

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Snowdrops at the Rococo

After a couple of weeks of cold dry settled weather now is the perfect time to visit the Rococo Garden to see the snowdrops in all their splendour. (Photo Paul Nichols)



## Community Hub Cafe

January has seen good support for the Friday morning cafe in the Town Hall, all are welcome. If you wish to help with supplying cakes or helping to serve please contact: [Painswickcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:Painswickcommunity@gmail.com) or call on 07956203087.



## An unexpected fountain

Staff from Severn Trent Water were trying to mend the burst 9 inch pipe and stop the flow of water coming out of the entrance to Broadham field, causing flooding on the A46 on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd January.

The flooding was the possible cause of an accident on the Friday night when a saloon car travelling from Painswick to Stroud lost control, crossed the road and sailed into the air at the bridge over the Washbrook, beyond Broadham. It landed on one of the recently felled ash trees and came to rest on its side; driver's door uppermost. It appeared the driver had been able to climb out reasonably unscathed from the driver's window.



For those who receive their Beacon delivery on Friday you have the opportunity to see the Bond film No Time To Die this evening at the Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30pm

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

from the meeting held on 19th January at 7.00pm

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

There was no Planning Committee meeting held as the National Association of Local Councils had advised in December that, whilst Plan B Covid restrictions were in place, councils should only meet for essential business. Therefore, planning applications were responded to by the Clerk under delegated authority. The applications and responses were as follows.

### Proposed responses

#### Support

S.21/2823/HOLD. The Old Vicarage, Slad Road, Slad. Erection of single storey addition and internal alterations.

S.21/2824/LBC. The Old Vicarage, Slad Road, Slad. Erection of single storey addition and internal alterations.

S.21/2968/TPO 479, Castle Hale, Stamages Lane. G1 Prune Sycamore x 2. Reduce side and lower crown by 3-4 metres.

S.21/2667/LBC. Abbey Farm, Slad Lane. Replacement of window with new.

S.21/2947/HOLD. Geldeston, Back Edge Lane, Edge. Erection of open oak framed porch and a single storey timber clad garden studio/gym in rear garden.

#### Support with condition added to remain as ancillary to main dwelling.

S.21/2795/HOLD. Steanbridge Mill, Slad. Replacement three-bay garage with office/storage space above.

S.21/2917/HOLD. Beacon Heights, Cheltenham Road. Erection of WC extension and partial use of garage/studio as ancillary accommodation.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Present:

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

### Apologies:

Cllrs James Cross and Abigail Smith.

**Budget.** The Council approved the budget as presented.

**Precept.** The Council agreed to set the precept for the Financial Year 2022/23 at £118, 580. This being an increase of 2.5% on a Band D property.

**Auditor.** The Council agreed the appointment of Mr Ian Crowe FCA as the Council's Internal Auditor for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2022.

**Meeting closure.** The meeting which began at 7pm ended at 7.06pm.

**Next meeting.** This was scheduled for Wednesday 16th February at 7.30pm.

## Foodbank

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our last collection on 12 January.

It was a heavy load of tins to carry but Foodbank gratefully received the 186.75kg of food which flies off the shelf soon after we take it to the warehouse.

Our next collection is on Wednesday 16th February from 10 am to 12 noon at the Stocks and in Stamages Lane Car Park



Foodbank would be grateful for toiletries, tinned food, sweet and savoury snacks - but any non perishable, in-date food will be gladly received and distributed to those in food poverty.

*Painswick Foodbank Team*

## Save the date

**The Painswick Ball** will take place this year on Saturday 18th June - further details to follow in subsequent editions

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The priority booking period for box adverts next year (April 2022 – March 2023) closes on 12th February, after which adverts will only be accepted if there is space remaining. In four of the last five years, all the advertising space was taken in the priority booking period.

Current advertisers were sent an email in mid-January. If you are a current advertiser and wish to continue, please contact me urgently.

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). Costs are set out on the Booking Form and are the same as last year.

The allocation process gives priority to requests from Painswick businesses, those requesting the 5cm tall box adverts, and looks to avoid having too many adverts providing the same service.

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

## The perfect opportunity to cast aside the winter blues

Here in the Garden the snowdrops should be at their peak just as you read this. The lower slopes of the Garden will be a delightful carpet of white, with the snowdrops' delicate white blooms dancing in the breeze. Don't miss one of the county's must-see outdoor spectacles by going to our website [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk) and making an advance booking. To complement their natural beauty, we also have some new ash wood sculptures to admire thanks to our artist-in-residence Natasha Houseago. They look fantastic and make use of timber from trees recently felled here as a result of them contracting ash dieback. And while you are at the Garden, don't forget we have a range of gorgeous plants available for sale throughout the year, including some really eye-catching snowdrop and hellebore plants at the moment.

**Painswick  
Rococo  
Garden**



This may be the perfect year to join the Friends of the Garden, so you can enjoy the freedom of visiting for a whole year and at the same time, support us in restoring and conserving this wonderful place. We were delighted that so many people joined last year and have made good use of their annual membership. You can join from just £28 – download the form from our website [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk) and either post it to us with payment or bring it with you when you visit.

Looking excitedly ahead: summer at Rococo means outdoor theatre! Tickets are already on sale for the highly popular annual return of The Handlebards, who are presenting Twelfth Night on Friday 1st July. And for family audiences, we have scheduled two performances of Rapunzel on Monday 29th August, Bank Holiday Monday. More details about these two gems and how to book at [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk).

That's it for now. Soon it will be March with spring proper in the air, bringing daffodils to the orchards and banks of Rococo. Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers have planted thousands of bulbs in recent years and I can't wait to see the results!

(Photo above: Stroud Camera Club)

*Tim Toghill, trustee & volunteer*



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# Disposal of historic assets in recent times

When I left school in 1951 I started work five days later as a Trainee Surveyor and Draughtsman with the Ordnance Survey in Bristol. Maps always fascinated me and the vicar in the village of Combe Hay where I lived always thought I would become a Missionary because of my interest in John Bunyan. He got it wrong because I was only interested in where Bunyan actually travelled.

In due course I was called up for National Service in the Royal Engineers and posted to Elgin, Chatham and Kington. On demob I went to Southampton and completed the OS Surveying course and landed up doing ground survey work in the Black Country when it really was black about 1956 or so. Pay was poor and I could not see a future so in 1960 I joined the County Surveyors Dept. at Quay Street in Gloucester. In that building they held extensive records of roads and in particular the highways which were the responsibility of the Highway Authority. One particular set of records were held in our office because we had frequent need to examine them when someone bought a house fronting a highway and made a legal search.

