

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Controversy over Washwell Fields proposals

At the recent Parish Council Meeting, attended by many members of the public, the inclusion of Washwell Field as a potential development site in the emerging Local Plan was discussed. During the Public Questions John Williamson, representing the Friends of Washwell Fields, had circulated a report to the Council in advance and raised verbally some issues of concern relevant to the Local Plan.

Would the change of Painswick from a Tier 3 to a Tier 2 status, which would bring Painswick into the definition of a Local Service Centre, encourage more unwanted development into the area.

Objection was raised to the inclusion of Washwell Fields as a potential development site, which could lead to planning for twenty 4/5 bed houses which was not what Painswick needed. The extra houses would cause increased traffic on narrow access roads and to the junction with the A46 with its poor visibility. There was also a restrictive covenant on part of the Washwell site. Caroline Luke on behalf of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society, has given their support to these objections in later correspondence with the Beacon.

## Snowdrops at Rococo - report p13



David Broadbent Photography

The Council in response did not think that the change in Tier status would have any impact on future development in the area and may bring some benefits. The Council was aware of a covenant on part of the site and would request that the Legal Department of Stroud District Council look at the detail and advise its relevance. On the issues concerning access to the site they would request that further investigations take place before this location is included in the Plan.



Site of the proposed access to Washwell fields

The Washwell Site, currently for 20 houses, was the preferred option, out of those considered for development. However, it was agreed that the need was not for more 4/5 bedroom houses but for smaller units ideal for starter homes or downsizing. There is pressure for some development to take place in Painswick and would be welcomed by some residents to ensure Painswick continues as a vibrant village retaining its many amenities which in recent years have declined. Further information in the Parish Council minutes on page 2

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## The Beacon Village Quiz

Saturday 7th March at the Painswick Centre

Reminder to enter your teams as soon as possible, closing date is Saturday 29th February.

This annual event is a real social gathering for the local community. Teams should consist of four members, from clubs, societies or just a group of friends.

Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30. Light refreshments are included in the Team entry fee of £24. A cash bar is available.

Email John Barrus at barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk to reserve a table or drop a note in the Beacon box



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held on January 15th by John Barrus

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

Members present: Cllrs: Rob Lewis (Chairman), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Mike Fletcher, Ian James, Martin Slinger  
Apologies: Cllrs Dawn Dart, James Cross, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker.

Matters requiring a decision

There were 7 applications to consider, all received unanimous support.

S.19/2540/HHOLD HAMFIELD, Edge Road

Single Storey extension to the rear elevation. Removal of section of internal and external walls.

S.19/2565/LBC SPOONBED FARM.

Removal of existing two light mullioned windows and replace with a pair of metal casement doors.

S.19/2577/HHOLD. OLD STAR HOUSE Gloucester Street

Erection of replacement garage and associated works

S.19/2585/LBC OLD BAKERY New Street

Alteration at ground level to create shower room and alter to cellar.

S.19/2588/HHOLD LYNWOOD Slad Road

Removal of existing single storey porch and formation of single storey kitchen/dining room extension. Garden alterations to suit including retaining structures.

S.19/2718/LBC NEW HALL Bisley Street

Internal alterations to kitchen, dining and lounge

S.19/2552/TCA BARROW COTTAGE Tibbiwell Lane

Lawson Cypress tree (T1) fell.

### Public questions

A member of the Public, representing the Washwell Fields asked the Council three questions pertaining to the Emerging Stroud District Council Plan.

Would the change of Painswick from a Tier 3 to a Tier 2 status, which would bring Painswick into the definition of a Local Service Centre, encourage more unwanted development into the area.

Asked the Council to consider supporting a Neighbourhood Development Plan

where local people could have their views expressed.

Objection was raised to the inclusion of Washwell Fields as a potential development site, which could lead to planning for twenty 4/5 bed houses which was not what Painswick needed. The extra houses would cause increased traffic on narrow access roads and to the junction with the A46 with its poor visibility. There was also a restrictive covenant on part of the Washwell site.

Painswick, situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, was not the best area for housing development.

### Minutes of 11th December meeting

These were agreed.

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### Matters of urgency.

A local resident had informed the Council of the very poor condition of Back Edge Lane road surface. The Parish Council agreed to take the issue up with the Highways authorities.

#### County Councillor's report.

None

#### District Councillor's report

District Cllr Nigel Cooper, who was present at the Meeting, had sent a written report that had been circulated. At a recent SDC Meeting questions were raised concerning the sale of SDC property in Painswick. The sites involved in the sale were not considered suitable for development by SDC themselves due to their nature and size.

The Clerk asked if Cllr Cooper would investigate the lack of adequate emptying of the dog waste bins in Painswick during the Christmas period.

Stroud District Council Local Plan Review

To receive and approve the report which includes a recommendation on a proposed GRCC/SDC Housing Needs Survey.

Cllr Rob Lewis commenced by responding

to the points raised by the member of the public and the correspondence received concerning the inclusion of Washwell Fields in the updated Plan.

The Council would like the issues concerning access to the site to be further investigated before this location is included in the Plan.

The Council is aware of a covenant on part of the site and request that the Legal Department of Stroud District Council look at the detail and advise its relevance.

The Washwell Site was the preferred option, out of those considered for development, for 20 houses. Request was made for the construction to be in keeping with similar materials to other properties in Painswick.

With reference to the Retail Centre, the Council was concerned that the current map was flawed and requested that the Town Centre map is redrawn to reflect the current situation as it does impact on some planning issues concerning retail.

Finally the Council wishes to record its support for the new Delivery Policy DHC4, Community led housing, which could allow for smaller properties ideal for starter homes or for those downsizing.

The Parish Council would request that a Housing Needs Survey is not carried out at this time whilst the above Delivery Policy is investigated. The results of any survey could undermine the Council's own efforts to find a way forward for smaller homes. A draft letter by the Parish Council to be sent to the Local Plan Review Team at SDC had been circulated and covered many of the points above and agreed by the meeting.

To receive correspondence regarding a permissive right of way closure in Slad It was agreed to refer this matter to the Rural Environment Committee after consultation with the landowner concerned to establish his reasons.


### Finance and General Purpose Committee recommendations

To agree payments with the budget as listed in the report. Approved.

To consider and approve a quote for the



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purchase and installation of a ceiling mounted projection system. The cost would be £1765. Approved

To consider and approve an application for grant funding for the Hambutts Field Trust. Martin Slinger ( Chairman) declared an interest and left the meeting. The Council agreed a grant of £65.

#### Ward reports

Two issues were raised by Cllr Rob Lewis for the Painswick area.

An advertising board had been erected on a fence on a property on Kingsmill Lane,

and grass cuttings had been dumped on a footpath adjacent to Painswick Mill. It was agreed to ask the Neighbourhood warden to investigate both cases.

Beech Lane. Cllr Mike Fletcher reported damage to a reflective bollard. It was agreed to refer this matter to the County Highways.

#### Date/time of next meeting.

Wednesday 19th February in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 8.31pm.

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## Georgian Pleasure Gardens – London and Cranham

At the January meeting Jan Whitton gave the society a fascinating insight into a small aspect of Georgian life.

Georgian pleasure gardens were a feature of the mid 18th to mid 19th centuries. Starting out as tea gardens for the middle classes they moved on to become something much grander for the aristocracy. Not just tea but other entertainments, music, dancing, spas, archery, fishing, wooded walks for lovers' trysts and more.

These gardens were not free, they were entrepreneurial – tokens costing sixpence for entry survive or even silver ones to cover a whole season.

