

The Painswick Beacon

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Gloucester Street party



Stamages Lane party

People of Painswick enjoying a lockdown 75th Anniversary of V.E. day

Stroud Road party



Another from the Stamages Lane party



Window in New Street

Thank You

Once again the Beacon are indebted to the Painswick COVID-19 support team for delivery of your Beacon. It is hoped that next month it will be back to some of our normal distribution team.

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.20/0865/TCA Hambutts House, Edge Road. Lime (T1) - crown raise to 6m and crown clean.

S.20/0719/FUL Upper Steanbridge Mill, Slad

Installation of 2 x 18 panel/6kw ground mount solar pv systems within the curtilage of listed asset.

S.19/0646/HHOLD 1-6 Parkfield Cottages, The Park, Painswick

Replace and extend roof structural cladding external wall insulated system with hardwood timber finish - resubmission of S.18/1115/HHOLD.

S.20/0935/HHOLD Hammonds Cottage, Wick Street, Stroud

Conversion of existing garage into an ancillary annexe.

S.20/0852/HHOLD Pincot House, Pincot Lane, Painswick

Proposed rear & side extension.

S.20/0946/HHOLD Wellington House, Stroud

Erection of single storey extension and removal of some external wall and doors.

S.20/0947/LBC Wellington House, Stroud

Erection of single storey extension and removal of some external wall and doors

S.20/0940/TCA The Old Surgery, Gloucester Street

Silver Birches x 2. Reduce back by a third in height and spread in proportion.

Cherries x 3 Reduce in height by 10-14 ft and the sides in proportion.

S.20/0891/FUL 15 White Horse Lane, Painswick Erection of dwelling.

S.20/0834/HHOLD

Woolgatherers, Longridge, Sheepscombe Installation of new solar PV panels on roof.

S.20/0714/FUL Hillview, Cockshoot, Sheepscombe

Proposed vehicle access and parking. Change of use for section of land to residential.

S.20/0910/LBC Southfield House, Vicarage Street

Rear extension to form entrance porch / garden room.

S.20/0909/HHOLD Southfield House, Vicarage Street

Rear extension to form entrance porch / garden room.

S.20/0943/HHOLD Woodlands, Stamages Lane.

Extensions and alterations to dwelling including detached ancillary garden store.

CONSENT

S.20/0162/HHOLD Wychwood, Wick Street, Stroud

Erection of an extension & re-modelling of existing dwelling.

S.20/0186/HHOLD The Cottage, Vicarage Street. Insertion of velux windows and erection of larch cladding.

S.20/0450/FUL Broadham Fields. Replacement of existing defunct cricket nets.

S.20/0505/HHOLD Whitehall Bank, Stamages Lane.

Ground floor rear extension, new dormer window and four new velux windows.

S.20/0642/HHOLD Hillview, Cockshoot, Sheepscombe

Proposed two-storey extension and alterations.

S.20/0626/FUL Beacon Farm Erection of extension to existing agricultural building.

S.20/0663/TPO Druk House, Edge Road

Sycamore (T1). Removal of two lower branches.

S.20/0741/TCA Fieldcroft, Sheepscombe. Field Maple - Fell.



Picture shows the small plot off White Horse Lane sold off by the Council for development of one dwelling.

Please no Bonfires

Notice from Stroud District Council

Please do not burn waste on bonfires during the current crisis.

Covid-19 is a respiratory disease. It is well known that smoke from bonfires may cause particular problems for people with underlying health conditions such as asthma, bronchitis and heart conditions. During this pandemic, more people than normal are at home, working, caring for their family and/or self-isolating. People in your area may already be suffering breathing difficulties due to the virus.

We thank you for your cooperation in doing all you can to protect the health of your family and that of your neighbours, many of whom may be more vulnerable to the effects of bonfire smoke than ever before and who are presently restricted to their homes.

Speeding

The residents of Haines Green (the hamlet halfway along Edge Road, which runs from Painswick to Edge) have recently suffered several unfortunate incidents of speeding motorists killing pets and collisions. The hamlet is not obvious and several of the entrances are concealed, so we are trying to raise awareness about our existence and the risks of speeding on that stretch of road. To that end, we would ask that motorists please drive more slowly.

Christopher Dainton

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District Councillor Report

Financial Support

For Businesses. Of the £26.4m received from central government SDC had distributed 2122 grants totalling £23.6m as at May 15th. The Community Resilience fund to help voluntary groups within the community... has so far paid out 38 grants totalling £35,216. There is a new scheme of Discretionary Grants to Businesses that SDC will be distributing, total value expected to be around £1.4m and will be aimed at small and microbusinesses who are suffering from the effects of the lockdown, and missed out on previous grant aid. Full details will be on the SDC website, but initial indication mentioned B&Bs paying Council tax and businesses previously excluded through not having qualifying premises. If further information or clarification is required, Customer Services at SDC will help 01452 766321 (although they really are experiencing high call volumes, so expect some delay)

Support for Council Tax Payers – Hardship Fund

SDC received £629,000 to support Council Tax payers who may be in hardship as a result of Covid-19. This fund will be to reduce certain taxpayers Council Tax by £150.

Recycling - “tip” re-opens

Gloucestershire County Council have re-opened Pyke Quarry Household Reclamation Centre (HRC) at Horsley from Tuesday May 26th. However visits MUST be pre-booked online, or access will be denied. Other HRCs within the county have been open for some time, using the same arrangements. Pyke Quarry is small and demand will be great, residents could consider using the HRC at Fosse Cross, Hempstead, (closer than Horsley). To book a date & time slot and see all the rules and conditions visit <https://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com> and complete form.

Stroud MP Siobhan Baillie has had a daughter on May 22nd

Nigel Cooper SDC Councillor – Painswick and Upton ward

VE Day - 1945 and 2020

On the 75th anniversary of VE Day, 8th May, a proud display of flags and memorabilia were very much in evidence throughout Painswick. Lockdown restrictions sadly precluded all hopes of more demonstrative celebrations but many residents did make superb efforts to provide a poignant visual reminder of this important occasion.

Of VE Day itself there is little extant evidence of what took place in Painswick. A magnificent bonfire was lit on top of the Beacon and in fact there were similar bonfires on hilltops in every direction. This was apparently an amazing sight; until that day there had been nothing like it. The evening ended with a dummy of Hitler being burnt on the fire. There were celebrations in and around the Institute and children were dressed in outfits signifying the day. This photograph shows six of those children including David Archard and Ann Daniels aged just four years old. David remembers his father drilling a hole in his garden gate post to hold a union flag.



Percy Franklin, home at last, describes how he and his friend went to Stroud for a pint to celebrate in their army uniforms. There they encountered much joyful singing and dancing round the maypole in Paganhill. ‘I shall never forget it,’ says Percy, ‘there were hundreds of people all singing those famous wartime songs.’ So, a wonderful day of merry-making and celebration – though the next day, Percy adds, he and his friend had no recollection of how they got home!

The day of course was an occasion for true celebration and happy relief. It should not be forgotten though that on a broader scale it was in fact the end of six years of fear, uncertainty, change, trauma and loss and that was its true significance.