The documents were six inch scale Ordnance Survey sheets based on the 1879-81 survey and revised in 1921. Each sheet was backed on linen and measured one metre by 700mm. There were 78 in the set going from Broadway Tower to Willsbridge (long before reorganisation). Each road was highlighted, red being Class One and green Class Four roads. Lowly Class Five was brown. The documents were comprehensive but when the selling of property became frantic the office systems were changed as well.

One day my boss announced that we no longer needed the 78 maps and they could be thrown out. Being a bit of a squirrel I offered to dispose of them. They are referred to from time to time by local researchers and you will easily see the vast areas of infilling which have taken place in the last 100+ years

When you are clearing a property please be aware of the need to keep items such as this for future generations to use. You will have to withstand flack from your family about keeping rubbish however !

*Trevor Radway*

## Arthur Sullivan

After several weeks of closure the club reassembled on 20th January 2022.



The session was led by Peter Jenkins-a longstanding member of the club. Peter soon established his affection and admiration for the creative skills of Arthur Sullivan across most of the genre of music.

Peter presented an outline of the composer's life and expanded on his text with excerpts from Sullivan's orchestral and operatic works. Despite technical difficulties encountered by Peter during his presentation, he succeeded in getting across his central message that Sullivan deserved to be counted as a great composer.

The next meeting of the club will be on 3rd February 2022 at 2.30 pm The visiting speaker will be Dr Tim Brain who will present a session on the Life and Works of Monteverdi.

*Howard Allen.  
Chairman-PMAG.*

## Beacon Quiz is back again

After all the restrictions we have had to suffer during the pandemic now is the chance to get out and have some fun.

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

### Saturday 5th March at the Painswick Centre

It is requested that all those who wish to enter a team should notify us no later than Sunday 23rd February - We require a minimum of 12 teams in order to go ahead.

Doors open at 7pm and the quiz stars 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](mailto:barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk) to reserve a table or drop a note in the Beacon box

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# Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)

The Patient Group met with the Practice on Tuesday 25th January and were keen to explore their situation knowing that vaccination pressures had eased, at least for the time being. The main vaccination clinics have been held at weekends, sometimes both days so practice staff have had to put in considerable extra time. Patient Group members were pleased to play a small part helping with these. The unfortunate fact is that the pressures on the Practice for the other five days of the week have not diminished at all, indeed where 50 patients a day was the norm before the pandemic they are now running at nearer 70 – a huge increase in workload.

The PPG examined with them the extent to which they are able to meet their contractual obligations, which are threatened by this, combined with the difficulties of appointing and retaining enough doctors, nurses and other staff. Another key concern is that daily pressures may compromise the need for expertise to be updated through continuous professional development. And all this is on top of severe fatigue after working for so long beyond normal levels. We were particularly distressed to hear how inefficient the methods they have to use to account for themselves are, usually requiring a time-consuming trawl through hundreds of special codes to assign the right one to each activity before reporting it. Getting this wrong means the Practice doesn't get paid for the work they do. Many governments have paid lip-service to reducing red-tape and it appears that none have succeeded.

With Jenny Vallely appointed as Practice Manager alongside Mike Mack Smith as Business Manager we are now embarking on helping her thoroughly revise the Practice's website. If you have any advice or opinions to offer us please get in touch through [painswickppg@gmail.com](mailto:painswickppg@gmail.com)

We also need some new members – please use the same address if interested to find out more.

*David Perry, PPG Chair*

## Greg and the yews

### Are you able to help?

Many will be aware that for the past two summers a familiar figure has been missing from the churchyard. Since 1991 Greg Thatcher has made the journey across the Atlantic every year to be discovered sitting beneath one of the yew trees, a different one each year, for several weeks. This has not been possible of course for the past two years because of the pandemic. Greg is an artist, a master craftsman no less, and his drawings of the Painswick yews are both distinctive and evocatively precise. His work is widely respected and indeed his yew drawings have recently been chosen for a publication on international trees.

Greg and his wife Jan are planning to return to Painswick this year for July and August, all being well. The accommodation they have used on previous visits is unfortunately no longer available and consequently they are now in a position of needing to find an alternative place to stay. Are you able to help? Their requirements are simple: 'a space to lay our heads, a small area to cook, our own bathroom and not too much of a distance to the churchyard.' Summing up, it needs to be self-contained and of course inexpensive.

Greg and Jan have developed a very close relationship with Painswick and Greg's Painswick yew drawings are exceptional. He is always happy to talk about his work if you spot him sitting under his chosen tree and it will be so good to see him and Jan back in Painswick this year. Their need for suitable accommodation is urgent and if you are able to help they would really appreciate an email from you to that effect [thatch34@gmail.com](mailto:thatch34@gmail.com)

*Carol Maxwell*



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# Honours for Hannah

To be included in the New Year's Honours list is certainly very special. It is indicative of exceptional achievement in a specific area of activity. How good it is therefore to report that one Painswick resident has been awarded the British Empire Medal this year for her outstanding work during the Covid crisis. Hannah Lansdowne is without doubt very deserving of this award.

At the very beginning of the pandemic Hannah volunteered to help within the community. She was largely responsible for setting up the Painswick Covid-19 Community Support team whose aim was to ensure that no-one in the Painswick area, especially the vulnerable, would be left alone to cope during the crisis. Immediately 60 volunteers were recruited, (Hannah persuaded many younger residents to volunteer), and a help network across the whole community was established. No-one would be left unable to cope.

At the peak there were 110 volunteers in the group and a small committee of four or five of whom Hannah was always one. It was however Hannah's superb organisational and communication skills along with her untiring zeal and community-mindedness which account for the amazing efficiency and success of the group. She was responsible for a range of significant initiatives essential to the effective operation of the scheme. She joined a national mutual aid group on Facebook for guidance on procedures; compiled a list of rules and guidelines for the team; organised the team into sections and coordinated the network; worked closely with the surgery and the pharmacy; set up a website resource to ensure the best possible communication system whilst simultaneously ensuring clear communication for those not on social media or in more isolated circumstances; ensured every house received an information leaflet and offer of help. She did everything to make sure those in any sort of need had full access to all necessary services.

Her work experience fortunately meant that her administrative, marketing, social media and communication skills were invaluable and these she put to use enthusiastically and very effectively. The team and the many, many activities undertaken – too many to list here - were overwhelmingly successful.

Hannah was unstinting in her efforts and passionate in her desire to keep the community safe and cared for. At the same time it should be noted that she was still working part-time and organising home schooling for her children. Hannah grew up in Painswick, attending The Croft School and Stroud High. She then went on to university in Manchester, worked in London for a while before returning to Painswick where she lives with her husband and two children.



