

# The Painswick Beacon

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## St Mary's Carol Service

This year the traditional Carol Service returned with the congregation wearing masks and sitting well spaced out in the Church. The Service was taken by Canon Michael Irving and the organist was Julian Elloway. The Choir Master was Chris Swain.



## Carol Singing

A group from St Mary's, plus friends, went carol singing around the upper area of the village. They were greeted enthusiastically by young and old.



## BEM for Hannah

Our congratulations to Hannah Lansdowne, whose untiring work throughout the Covid pandemic has been recognised in the New Year's Honours List, by the award of the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Painswick.

This news arrived too late for anything more than a brief mention for this edition but a full report will be covered in the February Beacon.



## Robbery at knife point

...at the Longfield Shop in Painswick. Details on page 8.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held on 8th December

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), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Ian Massey, Martin Slinger.

The meeting started at 7pm.

### Matters requiring a decision

The Members agreed to support the following applications:

- a. S.21/2733/HHOLD. Stocks Cottage, St Mary's Street. Erection of two single storey extensions.
- b. S.21/2734/LBC. Erection of two single storey extensions.
- c. S.21/2661/LBC. Fourways, St Mary's Street Replacement of windows & front door like-for-like.
- d. S.21/2661/HHOLD. Highfield, Edge Road. Removal of conservatory, chimney breast and window. Erection of extension.
- e. Castle Hale, Stamages Lane. Tree works – various.

### Objection

S. 21/2625/HHOLD. Hambutts End, Edge Road. Rebuild garage on existing base. The Committee agreed to object to this application as it considered that the proposed development was overbearing and would have a detrimental impact on the adjoining listed building. Furthermore it was agreed that if the SDC Planning Officer was minded to support the application, then it would wish the application to be considered by the SDC Development Control Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.21pm.

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Present:** Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Edward Boulton, Ian Massey.

### Reports

#### County Council.

County Councillor Sue Williams had forwarded a written report which included items relevant to Painswick Parish.

**“Greener Gloucestershire”.** The County Council is working with partners to create a greener Gloucestershire and the teams which oversee the county's roads and pathways have been making great progress to reduce emissions and waste while increasing biodiversity. Gloucestershire Highways and the council's contractor, Ringway, have made a variety of changes to support climate action including three new plug-in electric vans which are used to help repair roads across the county. To increase biodiversity, highways depots have organised bird boxes, insect boxes and identified areas for wildflowers. Each depot has implemented something small to increase the ecosystems around them. Ringway now recycle or reuse 99% of waste generated through operations in the county. They have also increased the amount of plastic being recycled by introducing a plastic graveyard in each of the depots for a local supplier to collect. Most recently, dedicated PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) recycling stations have been introduced in each depot. PPE is then recycled and used for fuel. Gloucestershire Highways are taking positive, practical actions too in support of a greener Gloucestershire and the fight against climate change.

**Successful bid.** The full bid of £12.822M has been awarded to support significant transport improvements through Gloucester city, connecting what has been known as “The missing link of cycle routes” in the heart of the county.

**World Homeless Day.** The 10th of October marked World Homeless Day. Partners across Gloucestershire continue to work together to ensure those at risk of homelessness or are sleeping rough, get the support they need. The Partnership is stepping up efforts to identify/support those who are sleeping on the streets but are asking local residents to help by referring those they see sleeping rough to Streetlink at [www.streetlink.org.uk/campaign](http://www.streetlink.org.uk/campaign)

**“Leaf it Out”** The County Council launched a new “Leaf it Out” campaign encouraging members of the public to help keep their local drains clear of fallen leaves during the autumn and winter months.

**Climate Leadership.** In 2019. Councils across the county declared a climate emergency. In recognition of the need for cross sector and district working to tackle the climate emergency, the County Council has convened the new, Climate Leadership Gloucestershire, group.

**Build Back Better Grant funding.** The second round of funding from the County Council's Build Back Better – Market Towns fund to help our communities put on events as part of the county's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic has been made available. The fund was initially launched in the summer inviting bids from both parish and town councils as well as voluntary and community organisations, and a pot of £500,000 was set aside. In total 45 bids for funding were supported, ranging from £1,000 to £25,000 and £385,386 was allocated. The closing date for applications for the second round closed on 17th December 2021.

Contact address. Cllr Williams can be contacted on: Mobile 07766318854 or by email: [Susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

### Chairman's report.

The Chairman gave a short report in

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which he thanked local support groups, the Council's Staff and Members for their hard work during the year. He also reported on the damage caused to the St Mary's toilet block which was caused by a lorry.

**Community Defibrillator (Painswick Centre).** The Clerk reported that a donation of £1,500 had been received from the Painswick Senior Fitness Group (Puffins) and that they wished to donate the sum for a community defibrillator on the outside wall of the Painswick Centre. The Council thanked the fitness group and agreed to purchase a defibrillator.

**Accounts.** The Council approved the accounts as presented. Request for grant from Sheepscombe Church. The Council approved the request for finance towards the maintenance of the churchyard. The sum of £500 was agreed. New IT equipment. The Council agreed to accept the quote of £1,160.00 from PC Prop.

**Gyde Charity.** Cllr Ann Daniels reported attending a meeting of the Gyde Charity.

**Ward reports.**

Post Box, Kemps Lane. The Chairman reported having been informed by Royal Mail that the post box had been permanently removed.

Black refuse sacks. Cllr Ian Massey reported that the Stroud District Council was looking into the distribution of the black refuse sacks with the waste collection as it was felt that many were not used.

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

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**Painswick Community Hub**

In the New Year, the Community Hub will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits/cakes in the Town Hall every Friday starting on Friday, January 14th 9.30-11am. All are welcome so drop in for a coffee and a chat with friends.

