 budget. The budget includes a council tax increase of 1.99% which is planned to secure around £10.2 million for services and a 1% adult social care levy, identifying around £3.7 million to help protect vulnerable adults. Based on a Band D property, this equates to a monthly increase of about £3.50.

Cllr Williams told the Beacon that she invites residents to contact her for information about the County Council's work via her email address:

Susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk or by her mobile: 07766 318854.

Chairman. Cllr Slinger said that he hoped the Parish Council would be able to complete its cycle of meetings without further disruption as had been the case with the problems of Covid. He referred to the Community Support Group and its Friday morning "The Painswick Hub" which welcomes everyone to have a tea, coffee, cake and chat. The Group would appreciate more volunteers. Please contact painswickcommunity@gmail.com
Cllr Slinger referred to Cllr Boulton's



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departure and said the Parish Council would be seeking a replacement. He spoke of Painswick's continuing parking problems and said that he was disappointed that some drivers were not adhering to parking times at the main car park. He made mention of the A46 traffic problems at Broadham and the continuing need for traffic lights. See County Councillor's report.

Community Defibrillator (Painswick Golf Club)

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that a grant from the County Council's Build Back Better Fund for the new defibrillator had been received. The Members thanked Cllr Sue Williams for her report.

Update on the Tree Planting Scheme

This item was deferred.

Accounts

The Members approved the accounts as presented.

Reports from Parish Council representatives

Cllrs Rosie Nash and Ian Massey had attended a meeting of the Gyde Trust. Cllr Abigail Smith had met with Susie Andrews in regard to Her Majesty's Jubilee Celebrations.

Ward reports

A sunken drain in Vicarage Street was to be reported. Work was required on the pedestrian access to the Recreation Ground from the A46 as it was very muddy. Enquiries had been made about the installation of Electronic Chargers in the Town Hall car park.

Parish Plan. This would be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Slad. There had been house break-ins and car thefts recently.

Edge. There had been several instances of fly tipping on Edge Common.

Recreation Ground. The badger compound fence will be slightly enlarged. There was a need to trim some trees close to the pavilion to avoid electric wiring.

War Memorial

There was to be a meeting with Mark Hemmings, the District Council's Tree Officer. There was to be a report to the Rural Environment Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Village Quiz cancelled

The Beacon Village Quiz will not go ahead this year as not enough teams have entered to make it worth while holding.

The Quiz has been an important village event over a period of many years, bringing together a mix of societies and groups for an enjoyable social evening, but the Beacon team will review the format and feasibility of the event before deciding on arrangements for next year.

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Costs for Pitchcombe, Edge and postal deliveries vary and are notified separately.

Some historic crimes in March

1842 John Chandler, labourer, age 34, guilty of assaulting Ann Tunley. Six weeks hard labour or pay £2 and 13s 3d costs.

1872 Edward Bowles, 'an old man', guilty of stealing 35 lbs of wheat, the property of Daniel Holbrow his master. He had worked for him for over 30 years and Holbrow recommended leniency. One month hard labour. Stroud Journal

Joseph Foxwell, labourer, several times previously convicted, charged with being drunk and riotous in Bisley Street and offering to fight Albert Merchant. Fined 5/- and 6/- costs. Stroud Journal

A very complicated case involving Lander and Summers, neighbours. The Lander children were playing outside Thomas Summers' door. He told them to go away, they swore and threatened him, he reacted. They all threw stones at each other, the children's mother appeared and ran at Summers with a broom and he pushed her to the ground. The children threw stones and mud at the windows of Summers' house. And so it went on. Apparently this had been an ongoing situation for some time. The Bench, tired of listening, dismissed the case advising Mrs Lander 'to teach her children to spend Sundays more profitably'. Stroud Journal

Carol Maxwell



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March at The Painswick Centre



If you missed the award-winning free range fried chicken from Gurt Wings on Thursday 3rd March, not to worry. We're delighted to be bringing more takeaway Food Nights to Painswick:

Thurs 10th March Bella Mia Pizza (sourdough perfection)
Sat 12th March Soul Fries (loaded fries extraordinaire)

Anything But Board, our brilliant new games session, is back on Sat 12th from 3-9pm in the Skittle Alley and on the second Saturday of every month. The bar is open (so you can come in just for a drink, you don't have to play), and you don't even need to come in a group as our resident gamer will be ready to play your pick of our board & table top games with you. Perfect for families and groups of friends, snacks & drinks available, and this time Soul Fries will be there too (see above) so you can grab some tea while you play. Tickets £3.50, group discounts available; more info & booking on our website.

Sat 12th also happens to be when legendary rock & roll pianist Ben Waters returns to the Centre (he was last here 20 years ago). Ben has played with Ronnie Wood, the Stones, PJ Harvey, Rod Stewart, Chuck Berry, Jools Holland.... His gigs are renowned for being barnstorming sets so this is going to be a cracker of a night. Maybe come and have a warm-up drink at Anything But Board, some dinner from Soul Fries, and then get yourself into the Beacon Hall for an awesome evening of boogie piano. Doors open 7.30pm, tickets £14, bar open, more info on our website.



Ben Waters - at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 12th March

Thank you to everyone who has come to the Centre so far this year, whether it's been to our preloved clothing sale

Bootique, to the Bounce & Play session over half term, to any of our regular fitness classes or sports sessions, to visit the café, to the Oak's disco night, to a workshop or art class, or to the lovely cinema night that is Wick-Flix. We are working hard to fulfil our charitable remit to improve the lives of the community – we're open to all ideas and are always keen to support local businesses, so get in touch if you have any ideas!

Always check our social media and website (www.painswickcentre.com) for up-to-date listings, and our noticeboards at the bottom of Bisley Street are also a great place to find out what's happening.

Susie Andrews



Wick-Flix is delighted to be back and thanks to some of our stalwarts and newcomers, the small but select group clearly indicated how much they enjoyed our return in February with a showing of No Time To Die, and by the time you read this, our March showing of King Richard. We look forward to continuing to provide Painswick with the best Community cinema. Our next showing will be on Friday 1st April when we plan to show West Side Story – but keep an eye out online and for our posters which will confirm the film.