In the midst of all the joyful activities memories that would be everlasting had been formed through incomparable experiences. My mother told me that on VE Day she and my father were out with hundreds of other folk cheering and singing and clapping. My father stood behind her and she gradually became aware that he was not apparently joining in. On turning round she saw that he was utterly silent and there were tears streaming down his face. When she asked what was the matter he simply said he couldn’t stop thinking about all his mates who had not survived. He had served in the Normandy landings and had recently returned from Belsen having been in one of the first regiments to go into that concentration camp.

There appears to be a dearth of pictures showing Painswick on VE Day though like everywhere else in the country there were indeed great celebrations. Do you have memories of that glorious day, wherever you were? We’d love to hear from you.

Carol Maxwell

Quiz: Identify these roads around Painswick.

Answers on page 20.



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Walkers Quiz : Answers



1. Painswick Stream and Wash Brook



2. In Washbrook valley, footpath near Haines Green and Upper Dorey's Mill.



3. Painswick and Sheepscombe Streams



4. Olivers Mill



5. Cowslip



6. Early Purple Orchid



7. Comma

The winner of the Walker's Quiz.....

in last month's Beacon was Paul Baxter, who had all 7 questions right. Two submissions, from Anthony Fisher and from Paul and Kate French, correctly identified everything except the type of orchid. It was not easy to identify the orchid from the small photo in the Beacon, but the fact that I had written that I had recently taken the photo might have been a useful clue. Congratulations to the winner and the runners up.

Europe Quiz : Answers

Cryptic clues to places in Europe

- | | |
|---|------------|
| 1 Irving or Isaiah? | Berlin |
| 2 Mineral peak | Salzburg |
| 3 Dutch Gin | Geneva |
| 4 Very baggy | Toulouse |
| 5 Connecting wires | Leeds |
| 6 Boxer, non-u | Brno |
| 7 Bottle stopper | Cork |
| 8 Fodder Crop | Lucerne |
| 9 Body part | Brest |
| 10 Good exam result | Belgrade |
| 11 Er, a hot dog | Frankfurt |
| 12 Beautiful mother, (| Marbella |
| 13 Wander | Rome |
| 14 Christmas vegetable | Brussels |
| 15 Crack in surface | Split |
| 16 Stops the seagulls getting the catch | Fishguard |
| 17 Weak perfume | Cologne |
| 18 Lawn invader meets celebrity | Mostar |
| 19 River blocked by Staffordshire-ware | Potsdam |
| 20 Sounds like rouge | Brugges |
| 21 Lettuce | Kos |
| 22 Hen eats | Pecs |
| 23 Is she a bit of an idiot? | Antwerp |
| 24 Pleasant female relative | Nice |
| 25 You must do what she says | Maastricht |
| 26 Loads of paper | Rheims |
| 27 Essential for life | Ayr |
| 28 Spanish Queen Mother | Sofia |
| 29 Water borne larva | Cadiz |
| 30 Even more spotless | Pristina |

Quiz for all ages

Name the well known Confectionary

1. Gardeners Delight
2. An Edible colour
3. Citric gemstones
4. Nearly between
5. Pirates loot
6. Belly dancers
7. Mediterranean joke
8. Carrier for dairy products
9. Where refined people live
10., nine, ten, eleven
11. The occult
12. Home for alcoholic teeth
13. Wobbly infants
14. Sport for a Prince
15. 100% metal
16. Pussy in pieces

Answers on page 20

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Croft School Pool

As you will have seen from the pictures, the swimming pool at The Croft has been demolished. It is a sad occasion, as the pool has given pleasure to two generations since its initial construction. The fact that

not all of the Croft children could actually swim in it has led to the curriculum swimming requirement having to be done elsewhere.

Excessive costs to repair the pool and to upgrade the facilities in line with current requirements, combined with the school's extremely tight budget, has meant that the school decided, in consultation with the parent body, that use of the area for something to benefit all of the children, and which fitted better with teaching and learning would be the best outcome.

Governors and staff will now consult with parents, and all interested parties, on the best way forward for the space, including the idea of creating a multi-use indoor area.



Ian Cridland

Free fundraising for The Croft School



Over the last couple of years The Friends of the Croft School have been fundraising for new playgroup equipment. We have installed some fantastic items including an outdoor stage, climbing frame and activity trail. Virtually all our funds come from events such as fireworks night, quiz night and the summer fair. As we are unable to run events in the current situation we sadly cannot continue to improve the children's facilities.

However there is a way you can help without spending any extra money! We can get DONATIONS DIRECTLY FROM RETAILERS if you shop online through www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/croftschoolpainswick or <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Easyfundraising – more than 4,000 everyday retailers including eBay, Tesco, M&S, John Lewis, Argos and loads of others, will directly donate a portion of the price of any purchases to Friends of the Croft School. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/croftschoolpainswick. Add the 'donation reminder' widget to your browser/app and it will automatically alert you when a retailer is happy to donate. Amazon – go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> when shopping for things on Amazon and select 'Friends of the Croft School' as your charity. You'll have the same experience as on Amazon, but Amazon will donate a portion of the price to us.

Now that many more people are shopping online this could make a real difference. Please share with your family & friends. Anyone can do it, every little helps and funds raised will go towards our ongoing project to update the outdoor play equipment. If you did wish to make a direct donation we would be extremely grateful and as a registered charity we can also claim an additional 25% on donations through gift aid!



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Historic crimes in the month of June

Assaulting a policeman, 1860. Matthew Davis v William Gyde. The defendant did not appear. The complainant, a police constable stationed at Painswick, deposed that on Saturday night last, about 10 o'clock, he was sent for to quell a row at the Star corner, where he found the defendant and his brother behaving in a very disorderly manner, and they appeared to have been fighting. Witness cautioned the defendant to behave himself better or he would get into trouble. He then put himself into a fighting attitude, and said he was a better man than complainant, and put his fist in his face. This he did again and pushed witness a few paces backwards. Complainant said he should issue a summons. About two hours after he saw defendant again at the Oak public house who asked him if he intended to issue a summons. Complainant said he did, upon which defendant again flourished his fists in his face. Defendant was the worse for liquor, but not so much so as to not know what he was about. The Bench inflicted a fine of 2s.6d. with 8s.6d. costs, or three weeks imprisonment at Gloucester. Stroud Journal.

Keep away from the drink, 1890. Frank Swayne, groom, a young married man of Painswick, was charged with being drunk at Badbrook. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Lane stated that at 11.15 on Saturday night Mr Bradshaw, carrier, came to the station and complained of the conduct of prisoner, and witness went and arrested him. He was drunk and had previously been fighting. Mr Bradshaw said prisoner came to him in a drunken state and wanted to go back to Painswick in his conveyance. He got in and witness ordered him out. Prisoner got out but began cursing and swearing and wanting to fight. He should not have come across to the Police Station but prisoner attempted to strike the old man who was putting the horses to. Prisoner said he had not drunk anything for a long time. He had been mudding, and came down to Stroud on Saturday night on business. He met with a young soldier who gave him a lot of beer. He had been kicked in the head by a horse, and the drink flew to his head. Supt. Philpott believed it was correct that prisoner had been kicked. In the cell he was insensible for hours and hours and they had to send for a doctor. He thought the drink affected the man's brain. There was one previous conviction, in 1889, and prisoner said he had not had any drink since then. Fined 2s.6d. and 3s.6d. costs, and allowed till Friday. Stroud News & Glos Advertiser.

