

The Painswick Beacon

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*Christmas Greetings
to all our Readers*



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held on 15th November

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman, Cllrs. Andy Cash, James Cross, Adrian Gyde, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Abigail Smith
District Cllr Gary Luff and two Members of the public also in attendance

Public Questions

Two members of the public raised a range of concerns about Juniper Hill Field and detailed what actions the Save Juniper Hill action group are taking. The 20 acre field is rare calcareous grassland of which less than 1.5% is left of a unique habitat which used to cover 40% of the Cotswolds. It was bought nearly three years ago by Woodlands.co.uk, a national company which mostly buys woodlands to split up into plots to sell. They have installed fencing to split the field into five plots, each with hard standing and constructed a heavy duty track last winter.

The Parish Council agreed to sign an open letter of concern and give further consideration to supporting a motion asking for SDC to implement an Article 4 on the field.

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis and Sandra Hunkin

The minutes of the meeting on 18th October were agreed and signed.

Reports

Written reports were received from County Cllr. Susan Williams and District Cllr. Gary Luff, with Cllr. Luff referring to key points in his report.

The Chairman gave the following report: The Parish Council has recently sent a Christmas Card to Slavutych in the Ukraine wishing them a happy Christmas and that we are all thinking of you.

As we move towards Winter, just remind ourselves to look after each other, when and if we get really cold weather and snow.

Then thinking further ahead to next spring and to what Biodiversity ways that we can keep our three valleys, keeping them in a state of wildlife and plants and improving

it over the whole Parish.

Biodiversity Working Group

The Council agreed to form a Working Group consisting of Lucas Edney (Groundsman), Paul Baxter (Painswick Beacon Conservation Group) and Cllrs James Cross, Rosie Nash, Martin Slinger and Abigail Smith.

Painswick Centre

The Council noted the registration of the Painswick Centre and its curtilage as an Asset of Community Value

Accounts

The Council approved the accounts for payment in accordance with the list presented.

Reports from representatives on other bodies

Cllr Ian Massey updated the Council on the activities of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Cllr Abigail Smith updated the Council on the Painswick Community Support Group's events, including the Suppers, Soups and Coffee mornings.

Ward Reports

Cllr Roey Parker reported on an elderly individual that fell over in Washwell Lane recently, due to a Highways issue and asked that it be reported. The Clerk asked Members to report Highways issues directly to Highways as the Parish Council Office is only manned on a part time basis.

Cllr Andy Cash advised that the Council will write a letter of concern to the owners of Steanbridge Lane Pond. about the condition of the pond. It was also agreed that District Cllr Gary Luff will investigate SDC Listing the Pond.

Plastic Refuse Sacks. The Council raised concerns over the collection system. District Cllr Gary Luff advised that he will investigate.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th December 2023, at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Parish Council Reports

As a result of other commitments, the Painswick Beacon is currently unable to send a reporter to Parish Council meetings on a regular basis. The report alongside is therefore based on the minutes of the meeting as recorded by the Parish Clerk. The full minutes are available online at <https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/minutes-parish-council-meetings>

We would welcome any offers to help with reporting of the Parish Council's activities, which is an important part of our democracy. Contact beacon@painswick.net if you think you may be able to help with this, or other aspects of the Beacon's reporting.

Garden Trustees seek new Treasurer

Painswick Rococo Garden Trust, the charitable trust which conserves and operates the Rococo Garden as a visitor attraction,

is seeking a volunteer with a financial background to take over the role of Treasurer
Trustee providing strategic direction and operational oversight of its finances.

Details of the role, how to get more information and how to apply can be found here. <https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/news/trustee-treasurer-vacancy/>

As an existing garden volunteer and Trustee, I would also be happy to talk to anyone who is interested and would like more information.

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The life of the fox



The fox cleans up town and countryside of dead and decaying wildlife including rabbits, rats, birds, eggs and berries. They scavenge bins in towns and villages finding waste food and may catch your chickens, even breaking in to your hen house if it is not secure.

Most foxes live in underground dens easily detected by their typical smell. They are solitary most of the time and have extremely good hearing, smell and vision. They live for three to four years, the males mostly on their own, coming together with the females to mate. You sometimes hear them barking at night when the females are looking for mates. During mating you may see them locked together for a long time. Pregnancy is fifty to sixty days with four or five babies being born in March. The mother stays in the den for some three weeks but can provide milk for up to two months. The father catches and takes food to the entrance of the den for the vixen to collect for herself and older babies. He may take the strong ones out hunting for food - they are probably the cause of your flower beds and lawn being dug up!

Up in the Highlands they may pair up at lambing time to get to lambs. When the ewe is lambing, one fox will distract her and before she realises what's happening the other fox has nipped in and grabbed the after birth and the new born lamb.

The act of catching foxes in inner city centres and releasing them in the countryside at night is cruel. If they are left in the territory of other foxes, they will be attacked. There was a case, in the north of England, of some being let loose and then being found the next morning in the same place where they had been dumped, because they had never seen a big field of grass and did not know what to do next.

Martin Slinger

Image by pngtree

The Post Office and the Fish Man

It is so important that we support our local businesses two of which are present in Painswick only once and twice each week but provide a valuable service.

Pete's Fish will be on sale in the Town Hall car park every Friday morning 9.00-11.00, up to and including 22nd December. In addition to his usual excellent selection of top quality fresh produce there will be specials such as a range of smoked salmon including whole sides, hot smoked salmon sides and portions, smoked trout fillets, fresh salmon, a range of prawns, crab and much more. Pete will take orders up until 15th December and should you want something especially, he will do his best to get it for you.

The postal service, present in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9.30 - 11.30am, must continue to be used by everyone if we are to retain it. This is especially important during the Christmas season. Recommended last posting dates for the UK are Monday 18th December for second class and Wednesday 20th for first class. Check on-line for overseas dates or with the postmaster in the Town Hall. Do make sure you avail yourself of this service especially at this time of the year.

Carol Maxwell

Our Christmas Front Cover

The beautiful artwork used for our Christmas front cover this year was created by young artist, Max Wright, aged 3. It was, his mother Antonia says, painted over quite a few stages and days.

As it happens, we also have a 'portrait of the artist as a young man' on our back page this month.



