

# The Painswick Beacon

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to all our Readers*

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GB team reach tennis semi-finals

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS by Terry Parker from the meetings held on 16th November

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), James Cross, Ann Daniels, Adrian Gyde, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Martin Slinger, Philip Taylor. Apology: Cllr Andy Cash. The meeting started at 7.15pm

### Matters requiring a decision

S.22/2235/HHOLD. Washbrook Mill, Edge Road.

Replacement of existing garage.

The Committee agreed to object to this application as it did not comply with policy HC6 of Stroud District Council's Local Plan.

The Committee agreed to support the following applications:

a. S.22/1735/HHOLD. Skippets Cottage, Damsells Mill Lane. Replacing existing conservatory with single storey extension and second floor rear extension.

b. S.22/2303/FUL and S.22/2304/LBC. Holcombe Farm. Alterations, including demolition of modern elements and extensions to an existing barn at Holcombe Farm and its conversion to residential use with associated works.

c. S.22/2392/HHOLD. Wellgrove, Paradise. Removal of garage & construction of new extension.

d. S.22/2389/HHOLD & S.22/2390/LBC. Dovecot Cottage Stepping Stone Lane. Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new extension.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Members present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Adrian Gyde, Ann Daniels, James Cross, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Rob Lewis, Philip Taylor, Abigail Smith. Apology: Cllr Andy Cash. County Cllr Sue Williams and District Cllr Julie Job had also forwarded their apologies.

**Presentation.** Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr Alan Fielder representing Pam Bailey, who now lives in Northampton, presented the Parish Council with two paintings of Painswick which Mrs Bailey

wished to give to the Council (see p11).

### Public Questions

Mr David Allott of Stamages Lane, raised various traffic issues of concern which he had taken to the County Council. He expressed his worry about the diversions which had created difficulties for motorists as a result of work being carried out by Severn Trent (see report p6). He also raised the matter of the continuing temporary traffic lights on the A46 at Broadham and the dangerous situation following the felling of the trees alongside the main road. He said that he could not understand the delay in the County Council putting forward a solution.

### Co-option

The Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Sandra Hunkin for the Sheepscombe Ward vacancy following the circulation of the candidate's details to members prior to the meeting.

### Reports

**County Council.** Cllr Sue Williams had circulated a County Council report to members prior to the meeting. The full report can be accessed through the Parish Council website. It includes items on the use of recycling centres, on a cost of living support hub, on cycle lane barriers and on fostering children, amongst other things.

**District Council.** Cllr Julie Job had advised the Clerk that EV Charging Points for all of the District Council-owned Market Town car parks had been agreed by the District Council and that the roll out will be completed within the next two years.

**Chairman.** Cllr Slinger reported on the 11th of November Remembrance Service at the War Memorial which he had attended and read an extract from the Holy Bible. The service was celebrated by the Reverend Andrew Leach. The names of the fallen during the World Wars were read by a member of the military. Wreaths were laid by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council, the Reverend Leach, children from The Croft School and other local representatives. He said that he wished on behalf of the Parish Council to remember the fallen in both World Wars

from the other villages in the parish, viz., Slad, Edge and Sheepscombe. Cllr Slinger also said he would be holding a meeting with The Croft School headteacher to arrange the agenda for a meeting between the Parish Council and the schoolchildren. Meetings had not been held recently mainly because of Covid.

### The Parish Council's concerns relating to Short Term Lettings in the Parish

Cllr Lewis introduced the item and advised the Members that the Parish Council's resolution to the Association of Parish & Town Councils expressing their concern had been agreed at their AGM on 15th July. Cllr Lewis said that there were currently 45 properties in and around Painswick registered for Airbnb/Short Term Lettings. "The Council agreed to ask the District Council what records they might have for Long and Short Term Private rentals in and around Painswick specifically, and if they would be interested in immediate local registration and licensing along the lines of Alcohol and Taxi Licensing. Revenue for this could be raised in the form of payments and levies in Council Tax on such properties."

### Friendship Agreement between Slavutych and Painswick

The Chairman reported that a Zoom meeting had taken place between the two towns on the 4th of November during which the agreement was signed. The Council agreed to the appointment of Cllr Philip Taylor as Lead Councillor.

### Traffic Committee recommendation

The Council approved the recommendation of the Traffic Committee to accept the offer of an ANPR Camera from Gloucestershire County Council and to purchase two further cameras at a cost of £500 each plus an annual licensing fee of £100 per camera.

### Reports from representatives on other bodies

Painswick Conservation Society. Cllr Ian Massey updated the Council on the Society's recent activities.

### Friendship Agreement

Cllr Taylor reported on the various events taking place relating to the recently signed Friendship Agreement.

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### Ward reports

Children's signs. Cllr Smith advised that the locations of the children's speed warning signs had been changed around Pullens Road/A46 junction. Cllr Daniels reported that the temporary signage was obstructing the motorists' visibility. Edge Common. Cllr Martin Slinger advised that consultation was taking place in regard to the Common's fencing.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.

## Beacon Christmas Draw

This year the winners, drawn randomly from amongst our subscribers and advertisers are:

1st prize (a bottle of spirits) to Pat and Malcolm Andrew of Churchill Way; 2nd and 3rd prizes (a half bottle of spirits each) to PJ & A Duggan and to Angela Woodward, both of Stroud Road; 4th and 5th prizes (a box of chocolates each) to Olga Griffiths of Stockend and Mrs M Boden of The Croft.



The prize for our advertisers goes to St Michael's Bistro (Marin and Catalina Petre).

## Our Christmas front cover

The beautiful picture on the front cover, showing Yews in the Churchyard and the Lych Gate, was painted by Will Harris. Our thanks to all those who sent in paintings and photos.

## Boundary Commission Review

The Boundary Commission is currently in its final phase of consultation on revised proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies. For Painswick, the proposal remains that we will go into a new North Cotswolds constituency that stretches up to Chipping Campden, but also includes Minchinhampton, Upton, Brockworth, Churchdown and Hardwicke. Responses to the consultation may be made at [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk), but must be made by Monday 5th December. The Commission's final report is expected to be published by 1st July 2023 and to come into effect for the next General Election after that.

### Licensing Act 2003

Notice of application for a premises licence

Name of applicant: Painswick Garden Estate Ltd

Address of premises:  
Painswick Rococo Garden, Gloucester Road,  
Painswick, Gloucestershire GL6 6TH

It is proposed to license these premises for the sale of alcohol in the Garden Café for consumption on the premises and the sale of alcohol off the premises from the Garden Shop. The proposed license replaces a previous one held for the Garden's former premises onsite in the Coach House and Orangery. **The full application can be inspected by contacting the Licensing Section (see below). An on-line summary of the application can be viewed on [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk).**

Representations can be made **IN WRITING** between: **18 November 2022 and 15 December 2022** to **The Licensing Officer at:**

Licensing Section, Environmental Health, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Westward Road Stroud Glos. GL5 4UB. Phone 01453 754440, e-mail: [licensing@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@stroud.gov.uk)

**It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is not exceeding £5,000.**

**Please note that this notice supercedes that placed in the November edition of the Painswick Beacon.**



A short ceremony at the War Memorial at 11 am on November 11th was led by Rev. Andrew Leach and attended by a sizeable group of local people. The memorial has recently been cleaned by local stonemasons Centreline.