Harsh? 1790. David Wood, labourer of Painswick, charged with possessing several young beech trees without satisfactory explanation. Fined 40/- but, being unable to pay immediately, sentenced instead to one month's hard labour in the House of Correction and once whipped.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Library

Trustee Vacancies



Following recent retirements we are looking to recruit two additional trustees and would like to hear from anyone interested. There are currently five trustees responsible for the operation of the library which is a limited company and a registered charity. Duties would include attending about seven evening meetings a year

Even if you don't have the exact skills we are asking for, we would still like to hear from you. An enthusiasm for the library and delivering a service to the community is the main thing we are looking for.

The library is particularly looking for a trustee who has some company secretarial experience and would be willing to take the lead in governance and compliance. Some experience of charities would be welcome but is not essential. Another trustee is needed to fill a marketing role, including promoting the activities of the library on social media and maintaining the library's website and FaceBook page.

If you would like to know more please contact David Glass on 01452 814186 or email:davidglass20@gmail.com.

Pat Pinnegar



Flytipping

A sad case in our area in Sevenleaze Lane

Painswick Library Book Club

Our meeting via Zoom worked well with participants mainly in the Painswick area but one joining from lockdown in London.

We all agreed that 'Home Fire' was an excellent choice of book for the group. Shamsie's reworking of Sophocles' Antigone was a commanding novel of passionate love, fanatical loyalty and conflicted identity, interweaving public affairs with those of the heart. It prompted many issues for discussion, and Kamila Shamsie wrote it well, drawing the characters in depth despite it being quite a short novel. There was an interesting twist at the end which none of us saw coming and we would say it is definitely worth reading if you have not read it already.

Another book many of us have already read and would recommend is 'Where the Crawdads Sing' - the debut novel by Delia Owens, an American wildlife scientist. This story is about an isolated girl who finds education and solace in nature and is already a US bestseller.

The next book for discussion is 'Scrublands' by Chris Hammer which is described as "a powerful, compelling, vividly written Australian crime novel, perfect for fans of Peter May and Jane Harper". The meeting will be on Monday 15th June at 2pm, probably again using Zoom. If you haven't joined in previously please email Carole Smith at painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com for details of how to participate. Hope to see you next month.

Carole Smith

Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)

With the surgery still under considerable pressure, this month we have again sought news direct from the Senior Partner.

Painswick Surgery and indeed the rest of Gloucestershire appears to have avoided the worst of the pandemic. There have been many deaths, each one untimely and tragic but there have been significantly less than had been feared. Partly this is due to the efforts of the entire care system, especially those at the front line. Partly it is due to luck. But in no small way it is thanks to the consideration, fortitude and good old-fashioned common sense you have all shown in implementing the lockdown. On almost every occasion we contacted a high-risk patient to discuss “shielding” measures we discovered that full preventive actions had already been put into place. The infection rate now appears to be decreasing to the extent that the “hot hub” in Stroud may well soon be mothballed as it becomes surplus to requirements.

Things are not however back to normal. Whilst I do not believe that we have missed any significant non-Covid diagnoses, there have been national concerns about patients being hesitant to present. The surgery is open and runs daily triage sessions so if you think you have a significant problem or symptom please do contact us. We cannot however offer a full service. Firstly, decontamination and infection prevention measures are time-consuming and limit face to face consultations. Secondly, every system and department throughout the NHS has had its own pressures and the referral pathways are by no means all open. Thirdly, to be frank, I am not sure anyone wants us to return to the “normal” of waiting 5 weeks for a routine appointment!

A&E attendances plummeted when the lockdown started. The numbers of patients now being seen for heart attacks/strokes and other serious illnesses are back to normal, but the total numbers seen are still significantly down.

Our aim is very much not to avoid seeing patients but to ensure we can promptly see those who need us most. The daily telephone triage will of course continue but it makes sense that every patient gets the most appropriate help, from the right source, at the right time. To facilitate this, in addition to the trained “Care Navigators” we have handling incoming calls, we plan to add an “e-consultation” facility on our website. This is a widely used and evidence-based system which assists in collating the most important information about a symptom before the consultation starts. It is an online system and may not be suitable for all, but when it does go live, I would urge you to consider using it.

The Surgery and all the staff would like to thank you all for everything you have done to keep yourselves and others safe. On Thursday nights when you are clapping, perhaps take a little bow as well. Keep safe, keep well.

Dr Rhys Evans

A longer version of this bulletin is sent by email to patients who register at painswickppg@gmail.com as well as occasional further updates.

COVID-19 Symptom Study

Many of us are briefly reporting each day whether we have symptoms or have been tested, to this database jointly managed by Kings University London and a linked private company, Zöe.

This week they reported that the government added loss of taste and smell (anosmia) to their official list of COVID-19 symptoms. “This is much-welcomed news, as data collected from you and millions of other app users published in top medical journal Nature Medicine suggests that losing your sense of smell or taste is a stronger predictor of coronavirus infection than fever.”

To join the study you just need to download the app to your smartphone. Look for COVID Symptom Study and their blue and red C-19 icon. The more people who contribute the larger and more informative the database will become. More information here: <https://covid.joinzoe.com>

David Perry, PPG Group member



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Police Report

Police chase early hours on Sunday 3rd May

According to our local community police it was a car that failed to stop, no doubt for a serious crime elsewhere, which ended up as a pursuit into Painswick where the driver and passenger decamped into the local streets. The helicopter had been called out to assist and it is understood that the offenders were caught.

Police Statistics for crimes in Painswick

January 20

Gloucester road Damage to property

Randalls field Misc violence

Recreation ground Misc violence

Police statistics are a bit out of date owing to the Coronavirus.

Demolished – No. 2

In views of Painswick taken 100 or more years ago, particularly from the East, there is one building other than the church that really stands out. It is a three storey building on the corner of Tibbiwell and St. Mary's Street, where the Old Bath House now stands. It was the Malt House, conveniently situated next to the



Golden Heart Inn and dominating St Mary's Street. On the Tibbiwell frontage a projecting structure provided a means of hoisting heavy goods to the upper floors.

No obvious traces of it remain. It was demolished around a hundred years ago and allowed construction of the Bath House and the toilet block behind it.

Citizens Advice amid the Coronavirus crisis

When the lockdown began on March 23, Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts quickly mobilised staff and volunteers away from face-to-face interviews to give one-to-one advice over the phone and via email. Since then the charity has helped over 800 people. Help can be given with applying for universal credit, navigating the government's job support schemes, how to manage paying bills, relationship breakdown, as well as many other issues.