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'Life...Interrupted'

As I sit at my desk writing this letter, I can see a doe resting contentedly in my garden. She reminds me of the importance of stopping and 'taking a beat', as they say, which is true at any time of year but certainly in the time of Advent and Christmas. There is so much going on around here! (That is why we are encouraging people to take time out and come to an Advent Quiet Day in Painswick on Friday 8th December, to explore 'The Poetry of Advent'... but I digress!)



For my family and I, this Christmas will be our first Christmas in the benefice, and I'm really excited about that. Unsurprisingly, I love Christmas! However, let's face it, Christmas can be pretty daunting. At this time of year the temptation for many of us is to put your head down and plough through all the nativities and festivities, concerts and carols, shopping and wrapping, cooking, cleaning, eating and washing up... Until that special moment after Christmas. That moment when you close the door and exhale with relief, knowing you can finally 'relax' after all the costly busyness. Surely there's something wrong about that.

I have recently been reflecting on that first Christmas when, amidst all the busyness of getting ready to have an unplanned baby, a young girl and her husband-to-be set off on a journey to Bethlehem for a census. It would have been the last thing they would have needed at the time, I'm sure.

However you spend your time this month, I hope and pray you will have a really Happy Christmas.

Revd Sarah Haslam

Carol Service

This year's Carol Service at St. Mary's will be at 6.30 pm on Friday 22nd December

New noticeboards for St. Mary's

The noticeboards at St. Mary's have been in a sorry state for some time. Repair was considered but replacement was a better solution. Step forward John Elbert! John offered to construct two new noticeboards, giving his time free of charge. A few weeks and lots of hard work later, the results speak for themselves.

The church is very pleased with their resplendent two new noticeboards and very grateful to John, who is no doubt happy to free up his garage workshop for future projects.

Dylan Davies



Advent Quiet Day Friday 8th December at St. Mary's

The poetry of Advent. From Rowan Williams to Laurie Lee: A Guided Journey with the Revd David Reynish. An Advent Quiet Day at St Mary's, Painswick. Friday 8th December, 11am - 3pm. Tickets priced £15, to include refreshments and lunch. For more info and to reserve your place, please email beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com or call 07833727701. No later than Monday 4th December.

Bea Hyde, Beacon Benefice Administrator

Churches Together Around Painswick Debating Climate Action

The annual CTAP meeting was held on Thursday 9th November. The speaker from Bristol was Sarah McDonald whose subject was Christian Climate Action. Understandably, the subject provoked considerable discussion.



Remembering them

On Saturday, 11th November at 11.00am the annual Armistice Day service was duly held at the War Memorial. The weather was fine and many people attended. Wreaths were placed in front of the memorial and the names of the Painswick men who lost their lives in both world wars was read out, the number in World War 1 being particularly high for a town the size of Painswick. Approximately 20% of all those who went to the Front never returned.

This is the first Armistice Day service which our recently appointed rector, Rev. Sarah Haslam, has conducted and it was truly moving. Her address was poignant, significant and especially relevant in the light of today's disturbingly problematic war situations.

Carol Maxwell



From Bletchley to the doughnut

Yew Trees WI were delighted to welcome a large number of visitors to their open meeting in October when Paul Smith spoke on "From Bletchley to the Doughnut". The history of GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters) from its war time home at Bletchley Park to its present home in Cheltenham nicknamed 'the doughnut' because of its unusual design. For security reasons the building is in fact three separate four-storey structures identical in design and connected at top and bottom.



A degree in Pure Mathematics followed by a postgraduate diploma in Computer Science made Paul an ideal candidate for a job in the UK's Intelligence, Security and Cyber agency, which he joined in the 1970s. His interesting and fulfilling career took him to many parts of the world. However, members were disappointed if they hoped he would reveal any secrets. It should be remembered that the mission of the agency for whom Paul worked is to help keep the country safe, no surprise therefore that he responded to their questions with the thoughtful guarded answers of a well-trained civil servant.

The Skittle Alley at Painswick Centre was the venue for the annual match between Sheepscombe and Yew Trees WI. I reluctantly report that Sheepscombe triumphed once again! Happily the match was played in the friendliest of spirits and as one would expect when two WIs meet, the refreshments were delicious!

December will be full of Christmas cheer for members, some of whom will meet for a celebration lunch at St Michaels at the beginning of the month. On Tuesday 19th the monthly meeting will include a social evening with traditional Christmas fare at 7.30 pm in The Church Rooms.

Celia Lougher 01452 812624

Those magnificent men ...

Just how important and significant the aviation industry was to Gloucestershire became abundantly clear when Barry Simon gave a talk on the subject to the Local History Society at the November meeting. It all began in the county in 1784 when the physician Parry and his friend Edward Jenner launched a hydrogen balloon which travelled 10 miles. The second one landed near Birdlip where the Air Balloon public house has stood for many years.



The 19th century saw much ballooning activity in Gloucestershire. By the early 20th century the aviation industry was firmly established in Cheltenham where Martyns, a large carpentry company, took on plane-making on a grand scale. By 1917 the firm, as Gloster Aircraft Company, had built more than 300 fighter planes, towed after construction to Hucclecote, one of several training airfields by that time. After the war the whole operation moved there.

In 1932 the building of Staverton as a military training base commenced and the production of military planes began in earnest in 1935 when Hitler presented the threat of the Luftwaffe. Many fighter planes, such as Hurricanes, were produced nearby at the Hucclecote/Brockworth works leading to many air raids in the area during the war.

The first jet aircraft built after the war was by the Gloster Company, with several other aircraft companies operating by then in Gloucestershire. However, by the early 1960s most of the notable aircraft construction in the county was civil (Bristol) rather than military, the latter based in the northern part of the county. Gradually many of the airfields disappeared. The industry had been really significant and affected so many people locally throughout the 19th and much of the 20th centuries.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th January when Tony Conder will give a presentation on Gloucestershire and the Slave Trade. Croft School, 7.30pm.

Carol Maxwell

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Painswick Community Support

Community Suppers - Fish and Chip Nights

What a fabulous evening! After selling out within a week of launch, we hosted 80 people for supper on Tuesday 7th November. Young and old, from all parts of our community, we came together at the Painswick Centre, sitting on long tables, next to friends and making new acquaintances. Simpsons provided freshly cooked food, with most choosing fish and chips, but sausage, halloumi and tofish also on offer to cater for all - and being a Tuesday it was all gluten free. The Painswick Centre is a wonderfully welcoming and inclusive venue, offering great access, warmth, and a full bar with a wide choice of tipples for diners. Thank you to all who attended and made it such a success.



