

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick's donations for Ukraine

Veronika Dutfield, like many of us, was moved to try to help those suffering in Ukraine. She approached the Polish Association Gloucester to see how best Painswick people could help and what sort of donations were needed. A collection centre was needed and the Painswick Centre stepped in and offered the Skittle Alley. Then with publicity through Facebook, help from The Croft school and the Painswick Centre donations came pouring in through the generosity of Painswick people as seen from the photograph.



None of this would have materialised, had she not teamed up with Silvia Kuzma, who had other contacts that made the operation happen quickly. These donations all had to be sorted into boxes as required by the Polish embassy all done by volunteers. The next thing was transport for the boxes to the Gloucester warehouse. This was achieved with the help of local companies lending their vans taking three full loads to Gloucester. As seen in the local TV and press the Gloucester warehouse operation grew and grew sending five 44 tonne trucks to Poland.



For the future Veronika is trying to find a local hall to act as a collection centre for Painswick and with others a new warehouse in Gloucester, but as of 24th March this search has been unsuccessful. For up to date information look at the Painswick Centre Facebook site or email veronikadutfield@yahoo.co.uk



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday 16th April

This much loved Village event is back again after two years absent due to Covid. The hunt for the eggs will take place from 12.00pm until 4.00pm and covers much ground throughout Painswick. For those not able to join in on the Saturday the trail will also be available to complete from Friday 15th to Monday 18th April. For further information see page 4.

The HUB in full swing

New times..10am - 11.30 from 1st April
See page 15 for their article



This Friday 1st April the film is West Side Story at the Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30pm

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

from the meetings held on 16th March

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), Ann Daniels, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and Martin Slinger.
Also present: District Cllr Jason Bullingham.

Apologies: Cllrs Kate Amos, Andy Cash and James Cross.

Matters requiring a decision: The Committee agreed to make the following recommendations to the District Council.
S.22/0437/LBC. Hambutts End, Edge Road. Retrospective permission for the demolition of domestic garage & integral stone wall & permission to replace demolished garage.

The Committee agreed to defer any recommendation until planning application S.21/2652, HHOLD has been determined.

S.22/0338/HHOLD. Longridge Farm, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe. Replacement of an existing single storey extension with a two storey extension and new porch.

Support.

S.22/0149/HHOLD. Aries, Hambutts Drive. Erection of a single storey extension, installation of replacement and new windows and doors, vertical larch board external cladding and rainwater goods throughout.

Support.

S.22/0382/LBC. 2 Rosebank Cottages, Slad Road, Slad. Replacement of a door and its frame that exists between kitchen and lounge. Opening of original windows in the cellar.

Support.

S.22/0288/HHOLD. Butt Green House, Butt Green. Installation of EV charging point.

Support.

S.22/0387/FUL. Tunley Cottage, Sheepscombe. Replacement of existing dwelling.

The Committee agreed to support this application but noted its concern that

measures must be put in place to ensure that the adjoining property is not compromised during the building works through vibrations.

S.22/0407/FUL. Cardynham House, Tibbiwell Lane. Change of use from what is currently a composite use comprising Class C1 & Class E uses to an alternate composite use of Class C3 & Class E.

The Committee discussed this application at length and agreed to defer it in order to seek further clarification of the requested Class types.

S.22/0432/HHOLD. Garden Cottage, Stamages Lane. Single storey side extension & loft conversion with new rear dormer.

Support.

S.22/0462/FUL. Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane. Temporary change of use of Stube Barn to a residential dwelling with minor building operations (retrospective).

The Committee agreed to support this application for a maximum period of 3 years.

S.22/0475/HHOLD. Yew Trees, Slad Road. Demolition of two-storey rear wing, erection of two-storey rear extension and single storey side extension.

Support.

S.22/0456/HHOLD. Geldeston, Back Edge Lane, edge. Erection of garage and extensions – following S.21/0304/HHOLD.

Support.

S.22/0494/HHOLD. Eastlea, Back Edge Lane, Edge. Conversion of carport into gym & office.

Support.

S.22/04493/HHOLD. Trillgate, Slad. Installation of swimming pool, erection of wall and single storey extension to garage.

Support.

S.22/0493/HHOLD. The Stables, Painswick House, Gloucester Road. Demolition of conservatory.

Support.

S.22/0480/CPE. The Skippets, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe. Demolition

of existing outbuilding and erection of new building to provide annexe accommodation to be commenced within three years of permission.

Support.

S.22/0388/TCA. Edge Cottage, Edge Road. T1 Ash – ash dieback, remove.

Support.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm

PARISH COUNCIL at 8.15pm

Present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and Abigail Smith.
Also present: District Councillor Bullingham.

Apologies: Cllrs Kate Amos, Andy Cash, James Cross. County Councillor Sue Williams.

Reports

County Council

Cllr Williams who was unable to attend the meeting because of illness had submitted a report which is available on the Parish Council website. In her report she confirmed that the County Council had approved a £521 million budget for the Financial Year 2022/23. The budget was an increase of £38 million on 2021/22 levels. She reported that, despite the extra investment, the council was expected to have one of the lowest council tax levels of any county council. Funding had been agreed for 26 miles of cycle track from Stroud to Bishops Cleeve as well as investment in our market towns and high streets and ongoing support and protection of the most vulnerable in our communities. Other areas within the budget were £100 million for roads, £150 million investment in school buildings and £1 million annually to tackle climate change.

District Council. Cllr Bullingham gave

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an update on various District Council current issues including, the council's Jubilee website, Council Tax rebates and council committee structures.

Chairman. Cllr Slinger reported that groups and societies had begun again to use the Town Hall and the Youth and Community Pavilion. It was the intention that the Parish Council meet with The Croft School and Youth Club members early in 2023. He concluded his report in reminding the Members to submit their comments on the draft Parish Plan update which had been circulated.

Annual Parish Meeting. The Council agreed to hold its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 4th May and hold a drop in event with various community groups, public services, and Parish Council members.

Tree planting. The Council agreed to plant a silver birch tree on the Recreation Ground to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee and to give further consideration to the locations for donated trees.

Audio and Visual Facilities in the Town Hall.

The Council approved a quotation to improve the audio and visual facilities in the Town Hall.

Recommendations of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Town Hall and Youth and Community Pavilion. The Council agreed to leave the charges unchanged with the exception of the library rental which is to be increased by 10% and fixed for the next 3 years.

Cemetery Fees. The Council agreed to, leave the Cemetery Fees unchanged.

Grants for 2022/23. The Council approved the following grants for the FY 2022/23.

Stroud Citizens Advice.	£500.00
County Air Ambulance.	£100.00
Sheepscombe Lunch.	£100.00
Painswick Beacon Conservation.	£400.00
Sportily.	£100.00
Painswick Friday Club.	£100.00
Total	£1,300.00

Allocation of Earmarked Reserves

The Council approved the allocation of the earmarked reserves for the year ending 31st March 2022. The total amount was £38,819.00.

Accounts for payment.

The Council approved the accounts as presented.

Reports from representatives on other bodies.

- a. Jubilee celebrations Community Group meeting. Cllr Abigail Smith updated the Council on her recent attendance at the first meeting of the group.
- b. Edge Village Hall. Cllr Slinger reported attending the Edge Village Hall AGM.

Ward reports.

- a. Play equipment fencing. Cllr Smith asked for fencing to be included on the next Recreation Ground Trust meeting agenda.
- b. Sheepscombe road surface works. Cllr Parker reported on the tarmac works in Sheepscombe which were seeking to resolve the concerns about mud on the road.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.

Cardynham House

Change of use from what is currently a composite use comprising Class C1 & Class E uses to an alternate composite use of Class C3 & Class E.

The Parish Council Planning Committee discussed this application (see page 2) and agreed to defer it in order seek further clarification of the requested Class types.

The difference appears to be that C1 refers to Hotels, Guest Houses etc whilst the C3 refers to Dwellinghouse with specified restrictions which may make a later change to Residential use easier.

Police report

Reported crime statistics for Painswick taken from the Gloucestershire Constabulary web site.