  
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# Gunpowder, treason and plot

On Wednesday 2nd November 2022, just in time for Guy Fawkes night, Dr Tim Brain addressed the Club on the Gunpowder Plot. After a career in policing, Tim knows a thing or two about criminal conspiracy and terrorist activities. With this knowledge and his enthusiasm for historical research, he delivered a superb summary of the inspiration for the plot, how it was planned, and why, mercifully, it failed.



Robert Catesby (1573–1605) was the leader behind the plot and recruited a team of 5 plotters initially. Their main aim was to blow up the House of Lords at the State Opening of Parliament, killing King James, the monarch's nearest relatives, influential members of the Privy Council, the senior judges of the English legal system, most of the Protestant aristocracy, the bishops of the Church of England, and all members of the House of Lords and Parliament, in one fell swoop. Once the King and his Parliament were dead, the plotters intended to install Elizabeth on the English throne as a titular Queen and re-establish Catholicism in England.

Guy Fawkes, an Army engineer with experience of blowing up castles, was recruited to lay the charges and light the fuse. But one conspirator was concerned for the safety of a friend and sent an anonymous letter urging him not to attend. The letter was shown to the King, who ordered a search of the building for anything suspicious. Fawkes who was guarding the explosives, was arrested, tortured, interrogated and, along with many of his associates, executed. Catesby was killed while resisting arrest.

*Henry Hall*

# Without comment

The Beacon has continued to press the County Council for an update on progress at Broadham where temporary traffic lights have now been in place for over 9 months. The response this month says there is no update, but adds 'This is a difficult site as there is no verge for us to be able to install a standard crash barrier and hence it needs thinking about. The other complication is that there is a small retaining wall that we need to take into account.'

# Waste hot, want not

The answers to two puzzling questions were revealed at the October meeting of Yew Trees WI. What happens to our rubbish once our bins have been emptied? And what goes on in that strange construction at Javelin Park? With the aid of powerpoint and video, Diane Greene from The Gloucestershire Energy from Waste Facility gave a comprehensive answer to both these questions.



The Stroud District waste lorries go straight to the Waste Facility which uses state of the art technology to safely and efficiently combust up to 190,000 tonnes per year of residual waste which cannot be recycled or composted. It keeps over 90% of the county's residual waste out of landfill. After burning, the magnetic and the non-magnetic metals are separated out and sent for recycling. The ash is turned into aggregate for road building and the gases going up the chimney are treated before going out into the atmosphere. The residues from these treatments are the only things that are not recycled, they have to be disposed of. The facility generates the equivalent electricity to power 25,000 homes, it employs around 40 people and includes a visitor centre and education suite.

On Tuesday 20th December we are looking forward to welcoming Julia Marusich, one of Painswick's Ukrainian guests, who will talk about Ukraine and her work as a visitor guide at the Chernobyl nuclear power station. Some festive wine and nibbles will also be enjoyed. Ladies, do join us for what should be a fascinating evening: 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms.

*Celia Lougher 812624*

# Change at the Friday Club



At a well-attended meeting on the 11th November the Club held its AGM. Ann Williams, Vice Chair, opened the Meeting and welcomed all those present. She advised that Barbara Tait was retiring and that Joyce Barrus was willing to become the new Chair. There was good news for Ann Williams. In recognition of her many years of hard work on behalf of the Club she was made Honorary Life President. Many Congratulations!

Following the AGM Ann gave a talk on the history of the Club. In 1964 Painswick Old People Welfare Committee decided to set up a club for the over 60s called the Senior Circle. It was set up by Mrs Hoyland, mother of the late Dr Jim Hoyland. There would be talks, followed by tea for 6d, outings and even pantomimes. By 2008 the over 60s didn't want to be called Seniors so the name was changed to The Friday Club. Incidentally tea and biscuits is now £2, not 6d. It's called inflation!

Members were looking forward to a visit on the 25th November by the Ukuladies, a unique female band of Ukulele players. Members will be encouraged to "sing along" with the choruses of well-known songs, take part in a quiz and enjoy well-read poems. Then to cap it all, mince pies and mulled wine will be served once the show is over. Our only get together in December is when we all meet for our Christmas Lunch at the Waypoint on the 2nd December. We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*Mike Kerton*

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# The story of a Cad



The glorious woods at Sheepscombe, now owned by the National Trust, were once part of the estate of Ebworth House, demolished in the 1970s after decades of neglect. In its heyday though, it was a grand mansion, with many stories to tell of its occupants. And there's nobody better to tell them than Elizabeth Skinner, whose knowledge of Sheepscombe local history is second to none.



At the Painswick Local History Society meeting in November she had a particularly lively and entertaining story to tell of one previous owner, Stephen Welch, who inherited the estate in 1812 from a slave-owning grandfather with a sugar plantation in Barbados, which he also named Ebworth – a name still used there today. The grandson seems at least not to have been a slave-owner, but he was nevertheless, as Elizabeth's story amply demonstrated, a bit of a cad, mirroring in real life some of the attitudes and actions of Mr. Wickham in 'Pride and Prejudice'. While he was living the life of a rake, much of the time in France, his wealthy wife was left at Ebworth, where she and her sister experimented with various radical ideas - but that's another story.

There is no Local History Society meeting in December, so the next meeting will be on 17th January, when Stuart Butler will talk on 'The radical history of Stroud'. New members are welcome, as are non-members on payment of a small fee.

*Alastair Jollans*

## Painswick Gardening Club

In November Duncan Coombs gave us an interesting and informative talk on planting for winter interest and colour.

We will be holding our final 2022 meeting and Christmas party at 18.45 on Wednesday 14th December at the Painswick Centre. Ken from KW Sharpening Services will give us a short talk and collect any members' gardening equipment, secateurs and kitchen knives that they think need sharpening! No lawnmowers this time! His charges are £3 per item. He will return the items before Christmas to Painswick for collection. Please make sure all items to be sharpened are well labelled.



We look forward to welcoming members and visitors (charge of £4) at 6.45pm to join our talk and evening of festive fun!

*Philippa Miller*

## Library News

### Library AGM

Having served over eight years as Chairman of Trustees, David Glass stood down at the AGM and was thanked for all his hard work. David thanked library trustees and volunteers for all their work, adding "Without them there would be no library". After substantial disruption from Covid and then problems with the Spydus computer system, the library may now be able to move forward. Trustees have begun to put in place plans for the refurbishment of the library now that the long term leak in the roof appears to be finally fixed.



### Warm Banks

As part of the "Warm Bank" initiative, it is hoped to open the library between Christmas and New Year (December 28th, 30th and 31st), but this will depend on volunteer availability. There will be a Croc-n-Roll musical session for children aged 5 months to 5 years on Wednesday December 28th starting at 2.30pm. You can find updated lists of new books in the library and on our website ([www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk](http://www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk)). Happy reading.

*Pat Pinnegar*

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## One Way confusion

For three days in November, or at least parts of those days, the one way traffic flow in Bisley Street changed direction, going up rather than down the street.

Unfortunately 'No Entry' signs at the top of the street were placed within the street and could only really be seen after drivers had at least started to turn into it, leading to a regular flow of cars coming the 'wrong' way. Those drivers who did brave driving up it, found that visibility at the junction with New Street was very limited, particularly for traffic coming from the Stroud direction. Perhaps luckily, there were no reports of accidents and normal service has now been resumed.



## Gifted Sons of the Severn with the Cotteswold Naturalists

Over 70 members and guests gathered to hear Steve Blake give a fascinating talk on 'A 100 miles of History', along the Cotswold Way. We were treated to an illustrated walk through time from Neolithic long barrows through to C20th Listening Posts of the Cold War.