We are looking forward to hosting suppers in December and January - whilst December is fully booked, at the time of writing, there are still some spaces in January. We have applied for a grant and hope to run suppers in February and March - keep your fingers crossed!

Community Lunches

The last community lunch before Christmas will be on Monday December 4th at the Town Hall 12-1.15pm. A big thank you to everyone who's hosted or attended it so far! All the money raised after expenses will go to local charities at the end of the season. We have 8 more Painswick clubs/community groups hosting lunches after Christmas starting on Monday, January 8th. Look out for posters around the village.

Fareshare

We are still waiting for a permanent slot with our preferred supermarket and this is likely to take a few more months. In the meantime, we will continue to get surplus food into the Church porch on an ad hoc basis. Although it is frustrating for us not to be able to offer a designated day for available surplus food in the Church porch, we appreciate that other communities are also striving

to provide this service and, therefore, on a positive note, food waste overall is being reduced.

Supermarket Vouchers

We are able to access support again this winter in the form of supermarket vouchers to anyone over 65 who is struggling to afford their shopping and who didn't receive the vouchers last year. The vouchers cannot be used to buy alcohol or cigarettes. For more information, contact us by phone or email - see contact details below. If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956203087, email: painswickcommunity@gmail.com). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

Painswick Community Support Committee Delyth, Abigail, Louise & Hannah

Painswick Gardening Club Meetings at the Painswick Town Hall

On 6th December we will holding our Festive Fun Christmas Party with a gardening theme! Refreshments, drinks and mince pies. Timing: 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

Our first meeting in 2024 will be on Wednesday 10th January when Maggi Brown who was formerly associated with the leading organic charity Garden Organic, will be talking on Soil Management. Then on Wednesday 14th February Rob Gould,

the Cotswold Forager, will be with us to talk about his work as an amateur forager. Do come along to the Town Hall for refreshments from 7pm with the talks starting at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always welcome at a charge of £5.



Christmas greetings to our members and we wish you a Very Happy and successful gardening year in 2024!!

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Phenomenal Auction Success

Around £15,000 raised for Church Roof

An impressive team of volunteers blended from a fine mix of churchgoers, residents and community-minded folk put together an excellent village event on the evening of Friday 17th November.

Painswick Church is viewed by many as an integral part of the landscape, of our town and indeed of our lives! The Auction took place under the same new, high quality Cotswold tiled roof for which funds are still being raised. St Mary's Church, just like the God who is worshipped there, is open to all who seek a place of welcome, belonging and meaning. Without its roof, the building would soon fall into disrepair and the focal point of our "queen of the Cotswolds" would be forever altered. So, in the words of Rector Sarah, this event was felt to be the auction 'of a lifetime' for much of our community.

A magnificent sum of around £15,000 (final figure still to be



reckoned at time of publication) has been achieved representing a wave of generosity in voluntary time, effort, promises, gifts, skills, sponsorship and donations. It was a great evening headed up by Will Fair, auctioneer 'extraordinaire', whose experienced and friendly style was a huge encouragement to the goodwill of many very generous buyers.

Library Book Club

The December meeting of the Library book club will be on Monday 11th from 1.30 -2.30pm. We will be discussing Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers. The next date for your diary is Monday 15th January and the book under review will be Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead, by Olga Tokarczuk. The book club continues to welcome new members, so please do join us if you are interested in meeting new people, while discussing our monthly read.



For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew

No less than 80+ auction lots and raffle prizes had been given each raising from £30 up to £1,600 for a wonderful variety of promises from babysitting, gardening, holidays, gourmet meals, artwork, car rides, sporting experiences, choral concerts, floral and Christmas decorations, and many more in between!

A huge vote of thanks is due to many: not least to the team of organisers who brought everything together, and to Will Fair our Auctioneer. Also, many local sponsors, Balfour Wines of The Falcon Painswick, Penna Homecare, the Goddard family and a special thank you to Phil Ions of Core lighting who lit up the church for the evening making it look magnificent. And there are many more individual donors and contributors to be thanked, whose names we have no room for, but are on the Benefice Facebook page, social media and in our Auction programme, copies of which are still available. All of us, near or far, who are concerned to keep our beautiful Church as a continued Christian presence in the community for years into the future, are truly grateful for your very generous support.

*Rev Sarah Haslam, Rector.
Dylan Davies, Lindsay Gardiner, Church Wardens.*

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Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra



On Sunday 19th November, Painswick enjoyed an evening of outstanding musical talent demonstrating the skills and enthusiasm of the 44 schoolchildren who make up the string section of the Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra. The audience of 120 at St. Mary's were treated to a varied programme which showcased the youngsters' talents.

A rare Sibelius Andante written for radio to celebrate the 1922 New York World Exhibition opened the concert. The Viola Concerto of Telemann followed, in which Leslie More exhibited a mature control of her instrument bringing beautiful deep tone from the viola whilst finding a fine balance with the orchestra. Two Icelandic Melodies by Johan Svendsen, a contemporary of Greig, were full of sonorous Nordic beauty allowing the group to demonstrate their wonderful richness of tone. Mendelssohn's String Symphony No 10 then showed the youngsters virtuoso ability in the dizzying Presto. The group had played this Symphony on their summer tour to Spain and their self confidence in this substantial work shone through.

Arthur Garrett demonstrated great virtuosity in the well-known and lovely Czardas by Monti. He demonstrated a fine tone and excellent technique to bring an enthusiastic response from the audience. The highlight of this wonderful concert was Tchaikovsky's masterful Serenade for Strings. Full sound, fine phrasing and great discipline under the professional baton of Conductor Nick Steel filled St Mary's with joy and brought the audience to their feet to celebrate the young musicians' abilities.

Nick Steel spoke of Gloucestershire Music which provides high quality musical experiences to children and adults in our County and thanked Painswick Music Society for providing a public platform for the orchestra to gain confidence and show their talents in the wonderful surroundings of St Mary's.

The orchestra are performing again alongside their jazz counterparts in Cheltenham Town Hall on Sunday 21st January. Painswick Music Society 2024 concerts commence with the Prince of Wales's former Royal Harpist Catrin Finch on Saturday 16th March followed on 13th April by local violinist Hannah Roper and the stellar vocal group Voces8 return to Painswick on April 20th with the season closing on May 11th with the Meliora Collective of top Music Graduates.