Forthcoming films

In the months ahead we hope to show the following films; although we can't guarantee what will be available when for us to show, this gives you an idea of what to look forward to:

- The Dream Horse
- Belfast
- Death on the Nile
- The Last Bus
- The Duke

Covid Safety Regulations

We have a new seating layout in the Beacon Hall removing rows of seats whilst adding more tables. This new layout may have further 'tweaks' in the coming months to ensure a good balance between numbers, safety and comfort.

A further change is to ensure good ventilation throughout the hall - the outer doors will remain open and the windows in the kitchen area will also be opened. We will do our best to keep the temperature up in the Hall to ward off the cold, but we also recommend wearing warmer clothing in these colder months.

Wick-Flix Steering Group

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A Royal Pilgrimage through Gloucestershire

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club's next meeting will take place in Box Village Hall, GL6 9HJ, on Tuesday 15th March at 2.30 pm. Alan Pilbeam makes a welcome return to talk about the arrival of Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn, and Thomas Cromwell in Gloucestershire in 1535, at the start of what proved to be a momentous period in English history. Many of the properties visited on the Royal 'progress' – Priors, Abbeys, Castles and grand Manor Houses – are still standing today. Join us on this journey. We welcome visitors to our meetings which conclude with refreshments; members pay £1 and visitors £4.



To follow up our March 2nd meeting, when Simon Trapnell talked about 'Nature in Art', we have organised a visit to Wallsworth Hall, the home of the Nature in Art Museum and Art Gallery, on Friday 25th March. In the afternoon we have a guided tour of Hasfield Court led by the owners. This house, with its unusual 'French Mannerist Revival' exterior, has outstanding views of the Severn Vale and the Cotswold ridge beyond. Edward Elgar stayed at Hasfield on many occasions and members of the owner's family inspired some of his 'Enigma Variations'. Please contact me for last minute places.

A visit to Hawkwood College in May has been arranged by my colleague Peter Cornish, alongside visits to Lydney Harbour and Lydney Spring Gardens. More details next month.

Jane E Rowe 813228



Thomas Cromwell
once Painswick's Lord of the Manor
now star of stage and screen
(and Box Village Hall)

Love Painswick: call out to local businesses big & small

The next Love Painswick community fair will be taking place on Saturday 21st May, and we are already working on making this the best one yet. Thanks to funding awarded by Gloucestershire County Council, we will be able to make the most of our outside space for the event so it can be bigger and better than before.



Mary Portas chatting with local entrepreneur Sandie Randle at the Love Painswick fair, May 2021

The Love Painswick fair (which took place twice last year) was conceived as a collaborative effort to showcase and support our local businesses, to help sow the seeds of economic regeneration, and to provide a day of fun for people to enjoy after many long months of lockdown. The valleys in which Painswick is nestled contain a huge amount of talent and innovation, but those of us living here don't always know about the amazing things happening right on our doorstep. Love Painswick is about giving those businesses a chance to show off what they do and engage their local audience, while it gives locals and visitors an opportunity to discover just how much these valleys have to offer.

The fair will be about much more than simply stalls selling things (although there will be those too); there will be lots to see and do, and it will be full of experiences and opportunities to try things out. We want to have as many local businesses and skilled people involved as possible. If you have a skill, service, trade, or product, and would like to talk to us about how you can showcase it at the fair, please get in touch with Susie: marketing@painswickcentre.com

Susie Andrews

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Policing and Farming

2022 got off to an excellent start for the ladies of Yew Trees WI when Dr Timothy Brain, former Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, gave an excellent, and very thought provoking talk, on “Contemporary Policing Issues”. His audience was made to consider “what do the police do and what are the police for”? His talk given at a romping pace was full of fascinating graphs and statistics as well as background history of the police across the country (by far the largest force being the Met - hitting the headlines at the moment). There is no act of parliament declaring the statutory duties of the Police force. While the original prime duties were to prevent crime, the detection of crime came later and more recently, to protect the vulnerable, was added. When Dr Brain ended his talk his audience’s heads were left buzzing, considering how we see our police force and how we would like to see them.



While we pondered these questions during our break we were delighted to be served mulled wine accompanied by delicious salted almonds, sent annually from Spain by Christopher Piper-Short, and very much appreciated.

On Tuesday 22nd March Martin Slinger will be our guest talking on “Farming Then and Now”. As we know this will be of interest to many it is an ‘Open Meeting’ which means that both male and female guests will be warmly welcome; £4 each 7.30 p.m. in The Church Rooms.

Celia Lougher 812624

Monteverdi and Corigliano

On 3rd February Dr Tim Brain delivered a lecture on the life and works of Monteverdi [1567-1643], a major forerunner in the development of music. He illustrated his talk with excerpts from several of the composer’s most famous works that included his books of madrigals, the operas Orfeo and the coronation of Poppea, in addition to the magnificent mass, the Vespers.



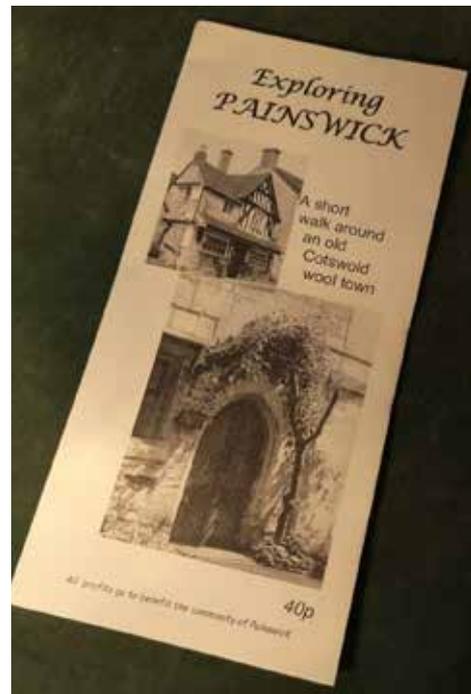
Dr Brain explained that Monteverdi used great harmonic freedom, varied orchestration and also sensitive and dramatic recitative in his compositions. As in all of his previous presentations to PMAG, Dr Brain spoke in his customary lively and informed style. We look forward to his next visit later in the year when his subject will be Elgar.

On 17th February Ann Williams, a stalwart of PMAG, joshed with the membership with the title of her presentation – ‘Corigliano – that well known composer!’ At the outset Ann revealed the identity of the less well known American composer who wrote music in a contemporary style in each genre of music. Ann proved to be a great advocate of his unfamiliar sound and originality.