Our next talk is on Wednesday 7th December at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre when Brian Durk will give a talk 'On Bees and Elephants'. Brian is a founder member of Bees Abroad, a charity set up to help disadvantaged people in sub-Saharan Africa earn a living through selling the products of their beekeeping. Since 1999, Brian has been a regular visitor to West Africa, working on projects in Cameroon and Ghana. Please join us to hear how Bees Abroad makes a difference, and how the Elephants fit in. Visitors welcome.

On Wednesday 4th January at 2.30 pm, Tony Conder makes a welcome return with a talk about 'The Chosen Trio: the friendship between Ivor Gurney, Will Harvey and Herbert Howells'. These gifted sons of the Severn shared a close friendship in the years before the First World War. They drew inspiration from the Gloucestershire landscape and from each other – but the War was to change their lives forever. Join us to hear about their special bond and their impact on cultural life of twentieth century Britain.

Finally, we look forward to another year of Excursions, Guided Walks and Talks. This will be launched at a lunch on Tuesday 24th January, at the Waypoint Restaurant, Painswick Golf Club. Please pre-book with Denise Magauran tel.814570. Please feel free to contact me for a copy of our new programme or drop into one of our talks.

Jane E Rowe 813228

## Seascapes and duets

This month demonstrated the rewards of PMAG - discovering great new music, and how well-known pieces can sound fresh and exciting with virtuoso artists. On 3rd November Howard Allen presented *Orchestral Seascapes*, great music with engaging and enthusiastic commentary. First, Mendelssohn's Hebridean overture, well known as Fingal's Cave, inspired by his visit there with its remarkable basalt columns and unusual acoustics. An inspiring piece, the sound of the sea surging powerfully to and fro. Debussy's *La Mer*, by contrast, evoked a quiet sea. Then the opening of Vaughan Williams' *Sea Symphony* - its power and majesty can only be described as thrilling. Two *Sea Interludes* from Britten's *Peter Grimes* conveyed the brooding atmosphere of the story. Lastly, and gentler, two of Elgar's lovely *Sea Pictures*.



On 17th November Mike Kerton presented well loved opera duets. Such intensity of emotion! Composers included Mozart, Puccini, Saint-Saëns, and Verdi - particular highlights were Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov*, with the most fantastic climax, in Russian, and a soaring orchestral accompaniment. Then an even more intense aria, from Giordano's *Andrea Chénier*, which was completely stunning.

Two meetings in December, 1st at 2:30 Dennis Morgan presents *The call of Rome* - a video of early choral music, with commentary, sung by The Sixteen, with a full performance of Allegri's *Misereri*. To follow, the Berlin Philharmonic under Simon Rattle play Borodin including his 2nd symphony. On December 15th at 2:30 our Christmas social, short AGM, Quiz, and Christmas buffet tea (extra cost). A variety of music, selected by members (bring a CD to share your favourites). We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Colin Moss

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## News from St Mary's

On the first Sunday of the month we have a benefice service when all the churches of the benefice worship together. Throughout the summer we have moved around the village churches but during the winter months these united services will be at St Mary's, Painswick. The first of these communion services will be on 4th December at 11 am and will be led by Revd Helen Sammon, the preacher being Revd. Andrew Leach.



December is the Christmas month when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The first of our Christmas services will be the popular Carol Service. This will be on 18th December at 4 pm and will be led by Revd. Andrew. This is a service which all can participate in as we sing well known carols and listen to the Christmas story. Please note the time, which we hope is a convenient time for whole families.

Another convenient time for families is the following Sunday 24th December which is Christmas Eve. There will be a Crib Service again at 4 pm. This is a service which children particularly enjoy so mums and dads bring your children along.

The Christmas Day service is a family communion at 10 am. It will be led by Revd. Paul Kenchington, a visiting priest. There is something special about attending communion on Christmas Day.

I mentioned in my October article that preparations were underway for appointing a new Rector for the benefice. The post was advertised in the Church Times in October and interviews took place in November. At the time of writing no one has been appointed for the vacancy so the search goes on. Please continue with your prayers.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all

*David Newell*

## Reset Retreat

Local Nutritional Therapist and Personal Trainer Becca Meadows has teamed up with fellow Painswickian and yoga teacher Kate Beatty, to run a Reset Retreat Day at Hilles House on 14th January. The day will cover multiple aspects of health and rejuvenation including yoga, meditation, nutrition and exercise. For more details visit <https://beccameadowsnutrition.co.uk/personal-programmes/events/>

## Baby Jesus Rocks Painswick Have you found yours?

This December, we will be hiding around 300 Baby Jesus Rocks in public spaces all around the village. Find one and it's yours to keep. Follow the event on Facebook and Instagram at 'Painswick Church' for clues and sightings. Then bring yours along to our Baby Jesus Rock Concert on 19th December at 3.00pm in St Mary's for food, crafts, games and carols. Entry is free.

*Liz Eden*



## Painswick Educational Foundation

The roots of the Painswick Educational Foundation (known as the Trust) can be traced back to 3rd April 1707, when a certain Giles Smith signed a settlement to finance the education of 10 boys at the Painswick Free (or Endowed) School. The Trust has since evolved through the twists and turns of amalgamations as well as purchases and sales of assets, and focused on different skills from time to time (such as typewriting and carpentry skills), to become the Painswick-centric charity it is today. In its previous incarnations, the Trust's assets have included a farm with 13 acres at Haresfield, a school site and buildings in Painswick (the first floor and offices on the ground floor of the Town Hall) and a hotel (presumed to be St Michael's Cottage and the Cotswold Private Hotel). Sadly, no such assets exist in today's portfolio. A modest amount is available from dividends and the Trustees meet twice a year to review and approve applications.

Trustees welcome applications from children and young people (including those at university) in the Parish of Painswick (which includes Edge, Slad and Sheepscombe) for grants to assist with educational support, such as educational and IT equipment, books, course fees and apprenticeships. Recently, there have been an overwhelming number of applications, some seeking amounts that are too great for the Trust to support but the Trustees aim to contribute to the extent possible. Perhaps this demand is a reflection of the current climate and also the increasing resources now required to facilitate education. The Trustees would like to be in a position to fulfil all qualifying applications received. In order to do that, the Trust requires an influx of money; any contribution towards the fund would be most appreciated so that the Trust's work may continue.

The Trust's governing document is the same one ratified on 29th July 1932 and its general aim has never drastically changed: since its inception hundreds of years ago, it has sponsored the furtherance of the education (and therefore future chances) of the children and young people of Painswick. The Trustees are keen that it continues to support Painswick in this way and will continue to use available funds to do so in the future. The Painswick Educational Foundation is registered charity number 311771. If you wish to make an application for a grant or to provide a donation or legacy to the Trust, please contact the Clerk, Antonia Wright, by email to [painswickeducationalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:painswickeducationalfoundation@gmail.com) or by telephone (01452 814352).

*Joy Edwards, Chair & Antonia Wright, Clerk*

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## Midwife-led yoga for pregnancy and birth New regular class starts Tuesday 6th December

Pregnancy is the perfect time to start yoga if you've never tried it and always been curious, or to soften and deepen an existing yoga practice - and it's wonderful preparation for birth. Pregnancy yoga is body positive yoga, so it's an accessible, adaptive practice for people with bodies of all shapes, sizes, and abilities and much freer than asana-based yoga. There's less focus on alignment in poses, more about finding ease and comfort through movement and breath, and cultivating a sense of agency and self-confidence. You can become more curious and trust the body as it changes through pregnancy.