David Cutler



Twedy comes to Painswick

On Saturday 4th September, Twedy the Clown delighted a sell out audience with a fun-filled, hour-long show at Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre. He gave a thrilling performance of his tricks and trade mark comedy, and children enjoyed a meet and greet with him following the show.

The event helped to raise over £1400 for the Painswick Centre, which comprises art studios, a cafe and a number of function rooms, including Beacon Hall (photographed).



The Trustees welcomed the event, commenting: "We are delighted and grateful that Twedy, together with the kind efforts of Giffords Circus' Marketing Manager Emma Bradshaw, a Painswick resident, gave time in their busy schedules to help raise funds for the Painswick Centre and bring such joy to the families of Painswick. It was a pleasure to hear lots of laughs and see smiling faces all around Beacon Hall. The Painswick Centre is at the heart of our town and we hope that it encourages more people of all ages to discover and hire the Centre for their own events and parties."

If anyone would like more information, or to hire a space at the Painswick Centre, please visit www.painswickcentre.com or contact: info@painswickcentre.com.

Antonia Wright

See the back page for another photo



Wick-Flix is taking a break for December but we'll be back again on January 12th with Barbie! Don't forget to wear something pink for the evening and there will be a collection in aid of Breast Cancer Research at the end of the night.

The Wick-Flix team are very grateful to all our sponsors, Murray's, Woodchester Valley Vineyard, Goddards Garage and our latest silver sponsor RAK Construction for their support over the period since our restart.

Our last film of 2023, The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, was very close to being a full house and we were all delighted to have Rachel Joyce, author of the novel, on which the film is based, join us on the evening to bring a sprinkle of stardust to the showing. Hopefully next year we'll be able to find another exciting guest to visit us!

Ceri Chaplin

Award for Town & Country Estate Planning excellence recognised

Town & Country Financial Planning, the firm of Independent Financial Advisers on New Street, has won an 'Achievement of Excellence' award for providing effective estate planning to its clients. Even for me, as a co-founder of T&CFP, the award came out of the blue. We are proud though of the recognition as it has been awarded by industry experts who are well placed to understand the quality and value of our work.

My grandad often referred to the saying 'Clogs to clogs in three generations'. As a young man I didn't really appreciate its full relevance in today's world as it conjured up images of Victorian wool mills going bust through the incompetence of indulged heirs. How does a family start with nothing, achieve financial abundance, only to become poor again by the third generation?

In today's world though, the saying is even more relevant as it's not restricted to the very wealthy. I have seen first-hand how Inheritance Tax, care home fees, divorce settlements amongst other unforeseen claims can dilute a lifetime of saving, eroding the wealth that is passed down the bloodline. With effective estate planning, the financial impact of these scenarios may be reduced or eliminated.

It was Roy Jenkins who described Inheritance Tax as "... a voluntary levy paid by those who distrust their heirs more than they dislike the Inland Revenue". At T&CFP, we not only provide advice to help families achieve the peace of mind that financial security brings but help with the efficient transfer of wealth through the generations (even if one does 'distrust their heirs').

Martin Falshaw



Painswick Probus Club

Twelve months ago Paul Sparks presented an outline of his career from apprentice chef to head of banqueting at Derry & Toms, Kensington, London. On Thursday 16th November, he returned with an account of life as an hotelier in the 1970s, starting with the acquisition of the "Malvern View" Hotel near Cleve Hill.



He and Mary had to raise a lot of money to buy it, but the 10 bedroomed hotel re-opened just after Christmas 1972 under the new management, with Paul running the kitchen and Mary on front of house, along with 5 full-time staff and 12 part-timers. An early challenge was how to operate the several heating systems – the previous owner hadn't a clue!

The hotel had a good reputation, but needed smartening up. In due course, Paul and Mary raised their game, adding snails, venison, guinea fowl and quails to the range of "queer stuff" as these foods were called by locals, and re-introducing some good old-fashioned practice. The Cheltenham races provided a source of guests looking for discreet VIP service in a quiet setting after a successful day at the races; Paul was careful not to name names! Within 12 months Malvern View had been awarded an Egon Ronay Star – a hallmark of restaurant quality. After some 12 years though, Paul and Mary had had enough of 7 day/night weeks of hard work, sold up and moved to Postlip House, near Winchcombe – a grand house with a large garden and a collection of neglected outbuildings which they converted into holiday cottages. Some of their guests from the hotel followed them there and the business flourished. The next and final stop was Painswick in 2000, concluding an impressive career.

Back in June Painswick Probus Club had to find an alternative venue in a hurry and we are very grateful to Richmond Village for accommodating us at short notice. Now though that the Painswick Centre is back in business, we will be pleased to return in January and do our bit to support the Centre. The Club meets usually on Thursday mornings at approximately 2-weekly intervals. Full details are at <http://painswickprobus.org.uk/>

Henry Hall

Nordic walking So many benefits

The run up to Christmas, and indeed Christmas itself, can feel quite hectic for many of us. How helpful then to be able afterwards to engage in a new and beneficial activity. In January this will definitely be a possibility.

Ione Woodger is qualified through British Nordic Walking and is offering taster sessions on Friday, 26th January and again on Friday, 23rd February. On both occasions this will be in the Rococo Garden and with a maximum of 8 people in each class. As Ione explains, the technique involved in Nordic walking works more muscles and burns more calories than ordinary walking and has real health benefits. An added advantage is that it will take place in such a lovely location and with like-minded company.

Following these two taster sessions Ione plans to organise a regular weekly Friday group. For more information and/or to book your place contact Ione by email ionewoodger@gmail.com. This promises to be an excellent way to start the new year.

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Two of the three planned Vehicle Recording Cameras in Painswick are now in place and actively recording data, with the third to be installed shortly. In common with other towns and villages, Painswick was offered one camera by the County Council, but the Parish Council has opted to purchase two more as well.

The cameras monitor the speed of all vehicles and record number plate data only if the speed limit is being exceeded. Abigail Smith, chairman of the Parish Council's Traffic Committee points out that the cameras do not have the Home Office approval necessary for them to be used to levy fines directly. But the worst offenders will be reported to the Police, who may take action against persistent offenders (where persistent might just mean more than once in twelve months). If there is a high level of persistent offenders, that may trigger other enforcement action by the police with handheld devices from which fines could be directly issued.



On a lamp post near you!