*Painswick Community Support Committee*



**Covid cases in the Painswick, Bisley area.**

Week after Christmas 2021	58
Similar period last year	24

**Vaccination rates**

1st dose	90.4%
2nd dose	85.5%
Booster	74.6%

**Beacon Quiz is back again.**

After missing in 2021, the Beacon Village Quiz will be back in 2022, provisionally on the evening of Saturday 5th March at the Painswick Centre. Local clubs and societies are invited to create teams of four to compete, but groups of neighbours or families are welcome too. More details next month.

**Licensing Act 2003  
Notice of application for a  
Premises Licence Variation**

Name of applicant: The Painswick Centre  
Address of premises: Bisley Street, Painswick,  
Stroud, GL6 6QQ

It is proposed to vary the current premises licence by INCLUDING THE PAINSWICK CENTRE BOWLS CLUB WITHIN THE PREMISES LICENCE WHICH COVERS ALL THE ROOMS OF THE PAINSWICK CENTRE.

The full application can be inspected by contacting the Licensing Section (see below). An on-line summary of the application can be viewed on [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk).

Representations can be made IN WRITING between: 4 January 2022 and 31 January 2022 to The Licensing Officer at Licensing Section, Environmental Health, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Westward Road, Stroud, Glos. GL5 4 UB. Phone: 01453 754440; e-mail: [licensing@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@stroud.gov.uk)

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## Famous people from Painswick's past

### Phyllis Barron and Dorothy Larcher Textile designers and hand-blockprinters

Phyllis Barron and Dorothy Larcher (pictured below) were two of the most important and distinctive hand-blockprinters and designers of textiles in the period after the First World War, for much of the time from their home and workshop at Hambutts House in Painswick.



*Barron and Larcher's study at Hambutts House*

Their collaboration had started in 1923 in London, with a lot of their early work commissioned by Detmar Blow, the architect then working mostly for the Duke of Westminster, who had constructed Hilles House near Painswick for himself and bought the Painswick manorial rights. Amongst other work for the Duke that he introduced, they provided soft furnishings for his yacht, a substantial job given its 40 cabins!

It may well have been the influence of Detmar Blow that persuaded Barron and Larcher to relocate to Painswick in 1930, where they bought Hambutts House on Edge Road. It had a stable block alongside that they were able to convert to a workshop, with a large vat sunk into the floor for dyeing cloth and tracking and pulleys overhead. Upstairs a room was set up with print tables where local women were employed, including Daisy Ryland, Peggy Birt and Emily Edsall. The workshop has since been converted again into a house.



It was in 1932, shortly after setting up in Painswick that they received perhaps their most high profile commission to decorate the Fellows Combination Room and Dining Room at Girton College in Cambridge, which they carried out over the next two years. They also provided curtains for the choir stalls at Winchester Cathedral. Throughout the Thirties they held exhibitions at Hambutts, with visitors invited to watch the manufacturing process. It was a highly successful business right up to the Second World War, but it was not compatible with wartime and post-war austerity. Their materials became difficult to acquire and orders gradually dried up.



*Barron and Larcher work at Girton College Cambridge*

Dorothy Larcher in her last few years turned increasingly to flower painting, before her death in 1952. Phyllis Barron became involved with local affairs in Painswick, serving for a time as Chairman of the Parish Council and on the Stroud Rural District Council. She died in Painswick in 1964.

A memorial exhibition of the work of Barron and Larcher was held in Painswick in 1965 followed by other exhibitions, and a collection of their work is now held at the Crafts Study Centre in Farnham.

## Any New Year's Resolutions? Try the Monday Morning Walkers group

If you have resolved to walk more in 2022, come along to Stamages Lane car park where we meet at 10 am every Monday (except Christmas Day). We have no formal leader, instead, we take up the most appealing route suggestion on the day. We walk for about 2 hours on average, following the wonderful network of local paths and tracks, some of which can involve steep hills and valleys and climbing stiles. Some walkers peel off early if they want to return home before the rest of the group.

The group has been in operation for many years, and certainly far longer than the 26 years that I've lived in Painswick. The group's first leader was Pat Daly who sadly passed away last January, aged 93. We are entirely informal, with no formal membership, no subscription, and no insurance. Each of us accepts that we walk at our own risk, arriving at the start suitably shod and clothed, ready for whatever the weather throws at us, and for the conditions underfoot. Carrying a bottle of water is advisable.

If you would like to walk with the group, please come along on any Monday morning at 10 am. The conversation and company are always enjoyable. For more information, please feel free to contact me.

*Jane E Rowe, Co-ordinator, 813228*

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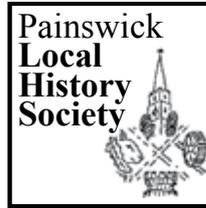
## Delights aplenty!

Members of Yew Trees WI were delighted that for their last meeting of 2021 they were able to gather for a Christmas Dinner at the Waypoint. A relaxed, friendly evening was enjoyed

by all. During the evening the programme for 2022 was circulated, and greeted with genuine enthusiasm. The interesting and varied list of speakers should cover all tastes. For local interest Martin Slinger will talk on "Farming Then and Now", Guy Tabony on "Life and Times of a Village Estate Agent" and Diana Green on "The Gloucester Energy Waste Facility". Further from home well known travel expert Miles Morgan will speak on "Travel", and Dr Gillian White will talk on "Queen Victoria".

It is very pleasing that during the year a number of new members have been welcomed. We hope that on reading of the delights in store many more ladies will follow their example and come to our January meeting which, Covid regulations permitting, will be in The Church Rooms at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 25th January. Dionne Moore will then talk on "Five Valleys Shopping Centre". See you there ladies!

*Celia Lougher 812624*



## Painswick and Stonehenge – an important connection

Many will be familiar with the Arts and Crafts involvement and activities of Detmar Blow, the first Lord of the

Manor of Painswick from the Blow family. What is probably less known about is his connection, and a very significant one, with the restoration of Stonehenge in 1901 and 1902. At the January meeting of Painswick Local History Society Mark Bowden will give a presentation on this very subject. Mark is a prominent archaeologist who spent his working life with the National Monuments Record centre, which became Historic England, and indeed was chairman of our History Society a few years ago.

