

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Conveniences under review

Some readers may not be aware that Gloucester and Cheltenham have been entering into arrangements with their departmental stores whereby the stores would make their toilets available to the general public and not exclusive to their customers. By so doing Gloucester City Council and Cheltenham Borough Council would be able to close some of their public conveniences, resulting in a considerable financial saving. The Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Martin Slinger, told councillors at the recent Parish Council meeting that he had met with Stroud District officers who had asked to discuss the conveniences in Stamages Lane Car Park. The outcome of the meeting was that the conveniences would remain but that the officers would give consideration to the use of the conveniences and whether there was scope for a reduction in the facilities provided.

The Stamages Lane car park was also discussed at the meeting. Since the charges had been abolished, there had been a noticeable increase in the number of vehicles using the car park. At times there had been no spaces available. The District Council officer with responsibility for car parking was asked if he would consider looking at ways to increase the number of spaces.

## Goodwill Evening

Painswick's Goodwill Evening will take place in the village on Friday 29th November, from 5pm until 8pm. It will be an evening of festive cheer for all the family, to wander around our beautiful village and see the Christmas lights, munch on a mince pie and sip some mulled wine, and maybe pick up a perfect present from one of the local stalls. Hot food, locally made, will also be available.

Maps will be available on the night from The Painswick Centre, Town Hall and St Mary's Church. As this year's theme is 'Extending goodwill to all', in the spirit of giving we are asking for food donations to receive a map. Particularly needed are instant coffee, biscuits, sugar, shampoo, deodorant, shaving gel, adult toothpaste and toothbrushes, as well as tinned fruit and vegetables (please no baked beans!). The map will show where the attractions are, from carol singing to Painswick's very own Christmas Shetlands (the reindeers will be busy this year preparing for Christmas deliveries). The maps will also show which local businesses in the village children can visit to collect Christmas stickers; when at least 8 have been collected the map can be entered into a big prize draw.

Father Christmas himself will be leading a parade of local schoolchildren from St Mary's Church through the village at 6pm. After that he will be in his vintage grotto at The Painswick Centre, ready to meet any children who would like to tell him or bring him a list of what they are wishing for this Christmas. Children will receive a small treat from Father Christmas, but this year we are asking that children bring a present to give to him. These will then be passed on to the Salvation Army in Stroud, who are partnering with three local charities who work with families and children who would not otherwise get presents. Please can we ask that presents are: not books as these are being collected separately by the Salvation Army, new (unfortunately we cannot accept second hand), unwrapped, and for any age up to 18 years.

For more up to date information please find Painswick Goodwill Evening on Facebook or Instagram.

*Anne-Marie Randall*

## The Croft School Fireworks Night

Saturday 9th November 5 – 7pm

Tickets are limited, available from The Painswick Pharmacy, the school reception or at the gate.

The cost is: £4 per adult, £2.50 per child (under 3's free). £12 Family Ticket (2 adults and two children).

We will endeavour to minimise any disruption to local residents.

## Remembrance Services

The annual Civic Remembrance Service will be held on Monday 11th November at the War Memorial. Parishioners are requested to assemble at 10.50am. A Service of Remembrance will be held in St Mary's Church on Sunday 10th November at 10.50am.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held on October 16th by Terry Parker

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.

There were no public questions.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Edd Crownshaw, Mike Fletcher, Ian James, Rob Lewis, Roey Parker and Rosie Nash.

The minutes of the September meeting were agreed as a true record.

### Matters of urgency

The Chairman reported that the lower floor of the Town Hall had flooded on the afternoon of Friday 11th October. This had been caused by an exceptionally heavy rainstorm with water entering from the rear entrance. The Clerk said that the likely cause was that the granite sets were not reset at the correct height when Highways had recently resurfaced the A46. The matter had been reported to the County Highways as a matter of urgency.

### County Councillor's report

Cllr Rippington advised that he was no longer an Independent member of the County Council and that he had joined the Liberal Democrats. He agreed with Parish Council members that the phasing of the 3-way temporary traffic lights at the Pitchcombe Junction road works had caused considerable delays. He advised the Council that resurfacing work at Upper Washwell would be carried out in February 2020.

### District Councillor's report

Stroud District Local Plan. Cllr Nigel Cooper told the Council "that the current

Local Plan had started life as a draft in 2009. After much consultation and discussion, and a public inquiry it was finally adopted in November 2015. A condition was that the plan (running to 2031) should be reviewed within five years, so the work started almost straightaway. In November 2017 there was a public consultation on "Issues and Options", the results of which resulted in the "Emerging Strategy Paper" being issued and consulted upon. The results of that consultation have been collated and later this month the District Council Environment Committee will be considering the first draft of the revised plan which will be extended to 2040.

The Local Plan not only sets all the policies applicable to development, it also identifies various strategic sites for building properties within Stroud District. There is a small group of councillors and planning officers called the Planning Review Panel (PRP) which meets monthly and the main considerations revolve around how many houses and where to put them. (always a contentious issue). Government figures indicate that during the plan period (to 2040) the district will require 12,800 new dwellings. Over 7,000 have already been granted planning permission, so the number required changes every month. Currently the net requirement is approximately 5,700. The next stage will be further public consultation on the draft Local Plan after the Environment Committee has considered it. That will be your last chance to make representations and suggest amendments prior to the public inquiry

before a planning inspector, probably in about twelve months time. I will continue to keep you updated. The revised plan does not "go live" until after the Inspector has considered it and the SDC have incorporated the recommendations, and then passed by Council resolution, hence becoming the adopted plan."

### Stamages Lane Public Conveniences

The Chairman said that he had met with District Council officers who were carrying out a review of the eight SDC public conveniences in the District. Cllr Slinger said that it was not the intention to close the facilities but to look at ways to improve the facilities and make them more cost effective. There would be a public consultation before any changes were made and Cllr Slinger asked the Members to contact the Clerk with suggestions regarding the conveniences' improvement. Cllr Slinger also reported that the SDC would look at the Stamages Lane car park to see whether the number of spaces could be increased.

### Policy documents

Standing Orders. The Council approved the wording of the Orders review. Grant Awarding Policy. The Council approved the wording of the policy document with some amendments.

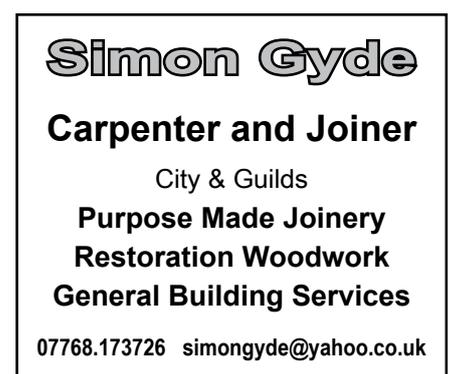
The Clerk advised that the details of the grant making policy could be seen on the Parish Council's web site.



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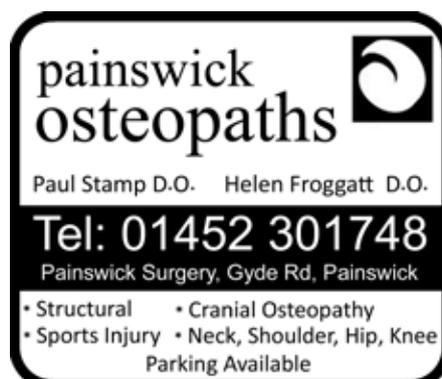
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### Climate and Ecology

Cllr Abigail Smith reported that she was still investigating the potential for a TerraCycle collection point. The matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Land and Buildings Committee.

### Finance

Cllr James Cross, who is the Council's Internal Finance Checker, said that he had recently carried out a check and forwarded his report to the Council.