Martin, a volunteer Adviser said: "This service is vital now more than ever. There's so much anxiety around this virus and what it means for people's health, wellbeing, jobs and finances. As a volunteer, it feels good to be able to help and it's a privilege to work with such an experienced team of advisers."

Sarah Telford, Chief Executive said: "I am so proud of our volunteers and staff who have quickly rallied round to ensure no-one needs to face the financial challenges of Covid-19 alone. So if you're in need don't hesitate to pick up the phone or drop us a message, our advisers are ready and waiting to help."

The Helpline numbers are 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511 Mon to Fri 10am to 4pm, calls are free from landlines and most mobiles. For email enquiries visit our online email page <https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/stroud-cab-email-advice.php> and complete a short online form with a few sentences about your problem.

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The Railway That Never Was

The vagaries of village politics were epitomised in the attempt, over 100 years ago, to bring the railway from Stroud to Painswick. On 7 November 1866, Mr Little of Pitchcombe called a meeting to discuss the promotion of a Railway Project, and 230 people assembled in Painswick Parish Room.

Interest was aroused when it was pointed out that not only would it greatly improve transport facilities for the villagers, but that it could reverse the tendency to close mills by bringing cheaper coal and facilitate the use of steam-power. A further inducement was the expected rise in property prices, which had shown a down-turn. (It was said that ‘If a house on one side of the main street was bought for £1,000, some on the other side would be thrown in as well!’)

The route of the proposed railway closely follows the line of the modern A46 road from Stroud to Painswick. The terminus is some way from the centre of Painswick - to the west of Stames Lane and below Kingmill Lane. It was not thought worth the extra cost (£1,200) of getting the station “30 feet higher” because it was to be “a line to take mill traffic and not a great passenger line”.

The estimated cost of the railway was given as £15,000, and though there was general support among the villagers, the lukewarm support from Mr Wm Hyett and Mr Dickenson made it seem a doubtful venture.

But six years later, in 1872, Mr Frederick Gyde bequeathed £5,000 for the Railway Project, and the Gyde Trust was set up to further the scheme. Though by now Squire Hyett had come round to the project, the expected cost had risen to £25,000.

The matter was shelved for another 16 years, a flicker of interest being raised with the promise of £2,500 from the Rev and Mrs Seddon, but then an alternative idea for a water supply for the village was put forward.

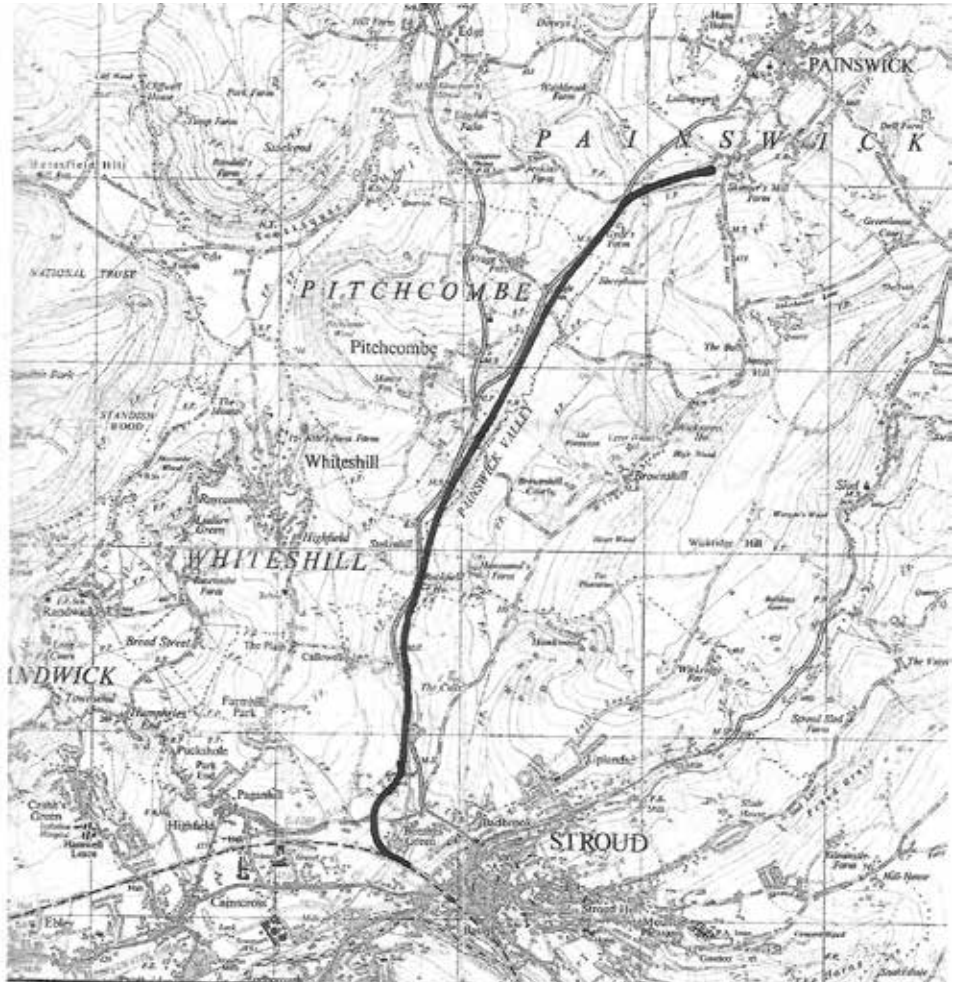
In 1894 the Railway Project regained support when E Gyde, Frederick’s brother, left £5,000 in his will for the scheme. This led to sufficient pressure for the Painswick Light Railway Bill to be put before Parliament, and succeeded in being passed by both Houses.

But by now the Painswick Parish Council was criticising the administration of the Gyde Trust, and requested control. Though this was refused, time was wasted and the Bill of Authority had lapsed.

By now the need for the railway was diminishing with the closure of most of the mills, and in 1906 the Gyde Trust made an interest-free loan to the Stroud Water Authority to establish a water supply to the village.

Perhaps the tardiness was a good thing, as the Painswick Valley would have been despoiled, and the railway would certainly have fallen a victim of Dr Beeching’s axe in the sixties.

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Proposed By-Pass for Painswick That Never Was

The need for a bypass around Painswick had been the subject of discussion for many years- as long ago as the 1930s. Fierce argument had taken place over the route of the bypass and no final decision was ever reached on its precise line. Several routes had been proposed and the County Council had been concerned to “safeguard” the land along those routes when considering planning applications.