Their life was fairly short and the last of the London gardens to close in 1878 was Cremone (Which had its own cocktail a Cremone Sherry Cobbler – A mixture of sherry, fruit juice & ice – Stirred!) The reason for the demise was purely monetary – it was more profitable to sell the land for building.

Cranham Pleasure Gardens (Also known as Todd's or Swiss Cottages) had a short life. The entrepreneurial vision of John Todd building started in 1820. The site in a gladed area of Buckholt woods comprised a couple of cottages with verandas, gothic mullioned windows, dairy, billiard and ballrooms, archery building, lakes and tree platform to view the scene from on high. The gardens only operated for about four years - Thomas Todd it seems fell victim to banks in Cheltenham that collapsed in 1825/6. The Todd family finally managed to sell the property and left in 1828. The gardens remained in the Cheltenham guide books till 1834 as something to see on the way to the Roman villa at Witcombe.

The buildings went through various incarnations over the years until finally being leased to the Gloucester Sanatorium Company in 1899... but that is another talk.

Our next meeting on 18th February is Dr Stephen Blake on the connected subject of Building Georgian Cheltenham. Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

*Peter Jackson*



## Mastermind 10th February

Dom Hewett, who grew up in Painswick and whose parents still live in the village, will be appearing in Mastermind's famous black chair opposite John Humphrys in the episode to be broadcast on Monday 10th February (7.30 pm, BBC2). Dom, a graduate in English literature, will be taking as his specialist subject, the Life and Poems of W.H. Auden. Actually the episode has already been filmed, but Dom is offering no clues as to how he got on.

He's now something of a veteran of television quiz shows, having featured two years ago on University Challenge as part of a Bristol University team that fought through two rounds of the contest before eventually going out in the quarter finals.

## Painswick Library Book Club

Next meeting Monday  
17th February 2-3pm  
Visit from local author  
Jan Turk Petrie  
All welcome in the library



Jan is the author or the fast-paced Nordic thriller series: The Eldsvik Trilogy. All three of these gripping novels are set in 2068 in a fictional city state just below the Arctic Circle.

Her latest book, 'Towards the Vanishing Point' has just been published and is available from Amazon and also from Painswick Library (as are her others). This book is categorised as historic literary fiction, set from 1938 – 1968. It follows the story of a woman who becomes involved with a sinister but superficially charming man, and it has been reviewed as '... a moving novel and a remarkable piece of work'. Come along and meet the author and find out more!

*Carole Smith*

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## PMAG: January 2020



In early January Dennis Morgan, a most multi-talented member of the Club, made the restart of our 32nd Season a memorable occasion. He presented a live performance with an orchestra or accompanist of the great American singer, Renee Fleming.

The magical range of her voice allied to her attractive presence and charm made for an entrancing experience. Dennis had selected operatic arias and songs by Mozart, Dvorak, Richard Strauss and Korngold that formed a wonderful musical illustration of Renee Fleming's magical repertoire.

The Club will mark the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Beethoven that falls in 2020 on 23 January with an audio-visual orchestral concert. This will be followed on 29 January by a visit to Symphony Hall, Birmingham for a live performance of Beethoven's second and fourth symphonies. The concert will be presented by the BSO under the baton of the ever popular Mirga Grazintye Tyla.

On 6 February Mike Ward will be reflecting on the life and work of the great Austrian composer, Franz Joseph Haydn.

*Howard Allen.*

## Jottings

Just remember that when planting your gardens and fields you need to add compost or manure to feed the soil and the plants, if you do not then the goodness of the soil gets less as the years go on and you finish up in what we call a dead soil and then the only way to get things to grow is to add artificial fertilizers. You can buy organic fertilizers but they are expensive.

There is a lot of land in this country where cereals, vegetables are grown out doors which will be called dead of humus (dead soil).

In the days of doing a rotation of crops this could keep up the humus content of the soil. These days planting say winter corn you can get a good crop growing then allowing sheep to graze it in the spring and allowing the corn to grow on to be harvested in the autumn, then the sheep that grazed it leave behind their muck to boost the soil. By using sheep with their tiny feet they do not do the damage to the soil as would heavy weight cattle in the spring.

Then there is a green crop for ploughing in to act as plant food as it rots down, this is another way to add humus to the soil.

Then there are the weeds that grow, it is best to get rid of them in their first year; if you leave the weed to grow and drop its seeds, then you have twice the weeds, then to get rid of them could take you up to five years. To keep soil healthy it is best to get rid of them in the first place.

*Martin Slinger*

## Box Adverts: Closing Date 12th February

Each year at this time the Beacon allocates the space for box adverts (that appear at the bottom of many pages of the Beacon) for the twelve months from April. The process starts with advertisers wishing to take a box advert letting me know their requirements.

Current advertisers were sent an email in mid-January. New advertisers must complete and sign a Booking Form which is available from me or from our website [www.painswickbeacon.org.uk](http://www.painswickbeacon.org.uk) (then click on "how to advertise" and follow the links). My apologies for those who tried the website after last month's article – I inadvertently included an extra dot in the web address.

To be considered, requests must be completed and with me by 12 February. After that bookings will only be accepted if any space remains.

*Peter Rowe (01452 813228)  
advertising.beacon@painswick.net*

## Painswick Map - latest edition

David Haslam, on behalf of the Tourist Information Centre, has just published the third edition of the Painswick Visitor Map. On one side there is a large-scale map of the whole town, plus an inset map showing all places of interest, shops and businesses. On the other side there is a Painswick Area Map which includes Cranham, Edge, Sheepscombe and Slad. Footpaths are clearly shown which is ideal for walkers wishing to explore Painswick's glorious countryside. It is hoped that visitors buying this map will quickly see that staying only one night is not really an option!



The map is available in the library, Best One, Painswick Pharmacy, the Rococo Garden shop and the Tourist Information Centre, or from David tel.812293.

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# Letters

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## Painswick Valleys Conservation Society - the Stroud District Local Plan Review.

The pressure for housing, along with addressing energy and environmental concerns is at the forefront of Stroud District Council's review of its current Local Plan. Development in Painswick and the surrounding area is limited by being within the Cotswold Area of Natural Beauty. However this Society has raised a number of concerns in response to the recent consultation.



We have objected to the proposed housing site adjacent to Lower Washwell, situated outside the Settlement Development Limit (SDL) on a greenfield site with potential environmental damage. The site would be more densely developed than the immediate area and generate traffic on a narrow lane. The site currently has no suitable vehicle access. It could also adversely affect the setting of an adjacent listed building (Washwell House).

## Remembering Somerset Moore

Nick Slader writes... Somerset Moore enjoyed fishing for salmon and sea trout. He was a skilled fly fisherman and over the years fished the major Scottish salmon rivers, Iceland and once a year joined his friends in a fishing party to catch sea trout on the River Delphi, West coast of Ireland. On the Wye he fished the famous Wyesham stretch and invited me to join him on a number of occasions. On our last visit in September I hooked a large salmon. Somerset, who wasn't fishing, ambled along the shingle bank dressed in his inimitable style; red trousers, wellingtons, yellow waistcoat, green shirt, cravat and floppy cap - landing net in one hand, Romeo y Julieta Havana in the other. Net in the water, fish drawing near, the fly flicks from the mouth and the salmon disappears. Somerset and I look at each - no words spoken! I will miss my fishing friend. Rest in Peace Somerset.