This promises to be a fascinating presentation and one of both local and national interest. Croft School, 7.30pm, Tuesday 18th January. Everyone welcome

*Carol Maxwell*



## Millions of snowdrops in prospect

Happy New Year to you and I hope, like me, you're looking forward to Spring as we've already passed the shortest day! The Garden is closed until 15th January to enable the Rococo team to undertake much needed maintenance work on the miles of paths and tracks that enable visitors to access all parts of our magical valley. There is also tree work (more ash dieback) to be done to ensure visitor safety as part of readying the Garden for what is usually our busiest time of the year.

Yes, it's soon to be snowdrop time once again. That glorious season when over five million pure white blooms push their way up and into the light to herald a new year! Subject to government guidance we will open daily by advance booking only from 15th January through to 27th February. The first green shoots are showing but peak blooming will depend on the weather. Visitors often remark upon the sense of hope and renewal that snowdrops bring. I tend to agree, thinking of their doughty struggle at the coldest time of the year to break through the hard soil and their delicate beauty and crisp clear white flowers that defy the cold grey winter days.

This year there is a new exhibition of eye-catching snowdrop artwork by a selection of hand-picked local artists in the Cafe. This is complemented by our usual top quality selection of snowdrop plants for sale, which I highly recommend to brighten any garden at this time of year. As I say, advance booking is essential via [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk) which will help us manage the flow of visitors and to provide everyone with the best possible experience. Do make time to visit during snowdrop time if you can – it's a memorable experience for all the family.



*Tim Toghill, trustee & volunteer*

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# Advent Windows

Quite aside from the cheeky elves of the Naughty Elf Trail in the last week before Christmas, you may have noticed some other magical windows appearing around the village in December... These were Painswick's first series of Goodwill Advent Windows, with a new one appearing each day, made possible by some 'Build Back Better' funding from Gloucestershire County Council. The windows were created by local residents to keep spreading goodwill through the village right up to Christmas. If you liked them you can still make a donation via [www.tinyurl.com/painswickgoodwill](http://www.tinyurl.com/painswickgoodwill). Money raised will be split between four charities that directly benefit the community: Friends of The Croft School, Painswick Playgroup, Play Painswick, and The Painswick Centre.

We may not have quite made it to 24 this year, due to very tight funding timescales and not quite enough volunteers, but the windows that we did have were absolutely beautiful and generated so many smiles around the village. Thank you to everyone who took part. You can see all of the windows on Painswick Goodwill Evening's Facebook & Instagram pages.

*Susie Andrews*

## The Naughty Elf Trail brings Christmas joy to Painswick once more.

Friends of the Croft School (FOTCS) invited a number of Elves to Painswick for the first week of the school holidays! The second Naughty Elf Trail has once again proven to be a very popular Christmas event for many people of all ages. The streets of Painswick were filled with laughter and amusement as families were on the lookout for some very cheeky elves.

The hunters followed a map to 28 locations where elves were up to no good in window displays around the village. Participants collected a letter from each elf display, then unscrambled them to create a festive phrase – 'Believe in the Magic of Christmas'. Each correct anagram entry brought the chance to win a meal for two at the Falcon or a £200 John Lewis Voucher.

At the time of writing the prize draw had not been completed, however the winners were due to be notified on the 1st January 2022.

The response to this year's trail has continued to exceed our expectations, we believed last year's success could be largely attributed to Covid-19 and the restrictions in place however, it has been wonderful to see again first hand the community spirit of Painswick and surrounding areas to ensure another success story.

FOTCS are absolutely thrilled to say that we have raised £2,600 for the school, this is a wonderful amount and has truly helped in our aim to reach a fundraising target of £6,000 within this school year. We continue to be ever grateful to the people of Painswick for their unwavering support that means we are able to make the trail a success.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors, Hamptons Painswick and Painswick Parish Council, as well as The Falcon for their prize donation, who are all working tirelessly to support the local community. We also owe huge thanks to all the village homes and businesses which hosted the elves and all the mischief they brought with them!

*Amy Conroy*



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# Painswickian of the Year

Painswickians of the Year invariably express complete surprise and questioning disbelief when informed that they have been chosen for the title. Terry Parker went further – he exclaimed that it was impossible. Terry is this year's Painswickian. By rights however, he should perhaps be Painswickian of the past few decades.

Terry was born in London. He moved with his parents to Bristol aged 12 where he became a pupil at St Brendans College. After completion of National Service he joined the Civil Service in Cheltenham. He came to live in Painswick in 1969 and almost ever since then has been engaged in local and community activities, which have been many and varied, on a voluntary basis. Without exception his commitment and motivation have been tireless and honourable and all for the good of Painswick.

As a long serving, 32 years, member of the parish council, for which he was Chairman for many years, Terry received well deserved recognition both for his many achievements, and there are many, and for his outstanding ability to conduct meetings especially those considering sensitive and contentious issues. Diplomatic, unbiased, rational and with excellent communication skills, he was an ideal Chairman. He was also a county councillor for 12 years and a district councillor, serving always with the same altruistic and intelligent approach to a wide range of, often difficult, issues.

As Painswick's county councillor following the sale of the County Library in Painswick he was involved with the funding of the new library in the Town Hall and was involved in the enhancement of the former Rugby Club Pavilion at the Recreation Ground to establish what is now the Community Centre. As chairman of the public protection committee he had responsibility for the fire service and indeed fought for the retention of Painswick's fire station, an endeavour which succeeded for some years. As an active sportsman himself – he has played tennis and cricket for Painswick and is a past member of Painswick Golf Club – together with the late Leslie Brotherton Terry formed the Painswick Sports Council which gained a number of substantial grants for various local sports clubs.