The County Council policy as recorded in the Structure Plan of the time was against the building of a bypass as it would cause more problems than it solved as improvements in the historic town would be at the cost of despoilment of the surrounding landscape. The route

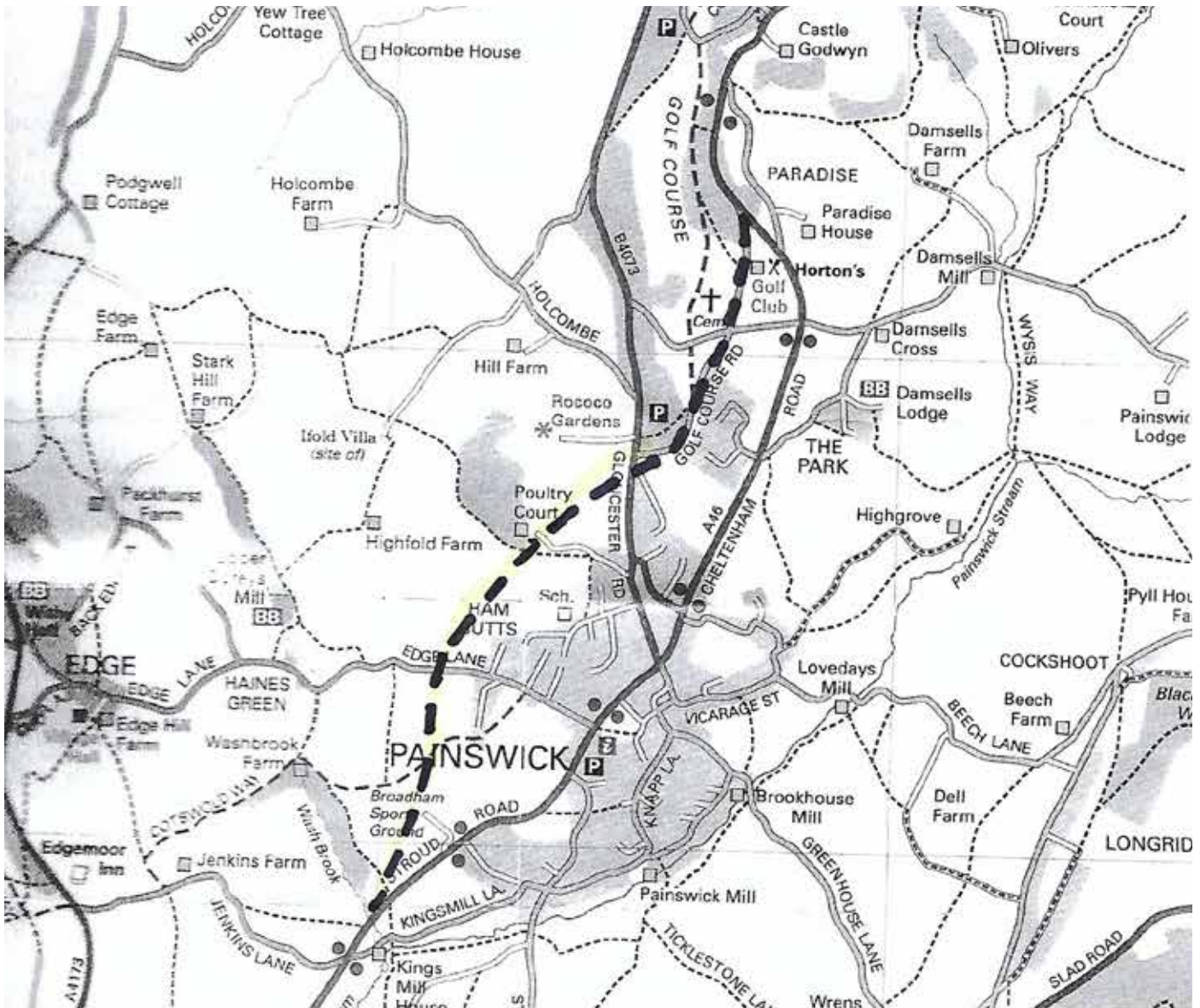
The favoured route had always been the northern proposed route as outlined on the attached plan. As indicated this crossed Broadham Fields to Edge lane below Blakewell Mead then between Butt Green and Painswick House and coming back to the A46 along Golf Course Road.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding restrictions were lifted in 1984 when the M5 Motorway was completed as the bypass was considered unlikely ever to be built. This then enabled in due course for the possible development of the Sports facilities now at Broadham and for the building of a much improved Golf Club House. The lifting of the “Safeguarding” was controversial at the time as the Parish Council had wanted it to stay in place so that a bypass could be resurrected at some future time.

However the village has benefitted with all the enhanced sporting facilities and with the M5 a lot of traffic has been diverted elsewhere.

Based on the archived reports from the Beacon





Negatives and Positives.

During the extremely wet winter just gone, the main paths on the Beacon became extremely muddy and then wider as people walked along the edges to escape the mud. This spring has been

extremely dry and visitor numbers have exploded as people try to get their daily dose of fresh air and exercise. Plants on the edges are now being trampled and the soil compacted as people try to social distance. New paths are appearing on the summit as a one way system starts to develop.

The main (unofficial) car parking area is often saturated with 50+ cars, many parking on new verges thus damaging more vegetation. At the end of a busy day the rubbish and dog poo bins are often overflowing, and the area strewn with rubbish that people can't be bothered to take home. Picnic sites are often vacated with food and drink debris left behind.

It has been reassuring to see some public spirited people picking up litter and placing it in the bins. Thankyou!

Many bikers use the Beacon very responsibly by staying on established paths. However, a few are creating new trails and jumps on the Beacon and in the Plantation Woods. The area is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and contains an ancient scheduled monument - both are protected by law. It is also land covered by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. This allows free access on foot only. Biking or horse riding, without the owner's permission, is only allowed on the public bridleway which crosses the Beacon.



It was a great shame we had to call off work parties early this year. Thanks to a grant from the Painswick Parish Council we hired a local contractor for a day, with a tractor and topper. This was used to cut back brambles from the cemetery area and along sections of the Cotswold Way. It would have taken us many hard days to do the same manually with brush cutters.

Paul Baxter 07971 633 242

Swifts seen

Today 6th May, the swifts returned to Painswick. Eight left last July and I have only seen six so far, one hopes the others will catch up with them. Their plaintive cry is a feature of the village for a few months, especially at dusk.



Penny Govett

Butterflies on the Beacon

We have resumed the Butterfly Transects along the length of Painswick Beacon that Cedric Neilson undertook in the 1990's. Painswick Beacon has been looking stunning this spring. The effects of regular grazing are showing, with good displays of the main butterfly food plants including plentiful horseshoe vetch, birds-foot trefoil, kidney vetch and rock-rose. There are fewer areas of rank, thick grass and the fine balance between grass and light scrub cover is being redressed. Areas cleared of scrub often quickly recolonize with a greater diversity of grasses and herbs.



One area thinned two years ago boasts over two hundred and sixty white helleborine plants, and a bramble patch cleared this year produced three fly orchids. We are seeing good numbers of Common and Small Blues, Adonis Blues, Dingy Skippers and Small Heaths. We've also seen some interesting moths and beetles.

Also been seen are several Wood Tiger Moths which have not been spotted on the Beacon for several years. (Pictured)

As the summer unfolds and more species of butterflies and wildflowers appear, who knows what rarities may be found.

Joyce Barrus

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Spring Slumber

I'm delighted to report that the Garden continues to be well looked after during lockdown. Along with a small number of our lovely volunteers, working mostly from home, Head Gardener Roger and Garden Director Dominic have kept the place going. Like many others, we're finding new ways of doing things and new things to do!