The Policy section was also scrutinised and we have expressed concern that Painswick is being credited with the status of a 'district centre' and defined as a 'tier 2 settlement' on a par with Nailsworth and Wotton-under-Edge. This is despite the Plan's recognition that Painswick has limited employment opportunities, relying significantly on tourism and is essentially a dormitory settlement. We have suggested it should be redefined as a 'tier 3a settlement' that is a 'large village' rather than a town, to avoid undue pressure for development and the impact this would have on the local infrastructure.

The Society is particularly concerned to maintain the valued historic and architectural character of our valued locality. It is particularly disappointing that in recent years the District Council has allowed development of excessively large houses, both in our villages and in open countryside, often with no consideration of the Cotswold architectural tradition, in breach of the Council's own policies. We have submitted comments, seeking to strengthen the policies relating to new residential development.

The Painswick Valleys Conservation Society will continue to fight to conserve our valued local environment by monitoring planning applications, making constructive comments where required. New members always welcome: we have an AGM with refreshments and speaker and an annual outing to a local place of interest.

Membership £4 single/£6 double (membership secretary John Luke 01452 814139).  
Chairman Barbara Tait.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Somerset's life was held in St Mary's Church on Friday January 10th. The Service was led by Father Gary Brassington, Painswick's Roman Catholic Parish Priest. Jo Living writes that the family and Somerset would have been so pleased to know that the collection raised just over £1,000 which would be split between the Church of Our Lady & St Therese and St Mary's.

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# News from St Mary's

There are usually several Sundays of what we call normal time between Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. This year there are three Sundays – 9th, 16th and 23rd February when the liturgical colour is green. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 26th February. There are two special services on that day, open to all. The first is at Richmond Village at 11am: the second at Cranham at 7pm.



Lent is traditionally a solemn season as we prepare for Easter. This solemnity is marked by there being no flowers in church and by the liturgical colour purple. How are you going to mark Lent this year? In times past people often used to give up a luxury during Lent like refraining from eating chocolates or drinking alcohol. Today the accent is more on taking on something for Lent such as giving extra support to a charity, spending more time in devotion and spiritual reading or joining a Lent study group. As usual several study groups will be formed locally for Lent so think about joining a group this year. Details of study material and the different groups you can join are not available as yet, They will appear on church notice boards at St Mary's and the Catholic Church fairly soon so watch these spaces.

David Newell

## St. Mary's Church Re-ordering Update – February 2020

Further to the explanation we gave in The Beacon last July of proposed changes to the interior of St. Mary's we would like to keep you informed of the latest developments. In August we appointed an Architect, Alex Coppock of Communion Architects in Hereford. Since when in October and November the Re-ordering Committee have had two significant meetings with him discussing designs, materials, time scales and finance with a view to progressing the Scheme.

Last month more detailed plans have been drawn up which will be discussed with the Diocesan Advisory Committee for initial approval. These will be available to view in Church during February. We invite you again to come in and see them, and would welcome your written comments, positive or otherwise, to be left in the box provided. Thank you, St Mary's Re-ordering Committee.

Chair: Margaret Radway – [margaret.radway@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:margaret.radway@tiscali.co.uk)

## The Easter Egg Hunt is back!

This year the village Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Saturday, the 11th April between 12-4pm, and as 2020 is International year of Sound the theme will be children's songs and nursery rhymes. The Hunt has become a firmly established and ever more popular event in the local calendar, attracting visitors from all over Gloucestershire. It is organised by parents to raise vital funds for Painswick Playgroup, and last year raised around £4,000.

These community events need many hands to make them happen, and if you can help we would love to hear from you. We particularly need people who can help to set up in the morning, man stands for an hour during the event, or help us to clear down afterwards (many people who helped out last year were still able to enjoy the event with their families). It's a great day out with a fantastic atmosphere, come rain or shine - please join us in making this year's event another excellent showcase for the village. Donations of leftover Christmas bottles for our tombola are also welcome! (These can be passed to Playgroup staff.)

If you can help, please email [easteregghuntpainswick@gmail.com](mailto:easteregghuntpainswick@gmail.com)

## Messy Church



THURSDAY 13th  
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# Memories of the “swinging” sixties



There was a good response to Friday Club’s first meeting of the 2020’s which took us all back to the 1960’s. It was an opportunity not only for nostalgic reminiscing but also a reminder of the many changes and achievements of this period. Much of which we take for granted today although we are still waiting to repeat the 1966 England World Cup win!

The period saw the loss of many train services (thanks to Dr Beeching) but the motorway network soon started to transform the countryside. Space exploration was also a feature of this time. Notable people were recalled with the wedding of Princess Margaret opening the decade.

To illustrate their talk “Those were the days” David and Virginia Adsett produced a wide range of items from toys and books to clothing and household equipment. There were many acknowledgments of recognition from the audience who enjoyed not only the talk but the chance to examine the many items on display.

There was a complete change on January 24th with “Art for everyone”. More on that meeting in the March issue of the Beacon. On February 7th we look forward to hearing Steve Morton from Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust, who I’m sure will be offering some tips on how to deal with those troublesome aches and pains.

As many of you know, the Community Lunch is now held at the Town Hall. On Monday February 10th, it will be Friday Club’s turn to make the soup and serve bread and cheese, all in a very good cause. We look forward to your support.

*Pat Francis*

## Library News for February

We are in the process of adding the following books to our library stock:

### Adult Fiction

Hosseini, Khaled – Sea Prayer, from the best –selling author of The Kite Runner  
Kinsley, Erin – Found – described by Elly Griffiths as “An unputdownable thriller”  
Mawer, Simon – Prague Spring, from the Man Booker Prize shortlisted author  
Michaelides, Alex – The Silent Patient – the #1 Sunday Times bestseller  
Nunn, Judy – Maralinga – an epic tale of love and intrigue in the Outback from this international bestselling author and actress  
Riley, Lucinda – The Sun Sister – part of the Seven Sisters series  
Turk Petrie, Jan – Towards The Vanishing Point – from this popular local author  
Turnham, Peter – Autumn Daffodils, Charlie’s Story and Joanna’s story - donations by this local author  
Tyce, Harriet – Blood Orange – a complex and menacing debut novel

### Adult Non-Fiction

Humphreys, Alastair – My Midsummer Morning – inspired by Laurie Lee’s book this is described as the author’s most terrifying journey yet, risking failure and humiliation every day, and finding himself truly vulnerable to the rhythms of the road and of his own life.

We are also adding this author’s junior book – ‘Great Adventurers, the incredible expeditions of 20 explorers’ to our stock.

Moorehead, Caroline – A House in the Mountains, the women who liberated Italy from Fascism

Stedall, Jonathan – No Shore Too Far, and, Where on Earth is Heaven, donations by this local author

Tree, Isabella – Wilding – the return to nature of a British farm and winner of the Richard Jefferies Award for Nature Writing 2018.

A full list will be available at the library.  
Happy Reading

*Pat Pinnegar*



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# Tree-mendous



On a cold and wet January evening it was really wonderful to see so many people turning out, and I'm sure they were glad they had. Jim Almond gave us a small insight into the garden of the late Margaret Owen, called 'The Patch', an area of her husband's farm that she had grabbed, to accommodate her ever growing plant collections. She was a fairly formidable but truly fascinating and energetic plants-woman, who, well into her later life was still researching and adding to her garden.

Our meeting on the 12th Feb will be Mary Fenton on 'The Wonder of Trees,' a topical subject as we are all being encouraged to plant more trees in order to combat some of the effects of climate change. Living in such a beautifully wooded county one forgets there are vast areas of the country almost devoid of trees.

The committee have been busy putting together some events for 2020, in addition to our monthly speakers. We have arranged an afternoon trip to a large private garden, 'Wudston House' near Devizes for Friday 4th Sept and are finalising another super trip for May. We will let you know as soon as we have finalised details but in the meantime lets hope for a window of dry weather so we can get onto our Gardens!