Research highlights the benefits of yoga for pregnancy, for anxiety and depression, for improving sleep and mood and for improving birth outcomes. By attending these classes you're giving yourself time to connect with your baby as well as meet others who are pregnant in a supportive, fun and nourishing environment. Sessions include yoga nidra, a deeply restful practice, specially designed for birth preparation and releasing fears.

My yoga inspiration comes from decades of personal practice and guidance from Janet Balaskas, Barbira Francoise Freedman, Bridget Woods Kramer, Uma Dinsmore-Tuli, Sam Burkey, Emma Tilley and Tom Logan. As well as a mother of three, I am a midwife and antenatal teacher, so uniquely experienced and knowledgeable about pregnancy and birth in all settings. Classes start from 6th December on Tuesdays from 6 to 7.15pm at The Painswick Centre, for anyone from 12 weeks pregnant onwards. Equipment is provided. For more information and booking, see [linktr.ee/wildgeeseyoga](http://linktr.ee/wildgeeseyoga)



*Olivia Silverwood-Cope*

## Arts Society Painswick

Our monthly meeting, on 10th November, started with our annual AGM, a short business meeting before the lecture, which was a very interesting look at the influence of Moorish architecture on buildings in Spain. Our lecturer, Ian Cockburn, knew his subject very well and his slides really evoked the spirit of the buildings he spoke about. The beautiful mosque in Cordoba, now the Mezquita Cathedral, the train station in Toledo, the Alhambra Palace in Granada, and the Alcazar in Seville. His knowledge of the history of these buildings was extensive and he was very willing to answer questions and discuss more with members after the lecture. The annual member buffet lunch followed and it was enjoyed by all who stayed for the finger buffet and a glass of wine or fruit juice.



The next and last lecture for the year is on 8th December. The topic is Forgotten Painters. Guests are very welcome at £5.00. Please contact Jeni Craig - email [jenimcraig@googlemail.com](mailto:jenimcraig@googlemail.com) if more information is required or if you would like to attend as a guest.

*Jeni Craig*

## Poppy Appeal

At the time of writing, this year's appeal has raised the sum of £816.28, with the possibility of further donations to be received. Thanks to all the Painswick organisations that supported the appeal.

*Fiona Chapman*

## Bird Migration

July saw the start of the swift return migration this year, with the bulk of the numbers in the last week. Fifteen and a half thousand birds were logged during the month. A few swifts appeared in August and ten more in early September. August was fairly quiet but a few spotted flycatchers, crossbills, wheatears and hobbies passed through and in the trees and scrubby areas willow warblers, chiffchaffs, blackcaps and whitethroats were seen. September had an early hawfinch, a great white egret and a build up in meadow pipit numbers, the first redwing, a late swift and a strong passage of house martins and swallows..

October was a very busy month. The first two weeks had a merlin, stonechat, rock pipits, meadow pipits, wagtails and various finches. Bramblings started to be seen in the chaffinch flocks and a red kite, peregrine and more wheatears occurred. The last half of the month saw heavy passage of birds with redwing, fieldfare, crossbill, hawfinch, chaffinch, skylark, meadow pipit, ring ouzel and eight late swallows. On one day over fourteen thousand birds were counted.

November so far has seen wood pigeons, redwings and fieldfares continue to pass through, often in large flocks, with occasional hawfinches to add to the quality. Painswick Beacon area is on an important migration route through England and counts will continue.

*John Fleming*

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# The Exedra Nursery, well worth a visit

## Christmas tree specials

The Exedra Nursery is truly exceptional, and furthermore it is located right here in Painswick at the Rococo Garden. Owned by husband-and-wife team Steve Richardson and Julie Dolphin, it offers only the very best quality plants, shrubs and garden-related items. With the Christmas season upon us there is even more reason to pay a visit to the Exedra. You will not be disappointed.

Apart from the excellent stock of plants and shrubs on display, there are Christmas extras including Christmas trees, grown in the west country by a family with more than 50 years experience. They are healthy, fresh and classically shaped, definitely top quality and the choice includes Noordman fir, Fraser fir and Norway spruce. And after Christmas? The Exedra is working with the Longfield charity Christmas tree recycling scheme so that disposing of your tree can be done both responsibly and for the benefit of a very worthwhile cause. There is also a selection of seasonal plants such as hellebores, cyclamen and daphnes. And there are some wonderful and imaginative garden-related gifts on display in the little shop. This magical Christmas atmosphere across both the Exedra and the Rococo this month is further enhanced by some special Christmas fare in the cafe.

Steve and Julie opened the Exedra recently having established a reputation for horticultural excellence at Miserden Nursery. Both have impressive backgrounds, Julie having worked for the BBC on Gardeners' World. Their enthusiasm and love of all things horticultural is palpable and the Exedra is a manifestation of this passion. All the herbaceous perennials, which are at the core of the business, are grown mostly locally in peat-free compost by experienced gardeners and there is a wide range, from traditional cottage garden classics to the more unusual - and all through the year too.

The Nursery will be closed from 21st December until 21st January ready for the wonderful new selection of spring bulbs and of course the snowdrop season. Steve and Julie are very pleased about and appreciative of the lovely welcome and support they have already received from Painswick people since opening the Nursery and have plans for future events and talks. The Exedra Nursery is most certainly a great asset locally and together with the Rococo is definitely worth a visit during this festive season. Opening times are Tuesday-Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm. [www.exedranursery.co.uk](http://www.exedranursery.co.uk)

### and on the way in or out ...

do stop and take a look at artist Natasha Houseago working on the creation of some wonderful wood-carved artwork. Natasha is the artist in residence at the Rococo and is very pleased to be working on site. Many ash trees had to be felled in the last year or so because of ash die-back and she is producing impressively large and very beautiful pieces from the felled trunks. The finished artworks then go back on display in the Garden for all to see.

*Carol Maxwell*



## Win a fantastic hamper

Don't miss the chance to win one of three fantastic hampers in the Christmas raffle at the Painswick Pooch. With three different themes – either a boozy bundle, or a pamper delight or a chocolate lover's dream – the hampers are both substantial and great value. Perdi will be selling the tickets for just £1 each at the Pooch for the next couple of weeks and the draw will be made at 4.00pm on Sunday, 18th December. Money raised will be in aid of the dogs trust, a dog rescue charity.

The Pooch is an excellent coffee shop, well worth your support, and this is a great opportunity to win a truly lovely hamper there.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Painswick Bootcamp

Outdoor exercise for everyone at the Monday evening bootcamp 7.30-8.30pm at Broadham Fields. This runs until 19th December and then again from 9th January 2023 every Monday night.

*Becca Meadows*

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## Jottings

Around this area most of the soils are what we call light soils. On the higher land, the topsoil is 2" – 3" deep and down in the valley bottom, 6"+. The soils can be alkaline, neutral or acid. Soil with a pH of less than 7.5 is acid and above is said to be neutral going on the alkaline (this is better in most cases around here).

One teaspoon of healthy top soil contains about one billion microscopic cells with around 10,000 different species. There can be 3 million earth worms per acre. They aerate the soil as they burrow through eating waste matter, especially detritus and manure. This speeds up the decomposition of organic material. They excrete waste matter which adds matter to the soil and food to other species. The burrows are used by crop roots to reach moisture and nutrients such as nitrogen and sulphur. So, the more worms, the richer the soil.

Slugs and snails do the same, although they are more of a pest in gardens. All three are food for a lot of our wildlife including birds, frogs and toads, etc. Dung beetles feed on faeces. They thrive on the cowpats from stock that do not get antibiotics and other additives, because the faeces are more solid with air spaces in which the larvae can breathe, live and grow. You need organic matter and animal muck to feed the soil.