Her tireless altruistic endeavours cannot be praised enough. She herself acknowledges that her strength is multi-tasking and communication but she also insists it was all very much a team effort and is keen to praise others in the team. The group, now numbering about 35, was later formalised under the parish council and continues to work at developing schemes for the well-being of the community, the Friday morning Community Cafe in the Town Hall being an example. Hannah would be very interested to hear from readers what community needs can be moved forward – perhaps the return of the community lunches, or a scheme to deal usefully with wasted and excess food for instance.

Hannah's positive energy is palpable and her contribution to real community support in Painswick is unquestionably first-rate. Her outstanding and tireless efforts all for the support and benefit of Painswick residents are inspirational, exceptional and exemplary. The award of British Empire Medal is definitely well deserved.

*Carol Maxwell*

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## Lieutenancy for Malcolm



Warmest congratulations are extended to Air Commodore Malcolm Fuller a Painswick resident on his being made a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) in this year's New Year Honours List.

After a distinguished career in the RAF where he specialised in Air Traffic Control, in 2011 he was invited to become a Gentleman Usher to Her Majesty The Queen, a role dating back to the seventeenth century. The role of the Gentleman Ushers is to orchestrate investitures primarily at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, as well as supporting members of the Royal Family at Garden Parties and ceremonial occasions such as State visits or national Church services.

*Stephen Aiano*

## BEM for Irena



Many congratulations to Irena Litton, Painswick's Deputy Parish Clerk, on being awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours list. Irena's tireless and selfless actions to support many residents in Leonard Stanley, where she lives and is the Parish Clerk, during the Covid pandemic have been rightly recognised with this award. On a personal level she helped many of those in need of support from the beginning and throughout - and indeed continues to do so.

We are truly fortunate to have Irena working on our behalf in Painswick as our own Deputy Parish Clerk, a role she fulfils with dedication and meticulous application to provide the best possible service to this community. Her BEM is recognition well deserved.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Vale of Berkeley Railway Heritage Trust

On Wednesday 5th Jan 2022 Howard Parker, Chair of Berkeley Vale Railway Heritage Trust, explained how the group is striving to salvage the remnants of the railway at Sharpness.

The group has attracted 100 active volunteers and 388 members – numbers which will surely increase when the lease is granted and limited railway operations can begin. Two diesel locomotives have already been restored, and will be supplemented by 3 steam locomotives which will be restored in due course. Ultimately, the group envisages a unique arrangement for a heritage railway where steam trains will mingle with freight trains from the national network.



### Busting Brain Myths

On Wed 19th Jan 2022 Dr Katy Bellamy busted several brain myths, while passing on many other interesting facts about the human brain and dementia syndrome during a lively, seemingly unscripted and highly entertaining talk.

Starting with the most popular myth: we use only 10% of our brain's capacity most of the time. In fact, we use 100% of our brains at all times, as can be seen when a magnetic resonance imaging scan is performed. Furthermore, both the left and right hemispheres of the brain are connected together by bundles of nerve fibres, creating an information highway. Although the two sides function differently, they complement each other. We don't use only one side of our brain at a time.

- There is much we can do to prevent brain diseases which lead to dementia syndrome. For example:.
- Spend some time each day reading, writing, or both - be curious.
- Learn a completely new skill which requires concentration.
- Maintain physical activity – at least 150 minutes per week – but don't fall over! Get 7-9 hours of sleep per 24 hours (including cat-knapping - but not after 3 pm).

Join us: Painswick Probus Club meets at fortnightly intervals to provide opportunities for retired professional or businessmen to meet regularly and make new friends. Why not find the Painswick Probus Club website to see what we can offer you, or come along to one of our regular meetings?

*Henry Hall*

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# Painswick Community Support Update

Firmly of the belief that Covid was now starting to become less prevalent, Painswick Community Support reconvened in late 2021 to discuss plans for re-igniting a community hub.

We were made aware that events/initiatives such as the Friday market, Monday Community Lunches and the Wednesday Ashwell Group were not able to run so we put the wheels in motion to set up a new community initiative.

## Friday Community Hub Cafe

Many may have seen in previous Beacons and also on social media we piloted this in December very successfully and now every Friday (9.30-11am) we are running a weekly community cafe in the Town Hall. It is a place where villagers can pop in for a cuppa and meet friends and neighbours and also access the Post Office facilities, the Community Library and the Fish Van in the car park behind. Our hope is to provide a regular meeting place for all villagers and to improve social isolation.



**PAINSWICK  
COMMUNITY HUB**

Every Friday 9.30 - 11am  
Painswick Town Hall

## Do you want to help your community?

This initiative has only been possible because of the kind villagers who have offered their time to help serve teas and coffees and bake cakes.

But...we still need more help to ensure the hub is sustainable in the long term, so we would love to hear from you if you can spare a couple of hours a week, now and again or make a cake for the cafe.

## Eyes and Ears

Do you know anyone who you think would benefit from visiting the community cafe? Maybe they can't get there and need transport? If you do please share details of the hub with them and if getting there is a problem, contact us and we can try to arrange transport.

## The future of the hub

We have great plans and with your help and support we can achieve great things. We would love to be able to open the hub for longer, maybe on different days, invite various community agents from organisations who can provide information and advice to drop in on an occasional basis, liaise with the Monday Community Lunch organisers to restart the community lunches and we are even researching how to collate food waste / surplus from local shops and businesses for the benefit of the community.

If you can help with any of the above or have any ideas of what you believe the community needs, please do share with us on: Painswickcommunity@gmail.com or call us on 07956203087.

*Hannah Lansdowne  
On behalf of Painswick Community Support*

## Library bookclub

The next meeting of the Library Bookclub is on 7th February from 1.30 - 2.30pm in the Library. We will be discussing A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. This is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to the village, so do come and join us even if you haven't read the book. Please wear a mask until seated and use the hand sanitizer. We will be socially distanced.



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*Pat Andrew*



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Movement is such a fundamental feature of life. Yet how often do we stop to think about the way in which our own regular and constant physical movement affects so many aspects of our daily lives? Jo Daley is truly an expert in this subject. Her knowledge and understanding of body movement and her skills in helping to correct and improve all aspects are exceptional.

Jo is a highly qualified pilates teacher whose approach is focused on movement therapy. As she explains, the process of correcting movement leads to improved strength, posture, flexibility, balance and coordination. However, in order to achieve this it is necessary to understand individual needs as each of us is different. Once an assessment has been made of these individual needs the teacher, Jo, is then able to develop specific workouts to accommodate each person's particular situation – effectively a bespoke programme for each student.



Pilates as a method was created by Joseph Pilates about a hundred years ago. Determined to develop a way of correcting and improving certain bodily weaknesses, some of his own included, he designed a piece of equipment which enabled the user to become very aware of all aspects of the body and to show the teacher exactly what the user's needs were. This apparatus is known as a reformer, is now highly regarded in relation to its purpose and Jo is pleased to be able to offer its use as part of her teaching.