January 2022

Golf Course Rd Ashwell	Vehicle crime Criminal damage Violence Criminal damage ASB Public order offence
Vicarage St	

December 2021

Bisley St	Criminal damage ASB
Victoria St	Violence ASB
Golf Course Rd New St St Mary's Mead	Burglary Vehicle crime

Notes

ASB = Anti-Social Behaviour

Violence = Includes sexual assault reports

Annual Parish Meeting

Drop-in Wednesday 4th May 2022, 6 pm until 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Members of the Public are welcome to attend, detailed below are the invited representatives:

- Parish Council – Chairman,** Traffic, Footpaths, War Memorial, Parish Plan refresh.
- Gloucestershire County Councillor** Sue Williams
- District Councillor** - Jason Bullingham
- Community Police Neighbourhood Warden**
- Library**
- Painswick Beacon Conservation Group**
- Cotswold Wardens**
- Painswick Community Support Group**
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The Easter Egg Hunt is back

For the past two years Covid has sadly put paid to the Playgroup's Easter Egg Hunt, a much loved annual village event. It is therefore a real joy to announce that this year it's back, on Saturday, 16th April to be exact.

Painswick's Playgroup operates as a charity, providing care for pre-school children and opportunities for parents and carers to share experiences. Situated close to The Croft School, the facilities are designed to offer a stimulating environment for the children and of course fun. The staff team involved is dedicated and experienced and activity programmes are wide-ranging, stimulating and can be adapted to suit individual needs.

As a charity it needs to raise funds continually in order to be able to provide the best facilities for our children. It is entirely dependent on donations and fund raising. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is a major event in this respect and this year therefore is very significant after two years of cancellation. Promising to be great fun, the hunt for the eggs will take place from 12.00pm until 4.00pm and covers much ground throughout Painswick. For those not able to join in on the Saturday the trail will also be available to complete from Friday 15th to Monday 18th April.

The theme this time is Children's Songs and Nursery Rhymes and at each selected window on the trail round the village you will see a big beautifully decorated egg on display. To add to the fun there will also be face painting, a tombola, a luxury raffle, a cake and hot drinks stall and a distinct possibility that the Easter Bunny may even make an appearance.

Our playgroup is a precious community facility and needs your support. It provides wonderful opportunities for our young children both now and into the future. The Egg Hunt is organised by the Playgroup Committee and all money raised goes directly towards the improvement of the Playgroup facilities. As an established, shall we say 'egg-citing', annual event the hunt has regularly attracted visitors and participants not only from Painswick but also from much further afield.

Everyone is invited to join in the fun. To obtain tickets visit the website www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk/easter-egg-hunt Do support this very worthwhile event – you won't regret it and you'll definitely have some fun.

Carol Maxwell



Foodbank April 2022

Thank you all for contributing yet again despite the awful wet weather, to our collection for Stroud Foodbank. We were able to send two car loads.

Our next collection will be on Wednesday 13 April 10am -12noon in Stamages Lane car park and at the stocks by the church. Items needed Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Potatoes, Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk, Jams and Spreads, Sweet and Savoury Treats, Coffee, Laundry Liquid/Powder. They have plenty of cereal, pasta and tea. Thank you once again.

The Foodbank committee



Tourist Office

More volunteers needed

The Painswick Tourist office will be starting in April (date not yet decided) and hopefully open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. But we need more volunteers. We are quite



short at the moment as we have three or four vacancies, so we will probably not be able to open the office on a consistent basis until we receive more support. Contact..

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Brilliant Birds & Botanicals with the Cotteswold Naturalists

CNFC has two meetings in April, the first on Wednesday 13th April in the Painswick Centre at the earlier start time of 2 pm to allow the AGM to be held before the talk by photographer and naturalist Philip Mugridge. Philip will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Iceland: Land of Fire and Brilliant Birds'.

We have now held two successful meetings in Box Village Hall, well supported by members from Minchinhampton and Painswick areas. On Tuesday 19th April at 2.30 pm, Debbie Devauden will give a talk entitled 'A History of Botanical Illustration from Cave Drawings to the Present'. After studying Botanical Illustration at the Chelsea Physic Garden, Debbie teaches and exhibits regularly in Wales and the Southwest. She also chairs the Gloucestershire Society of Botanical Illustration which holds an annual display of work at Nature in Art. We welcome visitors to our meetings which conclude with refreshments; members pay £1 and visitors £4.



Plans for our 2022 excursions are well-advanced with bookings being taken for a visit to Hawkwood College on 12th May, and residential trips to Sussex in mid-June (to view the country homes of the Bloomsbury Group together with the Elizabethan Parham House) and to Ireland in September. I am also arranging a curator-led guided tour of the Fresh Air Sculpture exhibition held biennially in June in the grounds of the Old Rectory at Quenington. Later in the year, we have visits in the pipeline to Chavenage, the Museum of Royal Worcester and Victorian Fayre, and Great Chalfield Manor in Wiltshire. A repeat visit to Hasfield Court near Gloucester is also being considered. Contact me for a copy of our programme on tel. 01452 813228.

Jane Rowe

Friday Club then and now



The first meeting of 2022 was billed as "Four weddings and a funeral" but in the absence of our expected speaker improvisation was called for, so we looked back to where it had all begun.

Our late chairman Pat Daly had written a brief account of the history of the "Senior Circle" as it was then known which was read out. A lively discussion followed with memories of Cuthbert Webb, Pauline Berry and Dorothy Cox. Some readers may be able to add more details to our limited knowledge. Please get in touch if you have more

information.

Pat also left a legacy of fascinating posters he had painted to advertise the Circle. These date from July 1994 through to November 2003 and provide a snapshot not only of the range of subjects offered but also an indication of the wealth of knowledge and talent Painswick residents could share with their community. Most of the posters referred to an illustrated talk, which meant photographs would be passed round or maybe a slide show.

What a contrast to the slick computer-generated images we now enjoy! This change was very ably shown by our next speakers. On February 11th Julie Dolphin is based at Miserden Nursery (now Exedra Nursery) but her main role is as an horticultural researcher on "Gardeners World" which is filmed in Monty Don's Garden in Herefordshire but produced in Bristol. Julie led us through the detailed, hectic and complex process from planning to the screening of the programme. Hope everyone will be tuned in on Friday evenings.

On Friday 11th March, Lynn Hilditch gave us an insight into "A woman in a man's world" After a few battles Lynn managed to achieve her ambition to become an Air Traffic Controller in the RAF. Although it was not without some misogynist attitudes along the way! We had a fascinating insight to the challenges she faced in this role both at home and abroad. Additionally, Lynn had found time to make lapel ribbons to support Ukraine in the current crisis, raising over £40 from her supportive audience.

Our next "meeting" will be on THURSDAY 7th April when there is an outing by steam train from Cheltenham Racecourse to Broadway (there will not be time to visit Broadway village). The coach to the Racecourse leaves Stamages Lane at 10.15am returning at 2.30pm. Cost of coach and train will be £32.50. Non-Club members are welcome.

For more information, please contact Ann Williams – 01452 812344

Pat Francis

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As we all try to recover from the effects of the pandemic here are 5 important points about your local Citizens Advice:

- We are a local charity, totally independent of government, providing free confidential impartial advice to everyone in Stroud District areas, including Dursley, Stonehouse, Nailsworth, Wotton-Under-Edge and Berkeley. The same service is available to everyone in Cotswold District, including Cirencester, Tetbury and Moreton-in-Marsh. The delivery of our service relies on the dedication of our fully trained volunteers supported by a small team of paid staff. We have been providing a service in Stroud since 1958, when we were known as the CAB.
- Your local Citizens Advice office continued to operate a limited service during the Pandemic with volunteer members of staff working from home. Now that restrictions are being eased, we are working very hard to manage face to face interviews again, which are vital to many people. We are also making every effort to reopen our outreach and community hub services.
- Our main areas of enquiry at this time are: employment, energy issues, welfare benefits and debt issues. Since December 2021 we have given information and support to 705 members of our local community. We are extremely grateful for our core funding from the District, Town and Parish Councils, but we still need to raise an additional £25,000 every year to maintain the service.
- Citizens Advice in Stroud has a very active PR and Fundraising Committee who continue to organise fundraising events to help finance such essentials as training and improved technology, as well as improved premises. We are extremely grateful for all donations, especially from our donors who provide us with annual standing orders, one off donations and legacies. This source of funding is vital to the continuation of our service.
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Our next planned event is an evening concert of classical music featuring the internationally acclaimed pianist Clare Hammond on Saturday, 21st May 2022 at Holy Trinity Church Stroud.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US, OR NEED ADVICE, PLEASE CONTACT US:- on freephone: 0808 800 510 or on our website at: citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk where you can find further information on donating and volunteering and advice.