Terry is certainly self deprecating about his voluntary activities but he does speak with pride about the years he spent as leader of Painswick's youth club which was held in the upstairs room of the Town Hall. He recognises the benefits it bestowed on those local young people who attended. With the same outlook on the importance of community involvement he has been the Chairman of Churches Together Around Painswick for some years. And latterly he has been a volunteer in Painswick's Tourist Information office. Perhaps one of his greatest local achievements is as a founder member of the Painswick Beacon, this very paper, in 1979. Terry was an editor for many years and yet again demonstrated his consistent ability and skill in dealing with the business of editing in an unbiased and clear way. No longer involved, his legacy is nonetheless regarded by many as invaluable and the ongoing monthly publication is much appreciated as a superb community asset.

With the constant support of Carol, his wife – “my Carol”, as he always refers to her – Terry's contribution to Painswick life in so many of its forms has been unerringly positive, generous, involved and utterly without self-interest. Now no longer a member of the Beacon team (Beacon team members cannot be nominated) the honour of the title Painswickian of the Year, for which he is truly deserving, can at last be bestowed upon Terry.

*Carol Maxwell*



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# Robbery at knife point in Painswick

On Thursday 2nd December a young man entered the Longfield charity shop in Painswick at around 3pm and approached the only customer in the shop from behind. He grabbed the lady, who was in her 70s, and threatened her with a knife. He approached the assistant manager, Val Smart, and demanded cash from the till and also from the customer. Val handed over the £63 from the till and the customer £14. The young man, appearing nervous and surprisingly not wearing a mask, made a quick exit into Bisley Street turning right. Val locked the shop door and comforted the customer, who was luckily unhurt, before calling the police.

The police arrived in under 10 minutes searched the area and took statements. Unfortunately the man had escaped but Val was able to give a good description and helped put together an identikit picture which is on the Gloucestershire Constabulary site. The man is described as a white male with ginger hair in his mid 20s. He was wearing a black beanie hat, a dark coloured bomber jacket and blue jeans. As he left Val shouted "We work hard to raise funds for very sick people" to which he replied "Yes, you looked after my mum", which may indicate he has local connections.

Officers are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with CCTV who has not already been spoken to to come forward. In fact a resident opposite did have CCTV which may be useful to the police. Val Smart remained surprisingly calm throughout the incident and said if the knife was not at the customer's throat she would have had a go as she had been trained in self defence. Val thanks the local people for all the support she has received following this most upsetting experience. Painswick may be seen as a quiet backwater where violent crime is concerned but sadly not totally immune.

Checking with the police a few days before publication no one has yet been apprehended. However if anyone has information please contact the police through their website quoting incident 269 of 2nd December: [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk) or call 101.



## Police report

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

### November 2021

Greenhouse Lane	Theft
Vicarage Street	Violence
Canton Acre	Violence
Upper Washwell	Theft
Pullens Road	Violence

### October 2021

Golf Course Road	Violence
Hambutts Drive	ASB
Hale Lane	Violence
	Public order
Vicarage Street	Violence

### September 2021

Greenhouse Lane	Violence
White Horse Lane	ASB
Bisley Street	Theft
Victoria Street	ASB
Hyatt Close	Violence
Ashwell	ASB

### August 2021

Vicarage Street	Violence
White Horse Lane	Violence
Friday Street	ASB
Bisley Street.	ASB
Ashwell	Public order
Canton Acre	ASB

### Notes

ASB = Anti-Social Behaviour  
Violence = Includes sexual assault reports.

Locations given mean "in the vicinity of"

## Happy New Year from The Painswick Centre



2022 promises to be an exciting year at The Painswick Centre as our small team continues to build an ever more diverse array of activities and events. By the time you read this our website will be up to date with all the events listings for the next few months, so whether you're looking for yoga or kettlebells, drawing classes or jewellery making, gigs or a cup of coffee and a cake, you'll find it here. We're also looking forward to repeating some of last year's success stories like Boutique and Love Painswick, as well as introducing new ones too. If you like board games, all we can say is: watch this space!

*Susie Andrews*

## Wick-Flix postponed



We have decided to postpone the return of Wick-Flix with a showing of the award-winning The Father until Friday 4th February. We were hoping we wouldn't have to make this decision, but with all the uncertainty around Omicron, we feel it's the right thing to do. All being well, we can't wait to give you a very warm welcome to our unique village cinema in February.

*The Wick-Flix team*

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## The Recreation Ground

### What can it be used for?

#### History

The Recreation Ground as well as the Painswick Institute (Now the Painswick Centre) was given to Painswick by Mrs Frances Sarah Williams who was one of the most generous benefactors that Painswick has known. It was in 1906 that the land was given by Mrs Williams for the use of the public and trustees were appointed to oversee the foundation. Today the trustees are the Parish Council which in turn is responsible to the Charity Commissioners in matters such as change of use.

#### The Deed

The Parish Council has to comply with the trust deed which states that the land belonging to the foundation shall be held for the purposes of the Recreation Grounds Act of 1859 for the benefit of the Parish of Painswick. The Trustees (Parish Council) have to decide what is of benefit to the majority of the people of Painswick.

#### Car Parking

Over recent years car parking has become an issue of concern with the congestion in the centre of the village. Views have been expressed that additional parking on the Recreation Ground would ease the congestion giving easy access to the village centre. This extra parking would be of benefit for village residents without parking facilities and for visitors using local shops and sporting facilities. This parking would suit visitors coming from the Cheltenham direction. In 1982 the Parish Council pursued the possibility of creating 39 car parking spaces on a strip of land bordering Lower Washwell Lane at the side of the Recreation Field. The strip would be as wide as the length of a car situated between the existing trees. A fence would be erected by the Parish Council on the field side of the parking strip with gates for access. This proposal would not interfere with the uses on the Recreation Field. The suggestion was rejected by the Parish Council in 1987. However the idea was later revived and the Trustees put the proposal to the Charity Commissioners for approval. This proposal was subsequently rejected on the grounds that it did not conform to the guidelines of the Recreation Grounds Act.