Then there are the roots of plants that live in the top soil and deep rooted plants that live in the sub soil as well. All this and more to keep the soil aerated. You can upset this by having too much water in the soil or by compaction caused by people, footpaths, vehicles and farm machinery going over the same spot. This stops root growth and aerating the soil etc. Then in the worst cases the roots go down through the top soil, but the sub soil being so hard the roots go sideways. There are the very deep rooted plants like docks, some forms of thistle etc whose roots can go down metres. Because of this, they are able to survive in a drought time. Then there are trees roots keeping the soil texture open. We can blame them for taking the moisture out of the soil, but in fact they slow down the movement of rain water downhill into streams and rivers, keeping a more even flow down the banks and fields.

*Martin Slinger*

## Christmas specials

Many local businesses need your support more than ever at Christmas.

**Pete's fish** will be on sale in the Town Hall car park every Friday morning 9.00-11.00 up to and including 23rd December. As well as the usual top quality fresh fish there will be Christmas specials including whole sides of fresh salmon, selections of smoked salmon, crevettes, prawns and much more. Pete is now taking orders for these and if you would like something special he will do his best to get it for you.

**Town Hall Post Master** It is so important that we all continue to use this service, present in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings (9.30 - 11.30 am), if we are to retain it. This year he is emphasising the need to post very early, especially parcels, as the post situation is currently difficult. There is a good little range of charity Christmas cards on sale too.

**Longfield in Bisley Street** is particularly in need of our support if it is to continue trading here. There are some lovely toys, books, jigsaws, games, jewellery, gifts, china, crockery, glassware, as well as clothing, shoes and in particular some excellent charity Christmas cards. And don't forget local business **QWERTY Beerbox** ([www.QWERTYBeerBox.co.uk](http://www.QWERTYBeerBox.co.uk)) has many Christmas present options, including their first ever alcohol free selection.

At this time of year it is important to support our local retailers as much as possible. The Pharmacy, Kate Rich's little shop, Premier, the Fabric shop, Meadows, Handmade in Painswick (Painswick Centre cafe), The Pooch and the Thursday market traders are all worth a visit before going elsewhere.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Property Report

The shock delivered to the housing market in September and October is gradually fading and mortgage rates have come back down a little. Properties are still coming to the market and are still selling, even if mortgages are a bit harder to get.

St. Mary's Cottage in Victoria Street, right in the heart of the village, came onto the market (Murrays, £600,000) but is already under offer. Flat 6, a first floor two bedroom apartment at Hyett Orchard, is available at the time of writing, although restricted to over-55s (Hamptons, £200,000). Further afield, Badger's Walk, a modern detached 3 bed property in the heart of Slad, is available through Murrays (£800,000) and The Bungalow at the Knoll in Cranham, a 2 bedroom detached chalet bungalow is offered by Hamptons (£500,000). Two older properties available are Laburnum Cottage, a four bedroom detached house at Jacks Green (Hamptons, £855,000) and The Old Chapel, a former Congregational chapel in Slad, run in recent years as a luxury holiday rental (Hamptons, £1.25 million).

Other properties going under offer include Tall Trees at 8 Randalls Field, Olivas and 2 The New House in Friday Street, while contracts have been exchanged on The Mill House in Pitchcombe, The Old Library in Stroud Road and 1 Brookhouse Mill.



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# Paintings presented to the Parish Council

At November's Parish Council meeting, councillors were pleased to accept two paintings of particular local interest, generously donated by Pam Bailey, who with her husband John lived for many years in Painswick. John Bailey was one of the key people involved in setting up the Painswick Local History Society some thirty years ago, while Pam's work with many local organisations, particularly the Wednesday Ashwell Group, was recognised when she was chosen as Painswickian of the Year in 2003.

One of the works, painted by John himself, shows an imaginative portrayal of Painswick as it might have been in around 1500 (see the back cover). The other is an original 'cartoon' by the stained glass artist Edward Payne, prepared in advance of his creation of a memorial window in St. Mary's Church. The window commemorates Michael Cawthorn, who died in the Korean War in 1951 and is one of a pair of windows in the church created by Payne, which feature representations of the biblical King David. The final window, showing David with his sling, differs substantially from the proposal in the cartoon, which shows him standing over Goliath with a sword. Both works will hang in the Town Hall.



Council Chairman Martin Slinger with Alan Fielder, who presented the paintings on behalf of Pam Bailey

## Friends of the Croft School

### The Croft Fireworks Night

We are thrilled to have been able to bring the Fireworks back this year and what a night it was. Thank you to the wonderful volunteer parents, teachers and governors who made it possible. Also a huge thank you for everyone that came on the night and helped us to create such a wonderful event which raised £2000 to put towards enriching the lives of pupils at our school. We now look forward to our next event:

### Painswick Naughty Elf Trail

Following on from the amazing success of the past two years, the Naughty Elves will be back once again over the first week of the Christmas school holidays. The Painswick Naughty Elf Trail will run from 17th – 23rd December, with a £200 John Lewis voucher as the star prize! More than 20 cheeky elves will be up to all kinds of mischief in window displays around the village, to delight children and adults alike. There will be a map to follow to help spot the elves and thanks to generous sponsorship from local businesses, each trail map purchased brings a chance to win. Maps cost just £4 each and can be purchased at [www.naughtyelftrail.co.uk](http://www.naughtyelftrail.co.uk). We cannot wait for the village to come alive once again with the sound of fun, laughter and Christmas spirit.

*Amy Conroy*



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## New defibrillator in the village

You may have noticed that Painswick has a new defibrillator at the front of the Centre, to add to the one already sited at the Town Hall. A very big thank you must go to the Painswick Senior Fitness Group who generously gave the funds for this, and to Roy Balgobin and the Parish Council for their hard work in getting it installed and arranging training.

## Festive art workshops for children

We're delighted that artist Hannah Ellis is back this December for more children's art workshops! Suitable for ages 5-11, children will craft their own snowmen or penguin sculptures, make paper star decorations, and create colourful festive reduction prints. Please visit our website [www.painswickcentre.com](http://www.painswickcentre.com) or email [classes@painswickcentre.com](mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com) for more information; reduced rates are available.

- After school classes, Thurs 1st/8th/15th Dec, 3.45-5.15pm
- Weekend workshops, Sat 10th Dec 10-12.30pm or 1.30-4pm

## Secret Postcard Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who created miniature artworks or bid on them in our first ever Secret Postcard Exhibition. We're very pleased to announce that the total raised was a huge £865. Once we've covered our modest costs, all proceeds will go towards the future renovation of the Beacon Hall.

## Food Nights

There will be two more takeaway nights this December, serving 5-8pm, before we take a bit of a break in the new year – Food Nights will be back in February!

- Thur. 8th Dec Burgerlish (organic beef & vegan burgers)
- Thur. 15th Dec Mama's Family Food (Jamaican & Italian)

## Morning Market

The Morning Market will continue to take place every Thursday 8.15-9.45am up until 22nd December, starting again on 12th January. Find our Facebook group 'Painswick Morning Market' to keep up to date with which local traders will be there each week.

## Wick-Flix

We had a full house for the November screening of Operation Mincemeat and a fabulous night was had by all. Wick-Flix is now on its Christmas break, but the team is looking forward to welcoming you back in January.

*Susie Andrews*

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## Why Have Insects Declined?