Peter Rowe

Henry Hall

Casting Stones at Napier's Bones



The title of the talk given by Malcolm Watkins on Wed 4th Mar 2022 was somewhat narrower than the scope of this interesting presentation which spanned the history of numeracy and calculating from ancient times. In Roman times of course Roman numerals were in use in Britain and the abacus was already well established for calculations. Abacuses often took the form of a portable mat marked with lines and Roman numerals which could be spread out on a shop-counter between traders and used to calculate a bill.

Not until the 16th Century did mathematicians such as John Napier start to transform calculation by devising the concept of logarithms which enabled large and complicated multiplication and division operations to be achieved by simple addition and subtraction, speeding up the process and reducing the scope for human error. The advent of printing led to the publication of the method and the familiar logarithm tables. Napier then developed another method for reducing difficult calculations to simple addition and subtraction processes. The method required a set of inscribed square section index rods which with practice could be used by relatively innumerate people. A set of 10 Napier's rods, or Napier's bones when made from ivory, allowed for most calculations to be made.

Malcolm continued by describing how other mathematicians were inspired by Napier's work, notably Henry Briggs, Edmund Gunter, and Walter Schickard. Ultimately calculating machine designs appeared, but with limited efficiency and capacity. Perhaps the highlight of Malcolm's talk was Blaise Pascal's machine, known as the Pascaline, which he designed to relieve his father of tedious calculations!

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Litterpick on the Beacon

Sunday 10th April 2pm

The last two years have seen a huge increase in visitor numbers to the Beacon. This has led to an increase in litter especially near the car parking areas. To make things worse there have been several cases of fly tipping in the area which adjacent pictures show.

Those wishing to help with the litterpick should meet in the Middle Car Park at 2 pm Sunday, 10th April. Please bring gloves and a picker if you have one. Painswick Parish Council have a few pickers for us to borrow. The pick should take no more than one hour or so.

Joyce Barrus



Save our Gloucestershire Stone Stiles

You were kind enough to show an interest in this project. With enormous help from well over 100 enthusiastic countryside walkers we have recorded 90-95% of the county's stone stiles which are an historic part of our Cotswold landscape.

Of late, project contributors are reporting that stone stiles are being removed and replaced with noisy metal kissing gates or just removed leaving gaps to ease the passage of ramblers. It seems our efforts to photograph all our stone stiles may just have been in time before many vanish. We have an enormous amount of work to do indexing them but the evidence has been assembled.

In April 2021 a new Countryside Code was launched and the wording of this may be encouraging the wanton destruction of stiles. The guidance includes making rights of way more accessible for visitors and goes on to suggest to land managers that they should ease access 'for visitors with different abilities and needs. Create gaps or put up accessible self-closing gates instead of stiles where there is public access, if possible.' British Standard BS 5709 also suggests for gaps gates and stiles replacement with self-closing gates. There is nothing wrong in easing access but does not mean destroying ancient stiles, often 300 or more years old, and an integral part of the countryside.

They should not be destroyed. It is perfectly reasonable to treasure them by placing alongside each a more rambler friendly access. Why not fund this through from ELMS – public money for public good. ELMS* funds stone walls, for their landscape value, so why not stone stiles as well and for their additional historic value.

Will you publicise the plight of our stone stiles and seek help to have them protected?



Peter T Wilson

Young people support speed awareness campaign

Speeding through Painswick, both along the main roads and around our lanes, is a significant concern to all, young and old. During the rather wet and stormy February half term, Painswick Parish Council launched a campaign asking the young people in Painswick to use their creative skills to design a speed awareness sign. We pre-cut several boards which could be taken home for painting or painted at the Friday Community Hub café at the Town Hall.

We were thrilled at the response and now have 14 unique and eye-catching signs that we hope will make the drivers through Painswick think about their speed.

Each board is being carefully protected with two coats of varnish and they are being put up around the village. Locations have been chosen based on members of the community who expressed an interest in having them near their premises and also locations close to where the participating children live or on their route to school.

Painswick Parish Council would like to thank all who have taken part.

Abigail Smith



Painswick's Jubilee celebration

Many thanks to those who have come forward to help with planning Painswick's celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. As a reminder of what we're hoping to do:

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



Plans are also moving along for Painswick's Jubilee bunting, where everyone will have a chance to create their own flag. Please look out for more info here and online on the community Facebook pages.

Lots of people are already planning street parties with their neighbours over the Jubilee weekend. Of course these can be done at any time, but it's been suggested that it would be lovely if lots happened at the same time across the village so the suggested day is the afternoon of Friday 3rd June. If you'd like to have one on your street and would need a road closure for this, road closure fees have been waived by Stroud District Council over the Jubilee weekend although you will still need to make an application. More info can be found at www.stroud.gov.uk/the-queens-platinum-jubilee.

Susie Andrews

Madame Restell and the "Trow Cottages"

Following last month's article on Madame Restell, aka Ann Trow Lohman, of Painswick and New York, it may be of interest to know that Ann is believed to have supported her family in Painswick generously.

My great uncle, the late Bill Trow of Clattergrove, who was Ann Lohman's great nephew, often told me how she "went to America and became a millionairess". He knew that her fortune was made in the medical profession. Bill claimed that she bought (or had built) cottages in Painswick for her four brothers. He named three of the cottages as Columbus Cottage in Cheltenham Road, the cottage now attached to the Red House in Washwell Lane and Washwell Lane Cottage (now demolished). There are strong visual similarities between these properties. The name Columbus Cottage may also be a clue to the American connection.

I have not been able to find any documentation specifically linking Ann Trow Lohman to these property purchases, but census records confirm that her four brothers, John, James, Thomas and William Trow, did indeed occupy these properties with their families. Three were labourers and the fourth a carpenter, so it is unlikely that they were able to buy the cottages themselves. The family oral tradition that their wealthy sister Ann was behind the purchase is likely to be accurate. When each brother died, his cottage was sold and the proceeds split among his children.

The two cottages in Washwell Lane are built on land shown as a field in the 1839 tithe map. The field was divided equally between the two properties. Columbus Cottage is built on part of the neighbouring field beside Cheltenham Road. I suspect that the fourth cottage was built on the other half of that field, where Greenacres stands today.

Ann Trow Lohman has been the subject of renewed research in recent years and a biographer visited Painswick in 2019 to view the cottages. Ann is also the subject of a play, 'Wickedest Woman', staged in New York in 2019 and at the centre of a novel 'Femme Fatale' by Carole Nelson Douglas. Painswick is mentioned several times in the course of the story.

Andrew Leach



April at The Painswick Centre

Don't miss this month's takeaway Food Nights on Thursdays:
 Thurs 7th April Gurt Wings (award-winning free range fried chicken)
 Thurs 14th April Bella Mia Pizza (woodfired sourdough pizzas)
 Thurs 21st April Burgerlish (organic grass fed beef & vegan burgers)
 Bounce & Play will be back over the Easter holidays, on Tuesday mornings 12th & 19th April. We'll have a bouncy castle, soft play and didicars in the Beacon Hall so the kids can burn off some of their energy! Visit our website for more info and to reserve your spaces.

The Thursday Morning Market is on every week 8.15-9.45am, and we are proud to now host: Godsell's cheese, Bisley Lane Farm free range meat, bread & pastries seafood from The Fine Fish Company, coffee & cake from The Box and Wick Street Farm eggs. We're also delighted to welcome from the end of March Liz's goats cheese from Cranham, and Mama's Family Food, with fresh homemade meals (some of you may know them from the Shambles market in Stroud).