Firstly, we have opened up a beautiful area for plant sales outside our Coach House base which normally houses our Café and Shop. There are many fantastic plants which we have been carefully tending over recent weeks and are now just ready for planting out. After a successful trial weekend, current opening is Friday and Saturday 10-12 each week, though we may need to alter times and days so do check the website or ring before visiting. So if (like mine) your own garden could benefit from local top quality plants, do come and check out our stock. Today there are beautiful dianthus, heuchera and asters and cyclamen – but this will change as the season progresses.

Looking to the future, we hope to be able to re-open the Garden to the public as soon as government advice permits. The Kitchen Garden is starting to fill out, the roses in the Exedra Garden are just starting to bloom and our beautiful historic beech trees are brilliantly green against the sun. We aren't yet sure quite what the arrangements will be – again, we'll keep you posted via this column or you can check www.rococogarden.org.uk.

As the world emerges cautiously from lockdown I do hope to see you in the Garden before too long. The last few months have highlighted that you don't necessarily have to travel very far from home in order to find beautiful, tranquil and restful places. I count the Rococo Garden among one of these very special places. We are lucky to have it in glorious Gloucestershire.

The latest from the Government permits ticketed gardens to open. This we have done. Please make bookings on our web site

Tim Toghil, trustee & volunteer

Temporary closure of vicarage street

Gloucestershire County Council intend to temporarily close part of Vicarage Street from its junction with White Horse Lane to its junction with Beech Lane, the reason for the closure is to renew a water pipe. The road is expected to be closed on 8th June 2020 until 10th June 2020 or until the works have been completed. For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514 514 or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Pete the fish – good news

After his enforced absence during the past few weeks Pete the fish man is pleased to announce that as from Friday 5 June he will be back in Painswick on Friday mornings in the Town Hall car park 9.00-11.00am. He explains that because of the tight restrictions on fishing practices (Pete's fish is all from small boats and therefore fresh, not frozen at sea) he will not be able to present a big range. However, what will be on offer will be of the usual excellent quality and reasonable price. Do go along and support this much missed enterprise and enjoy fish at its very best.



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Jottings.

The weather has been very dry, mild and sunny early this year so we have been looking to the growing season on the farm and in our gardens. The frost that came the other night did catch some of us out in the garden, causing some blackening of our potatoes. But they will recover.

Grass in the fields is now growing like mad, so it is time to think of planning the timing of the first cut of silage. Plenty of sun helps build up the nutritional levels in the leaves and most of the animals are out now to graze for the summer. In the non-grazed fields, a first crop needs to be cut before the seed heads appear, to retain the best food value.

We need some 430,000 people working in the food and manufacturing sector to be able to grow and harvest our produce, 106,000 coming from the EU. If there is not enough labour force, the crops will not get harvested and on to our shop shelves.

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A lot of the exports rose by some two and a half percent in 2019 but there was a big drop in the export of wine to the EU during 2019. Some countries have big import tariffs which hinders our exports, whilst the EU is tariff free.

Martin Slinger

News from St Mary's



By the time you read this article we will have celebrated Whitsun or Pentecost as it is now more commonly called. This is the last of the major Christian festivals in the church's year. The first Sunday in June is Trinity Sunday. After that for the following twenty Sundays in the church calendar are numbered after Trinity with the liturgical colour green. There are a few notable Saints Days. For instance this month we celebrate the feast day of St Peter and St Paul on 29th June.

As you are aware during this corona virus pandemic church buildings are closed. There is no indication at the moment of when they will be allowed to re-open but it is very unlikely to be before July. A commission comprising the major faith leaders and government representatives is meeting at present to consider when it would be appropriate for church buildings to be re-opened. Opportunities to link with public worship are mainly confined to listening to services on the radio or television. The main services are:

Sundays

8am Radio Gloucestershire Morning worship

8.10 Radio 4 Morning worship

10.45 BBC1 Morning worship

1.15pm Songs of Praise

Weekdays

9.45am Radio 4 Long Wave Daily service

Wednesday 3.30pm Choral evensong

St Mary's has a Pastoral Link Scheme which cares for the needs of church members and others. This is especially important during this period of Lockdown. The scheme is administered by Delyth Allen to whom any enquiries for help should be directed _ telephone - 813182.

A big thank you from the Painswick Christian Aid Committee for all who contributed towards the May Christian Aid Appeal. This year we were not able to do the usual house to house collection nor organise special events because of the virus restrictions. However, the total raised so far locally for Christian Aid is £4660 which rises to £ 5623 when gift aid is added. If there are any of you who would still like to contribute there is time to do so. Either make out a cheque to Christian Aid and post it through the lychgate office or give through the JustGiving Website and search for Painswick Valley.

Another big thank you to the volunteers who are regularly mowing the churchyard grass. We are receiving help from church members, The Falcon Inn and the village. We could do with more strimmers to help with trimming round the gravestones and yew trees. Anyone who has a strimmer and would like to help please contact Margaret Radway – tel. 813440 or David Newell – tel. 812 083.

David Newell

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War Memorial

The Beacon published an article in its April issue about the War Memorial and the area around it, suggesting that it might benefit from some improvement. The responses we have had so far are supportive of opening up the area, reducing the height of the yew trees, even removing some parking spaces to create more of a village square.

But the level of response has been low and the Parish Council might still look for more input from local residents before making significant and potentially expensive changes. We would still welcome further comments on this issue. The original article, on page 11 of the April edition, can be seen on the Beacon archive at www.painswickbeacon.org.uk

A few bird notes from Painswick and on the Beacon.

Most birds sing early in the morning, aka the dawn chorus, but blackbirds, wrens, chaffinches and robins can be heard all through the day, the yaffle call of the green woodpecker is well known, the bird seems to be laughing. Meadow pipits are often overlooked but a few pairs nest up at the hillfort, hiding their nests in the tussocks. Blackcap, chiffchaff and willow warbler are three regular migrant warblers who nest on the Beacon and although blackcaps are widely scattered, the other two are best listened for between the Ramblers car park and behind the cemetery.

Observing bird migration these past few months has been more difficult and were mostly casual observations during daily walks up the Beacon including birds observed flying up the Painswick valley. From the middle of April to the end of the first week in May swallows, house and sand martins, yellow wagtail and meadow pipits passed through, with two individual cuckoos also noted moving up the valley.

Finches also featured with goldfinch and linnet predominating and the occasional highlight of a crossbill or hawfinch passing over. Swifts, hobbies, wheatears and tree pipits followed and Red kites were also often seen.

One of the regular sights to be seen from the hillfort or Catbrain Tump is spiralling buzzards, using the thermals to gain height and also they may often be seen performing their aerial mating displays. Ravens also nest locally and their distinctive, loud "cronking" call can be heard usually before the birds themselves are seen.

John Fleming



Looking Forwards and Backwards with the Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club

CNFC Officers have mapped out tentative plans to resume some activities, using the Government's five alert levels as a starting point, and have circulated their thoughts to members, seeking their feedback before our next Zoom meeting of the Club's Council on 10th June.