The reformer provides an all over body workout, detecting and directly informing of one's current whole body condition each time it is used. Basically its function is remedial so that, as the teacher, 'I guide the person through,' says Jo. The process is continuous over time, leading to greater efficiency and greater body/mind balance which of course equals greater wellbeing.

For Jo, seeing her students thus develop and flourish means so much. She is indeed passionate about what is achieved in all cases and feels real joy in seeing the improvement in both physical and mental wellbeing, the two being inextricably linked after all. Jo lives in Painswick with her daughter Mia. Having gained a degree in psychology she worked in marketing for several years. Meanwhile she qualified to teach all aspects of pilates with Body Control Pilates, Europe's largest professional pilates organisation and therefore internationally recognised as top ranking, and she has now been teaching pilates for about 15 years.

Jo is a highly qualified, experienced teacher who is offering individual sessions and a complete range of group classes, from basic to advanced, to people of all ages in all conditions including medically referred, in Painswick. For more information you can email her at [info@joannedaleyPilates.com](mailto:info@joannedaleyPilates.com) and there is a website [www.joannedaleyPilates.com](http://www.joannedaleyPilates.com)

*Carol Maxwell*

## 'Nature in Art' with the Cotteswold Naturalists

It is a real pleasure to safely hold meetings in person again. Although our Zoom meetings in January and early February each attracted over 50 members, it is much more satisfying to catch up with members' news face-to-face. Nevertheless, we will still be taking a range of precautions to ensure that members and visitors are as safe as possible.



On Wednesday 2nd March at 2.30 pm, we look forward to welcoming Simon Trapnell, Director of Nature in Art, the world's first museum and art gallery dedicated to fine, decorative, and applied art inspired by nature. The collections are housed in a fine Georgian building, Wallsworth Hall, at Twigworth, just north of Gloucester. Simon will talk about how the Gallery was established in 1988 and some of the special work held in the collections.

We are planning a visit this spring to Nature in Art, to include an optional guided tour of the permanent collection, and a chance to see the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, on tour from the Natural History Museum.

Visitors are very welcome to our meetings, which include refreshments afterwards. Members contribute £1 for meetings, visitors £4.

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## News from St Mary's

The season of Epiphany ends with Candlemas which is on 2nd February and is associated with the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem. There the family met Simeon and Anna who were among the first Jews to recognise Jesus as the awaited Messiah. Simeon prophesied a difficult road ahead for Jesus but also for his mother Mary. We have Simeon to thank for the Nunc Dimittis, an ancient canticle of the church.



The length of the time between Epiphany and Lent is variable depending on the date of Easter which is fixed each year by reference to the phases of the moon. This means that Easter can occur any time between mid March and mid April. This year it is late as Easter Sunday is on 17th April. Therefore there will be a four week gap between Epiphany and Lent marked by the liturgical colour green.

Our monthly benefice service is scheduled to occur during this period on Sunday 20th February at St. Mary's at 10am. It was to have been led by Bishop Rachel, Bishop of Gloucester. Unfortunately, she will no longer be with us on that day as she will be making a reinstated visit to Israel. However, the benefice service will still go ahead on that Sunday under alternative arrangements.

It is not too early to begin thinking about Lent which is a time of preparation for Easter. Many Christians undertake a special discipline during Lent either joining a home study group, reading a spiritual book or undertaking some specific voluntary work. Time to think – what will you be doing?

*David Newell*

## Library News for February



### Opening Hours

With many thanks to our volunteers the library is now fully open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30 and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 12.30. It is hoped to also open the library on Friday afternoons starting in February, but this is very dependent on volunteer availability. For up to date opening times please look out for posters at the Town Hall or look on our website – [www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk](http://www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk) – thank you.

### Croc-N-Roll

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

New books being added to stock during February will include the following adult fiction :

Andrieu, Reine	The Girl with No Name
Banville, John	April in Spain
Block, Amanda	The Lost Storyteller
Chamberlain, D	The Last House on the Street
Cronin, M	The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot
Garner, Alan	Treacle Walker
Hadley, Tessa	Free Love
Hallett, Janice	The Twyford Code
Harper, Elodie	The Wolf Den
Haughton, E	The Dark
Khan, Awais	No Honour
Lively, Penelope	Metamorphosis
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# Stonehenge

At our January meeting the society was treated to a wonderful talk covering details of various surveys of Stonehenge and its surrounding area by our one time chairman Mark Bowden.



This latest survey covered not just Stonehenge but many other parts of the whole World Heritage site, Stonehenge itself and many of the other upstanding stones and surrounding earthworks had not been surveyed to modern standards using all the tools and techniques available to the modern day archaeologist. GNSS (like the GPS on your satnav but accurate to about 1 centimetre rather than several metres with GPS!), high resolution magnetic and ground penetrating radar surveys, new laser scans of the stones were carried out revealing many carvings on them not previously noted.



There have been suggestions over the years that Stonehenge may never have been completed but findings during these surveys indicated the foundation holes for some of the "missing" stones so perhaps de-bunking this theory but then again at least one remains 'unfound'.

Of particular interest to Painswick is the part played by Detmar Blow at the beginning of the 20th century when he was brought in to oversee the engineering aspect of raising one of the stones back to its upright position.

For anyone wishing to delve further into the details of the surveys undertaken and the Stonehenge landscape Mark and three other members of the team produced a book *The Stonehenge Landscape: Analysing the Stonehenge World Heritage Site* published by Historic England.

Our next presentation on 15th February at the Croft School 7.30pm is by Chas Townley on the topic of the Stroud Workhouse where quite a number of Painswickians resided over its 100 year active life.

*Peter Jackson*

## Jottings

Working in horticulture and agriculture, or even just gardening, we get a lot of pests damaging our plants.

Butterflies and moths lay eggs on food plants that their caterpillars like to eat such as your flowers and vegetables. These caterpillars are the growing stage and spend all their time eating and growing, stripping your plants. We are all aware of the damage the Large White Butterfly does to our brassicas such as cabbages. The drab little Pea Moth lays eggs in pea flowers and the caterpillars which hatch eat their way into the growing pea pods eating the peas and leaving their frass everywhere.

The Codling Moth is a major pest to agricultural crops. It drills holes in apples and pears and lays its eggs in the developing fruit. The Box tree moth was accidentally introduced into the UK and is destroying our box hedges. In your garden, the Mullein moth caterpillars shred the fast growing mullein plants (verbascum) and even buddleias. We see the cinnabar moth caterpillars stripping the leaves from ragwort plants.

All these caterpillars are important food for the birds we like to watch, such as the blue and great tits feeding their young. So if we put out pesticides to kill the caterpillars, the adults cannot find enough food to raise their young and we are poisoning the chicks with the food they do find. Then we complain that we are seeing fewer Blue tits and Great tits.