### Ward reports

Cllr Daniels reported the problem of overhanging trees alongside the Surgery path which were causing an obstruction. It was agreed to report the matter to the Neighbourhood Warden. Cllr Daniels said that several street lights had not had the LED conversion. She would provide details to the Clerk.

### Meeting with Youth Club members

The Chairman said that there was to be

meeting with Youth Club members on 21st October at 7pm.

He invited Councillors to attend.

### Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.



## Classes & Workshops at The Painswick Centre

### • Drawing classes with Susan Kester

For all levels, all materials provided. Weds 9.30am-12 noon. Starts 6th Nov for 7 weeks, £112. Please contact skester@outlook.com or 07794 942680

### • Upholstery classes with Sew Vintage

No experience necessary but you will need to bring your own piece of furniture! Mondays 10am-1pm. Booked in blocks of 5, £125. Please contact Sophie or Victoria sewvintage66@gmail.com or 07835 617213/07766 114940

### • Drum Lampshade Making with Sew Vintage

Create your own 30cm drum lampshade; all materials provided except for your chosen fabric. Sat 9th Nov 10am-1pm, £40. Contact Sew Vintage as above.

### • Vintage Fairy Lights with Sew Vintage

Make a set of mini lampshade fairy lights with vintage fabrics and trims. All materials provided. Thu 21st Nov 6.30-9.30pm & Sat 7th Dec 10am-1pm, £49. Contact Sew Vintage as above.

### • Fabric Wreath Making with Sew Vintage

Make a bespoke wreath or heart using your own fabric and decorate with ribbons and charms. Sat 23rd Nov 10am-1pm & Thu 5th Dec 6.30-9.30pm, £29. Contact Sew Vintage as above.

### • Christmas Wreath Making with The Bespoke Flower Company

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## Report from our AGM

The Painswick Centre's AGM took place on 8th October. It was a good opportunity to review progress made over the past 18 months since the last AGM. From a position then of struggling to run the Centre effectively, with only four Trustees and no Centre Manager, we now have seven Trustees and a new Manager. We

were delighted that David Linsell was appointed as an additional Trustee at the AGM.

Since the previous AGM we have undertaken a skills audit of Trustees and Friends (involved volunteers), which has enabled the recruitment of new Trustees to fill the skills gaps. Two sub-committees have been set up: one to focus on managing finance and the building itself, and one to focus on business development and marketing. A huge amount of work has been done to move the Centre towards having robust management processes in place, and to ensure it is fully compliant. This should put the Centre in a stronger position to secure grant funding in the future. We have also recruited a new permanent Centre Manager, Lindsay Wyles, who has been in post for 10 months and is proving to be a very valuable asset.

The past year has also seen new events and ventures take place at the Centre, as we work to encourage more people to visit and use it. Wick-Flix has continued to be a firm fixture in the community calendar, the new Fish & Chips nights have proven extremely popular, and we trialled a new 'pop-up' art exhibition with a Cornish gallery. We continue to host fitness classes and music gigs, as well as local clubs and societies, and the number of classes and workshops on offer is growing. We are proud to have played a part in community events such as the Goodwill Evening and Easter Egg Hunt. We will be looking to expand on all of this in future.

All of the ideas, comments and concerns generated by last year's public consultation on the future of the Centre have been recorded, and we're delighted that we have been able to put some of them into practice already (such as the Fish & Chip nights). For the time being we are necessarily focusing our efforts on getting our house in order so that we are able to then focus on future development plans and ensuring a sustainable future for the Centre. In the meantime, we thank everyone who books, visits, or uses The Painswick Centre, and especially those who volunteer their time to make it a more vibrant place in the heart of our village. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Centre. If you would be able to spare some time (no matter how much or how little) and get involved, or have an idea for something new at the Centre, please email Lindsay at [painswickcentremanager@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcentremanager@gmail.com) or call 01452 814567.

*Susie Andrews*

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# Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle

Before the next edition of this newsletter appears, the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club, CNFC, has two meetings, both in the Painswick Centre starting at 2.30 pm, with refreshments available after the talks.

On Wednesday 6th November, Dr Nick Wray, Curator of the Bristol Botanic Gardens, will be making a welcome return, this time to talk about 'Charles Darwin and the Voyage of HMS Beagle', and how his observations led to the theory of evolution by natural selection. This talk follows-up a summer visit to the fabulous Bristol Botanic Gardens, when CNFC members had a tour and introduction to plant evolution, finding out how plants have developed adaptations and strategies to survive.

Next month, on Wednesday 4th December, Paul Barnett will be talking about 'The Severn Bridge Disaster of 1960', which inspired this dramatic picture painted by Alan Hayward.

Members pay £1 towards the costs of the meeting. Visitors pay £4 unless they prefer to join for £20 (or £30 for two people at the same address) covering membership from now through to December 2020.

Jane Rowe, 813228



By the time you read this, Wick-Flix will have already screened its November film, and the last one of the year – the spooky A Quiet Place.

With over 30 Wick-Flix screenings now behind us we put out a questionnaire to get feedback on what you think of Wick-Flix and how we might be able to improve what we do. If you haven't seen the questionnaire and would like to send us your thoughts please email [painswickcentremanager@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcentremanager@gmail.com) and we can send you a copy. Feedback is really important to us, as are volunteers to help either on the night or between screenings, so if you would like to get involved in some way email us to let us know.

Our next screening will be on Friday 10th January, which will be our annual Murray's Gala Night. Look out for full details in the December issue.

## Painswick Library Book Club Next meeting Monday 18th November 2-3pm



At the next meeting on Monday 18th November, 2-3pm, we will be discussing 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn. Copies are available to reserve online from Gloucestershire libraries, or it can be purchased from Stroud Bookshop. Please do come along and join us in the library to share your thoughts on this or any other novel you've enjoyed reading. At our October meeting, local author Katie Fforde entertained us with many anecdotes of how her popular novels have been researched, evolved and finally been polished for publication. Katie is very keen to support budding authors, hence she is founder of the Katie Fforde Bursary for writers who have yet to secure a publishing contract.

In 2016, Katie launched the Stroud Contemporary Fiction Writing Competition as part of the first Stroud Book Festival. This year's Stroud Festival is from 6th – 10th November. It is a 5-day literary feast for book lovers showcasing some of the finest novelists, non-fiction writers, poets and children's writers from Gloucestershire and beyond. For more information or tickets go to : [www.stroudbookfestival.org.uk](http://www.stroudbookfestival.org.uk)

Happy reading!

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In late September the club welcomed the return of Sir Tim Brain. Tim is justly respected in many circles for his consummate style of presentation on a vast range of subjects. On this occasion his chosen theme was the Life and Music of Henry Purcell. Tim painted a fascinating picture, in both words and music, of the world and the prolific range of compositions of this great English composer of the second half of the seventeenth century. We look forward to his return to Painswick in 2020.



Then on the 10th October we welcomed Gordon Collins who came to talk to us about "Two for the price of one!"- great pianists who were also great conductors. We were enthralled to not only hear the life stories of Andre Previn, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Daniel Barenboim and Leonard Bernstein but to listen to their magical piano playing and great conducting skills. All had one thing in common - they were child prodigies whose talents were recognised before they were 10 years of age. We left the Town Hall with the music we had listened to "ringing in our ears." There was one slight disappointment - no reference was made to the impact that Eric Morecambe had on "Mr Preview!!"

What about November? On the 7th Jenny Quick is talking to us about "Beethoven by Bike" in which she will not only describe her musical journey across Slovakia and Hungary but will perform, on her keyboard, one of Beethoven's great piano sonatas - Op 110. Then on the 21st, at the earlier time of 2.30pm, our Life President, Alex Nicholls will reflect on the work of the Italian master Gaetano Donizetti.