We also want to make plans to celebrate the Club's 175th anniversary. On 7th July 1846, seven of the original 25 members met at the Black Horse Inn (now a private house) in Birdlip for a hearty breakfast before their first outing, 'descending thro' Lady Cromie's beechwoods [Witcombe Park], examining the local geology, botany and entomology, then making their way to the celebrated remains of a Roman Villa'. That day, those present set the Club's Objects: 'to investigate the Natural History, Antiquities and Agriculture of the Cotswold District and its neighbourhood'.

Many founding members were landowners and an early alliance was forged with the new Royal Agricultural College which opened the year before, in 1845. We still maintain links with the RAU. Last year, we funded a £500 award to Oliver Brooks-Adams, who graduated with a First in BSc (Hons) Countryside Management, for a paper which we published in the Club's annual record of business, 'the Proceedings'. Olly's dissertation considered public access in conservation areas, the damage that this can cause to paths, habitats and wildlife, and the effectiveness of different signage in managing this.

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Painswick Sports

by John Barrus

Some sports are up and running in a limited format



Painswick Golf Club



In line with government regulations, the golf course was re-opened in a limited way on 13 May, but the clubhouse remains closed.

The club has adopted the regulations worked out by England Golf, the governing body for amateur golf in England. The golf course is now open for Members only. Golfers originally had to play as individuals, in twos where the golfers are from different households, or up to four where all are from the same household. As of June 1st, four players may play together even from different households. The game has also been tweaked so as to maintain social distancing (eg no handshakes, keeping distance from other players, arriving immediately before and leaving immediately after one's round, etc) and other measures adopted to improve safety (eg not touching the flag pole – and leaving it in the hole, conceding putts under one foot, not touching other peoples golf balls or equipment, and not exchanging score cards). Competitions are not taking place during this initial phase.

Notwithstanding all these constraints, it has been a delight to get back onto the golf course, though golfers must be mindful of other people enjoying the Beacon at this time. However, with a bit of consideration by all, the space can be enjoyed by all.

New members are welcome. Full membership is available at £475pa (there is no joining fee) or by monthly standing order. Please contact the Club Secretary (01452 380279) for further details.

Peter Rowe (813228)

Painswick Tennis Club



Courts are open now for members, initially for singles and families, but now for doubles as well. There is coaching also available. Hopefully over the next few months restrictions will continue to ease. Meanwhile we welcome new members. Please contact Ruth Smith on 01452 812804 or email ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com

Charles Baker Painswickian of the Year 1819

This is the second in a series of articles on famous Painswickians of the past. If you would like to nominate a 'Painswickian of the Year' from history, do get in touch.

Charles Baker was undoubtedly a Painswickian, living in Painswick for most of his adult life. For his many services to the village, he would also have been a worthy recipient of the title Painswickian of the Year. This article though awards it to him retrospectively for the year 1819, at which point he was just 28 years old and barely a Painswickian at all.

That's because Charles Baker is now best remembered locally as the surveyor who drew up the plans for, and oversaw the construction of, the new road through Painswick that has become the A46. His plans for the stretch from Pitchcombe to Prinknash are dated 1818 and the road itself seems to have been built mostly in 1819, a feat of both roadbuilding and political will that is almost unimaginable today. The road from Stroud to Gloucester, via Pitchcombe and Edge, which Baker had also designed, had been completed a year or so earlier and the connection from Prinknash to Cheltenham followed another year or so later. It was of course a toll road at the time and in Painswick tolls were collected at what is now Melrose Cottage, by the bottom of Pullens Road.



With acknowledgment to Gloucestershire Archives



The Congregational Church in Stroud
Designed by Charles Baker

At much the same time, Baker was surveying the Parish of Painswick for a new valuation and his map of Painswick was completed in 1820. He was a young single man and must at the time have been living relatively locally. Certainly he would have come into contact through his work with most of the local landowners, and it's perhaps not surprising that he came to the attention of Ann Baylis, daughter of a wealthy landowner then living at Castle Hale. The couple were married in 1825 and lived for a time at Washwell House, later moving to Castle Hale after the death of Ann's father, William Baylis, in 1837.

Charles was a churchwarden at St. Mary's Church in 1828 and then again in 1839, the year in which he drew up a second map of the village, the 1839 Tithe Apportionment map. He was by then working principally as an architect, with a practice in Cheltenham from 1834 to 1844, and involved in the layout of the Bayshill estate about 1838. In Painswick he was partly responsible for the designs of the new school on Stroud Road, which later became

the Library and is now converted to housing. He designed Holy Trinity Church in Slad and several important buildings in Stroud, including the Subscription Rooms and the Congregational Church in Bedford Street.

In his later years, Charles Baker suffered from financial problems, renting out Castle Hale and living at Highgrove Cottage, near Baylis's Upper Mill on the stream above Painswick, where he died in 1861 at the age of 70. But he certainly left his mark on Painswick, a mark that is still very visible today.




The old school in Stroud Road, then new.
Designed by George Basevi and Charles Baker.


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Property Report by Beacon Staff

The property market in Painswick is coming rapidly back to life with agents now able to arrange socially distanced viewings, and deals previously frozen now able to go ahead. Agents have seen a noticeable increase in buyers wanting to move out of London, with interest at the higher price bands, and Murrays report three properties going under offer at over the asking price.

New properties on the market include Stocks Cottage, a detached cottage in St Mary's Street, right in the heart of the village (Hamptons, £750,000), the 3 bedroom Pear Tree Cottage in Vicarage Street (Murrays, £545,000) and 5 Randalls Field, a modern detached 4 bedroom house (Hamptons, £725,000). In Painswick, steep streets tend to go with great views and Lantern Cottage in Tibbiwell, a period cottage with three bedrooms, is no exception (Hamptons, £575,000).

Further afield, the Wool Barn at Far End, Sheepscombe (Murrays, £850,000) has south facing gardens and a possible 1 bed annexe, while Charity Cottage right in the heart of Cranham, has a detached garage with a home office or possible 4th bedroom (Murrays, £795,000). In Wragg Castle Lane in Pitchcombe, Kellavie has an elevated plot of around two thirds of an acre with a timber house and may offer scope for a new owner to plan and build their own Grand Design (Hamptons, £400,000).

Contracts have now been exchanged on 14 Canton Acre, 7 Churchill Way, Flat 13 Gyde House and Lower Lodge at Prinknash Abbey, all through Hamptons. Courtside and The Cottage in Hale Lane are both under offer through Murrays, as is Brookhouse Mill Cottage, while Cambrai in Cheltenham Road has completed.

Although property viewings, valuations and sales are all now possible, agents are still working in difficult circumstances with limited staffing and some social distancing and PPE requirements. Do feel free to contact them, but make some allowance if service is not quite up to the standard they usually like to provide.