The Beacon would welcome views on the use of these cameras in Painswick. Write to us at beacon@painswick.net



Broadham lights finally gone

Traffic flows freely after nearly two years

The update last month from Gloucestershire County Council Traffic Department, which said that the lights were expected to be removed 'within the next two weeks', proved a little optimistic. And in the meantime, on at least two occasions, the traffic lights failed and traffic cones had to be temporarily removed.

But finally, around lunchtime on Friday 24th November, new warning signs were put up, accumulated leaves were cleared, and the traffic lights removed. The lights have been there since around 1st February last year, so that it has taken almost twenty-two months to complete work that in the end amounts to some new anti-skid road surfacing, some red lines painted on the road and two new signs. Hopefully it will be enough to prevent any further accidents at the site, although it was not obvious on Friday afternoon that traffic was slowing to any appreciable extent.

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Juniper Hill campaign gathers momentum Actor known for 'The Crown' signs up as a patron

Bafta Award winning actor Josh O'Connor has signed up for the Juniper Hill Field campaign as a patron alongside Mary Portas. Better known as Prince Charles in the TV series *The Crown*, he grew up in Cheltenham and has now moved back to the Five Valleys. He urged that this rare calcareous grassland which once covered 40% of the Cotswold be protected. The campaign has launched an Open Letter to the owners, Woodlands.co.uk, asking for a meeting to discuss how to best preserve this beautiful field which is surrounded on three sides by Frith Wood, a Site of Special Scientific Interest where five types of orchids grow and skylarks breed. Woodlands.co.uk have split the field into four acre plots to sell to those wanting an off the grid glamping site. The field has already deteriorated for lack of grazing. The campaign has won the backing of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Gloucestershire, and is hoping that the councillors on Stroud District Council who have already expressed sympathy will secure an Article Four which will help prevent the building of sheds and cabins by prospective buyers of the plots. Please visit www.savejuniperhillfield.co.uk to sign the Open Letter and follow the campaign.

Friends of Juniper Hill Field

See back page for a photo of the mass coffee morning on Juniper Hill Field in October, attended by over 70 residents of Slad and Painswick valleys



Josh O'Connor at Juniper Hill with Hanny Fox and Joy Elworthy

Painswick Naughty Elf Trail 16th-23rd December

Following on from the amazing success of the past three years, the Naughty Elves will be back once again in the picturesque village of Painswick, and this year they will be bringing with them seasonal food and drinks hosted at The Croft Shool over the weekend of the 16th & 17th December.

The Painswick Naughty Elf Trail will run from the 16th – 23rd December. The cheeky elves will be up to all kinds of mischief in window displays around the village, to delight children and adults alike. New for this year, the trail will start and finish at The Croft School, with a variety of food, drinks and festive fun on offer during the launch weekend. There will be a map to follow to help spot the elves and thanks to generous sponsorship from local businesses, each trail map purchased brings a chance to win the £200 John Lewis voucher.



Maps cost just £5 each and can be purchased at www.naughtyelftrail.co.uk and from Painswick Pharmacy.


The event is being run by Friends of The Croft School (FOTCS) a registered charity who work hard to raise much needed funds for the Painswick village school. Current projects include updating the school library, musical instruments, and interactive whiteboards for all the classroom, which will benefit children now and long into the future.

For more information please email the Friends of The Croft team at fotcspainswick@gmail.com

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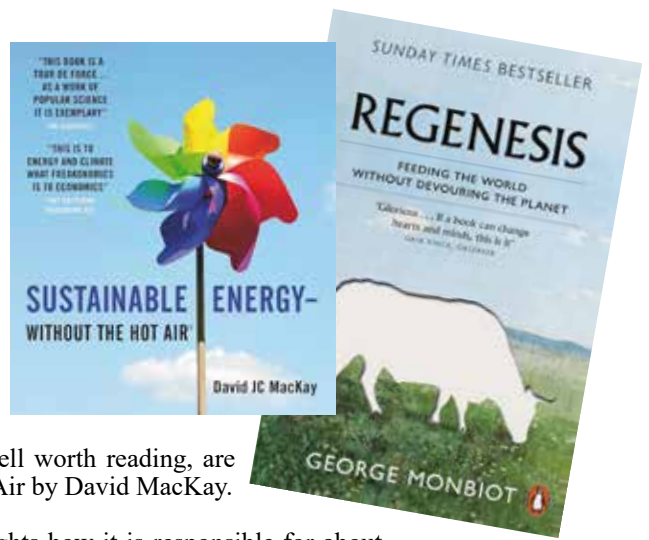
Regenesis Without the Hot Air



Since I started writing these articles, nearly eight years ago, it seems that just noting what PBCG does each week almost seems mundane. We are now a registered charity and one of the aims of the trust is to inform and educate the

wider public. I have become passionate about looking after our environment and worry about what the future holds for our grand children if we continue on our current path. Anything that can be done to stimulate understanding and discussion about climate and ecological change, has to be a good thing.

Good decisions can only be made on the back of understanding accurate data, not emotions. The global economy is hugely complex, but it is clear that its continued exponential growth is not sustainable. Two books, well worth reading, are Regenesis by George Monbiot and Sustainable Energy – Without the Hot Air by David MacKay.



In the first, Monbiot looks in depth at global food production and highlights how it is responsible for about 25% of global emissions and the use of vast tracts of land for the very inefficient production of animal protein from plants. He delivers a very powerful argument for vegetarianism and how the world's population can be fed using less land, allowing degraded farmland to be restored to health and reallocated to wildlife. I can feel hackles rising, but if a book of text 230 pages long has 100 pages of references it can't all be wrong! I enjoy meat, but have considerably reduced my consumption. Some of the figures he illustrates are staggering. For example to generate the meat eaten in the UK requires 24 million hectares of land but we farm only 17.4 million, the balance of feed has to be imported. He also suggests ways in which the UK can become less dependent on food imports.

In the second, MacKay cleverly does calculations to present all our energy usages and energy productions in the same form, kWh per day per person and presents the results as two columns; red for consumption and green for generation. He also busts a lot of myths about green energy, I wish I had space to give examples. The conclusion is that with energy demand still rising exponentially globally there is no way green energy can supply it all. The developed world has to cut consumption massively and at the same time help the developing world develop sustainably. It's hard to see how this will ever come about, but trying to understand the consequence of all we do has to be a starting point. Having poked the hornets nest, I'm off to have a cup of tea and think about the footprint of that!!