We look forward to both old and new members enjoying our forthcoming programme.  
*Howard Allen/Mike Kerton*

## Your house deeds

The parish archive in the Town Hall has taken almost three years to organise. With the expert advice and guidance of the conservationist team at the county Record Office it is now presented in containers which meet the highest standards for guaranteed preservation. Not only is it a collection of working documents already in the keeping of the parish council but it is also open to local residents to deposit documents of practical value and interest for safe-keeping and reference. Many people in Painswick have access to their own house deeds some of which are very old indeed and have great local historic value. Did you realise that now, once your deeds are registered with Land Registry, if they are held by a solicitor they will be shredded?

There is much to be learned from house deeds and they are therefore an important source of historic information about a range of subjects. Age does not matter, after all in a few decades time today's deeds will be of interest to future generations. The Town Hall archive would welcome the deposit of any local house deeds with a guarantee that they would be meticulously stored within the system. If you would prefer not to offer the original document a copy can be made for the archive. There would be no charge for this and it would be done professionally.

If you would like to make use of this service, namely depositing either your original deeds or a copy, please contact the parish clerk, Roy Balgobin, tel. 812722, email clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com or Carol Maxwell tel. 813387, email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Red Dot Gallery opening

Leigh Banks exhibition "Beautiful Creatures" was a very successful opening for the gallery. Phil Cooling's "Step into my World" was a stunning, exciting and beautiful photographic exhibition. Coming up in November:

18 October – 19 November. "Dreamlands" with a mixture of Zambian; Yombwe Lawrence, Czech; Radu Tesaro; local artist Jemsy and sculptures from Jim Pilston. 20-26 November: Yvonne Woods and Molly Abbott, felt and ceramic works. 27 November – 3 December: Sylvia Wadsley, artist.

*Gilly Hill*

## Could you help the Beacon?

The Painswick Beacon is looking for one or more volunteers to join its team. No particular qualifications or experience are required. We have a range of tasks that are shared within the team, so the precise role can be tailored to suit your interests and experience, as well as the time you have available. If you can help, please contact any of the team – contact details on the back page.

## Telephone Kiosk at Edge

The Parish Council has agreed to adopt the telephone kiosk at Edge with the request to British Telecom that the electrics are retained. The Council is to discuss the appropriate use for the kiosk with the local community. They are however seeking to install a defibrillator.

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# News from St Mary's

This month we welcome our new Rector for the Beacon Benefice, Revd Janet Turville. She will be officially welcomed to the benefice at her licensing service at St Mary's on 4th November at 7pm. The service will be conducted by the Bishop of Tewkesbury and the induction will be performed by the Archdeacon of Gloucester. All are warmly invited to this service.



On Sunday 3rd November we celebrate All Saints Day. There will be the usual communion service at 9.30am. In the afternoon there will be the annual All Souls service at 4pm conducted by Canon Michael Irving. This is the occasion when the names of those who have died in the past 12 months are read out together with other names who relatives wish to remember.

Remembrance Sunday this year is on 10th November. There will be Remembrance Services at 10.50am at Painswick, Cranham, Sheepscombe, Pitchcombe and Harescombe. This is a time to remember with gratitude all those who gave their lives in two world wars and other wars. We thank God for the freedoms we enjoy through their sacrifice. Armistice Day is on Monday 11th November when there will be a civic service at the Cenotaph in Painswick at 10.50am. This service will be conducted by our new Rector Revd Janet Turville. All are welcome to attend any of these services.

A re-ordering scheme is under consideration for the back of St Mary's church which has been reported on previously in the Beacon. The scheme is to modernise the church with the provision of much needed toilet facilities and a kitchen. The next stage now is for the appointment of an architect to draw up detailed plans. There will be a campaign to raise the necessary funds.

The last Sunday of the month 24th November is also the final Sunday of the church's year. It is the festival of Christ the King marked by the liturgical colour red. Services in the benefice will be at the usual times.

*David Newell*

# CTAP



The Chairman and committee of CTAP warmly invite you to their

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019**

Followed by a presentation on the Stroud DOOR PROJECT.

"Where every young person's future is determined by their potential not their past". Given by Barrie Voyce CEO of the project

Thursday 14th November at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms in Painswick at the far end of Stamages Carpark

Light refreshments will be provided

We look forward to seeing you – ALL ARE WELCOME.

# Seasonal Front Cover

Would you like your painting or drawing to appear in full colour on the front page of the Beacon's December edition? We invite contributions for consideration to be sent to the Beacon address: beacon@painswick.net or posted at the Beacon New Street post box. The painting or drawing should be seasonal with a Painswick setting preferred. Originals will be returned. The closing date for contributions is Saturday 23rd November.



**THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER**

15.30 to 17.00

in the

St Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick

**Theme: "The Soldier's Faith"**

Messy Church is a family event, so all children should be accompanied by an adult.  
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# Painswickian and Young Painswickian of the Year

Each year about this time we invite nominations for Painswickian of the Year and Young Painswickian of the Year. Readers are invited to put forward the names of parishioners who have brought credit to the village in the past year, or who have given exceptional service to the community in the longer term. The nominations are then considered by the Beacon committee. Your nominee for Painswickian of the Year should be over 21. You may wish to nominate a couple. Nominees for young Painswickian of the Year should be 21 years or younger.

Nomination details should not exceed 100 words. They should be marked 'POY' and placed in the Beacon Box by the telephone kiosk in New Street or sent by email to: [beacon@painswick.net](mailto:beacon@painswick.net) with 'POY' in the subject line. The deadline for the receipt of nominations is Saturday 14th December.

We hope you will give thought to putting forward a nomination and, in anticipation, thank you for your interest.

## Cranham Village Hall

Christmas Art & Craft Fayre  
Sunday 1st December  
11am to 4pm  
Refreshments served all day

# DASH

"Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless) collects small change and items of food and clothing for Marah, which is the charity in Stroud working with the homeless and vulnerable. They provide hot meals three days a week for an average of 30 clients and also offer advice, friendship and help with a wide range of problems.

They always need jars of instant coffee, sugar and longlife milk but also toiletry items (particularly deodorant sprays and shower gel). They are currently appealing for men's shoes, especially trainers, and as the cold weather comes, warm gloves and socks.

Donations of any of these items can be put in the basket at the back of Painswick Church or in the container at Murrays Estate Agency. Collections of small change (5ps, 2ps and 1ps) can be handed to Alison Robinson (812 286) or Frances Watson (812 071) who are happy to collect if that is easier. Small change soon mounts up and is particularly welcome for helping with sudden emergencies. Marah is very grateful for any help we can give.

## Councillor Rippington

In the October issue of the Beacon we reported that Painswick's County Councillor, Keith Rippington, had resigned from the Conservative Party and would sit as an Independent at the County Council. Cllr Rippington has informed the Beacon that he has joined the Liberal, Democrat Party.

## Fabrics, floods and forests

It wasn't Friday 13th for the last meeting of the Friday Club and the talk was "The enjoyment of craft" All the members were engrossed in the wonderful skills on offer : patchwork and quilting, machine embroidered pictures, spinning and knitting and the making of extraordinary felt figures when we suddenly realised there was water lapping round our ankles - lots of it. A sudden heavy burst of rain had driven water through the back door of the Town Hall, along the corridor and into the kitchen and the lower hall.



As you would expect there was no panic just resignation and disappointment at the disruption. Everyone was safely escorted out of the hall and within a few minutes Martin and George were there sweeping the water away. Thank you to them for their prompt response. The committee meeting carried on regardless!

Two weeks later the members were bound for Westonbirt for the final outing of the year, fortunately the forecast rain did not arrive in time to spoil the day. Over half the group took advantage of a guided walk, others made the most of the shuttle bus and a few headed for the newly developed Treetop Walkway. This gave an amazing overview of the Arboretum and all the developing autumn colours. We all returned to the coach feeling physically and mentally refreshed. Friday 25th October was the next meeting so look out for the December Beacon to find out how the members juggled away the afternoon.