#### Other potential uses

In the past enquiries have come from the tennis club for an additional 2 courts but rejected at the time as the cricket club was still using the field. The rugby club for many years used the Recreation Ground for their rugby football together with the Pavilion which was built and financed by the rugby club.

In 1981 the rugby club moved to Broadham Fields and when the cricket club moved a few years later to Broadham the Pavilion then was handed over to the Parish Council who then refurbished it to become the home of the youth club. The Painswick football club now have a soccer pitch there. From time to time requests have been received for ad hoc parking for special occasions and granted provided no charges are made.

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# Some January crimes from the past

January cases were always numerous, often relating to crimes committed around Christmas and New Year's Eve. The following are just a few from years ending in 2.

1842. Sarah Shouls, 44, labourer, charged with stealing turnips the property of W.H.Hyett. Sentence: seven days hard labour.

1872. Mary Ann Fuller and Louisa Fuller, mother and daughter, travelling hawkers, were charged with hawking without a licence at Painswick. Both were discharged with a caution.

Joseph Foxwell, a labourer of Painswick, was charged with being drunk and disorderly. He pleaded guilty and was fined 7/- with 5/- costs, and in default of payment was committed for 14 days imprisonment.

Thomas Swain and George Swain, aged 12 and 8, were charged with stealing a bottle of ginger wine, the property of Nathaniel Moffatt. P.C.Grivell deposed that at about 8.00pm he saw the boys loitering near the shop. He saw them go up to the door and the older one stood there whilst the younger one went in and took a bottle of wine off a shelf. He put it under his jacket and both of them went off. Witness chased them and they were caught. Sentenced to one day's imprisonment and eight strokes with a birch rod for the elder boy and six for the younger.

Elizabeth Powell, a single woman who has been in the asylum and now appeared of weak intellect, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly. She was bound over to be of good behaviour.

1892. Arthur Cook, 25, labourer, religion Church, education imperfect, charged with neglecting his children in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering. Sentence: one calendar month hard labour.

James Wright, 28, labourer, religion Church, education imperfect, charged with stealing 67 lbs of oats and bran. Sentence: one calendar month hard labour.

William Jennings, a young man, charged with being drunk and disorderly on 31st December. The Bench fined prisoner 5/- or in default 7 days. Prisoner: "Thank you Sir, I'll do the seven days, and a happy New Year to you all."

Adelina Bird, charged with attempting to commit suicide by unlawfully throwing herself into the river Frome. There is a long explanation of the very sad circumstances of the case and it was committed to the Quarter Sessions.

1902. Walter Clack was on the evidence of P.C.Jones fined 2/6 for having been drunk at Painswick.

1942. Walter Whitting, of Spoonbed Farm, summoned for having displayed lights during the black-out, was fined £1 and 5/- costs.

*Carol Maxwell*

# Letters

The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

David Allott writes

Without public attendance at Parish Council meetings due to Covid restrictions I missed the chance to pursue a mission of mine. I want to know where Painswick will encourage builders/developers to build the new homes that various surveys claim to have found a need for. This as part of Gloucestershire's contribution to the National Government's target. This to build 300,000 homes a year, not the about 150,000 currently achieved.

Painswick, it seems, does not need to seek or plan for yet more 5 bed, 3 bathroom residences but rather it does need 15 or more downsizing 1-2 bedroom bungalows or houses with lifts. Plus 15 or more starter homes with 2-3 bedrooms.

Am I crying in the wilderness for our Planners to be more proactive rather than wait to be reactive to submissions from would be developers?

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# Jottings.

Carbon sequestration is the process of capturing carbon dioxide and storing it safely, away from the atmosphere. It is a method that reduces the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, aiming at reducing global warming and climate change. For this carbon sequestration process to succeed the carbon must not return to the atmosphere from mass burning or rotting when the trees and vegetation die.

Most of our valleys are covered in trees and permanent pasture. This is the best way around here for the storage of the CO<sup>2</sup> which we produce. The planting of trees is good but we need a variety of strong shrubs and bushes to provide habitats and food for wild mammals, birds, insects and plants. A large mature tree takes in about 48 tons of CO<sup>2</sup> which is about twice the amount that a family car produces a year. Good farm hedges also store CO<sup>2</sup>.



On pastureland, farm animals eat grass and provide manure which returns the carbon to the soil and enables more grass to grow. A recommendation is that we concentrate our grazing animals so that they graze a section of the field lightly and evenly and then move on to the next section by moving the electric fence across. Grazing like this encourages the plant roots to grow deeper into the soil. The animals also poach the ground with their hooves, grinding old grass and manures into the soil.

Long grass harvested in the summer is dried to keep as hay and silage to feed our stock during the winter months when there is little nutrition in the grass in the fields. Animals kept on straw bedding during the winter produce manure to spread on your grassland and arable crops. So you are returning the carbon to storage in the soil and using less artificial fertilizer, so saving money and reducing your carbon foot print.

Compared to natural vegetation, cropland soils are depleted in soil organic carbon. All crops absorb CO<sup>2</sup> during growth and release it after harvest. So we need to keep bare soil covered, leave harvest residues on the field, use manure as fertiliser and/or include perennial crops in a crop rotation system. Perennial crops have more, deeper root systems below ground, which increases the soil organic carbon content. Cover crops such as grasses and weeds can be used as temporary cover between planting seasons.

Restoration of organic farming and earthworms may entirely offset the CO<sup>2</sup> annual carbon excess of 4 Giga tons per year (2010 figure). So organic may be the best route but it will never cover the need for food for our growing population.