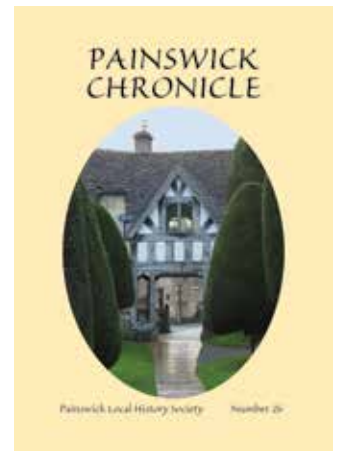
Paul Baxter

Number 26 hot off the press

It does not seem possible that any community would have enough really interesting history to fill more than a few annual journals. However, Painswick Local History Society's latest journal, Painswick Chronicle number 26, is hot off the press and packed with yet more hitherto unexplored subjects.

Certain family names endured locally for many years and in some cases it was clear why this was so. One such family lived in a small cottage in Vicarage Street in the early 20th century - a family of 17! Gyde Orphanage was a notable feature in Painswick for many decades but faced a very serious financial crisis in 1933. Thankfully, especially for the children who were the residents, the problem was satisfactorily resolved.

One lady's fascinating memories of growing up and living in Paradise, in particular the Adam and Eve pub, are fondly described. And on the subject of pubs, there used to be so many public houses locally that a study of them all has had to be split into two articles, the first in Chronicle 25 and the second in this new edition. Access to the 1921 census has been awaited keenly as it was compiled of course following the Great War and the flu epidemic. How much had Painswick been affected? Families, education, employment, housing and much more are explored. Perhaps of great significance is the fact that our local garage, Goddards, is possibly the longest lasting family-owned garage in the country. Its history and development is described in wonderful detail in this edition of the Chronicle.



Painswick certainly has a rich history and today the town is very much a product of its past. This edition of the Chronicle, with a fresh new cover picture of Painswick's iconic lychgate, provides information and analysis of historic significance locally. It can be purchased in Painswick Pharmacy, Premier and The Pooch cafe or from Carol Maxwell tel. 813387. Previous editions are also available.

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Looking around the world, it's been a sad and worrying year at times. For me the Rococo Garden provides shelter and refuge for the spirit against those travails and challenges. That's why I advocate a regular wander in our "other worldly" paradise to lift your mood and provide mental balm.

We can certainly promise to provide seasonal cheer throughout December! Our Christmas Tree weekends will run until 10 December, when you can visit to buy your top-quality British-grown Christmas tree, courtesy of our on-site experts at Exedra Nursery. With a range of sizes and shapes available and their knowledgeable team on hand to advise, you'll be sure to get the perfect tree for your celebrations. There will also be delicious breakfast baps, freshly-ground coffee and local gifts in our Shop - doesn't that sound good?



The Enchanted Garden by Night

On selected December evenings we will be opening for our Enchanted Garden by Night Trail which runs until 6th January 2024. Advance online booking is essential via rococogarden.org.uk. It's going to be a magical opportunity to see the Garden by night and in deepest winter.

Boxing Day sees the Garden open 10-3pm if you're in need of a change of scene, a dose of fresh air and coffee. Normal admission applies and no booking is required - simply turn up before last admission at 2pm.

If you're looking for the perfect gift for that hard-to-buy for person, a gift membership to the Garden may be just the thing. Lasting a whole year, you will be supporting us, a local charity, and you can now buy online from rococogarden.org.uk.

Recycle your Christmas Tree locally

Looking into 2024, we are once again partnering with Longfield Hospice to recycle Christmas trees locally, creating woodchip which we will use onsite. You can easily book your collection online before 9th January in return for a donation - and in doing so, help two local charities. Visit longfield.org.uk to find out more.

Finally, a big thank you from all the staff and volunteers for the amazing support we have had this year. I hope your Christmas will be peaceful and fun and that 2024 dawns bright. I hope to see you in the Garden soon.

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Some Radical History and then Christmas

The next Field Club talk entitled 'The Radical history of Stroud and the Five Valleys in the 18th and 19th centuries' will be given by well-known local historian Stuart Butler and held on Wednesday 6th December in the Painswick Centre. Stuart is a poet, performer, writer, retired teacher, and active historian, who organises a local radical walking group, and plays walking football three times a week. He lives in Stroud, which he describes as 'a mill town in the Cotswolds with an urban working class and a landscape attractive to libertarian artists, writers, printers, polemicists, performers and poets'. Stuart's talk will review the rich history of protest in Stroud and the Five Valleys, going back to weavers' riots in the industrial heyday of the area. The talk will follow our Special General Meeting at 2.30pm to discuss proposed changes to the fee structure for membership - all members are encouraged to attend and have their say. Tea and biscuits will be served.



Stuart is walking the Thames Way in support of the Trussel Trust and our Food Banks

Also, a reminder that later in the month, on 20th December, we will have our annual Christmas Lunch at Egypt Mill in Nailsworth. This will include a three-course meal with tea/coffee, priced at £40/head. Please contact Denise Magauran on 814570. At the time of writing a few places remain on the 'evening with Swans' and supper (£35) to be held on Friday 2nd February. Please contact Jane Rowe 813228 for more information. Both these events are open to guests as well as members and lift sharing can be arranged.

The Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club now has a FaceBook presence. If you use FaceBook please do like/follow our page to see our latest updates.

Visitors are very welcome at our meetings; no booking required - please drop in or contact Paul Wyeth on CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com or mobile 07472 021 517 for more information (£5 charge for visitors, £2 for members).

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Painswick Sports

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Tennis Club

The club held its presentation evening and AGM last month.

The junior winners were:

Boys most improved - Ronnie Lowe
 Girls most improved - Sophie Clifford
 Peter Bolton Cup - Niall Walker

The winning adults:

Player of the year - Adrian McDowell
 Member of the year - John Barrus
 Most Improved player - Christina Hussey

The President, Nigel Barnett, in his speech to the meeting, gave his thanks to the committee and particularly Chris Scott who has been men's captain for the past 5 years. The new clay courts have now been laid down and the new committee will be looking into LED lighting and the marking out for Pickleball on the Recreation courts

Pictured top row - Adrian McDowell, Charlie Ferrett (Coach), John Barrus, Christina Hussey.
 Bottom row - Ronnie Lowe, Sophie Clifford, Niall Walker



Painswick Rugby Club

The club's first team has had a disappointing start to the season in the Tribute Gloucestershire Div 3 North League. Won 1, lost 9 and are currently 10th out of 12 in the league table.