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# A double farewell

The morning of Thursday, 10th October marked a significant and emotional occasion for Painswick. The Pharmacy was the setting for two farewells, that of both Mike Powis and Olwen Tringham.

For Mike his last morning saw the end of 40 years service to the local community. Last December he was voted Painswickian of the Year and the accolade certainly reflected the high regard in which many local residents held him. As Painswick's pharmacist for many years the service he has provided has been second to none and of course he was also station commander of our local retained team of firemen. However, Mike feels that now is the right time for him to retire. "I've enjoyed being a pharmacist and having the interaction with the public," he says but adds that he knows he needs to step back for various reasons. He explains that the nature of the job is changing rapidly and particularly with the introduction of electronic prescriptions. "Back in 1987 prescriptions were confined to the mornings," he says, but now it can even be a 24-hour service so very intensive. He believes that incoming younger pharmacists can more readily embrace the imminent changes.

After such a long commitment – as an independent he has single-handedly run the business which has been very time-consuming - he also welcomes the chance offered by retirement to engage in interests he has hitherto had little time to pursue. Researching his family history, walking, getting fit and exploring the country are just some of the activities he is looking forward to as well as spending time with his partner Pauline.



Mike has moved to Kings Stanley but he will retain solid connections with Painswick as he is still very much involved with the cricket club here and his son, Oli, is still working at the pharmacy. "It has been a joy," he says, "Painswick's a lovely place."



Olwen has been a familiar face at the counter since 2007. Originally intending for her time here to be a stop-gap whilst studying for a Masters degree in the legal aspects of medical practice (she already had gained a degree in law) she decided to continue working in the pharmacy after graduation. She qualified as a dispensing assistant and has done the 'healthy living' medical checks at the pharmacy for some time.

"I've really enjoyed working here with good relations with the community. I'm sad to be going but I do need a new challenge," she says. Olwen's new job is a health care assistant in the oncology outpatients department at Cheltenham Hospital. "I hope I can help to make a difference in the new job," she adds. She is very aware of the different type of working environment from the small independent base of Painswick Pharmacy to the large but specialist area of the hospital in which she recognises the potential career opportunities.



On that Thursday morning the atmosphere in the pharmacy was definitely emotional. "Mike's the best boss," said Olwen, a sentiment which all the staff acknowledged without hesitation. As a farewell gift they presented him with Anthony Lewis Churchill's wonderful quirky painting of the pharmacy building. We are lucky in Painswick to have such an excellent pharmacy and shop, a legacy which Mike has given us. Our best wishes go to Mike for a happy retirement and to Olwen in the next stage of her career.

*Carol Maxwell*

# Peter Knight and John Spiers at the Painswick Centre

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# Pharmaceutical phenomena

Visitors to Vespers or Compline in the Monastery Chapel are sometimes witness to a strange phenomenon. Once or twice a week during the service, a hand appears through the outside door and deposits two or three blue and white paper bags on the floor of the chapel. What is this? our visitors might ask themselves. Some arcane Roman Catholic ritual? A symbolic representation of the "gift from on high" liturgically made present?

But no. The hand belongs to "Oli"; and Oli belongs to Painswick Pharmacy, and Painswick Pharmacy belongs to God (and to all of us, mercifully)! Oli, unsung hero of many a home delivery: hardly seen, never heard. Prescription repeated there is none but it be faithfully filled (as Ronnie Knox might have put it). Oli we love you!—not only for your gifts, but for what you are in yourself (to carry on the theological theme). Oli, we salute you!

Between Hoyland House and Painswick Pharmacy, we are, all of us, incredibly blessed with a NHS service that (despite the problems on a national scale) works extremely well. "Prince", my Jamaican-Gloucester taxi driver, recently asked to comment (the interviewers expecting him to moan) said: "You guys over here don't know you're born! In Jamaica, where I come from, even if your arm was hanging off, they wouldn't see you unless you put money on the table. So learn to be grateful!"

Ex ore infantium—there you have it. Let us learn to be grateful for what we have, for the tremendous privileges we share; for the fact that we have a roof over our heads, and food on the table, and live our lives in relative security and peace.

Thank God, and thank Oli (when you see him) together with those incredibly polite assistants in Painswick Pharmacy.

*Fr Mark*

## The icing on the cake!

Ladies if you are worried about how to decorate your Christmas Cake, Yew Trees WI has the solution. At our meeting on Tuesday 26th November Chris West is giving a Christmas Cake Icing Demonstration so do come along to the Church Rooms at 7.30 pm.



At our September meeting Paulha Whitaker, from Cranham gave a talk entitled "Full Circle Farming". Contrary to our expectations of an evening of agricultural details, Paulha, an engaging speaker, explained how her life as a farmer changed after a serious accident occurred when working with cows. She realised she had to make changes in her life and began sheep farming. Low prices for wool these days encouraged her to start using her many different types of wool from a variety of breeds for tapestry and embroidery. Members were delighted to see the many exquisite examples of her work. She now has a flourishing business selling her delightful hand crafted model sheep made entirely from her own wool, and her online sales reach as far as the States.



Some members attended the Service of Thanksgiving held at Gloucester Cathedral to celebrate the centenary of the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs. Afterwards, they visited the table-top displays in the cloisters created by 65 WIs which revealed the vast array of activities they undertake. These include walks, sports, theatre visits and outings, meals out, as well as supporting their communities by fund-raising or providing refreshments at local charity events. Our ladies came away inspired with fresh ideas to add to Yew Trees' busy programme of extra activities.

*Celia Lougher 812624*

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## To Bee or not to Bee

As we head into the dreary days of November, our next speaker Alan Wells will transport us back into summer with his talk about 'Gardening for Bees.' The gentle buzz of the Bumble, Honey and solitary bees, diligently pollinating our flowers, not only providing us with their honey but also feeding the world. No small task for such a little being.



This follows on nicely from our previous speaker Natalie Mignotte who took us to the heat of Morocco with her talk on Islamic Gardens. The emphasis being the very judicious use of their precious water as the central garden element, which although initially used decoratively then went via a myriad of channels to water their crops and fruit trees. May be something we will have to look to in the future but quite hard to see when its been raining for weeks!

Looking ahead again, we will be running two Christmas Wreath and Garland making mornings this year. One at Pitchcombe Village Hall on Friday 6th December and one at the Falcon Bowls Club on Saturday 7th December both from 10 - 12.30pm. They are always great fun and at only £10.0 to include refreshments, great value too. Just drop in with your secateurs or book on line. ( Wow we are so 21st Century! )

The committee have been working on the feedback from our extraordinary meeting in September and are busy organising some partly subsidised garden outings for members and also a garden event in Painswick next year. Why not join us and be part of a great club and a lasting testament to our dear friend Muriel Mann ( Please see separate Tribute )

*Catherine Bond (committee member)*

## A Tribute to Muriel Mann

All who new Muriel will have been stunned to hear of Painswick's loss. Our heartfelt condolences go to Norman and their family.



Muriel was on the then Painswick Horticultural Society and was instrumental in "coercing" a number of unsuspecting souls on to the committee and continued to give her unfailing support to the Society as changes were implemented and the Society became the Painswick Gardening Club.

With Muriel at the helm (actually leading from the rear!), the club has gone from strength to strength. Even when she decided to step aside it was our turn to "coerce" her into continuing to introduce monthly speakers. Those introductions were legendary. Breathtaking, hilarious but always well researched. We never had to ask her for help or advice, it was always there. Mention a special occasion and the sausage rolls and magnificent chocolate cake would appear with a pair of ever willing hands.

Muriel is a role model to every single one of us. A wonderful friend and colleague sorely missed.