Like most butterflies and moths, Death head moth adults take nectar from flowers. But they also take honey from beehives, and, of course, we cannot forget the clothes and carpet moths which eat fabric in our houses.

There is a lot of talk about "conservation" of animals and plants but there are always two sides to the story. We want to help some species but they are destroying other species we may want to help too. If we put bait down to kill slugs and snails, to save our plants, hedgehogs or badgers come to eat these pests and accumulate the poison.

The food network is very complex. Often we do not realise what effect we have if we change one thing in this balance. However, there is no one right answer.

*Martin Slinger*



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## Some February crimes from the past

1842 - James Cook, age 30, hair light brown, eyes grey, oval visage, 5ft 3ins, dark complexion, charged with stealing an iron bar the property of Joseph Cox. One month hard labour Horsley House of Correction.

1852 – Thomas Ireland, age 33, 5ft 6ins, hair sandy, eyes grey, visage long, complexion fair, labourer, charged with severely beating and injuring his wife Jane Ireland and with an open razor in his hand threatening to cut her throat. Three calendar months imprisonment Horsley.

1872 – Thomas Swain 12 and George Swain 8 charged with stealing a bottle of ginger wine, the property of Nathaniel Moffatt. P.C.Grivell deposed that on the date in question about eight o'clock in the evening he saw the boys loitering round Mr Moffatt's shop. The elder stood at the door, the younger one stepped into the shop and took a bottle of wine off a shelf. He put it under his jacket and both of them went off with it. Witness jumped over the wall and called out to the little one to give it up, and he put it down and ran away. They were sentenced to one day's imprisonment and eight strokes with a birch for the elder and six for the younger. *Stroud Journal*.

Elizabeth Powell, a single woman who has been in the asylum and now appeared of weak intellect, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Painswick. The defendant is the woman who was recently subjected to the dreadful outrage at Gloucester. P.C.Packer proved that she had been drinking gin, and after he had sent her home once, she came out again and made a disturbance. Bench bound her over to be of good behaviour. *Stroud Journal*.

1902 – Philip Daniels, a labourer, of Painswick, was charged with having unlawfully failed to maintain his wife and six children. Sentenced to a month with hard labour.

1912 – John Ireland and Richard Davis, labourers, charged with having trespassed on land owned by Mr William Phipps in search of game. After hearing P.C.Jones as to the character of the men, the Bench ordered Davis to pay 16/- and Ireland 11/-, it being stated that there were previous convictions against Davis. *Stroud Journal*

Arthur Cooke, labourer, charged with assaulting Sidney Scrivens. Complainant said he was walking in his garden when defendant came up and used threats, subsequently throwing him down, scratching his face and bruising his arm. Witness was also kicked in the face. Defendant had frequently made threats towards him and he now asked the Bench for protection from his violence. He was not drunk but he "had had enough to make him nasty." By defendant: He did not threaten Cooke with a spade. Defendant's story – complainant first of all threatened him and what he did was purely in self-defence. The Chairman said defendant ought to feel himself extremely lucky that he was not sent to prison without the option of a fine. He would be fined £1; in default 14 days (prison). Bound over to keep the peace for six months. *Stroud Journal*.

Carol Maxwell

## Local at Premier

Our local store, Premier, is certainly filled with a great range of groceries and reading matter.



A significant number of items on sale are in fact reasonably local. For example, the milk, from Gloucestershire farms, is supplied by Cotteswold Dairy and the bread is from Dangerfields, a Kings Stanley bakery. There is wine from Laithwaites of Gloucester and cider from the Craft Drink Company, a Stroud brewery. Winstones definitely make some of the very best, most scrumptious ice cream and it is on sale in Painswick's Premier. Even some of the reading matter is local, such as the Painswick Chronicle.

It is good to know that local sources are being used. Do go in, see for yourself and support your local shop.

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# Supporting Rudge Common.



The first work party of 2022 saw 23 volunteers turn out to help Natural England clear scrub on what most people call Edge Common. The correct name for the area of grassland off the Whiteshill Road is Rudge Hill or Scotsquar Hill. The remnants of Edge Common are now the village greens in Edge. Interestingly these haven't been cut as often recently because of Covid and last year they produced a wonderful display of wild flowers including some bee orchids. The landowner would like to keep it this way but there is local resistance as apparently the longer grass makes the place look untidy!

Natural England were amazed at the turn out, especially since nobody from Edge came to help. The work was very similar to what we do on the Beacon; reducing scrub to leave a light covering of bushes about half a metre tall. This enables the cattle to graze better but still provides lecking perches for butterflies (Edge is a good site for the Duke of Burgundy) and some longer grass for invertebrates. Rudge has been grazed regularly now for many years and the beautiful display of summer flowers show how vital this grazing is. Parts of the Beacon have only been grazed for about ten years, but already the quality of the flora is improving.

We clocked about 100hrs of work and I must say I was immensely proud of how hard everyone worked considering it isn't our site. Natural England often struggle to get volunteers to help on other sites, so why not register with them as a volunteer and then help on other local grassland and woodland sites. Often help is needed during the week so this may be useful to those who can't manage our Saturday work parties. To get a registration form please email Ryan on [ryan.paddock@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:ryan.paddock@naturalengland.org.uk)

At the time of writing our Dexters are in a paddock near the cemetery. We are now in the hard days of winter grazing and the cows have to forage hard to find enough to eat. Ivy is a prized treat, being both nutritious and a natural worming agent. It is now possible to see a browse line where the ivy has been stripped off tree trunks as far up as the cows can reach. In general the cows seem to be dealing with the tough grazing better this year than last. The two mums are no longer producing milk for their calves and it is likely their gut bacteria have adapted to the tougher grazing, in the same way as we are encouraged to drink bacterial cultures in yoghurt to aid our well being.

The NoFence system is still working well although the batteries aren't lasting as long because of the short days and the cold. It would be great to keep the cows on the Beacon until the spring, but that will depend on whether their condition holds up under these tough conditions. Feeding some locally produced hay may help but the question is whether this is more effort than moving them to some lay back land.

The next work parties are on the 12th and 26th February, do come and help. Call me for details.

*Paul Baxter 07971 633 242*



## Winterwatch on the Beacon

Gillian Burke, a co-presenter of the BBC nature series Springwatch, came with a crew to film the Rugged Oil Beetles on Painswick Beacon for the Winterwatch programme transmitted on Wednesday, 19th January.