Home fixtures for December at Broadham are...
 Saturday 2nd December v Matson
 Saturday 16th December v Glos old Boys

Handel's Messiah at St Mary's

What better way can there be to prepare for Christmas than by attending a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, perhaps the best loved of all choral works by audiences and performers alike, and rightly so. Not only does it include the famous *Hallelujah Chorus*, there are nearly 20 more choruses and 30 solos, varying hugely in mood and character, so even those who have heard *Messiah* many times before, never tire of it.

Wycliffe Choral Society's performance is on Saturday 9th December at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church in aid of Raise the Roof, and the soloists, all highly experienced local singers, are Seb Burtenshaw-Snellgrove (soprano), Gaye Boggon (contralto), Peter Holmes (tenor) and Gerard Walshe (bass). The organist is James MacDowall-Scott and the conductor, Christopher Swain. Tickets priced £10 (U18's £2.00) can be bought from Jane Burt 01452 810935 and, subject to availability, at the door, and drinks and mince pies will be available during the interval.

Chris Swain

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Sheila Orson

From a desert island to the trenches

On November 16th Reg Wrathmell lightened the gloom of the afternoon, letting us into his innermost soul with a personal selection of "Desert island discs".



This gifted amateur pianist, no stranger to public performance, whose recordings by pianist immortals Moiseiwitsch, Horowitz, Rachmaninov and Art Tatum (of jazz fame) and in spite of selecting as his luxury his grand piano, declared that he would risk all to save Elgar's Dream of Gerontius (with no piano in its score) from the waves. A most entertaining and erudite talk which also included Wagner, Mahler and R Strauss betraying his romantic side.

Earlier in the month we were privileged to enjoy a presentation from Julian Elloway entitled "Walton, Vaughan Williams and Beyond". He is a man of many parts, musician, author and publisher. Over the years he has been friend to famous composers inter alia John Rutter, David Fanshawe and Andrew Carter and he entertained us with excerpts of their music. We were also amused by recollections of his dealings with such "keepers of the flame" Ursula Vaughan Williams, Lady Susan Walton and Imogen Holst, who varied in their enthusiasm when assisting him in publishing the works of their protégés.

He illustrated his presentation with extracts of favourite works personal to him in performances by musicians with whom he was and had been personally acquainted. Two very popular choices were Britten's very individual arrangement of "I wonder as I wander" and the slow (perhaps last post related) movement of the Vaughan Williams "Pastoral Symphony" inspired by the trenches in WW1 and very definitely not lambs frisking in the fields.

Next meetings 2:30 PM in the Town Hall:-

- Nov. 30th Schubert song cycles Howard Allen
- Dec. 14th Christmas party, AGM and quiz
- Jan. 4th Smetana and Dvorak, two composers of the Czech nationalist revival

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Property Report

Greenhouse Court, facing Painswick across the valley from Bulls Cross, is a country house estate with a 5/6 bedroom main house and 5 bed cottage, as well as outbuildings, 15.5 acres and wonderful views (Murrays, £3.95 million). If that's too expensive, there's Bunnage Farm at The Camp, a 5 bed stone farmhouse in a one acre plot (Hamptons, £1.55 million). Hill Farm House at Holcombe, a 4/5 bedroom family full of character, near the Rococo Gardens (Murrays, £1.35 million) went quickly under offer, but at the time of writing, The Fernery at Pitchcombe is still available (Murrays, £1.25 million), offering a 3 bed detached house together with a separate 2 bed cottage.

Just under a million, there is Stonewyck on the Cheltenham Road, a 5 bed property with far reaching views (Hamptons, £975,000) while a couple of hundred yards further up the road towards Cheltenham, Lavender Down (Hamptons, £950,000) has quickly gone under offer and exchanged.

The market is busy on expensive properties at the moment, but quieter at the lower level. Painswick estate agents can offer several properties in Upton St. Leonards around half a million or so at present, but there is little in Painswick itself. Russell House in Victoria Street is a rare exception, a charming detached 2 bed cottage with views over the churchyard (Hamptons, £425,000). Dormer Cottage in Butt Green is also available (Hamptons, £450,000), a 2 bed cottage near The Croft School and on the edge of open countryside.

1 Prospect Terrace, off Tibbiwell, is now under offer, as is Rose Cottage in Pitchcombe (both Murrays) and Brambles at The Park (Hamptons). Halfpenny Cottage on Tibbiwell, April Cottage on Vicarage Street, Gerrans in Orchard Mead, Fourways in Queens Mead, Pincot House in Pitchcombe and both Grove House and Down Cottage in Slad, have all exchanged and/or completed.

Hamptons and Murrays were both welcoming and busy on the Goodwill Evening, for which Murrays was the lead sponsor and in December Hamptons is supporting Friends of The Croft School with their Naughty Elf Trail.



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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.23/2077/FUL Cardynham House, Tibbiwell Lane
Change of use from Class C3 & Class E to Class C3.
S.23/2117/HHOLD Bulls Forge, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe
Erection of first floor / roof extension and two-storey side extensions. Resubmission of S.23/0887/HHOLD.
S.23/2158/LBC Hazelbury House, New Street
Installation of replacement dormer window (like for like) on top floor of the property.
S.23/2037/LBC Tophams, Friday Street
Installation of replacement windows and doors.
S.23/2253/LBC Kings Mill House Kings Mill Lane
Repairs to existing first floor level window, ground floor fireplace, first floor fireplace.
S.23/2274/HHOLD. Fielden, Slad Road Slad
Relocation of existing entrance piers and installation of new entrance gate.

CONSENT

S.22/2625/LBC Painswick Rococo Garden, Gloucester Road
Replace the existing door with a newer similar one, paint over existing window frames for weather proofing, provide a timber infill into a drop in floor level in the interior floor space & replace a non functional wood burner.
S.23/0338/HHOLD Greenways, Slad Road, Slad
Single storey side extension, loft conversion, garage conversion & front porch.
S.23/1247/HHOLD Tunley Cottage, Sheepscombe
Erection of single and two storey extensions. Erection of detached garage/

workshop and enlarged hardstanding.
S.23/1406/HHOLD Hill Brow, Kingsmead
Demolition of various existing extensions and erection of single and two storey extensions. Resubmission of S.22/1247/HHOLD.
S.23/1501/LBC Painswick House, Gloucester Road
Conversion of former Coach House to 2 no. residential dwellings. Resubmission of S.23/0566/LBC.
S.23/1500/FUL Painswick House, Gloucester Road
Conversion of former visitor centre / cafe (sui generis use) to 2 no. residential dwellings. Resubmission of S.23/0565/FUL.
S.23/1734/HHOLD Verlands, Vicarage Street
Erection of a replacement single storey extension.
S.23/1812/HHOLD Millbrook House, Kings Mill Lane
Erection of gates with stone faced pillars and curved drystone wall.