Ann delivered her talk in her customary light and jovial manner and she fulfilled a main objective of the society i.e. to introduce new composers to the membership.
Howard Allen - Chairman PMAG.

Exploring Painswick

An updated version of the leaflet 'Exploring Painswick – A short walk around an old Cotswold wool town' has just been printed. This leaflet, produced by Yew Trees WI, costs 40p per copy and is popular with visitors because, as well as a map pointing out places of historical interest, it gives general information on where to eat and drink.



The Tourist Information Centre and the Rococo Garden are the main sales outlets; the aim being that the modest profits should benefit the local community. Since 2013 nearly £700 has been raised, most of which has been donated to the upkeep of the Churchyard’s Christmas lights. If any owners of self-catering accommodation or bed and breakfast establishments would like to purchase a supply, please ring either Celia on 812624 or Diana on 690989.

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Continuing problems of antisocial behaviour

Just recently the grazier of Rudge Hill had a cow abort her calf. This is the second such incident in three years and was deeply distressing for the cow and the farmer. It was caused by a disease called neospora which is transmitted through dog faeces. The consequence of this is he may well stop grazing the common. Leaving dog mess on the ground in public areas is completely unacceptable, as is bagging it then throwing the bag into the undergrowth. Not only is it grim to stand in or get on your clothing but there are about eight human diseases which can be transmitted by it.



It has been shown that soil in areas near car parks, frequently used for exercising dogs, gradually increase in fertility. This is not desirable as our precious limestone grassland relies on poor fertility soil to flourish. Other activities which cause problems are horse and bike riding (this has particularly affected the golf club), professional dog walking, littering and fly tipping, lighting fires and BBQs, flying drones and metal detecting, parking on verges and even walking. Some of these activities are not allowed on Sites of Special Interest, others on specified areas only and some are criminal acts.

Covid has led to an increase in dog ownership and encouraged many more people to use the countryside. This is a good thing, but it does seem that many do not respect the countryside or worry about the consequences of their actions. This is a problem experienced by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, The National Trust, Natural England, Butterfly Conservation and other conservation organisations. There is a growing awareness amongst these bodies that something needs to be done, but it will take a concerted effort and considerable funding. Site wardens, to engage with visitors in car parks, and issuing leaflets explaining an updated countryside code and why the site is important are two options. Buying adjacent land and wilding it is an option taking traction. These areas can then be used for recreation and help take the pressure from SSSIs. Unfortunately such land is expensive due to the pressure to build more houses. However, developers are coming under more legislative pressure to provide better outcomes for nature and amenity green spaces.

On a more upbeat note our cows are doing a wonderful job and are now in another area which hasn't been grazed for decades. This is only possible because of the NoFence system. It is based around the new water trough in Victoria Quarry (below the round table), across the track into Long Quarry and along the bridle way into the woods behind the newly laid 3rd green. We will be working on this bridle way to open it up and create a woodland ride similar to those recently done in Buckholt Woods.

Paul Baxter. 07971 633 242



Antisocial behaviour by the cows, or free car wash service? Photo by Pippa Dickinson.

Probus Club Charles Dickens: His Story and His Message

On Wednesday 2nd Feb 2022 Dr Keith Hooper addressed the Club. Born in 1963, Keith did not become interested in poetry or Victorian literature until he was in his thirties. Picking up David Copperfield from his father's bookshelf, he fell in love with the works of Charles Dickens, and the nineteenth century classics. Despite having no formal qualification in English, other than an 'O' level from school, he was accepted as a PhD student at the University of Exeter. Awarded a doctorate in 2009, he was commissioned by an Oxford publisher to write a biography of Charles Dickens which was the basis of his talk.



Charles Dickens was a great storyteller, possessing the unique ability to document the realities of life for both his contemporaries and future generations. A journalist, commentator, historian, and the social conscience of a nation, Dickens' influence and reach extended far beyond that normally associated with a novelist. He used his books to to inform politicians on poverty in London, drawing on his father's experience in a debtors' prison. Dickens grew to be one of Queen Victoria's favourite authors, and became well-connected in high society. He met with three prime ministers and several US presidents.

By the way, Charles Dickens was not the source of the expression 'What the dickens...!' which was in use before both Dickens' and Shakespeare's times!

Henry Hall

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A busy start to the year

It's been a busy snowdrop season with the usual mix of weather we have come to know and love – more storms! Numerous days of high winds often meant parts of the Garden were closed for safety reasons but we have been delighted to see so many people who have been unable to visit for the past couple of years. The snowdrops are so special and visitors never cease to be amazed at the scale and beauty of their annual spring show.



We were also very pleased to welcome the MP for Stroud, Siobhan Baillie, who came to find out more about us and the great work we do. Siobhan had lots of questions which we were delighted to answer and really enjoyed digging up some leeks in the Kitchen Garden for use in homemade soup in our Café.

Things are usually a little quieter in March so regular visitors can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the Garden as the spring sunshine warms up. We are open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 until 5, with no advance booking needed. Already catching my eye is the promise of our annual display of spring bulbs which for me bring feelings of promise and renewal. Another 12,000 daffodils were planted last autumn by our team of staff and volunteers throughout the smaller of our two orchards. On the bank above the orchard we've also planted 3,000 late flowering Narcissus 'Geranium', which will follow on from the snowdrops. If last year is anything to go by, the carpet of dazzling yellow will be astonishing!

I will finish by looking forward to summer. We've been busy finalising our programme of outdoor events, and tickets are now on sale for the Handlebards performance of "Twelfth Night" which they will bring us (by bike!) on Friday 1st July. We are also looking forward to IKP's family-friendly "Rapunzel" on August Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August. For more info visit rococogarden.org.uk.

That's it for this month. I do encourage you to make space to recharge your emotional batteries by spending some quality time outdoors at the Rococo Garden. It enhances my life – I hope it will yours.