These beetles were part of the "Back from the Brink" programme (2017-21) which was an ambitious nationwide partnership initiative aimed to save some of our most threatened species from extinction. Jennifer Gilbert was local Local Community Engagement Officer for "Back from the Brink" during this time and discovered them on Painswick Beacon. She joined Gillian Burke to explain the beetle's life cycle which depends on solitary mining bees. Volunteers actually did a survey during the filming, counting 64 specimens, which look very like rabbit droppings. Not exciting, you might think, but they are fascinating to watch, 'rugged' perhaps because they come out at night in the cold depths of winter.

*Joyce Barrus*

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# Painswick Sports

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## Painswick Football Club

The first team is having an excellent season currently top of the Stroud & District Football League Div 3. This is after 15 matches and in a league with 13 teams. The team play their home fixtures at various locations including the Recreation Ground Painswick.



The second team in division 7 are 7th after 13 matches out of 12 teams.

## Annual Football Match

The annual Christmas football match is played between young people from both Painswick and Sheepscombe. This year Painswick won 3 : 2 against Sheepscombe.

The match started at a frantic pace. Early pressure from Painswick resulted in a Jake Bancroft-Livingston corner, which James Barnett headed in. Painswick had a stronger side this year and created several chances. A long range shot by Paul Johnson was perfectly placed past the keeper. Against the run of play, Sheepscombe had a long range shot hit the post.

Sheepscombe started the second half much improved and within minutes clawed a good goal back from a smart finish by Rory McCabe. Sheepscombe piled on the pressure and from a Sam Horder cross, the ball fell to Mike McCabe who smashed home an equaliser. Painswick scored a controversial winner, which Sheepscombe thought was off-side, but without VAR the goal stood.



This was a long-awaited win for Painswick (pictured right).

## Painswick Tennis

### Team Tennis

The team results in the Gloucestershire Winter League with only one or two matches to go shows Painswick at the top of all three divisions. A team top of Div 1, B team top of Div 2, C team top of Div 3. Congratulations to all who have played in the teams especially the respective captains, Chris Scott, Angie Scott and Ness Fair.



### The newcomers evening

The newcomers and rusty players evening is still thriving, with a minimum of 8 players turning up each week, unfortunately the last two weeks in January were postponed due to ice on the courts. If anybody is interested in joining in please email [nessfair1@gmail.com](mailto:nessfair1@gmail.com). The sessions are run each Thursday 7 pm - 8.30pm

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## Get ready for a busy February at The Painswick Centre

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**Bounce & Play** will be back once again to give the kids a good time and the parents a bit of a sit down over half term: bouncy castle, soft play & didicars, Weds 23rd 9.30-11am (under 7s) and 11.15am-12.45pm (all ages). Register your places in advance and pay on the door, more info on our website.

**Bootique**, our vintage & preloved clothing sale, will be running on Friday 25th Feb (exclusive evening preview), and on Saturday 26th (daytime), when we will also have children's clothing available. If you're interested in us selling on either adult clothing or children's clothing (good quality, 12m+ only) on your behalf, please email Becks at [events@painswickcentre.com](mailto:events@painswickcentre.com) for more info. Tickets £7 Fri, £4 Sat, advanced booking recommended, more info & booking on our website.

We're also delighted to be hosting **The Oak's Disco Night** on Friday 18th Feb, 7.30-11.30pm, tickets £5 on the door; of course Bella Mia pizza will be at the Centre on Thursday 10th Feb (and the second Thursday of every month) with their delicious sourdough pizzas to takeaway; and the **Morning Market** takes place every Thursday 8.15-9.45am. Always check our social media and website ([www.painswickcentre.com](http://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*



By the time you read this, Wick-Flix will have returned to The Painswick Centre with a showing of the 25th Bond film, No Time To Die. The next showing will be on Friday 4th March, film TBC, so watch out for an announcement online and our posters going up around the village. Films we hope to show in the next few months include:

The Courier, a historical spy thriller starring Benedict Cumberbatch & Jessie Buckley.

"Stylish, old-fashioned and enormously satisfying", Sunday Times. "...a smart, sophisticated Cold War espionage tale that proves facts can sometimes be more fantastical than fiction", That Shelf.

King Richard, a Golden Globe winning biographical drama about Richard Williams, played by Will Smith, father and coach of the record-breaking tennis stars Venus & Serena.

"It's the most sheerly pleasurable movie I've seen so far this year", FilmWeek. "Will Smith slips effortlessly into the role..., disappearing so completely into the part that it's difficult to even see him acting", Third Coast Review.

The special atmosphere of this community cinema has been greatly missed, and it's wonderful to now be back on the first Friday of every month.

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## The sun shines on the WI!

I don't know how she manages it but every time Jane Rowe organises a walk for Yew Trees WI the sun shines out of a cloudless blue sky ! In early January, in celebration of the New Year, members gathered in the Walkers Car Park before setting off in dazzling sunshine. They walked to Holcombe and Spoonbed Hill, on the way pausing to admire long-distance views of the Severn Estuary and the distant Welsh hills. At the end they were treated to welcome mugs of tea, coffee and biscuits in President Janet Jenkins' sunny garden. A very pleasant conclusion to a delightful walk.

On Tuesday 22nd February the monthly meeting will, as usual, be held in The Church Rooms at 7.30pm when the speaker, Mary Burton, will give a talk entitled "Being Fizzy". Curious? So am I, so ladies why not come and find out what "Being Fizzy" is all about?

*Celia Lougher 812624*



## Property Report

Meadow Nook at 5 Gloucester Road, a modern detached house backing onto the land at Painswick House and with four good sized bedrooms, is new onto the market with Murrays (£650,000). Just a little lower down, at the top of Gloucester Street, Hamptons have Hill House, a large Grade II listed period property with off road parking (£900,000). Butts Cottage, just off Edge Lane, is another period property, semi-detached with two bedrooms (Hamptons, £575,000).

In Vicarage Street there is a choice of two period properties almost opposite each other, each with three bedrooms and lots of historic features. Little Munday's (Murrays, £550,000), thought to have been two cottages originally, is hidden away on the right as you go down and benefits from great views across the valley. Howitt Villa on the other side (Murrays, £575,000), is raised up to get some of the same views and benefits from off road parking. Just off Vicarage Street and even higher up to get the views, is a more modern property, 11 White Horse Lane, a 3 bedroom end-of-terrace house (Hamptons, £360,000).

Old House in New Street, the Lamp House in Victoria Square and Corner Cottage in Bisley Street have all recently gone under offer with Murrays. Hamptons have offers on Back Edge Hall, Wellgrove in Paradise and Beechcroft in Jack's Green. Properties that have exchanged and/or completed include 11 Churchill Way, Stables Cottage in Hale Lane, Mirfield in Stroud Road and Hope Cottage in Gloucester Street.

Murrays are delighted to welcome back Wick Flix at the Painswick Centre, for which they are the main sponsor. Both they and Hamptons are still reporting a strong property market in Painswick, with demand outstripping supply and would love to hear from you if you are interested in selling.