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

Susie Andrews

Bootique: the Ball Edit

The Bootique preloved & vintage fashion sales have proved very popular since they started last year, and with the Painswick Ball due to make its reappearance this June, it seemed timely to bring a one-off sale of evening and occasionwear to the village. Bootique: the Ball Edit will take place on Saturday 30th April 11am-3pm at The Painswick Centre. If you have evening dresses you no longer wear and would like to find out about selling them at Bootique, please get in touch with Susie at marketing@painswickcentre.com.

Lent Lunches

Christian Aid is raising money for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

What: Homemade soup, bread and cheese.

Where: St. Mary's Church Rooms

Dates: Tuesday April 5th and Wednesday April 13th

Time: 12-1.30pm

You're warmly invited to join us.

Painswick Valleys Christian Aid Committee



Upcoming Wick-Flix screenings

The Wick-Flix team is very much enjoying being back at The Painswick Centre on the first Friday of the month. By the time you read this, we will probably have shown our April film: *West Side Story*; a new retelling of the classic musical romantic drama, full of glorious cinematic shots of New York, dazzling dance routines, and standout performances from the cast. Directed by Steven Spielberg, it won three Golden Globes and was nominated for seven Oscars.

Next up on 6th May will be *Dream Horse*, starring Toni Collette and Damian Lewis. This film tells the true story of a racehorse called *Dream Alliance* and a Welsh bartender who has no money and no experience with racehorses – but who persuades her friends to chip in and help train *Dream* to compete in the big stakes. This is a hugely popular film with a whopping 97% audience score on Rotten Tomatoes. With tickets now £9 (pay on the door with cash or card), this is one not to be missed. Your first drink is included with the ticket price, the bar is open, and we have sweet & savoury snacks available, including ice cream in the interval.

In the months ahead we hope to show the following films – and to bring back our popular canapes & Quality Street! -: *Belfast*, *Death on the Nile*, *The Courier*, *The Last Bus*.

Wick-Flix Steering Group

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Longfield robbery on BBC Crimewatch

On Wednesday evening 9th March the Crimewatch programme highlighted the Painswick robbery with a simulated film of the event. After the film, which showed shots of our quiet, picturesque village and then the robbery, there followed a discussion with a Detective Sergeant from Gloucestershire constabulary.

The culprit still has not been caught despite a good description of the young man involved. The identikit picture is shown on the right and here is the link to the programme which should be available until 4th April. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0bt9zdn>



Get moving!

“What no champagne?” may have been the initial reaction of some members of Yew Trees WI when they arrived for their February meeting, to hear a talk with the enigmatic title “Being Fizzy”. Any disappointment was quickly forgotten after the introduction of the speaker Mary Burton, a charismatic physiotherapist, whose speciality is helping patients with neurological conditions such as M.S. and Parkinson’s Disease. Mary places huge emphasis on how we should all do all we can to keep moving - people that sit for 6 hours fall twice as often as those that sit for 3 hours! There was no sitting around for her audience who were all encouraged to stand up and sit down without using their hands. Later others helped demonstrate some of the exercises Mary uses in her classes to help with balance, a major part of her work. It was a lively and very informative evening which gave everyone huge hope. Mary’s positive attitude must surely encourage her patients to achieve her aim: to teach them how to live well with their illness, and the rest of us to keep moving!

Our next meeting on Tuesday, 26th April (7.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms) will be a social event which will include our AGM. We have been delighted to welcome a number of new members recently and hope that others will join too in order to enjoy the wide variety of speakers and other activities planned for the coming year.

Celia Lougher 812624

Stroud Rotary Club

Community Awards 2022

Stroud Rotary Club is running its fourth annual Community Awards (closing date for applications 17th April) which supports local community groups and charities with small grants up to £500. Applications to.....

*Eric Brownbill
Community Awards Administrator
Stroud Rotary Club*

Beacon Subscriptions – reminder

Last month we provided envelopes for the renewal of Beacon Subscriptions and thank you to the two hundred and forty eight who have already responded. Our monthly circulation is twelve hundred and fifty, so that leaves over a thousand households in Painswick that need a gentle reminder. The Painswick Beacon is your newsletter, not only all the content that is relative to you, but also your subscriptions that make it possible to be printed, month after month. So when you have a moment, look out that envelope or if you have used it for the shopping list, let me know and I will let you have another one. I can always be contacted on: subscriptions.beacon@painswick.net for that missing envelope or any other details you may require concerning subscriptions.

Painswick Educational Trust

Are there any young people out there resident in the Painswick area who need financial help with their education in these difficult times. The Trust can help in a small way with books, tools, IT equipment etc. If you need to know more please contact *Michael James on 01452 812646 or Joy Edwards on 07810 476 473.*

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Winter Review.

We have now come to the end of our winter work party program so here is a summary of our activities.

After the increase in numbers helping during the peak of the Covid outbreak numbers attending has fallen back to more normal levels of 12-15 per session. This is still very good and recently three more

helpers have signed up.

PBCG is now registered as a Registered Charity. We felt this gives the group a more secure footing and opens up more possibilities to obtain funding from other charitable organisations. Gift Aid is also reclaimable on donations. We are currently applying for funds from the Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme and it seems likely we will receive a lump sum from Natural England, so the financial position of the group is a lot healthier than it was a year ago.

The other major change for us is the adoption of the NoFence paddock system and the addition of new water points on the Beacon. This really has been a game changer. It will save us a lot of money in the coming years and has allowed us to graze areas which have hitherto been impossible using electric fencing. We used to allow about a week to put up and take down the fencing for a paddock and the battery had to be changed every two weeks. Now it is possible for one person to move the cows into a new area in about one hour.



Including the month they were on Cud Hill, the cows have been out for eight months and have done a magnificent job. They have adapted very well to the tougher diet and are equally happy to browse on ivy and shrubs in the woodland or the open grassland. By utilising new areas we have been able to keep the cows out all winter without them losing too much condition and now the grass is starting to grow again.

The feedback from the public has been extremely positive, people loving seeing the cows freely roaming. There have been a couple of incidents where a cow has 'escaped', presumably chased by a dog, but the system shuts down and reactivates once the escapee rejoins the herd.

As to the work undertaken. A new area was cleared between the 8th and 10th tees and the wild flower seed sown in the autumn has started to show. Light scrub clearing was done on the ramparts and below the 16th tee. Many diseased ash and some pines were removed from the head of Victoria Quarry with the purpose of connecting it to Long Quarry. A tractor and flail were hired to cut back brambles efficiently and a major project to convert the bridle way off the Gloucester Road into a woodland ride was started.

Paul Baxter.

Painswick Gardening Club

New Season

The Painswick Gardening Club is emerging from its enforced hibernation and is thrilled to invite you to join us for our new and impressive season of speakers.



We are beginning on Wednesday 13th April 7.30pm at the Painswick Centre when Howard Drury, from the legendary John Massey's garden and nursery at Ashwood, will be offering an insight into some of John's magical and innovative planting themes and concepts which have earned him 53 RHS Gold medals including Chelsea!

John's garden has featured on Carol Klein's Great British Gardens series as well as in many other publications and Howard has been recording season by season its' ever evolving progress over many years. With so much fascinating material to cover this talk will run for 90 mins with a short break in the middle. This will be a superb and informative evening which is open to all and at just £5 for non-members one not to be missed.

We look forward to welcoming you all back.

Catherine Bond PGC

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Jottings

Just the other day we had Storm Eunice, so I delved into my records and came up with storms that have hit us since 1963. The terrible hard winter and spring of 1963, with prolonged deep snow, and terrible hard frosts that just went on and on.

Eight thirty am on the 28th of June 1963 a large lightning bolt hit the chimney of Jenkins Farm House Edge, the lightning went down the television wire taking the roof off as it went, because there was a 12 foot thick wall under the chimney; the house just sat there and took it, the old fuse boxes were imbedded in the oak beams, the electric wires in a lot of times the wire was on the outside of the insulation small fires everywhere. In the store room next door were turkey eggs in incubators; the insurance people said they looked like they had been hard boiled. The lightning then went up the wires to the cow shed it knocked my father out while he was on the floor the fuse boxes fled past him and hit the wall at the far end of the cow shed, my father and the cows where ok but never got over the shock. The lightning then went on up the wire to the big transformer on the pole and blew that to bits at what is now The Edgemoor, this is only part of the story it would take too long to give the full version.