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2. Stamages Lane
3. Canton Acre
4. Kemps Lane
5. St Mary's Mead
6. Kingsmill Lane
7. Lower Washwell
8. Gloucester St
9. Vicarage St
10. Hale Lane
11. Butt Green
12. The Croft

Answers to Quiz Questions on Confectionary

1. Roses
2. Orange
3. Opal fruits
4. Twix
5. Bounty
6. Turkish delight
7. Maltasas
8. Cadbury's milk tray
9. Quality Street
10. After eight
11. Black Magic
12. Wine Gums
13. Jelly Babies
14. Polo
15. All Gold
16. Kit Kat

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Regular Village Activities In the light of the Coronavirus pandemic most of the activities below may not be running. As we gradually come out of 'lockdown' and events start to run again, please will organisers make sure that I have the correct details.

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	
	Upholstery classes. For information contact Victoria or Sophie on 07835617213 or 07766114940 or www.sew-vintage.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.00am or 6.30pm	
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
	Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171		Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am	
Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790		Painswick Centre	10.00am	
Bingo		Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm	
Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers in term time.		Rococo Gardens	10.00am	
Nia Holistic Fitness		Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm	
Artspace Painswick		The Falcon's Nest	4.00 - 6.00pm	
Morning /evening prayer		St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
Wednesdays		Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
		Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons	
	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm	
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am	
	T'ai chi. Contact Jeff on 07970 303694	Town Hall	9.30am	
	Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm	
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings	
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm	
	Jolly Stompers as above: Experienced beginners.	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm	
	Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm	
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
	Fridays	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
		Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	2.00 - 3.30 pm	
Sundays	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am	
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am	

In case there is an easing of the Lockdown during the month please send in any entries for the Diary to Vicky Aspinall at cvasp.26@gmail.com



Dr Jim Hoyland

It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Jim Hoyland on the 30th April, so soon after losing his beloved wife Jane in January. Jim was much loved and respected within the local community and made an outstanding and unique contribution to the social, sporting and cultural well-being of Painswick over many years. He was the GP for Painswick and surrounding villages for over 35 years, a job that he adored. He always said it was a very happy time and that he felt privileged to have worked in Painswick and the surrounding district.

Jim was born and brought up in the Malvern area where his father was Headmaster of the Downs School. He graduated from Cambridge before completing his professional training at the London Hospital. He worked as a houseman at the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital, house surgeon at Addenbrooke's in Cambridge, and moved to Gloucester Hospital working in midwifery, gynaecology and orthopaedics before moving to Falkland House in Painswick in 1959 to start in general practice. During his career he saw his practice merge with the other Painswick doctors, develop a new joint base at the top of Gloucester Street before finally moving to the new surgery in Gyde Road which is aptly named after him. During these years he was keen to support the retention of Stroud General Hospital where he was clinical assistant in gynaecology for 26 years.

During his time at Painswick, Jim was a Governor of the Croft School for 17 years including 11 as Chairman, a Parish Councillor for 7 years, Chairman of the Painswick Sports Council, and President of the Painswick Rugby Club where he was a driving force in the purchase of Broadham in 1982, the development of the wonderful sporting facilities and building of the Clubhouse in 1997. Music was one of his great interests and loves, as a performer, listener and organiser. He sang with the Gloucester Choral Society, was Chairman of the Three Choirs Festival for 22 years and sang in 15 festivals at Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester. During this time, he played a leading role in arranging concerts and music festivals in Painswick. As a Quaker he regularly attended the Friends Meeting House in Vicarage Street. Quakerism was central to his life and the values of simplicity, peace, honesty, kindness and respect formed the basis of how he lived.

Jim and Jane married in 1956 and had 5 children, 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. A large part of their family life was spent living at Verlands where so many people from the village enjoyed Jim and Jane's generous hospitality with tennis, swimming and legendary teas. They moved to Clarelands in 1984 where he enjoyed playing golf, gardening and walking his rescue dogs over the Beacon. Though not a regular visitor to the village in the last few years, he loved his Friday morning catch up with friends over a cup of coffee at the WI market.

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Personal Column

Thank you

The HOYLAND FAMILY wish to thank everyone for the lovely letters and cards they have received following the death of their father and which has meant so much to them. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in St Marys Church at a later date.

JOHN DUGGAN and family thank most warmly everyone who has written to them since Anne's death, everyone offering help and not least all those who lined the road on 3 April to pay their respects. The latter meant so much as only John, James, Kerry and Ruth could attend the service. Particular thanks are due to Andy and Lucy Proudman for 'putting the word out' about the leaving time of the cortège.

Jennie Preece would like to thank GAIL and RON in Butt Green who have been so very kind to me during the recent 'lockdown' and also RHADIKA and SAGAR and CLAUDIA, NATHAN and the GIRLS. I could not have managed without you wonderful people. Love to you all.

PERCY FRANKLIN wishes to extend his grateful thanks to Emma and Peter Bradshaw for placing a flag in front of his house on 8th May for the VE Day anniversary celebration. He was unable to come out of his house to thank them but was very moved by this thoughtful and kind gesture and wishes them to know how much it was appreciated.



Edward "Ted" Lane

Edward Lane was born in Leonard Stanley on March 10th 1939. He was one of two sons born to Alfred and Ada Lane. He served in the army as a chef and spent his time in Malaysia. After coming out of the army, Edward met Dorothy who lived in Cheltenham and after a short courtship they married and went on to have five children: Adrian, Sharon, Robert, Michele and Terena.

Edward moved to Painswick in the 60s where he worked in his parents' Butchers shop called Lane Butchers, now known as Best One store. Edward had a variety of jobs. He worked at Mothers Pride for a time and then went on to be Sales Manager with Corona Soft Drinks. He was then a driver for several delivery companies before he and Dorothy became the Steward and Stewardess of the Comrades Club in Stonehouse. Edward worked for AA Taxis in Stroud before starting up his own taxi company, Ted's Cabs. This was very successful and he retired around 2003, shortly before losing his beloved wife Dorothy in 2005. Edward suffered ill health for the last 4 years of his life only to have Dementia added to it 18 months ago. He loved living in Painswick where he spent close to 60 years: a place daughter Michele says that he will never leave even in death as he will be laid to rest in the village.



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.

Condolences

EDWARD LANE sadly passed away on Saturday 25th April after a long battle with illness. He was 81 and a resident of Painswick for over 50 years. A memorial to celebrate his life will be arranged in due course.

GEOFFREY ALAN BINNS of Clondra and formerly of Painswick has died peacefully in the loving care of the staff of St. Joseph's Care Centre, Longford, Ireland. Beloved father to David, Paul and Jacqueline. Geoffrey who spent his early life in Painswick Children's Home, will be deeply missed by his loving sons and daughter, granddaughters Kelly-Ann and Jasmine, grandsons Oliver and Ryan, daughter-in-law Sharon, son-in-law Seán, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Remembering JIM HOYLAND I remember Jim as a man deeply in love with his wife Jane whom he cared for to the end of her days. I will always be grateful for his good humour and for his kindness to me personally. He enriched my life with his love of poetry. His was truly a life well lived.
Edward Elgar

Congratulations

To ANDREA AND DAVID LINSELL whose first great grandchild Winnie Eve Cotham was born at 5am on May 29th in Gloucester Royal Hospital.

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