Tim Toghill, trustee & volunteer

Plans for the Jubilee celebration

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated across a 4-day weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the Painswick community to come together. With this in mind a meeting was held recently at which representatives from many local groups and organisations looked at what was already being planned and considered what other events and activities might be organised to make this a very special Painswick occasion. There were lots of wonderful ideas resulting in a proposed schedule for what is hoped will be village-wide celebrations:

Thursday 2nd June	Lighting of the Beacon
Friday 3rd June	Street tea parties with your neighbours
Saturday 4th June	Sports tournaments
Sunday 5th June	The Big Jubilee Lunch

There are also plans to give everyone a chance before the Jubilee to create their own flag for some community bunting, which will be an amazing snapshot of the village in 2022 and would be a lasting legacy to be enjoyed at the Jubilee and at future community events.



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This is such a remarkable jubilee – 70 years being the longest any monarch has reigned in this country. If you have any photos of the Queen's coronation in 1953, or subsequent jubilee parties, perhaps you would be willing for copies to be made which could then be part of what would be a historically significant local display (contact details below).

Next steps include applying for some Jubilee funding, and also to get people together who'd like to be involved in making it happen so that real planning can go ahead in earnest. If you'd like to help with any particular aspect of this, please contact Susie Andrews (on behalf of everyone involved so far) at marketing@painswickcentre.com. Many hands make light work!

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Painswick Community Support Update

Friday Community Hub Cafe

The Friday Community Hub cafe seems to be thriving and we have received lots of positive feedback from both those attending and the volunteers running it. Many thanks to those who have donated cakes and helped to run the cafe. Do pop in for a coffee and delicious home-made cakes - we are open every Friday 9.30am -11am at the Town Hall. All are welcome.

Richmond Village has kindly offered to host the Friday Community Hub cafe on a quarterly basis. The first one will take place in the Auditorium on Friday March 25th 9.30am-11am and all are welcome. (Please note that limited parking is available)

New opening times from April 1st.

We are slightly changing the opening times of the Friday Community Hub cafe starting from April 1st to 10am -11.30. This is taking into account feedback from villagers and means we also align more closely with the library, post office and fish van.

Community Agents

As mentioned in last month's Beacon, we are arranging occasional drop-in visits to the Friday Hub from community agents who can provide information and advice.

The first of these took place on Friday February 11th with Suzie Walker, the local Community Wellbeing agent, dropping in to the Hub to meet and chat to villagers and explain her role and the help she could offer to the community. If you want to get in touch with Suzie, she is available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Suzie Walker, Independence Trust 07960 197078

Future Dates for your Diary

Friday March 4th - drop-in visit from Chris Walker (Community Engagement Officer for Age UK.)

Friday March 11th - drop-in visit from Debbie Collicott and PC Lee Kattenhorn (Police Community Officers)

Gardening Assistance Scheme

Are you a tenant of Stroud District Council? Are you struggling to maintain your garden due to age or ill health?

If so, you may be eligible for a new subsidised Gardening Assistance Scheme offered by Stroud Town Council with Down to Earth Stroud.

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Food Waste and Recycling

We are talking to other passionate organisations about this topical issue of food waste/recycling and looking at how other community hubs in the Stroud area are tackling this in inspiring and creative ways. We hope to work collaboratively with other interested parties in Painswick to address this in the near future.

If you have any comments or questions on any of the above or any other suggestions for what the community needs or are in need of help or support, please contact us on painswickcommunitysupport@gmail.com or call us on 07956203087.

Delyth Allen, on behalf of Painswick Community Support

Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)

Following the Patient Group meeting with the Practice in January we are now pleased to be helping with the development of a new Surgery website. This system will be based on one used by several other practices locally and is likely to include a replacement for the eConsult system current in Painswick. Whilst that has proved helpful to the efficiency of the Practice, especially in the highly pressurised pandemic period, it was not universally popular with patients.

In our February news we invited volunteers for membership of the Patient Group and I am pleased to say that Royden Hales came forward – we are pleased to welcome him. The other members beside myself are: Angela Crossley (Birdlip); Anthony Fisher; Jane Rowe; Jennifer Stark and Tony Pryce (Upton). We still have one vacancy - if you are interested in coming forward please contact me through painswickppg@gmail.com.

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News from St Mary's

Ash Wednesday was on 2nd March, marking the beginning of Lent. Lent lasts for six weeks and is traditionally associated with the 40 days which Jesus spent in the desert before beginning his public ministry. It was a time for him to be alone with God to think through how his public ministry would be shaped. Various temptations came to him which might appeal to the Jewish people. All of these temptations were rejected in favour of a ministry of serving, preaching about the Kingdom of God and healing the sick.



How should we observe Lent mirroring this time Jesus spent in the desert? Time was when Christians would forgo some luxury in life such as eating chocolates or drinking alcohol. Nowadays the accent is more on observing a spiritual discipline. This could be extra giving towards people in need; extra time spent in Bible study and prayer; participating in a Lent course or helping with a food bank. What will you be doing?

Each month we are holding a monthly benefice service when all the churches in the benefice come together for worship at St Mary's. This is being held on the first Sunday of the month so the March benefice service will be on 6th March at 10 o'clock. The service will be led by the Archdeacon of Gloucester, The Venerable Hilary Dawson. Do make a special effort to attend this service. All are welcome whether you are a regular church attender or not.

Mothering Sunday is always celebrated in March. This is a day when with thanksgiving we especially remember our mothers and all that we owe to them. It dates from the time when many girls worked in service and this was the day when they had the opportunity to go home and greet their mothers. The Mothering Sunday service on 27th March will be led by the Beacon Praise team commencing at 10 o'clock.

March is the month when the daffodils come into flower. To me they are the harbinger of Spring. Enjoy the Spring; enjoy Lent.

David Newell

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The dreaded workhouse

The stigma attached to the Workhouse still lingers, even though most of them closed about 80 years ago. At the February meeting of the local history society Chas Townley gave a very full presentation on the Stroud Workhouse, which of course served to take in the very poor of Painswick.



Before 1834 Painswick, like all parishes, took care of its poor and destitute, generally philanthropically, by housing them in the old stockhouse (situated where the war memorial now stands) or placing them in houses within the town. All changed with the Poor Law Amendment Act which created a very different attitude i.e. the poor were poor because they were feckless and lazy and were therefore undeserving of kindness. The new Union workhouses, of which Stroud was one, were stark, cold, basic and very tough. Stroud workhouse was built to house 500 people from the Stroud valleys. The censuses describe the inmates as paupers, idiots, bastards and the like even though many were simply infirm. The work was gruelling, food almost inedible, families split up permanently.