These storms you might call small tornadoes. Up at the Plantation Woods a huge wind some 100 feet wide came up from Stroud and went straight through the wood felling a large number of trees thus leaving a large big hole of fallen trees with few left standing the hole in the tree line is still visible if you know where to look.

In the Wood between Bulls Cross and Juniper another wind some 50 feet wide came from Painswick and took out the centre of the wood felling nearly all the trees. A huge wind came across the valley from Stroud taking out part of Dutchcombe farm, one of our farm buildings, the chimneys of Lower Greenhouse and some old elm and apple trees .

A huge wind came along the valley side from Lullingsworth along the top of whats now Randalls field taking out tops of trees over Vicarage street, lifting fires in the grates up the chimneys and up to Washwell farm lifting fleeces up in the air. An extremely strong wind hit the bottom of the valley at Edge and as it could not get out it twisted out of the ground trees including 7 fully grown Beech trees over some 3 acres the storm could not get out of the valley the rain at this time was out of this world, I was sent to see if the cattle were OK, I met them at the gate all well.

One of the last Painswick Shows up at the Park on show day with everything in full swing, a strong wind came up through the show some 50 foot wide it took out and destroyed the pig roost and injured the chef the mobile toilets went flying, just hoping no person was in them at the time and it also damaged some of the other trade stands.

Martin Slinger

Sheepscombe History Society

Tea party Saturday 9th July

Every other year, Sheepscombe History Society invites anyone who lived in the village 60 or more years ago to a cream tea in Sheepscombe Village Hall. Our first tea party was in 1981 and over the years we have enjoyed meeting many former residents, some of whom have travelled from distant parts of the world. This year we are looking for anyone who lived in Sheepscombe up to and including 1962. The tea party will be on Saturday 9th July from 2.30 to 4.30 pm with tea served at 3.15pm.

The village school celebrates its centenary this year and will be open to visitors earlier in the day. There will be a display of work by the current pupils in the school, and also a display of old photographs in the village hall.

We wonder whether there are people living in the Painswick and wider areas who are eligible to come but whose contact details we don't have. If so, we would love to hear from them and anyone else they may know. Please spread the word to anyone who may be eligible to come.

*Caroline Roberts 01452 812786
secretary@sheepscombehistory.org.uk*

Stroud Philatelic Society

Their next meeting is in **Painswick** on Thursday 7th April. In the Church Rooms at 2.30. Open to anyone interested in stamps and postal history.

Trevor Radway



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Painswick Local History Society

At our last meeting we were treated to a visual presentation by Howard Beard, a local historian who is best known for his collection of photographs and post cards depicting life in the Stroud area over the years. Using just a small selection of his collection of some 18,500 pictures we were taken on a comprehensive tour around the five valleys. The range of

pictures selected ensured that everyone present was able to identify with some activity.

Howard shed light on the town and surrounding area's past, and highlighted how things had changed over the past hundred years or more, showing what had been lost. Hopefully the work of Howard and those like him will ensure the changes are consigned to memory. Painswick featured in a number of the pictures one showed pupils of Painswick Girls School on a trip to Stroud in 1911 using a horse and wagon for transport. Others showed a picture of the 1912 clipping service with every space utilised by the congregation and a picture of Victoria Street with not a car to be seen – a rare event!

Overall, his collection contains all the well-known landscapes, buildings and people but they are shown in contrast with lesser known but equally fascinating past. Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th April when Nicholas Herbert will be the speaker and who will interpret "The landscape of Gloucestershire".



Picture of Gypsy Walter Ryalls, one of many shown at the local history society meeting. Walter Ryalls, member of a large gypsy family lived in a caravan on Painswick Hill. In 1903 he was found guilty of a 'misdemeanor' towards an eight year old girl.

Harold Clark

Painswick Rococo Garden

April has to be the most optimistic month of the year for me. Gone are the dreary days of winter and there is nowhere better to enjoy the colour, joy and the hints of brighter days than our beloved Rococo Garden.

During April we are open Wednesday to Sunday, plus during the school Easter holidays, we will open on Monday and Tuesday as well – so that's every day of the week 9-24 April. Advance booking is no longer

required, for the time being. If you prefer a quieter visit then do come on a Friday at any time or later in the day – my top tip is to come after 2.30pm.




Easter would not be Easter without some kind of egg trail!! This year our family trail is "Dragon Eggscape" - created by local author Hannah Shaw. It features a lost Baby Dragon which has escaped into the Garden and needs to be reunited with its mum. Children will love it and all participants get a chocolatey prize! Check our website rococogarden.org.uk for more information.

After snowdrops and daffodils come tulips! We are looking forward to seeing the results of garden team's hard work last autumn. There will be new display in the Exedra Garden totalling around 9,500 bulbs including Narcissus 'Thalia', Tulip 'Black Parrot', Allium atropurpureum and Fritillaria persica. It's in late spring and summer that the Exedra Garden comes into its own as a beacon of colour. It will look stunning and is the perfect spot to linger.

Those who enjoyed our Amber Ale last year may be interested to know that we've just taken delivery of a batch of our very first Pale Ale brewed using Fuggles and Magnum hops tended by our expert gardeners and grown in our Kitchen Garden. This zingy, citrusy brew is the result of our continued collaboration with an artisan brewery in Minchinhampton and is on sale now in our Shop.

Happy Easter to all when we get that far. Enjoy the longer, warmer days and make sure a spring visit to Rococo is in your diary!

Tim Toghill, trustee & volunteer



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News from St Mary's

This month we look forward to Easter, Easter Sunday being on 17th April. Easter is the most important festival of the Christian year. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation stone on which the Christian faith is built. Without His resurrection His name would have been forgotten many centuries ago. We would not have any church buildings and there would be no Easter congregations proclaiming "Jesus lives". St Paul writing to the Christian church at Corinth says, "If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile". But he goes on to declare, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead". On Easter Sunday we proclaim that fact loudly and clearly. Our main Easter Sunday service at St Mary's is at the usual time of 9.30am. It is also a tradition in this benefice that there is a church service on Easter Day in every parish in the benefice.

Leading up to Easter during Holy Week there is a full programme of Church services throughout the benefice. At St Mary's, Morning Prayer will be celebrated each day in St. Peter's chapel at 8.30am. On Good Friday "Churches together around Painswick" (CTAP) are organising a procession of Christian witness around the village commencing at 10.30am at St. Mary's. This is a united ecumenical opportunity to remind the community of the meaning of Easter. The procession ends at the Church Rooms where we share hot cross buns together. Please feel free to join in this united witness. Also on Good Friday there is a devotional service in the church at 2pm which I will be leading. It will be a meditation based on observers of the crucifixion.

Enjoy a good Easter. David Newell

HOLY WEEK 2022 FINAL

	PAINSWICK	SHEEPSCOMBE	CRANHAM
PALM SUNDAY 10th <i>Red</i>	9.30am Holy Communion Rev. David R.	11.00am Morning Worship Mike Campbell	11.00am Holy Communion Canon Michael
	PITCHCOMBE		
	9.30am Morning Prayer Lay led		
HOLY MONDAY 11th - <i>Red</i>	8.30am Painswick 6.30pm Harescombe	Morning Prayer Compline	Canon Michael Canon Michael
HOLY TUESDAY 12th - <i>Red</i>	8.30am Painswick 6.30pm Sheepscombe	Morning Prayer Celtic Evening Prayer	Canon Michael Margaret Todd
HOLY WEDNESDAY 13th - <i>Red</i>	8.30am Painswick 6.30pm Pitchcombe	Morning Prayer Worship in Poetry and Music	Canon Michael Ann Kennett/Liz Burge
MAUNDY THURSDAY 14th <i>White</i>	8.30am Painswick 11.00am Gloucester Cathedral 7.30pm Painswick	Morning Prayer Eucharist & Blessing of Oils Eucharist & Watch (to 10pm)	Canon Michael Canon Michael Preacher: Rev. Andrew
	Readings: Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13. 1-17, 31b-35		
GOOD FRIDAY 15th <i>Altars stripped</i>	PAINSWICK		
	8.30am Morning Prayer Canon Michael 10.30am Procession of Witness - Rev. Andrew 2.00pm Good Friday Devotion Rev. David N	SHEEPSCOMBE 9.30am Good Friday Devotion Mike Campbell	
	PITCHCOMBE		
		2pm 3 Parish Good Friday Devotion Liz Eden	
Easter Eve 16th <i>Altars stripped</i>	8.30am Painswick 8.00pm Cranham	Morning Prayer Easter Eve Vigil Service	Canon Michael President: Rev. Andrew Deacon: Rev. David R
EASTER DAY April 17th <i>CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!</i>	PAINSWICK		
	9.30am Holy Communion - President: Rev. Andrew Preacher: Liz Eden	SHEEPSCOMBE 11.00am Holy Communion Rev. David R	
	EDGE Village Hall 10.30am Family Service Mike Campbell	PITCHCOMBE 10.00am Holy Communion Canon Michael	
		CRANHAM 11.00am Holy Communion Rev. Helen	
		HARESCOMBE 11.00am Holy Communion Rev. David N	

Your Vicar at St Mary's

Our current vicar, Rector Janet Turville is still away sick. Her responsibilities are continuing to be carried out by Michael Irving, David Newell, Andrew Leach and the churchwardens Margaret Radway, Sue Welbourn and others. The people of Painswick much appreciate the work they are doing.