*Catherine Bond, ( committee member )*

# Gut reactions

Good health and a sense of wellbeing are surely underlying desires in all of us. We can of course do much to help ourselves achieve such goals but sometimes it is a case of overlooking some basic elements in our day-to-day behaviours. Food and nutrition for example are fundamental to both physical and mental health, more perhaps than is immediately obvious.

Rachel Hudson and her partner, Kevin, came to live in Painswick last year. As a fully qualified nutritional therapist, Rachel is very aware of the fads and trends concerning diet and eating which bombard us on a regular basis. With a noticeably calm, intelligent and sensible approach to the subject, she points out that our overall health and feeling of wellbeing are very largely down to how our bodies and individual systems deal with whatever foods we choose to consume. On the subject of food itself, which, she stresses, should be enjoyed, she likes to work with nature pointing out that simplicity is good.

Having experienced for herself the detrimental effects that certain foods can have and having studied the subject to a serious academic level, Rachel explains that nutritional therapy can have enormous benefits for people with a broad range of both physical and mental health problems. 'It's a complementary medicine, a healing system,' she says, though also emphasises that it can have health benefits for anyone and everyone.

Rachel currently works with people on a one-to-one basis via consultations from home. The aim is to help find what works for each person, to take control of their own health. In this regard she explains that consultations are often quite lengthy because it is necessary to work out exactly what is the root cause of any problem or potential problem. The subsequent nutritional therapy is then tailored to suit the individual and a return to full health may then take time – 'it's not a quick pill'. It is very much about how the body absorbs the nutrients and ones mental health can affect this. This is very individual and very much about balance and overall wellbeing.



Of Painswick Rachel says that it is very special. 'We are blown away by the beauty that surrounds Painswick,' she says, and is also very impressed 'by all our lovely neighbours and the people we have met in the village.' For the future, apart from individual consultations, she would like to organise small group presentations on various themes related to nutrition and lifestyle. If you are interested and would like to arrange a consultation with Rachel she can be contacted by email on [info@rhnt.co.uk](mailto:info@rhnt.co.uk) or telephone 07714022826. There is a website [www.rhnt.co.uk](http://www.rhnt.co.uk)

*Carol Maxwell*

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Coming up this month:

Fri 7th Feb Wick-Flix presents: Judy (12A)  
Doors open at 7pm. See right for more info

Thu 20th Feb Gilmore & Roberts  
Doors open at 7.30pm. Another brilliant folk gig at The Painswick Centre. Katriona Gilmore (fiddle, mandolin) and Jamie Roberts (guitar) have been nominated three times at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. They met while studying at Leeds College of Music, and combine award-winning song writing with their trademark harmonies and astounding musicianship to create a powerful wall of sound.

Tickets £12, available from Canton Acre Promotions: 07596 823 881 [cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com](mailto:cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com)

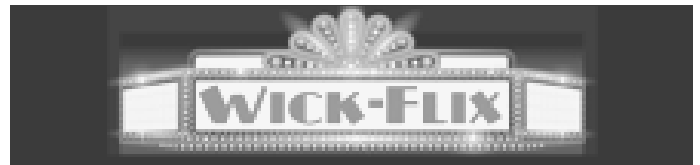
Car parking at The Painswick Centre

Over the last few months The Painswick Centre has been delighted to see new users running classes and holding events. This has combined with our regular activities to make the place busier than it's been for many a year! Of course this means that our car park is in ever more demand at all times of the day and evening. Many of you will have noticed signage showing our intention to issue fines to those car owners who park when they are neither attending an event at the Centre nor showing a parking permit to use a space. With spaces at a premium, we will be increasing the enforcement of this in the coming months, so please be sure that you only use the car park legitimately.

*Susie Andrews*

## Newspaper Deliveries in Painswick

The Beacon has been approached by Shaun Jackson, owner of Gloucester Paper Services, who is interested in providing a newspaper delivery service in Painswick. He needs about 20 customers for it to be viable. If you are interested, please contact him to find out more. Phone: 07739 926421 or email [gloucesterpaperservices@outlook.com](mailto:gloucesterpaperservices@outlook.com).



There was a great turnout last month for a celebration of The Beatles' music in the film Yesterday. This month we are thrilled to bring you another sparkling musical gem with Judy, which is already gathering statues and nominations in the current awards season (see below for more details). We have a great selection of films coming up in the next few months, from espionage to comedy, and true stories to action. Find us on Facebook to keep up to date.

We have postponed our annual Gala Night, hosted by our Gold sponsor Murrays Estate Agents, with its famous charity raffle, until early Summer, so keep your eyes out for more details on that special event coming soon.

If you've never been to a Wick-Flix screening before, do come along by yourself or with some friends to enjoy a great night out in the heart of our village. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.45pm start. Tickets are £7 on the door (cash only) and include your first drink from the bar (where cards are accepted). Hot canapes are served on arrival and the bar reopens at the interval, when you can also purchase sweet and savoury snacks; we are proud to serve Marshfield Farm ice cream and Woodchester Valley wines at our screenings.

Friday 7th February – Judy (12A)

Already awarded a Golden Globe for her role, and hotly tipped for the upcoming Oscars and BAFTAs, Renee Zellweger puts in an amazing performance as Judy Garland in this biopic that covers a little-known period when the singer was in the UK. This is a worthy tribute to Judy Garland's flair and commitment to the show going on despite the inner battles she faces.

Friday 6th March – The Good Liar (15)

Dame Helen Mirren and Sir Ian McKellen star in this crime thriller as a wealthy widow and a career con artist, with a plot full of twists, bluffs and double-bluffs. Director Bill Condon 'distills from the McKellen-Mirren team an energy that is devastating' (The Observer); 'they are an enormous pleasure to watch, individually and playing off each other on screen for the first time in their decades-long careers' (LA Times)

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## Re-establishing the Large Blue butterfly.

Last month I was privileged to attend a regional meeting which presented updated data on the re-introduction of this iconic butterfly to Britain.



The LB became extinct in Britain in 1979 and for some years the cause remained a mystery. Entomologists eventually solved the problem once they worked out the complex life cycle. Once the adult female has mated she lays approx. 50 eggs in small clumps on the flower buds of thyme. Once hatched, the lava feed on the thyme then drop to the ground. Here they fool a specific species of red ant (*Mermica sabuleti*) with chemical and audio signals into thinking they are the ants' queen larvae. They are carried to the ants' underground nest to overwinter, growing as they eat the ant grubs, to emerge as adult LBs in the early summer.

What took time to work out was why the cycle collapsed. Now we know, it seems simple. After the last war, grazing our commons largely stopped because it was uneconomic, leading to the grass sward becoming longer and much of it being lost to encroaching scrub. This had two consequences. Firstly, the surface temperature of the soil became too cool for *M sabuleti* to survive and secondly, the longer grass out competed the small thyme plants. Bad news for the Large Blue!

The first re-introduction was in 1983 on Dartmoor using 93 grubs from SE Sweden. Subsequent efforts had varied success, but the release of 281 on Green Down, Somerset in 1992 has produced the largest population in Europe. All current UK populations stem from this single introduction.

The surface temperature of the soil is crucial to success, not only for the correct ant to be present, but also so the adult emerges at the same time as thyme flowers. A new, fascinating, development has recently been discovered. A new strain of the butterfly has evolved to warmer conditions by utilizing marjoram as a food plant. Marjoram is more drought resistant than thyme, and being taller keeps the soil at the correct temperature for *M sabuleti* despite the warmer air temp. This is good news for the long-term survival of the LB as the use of two food plants doubles the breeding area.