Stroud Workhouse on the hill above the Cemetery.
The building, between Bisley Road and Bisley Old Road is still there today

By the 20th century more and more inmates were in fact sick, infirm or mentally unwell and increasingly Stroud workhouse effectively resembled a hospital rather than an institution for paupers. At one point interestingly it housed the only maternity unit in Stroud. In 1934 modernisation was necessary and this prompted much discussion as to its future. In 1938 it was declared unfit for sick people and after many council meetings the decision was taken to close it in 1939 just days before the outbreak of war. The building was subsequently used for a variety of purposes and today houses a set of very respectable apartments. We are so fortunate to live in a time with care services and the NHS. The stigma and indeed the fear and dread of being put into the workhouse have thankfully long gone.

Next month Howard Beard will present some of the wonderful photographs from his vast collection of the Stroud valleys – always fascinating and inspiring. Tuesday, 15th March, 7.30pm, Croft School.

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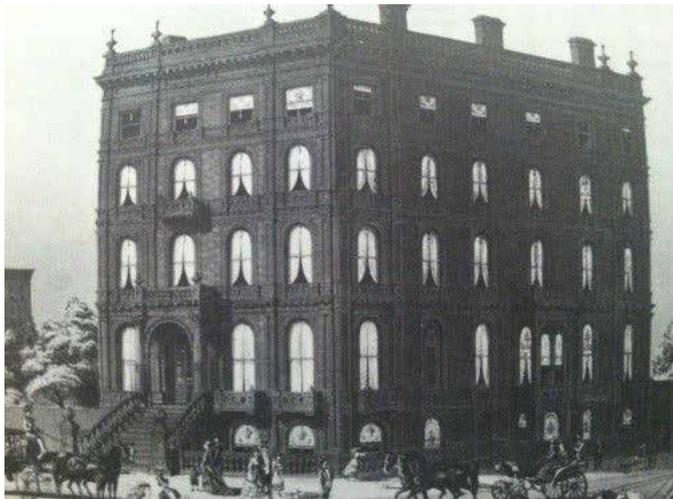
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Ann Trow (Madame Restell)

New York abortionist whose life ended in tragedy

Depending on your point of view, Ann Trow was either an early feminist hero or 'The wickedest woman in New York', as a 19th century booklet described her. But there was no hint that either would be a likely outcome when she was born to a very ordinary family in Painswick in 1811. Her father was an agricultural labourer at Pitchcombe. She started work as a maid at the age of 15 and in 1829 at about 17, she was married to a tailor in Wootton Bassett, Henry Summers, giving birth to a daughter the following year. Then in 1831 the family emigrated to New York, where Henry died soon after, leaving Ann at barely 20, as a single mother in a foreign land, thousands of miles from home.



Madame Restell's residence on 5th Avenue / 52nd Street

Somehow she survived, and around 1836 she met and married Charles Lohman, a printer at the New York Herald, a little older than her and much better educated. He's said to have been something of a radical and was printing tracts about contraception and population control. With his encouragement, Ann started to develop a business offering medicines that would help with contraception or with unwanted pregnancies. She had no medical training and her powders and pills were simply traditional folk remedies based on herbs, but she invented a story of having been trained in France and used the name Madame Restell.

delicate or precarious health forbids a too rapid increase of family' and she offered treatment for 'irregularity or suppression of those functions of nature upon which the health of every female depends', which required 'but a few days to effect perfect cure'. Abortion was not illegal at the time, provided it was done before the mother first felt the baby move, and if Ann's various remedies were unsuccessful in causing a termination, she would abort by mechanical methods, reportedly charging \$20 to poor women or \$100 to the wealthy. Certainly it was enough to make her both wealthy and famous. After being denounced by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, she established herself in a mansion on 5th Avenue, right next to the site where St Patrick's Cathedral was to be built.

Newspaper advertisements were coy about exactly what she was selling. There were Preventive Powders for 'married ladies whose



A goblet, once belonging to Madame Restell, now in Painswick

But she had powerful enemies and had to suffer more than one brush with the law. In 1845 New York State passed a law making abortion illegal at any time. Soon afterwards, Ann was arrested and sentenced to a year in prison. After release she continued to sell medicines, but said she would no longer offer surgical abortions. She became a US citizen in 1854 (which required certification of her as a person of good character), but a campaigner called Anthony Comstock was determined to put her out of business. A federal law in 1873, which became known as the Comstock Law, made it illegal to sell or advertise anything 'designed or intended for the prevention of conception or procuring of abortion'.

Comstock himself then turned up at Madame Restell's house pretending to want help for his wife and was sold some pills, before returning with a police officer. This time there was to be no trial. On April 1st 1878, Madame Restell of New York, or Ann Trow of Painswick, was found dead in her bath with her throat slit.



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Painswick Music Society – 76th Season

Following our much delayed 75th anniversary season finally held last autumn, we return to the spring for our 76th season with four concerts which promise to be equally memorable. We open with our old friends the Carducci Quartet, joined on this occasion by the concert pianist Clare Hammond who together are playing Schumann's great Piano Quintet in E flat, one of my favourite chamber works. The remainder of the programme comprises quartets by Fanny Mendelssohn and Shostakovich, and if you are not familiar with the music of Fanny Mendelssohn, I can promise that you are in for a treat. Our second concert is by the saxophonist Jess Gillam,



Saxophonist Jess Gillam - coming to Painswick on April 9th

who, since being the woodwind finalist in the BBC Young Musician competition, has established herself as one of outstanding performers of our day, noted for her infectious personality, and passion for bringing joy to people through music. She is also the youngest ever presenter on Radio 3 where she hosts her own award winning weekly show and podcast called 'This Classical Life'. Together with pianist James Baillieu, Jess is playing original pieces and arrangements ranging from Telemann and Poulenc to Piazzolla and Chilly Gonzales – definitely one to encourage young people to come to.