Where large areas of vegetables are grown we still need to plough and use large amounts of fertilizer to grow enough food. New machines have been developed to plant our cereal crops straight into the ground after the last crop has been taken from the field. This saves cost, time and labour. The soil is less disturbed by the driving backwards and forwards with the tractor, saving on fuel and gas emissions. No-tilled fields often have more worms. No-till farming has been claimed to increase soil organic matter and thus increase carbon sequestration. But these machines are very expensive to buy and so have to be used on large acreage farms or by contractors.

We seem to be building houses on the best agricultural and horticultural land which in the future may have been needed to grow our vegetables. Farming has been pushed uphill to the smaller, less fertile fields, maybe on slopes which are harder to cultivate.

The cost of fertilizers has nearly doubled in the last year so we will see a large increase in the cost of our food before long. Using less artificial fertilizer may lead to less contamination of our rivers and streams. Stubble burning has been effectively prohibited since 1993, but then farmers may have to use more herbicides to control the weeds.

*Martin Slinger*



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## Fabulous Fungi 2

I make no apology for writing another article about fungi. I've just finished reading 'Entangled Life' by Merlin Sheldrake. It is a tough read, but is one of the most inspirational books I have ever read. There is a vast microscopic world out there which is so poorly understood. If the same amount of time and money, which have been applied to drug and weapon research for example, had been applied to fungal research we would have many sustainable solutions to our current problems.

Agriculture is in crisis. After the last war the use of chemicals brought about a doubling of crop yields and in a world desperate for food this seemed good. However, this focus on yields has incurred unexpected consequences. Soil quality is now so poor, the consequence of decades of ploughing, pesticide application and overuse of artificial fertilisers. Mycorrhizal fungi, which bind soil together, have disappeared, causing top soil, with its burden of pollutants, being washed into rivers and causing collapse of aquatic habitats. Agriculture now accounts for 25% of greenhouse gas emissions and despite huge application of pesticides 20-30% of crops are lost to pests and diseases. Global yields have plateaued despite a 700-fold increase in fertiliser use during the last half of the 20th century.



Many horticulturalists believe in hydroponics, a system where soil is substituted for an inert growing medium to support the roots and the plants are fed with water containing the nutrients needed for growth. This does work, but how often do we complain about tasteless fruit and vegetables from the supermarkets? Research has shown that the same variety of strawberry grown in association with different mycorrhizal fungi will produce different tastes!

In healthy soils the mycorrhizal fungi produce carbon dense, sticky glycoproteins which bind the soil together, preventing it being washed away. These soils have been shown to hold more water, and therefore more nutrients, and make growing crops in arid conditions possible. Healthy soil is a huge carbon sink, locking up more than twice the carbon contained in all plant material and the atmosphere combined.

Fungi are incredibly old life forms, originating billions of years ago. They have very complex genomes, much of which they don't use. However, this can give them the ability to quickly adapt to new circumstances. As an example the oyster mushroom has been 'trained' to grow on both used disposable nappies and used cigarette butts simply by slowly reducing the percentage of their normal growing medium until there is nothing left other than nappies or butts.

On a completely different tack, we have successfully walked our cows to a new paddock in Victoria Quarry (below the 14th tee.) In 1995, when PBCG was founded, this was heavily wood but it is now one of the better areas for wildlife on the Beacon. It was last grazed in the 1950s by Selina Blow's father so it is fantastic to see livestock there again.

*Paul Baxter*

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## Foodbank

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In addition to providing emergency food, the Foodbank issues around 450 bags of Christmas goodies each year, given to individuals and families who would otherwise have a pretty meagre festive period. The Foodbank works with other charities on this so that in addition to Christmas food, the bags contain a craft pack (provided by Homestart), a maths based game (the Standing Together Trust) and a book (age related) (funded by the Nailsworth Rotary).

Much of what you donated in November was aimed at these 'hampers.' On behalf of the recipients, thank you so much - we know from previous years just how much joy these hampers bring.

Our next collection will be Wednesday 12th January from 10.00am to 12.00pm at the stocks and in Stamages Lane car park. The Food Bank would very much appreciate the following items although any donation will be kindly received: Tinned Veg, Pasta Sauce, Fruit Juice, Rice Pudding, Custard, and Tinned Fruit.

Many thanks once again for your generosity over the last couple of years.

*The Foodbank Committee*

## Don't forget to claim your State Pension!

In years past you would have received your State Retirement Pension automatically. You may not be aware but this is no longer the case, so you will have to claim it to receive it! At Citizens Advice we have been contacted by an increasing number of people who did not realise this.



You should get a letter from the Pension Service no later than 2 months before your 66th birthday (which is the current State Pension Age) telling you what to do to claim your pension. If you do not receive this letter, you can still make a claim in the 4 months up to reaching your state pension age. It is important to claim your State Pension as soon as you can, as there may be delays in payment if you leave claiming it too close to your 66th birthday, which could lead to financial difficulties for some people.

How to claim - The quickest way to get your State Pension is to apply online at [www.gov.uk/get-state-pension](http://www.gov.uk/get-state-pension) but if you don't have access to the internet you can request a form by calling the Pension Service on 0800 731 7898.

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There is a need for face-to-face advice for people whose problems cannot be dealt with on the phone or by email. It is intended to resume this part of the service, Covid permitting, in the coming months. It is also planned to gradually re-open the outreach sessions this year.

*Peter and Jane Rowe*

## A417 Missing link - Another delay

The long awaited road scheme was due to start in about 18 month's time. The 3 mile stretch of road between Brockworth and the Cowley roundabout is to be made dual carriageway with a new interchange at Birdlip. The Stroud News & Journal reported a Highways England project director indicating that the project will take around 3 and half years with completion by the end of 2026. This road scheme has suffered many delays over the years to the inconvenience of many people in Painswick and now a further delay could happen as a group of villagers at Cowley are now protesting at the current plan despite being located 1 kilometre away. The initial approval for the scheme was given back in 2014 when Neil Carmichael was our MP.