*A continuation of last month's article.*

The causes are many; habitat loss to development, climate change, light pollution, intensive farming, invasive species and a blizzard of pesticides. Early chemicals used to control pests in agriculture evolved from chemicals developed in the last world war. DDT, organophosphates and paraquat were used in abundance, but were all soon shown to have disastrous consequences to wildlife and humans. They were banned but replaced by new, even more toxic and controversial chemicals e.g. neonicotinoids.

Early use of insecticides seemed to be a perfect solution to pest control. A couple of applications per season would control aphids and mites easily but would also kill lady birds, lace wings, ants and earwigs, their natural predators. Aphids reproduce many times a season, but unfortunately their predators do so only once, so, next year the farmer is forced to spray again, starting a cycle of reliance. Neonicotinoids have been shown to be deadly to bees and hoverflies and even in tiny concentrations, of parts per billion, create deformities in bees which prevent them functioning normally, and stops them pollinating crops. This is already an economic disaster and honey bees are being cultivated to export around the world to try and replace the native bees which have been eradicated.

Use of herbicides, designed to target plants, may seem unlikely to affect insects. However it does. Glyphosate is used in huge quantities globally and now crops have been genetically modified to be glyphosate resistant so that fields may be sprayed and every non crop plant killed. In one instant this removes all the food plants for any insects. It has been shown that glyphosate kills some of the gut bacteria of bees, affecting their health. Bee have been heavily researched, but what of the thousands of other insects we know very little about? Chemical companies have to supply toxicity data, expressed as LD50, the amount of chemical needed to kill 50% of the target organism.

These are always calculated in laboratory conditions, but no assessment is made of the long term exposure to cocktails of tiny quantities of these compounds as they build up in the environment.

The most worrying thing to me is that we know very little about most of the insects being affected, the long term effect of these chemicals on wildlife or humans and even knowing some of these chemicals end up in our food, we continue to use them.

*Paul Baxter*

# Painswick Community Support Christmas Update

Well what a year it's been ... 2022 saw the launch of our Community Hub on Fridays in the Town Hall, a place where villagers young and old meet for a chat, grab a cuppa and slice of cake. The cafe has been so well received with up to 50 villagers attending regularly. More recently we opened the Town Hall on Wednesdays as part of the County Council's "Warm Banks" initiative, providing another opportunity for you to enjoy an hour or two of warmth, refreshments and good reading as well as an opportunity to play boardgames or do other activities if interested! A big thank you to all of our volunteers and helpers, without whom we would not be able to provide such amazing services to our community.

## New Initiative - Community Suppers

We recently secured a "Thriving Communities" grant from Gloucestershire County Council to fund 6 Community Suppers. We feel this initiative will be a great way for villagers young and old to make friends and forge deeper connections within our community. We hope to welcome up to 60 villagers to each event where they will be treated to a 2 course meal from local chef Matt Black. The first event will be on Tuesday 6th December, 5.30pm arrival where Matt will be serving chicken and mushroom pie, roast potatoes, carrot mash/cabbage followed by sticky toffee pudding with pear toffee sauce. (Vegan/GF Options available)

Future Dates: Tuesdays 10th & 31st January, 14th & 21st February and 14th March. Time: 5.30pm arrival (1 sitting) at the Church Rooms. To book your place and find out more please scan QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/JcoWLt4QdxMmva4p9>

## Struggling with your bills? 65 and over?

We have access to household support vouchers for anyone who is struggling financially with their shopping. Please do contact us.

If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956203087, email: [painswickcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com)). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

*Hannah Lansdowne BEM  
On behalf of Painswick Community Support*

# A busy Christmas time

This month the Rococo Garden will be opening its gates during the first two weekends of December (that's 3 & 4 and 10 & 11 December) and then from 26th December through to 2nd January. On each day we will be open 10am until 4pm with last admission at 3pm. Come along and have coffee and cake in our Café, or perhaps enjoy some festive refreshments. Our Shop will be open and stocked with gift ideas and locally-sourced food, including our very own range of homemade chutneys, jam and honey.



Brand new for our December opening is the family trail 'Unipiggle and the Festive Freeze' created by local author and illustrator Hannah Shaw. Hannah's magical Unipiggle series is published by Usborne and aimed at 6-8-year-olds and has made successful appearances here previously. This time... well, Unipiggle has planned a festive party and all of the guests are late, and young explorers' help is required to discover what has happened. The trail is available on arrival and you can find out more at [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk)

If you've still to buy your Christmas tree, then don't forget that you can get yours from our new neighbours at Exedra Nursery. And thinking about the festive season, I should also highlight that Rococo Gift memberships are the ideal gift for that hard-to-buy-for person and something that lasts all year. You can ring or email us and we will post out. Note that last date for posting in time for Christmas is Monday 19th December. Call 01452 813204 or email [info@rococogarden.org.uk](mailto:info@rococogarden.org.uk).

After Christmas we are partnering with the wonderful Longfield Hospice to recycle Christmas trees locally, creating woodchip which we will use onsite. You can easily book your collection online in return for a donation. You can find out more about the scheme by visiting [www.longfield.org.uk](http://www.longfield.org.uk).

Thank you for your amazing support this year. A great deal has happened at the Garden during 2022 and we've emerged stronger and more resilient as a result. We look forward to seeing you in 2023. We all wish you a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year – and I hope you'll make time to refresh yourselves in the beauty and tranquillity of the Rococo Garden!

*Tim Toghill, Volunteer*

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# Painswick Sports

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## Rugby



October 22nd saw the 1st XV take on Cheltenham in a top of the table clash and came away with a very hard fought 20-10 victory in front of a big crowd. During the day we held our first former player and Vice Presidents' Day of our 150th season. It was fantastic to see so many former players from days gone by, covering many previous decades. I would like to give a big thank you to all that made it a wonderful day! We will certainly be holding another event in the new year, more details to follow.

The following week saw the team travel to Old Patesians. In a typical game of two halves, a 17-0 half time lead was not enough to keep our hosts at bay. Playing with the wind and the slope, Old Pats clawed back into the game, taking a last minute converted try to take the spoils. A visit to the Forest next. Playing 'Down



the Bridge' against a typically robust Cinderford side in typical Forest conditions, the 1st XV fell short for the second week in a row, defeated 28-12. With a couple of weeks off to refresh the bodies and nurse the early season injuries, we look to get back to winning ways on the 26th of November when we travel to Newent.

## Jack Mitchell memorial day

On Saturday 17th December we will be holding our annual Jack Mitchell memorial day. Jack was a Painswick RFC player and serving British Army gunner when he was tragically killed in 2017 at the age of 24. Each year we hold a memorial game and fun day in memory of Jack, raising money for several charities close to Jack's heart including The Nanyuki Children's Charitable Trust. This years game will see a wise and experienced over-35s team take on a young and fit under-35s side. There will be various things happening in the club, including bouncy castles and music. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Jack with a Christmas tipple at the bar.

## Mini and junior section

Our mini & junior section continues to grow and we train on Sunday mornings from 10am. We currently run age groups from tots (reception age) to Under 11s (year 6), as well as Under 15s and a Colts team. For more details and to check our fixtures, please contact [painswickrfcminis@gmail.com](mailto:painswickrfcminis@gmail.com). Please feel free to bring your aspiring young rugby players for a free taster session.