Much of the work we are doing on the Beacon is to promote a re-introduction. It may seem a lot of effort for one specie, but if it is successful, the survival of many associated species is assured.

If you would like to know more about this fascination project contact me on [pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com](mailto:pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com) and I'll forward you the article.

*Paul Baxter*

## New direction for Kathryn

Good customer service is without doubt a feature to be valued. The pharmacy staff are definitely top class in this respect and so it is sad to have said goodbye to one of them. Kathryn Hodgson was always welcoming, cheerful and very helpful. However, after 13 years behind the counter, Kathryn recognised that it was time to take a different career direction, one for which in fact she had originally trained.



Educated at the Croft School, then Archway in Stroud, Kathryn went on to gain a degree in education and psychology at Bath University, followed by a postgraduate teacher training course. The job at the pharmacy was originally part-time, she explains, but somehow she never left. 'It's a lovely place to work,' she says, 'and the team is amazing.' She is most proud of her role in the 'quit smoking' scheme and feels she has helped many people to give up the habit.

However, for some time she has felt it was time for a change and indeed to put into practice what she originally trained for ie working with special needs children. Her new job as a teaching assistant at Betteridge School in Up Hatherley is ideal for this and as an added bonus suits her domestic situation perfectly as a mother of two children.

A Painswick resident all her life, Kathryn, who enjoys yoga and jogging, feels she will definitely be engaging in more community activities. She will doubtless be missed at the Pharmacy but, as she says, 'It's time for a change.'

*Carol Maxwell*

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## In safe hands – Painswick Pharmacy

Painswick Pharmacy has enjoyed a very, very long and highly respected presence in New Street, from before the middle of the 19th century in fact. Always in the same premises it has been continuously owned and/or managed by highly qualified pharmacists and it is pleasing therefore to report that that tradition will certainly be continued for some time to come.

Adis Kikic is our new pharmacist and he is already happily settled in both the business and the house. Growing up in Manchester, Adis then studied at Bradford University for his pharmacy degree, which he gained in 2007, followed by his pre-registration qualification. He subsequently moved to Devon where he has until recently run a pharmacy business. Adis is married to Penny and they have a three year old son, Louis. Recognising the importance of living in a vibrant, family-friendly community – they were in a small hamlet – they set about looking for the ideal location, their quest bringing them finally to Painswick. For them it is the perfect family setting. ‘Painswick is wonderful for family life,’ he says.

Working with an excellent team – currently Sagar, Oli, Chantell, Beth and Penny – Adis recognises the features which contribute to the outstanding reputation of Painswick Pharmacy. Keen to build upon these high standards and to provide the very best service to the local community, he has already begun to make plans for further positive developments. He will, of course, continue to offer existing services such as smoking cessation, emergency contraception, NHS health advice, medical reviews, blood pressure and diabetes testing and flu vaccinations.

New developments soon to be introduced will include free delivery of medications within 10 miles (there will be a designated Painswick Pharmacy van), a loyalty card scheme for the shop and the dispensing of prescriptions from all local surgeries, not just Painswick, within the wider area. With a strong desire to serve the local community, Adis is definitely receptive to suggestions for more services and ideas for the shop,

The team are all qualified in specific services and of course Sagar is also a fully qualified pharmacist. Chantell and Oli have been part of the team for some years already and Beth, formerly a paramedic, has, with great enthusiasm, just joined. Penny helps with dispensing and back office work. Adis keenly notes that they are all ‘reliable, friendly, hard-working and excellent with customers.’ Adis himself is already demonstrating a positive desire to take the business forward in ways which will without doubt be beneficial to Painswick. With such an outstanding team at our service, we are indeed fortunate to have this business in our midst and we welcome Adis and Penny to the Painswick community.



*Carol Maxwell*

## News from Yew Trees WI

2020 got off to a flying start for a number of members of Yew Trees WI when they visited Stroud Auction Rooms on an evening in early January. I am not sure what our expectations were but certainly the enjoyment level was exceeded on every front! The warm welcome, the fascination of seeing all the lots set out ready for the next day’s auction, the delight in recognising treasures remembered from our childhood and of course the glass of prosecco all contributed to this feeling of well being! Brown furniture, paintings, ceramics, vinyl records, books, glassware, coins and playing cards were just some of the items that captivated everyone’s attention.



Nick Bowkett the Head Auctioneer delighted his audience with a relaxed and informative talk on the history of the Auction Rooms. We learnt how he and his wife bought an already successful family run business and how it has gone from strength to strength embracing, and investing in, new technology. Currently they often have the highest number of online buyers in the country. Nick’s obvious delight in his work is infectious. The evening ended with Nick admiring treasures belonging to some of the party, sadly their greatest worth was their sentimental value, but no one minded because they had enjoyed themselves so much!

The guest speaker at our February meeting is Mandie Cran whose talk entitled “Warfare to Welfare, an Engineer’s Journey” sounds intriguing. Ladies do come and join us in the Church Rooms at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 25th.

*Celia Lougher 812624*



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Painswick Music Society celebrates its 75th anniversary this year with four outstanding Saturday afternoon concerts in St Mary's Church. The first on March 21st is a very welcome return by Tasmin Little accompanied on this occasion by Piers Lane. Tasmin has been several times before and this will be both a joyous and a poignant occasion as she is retiring from live performance this summer. Her passion for learning new repertoire however, is undaunted and her programme includes two works by the great American composer Amy Beach, often referred to as the American Brahms, as well as music by Bach, Strauss and Lili Boulanger. A return visit on April 4th by the Orchestra of the Swan

based in Stratford, is long overdue as they were last with us in 2005. They are performing a delightful programme entitled An English Idyll, including two ever popular pieces for strings, Holst's St Pauls Suite and Britten's Simple Symphony, Vaughan Williams's Oboe Concerto and works by Elgar, Walton and John Ireland.

For our third concert on 25th April we welcome for the first time the baritone Roderick Williams, one of the outstanding singers of our time, and his accompanist Iain Burnside, and, judging by the care he has taken over his programme, Roderick is clearly looking forward to his visit as much as we are. Not only is it all by English composers, several are from Gloucestershire, including Gurney and John Sanders, and some have very close associations with Painswick such as CW Orr and Gerald Finzi. It will also include the first performance of A Rondel of Gloucestershire by Louis Mander and Three Housman Parodies by Roddy himself which sound like fun, so it promises to be a memorable afternoon. Our final concert on 9th May is by the Nash Ensemble who were last with us in 2012. The Nash are a flexible ensemble who offer a variety of combinations, and this time their programme includes two masterpieces of the string quintet repertoire by Beethoven and Dvorak, together with a quartet by Schubert. It's a lovely programme and I'm sure will make a fitting conclusion to our 75th anniversary season.

Membership, giving access to all four concerts costs £50 and tickets for individual concerts priced £20 and £5 for under 18s or students, may be purchased from The Painswick Pharmacy, online at [www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk](http://www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk), from Edward Bowron (07789 006006 or [painswickmusicsoc@gmail.com](mailto:painswickmusicsoc@gmail.com)) or, subject to availability, at the door, but to avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to book well ahead. Please note that all seats are unreserved except those for committee members, and you may wish to bring a cushion to sit on. The concerts start at 3pm and we hope very much to see you there.