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# Painswick Sports

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## Painswick Golf Club

The weather over the last month has been somewhat damp and the course has become quite soft and muddy, particularly at the far end of the course. Golf balls don't run so far and care needs to be taken by all users of the Beacon as the ground has become quite slippery in places.

There have been a number of social competitions in the Seniors section since my last report. On 25th November there was a Bowmaker competition – with teams of three and scoring based on one to score on the par 5s, two on the par 4s and all three on the par 3s. The winning team was Finlay McLean, Nigel Cooper and Mike Sanderson. The Seniors Festive Competition on 16th December was an aggregate stableford, won by Andrew Varden and Brendan Nunan. And with the better weather on 21st December, another Bowmaker was fitted in at short notice; the winning team being Finlay McLean, Andrew Varden and John Barrus. Congratulations to all the winners.

Visitors are welcome to both the course and/or the clubhouse for refreshments. The course may be a bit muddy, but unlike courses in the Severn valley is rarely flooded.

The clubhouse can be booked for seasonal parties, weddings and other celebratory events. Please phone 01452 812180 for more details.

*Peter Rowe*

## Rugby Club

Fixtures for January – 1st Team

Saturday 8th January	Painswick away to Newent II
Saturday 15th January	Painswick away to Norton
Saturday 22nd January	Painswick away to Cheltenham II
Saturday 29th January	Painswick home to Old Patesians

The 1st team now lies 9th out of 11 teams in the Gloucestershire Div 2 North

## Table Tennis

Table Tennis resumes in the Painswick Centre on Wednesday evenings from 5th January 7.00 - 9pm. Just turn up and play for £5/evening or contact: David Linsell on 01452 812464

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## Demolished

Painswick's Gas Works once stood on Kingsmill Lane, inbetween Painswick Mill and Cap Mill. The aerial view (left) is courtesy of English Heritage, while the photo below from Painswick Local History Society shows the Bradley family outside Gasworks Cottage, now part of Beech Cottage.

The Painswick Gas Company was sold in 1930 but the site continued to be used as a Holder Station for gas supplied from Stroud until the 1960s. There is much more on this subject in an article by Alan Fielder in Painswick Chronicle 14, available from the Local History Society.



## News from St Mary's



On 6th January we enter the season of Epiphany, which is traditionally associated with the visit of the Wise Men to see the infant Jesus. They presented Jesus with three gifts each with a specific meaning. Gold signifies a King; frankincense a deity and myrrh suffering. These were pointers to who Jesus was and the suffering which awaited Him at the end of His earthly ministry. The season of Epiphany lasts for five weeks and is marked by the liturgical colour white.

Plough Sunday is being celebrated on 9th January. This ancient tradition dates back to when much of the population was dependant on farming for a living and ploughing with horses lasted the whole of the winter season. Early January was about in the middle of the ploughing season. This tradition will be marked in the benefice with a Plough Sunday service at Harescombe village church at 11am led by Liz Eden a lay reader new to our village.

Last year I reminded you about the sponsorship scheme for the Painswick yews in our churchyard. With this scheme you can sponsor a specific yew. The cost is £50 per year for a 3 year period. These yews are nationally famous and the scheme is to cover the cost of trimming them each year to maintain them in mint condition. There are just a few yews remaining which are unsponsored. If you would like to help please contact Margaret Radway – phone 813440.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year. Let us hope that the Covid 19 pandemic will be finally tamed and we can return to some semblance of normality.

*David Newell*

## Churches Together Around Painswick - Christian Unity Week

Given the difficulties caused by the pandemic, the Week of Christian Unity events normally held in the latter part of January have been postponed until later in the year.

*Terry Parker, Chairman, CTAP*

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# Spring Visits with the Cotteswold Naturalists



CNFC's next two meetings will be held by Zoom. On Tuesday, 18th January at 2.30pm, Gwilym Davies will talk about the composer, arranger and pianist Percy Grainger focussing on Grainger's Folksong collecting in Gloucestershire. Our speaker on Wednesday, 2nd February, also at 2.30 pm, will be Katie Jarvis, the Cotswold Life journalist. The subject of her talk 'I wish our Home Secretary had been at Hampton School in 1894', inspired her to write a local history book. Guests are very welcome at our Zoom meetings – please contact me for a Zoom link – and to check whether subsequent meetings will be 'in-person'.

The Club has also made plans for visits and excursions, with the emphasis on spacious, well-ventilated, local venues, and the use of cars rather than coaches, for the Spring programme. We are planning guided tours of Stroud Brewery, the Javelin Incinerator, and Wallworth Hall at Twigworth – the home of 'Nature in Art' which will be the subject of Simon Trapnell's talk on 2nd March. We also hope to include the International Centre for Birds of Prey near Newent and Lydney Park for Roman ruins and the acid-loving plants of its Spring Gardens. We can offer lifts to members without transport.

All being well, we hope to embark on our first coach trip in June to Sussex, basing ourselves in Lewes. The Bloomsbury Group escaped to rural East Sussex in search of creative freedom and inspiration. Novelist Virginia Woolf retreated to Monk's House in Rodmell, while artists Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell lived amongst the South Downs at Charleston Farmhouse, famously painting the interior of nearby Berwick Church. Our plan is to spend a full day exploring these homes and the surrounding landscape.

The Club's interests span natural history, archaeology, the built heritage and the environment. A year's membership, starting in January, costs £20 per person or £30 for two or more people at the same address. Please contact me for a copy of the latest newsletter and further details. Or drop into one of our meetings.

Jane E Rowe 813228

## Property Report

A year of high activity and record prices in the Painswick property market is ending with a relatively quiet period. Over the UK as a whole, house prices increased by 11.8% in the year to September 2021 and in Painswick most properties sold quickly, so that by the end of the year the market was looking distinctly short of houses for sale.