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Painswick Community Support Update

The Community Hub cafe will be continuing at the Town Hall every Friday with a slightly later time of 10am-11.30 from April 1st.

We have some gaps in our rota for cakes and helpers from April onwards, so if you can spare a couple of hours occasionally to serve coffee and cake or if you are able to donate a cake occasionally, please contact us (see contact details at end of article).

Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle Scheme

Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle is a simple but effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency on a standard form and in a common location - the fridge. Message in a Bottle helps emergency services personnel to save valuable time in identifying an individual very quickly and knowing if they have any allergies or take special medication.

Paramedics, police, fire-fighters and social services support this Lions life-saving initiative and know to look in the fridge when they see the Message in a Bottle stickers, supplied.

The initiative provides peace of mind that prompt and appropriate medical assistance can be provided, and next of kin/emergency contacts can be notified. It is not just vulnerable people who benefit from Message in a Bottle. Anyone living alone or with health conditions could have an accident at home.

The Message in a Bottle kit includes a form, where personal and medical information is detailed. This is placed in a bottle (with its distinctive green branding), which is stored in the fridge. Two stickers are provided: one for the fridge door and the other for the inside of the front door of the premises.

The Lions Club, Cheltenham, has kindly provided us with a stock of Message in a Bottle kits for our local community free of charge. Anyone who would like one can collect one from the Friday Community Hub cafe at the Town Hall or if you would like one delivered, please contact us (see contact details at end of article).

Future Dates for your Diary

Friday April 15th - drop-in visit from Vicky Allen, Sportily's new Sport and Faith Leader for the Beacon community and surrounding villages.

Friday April 22nd - drop-in visit from Debbie Collicott, Community Police Officer.

If you need help or support or have any questions, call us on 07956203087 (our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am-5pm) or email us at painswickcommunitysupport@gmail.com

Delyth Allen, on behalf of Painswick Community Support

Scams

At the Friday Hub in the Town Hall on the 11th March, Debbie Collicott, the local Police community officer, came along and circulated amongst the tables discussing any issues raised. Scams, especially for older people was a huge problem area, and the best way to combat this type of crime was awareness of the likely danger signals. Below are outlined a few of the more common and clever ones to watch out for....

Receiving messages (email or phone) from an unexpected person or company you have never heard of or from someone or a company you know but asking for something unusual. Scammers might set tight deadlines or ask for monies upfront. Maybe threaten risks of legal action or cutting off a service. They try to panic you or make you think unclearly. Obviously never give out account numbers. Passwords or national insurance numbers .

Never give anyone access to your computer if they ring claiming to be from technical support.

Do not use public Wi-Fi to transmit personal data or buy anything through an unsecured web site.

Do not open suspicious emails from unknown senders or open links or attachments.

Hang up on cold callers and cold texts.

Callers may pose as a bank, computer company or even the police claiming fraudulent activity and ask you to call the organisation to verify the request. They may keep the line open so use a different phone to do the check or wait 20minutes. Do not be rushed.

Beware of investment scams offering fraudulent investment opportunities or schemes that seem too good to be true. Always seek independent advice from another source.

Holiday fraud where scammers sell non-existent holidays, cottages or caravans which do not exist and encourage you to pay in advance for a better price. Check the Holiday is ABTA protected and use a credit card rather than a debit card.

A46 Update **On the roadworks at Broadham**

A meeting has taken place with GCC, Atkins and Ringway to look at a short term solution to the issue. The lights will remain in place until we have had their proposal and works implemented on site. Unfortunately they don't have a time scale to share at this point in time.

Meanwhile please appreciate that the lights controlling the traffic will reduce the risk of incidents until highways put up barriers .

Sue Williams Painswick County Councillor



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Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)

New staff

Two new (rather cheery!) receptionists have joined the Practice, Mandie and Bertie with, as is inevitable, other staff moving on so another receptionist is now being sought and a nurse/practitioner for the treatment room. This is perhaps an opportunity to clarify that the receptionists do not carry out triage, in fact that is one of the benefits of the eConsult system, that the information provided through it goes before a doctor who makes the decisions about how urgent a response is needed.

GPs and IT

A lot has had to change as a result of the pandemic and the eConsult system has been a major part of this. The patient group welcome the plans to replace this very clunky system with something that is smoother for patients to use. This is planned to happen in association with the new website which is ready in prototype and going through validation. We understand that a new triage system will not come in straight away with the website change as it has to be investigated in depth to ensure compliance with regulations. Another change will be taking place on 10th May when a wholly new telephone system will be installed.

In the wider NHS, GPs and other local health and social care professionals are now able to use JUYI the new County system for accessing your health and social care records. Find out more here: www.juyigloucestershire.org/

Booster jabs

Hopefully by the time you read this many over 75 and/or vulnerable patients will have had their fourth vaccination against Covid-19. There has to be a 6 month gap from your 3rd dose and the surgery will contact you at the appropriate time.

Helping Ukraine

A lot is going on locally at an official level and GARAS, the Gloucs Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers group is seeking donations of money to support their work. Please contact admin@garas.org.uk if you feel you can help. They are unable to accept other forms of gift.

David Perry, Chair, Patient Group

My favourite walks

One of my favourite walks takes me from the centre of Painswick down to the Painswick Stream, up the other side, turning right through Frith Wood and turning back down through Juniper Hill nature reserve and back to Painswick via Sheephouse. It is about 4 miles long.

It is best walked in dry weather as some of the paths can be muddy, and walking boots are recommended as some of the tracks are uneven and can be wet. It is always a good idea to walk with someone else for safety as well as companionship. And be aware that there are two quite high stiles. This article is too brief to set out the route in detail, so please take a map with you.

One of the reasons it is one of my favourites is because there is so much variety in the walk. There are great views across the valley, including some classic views of Painswick. There are narrow paths almost enveloped in vegetation, paths in open woodland and at the edge of fields. There is history and wildlife to spot.



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Library News for April

Below listed are the Fiction new books for March/April. For non fiction and books for Juniors see the Library web site.

ADULT FICTION

Audrain, Ashley	The Push – ‘a propulsive psychological thriller’
Baker, Chandler	The Husbands – ‘a howl of feminist rage’
Caldwell, Lucy	These Days – two sisters, four nights, one city
Chowdhury, Ajay	The Waiter – taking us from Kolkata to Brick Lane
Duffy, Austin	Ten Days – family epic set in New York & Ireland
Fitzgerald, Penelope	The Book Shop – set in England 1959
Fforde, Katie	A Wedding in Provence – ‘top drawer escapism’
Foley, Lucy	The Paris Apartment – ‘modern day Agatha Christie’
Griffiths, Ellie	The Locked Room – a Dr Ruth Galloway mystery
Hamid, Mohsin	Exit West – shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize
Keane, Molly	Good Behaviour – Irish tragi-comedy set after WW1
Keyes, Marian	Again, Rachel – ‘A balm for the soul’
Lockwood, Patricia	No One is Talking About This – 2021 shortlisted
Mas, Victoria	The Mad Women’s Ball – darkly, delightful & gothic
Mosse, Kate	The City Of Tears – The Burning Chambers Book 2
Vaughan, Sarah	Reputation – legal drama and cautionary tale
Walter, Jess	The Cold Millions – 1909. Spokane, Washington.
Winman, Sarah	Still Life – Italy 1944, ‘kind hearts & kindred spirits’

PMAG Report for March



On 3rd March Dennis Morgan lit up the Town Hall with a DVD concert of piano concertos by Ravel, Grieg and Rachmaninov. The glorious music was enhanced by the large screen and excellent sound in the hall. In so many ways the experience was akin to a visit to a concert - so much missed by members during the CV19 crisis.