## Painswick Tennis Club President retires after 12 years



Joan Griffiths retired as President of the club at the recent AGM. She joined Painswick Tennis Club back in 1984 when the club only had the 2 courts at the Recreation Ground. She went on to the committee in 1987 serving as Secretary for 5 years followed by Ladies Captain until 2010 when she was elected President. Having been on the committee for such a long time she was involved in the expansion down at Broadham over the years which now boast six tennis courts and a tennis clubhouse.

In addition to her achievements at Painswick tennis club, Joan has been actively involved in the Gloucestershire Lawn Tennis Association for many years becoming chairman of the league committee in 2007, a position she plans to continue with. In recognition of all her work on behalf of the club over the years she was awarded Life Membership at the AGM.



Joan Griffiths (centre) with Ruth Smith, Secretary (left) and Ness Fair, Ladies Captain (right).

Congratulations go to the newly elected President of the club, Nigel Barnett.

Awards presented at the AGM

Most improved boy

Most improved girl

Most enthusiastic junior

Player of the year

Member of the year

Most improved player

Sam Hepner

Olivia Deshais

Jasper Skelston

Hannah Watkins

Ness Fair

James Ashcroft



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# GB success for Lissey Barnett in Glasgow

Following Lissey becoming British number 1 in Ladies Doubles, she was asked to play for Great Britain in the Billie Jean King Cup (formerly known as the Fed Cup) alongside Heather Watson, Katie Boulter, Harriet Dart and her doubles partner, Olivia Nicholls. Alicia was delighted to be given the honour to play for her country on home soil in Glasgow. After Great Britain lost in qualifying stages earlier this year they were awarded a wildcard into the finals and deemed 'underdogs' by many, especially as their group consisted of Kazakhstan and Spain.

Their first match was against a strong Kazakhstan team. The first two singles matches were against this year's Wimbledon singles winner, Rybakina and #52 ranked Putintseva and resulted in GB trailing 2-0 going into the doubles where Lissey and Liv went on against the doubles #11, Danilina and Rybakina. The British duo came out with positive, fun energy managing to raise the spirits of the team and getting the crowd on their feet by playing brilliant tennis to close out the match 7-5 6-3.

After playing this match, Lissey was presented with her 'Colours' by Billie Jean herself. She is now the 320th Colour Holder. Colours are the equivalent to 'caps' in other sport and are achieved when a player steps on court to play for GB for the first time.



Going into the last day of group stages, Lissey and Liv had kept the rubbers live by winning their last match but GB would have to win 3-0 against Spain if they wanted to stay in the tournament. Our singles players, Heather and Harriet both put in inspiring performances and played some of their best tennis to give GB a 2-0 lead resulting in the deciding match to be played by Lissey and Liv in the doubles against a pair that had a 12 match winning streak. The match started off tight but with the crowd on their side and still living off the high from Tuesday the pair powered through winning 7-6 6-2, resulting in Britain not dropping a set and reaching their first Semi-Final since 1981.

The semi was against Australia and after two battles in singles we were tied, coming down to the doubles to decide the outcome once again. The Australian pair consisted of Sam Stosur, a multiple grand slam singles and doubles champion and Storm Sanders, also a grand slam champ. There was nothing in the match, with each pair winning a set on a tiebreak. The atmosphere was electric with excitement and nerves as the match entered a deciding 10 point tie break, which the Aussies went on to win 10-6. Lissey has had an incredible week representing her country with her team and has hopefully inspired people across the nation to keep chasing their goals.

*Nigel Barnett*

## Painswick Golf Club

The golden colours of the beech trees lining many fairways are a delight at this time of year. The rain has been welcome for the course after the long dry summer, though less so for golfers and others walking the Beacon! Winter tees (from newly installed raised mats) are now in place for the winter months. And steps leading up to the tees on the 10th and 11th holes have been improved, though care is needed in slippery conditions.



Robin Hare and Duncan McCarroll at the start of the Remembrance Day competition

In the Seniors section, a Remembrance Day competition was organised on the morning of 11th November, with a 2-minute break for reflection at 11am. The competition was a bowmaker in teams of three, with one person to score on the first hole, two on the second, three on the third and then back to one on fourth and so on. Congratulations to Finlay McLean, Harry Burke and Mike Sanderson who won with a great score of 88 points. Twenty-one seniors took part and instead of a competition fee, donations were invited with £320 being raised for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

A presentation of Seniors' trophies won over the year took place after the competition and then the Seniors' AGM was held. The out-going Seniors captain, Robin Hare and Seniors committee members were thanked. The new captain, Duncan McCarroll and vice-captain Ian Broderick were elected. Committee members John Barrus (secretary), Phil Taylor (competitions) and Phil Jennings (Seniors Open) were re-elected. Henry Hall was thanked for his service as treasurer over several years and Nigel Cooper agreed to take on the role. Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors. Golfers wishing to play our unique course should check in to the clubhouse before starting their round. Members of the public are welcome in the clubhouse for meals and refreshments. Please note that there is usually no catering on Mondays. Call 01452 812180 for more details.

*Peter Rowe*

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# Stroud Half-Marathon



Well done to the runners from the Painswick based, Stroud Valleys Trail Runners, who took part in the Stroud half-marathon on Sunday 23rd October. SVTR runners were: Oliver Bintliffe (1hr 38min 11sec), Ian Miller (1hr 42min 24sec) and Tim

Wynn-Jones (1hr 47min 14sec) with Ian finishing a pleasing 5th in his age category. Other events that have been entered in the year include the Roger Briers Race Series, Stroud Trial half-marathon, Forest of Dean Spring half-marathon and the Bath half-marathon. The men's group meets regularly

at the Recreation ground, Painswick, on a Wednesday evening (7:30pm) and Sunday morning (8:30am) with a variety of routes and distances that take in a mix of off-road/trails and road running around the local countryside. All abilities welcomed and if you are interested please contact [hello@stroudvalleystrailrunning.co.uk](mailto:hello@stroudvalleystrailrunning.co.uk) or Tim on 07879 443610 to be added to the WhatsApp group.

*Ian Miller*



## PLANNING MATTERS

*Information received from the Parish Council*

### NEW APPLICATIONS

S.22/2165/HHOLD The Byre, The Park  
Erection of two storey extension.  
S.22/2231/HHOLD Foxbury, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe  
Erection of first floor extension and new porch  
S.22/2292/HHOLD and S.22/2294/LBC Byfield House, Bisley Street  
Replacement conservatory  
S.22/2186/HHOLD Yew Tree House, Edge  
Proposed two storey side extension (with accommodation in roofspace) and single storey side extension  
S.22/2235/HHOLD Washbrook Mill, Edge Road  
Replacement of existing garage  
S.22/2247/HHOLD Beechcroft, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe  
Proposed garage conversion and internal reconfiguration, new porch extension, changes to fenestration and external alterations  
S.22/2230/HHOLD The Reddings, Slad Road  
Erection of detached coach house  
S.22/2210/HHOLD Knapp Corner House, Knapp Lane  
Proposed single storey and two storey extensions, and two storey rear extension forming garage and ancillary accommodation  
S.22/2287/HHOLD Cotswold View, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge  
Proposed replacement of outbuilding  
Changes to application S.22/1578/HHOLD to include lower ridge level and 3 roof lights  
S.22/2303/FUL and S.22/2304/LBC Holcombe Farm  
Alterations, including demolition of

modern elements and extensions to an existing barn at Holcombe Farm and its conversion to residential use with associated works

S.22/2392/HHOLD Wellgrove, Paradise  
Removal of garage & construction of new extensions.  
S.22/2389/HHOLD and S.22/2390/LBC Dovecot Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane  
Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new extension  
S.22/2425/LBC Tophams, Friday Street  
Removal of partition wall to create open plan kitchen/dining area.  
S.22/2437/HHOLD Mirfield, Stroud Road  
Proposed roof extension and change of external materials, replacement of existing garage  
S.22/2433/TCA Flat 1, Gyde House, Gyde Road  
Silver Birch and mature Conifer - Cut back the branches touching the phone line by approximately 1 metre to clear  
S.22/2408/TCA2 The Green, Sheepscombe  
T1 - Hazel; Coppice. T2 - Hazel; Coppice. T3 - Hazel; Coppice. T4 - Western Red Cedar; Height reduction by 3 metres. T5 - Yew; Crown reduction by 2 metres.