#### The Next 75 Years!

We have been very pleased to welcome a member of the Painswick Community to the committee following my article in the November Beacon. We remain a small group however, and still need more people to become involved, both on the committee and by helping on concert days with tasks such as erecting the staging and serving tea. Following the retirement of Jan Clarke, we are particularly looking for someone to take over coordinating the provision of our post concert afternoon teas and have a detailed description of what this and all other roles involve. Do please get in touch if you think you may be able to help in any way, by email or telephone ([cgswain@btinternet.com](mailto:cgswain@btinternet.com) or 01453 822998).

Painswick can be very proud that its Music Society has been providing concerts of the highest quality for the last 75 years, and I do hope that more volunteers will step forward to ensure that we can continue to do so.

*Chris Swain*

## Personal Column

### Condolences

To Rex McGowan and the family of JEAN SHELDRICK who died peacefully at home on 30th December aged 93. Jean lived at Millbrook House, Capp Mill Lane between 1964 and 1982, and at Greenacres Cottage, Cheltenham Road since 1989.

To the family and friends of JANE HOYLAND who has died peacefully at home aged 84 on January 10th after a long illness. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Painswick Church on Thursday 5th March at 12.00 Noon.

To Pat Dean of Eastington, formerly of Armany, Golf Course Road, Painswick whose husband BOB DEAN died suddenly on January 1st.

To all in Painswick who knew and loved BRIAN JUBB who died in Southmead Hospital, Bristol on 14th January aged 80. Brian was a 'Gyde boy', spending much of his childhood in the orphanage from 1946 onwards. He retained his connection with Painswick throughout his life frequently visiting friends here and also organising several memorable reunions for Gyde former residents and former Painswick school friends.

To the family and friends of JOAN WOOD who has passed away peacefully in the Cotswold House Care Home on January 8th aged 102. She was the wife of the late Percy and a dear mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt. A funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm on February 4th.

### Thank you

from Margaret Radway

Thanks to you for all the wonderful words conveyed to me by people throughout the village after it was announced that I was Painswickian of the Year. It came as a complete surprise to me and I am so proud that I was thought to be worthy of the accolade.

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.

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## Snowdrops, sitting places and situations vacant

Over five million snowdrops are blooming in the Garden this spring... and they are blooming early once again! We are justly famous for our marvellous early season display and they create the most extraordinary brilliant white carpet. However, with the exceedingly wet and mostly mild winter we have just "enjoyed", they are once again ahead of where we would expect them to be for the time of year. What happens next rather depends on the weather – ideally, we want it cold and dry for the next few weeks – but I do recommend you come sooner rather than later for the best display.

Of course, we are always planning a couple of seasons ahead, and are in the process of putting the finishing touches to our plans for the summer months. Although we already have over 40 benches in the Garden, our visitors tell us they would like us to have more. With this in mind, this summer we're planning a lovely creative installation called "Linger". The idea is that visitors will "linger" just a little bit longer in the Garden on some specially-designed "sitting places" that will be works of art in their own right! Made by local artists, designers and artisans, we anticipate being home to a host of imaginative approaches to the creation of garden seating which – like Art Unbound last summer - will complement the spirit of our Garden. To find out more, watch this space or visit our website at [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk).

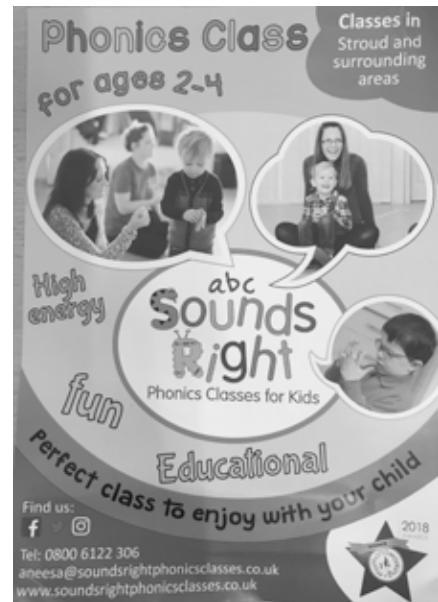
A dedicated bunch of trustees help to run the Garden and to ensure its long-term future as a conservation charity. We're looking for people to join the Board who are enthusiastic about the Garden's success and have relevant skills to bring to the table. So if you have a little spare time and experience of working at a strategic level, particularly in business or fundraising, then we would be delighted to hear from you. For more information, again visit [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk).

*Tim Toghill, volunteer & trustee*

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*Aneesa Jethwa*

## Historical talks and tours with the Cotteswold Naturalists

On Wednesday February, 5th at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre, we welcome back Dr Gillian White who will give an insight into the colour, glamour, texture and symbolism of the tapestries, hangings and decorations of Noble Elizabethan Houses, in her talk 'Embroidered with Woodbine and Eglantine: Elizabethan Furnishings'. We meet in the Painswick Centre and charge £1 for members, or £4 for visitors (waived on a first visit)



We will also be visiting Painswick's Rococo Garden, famous at this season for its swathes of snowdrops, on Friday 14th February. Designed in the 1740s as a fanciful pleasure garden for Benjamin Hyett and his guests, this hidden valley also holds intriguing garden buildings. To enrich our experience, we will have a guided tour on the theme of the 'History and Restoration of the Garden', followed by a chance to explore at our own pace or to take a break for lunch in the Café. Contact me for last-minute places (tour £5 plus entrance).

Before the next edition of the Beacon appears, we have a further meeting on Wednesday March 4th, at 2.30 pm when Dr John Paddock will talk about the English Civil War in the Cotswolds. These now-tranquil hills conceal the sites of many fights, from the bloody battles of Stow on the Wold and Lansdown, through to a small Parliamentary garrison stationed at Painswick which was forced to leave by the Royalists. A scar from two small cannonballs can still be seen on the tower of St. Mary's parish church. Join us for the full story!

*Jane Rowe*

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# Sports reports

assembled by John Barrus



## Falcon Bowls

starts its 466th season with four new fixtures. In April we travel to the Forest of Dean to take on Cinderford and later in the month welcome Olveston from South Gloucestershire. In

August we also welcome Uffculme Bowls Club from Devon to Falcon when they tour in the area and then host a prestigious Friends of Bowls England fixture in September. After securing promotion last season our men's league side now have 14 fixtures in the South Cotswold league four more than last season. Our youngster's will also be taking part in county competitions for the first time

This season were looking to further strengthen our links with local people and put Falcon at the heart of the community. In recent years the number of Painswick residents joining Falcon has increased rapidly and were looking to continue this trend by offering FREE taster sessions to local people. The sessions run on Monday evenings and Friday afternoons throughout the summer and can include FREE coaching on request.

For more info on Falcon or to find out more about our FREE summer taster sessions contact:

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## Tennis

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#### Thursdays

4.30pm-5.30pm (4yrs-8yrs) and 5.30pm-6.30pm (10yrs+)

Contact : Head Coach Charlie Ferrett email: charlietennis101@gmail.com Tel 07871628773



### Christmas Hamper

The Royal Oak once again hosted our regular Christmas Hamper Raffle which raised £290 for Sue Ryder and the Club. Congratulations to Jennie Preece and Maggie Slader, both Painswickians, who each won a hamper.

Ruth Smith

## Painswick Golf Club

The weather at this time of year is not always good for golf. And this year, it has been particularly challenging on competition days. The mid-week stableford competitions in November and December were called off due to heavy rain falling at the time we were meant to play. So there was some determination to brave the elements for the January competition. This took place on 16th January; the weather was ok to start with, but the forecast suggested 40mph winds and some rain later. And yes, the difficult conditions started while most of us were about half way round. But all twelve starters battled through. As expected, there were some poor scores, but there were some good ones as well. Particular congratulations go to Roy Woodward who won with what was an exceptional score of 40 points in the conditions.