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**Regular Village Activities. Please contact Vicky Aspinall on [cvasp.26@gmail.com](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)**

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 <a href="mailto:ballyhoochalford@gmail.com">ballyhoochalford@gmail.com</a>	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Badminton(juniors). Contact John <a href="mailto:barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk">barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.00pm
	Badminton(adults). Contact John <a href="mailto:barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk">barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 9.30pm
Tuesdays	Community Choir. Contact Sophie <a href="mailto:sophie@sophiesterckckx.co.uk">sophie@sophiesterckckx.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester <a href="mailto:skester@outlook.com">skester@outlook.com</a>	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 <a href="http://www.rococogarden.org.uk">www.rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
	HIP Pilates 50. Contact <a href="http://Joannedaleypilates.com/07968799741">Joannedaleypilates.com/07968799741</a> . From Januaury 11th	Zoom Class	11.00am
Wednesday	Yoga and sound healing. Info from Bharathy <a href="mailto:tvamyoga@gmail.com">tvamyoga@gmail.com</a>	Painswick Centre	10 - 11.00am
	Table tennis. Turn up and play for £5.00 an evening. Contact David 01452 812464	Painswick Centre	7 - 9.00pm
	Vinyasa yoga(from Nov 17th) Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	6.30 - 7.45pm
	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or <a href="mailto:tennpatricia@gmail.com">tennpatricia@gmail.com</a>	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Badminton (adults). Contact John <a href="mailto:barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk">barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 10.00pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or <a href="mailto:fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com">fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com</a>	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
Fridays	Painswick Community Hub: Serving coffee, tea and homemade cakes and biscuits. All welcome	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yogikim@icloud.com">yogikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
Saturdays	Bollywood dancing. Contact Bharathy <a href="mailto:tvamyoga@gmail.com">tvamyoga@gmail.com</a>	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 11.00am
	Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church 8.30am
Sundays	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido <a href="http://www.gloucestershireaikido.club">www.gloucestershireaikido.club</a> .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am

**Please let me know your dates for the diary on [cvasp.26@gmail.com](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com). Check for cancellations before the event.**

**February**

Fri	4	Wickflix: No Time To Die	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	6	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	7	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Wed	9	Richmond Village Open Day - advance booking required	Richmond Painswick	10.00 - 4.00pm
Fri	11	Friday Club:Behind the Scenes - Julie Dolphin	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	13	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	15	Local History Society: Stroud Workhouse - a danger to sick people - Chas Townley	Croft School	7.30pm
	15	Cotteswold Naturalists: Adapting to Climate Change for Gardeners - Sally Oates Enq 01453 873262	Box Village Hall	2.30pm



Wed	16	Probus: The Stained Glass Windows of Fairford Church - Tim Mowat	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	16	Food Bank Collection	The Stocks and Stamages Lane	10.00-12.00pm
Thurs	17	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Corigliano - that well known composer! - Ann Williams	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	20	Benefice Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Tues	22	Yew Trees WI: "Being Fizzy" - Mary Burton	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	25	Friday Club: Boil a Mouse in Urine - Malcolm Watkins	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	28	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
<b>March</b>				
Wed	2	Cotteswold Naturalists: Nature in Art - Simon Trapnell. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	2	Probus: Men who put Gloucester on the Map - Richard Trelfa	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	4	Wickflix: Film TBC	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat	5	Beacon Village Quiz	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm

## PLANNING MATTERS

*Information received from the Parish Council*

### NEW APPLICATIONS

S.22/0020/TCA Farundell, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe  
T1 Paper Bark Maple, T2, 3 and 4 Spruce and T5 Holly – Fell.  
S.21/2920/TCA Dry Knapps House, Edge Road  
T1 - Copper Beech - reduce by 3m from top 2m max from sides. T2 - Eucalyptus - removal of 1x secondary branch and 1m reduction to shape. T3-T6 - Apple trees - general shaping & reductions by 1m all over.  
S.22/0017/TCA Grays, Far End, Sheepscombe  
T1 and T2, Larch - Fell. T3, Ornamental Plum - Fell.  
S.22/0122/TCA Gyde House, Gyde Road  
(T58) Holm Oak (Quercus Ilex) - Pruning. (T59) Purple Leaved Maple (Acer platanoides Crimson King) - Crown Reduction Works. (T60) Purple Leaved Maple (Acer Crimson King) - Crown Reduction Works. (T12) Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior) - Remove.  
S.21/3025/HHOLD & S.21/3026/LBC Cotswold Villa, Gloucester Street  
Creation of an off-road parking space and installation of EV charge-point, proposed opening between kitchen and living room, and repairs to lean-to store.

S.21/2956/HHOLD 3 Stroud Road  
Erection of rear extension.  
S.21/3018/HHOLD  
Wychwood, Wick Street  
Installation of gables, erection of porch, rear utility extension and gym/studio building in garden.  
S.21/3021/FUL  
Woolpack Inn, Slad Road, Slad  
Installation of fire escape stairs and porch.  
S.21/2847/FUL  
Land At Beech View, The Park  
Construction of dwelling.  
S.21/3049/HHOLD  
Chessed, Slad Road, Slad  
Erection of two storey and single storey extensions.  
S.21/3036/HHOLD  
Yew Trees, Slad Road, Slad  
Alterations to vehicular access.  
S.21/3055/LBC & S.21/3054/HHOLD  
Recreation Cottage, Slad Road, Slad  
Single storey side extension & alterations.  
S.21/3015/HHOLD  
Corner Cottage, Victoria Street  
Internal reconfiguration, fenestration, repairs, the addition of a new staircase and glazed rear extension.  
S.22/0013/HHOLD & S.22/0014/LBC  
Southfield House, Vicarage Street  
Replacement rear porch and modified utility entrance doorway.  
S.21/3059/HHOLD  
2 Worgans Cottages, Folly Lane  
Replacement of existing outbuilding

to provide ancillary accommodation including workshop and gym.

### REVISED PLANS

S.21/2625/HHOLD  
Hambutts End, Edge Road  
Rebuild garage on existing base.

### CONSENT

S.21/2076/HHOLD  
The Vatch Cottage, Slad Lane  
Erection of rear extension (resubmission of S.20/2016/HHOLD).  
S.21/2285/HHOLD  
12A The Croft, Painswick  
Erection of rear & forward extension.  
S.21/2554/CPE The Pool House, Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp  
Use as an independent residential dwelling - use class C3 (Resubmission of withdrawn S.21/1508/CPE). e.  
S.21/2510/LBC  
S.21/2795/HHOLD  
Steanbridge Mill, Slad  
Replacement three-bay garage with office/storage space above.  
S.21/2976/TCA Packers, New Street  
T1 Lime tree - Remove two stems and reduce remaining stem to 25-30ft, crown to 10-15ft. T2 Swamp Cypress - Crown lift to 20ft, remove lower limbs. T3 Handkerchief tree - Reduce lower branches. T4 Ash x2 - Ash dieback, cut to ground level.