The same is true of our next concert, a very welcome return by the choral group Voces8, whose performances in 2016 and 2019 have been among our most popular in recent years. Their programmes are always brilliantly constructed, and this one is no exception, perfectly suited to these times. It is

entitled Stardust - Choral Music Celebrating Natural and Spiritual Regeneration, recognising loss, beauty, love and joy, and comprises music by composers from the Renaissance to the present day, as well as jazz standard arrangements. The concert takes its title from a new commission for the group by the American composer Taylor Scott Davis. Our final concert is by the brilliant charismatic young Jordanian-Palestinian pianist, Iyad Sughayer, whom I recently heard give a mightily impressive recital at St George's, Brandon Hill. Iyad studied at Chetham's School of Music, the Royal Northern College of Music and Trinity Laban Conservatoire where he won the College's prestigious Gold Medal, and he is a recent prize-winner at the Young Classical Artists Trust (YCAT) International Auditions. His first CD, released in 2019, received great critical acclaim and he is about to release a second. Iyad's programme is a most attractive one, comprising works by Haydn, Schubert, Schumann and Sibelius, as well as a beautiful newly commissioned work by Helen Ottaway.



Iyad Sughayer - 14th May

Membership, giving access to all four concerts costs £55 (a saving of £31 compared with the cost of four single tickets) and we are, for the first time, offering a £10 membership (season ticket) for under18's and students in full time education. Tickets for individual concerts are £20 for the Carducci Quartet with Clare Hammond and Iyad Sughayer, and £23 for Jess Gillam and Voces8, and £5 for under18s and full time students. Membership and individual tickets may be bought online at www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk or, subject to availability, at the door, but to avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to book well ahead. For all ticket and membership enquiries contact Edward Bowron tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk or 07789 006006. Please note that all seats are unreserved except those for committee members, and you may wish to bring a cushion to sit on. Voces8's concert starts at 4pm and the others at 3pm and we hope very much to see you there.

Christopher Swain – Chairman

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Mills, Hayley
Rentzenbrink, Cathy

Manifesto – on never giving up
The Flightless Traveller
Short Walks in Beautiful Places
Forever Young – her autobiography
Write it all down

Croc-N-Roll

These guitar-led musical sessions for pre-school children have been very popular and, Covid permitting, will continue this month. Sessions lasting 30 minutes will held be at the Library on March 2nd, 16th and 30th starting at 2.30pm. There is no need to pre book and a nominal charge of £1 (cash only please) per child.

Junior

Bright, Rachel
Daugherty, C J
Fleming, Lucy

The Whale who wanted More
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Ella's Night Lights
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Jottings

Self-Sufficiency in food production in this country was 78% in 1984, dropping to 60% in 2021. We produce 15% of our fruit consumption, 50% of vegetables, 70% potatoes, 80% beef and 85% egg consumption. So we can produce enough food for about 230 out of the 365 days in a year.

We import some 150,000 tons of produce but this total is misleading because it includes things like tea and coffee which we cannot grow in this country. We import some 3 million tons of soya beans for human and animal feed. We do produce about 600,000 tons, mostly beans. Hundreds of thousands of tons of hard varieties of wheat are imported into this country every year to be made into breads and cereals because our climate is not right for growing the type of wheat needed. With more research to develop crops which can grow in our climate and cope with our weather, this could be better.



Leaving the EU has made things worse in that, for instance, 70% of workers picking fruit and vegetables and 50% of those involved in meat processing, have not returned. This has left producers cutting back on production or giving up completely because there is nobody to pick and process their produce. This is the same in the Dairy business and it is going to get worse unless wages are increased. Supermarkets say they will not pay any more to the packers or producers, so the producers cannot pay any more to their staff in wages.

More than a hundred and sixty countries send food to this country, much of it produce that cannot be grown in our climate and soil. Over 10,000 lorries cross the channel every day bringing us food supplies. But food being transported is going off in lorries waiting, due to all the delays with lack of drivers and delays at ports. I wish that the authorities would sort out the problems in our ports. A lot of the vegetables coming from the EU, such as tomatoes from the Netherlands, cauliflowers and celery from Spain and potatoes from France have a short shelf-life.

Martin Slinger

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Painswick Sports

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Painswick Golf Club

The club's AGM was held on the evening of 18th February. Simon Overthrow was elected Club Captain for the coming year and thanks were expressed to Dean Vernon the outgoing Captain for his contributions both as Captain and for his work on the course. In addition to the Club Captain, the Executive Committee comprises George Paton (Chairman), Mike Archer (Treasurer) and Ann Smith (Secretary) both re-elected and Finlay McLean newly elected Greens Secretary.



A number of improvements to the course have been made during the year, including:- new signage on the course and round the clubhouse; rebuilding the third green; various works to improve other greens including improving airflow and light and introducing fringes; and replacing tee box markers. The club has invested heavily in new machinery over the last year with a view to being able to continue to improve the course. The annual membership fee for the coming year was set at £575.

I am sorry to have to report that on the evening of 8th February, the first green was vandalised by what is thought to have been a group of bikers. The entire green was covered in bike tracks, skid marks and places where the surface has had chunks of turf ripped out (see photo). It is sad that those involved did not seem to care or understand the damage they did. There are many users of the Beacon and we all can all enjoy the space if we are considerate to each others' interests. The police have been informed and if anyone has information then the incident number is 331 on 8/2/22. The course is particularly vulnerable to damage when the ground becomes soft in the wetter weather – greens have been damaged by dogs digging their claws into the ground when chasing balls, horses' hooves digging into the fairways, tracks from cars driving onto the Beacon etc. Please take care of the Beacon and encourage others to do so as well.

The club has held many competitions over the last month. In the Seniors section Paul Walsh won the Midweek Stableford held on 27th January with an excellent 42 points. A social bowmaker was held on 10th February with three to score on the par 4 holes, and two to score on the others; the winning team was Martyn Brown, Nigel Cooper, Anthony Fisher and Phil Taylor.

Congratulations to all the winners. The club welcomes visitors whether to the clubhouse for refreshments or to the course. Please call 01452 812180 for more details.

Peter Rowe

Rugby

Fixtures for Gloucestershire Div 2 North

5th March	Painswick (H) v Tewkesbury
12th March	Bredon v Painswick (A)
26th March	Painswick (H) v Chelt Civil Service



Currently Painswick are 9th out of 11 teams in the division.

Bowls



Painswick Falcons Bowling Club (behind the Falcon Inn) has a green set in beautiful gardens, within earshot of the church bells and has views over the rooftops to the countryside beyond, together with a charming clubhouse. Our members enjoy plenty of competition together with fun and friendship. They also play in several leagues and have lots of friendly matches throughout the season, which runs from April until September. We are in the process of recruiting new members and will be having free taster sessions and welcome ALL AGES to come and try this historic, pleasant pastime. No equipment needed.