On 17th March Dr David Lucas, musicologist, instrumentalist and teacher, presented a scholarly analysis of the Etudes Op 10 of Chopin. He illustrated the complexity and technical challenge posed to pianists in performance by the Etudes.

In part 2 of his programme David shared with his audience reflections on some of the great pianists of the past 100 years and spoke with affection of the skill of the Australian Eileen Joyce.

On 31st March Mike Kerton will present a programme of Duets from Famous Operas featuring the voices of Nicolai Gedda, Jussi Bjorling, Maria Callas and Tito Gobbi.

In April we shall look forward to hearing Duncan Richardson’s ‘Musical Miniatures’ and Alex Nichol’s versions of the ‘Requiem’ with special reference to his beloved Verdi Requiem.

Howard Allen.

Painswick Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Painswick Library Book Club is Monday 4th April, from 1.30 -2.30pm. We have been reading The Promise by Damon Galgut. Even if you haven’t read this novel but would like to join us, please do come along. We meet approximately once a month and there is no obligation to come to every meeting. For further details email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew

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Painswick Sports

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Painswick Cricket Club, celebrating 175 years of cricket...

It's time for Painswick Cricket Club to venture forth into the wonderfully competitive and enjoyable world of the West of England Premier Cricket League. We have recently discovered that we are celebrating 175 years of cricket at Painswick CC. Our researcher found a game highlighted in some local press cuttings in 1847, Painswick versus a team from Cheltenham. Amazing historic news and certainly worth highlighting and celebrating.

2022 promises to be a very exciting and challenging season on the pitch for all our sides. The first team are still going to be facing formidable opponents such as Gloucester City, Rockhampton and Dumbleton first teams. Our second team will be competing in the County League Division 7 and our third team will be in Stroud Division Two where development of our youth will be the main aim. Several of our youth sides including our new girls team have league games as well. Broadham fields should see some very good and exciting cricket for all our teams and supporters to enjoy.

Our New club coach Luke Woolway will be the clubs senior and junior cricketing coach for 2022. Many of you know Luke already and I am sure you will join the club in welcoming him back into the Painswick cricketing family.

Junior Section

As ever our popular Youth cricket evenings will be held on Friday evenings starting on 8th April weather permitting. We anticipate that these sessions will continue every Friday through to late July. If you are interested in youth cricket please contact Junior Welfare Officer Dom Barnard domrolle@yahoo.co.uk or 07952738904. Dom also looks after the ECB All Stars and Dynamos programmes and these are scheduled to start on 6th May. For this programme see <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>, the dynamos link is also on the All Stars page. In addition to Fridays, the Under 11s, U13s and U15s have been entered into Stroud Cricket youth leagues.

Girls cricket

This season we have formed a separate girls section which is being led by several members of the club. All girls are welcome and you do not have to have any cricket experience. If you are interested at all please do contact Adam Brown using email adam_work2@yahoo.co.uk or Andy Barnard on glosandy@hotmail.co.uk.

Early notes for diaries!!

Youth presentation evening is being planned for Friday 22nd July. Cricket week will run from 22nd July to 29th July and will include, Traditional Six a Side tournament on Sunday 24th July starting at 1030 with BBQ and Bar, a youth day on 26th July and our Chairman's game will be on Friday 29th July. I will keep you posted with details as the season progresses.

The New Net Bay

The club is very excited about being able, at long last, to use the newly installed netbay in 2022. This facility will enable our coaches and players to really develop skills in a safe environment.

New - Match Day sponsors

The club is offering league match day sponsorship, where you can support the club for a league match on a Saturday. Please do get in touch with any cricket club member or Steve Golding at Stevegolding007@gmail.com if you are interested.

Club Website

For more information about the club please visit our website at <https://painswick.play-cricket.com/home>

If you are interested in playing or taking part in any way and at any level, the club would be delighted to hear from you. Top contacts are the Club's Chairman Ian Hogg on 07972405209 or email at straight.spinner@hotmail.com and Dom Barnard on email domrolle@yahoo.co.uk

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Tennis

Tennis Awards

At a recent GLTA awards ceremony the club came away with a record number of awards.

Cups were presented for the Painswick mens A, B and C teams for winning their respective divisions in the 2021 Summer league. In the mixed winter league 2021/22, Painswick A and Painswick C won their divisions.

Pictured left to right..Joan Griffiths(President), Andy Rodda (Mens C), Ruth Smith (Secretary), Adrian Mcdowell (Mens B), Ness Fair (Mixed C), Chris Barber(Mixed A) and Andy Harris (Mens A).



The new tennis season

The new season starts this month with a full programme of club nights and matches to suit all abilities and ages. With the better weather, now is a good time to join. Contact Ruth Smith at ruthand.trevor@btinternet.com and for junior coaching Charlie Ferrett 07871 628773.

Alicia Barnett makes WTA final

Alicia and her doubles partner, Olivia Nicholls entered their first WTA \$250k in Lyon, France. This is the premier tier of tournaments just below Grand Slams.

They had a tough draw in the first round against the 3rd seeds, but managed to take the top 65 ranked players out 6-3, 6-4. The next round they continued their good form and beat a German pair 6-0, 6-4 to secure their spot in the semifinals.

The semifinals was a rollercoaster of a match losing the first 10 games to go 6-0, 4-0 down before holding Alicia's service game to get on the scoreboard. The momentum then shifted and Alicia and Olivia saved match point and continued on to win the second set in a tie break and then the third set match tie break 10-3.

The final was against the 2020 US Open double champions, Siegemund and Zvonareva. Alicia and Olivia played well in front of their largest crowd yet but missed out on the title by losing the match 5-7 1-6.

After reaching the final in their WTA debut, Alicia is now ranked 121 and Olivia 129 in the world and will look to play Wimbledon this summer.



Come and learn to bowl

Painswick Falcons are holding an open day on Saturday April 23rd at 2.30pm including a come and try bowling session with three more sessions following within the next fortnight.

Come along and meet other new people who want to experience this fun game in the beautiful setting of the Falcons, tucked away behind the Falcon Inn. we will make you feel very welcome!

Refreshments will be served and the bar will be open.

Tel Sue Butler for info and please advise of your attendance, 01452 546507/07766 984207 suejohn123@btinternet.com

More Painswick Sports

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Painswick Golf Club



As I write this, the weather seems to be getting a little drier and warmer. Is spring on the way at last?

The club organises competitions on a regular basis, both at weekends and during the week.

In the seniors section, there were two competitions of note. The usual Midweek Stableford on 24th February was won by Boo Hussain with an excellent 43 points. A "Bring Your Own Partner" betterball competition in early March between eight teams was won by George Paton and Mike Sanderson with 48 points. The entry fee in this competition was replaced with a request for a donation for refugees in the Ukraine crisis and the sum of £232 was raised. The attached photo shows some of the players at the 19th hole afterwards.



Visitors are welcome to play on the unique golf course and at the clubhouse for refreshments and meals. Please call 01452 812180 for more details.

Peter Rowe

Property Report

There are two two-bedroom stone cottages newly on the market this month, both close to the centre of the village. Bramble Cottage in Vicarage Street offers some scope for modernisation (Hamptons, £300,000) and Wool Cottage is hidden away in Victoria Street with a private courtyard garden (Murrays, £400,000). Also very central is the commercial space at the Old Fleece in Bisley Street, full of character and with large cellars (Murrays, £175,000).