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# Appeal for funds to repair tomb Captain James Gardner

Painswick churchyard is lucky to have a fine collection of tombs in a variety of different styles, including 'table top' and 'tea caddy', most of them originally designed and carved by highly skilled local stone masons. There are few other churchyards, locally or nationally, that can rival the collection at St. Mary's in terms of quality, or indeed quantity and variety. Sadly the same is not always true for the state of preservation, even though many of the tombs are listed monuments.

The cost of maintaining tombstones can be very high. Strictly it is the responsibility of the descendants of those buried there, but this is not realistic in practice and it can often fall on the churches. St. Mary's Church, working with local craftsmen, has carried out a series of repairs in recent years and would like to do more, but is limited in the resources it has available for such work.

One tomb in a very bad state of repair is that of Captain James Gardner, a square pedestal monument near the South Porch of the Church, made of local limestone panels on a sandstone base and with a domed capping. It has a particular importance as one of the few known monuments to men killed at the Battle of Alexandria in 1801, a battle that led to the defeat of Napoleon's army in Egypt and is remembered as one of the most significant for the Gloucestershire Regiment. Facing attack from front and rear, the Regiment had to fight back-to-back, and were afterwards awarded the special privilege of wearing a badge at the back of their caps. Back Badge Day is still celebrated every year on the anniversary of the battle.

Little is known about James Gardner himself other than that he came from Painswick and died of wounds sustained in the battle. The Gardner family were significant landowners and employers locally and it was the clothier Thomas Gardner who had the nearby Court House built in 1604, but whether and how James Gardner was related to this family is unclear.

Proposals to repair the monument have been drawn up for the Church by local Architectural Sculpture firm, Centreline, run by Mark and Gillian Hancock, who have recently repaired the Wemyss Memorial (see adjoining article). This would involve dismantling the tomb to plinth level, replacing three of the panels with new stone carved to match as closely as possible, and reconstructing with stainless steel rather than iron cramps. The cost of the work will be around £10,000 and the Church is appealing for help from local people and from the many visitors to the Church towards the cost. If you can make a contribution towards this work, please contact David Harley on [harleydy@btinternet.com](mailto:harleydy@btinternet.com) or speak to the churchwardens.

*Al Jollans*

## The Wemyss Memorial revisited

A local structure can connect us to historical world events and to difficult issues in society both past and present. For instance, the Wemyss Memorial (1930), the stone bird bath on the grassy area near the bus shelter on New Street, which as the inscription says, commemorates the public spirited lives of two Edwardian Painswick sisters who lived at Washwell House.

The bas relief panels depict a chubby hen and cockerel, a parrot and spaniel, a shire horse with a lad holding its harness, a contented cow and calf, doves eating crumbs and the picture is complete of two sisters simply being kind to "man, bird and beast," as it says in the inscription.

However, this image would not do justice to the 50 year contribution that Harriet and Alice Wemyss made to the lives of many local and not so local people and to women and children in particular. In their time these women were pioneers and an inspiration for other women to become more radically involved in their own destinies. The sisters' many achievements were detailed in an article in the March 2021 Beacon.

Harriet and Alice died six months apart in 1928 and Painswick raised the funds to employ the architect Norman Jewson and architectural draughtsman Fredrick Griggs to design a fitting memorial for them. Both men were important figures in the Arts and Crafts movement in the Cotswolds and together had designed Painswick's War Memorial in 1920-21. Griggs was also one of the finest etchers of his time, perhaps his best known work being 'Owlpen Manor' (1930) dedicated to his friend Norman Jewson.

The stone carving of the Wemyss memorial has erroneously been attributed to the sculptor Eric Gill in the past but now we can say he was definitely not involved in either the designing or carving. This is important in the light of very recent events at BBC Broadcasting House in central London where an activist spent four hours defacing Eric Gill's 1933 Prospero and Ariel sculpture with a hammer. This action has reignited public debate on whether an infamous artist and their work can be separated.

The missing Shire Horse panel mentioned in Al Jollans' article on the Wemyss memorial in the October 2021 edition of the Beacon was at the time in Centreline's workshops at Miserden being repaired. It has now been reinstated by Centreline free of charge. The 'Italian' indent which repairs the broken bottom corner of the panel follows the line of the damage rather than taking a straight triangle or square section and will weather to the same colour as the rest of the panel over the next year or so.

*Gillian Hancock*



## Personal Column Congratulations

To VICTORIA AND MARCUS HARLEY whose daughter Beatrice Rose was born on Christmas Day. She is a first great grandchild for Barbara and David Harley.

To BARBARA HULME. Wishing you a very happy 90th birthday on 17th February with love from your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx.



Barbara, along with her late husband John, was a previous Painswickian of the Year and together they ran Central Stores (now The Fabric Shop), for 43 years until their retirement in 2002.

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.

## Photographs welcomed

The Beacon would welcome photographs to be considered for publication as and when space permits.

The pictures could reflect local events, fauna and flora or seasonal views around Painswick.

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## Condolences

To the family and friends of JANE MORRISON (Jane Davey) who died peacefully at home on 27th December. Jane joined the Royal Marsden Hospital in 1968 and was a pioneer in the screening of women for breast cancer. Having had family links with Painswick her whole life (parents Dr Edgar and Phyllis Davey, sister Tisha Davey), Jane retired here full time in 1998. She was a good and faithful friend to many in the village and will be sorely missed.

To the family and friends of RUTH ROBINSON who sadly passed away on January 9th aged 63. She was the beloved daughter of William and Louie Robinson and sister of Emma. Her funeral was held on January 25th at St Mary's Church, Painswick.

To the family and friends of ARTHUR LOCK who died peacefully at home on January 3rd aged 90. Arthur and his wife ran the village shop for some time and was also a regular distributor of the Painswick Beacon. His funeral was held on January 26th at St Mary's Church, Painswick.

To the family and friends of BERNARD HAMILL who died on 26th December. Bernard's funeral Mass was held in the church of Our Lady & St Therese, Painswick, on January 25th.

## Memorial Service

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.

## 'Friendly Dog' walking group

We are a small group of local dog-lovers who meet for weekly dog walks around Painswick and the surrounding region, with the intention of meeting other local people and socialising our dogs.

We are looking for a few like-minded people to join us, so if you are interested please email Pam: [mospag@yahoo.com](mailto:mospag@yahoo.com)

*Pam Moss*

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