Much of the activity in the local market was the result of increased numbers of buyers from London. National research from Hamptons showed a 62 per cent rise in the number of homes bought by London leavers in 2021, up to 112,780 – the highest number since 2007. It's not yet clear whether this is a temporary effect or the start of a fundamental change in the market as homeworking enables people to move further away from where their work is based.

One new property available is Howitt Villa in Vicarage Street (Murrays, £595,000), a three bedroom stone-built cottage, with great views and off-road parking. 8 Brookhouse Mill (Hamptons, £495,000), a three bedroom home in the converted mill buildings at the bottom of Tibbiwell has also come onto the market.

Meanwhile offers have been accepted on the Red House on Lower Washwell and Timbercombe Cottage in Sheepscombe, both through Hamptons and on Cotswold Bungalow in Edge, through Murrays. Properties exchanging and/or completing include Thorne in Friday Street and Blakewell House on Edge Lane.

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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	9.20 - 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
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 <a href="http://www.rococogarden.org.uk">www.rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
	HIP Pilates 50. Contact JoannedaleyPilates.com/07968799741. From January 11th	Zoom Class	11.00am
Wednesday	Yoga and sound healing. Info from Bharathy tvamyoga@gmail.com	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 yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	6.30 - 7.45pm
	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Badminton (adults). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 10.00pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Bollywood dancing. Contact Bharathy tvamyoga@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 11.00am
Saturdays			
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	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

**January**

Sun	2	Benefice Eucharist for Epiphany	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists: Wildlife of the Windrush Valley - Andy Lewis. Enq 01453 873262	ZOOM	2.30pm
Thurs	6	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Dennis Morgan. CANCELLED	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	7	Wickflix returns: The Father with Olivia Coleman and Anthony Hopkins POSTPONED	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	9	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	11	HIP Pilates 50. Contact JoannedaleyPilates.com/07968799741	Zoom Class	11.00am

Fri	14	Painswick Community Hub: Serving coffee, tea, homemade cakes and biscuits	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
Sun	16	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	18	Cotswold Naturalists: Gwilym Davies - Percy Grainger-folksong collecting in Gloucestershire. Enq 01453 873262	ZOOM	2.30pm
	18	Local History Society: Mark Bowden: Stonehenge and Detmar Blow	Croft School	7.30pm
	18	HIP Pilates 50. Contact Joannedaleypilates.com/07968799741	Zoom Class	11.00am
Thurs	20	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Howard Allen - Orchestral Seascapes	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	21	Painswick Community Hub: Serving coffee, tea, homemade cakes and biscuits	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
Sun	23	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	25	Yew Trees WI: Five Valleys Shopping Centre - Dionne Moore	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	25	HIP Pilates 50. Contact Joannedaleypilates.com/07968799741	Zoom Class	11.00am
Fri	28	Friday Club: Four Weddings and a Funeral - Nicholas Nelson	Town Hall	2.30pm
	28	Painswick Community Hub: Serving coffee, tea, homemade cakes and biscuits	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
Sun	30	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am

## Another Missing Postbox

Following an email received from Roy Balgobin it appears that the Royal Mail has removed the post box located at the junction of Orchard Mead and Knapp Lane without consulting Painswick Parish Council.

Its removal follows the pattern set when the post box at the bottom of Tibbiwell was declared unusable a few years ago. Royal Mail appears to want to divest itself of unwanted post boxes by simply neglecting the maintenance of post boxes until they becomes unusable.

*Duncan Richardson*



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# PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

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

S.21/2795/HHOLD Steanbridge Mill, Slad

Replacement three-bay garage with office/storage space above.

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

Erection of single storey addition, detached car port & landscaping proposals.

S.21/2824/LBC The Old Vicarage Slad Road Slad

Erection of single storey addition and internal alterations.

S.21/2968/TPO TPO 479 Castle Hale, Stamages Lane

G1 Prune Sycamore x 2 -, reduce side and lower crown by 3-4m.

S.21/2917/HHOLD Beacon Heights, Cheltenham Road

Erection of WC extension and partial use of garage/studio as ancillary accommodation.

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.

S.21/2667/LBC Abbey Farm, Slad Lane

Replacement of window with new.

S.21/2947/HHOLD Geldeston, Back Edge Lane, Edge

Erection of open oak framed porch and a single story timber clad garden studio / gym in the rear garden.

## CONSENT

S.21/0278/REM Land to the east of Stamages Lane

Reserved matters approval appearance, layout & access including ground levels pursuant to S.19/0926/VAR for a four bedroom detached dwelling. (Original application S.17/0792/OUT).

S.21/2342/LBC Old Bakery, New Street

Replacement of retail unit front door.

S.21/2547/TPO Castle Hale, Stamages Lane

Tree works - various

## SPLIT DECISION

S.21/2457/TPO Flat 1, Hyett Orchard, Hyett Close

T1 and 2 Prune Lime - pollard to 6m. T3 Prune Lime - pollard back to old pollard

# Personal Column

## Congratulations

To JEAN NEWELL who celebrated her 80th birthday on December 28th. Jean trained as a nurse in Nottingham and has been married to David for 55 years. She and David have lived in Painswick for 30 years.

To HANNAH LANSDOWNE who has been awarded a BEM (British Empire Medal) in Her Majesty the Queens New Years Honours List 2022 for services to Painswick community.

## Condolences

To the family and friends of ROSEMARIE BROWN, who passed away at Resthaven Nursing Home, Pitchcombe on Sunday 26th December. She was a keen bowler, and past member of The Falcon Bowls Club for many years. She will be greatly missed by her daughter Angela, son in law Roy and son Peter and his family who live in Australia.

You could help Vicky Aspinall, if you would send information about those you know for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.

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