*On behalf of The Painswick Gardening Club Committee.*

## Painswick Music Society needs more volunteers

There was an excellent turn out for our recent AGM and Social Evening in St Mary's Church Room, culminating in a delightful concert by musicians from Wycliffe College followed by refreshments which were much enjoyed and appreciated by all present. Earlier I looked back on our very successful 2019 season when attendances and memberships were among the highest on record, and ahead to 2020 when we celebrate our 75th season with concerts by the violinists Tasmin Little accompanied by Piers Lane, the Orchestra of the Swan, the baritone Roderick Williams with Iain Burnside and the Nash Ensemble. I expressed huge thanks to Peter Holmes and Edward Bowron for rescuing the society by agreeing to take over as treasurer and membership and ticket sales secretary respectively, and also to three committee members who stepped down after many years of outstanding service, Ann Williams, Alan Price and Janine Clarke. With their departure, we are left with a very small committee and almost no Painswickians so our future beyond next season continues to be in doubt. Serving on the committee is both rewarding and enjoyable and we only have 3 or 4 evening meetings a year so do please get in touch if you think you may be able to help, by email or telephone (cgswain@btinternet.com or 01453 822998). We have detailed descriptions of the various roles involved in running the society, not all of which require joining the committee, and following the retirement of Jan Clarke, we are urgently looking for someone to take over coordinating the provision of our post concert afternoon teas.

Painswick can be very proud that its Music Society has been providing concerts of the highest quality for generations of Painswickians and visitors from far and wide for the last 75 years, and I do hope that more volunteers will step forward to ensure that we can keep it going

*Chris Swain - Chairman*

  
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## Jottings

Thinking about the large amount of rain we have had in the past few weeks, it reminds us that it has now got to the time of year when the animals need to be starting their winter feed rations. Have we got enough feed and bedding in the form of hay, silage and straw for bedding and the concentrates to balance their ration for winter time? We judge that time as 120 days, usually most years and so try to keep enough to feed the animals if we have a bad spring or a draught next year.

The grass is still growing and the animal still grazing. In May, June, July and into the start of August when the sun is at its strongest and the soil warm for good growth, the sugars rise in the grass to give a good quality crop for grazing and turning into hay or silage. The quality starts to drop at the end of August and into September and October, and in some years into early November. In the last month and towards winter the feed value of grass has nearly gone: it may just keep the animal alive. They graze to fill their stomachs, what we call fill belly. It fills them up and keeps them happy with little feed value: this is when you need to start giving them better feed to top them up.

The other thing is, unless you do your animals well they start to lose condition. First it will lose its inner body fats and then the body fat you can see on the outside. After that you start to see its ribs and other bones and it starts to look thin. Of course, if it has an illness or is one of some breeds, it will always look like this. Then, if you want to sell your animal, it may get sold for little value. Some of the older breeds of British cattle can stand eating lower grade feed but not the more modern breeds.

*Martin Slinger*

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## VAD Detachments



At our October meeting Geoff North spoke on the topic of the WW1 Voluntary Aid detachments operated by the Red Cross in Gloucestershire. With tension brewing throughout Europe and the anticipated number of casualties likely to arise in the event of war being declared a national public appeal was launched in early 1914 seeking the loan of buildings for potential use as auxiliary hospitals. The response was such that the Red Cross had been able to identify many suitable buildings in Gloucestershire. These ranged from town halls and schools to private houses.

The first Gloucestershire unit to open was at Cheltenham racecourse receiving its first patients in August 1914. Other units opened within weeks. The patients sent to these auxiliary hospitals did not usually have life-threatening injuries but need time to convalesce. Servicemen preferred them to the military hospitals as the discipline was not as strict, with conditions less crowded and more homely. Auxiliary hospitals were also a more attractive option for volunteers who found work in a military hospital too strenuous. Others "preferred to be head cook in a small auxiliary hospital to assistant cook in a large military hospital". Local doctors did a lot of voluntary work in these hospitals. In 1917 the War Office decided that some payment should be given to them for their efforts.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th November at The Croft School at 7.30pm when Jonathan Briggs, Helen's son, will speak on the topic of Mistletoe, a subject with particular relevance to Painswick. Visitors are welcome.

*Harold Clark*

# Sorrow and small screen stardom



Last month we were saddened by the death of Lady Dickinson, who was so vital to the Garden's restoration from the 1980s onwards. Together with the family, her energy and vision saw the Garden recreated and features restored, and our current charity set up to preserve it for future generations. She remained a trustee until her passing away, and for us was a fantastic link back to the early days of the Garden's renaissance. Our thoughts are very much with the family, and we will greatly miss her presence and knowledge.

October was dominated by rain – I think there was some every single day for the first three weeks of the month – so we were delighted to be able to look back to a sunny, tranquil September day courtesy of BBC2's Gardeners' World programme. We featured on 11th October as part of episode 30, when new presenter and garden historian Advolly Richmond took viewers through the story of the restoration and the importance of the Thomas Robins painting of 1748. She gave the Garden a stunning review and the team's skilled camera work highlighted its features perfectly. In case you missed it... it's on the BBC iplayer up until 10th November (we're told).

We've a great reputation for being a dog-friendly place. If you've a canine in your life, you might find that as the nights draw in and the weather gets cooler, your motivation for walkies diminishes... well, we may be able to help. From 1st November we are encouraging dogs to bring their owners to the Garden for free. The deal is simple - visit us with a dog between 1st November and 1st December inclusive and we will admit owners free of charge. For those who are without dogs, a reduced admission charge applies during this period. The Garden, Café and Shop are all open daily 10.30-4. So why not come and enjoy a bracing walk in gorgeous surroundings and perhaps treat yourself to a hot drink and a warm by the woodburner in our cosy Café afterwards? There have to be some benefits to autumn!

*Tim Toghill, volunteer and trustee*

## Police request

Gloucestershire police have asked the Beacon to publish the following report. A spade was left at the scene of a burglary in Painswick and PC Jo Booker suspects that it was stolen from nearby by the burglar. She has asked that we publish the accompanying photo of the spade with the request that its rightful owner contacts her at Stroud Police Station quoting incident 90 of the 8th October 2019.

Her email address is: jo.booker@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk or telephone 101 to leave a message.



## Painswick Golf Club



Playing golf this time of year is rather different from the glorious hot days of summer. Although the course is rarely closed due to flooding, the ground is much softer and balls that would previously have bounded along now tend to slow up much more quickly when they hit the ground. One has to rethink one's shots!

For those who enjoy their golf during the week, the October mid-week stableford (now open to all club members) took place on 10th October and was won by Peter Rowe with a score of 40 points from Mike Sanderson with 38 points. And two days earlier there was a mixed texas scramble organised by the ladies section. The winning team comprised Peter Brown, Nigel Cooper and Mike Sanderson. Lesley Wylde won 'nearest the pin' on the 18th hole. Congratulations to all.

The club's caterers 'The Waypoint' celebrated their first anniversary at the club last month. They are now taking bookings for Christmas parties and still have a few places for lunch on Christmas Day. Please get in touch (01452 812180) if you are interested.

*Peter Rowe*

## Remembrance display



This year marks the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War 2. Remembrance Day is of course always a poignant reminder of the huge significance of both wars, indeed all wars, and in Painswick, as elsewhere, it is acknowledged with services both in church and at the war memorial.

A small exhibition commemorating Painswick's part in both wars will be on display in St Mary's Church from Friday 8th November until Sunday 17th November.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# AGM success / Why are we cutting down trees?

Once again, the AGM was well attended (37). After the “dry “agenda business was out of the way, we were treated to delicious cakes with our teas and then several very informative talks and beautiful slides. Andrew Brown and Joyce Barrus explained the results from the recently re-established butterfly transects. The Beacon is home to 37 of the 58 butterflies found in the UK, quite amazing.