A joint Seniors and Ladies 12 hole texas scramble took place on 21st January. The winning team was Georgina Jamieson, Henry Hall, Norman Pullin and Peter Rowe, who won with a score of 30.75 stableford points. Mike Little won 'nearest the pin' on the 18th hole. Congratulations to the winners.

It is with sadness we learnt of the recent death of Cheryl Horton, who with son, Tom, and husband, Mike, looked after the bar and food at the clubhouse for several years. Our condolences go to Mike and family.

Visitors are welcome at the club, whether a round of golf (the course is open when many other local courses have been closed due to water-logging) or for refreshments at the clubhouse. Please get in touch (01452 812180) for further details.

Peter Rowe

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# Painswick Football Club

Saturday 18th January saw Painswick 1st team in action at home, in a top of the table clash against 2nd placed North Nibley. Goals from Rhys Goodman, Ed Andrew and Sam James earned Painswick a well deserved victory. Winning 3 – 0 and thus strengthening their grip in their push to becoming league champions and gaining back to back promotions. Man of the match Sam James.



After 13 games W 12, D 0, L 1, GF 90, GA 15, PTS 36

Note from the manager: 'We find ourselves in a great position, 4 points clear at the top with a game in hand. The boys have worked extremely hard to put themselves in this position and fully deserve any future success'.

February's Home Fixtures, games played at the "Rec".

1ST Feb Reserves v Randwick 3RD'S 2pm kick off.

8TH Feb 1ST Team v Berkeley Town Reserves, League Cup Quarter Final 2pm kick off.

15TH Feb Reserves v Cam Everside 2pm kick off.

22ND Feb Reserves v Cashes Green Reserves 2pm kick off.

29TH Feb 1ST Team v Abbeymead Rovers Reserves 2pm kick off.

NEWS; We are currently drawing up plans to re-introduce Youth Football to Painswick FC.

If you would like to express your interest or would like further information please contact us via email, PainswickFC@outlook.com

*Carl Williams*

## Painswick Sheepscombe annual Christmas football match

The annual football match was played over Christmas. Sheepscombe started well with quick interplay creating the first chance on goal and Sam Horder scored the opener within the first minute. Painswick gradually got into the game, and after a long ball, James Barnett turned a defender and blasted past the Sheepscombe keeper to equalise.

Just before half time the Painswick goalkeeper clashed with a Sheepscombe forward with the ball falling to Sam Horder to slot into the open goal. With 15 minutes remaining Painswick equalised again when a Bagin Unwin long throw was bundled into the back of the net by an unfortunate Sheepscombe defender. Sheepscombe retained the cup after scoring a 3rd with minutes remaining.

*Nigel Barnett*



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## Funding Opportunity

### The Summerfield Charitable Trust

is celebrating its 30th Anniversary by announcing four NEW innovation awards, each worth £10,000, for projects or ideas in Gloucestershire which will tackle challenges in the county in new ways.

“We are really excited to be launching the innovation awards to celebrate our 30th anniversary”, said Summerfield Charitable Trust chairman, David Owen.

“The Summerfield Trust wants to celebrate the organisations that we have supported over the last 30 years and use these awards to look forward, with £40,000 dedicated to addressing challenges or creating opportunities in the county in new ways.”

The Summerfield Charitable Trust was established by Ronald Summerfield, a Cheltenham based antique dealer, shortly before his death in 1989. Since then approximately £14 million has been invested in good causes across Gloucestershire. The Trust awards

between 70 and 90 grants each year with donations ranging from £500 to more than £20,000.

The four NEW innovation awards have been designed to reflect the key interest areas of the Summerfield Charitable Trust:

1. Arts Award – including the arts, museums and built heritage
2. Eco Award – including the environment and our natural heritage
3. Communities Award – including community building, especially among vulnerable or disadvantaged group
4. Education Award - including sport or recreation

“The awards will be given to charities or individuals who have an idea that demonstrates an original or inventive approach to tackling challenges and creating opportunities in the arts, environment, communities or in education,” continues David.

For more information about the awards and to apply visit [www.summerfield.org.uk](http://www.summerfield.org.uk) the closing date for applications is the 9th April 2020.

## PROPERTY REPORT by Beacon Staff

On the market for the first time in many years, Greenacres in Cheltenham Road (Moulton Haus, £1.15 million) is something rather unusual for Painswick - a substantial 7 bedroom Victorian house with lots of space and set in attractive gardens. More modern, but not much smaller, Rake Hill in The Highands (Moulton Haus, £1.5 million) has 6 bedrooms and great views. Both houses are on a different scale to 8 Hyett Close (James Pyle, £180,000), a two bedroom mid-terraced house in this retirement development.

Murrays have two family houses new this month at the bottom end of the village. 9 Brookhouse Mill is a four bedroom attached mill conversion at £550,000 and towards the other end of Kingsmill Lane, Stone Rise is semi-detached with three bedrooms at £415,000. Both properties have gardens, parking and a garage. At the top end of the market (and the top end of the hill), Hamptons are offering The Paddocks (£1.5 million), a substantial home in a quiet but dramatic setting on the edge of Cranham Woods.

Also on the edge of Cranham Woods and south facing with a large garden, is Rest Harrow (Murrays, £575,000), a detached four bedroom house. In Slad and now at a reduced price, Rosebank (Hamptons, £400,000) is a four bedroom semi-detached property that could be an interesting renovation project as well as an historic place to live. And back in Painswick, Glendale Cottage in Vicarage Street (Hamptons, £500,000) featured this month in the property pages of The Times newspaper.

Properties recently sold or going under offer include Spring Cottage in Tibbiwell (James Pyle), Sheaves on Longridge (Hamptons) and Cambrai on Cheltenham Road (Murrays). Beehouses on Stepping Stone Lane has also completed. Murrays will be announcing the winners of the Dream Home Art Competition at The Croft School on 31st January .



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	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15-11.30am
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Sheepscombe baby and toddler group - every Monday except holidays. £ 4.00 for first child, £1.00 others	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30am
	Upholstery classes. For information contact Victoria or Sophie on 07835617213 or 07766114940 or <a href="http://www.sew-vintage.co.uk">www.sew-vintage.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	10.00am or 6.30pm
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm
Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at <a href="mailto:abcpilates@internet.com">abcpilates@internet.com</a> or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers in term time.	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm
Wednesdays	Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
	Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Table Tennis from Jan 8th to March 25th	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 9.00pm
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm
Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	T'ai chi. Contact Jeff on 07970 303694	Town Hall	9.30am
	Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers as above: Experienced beginners.	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
	Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or <a href="mailto:nmarshes@hotmail.com">nmarshes@hotmail.com</a>	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm
	Stroud and District Philatelic Soc. 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month throughout the winter. Contact 813440	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm
	Fridays	Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris 812600	Town Hall
Baby and toddler group - term time only		Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
Adult ballet class		Church Rooms	9.30am
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	2.00 - 3.30 pm
Sundays	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am

**February**

Sat	1	<b>Beacon published</b>	
Sun	2	Candlemas - Parish Communion	St Mary's Church 9.30am
Mon	3	Community Lunch provided by Falcon Bowling Club	Town Hall 12.00 - 1.15pm