### CONSENT

S.22/0542/HHOLD and S.22/0570/LBC Tocknells Court, Cheltenham Road  
Internal and external alterations including replacement rooflights and chimneys. Revised single storey extension design.  
S.22/0799/FUL and S.22/0800/LBC Stone House And Hamand Antiques, St Marys Street  
Alterations and change of use from office (Class E) to two dwellings (C3 Use class).  
S.22/1794/HHOLD Brooklands Cottage, Sheepscombe  
Replace existing rear conservatory with single storey extension and replace existing single storey rear extension with

double storey rear extension. Extension and conversion of garage. New porch to front. New storage shed and parking area.  
S.22/1904/HHOLD 1 Yew Tree Cottages, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe  
Single storey extensions to existing dwelling and garage, dormer to rear. Re-submission of S.22/0064/HHOLD.  
S.22/1947/HHOLD Prospect Coach House, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe  
Redevelopment of the original bungalow and associated works.  
S.22/2056/FUL Worgans Barn, Folly Lane  
Installation of two poly tunnels for use in connection with agricultural/livestock  
S.22/1735/HHOLD Skippets Cottage, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe  
Replacing existing conservatory and addition of second floor dormer to the rear of the property.  
S.22/2106/LBC Recreation Cottage, Slad Road, Slad  
Replacement and refurbishment of roof.  
S.22/2100/FUL St Marys Church, Stroud Road  
Replacement of artificial Cotswold stone slates on nave and chancel roofs to natural Cotswold stone slates.

### REFUSED

S.22/1437/OUT Land Adjoining Stamages House, Stamages Lane  
Outline application for the construction of up-to 3 self-build/custom build dwellings.

### WITHDRAWN

S.22/1614/HHOLD Painswick Mill Cottage, Ticklestone Lane  
Replacement of existing modern rear single storey extension.  
S.22/1951/HHOLD Washbrook Mill, Edge Road  
Erection of single storey extension and alterations.

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

Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact Sophie <a href="mailto:sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk">sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls. For beginners and experienced players. All equipment provided. 2.00/session to cover refreshments	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester <a href="mailto:skester@outlook.com">skester@outlook.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
	Rococo Sprites. See <a href="http://www.rococogarden.org.uk">www.rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or <a href="mailto:tennpatricia@gmail.com">tennpatricia@gmail.com</a>	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am
	Warm Wednesdays - Painswick Community Support is providing a warm space with tea, coffee and biscuits. All welcome	Town Hall	10.30 - 12.30pm
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or <a href="mailto:fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com">fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com</a>	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact <a href="mailto:BalletClaire@outlook.com">BalletClaire@outlook.com</a>	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain <a href="mailto:cgswain:btinternet.com">cgswain:btinternet.com</a> or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Whole body workout for all ages and ability. Contact Jo on 07768 799741 or <a href="mailto:info@joannedaleyPilates.com">info@joannedaleyPilates.com</a> .	Painswick Centre	11.00 - 12.00pm
Saturdays			
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido <a href="http://www.gloucestershireaikido.club">www.gloucestershireaikido.club</a> .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am

**Village Diary**

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**December**

Thurs	1	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The Call of Rome - Dennis Morgan	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	2	<b>Painswick Beacon published</b>		
	2	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch	Town Hall	12.30 for 1.00pm
	2	Rococo Garden Christmas Carol Service. All are welcome	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
Sat	3	Rococo Garden open all weekend	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 3.00pm
Sun	4	Benefice Eucharist	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	5	Community Lunch: run by Christian Aid	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	6	Painswick Community Supper. 2 course supper cooked by a local chef. All welcome. Details in Painswick Support Christmas update for how to book or call 07956 203087	Church Rooms	5.30pm

Wed	7	Probus: Christmas Dinner with the Ladies	Richmond Village	7.00 for 7.30pm
	7	Cotteswold Naturalists: On Bees and Elephants - Brian Durk. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Sat	10	Rococo Garden open all weekend	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 3.00pm
Sun	11	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Tues	13	Yew Trees WI Christmas Lunch - prebooking is essential	St Michaels Bistro	12.00 for 12.30pm
Wed	14	Gardening Club: KW Sharpening Services - 3.00/item + Pre-Christmas event.	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
	14	Tea and Carols. Everyone welcome to come and sing carols, meet up with friends and enjoy a cup of tea.	Church Rooms	2.30 - 4.00pm
Thurs	15	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Party, AGM and Quiz	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	17	Naughty Elf Trail runs until Dec 23rd	Throughout the Village	All day
Sun	18	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	18	Carol Service	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Tues	20	Yew Trees WI: Update on life in Ukraine - Julia Marusich	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
	20	Cotteswold Naturalists: A Tudor Christmas - Kirstie Bingham Enq 01453 873262	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
Fri	23	<b>Beacon copy date</b> Naughty Elf Trail ends		
Sat	24	Crib service	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
	24	Christmas Eve Eucharist	St Mary's Church	8.30pm
Sun	25	Christmas Day Family Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	26	Rococo Garden open every day until January 2nd	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 3.00pm
Fri	30	Painswick Community Hub serving tea, coffee and cakes. All welcome.	Richmond Auditorium	9.30 - 11.00am

### January

Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists: The Chosen Trio - the friendship between Ivor Gurney, Will Harvey and Herbert Howells - Tony Conder. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	5	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Inspired by Shakespeare - Duncan Richardson	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	7	<b>Painswick Beacon published</b>		

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## Congratulations

To JAMES BARNETT and HANNAH FRITH on the safe arrival of their son Archer on 27th September. A third grandson for Nigel Barnett and a first grandchild for Russell and Mary Frith of Scotland.

To VERA ALICE FLEMING who celebrated her 101st birthday in Sheepscombe on November 1st.

## Condolences

To the family and friends of JEAN NEWELL who died peacefully in Gloucester Royal hospital on Thursday 3rd November. She is sorely missed by her many friends. David and the family thank you for the many cards received expressing sympathy, love and support. A great comfort and much appreciated.

To the family and friends of JONATHAN STEDALL, who died in October at the age of 84. Jonathan and his family lived for some years in Vicarage Street before moving to Sheepscombe in 1993. He was a renowned documentary maker, principally for the BBC, producing programmes presented by John Betjeman, Malcolm Muggeridge and Alan Bennett amongst others. His 1992 film 'Another Christmas' for the BBC's 'Everyman' series, featured several local people.

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Left: Painswick as it might have been around 1500, imagined and painted by John Bailey (see page 11)

Below: A peace symbol made from Autumn leaves, fruit (quince) and late garden flowers. The quince and flowers resemble a Ukraine flag. It was created by Phil Taylor, recently chosen by the Parish Council to develop the Co-operation agreement between Painswick and Slavutych. The photo has been sent to the Mayor of Slavutych.



## Painswick's Goodwill Evening



Photos by Peter Rowe