The main talk was from Julian Bendle and Jennifer Gilbert of Back from the Brink. Julian explained the importance of grazing for the conservation effort and Jen explained the benefits of training volunteers to identify and record endangered species so that the best methods of conservation can be established.

We are often asked “Why do we cut down trees” and “Why don’t we let nature take its course”?

To answer, we need to wind the clock back about 10,000 years to the end of the last ice age. All the species found naturally in Britain migrated over the land bridge from Europe and colonized northwards as the ice retreated, they were closely followed by humans. As the sea level rose the Channel filled and isolated us from Europe.

The dominant vegetation was woodland, but within it would have been pockets of grasslands maintained by the grazing of herbivores. These areas would have contained the descendants of the species we find on our grassland now. As humans developed from hunter gathers to farmers, they would have exploited these grassy areas to grow crops and felled adjacent woods to extent their fields. This started thousands of years of wildlife evolving along side human activity. The rate of change was slow, and wildlife coped with everything, right through to the Agricultural and Industrial revolutions. What changed things was the plowing up of hay meadows for food production during two World Wars and the subsequent agricultural reliance on mechanization, pesticides and fertilisers.

We now have only 1% of the unimproved grass in the Cotswold compared to eighty years ago and this is about HALF of what exists nationally. So, it is extremely precious. If we allow trees to dominate our commons, the grass reliant species will be extinguished. They have nowhere to go as the surrounding farmland is too fertile to support them.

*Paul Baxter*

## Library News for November

### Library Annual General Meeting

This year’s AGM will be held in the library on Thursday 21st November starting at 7pm. The meeting is open to everyone and will be followed by refreshments and nibbles for those attending.

### Harvey Sagar - Photographic Exhibition

Local author and photographer Harvey Sagar will be displaying several of his photographs of the Painswick valleys, and beyond, in the library throughout November. Harvey’s photographs featured as part of Artburst and were very well received.

### Painswick Goodwill Evening

The library will be open on Friday November 29th from 5 till 8pm as part of the Goodwill celebrations. Seasonal refreshments will be available. We are finalising the timings for entertainment so please watch out for posters and social media updates closer to the time. Everyone is very welcome.

### Change to Opening Times

Please note the library will now open at 2pm till 5pm throughout the dark autumn and winter months as suggested by our

readers and volunteers. Morning and Saturday opening hours stay the same - 10am till 1pm.

Recent additions to our bookstock include-

Archer, Jeffrey – Nothing Ventured  
Baldacci, David – Long Road to Mercy  
Colgan, Jenny – The Bookshop on the Shore  
James, Peter – Absolute Proof  
Miller, Madeleine – Circe – shortlisted 2019 Women’s Prize for Fiction  
Moyes, JoJo – The Giver Of Stars – inspired by the pack horse librarians of 1930s Kentucky  
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## Creative and sociable – making your seasonal wreath

For the past five years many Painswick residents have happily taken the opportunity to make their own Christmas wreaths under the expert guidance of Emma Hutchinson. Without a shadow of a doubt this has proved to be a most gratifying and enjoyable experience in more ways than one.

This year Emma, whose business is the Bespoke Flower Company, has organised what has in effect become an annual workshop event for Wednesday, 4th December. Keen to promote local services she is pleased to be running the session in the Painswick Centre, an ideal venue for the purpose. The workshop is open to everyone whether experienced or completely new to the idea. As she points out, the workshops have always proved to be utterly joyful occasions combining creativity, fulfilment and a lovely social atmosphere.

Emma has a wealth of experience – her Spring wreath this year made it on to the front cover of *Period Living* magazine - and of course she will be on hand to help you create your own beautiful wreath for which all materials are provided along with a seasonal helping of good cheer and a glass of fizz. This is a wonderful chance to learn new skills in a warm and convivial atmosphere and have the joy at the end of taking home your very own, very personal Christmas wreath.

The cost of the workshop is £40 which covers everything. Running from 7.00-9.00pm there are limited places available so booking is essential. Telephone 01452 649810 or 07798 672227 or email [info@thebespokeflowercompany.co.uk](mailto:info@thebespokeflowercompany.co.uk). This is an opportunity not to be missed.

*Carol Maxwell*



## A criminal past

Painswick has a very criminal past, would you believe? So how were our transgressing predecessors dealt with? You might be surprised. In November 1839 at Gloucester Quarter Sessions the case of John Birt was reported as follows. Age and description: age 32, hair brown, dark hazel eyes, oval visage, fresh complexion, pointed chin, small cut on upper lip, small mole on the arm, large mole in the middle of the back. Height 5ft 4inches. Trade: servant. Cause of Commitment: charged on the oath of Daniel Rogers with feloniously stealing at Hempstead on the 25th day of October a gun the property of John Highflow Esq. Sentence: transported for life. Behaviour: orderly. Forty years later in November 1879 the case of Francis Whiting appears in the Quarter Sessions Records. Committal place and date: 5th November in the City. Religion and birth place: dissenter, Painswick. Description: age 14, height 5ft 1 inch, hair dark brown. Education: imperfect. Trade: errand boy. Number of previous convictions: two 13.9.75. Offence: stealing books. Sentence: three months hard labour. (And it really was hard labour for this lad)

Move forward yet another forty years to November 1919 and this colourful description in *Cheltenham Chronicle* of a Painswick offender. Joseph Barnfield of Butt Green Painswick, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly in Gloucester Street, Painswick, on November 21st. He was also charged with assaulting P.C.Jones, and further with damaging the constable's uniform at the same time and place. Prisoner said he was drunk and remembered nothing about it.

P.C.Jones said he found Barnfield lying drunk on the side of the road and told him to go home. He however, told him that he should mind his own business and thereupon struck him in the face and broke his chain and whistle in three places. With the assistance of Mr William Yates witness hand cuffed prisoner who then caught him across the nose with the hand cuffs. When on the way to the police station Barnfield lay down in the road and said that if witness would take off the hand cuffs he would smash his head for him. He made use of very bad language in the presence of numerous females. He eventually got prisoner to his feet and to the police station. Prisoner said he knew nothing about it. .... Prisoner was fined 5/- for being drunk, £1 for the assault and ordered to pay damages 2/6 and costs 5/-. Mr Apperly advised the prisoner to in future leave the drink alone and said it was only because he was a discharged soldier and had nothing previously against him that he got off so lightly.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# PROBUS Women

AGM followed by talk by Anne Williams - Life of a Physiotherapist



On Monday, 14th October our AGM was convened and conducted by our President, Jane Titshall. After much consideration and due to rising costs for first-rate speakers plus, over the last year or so, having to find funding for Speaker's mileage combined with the decline in the number of our own members, the Committee sadly after seven years meeting together and listening to talks on many fascinating topics which, in many cases, generated substantial donations to a wide range of charitable organisations, (many local) reluctantly were forced to arrive at the decision that PROBUS Women were no longer viable and that this would be our last meeting. So, our last speaker, Anne Williams, had the unenviable task of cheering us up!

Anne made her decision early in her life that Physiotherapy was her calling. Nowadays 'A' levels and a much higher education standard is a requirement but in Anne's day, she told us, it was more having your hands checked to see if fingers/hands were too 'bony' - as possible rejection was on the cards as it was thought 'bony fingers' would dig in to the patient causing discomfort. At the time she started, shorts were allowed to be worn but she had to kneel down with them on and a measurement was taken from the floor to the end of the shorts in order to ensure regulation length!

Once she qualified she went to London and had no problem getting a job and shared a flat with her friend Lynda who went to RADA. Linda La Plante to you and me!