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party Bowls Competition

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, Painswick Bowls Club are inviting teams of three people from every street in Painswick or surrounding villages to join our Jubilee Challenge. Wherever possible we would very much like to align teams to proposed street parties.



The Club will rapidly teach you the rules of the game and provide bowls to play with. All you need is some competitive Jubilee enthusiasm and a flat pair of shoes.

During April and May prior to the Jubilee weekend the games will be played at times to suit both teams. The only commitment therefore during April and May would maybe an hour to learn and practice plus about three individual hours for the inter street games.

There is an expectation that streets that enter teams can expect a gift in liquid form to enhance their party.

To indicate interest in playing for your street or forming a team please respond to info@painswickbowls.com or phone 07860 749341 with contact details

Painswick Bowls Club



Super class, super teacher

One of the happiest and most exhilarating exercise classes held in Painswick must be the ballet session on Friday mornings. Not only is it physically beneficial, it also simultaneously inspires a lovely sense of musicality and artistry. Ballet is so good for developing strength, balance, posture, flexibility and fluent movement and people of all ages find that an hour of ballet leaves them with an enhanced feeling of wellbeing. There is additionally a strong sense of companionship and sociability within the class, a sort of team spirit working together and not competitively.



The Painswick class is fortunate to have Claire Tracey as the teacher. Claire is highly qualified and very experienced in teaching adults. She is positive and encouraging in her approach and succeeds in making the session an absolute joy. It is held in the Church Rooms on Friday mornings from 9.30 until 10.30 and is open to all regardless of age and gender. If you would like to join the class you can contact Claire by email BalletClaire@outlook.com You will not regret it - the benefits are enormous, welcome and countless.

Carol Maxwell

Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club is on Monday 7th March from 1.30-2.30 pm in the Library. We will be discussing Honour by Elif Shafak. If you are interested in joining us please do come along or for further information email me at painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

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Open Garden - Advance notice

Jackie and Russ Herbert will be opening their garden at Sheephouse Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane, Painswick for the National Garden Scheme on the 10th of April and the 14th August this year.

Property Report

Recent reports suggest that the UK property market as a whole is experiencing an unprecedented 'supply crunch'. Zoopla report that the number of prospective buyers contacting estate agents about properties is close to double the recent average, while the number of properties for sale - 350,980 in the UK at the start of 2022, is 36% lower than at the start of 2020 (figures from consultancy TwentyCi). Properties as a result have been selling much quicker, with the average number of days to an agreed sale falling from a typical level of around 50 days to under 30 at the end of 2021.

In terms of supply, it's the South West that is the region experiencing the biggest fall, down from 41,970 properties for sale two years ago to 18,740 this year. That's certainly evident in Painswick, where relatively few new properties are coming onto the market, to the extent that some properties are now attracting multiple offers and going to sealed bids that can result in a sale well over the asking price.

There are though some new properties on the market this month, including two near to The Croft School. 11 The Croft is a four bedroom detached house (Hamptons, £550,000) and 13 Berry Close is a 3 bedroom mid-terraced property (Hamptons, £325,000). An older 5 bedroom property, The Chur on Bisley Street (Murrays, £825,000), is a house that featured on 'George Clarke's Old house, new home' at the beginning of 2020, when it underwent a major renovation. And at the bottom of the village, 1 Brookhouse Mill is a bright and spacious four bedroom family home (Hamptons, 735,000).

Another older property is Hill House on Gloucester Street (Hamptons, £900,000), Grade 2 listed and sensitively modernised, with a separate office / studio and a detached garage.

In the current market conditions though, two of the properties above, 11 The Croft and 1 Brookhouse Mill, had already gone under offer at the time of writing and others may not be far behind. Other properties going under offer recently include Meadow Nook on Gloucester Road, Little Mundays on Vicarage Street, 11 White Horse Lane, Lovedays House on St Mary's Street and Butts Cottage on Edge Road. Hay Cottage on St. Mary's Street, Greythwaite at the Highlands and Cotswold Bungalow in Edge have all exchanged contracts.

Help urgently needed Greg and the yews

In last month's Beacon there was a request for help with regard to accommodation this coming summer. Greg Thatcher and his wife Jan have made the journey across the Atlantic to Painswick every summer since 1991, the last two years proving to be the exceptions of course because of Covid. Greg is a renowned artist who specialises in producing fascinatingly detailed and beautiful drawings of Painswick yew trees, many of his works appearing in international exhibitions and publications.



Unfortunately the accommodation the Thatchers have previously used is no longer available and last month we asked for offers of alternative accommodation for them for this year. Happily the first four weeks of their upcoming visit are now catered for but they still need to find somewhere to stay from mid-July to mid-August. Are you able to help? Their needs are simple: 'a space to lay our heads, a small area to cook, our own bathroom and not too much of a distance to the churchyard.' Summing up, it needs to be self-contained - and of course inexpensive.

Greg has become a familiar and very welcome presence in the churchyard in the summer, sitting beneath a selected yew, a different one each year, and working intensively to produce yet another exquisite Painswick-based piece of artwork. He and Jan have developed a very close relationship with Painswick and it is a joy each year to see him working so lovingly amongst the yews. Open and friendly, he is always happy to talk about his work to anyone showing an interest. If you can offer Greg and Jan a place to stay at a reasonable price from mid-July to mid-August they would be most appreciative. Their need is becoming urgent and they can be contacted by email thatch34@gmail.com

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Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 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
	Short Mat Bowls. For beginners and experienced players. All equipment provided. 2.00/session to cover refreshments	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
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
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
	HIP Pilates 50. Contact Joannedaleypilates.com/07968799741. From January 11th	Zoom Class	11.00am
Wednesdays	Table tennis. Turn up and play for £5.00 an evening. Contact David 01452 812464	Painswick Centre	7 - 9.00pm
	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
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

Please let me know your dates for the diary on cvasp.26@gmail.com.