Larger properties coming onto the market include Stonecroft in Hambutts Mead, a modern 3 bedroom detached house (Hamptons, £775,000) and Greenacres Cottage in Cheltenham Road, a large detached property with scope for extension (Hamptons, £1.1 million). Mandalay in the Highlands is set in a plot of around two thirds of an acre and has private access onto Painswick Beacon (Hamptons, (£1.5 million).

A long way down the hill from the Highlands, 8 Brookhouse Mill offers versatile accommodation in this converted mill building and has a private garden and off road parking to go with it (Hamptons, £495,000), while up on the other side of the valley, Cherry Tree Cottage at Longridge is a 3 bedroom semi-detached cottage with great views (Hamptons, £485,000).

Going under offer this month are 15 Gyde House, Tophams in Friday Street and Little Acre in Cheltenham Road, all through Murrays, as well as 13 Berry Close and Pound Cottage in Cranham, through Hamptons. The Weavers House in Friday Street, Hay Cottage and Lovedays House, both in St Mary's Street and The Red House in Lower Washwell have all exchanged and/or completed, as further afield have Wellgrove in Paradise, Cotswold Bungalow in Edge and Beechcroft and Timbercombe, both in Sheepscombe. Two major events in the village are being sponsored by our local estate agents. Murrays is the Gold Sponsor for Wick-Flix, where 'West Side Story' on 1st April will be followed by 'Dream Horse' on 6th May. Hamptons are again the Gold Sponsor for the Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 16th April – also available to download and complete over the Easter weekend.



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Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Badminton(juniors). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.00pm
	Badminton(adults). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 9.30pm
	Community Choir. Contact Sophie sophie@sophiesterckckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. For beginners and experienced players. All equipment provided. 2.00/session to cover refreshments	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
	HIP Pilates 50. Contact Joannedaleypilates.com/07968799741. From January 11th	Zoom Class	11.00am
Wednesdays	Table tennis. Turn up and play for £5.00 an evening. Contact David 01452 812464	Painswick Centre	7 - 9.00pm
	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Badminton (adults). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 10.00pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet 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
Saturdays	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgswain:btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
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Village Diary

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April			
Fri	1	Painswick Community Hub: Tea, coffee and cakes.	Town Hall 10.00 - 11.30am
Sun	3	Benefice Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 10.00am
	3	Holy Baptism	St Mary's Church 3.00pm
Mon	4	Painswick Library Book Club	Library 1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	5	Lent Lunch: Homemade, soup, bread and cheese in aid of Christian Aid DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal	Town Hall 12.00.-1.30pm
Wed	6	Yew Trees WI: Skittles match against Sheepscombe WI	Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30pm
	6	Stroud and District Philatelic Society Tri-Club meeting Contact Tim on 01453 883910	Church Rooms 12.00 - 4.00pm
	6	Painswick Probus: Mary Queen of Scots - Gillian White	Painswick Centre 10.00 for 10.30am
Thurs	7	Stroud and District Philatelic Society. Contact Tim on 01453 883910	Church Rooms 2.30 - 4.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club:Outing - train Journey tbc	
	8	Painswick Community Hub: Tea, coffee and cakes.	Town Hall 10.00 - 11.30am
Sun	10	Open garden in aid of the National Garden Scheme	Sheephouse 11.00 - 5.00pm
	10	Palm Sunday. Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 9.30am
Mon	11	Morning prayer.	St Mary's Church 8.30am
Tues	12	Morning prayer.	St Mary's Church 8.30am
Wed	13	Cotteswold Naturalists: AGM + Iceland:Land of Fire and Brilliant Birds - Philip Mugridge	Painswick Centre 2.00pm (note early start)
	13	Morning prayer.	St Mary's Church 8.30am
	13	Painswick Gardening Club: John's Garden at Ashwood - Howard Drury	Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30pm
	13	Lent Lunch: Homemade, soup, bread and cheese in aid of Christian Aid DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal	Town Hall 12.00 - 1.30pm
Thurs	14	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Musical Minatures - Duncan Richardson	Town Hall 2.30pm
	14	Morning prayer.	St Mary's Church 8.30am
Fri	15	Good Friday. Morning prayer	St Mary's Church 8.30am
	15	Procession of Witness	St Mary's Church 10.30am
	15	Painswick Community Hub: Tea, coffee and cakes.	Town Hall 10.00 - 11.30am
	15	Good Friday devotion	St Mary's Church 2.00pm
Sat	16	Morning prayer.	St Mary's Church 8.30am
	16	Easter egg hunt	Around Painswick 12.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	17	Easter Sunday. Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 9.30am
Tues	19	Cotteswold Naturalists: A history of botanical illustration from cave drawings to the present - Debbie Devauden Enq 01453 873262	Box Village Hall 2.30pm
	19	Local History Society: Interpreting the Gloucestershire Landscape - Nicholas Herbert	Croft School 7.30pm
Wed	20	Painswick Probus: Establishing lines of Communication in Africa - Brian Barber	Painswick Centre 10.00 for 10.30am
Thurs	21	Stroud and District Philatelic Society. Contact Tim on 01453 883910	Church Rooms 7.30 - 9.30pm
Fri	22	Painswick Community Hub: Tea, coffee and cakes.	Town Hall 10.00 - 11.30am
Sun	24	Beacon Praise and Holy Baptism	St Mary's Church 11.00am
Tues	26	Yew Trees WI: Spring Event (inc. AGM)	Church Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	28	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Versions of the Requiem, particularly Verdi's - Alex Nicholls	Town Hall 2.30pm
Fri	29	Friday Club: Around the World in 80 Images - Peter Berry	Town Hall 2.30pm
	29	Painswick Community Hub: Tea, coffee and cakes.	Town Hall 10.00 - 11.30am



Planning Matters

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.22/0407/FUL Cardynham House,
Tibbiwell Lane

The change of use from what is currently a composite use comprising of Class C1 & Class E uses to an alternate composite use of Class C3 & Class E

S.22/0462/FUL Dutchcombe Farm,
Yokehouse Lane

Temporary change of use of Stube Barn to a residential dwelling with minor building operations (retrospective).

S.22/0478/LBC The Stables, Painswick House, Gloucester Road
Demolition of conservatory.

S.22/0506/HHOLD & S.22/0540/LBC Stonechat Cottage, New Street
Remove outbuilding & construction of new extensions & alterations.

S.22/0542/HHOLD Tocknells Court, Cheltenham Road
Internal & external alterations. Revised extension design.

S.22/0570/LBC Tocknells Court, Cheltenham Road
Internal & external alterations. Revised extension design.

S.22/0595/TCA 2 Court Orchard
T2 Box Tree – Remove.

REVISED PLANS

S.21/2440/FUL | Construction of a dwelling (demolition of 8 no. garages) | Land Between 15 And 16 Upper Washwell

CONSENT

S.21/3015/HHOLD Corner Cottage, Victoria Street
Internal reconfiguration, fenestration, repairs, the addition of a new staircase and glazed rear extension.

S.21/3059/HHOLD 2 Worgans Cottages, Folly Lane
Replacement of existing outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation including workshop and gym.

S.22/0174/AFP Hammonds Farm, Wick Street
Erection of agricultural building and polytunnel.

WITHDRAWN

S.22/0114/HHOLD Meadow Bank, Kings Mill Lane
Replacement of existing driveway entrance and pedestrian gates.

Personal Column

Memorial Service

For JANE JENNINGS TAYLOR will be held in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese on Sunday April 10th at 2.30 pm. The service will include hymns and prayers together with reflections on Jane's life. Refreshments will follow in the St Mary's Church Rooms. Everyone is welcome.

A service to celebrate the life of MIKE WOOF who died on April 12th 2020 will be held on Monday April 11th at 11.30am in St Mary's Church. All are welcome but please let Jackie know if you are able to attend on 01452 812595.

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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Young people support speed awareness campaign



Painswick Parish Council launched a campaign asking the young people in Painswick to use their creative skills to design a speed awareness sign.

We now have 14 unique and eye-catching signs that we hope will make the drivers through Painswick think about their speed. See page 8 for more details



Sunset from Painswick Beacon with dust from the Sahara



Daffodils by the Painswick Stream



View of fog down in the Painswick Valley

The Beacon welcomes photographs reflecting scenes and events around Painswick to be considered for publication as space dictates. These pictures were taken by members of the Beacon team