Anne's professional life thereafter continued in a similar vein with regards to her associations with famous individuals and she travelled all over the World treating patients from the world of Sport, Music, Ballet, Show business, Politics, the film industry and, even Royalty. When working in Harley Street powerful Sheiks were regular clients of hers. All this didn't appear to faze her whatsoever and her natural no-fuss personality probably encouraged the great and famous to trust her skill and relax in her company. Her many stories held us spellbound and, as she recalled her many tales, she laughed at her own recollections and her infectious laughter rippled through us. She officially retired on her 67th birthday. What a marvellous career!

A good 7 years Readers. A fond farewell from PROBUS Women.

*delia Mason*

# Painswick Probus Club

## “Pen and Polisher”

Painswick Probus Club members were intrigued to discover the subject of the talk by Diana Whitaker on 18th Sep 2019. It proved to be in two parts – first the ‘pen’, her life as a journalist and then the ‘polisher’, her job as a cleaner and general help to a very unusual client.

For many years Di worked on several publications around the south-west including Cotswold Life and the Stroud News & Journal. She entertained her audience with anecdotes about the people and places of the region.

The second part of her story, the polisher, starts when Di was looking for work more compatible with family life. While working as a cleaner Di's natural curiosity led her to discover that her employer was the least well known of the six notorious Mitford sisters, Pamela. Di wrote a book about Pamela's life titled “The Other Mitford: Pamela's Story”.

## Quaint and Quirky Gloucestershire

For the talk on 2nd Oct 2019 Angela Panrucker had assembled a collection of slides of the quaint and quirky things she had found in Gloucestershire, maybe not always quaint but definitely quirky.

Included were examples of statues and stone carvings, wells and well dressings, Green Man carvings, maypoles, village signs stocks, whipping posts and lock-ups, pillar boxes and posting houses, milestones, graves and tombs, finger posts and more.

Of particular note was the clock face with Roman numerals on the church at Littledean but 11 o'clock has the symbol IX not XI. The story goes that the clockmaker's wife told him to be home from the pub by 11 o'clock but XI never came!

*Henry Hall*

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# Seasonal news Painswick Country Market



Yes, it's nearly that time again – Christmas is now only six weeks away. Before you panic why not look at what is on offer from your local Country Market. Here in Painswick you are able to order a variety of seasonal goodies. On offer will be Christmas cakes, a range of mince pies including Stollen and stem ginger as well as the regular bakes of cakes, scones and shortbread. On the savoury side you could try local goat's cheese, sliced ham and quiche, all delicious additions to your festive table.

However, orders for Christmas cakes need to be in by Friday December 6th and all other items by Friday December 13th.

Apart from food, you will also find beautiful wooden items, hand-made cards and knitwear plus Christmas wreaths all available to order. Well worth a visit to the Town Hall on a Friday morning.

Painswick Country Market is held in the lower hall of the Town Hall every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11am. Make sure you have time for coffee and a chat as well.

There will be a break for Christmas with the last regular market on December 13th with a session just to collect orders on December 20th between 9.45 and 10.30 am. The Market will be back in its regular weekly pattern from Friday January 17th 2020. Make sure it's in your new diary.

If you can't get to the Market on a Friday you can telephone Chris Campbell on 01452 812600 to place an order.

## PROPERTY REPORT by Beacon Staff

There are two substantial detached properties newly available in Painswick. Brookhouse Mill Cottage, at the bottom of Tibbiwell, dates from 1760 and has a detached indoor pool, as well as a beautiful garden running along the Painswick Stream (Murrays, £975,000). The Croft is a modern 4/5 bedroom house in Woodborough Close at the bottom of Knapp Lane (Murrays, £850,000). Further out, but even more substantial, is Colethrop House, near Harescombe, a modern house with large garden including a wildlife lake and bird watching hide (Hamptons, £1.35 million). Or in Brookthorpe, Upper Wells has recently been completely renovated (Moulton Haus, £1.45 million).

Looking across the Painswick Valley, Orchard View at Longridge, is a modern 4 bedroom house, now available through Hamptons at £725,000. In Cranham, Easter Cottage is a link-detached property close to the school, but tucked away with great views over the woods (Murrays, £595,000). Back in Painswick, 14 Canton Acre is an end of terrace house in easy walking distance of the Croft School, as well as the village centre (Hamptons, £330,000).

The sale of Hazelbury House on New Street has recently completed and the property is now available for rent at £4,500 per month through Moulton Haus. Through the same agent, sales have been agreed for 3 White Horse Lane, Howbeg on Stamages Lane, and 3 Hyett Close, while through Murrays, contracts on 5 Hyett Close have exchanged. Hamptons report a sale agreed on Windrush in Jacks Green and completions on Woodlands in Stamages Lane and Woodbine Cottage in Edge.

Looking ahead, Hamptons sponsor the Croft School Fireworks night on 9th November, while Murrays are sponsoring the Cotswold Dogs and Cats Christmas Concert on 7th December, where James and Richard Murray will be soloists with the Police Male Voice Choir. Hamptons are working to reduce their environmental impact, reducing plastic usage, offering free water refills, and note that their market appraisal packs are now made from recycled coffee cups!

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**Regular Village Activities** If the times of your regular activities have changed please let Vicky Aspinall know on [cvasp.26@gmail.com](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)

Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00 - 10.15am and 10.15-11.30am
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Sheepscombe baby and toddler group - every Monday except holidays. £ 4.00 for first child, £1.00 others	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30am
Community Lunches at the Ashwell Community Centre start Monday October 7th, every Monday until March	Ashwell Centre	12.00- 1.15pm	
Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at <a href="mailto:abcpilates@internet.com">abcpilates@internet.com</a> or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Artspace Painswick	The Falcons Nest	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers in term time.	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Nia Holistic Fitness	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
Wednesdays	Table Tennis	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
	Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Yoga - all abilities	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	T'ai chi. Contact Jeff on 07970 303694	Town Hall	9.30am
Thursdays	Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers as above: Experienced beginners.	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
	Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or <a href="mailto:nmarshes@hotmail.com">nmarshes@hotmail.com</a>	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm
	Stroud and District Philatelic Soc. 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month throughout the winter. Contact 813440	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris 812600	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
Fridays	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
	Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Artspace Painswick	The Falcons Nest	2.00 - 3.30 pm
Saturdays	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am

## November

Fri	1	<b>Beacon published</b>	
	1	Garden, café and shop open throughout Nov. Owners of dogs go free	Rococo Garden 10.30 - 4.00pm
	1	Wick-flix: A Quiet Place	Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.45pm
	1	The Waypoint Quiz	Golf Club 7.30pm
Sat	2	PBCG conservation morning	Lock up by golf club 9.00am
Sun	3	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church 9.30am