March

Fri	4	Painswick Community Hub: Serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome.	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	4	Wickflix: King Richard	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat	5	Note: Beacon Quix Cancelled		
Sun	6	Benefice Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	6	Jewellery Workshop contact Alice on painswickjworkshop@icloud.co.uk	Painswick Centre	9.00am - 4.00pm
Mon	7	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
	7	Sew Vintage 5 week upholstery course starts. Email sewvintage66@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 1.00pm
Thurs	10	Arts Society: The Art of Henry VIII. Contact painswick@theartsociety.org	Painswick Centre	10.00am-1.00pm
	10	Food nights: Bella Mia Pizza takeaway. Visit website painswickcentre.com		

Fri	11	Painswick Community Hub: Serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	11	Friday Club: A Woman in a Man's World - Lynn Hilditch	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	12	Jewellery Workshop contact Alice on painswickjworkshop@icloud.co.uk	Painswick Centre	9.00am - 4.00pm
	12	Anything but Board Games session. Visit website painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	3.00 - 9.00pm
	12	Food nights: Soul Fries Takeaway. Visit website painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	4.00 - 8.00pm
	12	Ben Waters rock and roll piano. Visit painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sun	13	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	15	Cotteswold Naturalists: A Royal Pilgrimage through Gloucestershire - Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn and Thomas Cromwell - Alan Pilbeam. Enq 01453 873262	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
Thurs	17	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The piano etudes of Chopin and the Godowsky paraphrases - David Lucas	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	18	Painswick Community Hub: Serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
Sun	20	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	22	Blue Light Brunch -free thank you for the work of all Blue Light workers. Prior booking is essential. Ring 01452 813902 ext. 214	Restaurant at Richmond Village	10.00am - 11.45am
	22	Yew Trees WI: Farming Then and Now - Martin Slinger. Open Meeting - all welcome. Visitors £4.00	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
	22	Local History Society: A selection of local photographs - Howard Beard	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	23	Painswick Probus: Encounters with the Muslim World - John Blenkinsop	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	25	Friday Club: Tax, Care and Toy Boys. Speaker to be confirmed	Town Hall	2.30pm
	25	Painswick Community Hub: Serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome (limited parking)	Richmond Village Auditorium	9.30 - 11.00am
	25	Cotteswold Naturalists: Visit to Nature in Art and Hasfield Court. Prebook 813228	Wallsworth Hall	10.00am
Sat	26	Sew Vintage Introduction to Traditional Upholstery - one day course. Cost £155 email sewvintage66@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 5.00pm
	26	Painswick Music Society: Carducci Quartet with Clare Hammond (piano). Online at painswickmusicsoc.co.uk for membership / tickets. Enq. Edward Bowron 07789 006006	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
	26	Jewellery Workshop contact Alice on painswickjworkshop@icloud.co.uk	Painswick Centre	9.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	27	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Thurs	31	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Famous opera duets including Maria Callas and Tito Gobi - Mike Kerton	Town Hall	2.30pm
April				
Wed	6	Painswick Probus: Mary Queen of Scots - Dr Gillian White	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	6	Yew Trees WI: Skittles match against Sheepscombe WI - to be confirmed	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: Outing - Train journey to be confirmed		
	8	Painswick Community Hub: Serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am



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The current Boundary Commission review of Parliamentary constituencies proposes that Painswick should move out of the Stroud constituency and into a new Cotswolds constituency. That would extend from Hardwicke, south of Gloucester, up to places in the north of the County including Chipping Campden, Blockley and Moreton-in-Marsh.

A secondary consultation on the proposed new map is taking place from Tuesday 22nd February to Monday 4th April 2022. During this consultation, you will be able to provide your feedback on the proposed new constituencies via the consultation website, bcereviews.org.uk, by email or letter, or in person during a public hearing. The booking system is now open for public hearings. There will be a hearing in Gloucester on the 24th and 25th March.

Stroud Foodbank

Thank you so much to all who contributed towards the 115kg of donations for Stroud Foodbank. Due to a rapid increase in demand over the last four months, Foodbank is now having to top up donations by buying in extra stock so you know every one of your gifts is needed. Our next collection is on Wednesday 16th March, 10-12noon, in Stamages Lane Car Park and at The Stocks.

Suggested shopping list below, however any item will be gratefully received but please NO pasta or cereal.

Tinned Vegetables, fruit juices, jam and spreads, sweet and savoury treats, toiletries, laundry liquids/powder

We look forward to seeing you!

Food Bank Committee

The Painswick Bowmen

As long ago as 1983, the Beacon featured an article remembering the Painswick Bowmen, a small archery group that met in the 1940s and 50s. The photo below comes from a spoof history of the group written by one of its members (anonymous, but possibly Geoffrey Hoyland). Each of the members is identified by a pseudonym, from left to right the Tockman (possibly Francis Needham who lived at Tocknells Court), the Priest (possibly Rev. Reginald Jackson), the Scrivener (possibly Geoffrey Hoyland), a boy probably called Peter, the Miller (possibly Mr. Poulden of Loveday's Mill), the Slayer (almost certainly Sir James Sleeman), the Lullabye (possibly Mr. Sturt of Lullingworth) and the Shepherd (possibly Mr. Bolden of Sheephouse).

Please contact us if you can offer any further information on this group and confirm or correct any of the attempted identifications.



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Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of JOYCE SMITH, formerly of Gloucester Street and Ashwell, who has peacefully passed away. Joyce was the mother of Julie Job of Sheepscombe.

To the family and friends of MARGARET SHEA, who died recently in Toronto. Margaret and her husband Bob lived in Painswick for two periods from about 1995 before returning to Canada.

To the family and friends of RON BARNEY, who has died aged 92. Ron was a keen sportsman and continued to play tennis until he was nearly 90, in 2014 winning the over-85 national men's doubles tennis tournament at Wimbledon, giving him a position of 19 in the ITF world rankings.

The Beacon is always willing to publish in the Personal Column, news of births, weddings, significant birthdays or anniversaries, new arrivals in Painswick, people leaving the village to live elsewhere, or of deaths. There is no charge for this service.

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 cvasp.26@gmail.com

St Mary's Church tower at night. Photo by Brett Hutton.



A montage of some of the different birds pictured by Pete Llewellyn at his garden feeders enjoying the sunflower hearts. They are, Brambling, female Blackcap, Bullfinch, and Siskin surrounding a Nuthatch filling its beak with the hearts