	3	Knit and Natter	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm
Wed	5	Painswick Probus: Dunkirk's little ships - Paul Barnett	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	5	Cotteswold Naturalists: Elizabethan Table Furnishings - Gillian White. Enq 01453873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	5	Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am
Thurs	6	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Mike Ward - Franz Joseph Haydn	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	7	Wick-flix: Judy (12A). Includes Gala Night	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	7	Friday Club: Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust - Steve Morton	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	9	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	10	Community Lunch provided by Friday Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	12	Painswick Gardening Club: The Wonders of Trees - Mary Fenton	Falcon Bowling Club	7.30pm
	12	Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30pm
Sun	16	Parish Commuion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	17	<b>Deadline for Beacon copy</b>		
Mon	17	Community Lunch provided by Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
	17	Library Book Club	Library	2.00pm
Tues	18	Local History Society: Building of Regency Cheltenham - Steven Blake	Croft School	7.30pm
Tues	18	Cotteswold Naturalists: Tin Tabernacles - Phil Wilmott. Enq 01453 873262	The Hub Minchinhampton	2.30pm
Wed	19	Painswick Probus: The Joy of False Memory - Dr Katy Bellamy	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	19	Parish Council meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	20	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Members Evening	Town Hall	7.30pm
	20	Gilmore (fiddle, mandolin) and Roberts (guitar). Tickets £12 from cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com or 07596823881	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	21	Friday Club: Sue Ryder, Leckhampton- a history by Beth Davies	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	23	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	24	Community Lunch provided by Park residents	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	25	Yew Trees WI: Warfare to welfare, an engineer's journey - Mandie Cran	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	26	Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am
Fri	28	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Sat	29	Vintage fairy lights course - contact Sophie or Victoria on 0735617213 or 07766114940 or www.sew-vintage.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.00am
<b>March</b>				
Mon	2	Community Lunch provided by Beacon Conservation Group	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
	2	Knit and Natter	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm
Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists: English Civil War in the Cotswolds - Dr John Paddock. Enq. 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	4	Painswick Probus: The Wonder of Bees - Richard Rickitt	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	6	Wick-flix: Official Secrets	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	6	Friday Club: Votes for Women - Sue Jones	Town Hall	2.30pm
	5	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Lynn Steer - Music from Wales	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	7	<b>Beacon published</b>		
	7	Beacon Village Quiz. Entries to barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
	7	Drum lampshade workshop - contact Sophie or Victoria on 07835617213 or 077766114940 or www.sew-vintage.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Mon	9	Community Lunch provided by Local History Society	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	11	Gardening Club: A Passion for Heucheras - Vicky Fox (Plantagogo)	Falcon Bowling Club	7.30pm
Mon	16	Library Bookclub	Library	2.00pm
Tues	17	Cotteswold Naturalists: Buying and selling antiques, beautiful to bizarre - Bev Dennison. Enq 01453 873262	The Hub Minchinhampton	2.30pm

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Vicky Aspinall at: [cvasp.26@gmail.com](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)**

# PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.19/2585/LBC OLD BAKERY, New Street

Alteration at ground level to create shower room and alter to cellar.

S.19/2588/HHOLD LYNWOOD, Slad Road

Removal of existing single storey porch and formation of single storey kitchen/dining room extension. Garden alterations to suit including retaining structures.

S.19/2718/LBC NEW HALL, Bisley Street

Internal alterations to kitchen, dining and lounge.

S.19/2552/TCA BARROWCOTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane

Lawson Cypress tree (T1) fell.

S.19/2733/HHOLD CHESSED, Slad Road, Slad

Proposed side and rear extension and alterations.

S.19/2718/LBC NEW HALL, Bisley Street

Internal alterations to kitchen, dining & lounge.

S.20/0054/HHOLD

GREENSTEDE, Castle Close

Extension and alterations with associated landscape for dwelling.

S.20/0033/FUL LAND BETWEEN 15 AND 16 UPPER WASHWELL

Demolition of 8 garages and creation of two 2 bed semi detached dwellings.

## CONSENT

S.19/1865/HHOLD 2

WASHWELL COTTAGES, Cheltenham Road

Two storey rear extension.

S.19/2091/HHOLD 6

PAINSWICK HEIGHTS, Yokehouse Lane  
Installation of two windows to the upper floor of the premises.

S.19/2116/HHOLD CHURCH

ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe

Block up and replace windows, replace and relocate chimney flue, remove roof vents and replacement of flat roof and internal alterations.

S.19/2117/LBC CHURCH ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe

Block up and replace windows, replace and relocate chimney flue, remove roof vents and replacement of flat roof and internal alterations.

S.19/2328/LBC ST ANDREWS, New Street.

Removal of section of internal wall. (Retrospective).

S.19/2378/HHOLD TERRENO, Longridge, Sheepscombe

Garden store to garden.

S.19/2416/HHOLD OLIVERS, Cheltenham Road

Erection of single storey extension to north elevation following demolition of existing extension, excavation north of house to create wine cellar.

S.19/2154/FUL PROSPECT HOUSE, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe

Separate main house and annexe to two separate dwellings.

S.19/2458/HHOLD 2 THE CROFT

Front & rear single storey extensions and loft conversion.

S.19/2451/HHOLD WORDINGS ORCHARD, Sheepscombe

Conversion of kennel to form extension to existing annexe.

S.19/2455/HHOLD DOWN COTTAGE, Slad

First Floor rear extension, repositioning of dormer window and new oak balcony.

S.19/2552/TCA BARROW COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane

Lawson Cypress tree (T1) fell.

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# Great Western Air Ambulance

On 8th Jan 2020 Alan Pinnegar, a volunteer with the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) came to Proboscis to talk about the work of the GWAA, its history, funding and how it fits into the emergency response network. Ironically, Alan was a last minute substitute speaker!

Currently 21 air ambulance services in the UK, all charities, answer 70 plus calls per day on average. GWAAC is relatively young, having started in 2008. It covers an area from North Somerset to Gloucestershire including Bristol and Bath and is based at Almondsbury just off the M5 at a site it shares with the Police Air Service.



Photo: Mary Sparks

In 2018 Painswick was the site of a call-out when the helicopter landed at the bottom of Stamages Lane in a confined space. (insert photo if space permits).

GWAAC has one helicopter whose crew comprises a pilot, a paramedic and a doctor. The service also has two ambulance cars as it may often be quicker to respond by road, especially if there is limited landing area or where darkness makes identifying a landing site difficult. The air ambulance is not just about flying people to hospital but, more importantly, about responding rapidly to patients where the so-called 'golden hour' is vital to their survival.

The air ambulance services are all charities supported by public donations and rely on a large number of volunteers, but would they be better run centrally by the emergency services? GWAAC currently costs about £3.4M per annum to run but it serves a population of around 2.1M which equates to £1.62 per head – excellent value, we all agreed.

*Henry Hall*

# 2020 is a big year for fundraising at Painswick Cricket Club

We're raising money to fund the development of two new nets which are an essential element of supporting and building our senior and junior cricket teams. They will be situated in place of the current nets, which are old and no longer adequate [see photo].



To achieve this ambition, and give our club the support it needs, we need to raise £30,000 and we would ideally like to install the nets for the start of this 2020 season.

We're working with both the English Cricket Board (ECB), the Gloucestershire Cricket Board (GCB) and other funding bodies, which we hope will cover a significant amount of the cost but we're also looking to raise at least 50% of the total ourselves.

This might sound like a big challenge, but with the help of the local community, we believe we can succeed and deliver the nets within the tight timeframe.

Please look out for and support our programme of fundraising activities over the next few months. Donations can be made online: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/painswickccnets> or sign up to Painswick Cricket Club Net Fundraising <https://bit.ly/2FUCNuu>, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

It's an exciting time at the club and your support of this key development is greatly appreciated as we continue to grow across senior and junior cricket.

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