WITHDRAWN

S.23/1841/VAR Steanbridge House, Slad
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from application S.22/1757/FUL - Extension and external alterations. Demolition and erection of replacement swimming pool, pool building, machine store/workshop, greenhouse and stabling to include replacement workers accommodation - Approval for amended proposals & drawings.
S.23/1822/FUL Land At Yokehouse Lane
Change of use of land from agricultural to equine facilitated learning and therapeutic horsemanship; together with associated operational development including a yurt, store room, WC and field shelter.

REFUSED

S.23/2074/AFPA Knapp Barns, The Vatch, Catswood Lane
Installation of a new access and hardstanding.
S.23/1730/CPE Beechwood, Cheltenham Road
change of use of land from agricultural to residential for a period in excess of 10 years.

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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
	Community Choir. Contact sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mindful Meditation. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers. Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	7.30pm
	Painswick Bootcamp. Details contact Becca Meadows 01452 451505 or info@beccameadowsnutrition.co.uk	Broadham Field Rugby Pitch	7.30 - 8.30pm
	Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre
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
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 11.00am
	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms	7.00pm
	Table tennis. Contact David Harris on 07453 027766.	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.00pm
	Yoga with Kate. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or josephinedaley@me.com	The Pavillion	10.30 - 11.30am
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. www.lovelifeladies.co.uk	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm
	St Mary's Mums - for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers. Contact 07833 727701	Church Rooms	9.15 - 10.45 am
	After school art classes. Email classes@painswickcentre.com . Term time only	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm
	Weds Pop-in. Varied activities to share or join in. All welcome. Contact Sandra on 0781697112	Town Hall	10.00 - 12.00pm
	Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre
Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com		Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@cloud.com		Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45am
Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782		Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com		Painswick Rugby Club	10.00 - 12.00pm
Qi Gong Classic Exercise - contact Jeff Docherty on jeffdocherty@yahoo.com		Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or josephinedaley@me.com		Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm
Takeaway Food Night		Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	P. Centre and Zoom	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgswain@btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or josephinedaley@me.com .	Church Rooms	11.00 - 12.00pm
	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am



Please let Vicky Aspinall know your club and society dates for the diary on cvasp.26@gmail.com

December

Fri	1	Rococo Garden Christmas service. All Welcome	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
Sat	2	Beacon working party:enquiries Paul Baxter 07971 633242	Various	9.00 - 12.00pm
	2	Painswick Gardening Club: Wreath making. Book in advance. Contact Mary Parsons 07500 820205	Town Hall	10.30 - 12.30pm
Mon	4	Community Lunch: Library Book Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	5	Painswick Community Support Fish and Chip Supper. Pay-as-you-feel. All welcome. To book call 07956 203087	Painswick Centre	
	5	Yew Trees WI Christmas Lunch: St Michael's Bistro - members only, booked in advance	Bistro	12.15 for 12.30pm
Wed	6	Painswick Probus: Christmas Dinner	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
	6	Cotteswold Naturalists: SGM followed by The Radical History of Stroud - Stuart Butler. Enq 07472 021517	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	6	Gardening Club: Christmas party	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
	6	Holy Communion	Richmond	11.30pm
Thurs	7	Enchanted Garden by Night begins. Finishes on Jan 6th - selected dates. Pre booking essential on rococogarden.org	Rococo Garden - last entry 6.30pm	4.00 - 8.00pm
	7	Stroud and District Philatelic Society	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Fri	8	Advent quiet day. Tickets 15.00 each	St Mary's Church	11.00 - 3.00pm
Sat	9	Wycliffe Choral Society: Handel's Messiah in aid of Raising the Roof. Tickets £10.00 Tel 810935	St Mary's Church	2.30pm
Sun	10	Family Worship and Christingle	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	11	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Wed	13	Carol Service	Richmond	4.00pm
Thurs	14	The Arts Society: The Art of Snow and Ice	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 11.00am
	14	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Party, AGM and Quiz	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	16	Jesus Rocks	St Mary's Church	2.00 - 3.30pm
	16	Beacon working party:enquiries Paul Baxter 07971 633242	Various	9.00 - 12.00pm
Sun	17	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
	17	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	18	Community Carols and tea	St Mary's Church	2.30pm
Tues	19	Cotteswold Naturalists:The Berkeley estate in the 18th century - Dr Jim Pimpernell Enq 07767 014957	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
	19	Yew Trees WI: Christmas meeting	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed	20	Cotteswold Naturalists: Christmas lunch at Egypt Mill (pre-book by Dec 13.) Enq 814570	Nailsworth	12.30 for 1.15pm
Fri	22	Carol Service	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
Sun	24	Christmas Eve Crib Service	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
	24	Christmas Eve Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00pm
Mon	25	Christmas day - Family Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Sat	30	Beacon working party:enquiries Paul Baxter 07971 633242	Various	9.00 - 12.00pm
Sun	31	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	10.00am
January				
Tues	2	Painswick Community Support Fish and Chip Supper. Pay-as-you-feel. All welcome. To book call 07956 203087	Painswick Centre	
Thurs	4	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Dvorak and Smetana	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	5	Friday Club: Outing to Pantomime - Mother Goose at the	Cheltenham	2.00pm
	4	Stroud and District Philatelic Society:	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Sat	6	Painswick Beacon published		

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Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of GORDON OWEN who died peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday November 5th. He had been poorly for some time and spent his last few months in Cirencester Community Hospital. Gordon was 89 and had been a longstanding member of the Bowling Club and Probud. A celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday December 6th at 2.30 at Kendal Road Baptist Church, Kendal Road, Longlevens, Gloucester GL2 0NB.

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

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Fiona Chapman. (Volunteer Poppy Organiser)



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Above: A selection of pictures from Painswick's Goodwill Evening on 24th November

Left: Max Wright, the artist who painted our Christmas front cover this month, with his sister Allegra and with Tweedy (see p8).

Below: Group photo at the mass coffee morning on Juniper Hill Field in October (see page 11). Photo: Deborah Roberts