Mon	4	Institution and Installation of Reverend Janet Turville as Rector of the Beacon Benefice	St Mary's Church	7.00pm
	4	Community Lunch - provided by the Ashwell Group	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
	4	Knit and Natter	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm
Wed	6	Cotteswold Naturalists: Darwin and the voyages of the Beagle - Dr Nick Wray. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	6	Richmond Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am
Thurs	7	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Beethoven by bike - Jenny Quick	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: World peace and Japan - Chris O'Grady	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Croft School Fireworks Night. Tickets available from The Pharmacy, school office or on the gate. £4/adult, £2.50/child over 3. £12/family (2+2)	Croft School	5.00 - 7.00pm
Sun	10	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	10	Remembrance Service	St Mary's Church	10.50am
Mon	11	Armistice day	War memorial	11.00am
	11	Community Lunch - provided by Friends of Community Lunch	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	13	Painswick Probus: Music, friendship & the Cotswold hills - a life of Gustav Holst - Angela Applegate	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	13	Gardening Club: Gardening for bees - Alan Wells	Falcon Bowls Club	7.30pm
Sat	16	PBCG conservation morning	Lock up by golf club	9.00am
Sun	17	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	18	Community Lunch - provided by Croft School	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	19	Cotteswold Naturalists: Wood engraving and landscapes - Ray Hedger. Enq 01453 873262	The Hub, Minchinhampton	2.30pm
	19	Local History Society: Mistletoe through the ages - Jonathan Briggs	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Parish Council meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
	20	Midday Prayer	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
Thurs	21	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Gaetano Donizetti - Alex Nichols	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: The Bard of Barnwood	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	24	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	25	<b>Deadline for Beacon copy</b>		
Mon	25	Community Lunch - provided by Painswick Parish Council	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	26	Yew Trees WI: Looking towards Christmas - cake icing demonstration - Chris West. Followed by AGM	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	27	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Outing to St David's Hall, Cardiff. Concert organiser 01242 250427		
	27	Painswick Probus: Perestroika - success or failure? - Masha Lees	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	29	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
<b>December</b>		Please remember to send your programmes for 2020 to <a href="mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com">cvasp.26@gmail.com</a>		
Sun	1			
Mon	2	Community Lunch provided by Christian Aid	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
	2	Knit and Natter	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm
Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists: Disaster waiting - the Severn bridge disaster - Paul Barnett. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	4	Wreath making workshop with Bespoke Flower Co.	Painswick Centre	
	5	Christmas Party	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	6	<b>Beacon published</b>		
	6	Friday club: Christmas Lunch	Golf Club	12.30 for 1.00pm
	6	Rococo Christmas Concert	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
	6	Painswick Gardening Club: Wreath and Garland making	Falcon Bowls Club	10.00 - 12.30pm
Sat	7	Painswick Gardening Club: Wreath and Garland making	Falcon Bowls Club	10.00 - 12.30pm

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

# PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.19/0570/FUL  
PAINSWICK ROCOCO GARDENS  
(revised plans).

Construction of a new visitor centre, community and education room, function room, greenhouse, secured compound, with associated hard and soft landscaping.

S.19/2057/VAR  
EASTLEA, Back Edge Lane, Edge  
Removal of condition 4 - no living accommodation (garage) from S.13/1828/HHOLD.

S.19/2029/HHOLD  
RAMBLER COTTAGE, Sheepscombe  
Infill extension to existing cottage and annexe.

S.19/2184/LBC  
RAMBLER COTTAGE, Sheepscombe  
Infill extension to existing cottage and annexe.

S.19/2091/HHOLD  
6 PAINSWICK HEIGHTS, Yokehouse Lane  
Installation of two windows to the upper floor of the premises.

S.19/2151/HHOLD  
COOMBE HOUSE, Vicarage Street  
Erection of garage and two storey side extension.

S.19/2049/TCA  
GRAYS, Far End Sheepscombe  
Tree 1 - Ornamental Prunus - reduce by 30%, all deadwood removed and one limb removed. Tree 2 - Weeping Willow - re-pollarded to previous points.

S.19/1809/TCA  
THE GRANGE, Sheepscombe  
Weeping Willow - pollard.

S.19/2124/TCA  
THE CROFT, Sheepscombe  
2 Poplars in the bottom corner of the garden - Fell to near ground level.

## CONSENT

S.19/0976/FUL  
SEVENACRES, The Camp  
25 Caravans with 6 electrical power points, shower block, reception area and glamping lodge (Retrospective).

S.19/1874/TCA  
STEEPWAYS, Sheepscombe  
Various tree works.

S.19/1856/TCA  
TOWER COTTAGE, Kemps Lane  
Fell mature ash tree due to honey fungus and ash dieback. Tree in danger of potentially collapsing onto adjoining property in due course.

S.17/0890/LBC  
WICK STREET FARM, Wick Street.  
Amendments to Listed Building Consent reference S.16/1165/LBC

## MINI-ADS

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## Personal Column

### Congratulations

To PETER AND JANET JENKINS of The Highlands who celebrate their Diamond wedding anniversary on November 7th.

### Condolences

To the family and friends of MURIEL MANN of The Highlands who died suddenly at the end of September. A service was held on October 19th at the Sacred Hearts Church, Cheltenham followed by lunch in the Church Rooms, Painswick.

Condolences to the family and friends of Rita Doreen Dickinson who died suddenly at Gloucester Royal Hospital on 17th October. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on 12th November at 11.30 in St Mary's Church. No black and no flowers please.

### Thanks

Mark and Jeremy Kenber would like to thank the residents of Painswick for the friendship and love shown to their late mother ANNE KENBER. We are particularly grateful to those who supported mum after the death of our father and those who attended her funeral and wake on Saturday September 28th.

After twelve years working at The Painswick Pharmacy I am leaving to start a new job.

Thank you to all the people of Painswick and the surrounding areas for making my time here such a happy one! I will miss working here, I will come back and visit. Take care OLWEN TRINGHAM.

ANNE CASTLE would like to thank whoever found a key on the Recreation field and placed it on the bench on the far side. After several unsuccessful searches, she was very glad when she saw it on the arm of the bench!

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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# News from Painswick Surgery

## Flu vaccinations

All the doctors at Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We would also suggest that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma/lung disease, kidney/liver/heart disease and patients who are immunocompromised are also vaccinated as they are especially at risk. Anyone who is a carer is also eligible for the vaccination. As last year, there is a different flu vaccination for patients younger than 65. There has been a national delay on the supply of this vaccine (and it is nothing to do with Brexit!). We have not yet had all our supplies delivered. However, we are optimistic that all vaccines will be delivered to us during the course of November. We have already had two flu clinics in October, and there is another one on Saturday 2nd November – however, this is already fully booked. If you are eligible, please call the surgery to book your appointment for the flu clinic on Saturday 30th November.

## Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)

Contrary to what you may have read in the local press, paper prescriptions are not being scrapped from November 2019. However, they are being phased out over the next year or two. We strongly encourage all patients to nominate a pharmacy so that their prescriptions can be sent electronically. This is much more efficient for both the GP practice and the pharmacy. You can nominate any participating pharmacy you want.

## Dr Sana Ghauri

We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to our GP Registrar, Dr Sana Ghauri, who has now finished her placement at the Painswick Surgery.

## Painswick Surgery Special Equipment Fund

The doctors would like to thank all those patients and relatives who have made such kind donations to our associated charity: the Painswick Surgery Special Equipment Fund. Through their generosity the charity has been able to supply various new pieces of medical equipment to the surgery. Recent purchases include new asthma monitors, pulse oxygen meters and a new resuscitation trolley.

*Dr Rhys Evans, Senior Partner*

# Citizens Advice – Winter Heating Payments



With Winter just around the corner, the thought of heating our homes becomes ever more a constant worry for many of those in our communities. In order to help with some of the energy costs, the government allow a Winter Fuel Payment to every household with someone born before 5th April 1954 living there. The payments are tax free, not means-tested and paid to anyone who satisfies the criteria, irrespective of whether they work or not.

Winter Fuel Payments are paid automatically to those who qualify between November and December by The Department for Work and Pensions; all payments are usually by 13th January the following year. If you think you are entitled to a payment and you do not receive one, then contact the DWP before 31st March 2020.

Cold Weather Payments are another form of government help with energy costs for those household living on low incomes. Payments are only paid to certain means-tested benefits claimants when the average temperature of zero degrees, or below lasting for seven consecutive days in any period from 1st November to 31st March. The Payments of £25 for any qualifying period are triggered automatically by The Department for Work and Pensions.

If you would like any further information about these issues or any other matter please contact Citizens Advice on confidential freephone-08088000510.

This year, Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswolds District is celebrating 60 years in Stroud. Can you help us find 60 new donors for your local charity? An annual pledge of £5 per month can make a real difference. Please phone Ann Horner (812128) or Peter Rowe (813228) for the necessary forms.

*Ann Horner and Peter Rowe*

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