

The Painswick Beacon

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Celebrate the Jubilee in Painswick

Jubilee bunting

People around Painswick have been hard at work decorating their bunting flags, and by the time you read this the volunteer sew-ers will have been hard at work putting them all together into our very own Jubilee bunting. Look up over the long Jubilee weekend as they flutter in the wind above the streets, and see if you can spot your flag! With many thanks to Painswick Fabrics, Cath Kidston Padgham, The Painswick, Yew Trees WI, and The Painswick Centre, as well as the bunting volunteers.



Thursday 2nd June - Lighting of Beacons

As we go to print, efforts are still underway to include the Painswick Beacon as one of the beacons that are being lit across the country in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. However, as an area of Special Scientific Interest and protected by both Natural England and English Heritage, it may not be possible. Across the country though more than 1,500 beacons are being lit at 9.15pm to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, so if you walk up to the Beacon and it's a clear night, you should be able to see some others. If the lighting of Painswick Beacon can go ahead, an announcement will be placed on the noticeboard outside the Town Hall.

Friday 3rd June - Street parties

Get to know your neighbours! Villagers have been busy planning street parties, and there are many happening around Painswick.

Saturday 4th June - Cream Teas and Music at the Oak

Cream Teas from Yew Trees WI in the Church Rooms, 3-5pm, everyone welcome. And at the Oak, Sean Saye plays live, featuring retro pop & rock n' roll classics, til late.



Jubilee display in the window of the Painswick Pharmacy

Sunday 5th June

- 11am Service in St Mary's Churchyard
- 12 noon Bring a picnic to the churchyard to enjoy after the service. The Box Coffee will be serving coffee and cake and there will be ice creams, as well as a Jubilee cake and bucks fizz
- 12.15 Vintage car parade: watch some of Painswick's finest vehicles drive through the streets
- 12.30-3.30 Jubilee Celebration at The Painswick Centre: cake and plant stalls, bar
- 2pm Children's Crown Competition: all children are invited to make and decorate a crown and come to the Centre for 2pm where they will be judged and prizes awarded
- 2.30pm Painswick Bowls Club Street Tournament
Final: spectators welcome, bar open

Susie Andrews

Street Parties

In the July edition of the Beacon we would like to include photographs from as many of the various street parties around Painswick as possible. Please send any photos to beacon@painswick.net

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held in May, by Terry Parker

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of widest public interest, based upon what we see and hear.

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and on-line at the Parish Council's web site.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

11th May 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), Andy Cash, Adrian Gyde, Martin Slinger. Apologies for absence: Cllrs James Cross, Ann Daniels, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Ian Massey.

Matters requiring a decision

S.22/0799/FUL and S.22/0800/LBC. Stone House and Hamand Antiques, St Mary's Street. Change of use from offices to two dwellings.

The committee agreed to object to this application as it would result in the loss of business premises in the retail centre of Painswick.

S.22/0796/FUL and S.22/0797/LBC. Snows Farm, Slad. Oil tank shelter and use of section of existing barn as living accommodation.

The committee agreed to object to this application as it did not contain adequate information.

S.22/0767/HHOLD. Midsummer House, Slad. Replacement single storey extension, external material changes and internal alterations.

The committee agreed to support this application.

S.22/0838/HHOLD. Extra Cover, Far End, Sheepscombe. Alterations to garage to form office space, facilities & attic store. Conversion includes a raised roof to match existing profiles. New shed

The committee agreed to support this application.

S.22/0822/FUL. Land adjacent to 14 Pullens Road. Erection of a new single storey 1 bed dwelling.

The committee agreed to support this application.

S.22/0842/FUL. Land adjacent to 15 White Horse Lane. Erection of a dwelling. The committee agreed to support this application.

S.22/0923/CPE. Land adjoining Stamages House, Stamages Lane. Certificate of Lawfulness for use of land as residential curtilage (C3) associated with Stamages House.

The committee agreed not to comment on

this application.

S.22/0123/LBC. Recreation Cottage, Slad Road, Slad. Repair & refurbishment or replacement of all windows.

The committee agreed to support this application.

S.22/0809/TCA. Brooklands Cottage, Sheepscombe. T1 Prunus/Damson. Remove. T2 Pinus Migra – prune and redirect growth. T3 Fagus Sylvatica – remove dead wood.

The committee agreed to support this application.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Note. The Parish Council Planning Committee has delegated authority to submit application recommendations directly to the District Council Planners without the endorsement of the full Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCIL 18th May 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Abigail Smith.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs James Cross and Adrian Gyde.

In attendance; County Councillor Sue Williams.

Chairmen and Committees

The council re-elected Cllr. Martin Slinger as Chairman with Cllr. Andy Cash as Vice-chairman. The members agreed the membership, of the council committees as follows:

Finance & General Purposes & Personnel (Chairman Cllr Ian Massey), Rural Environment (Chairman Cllr James Cross – to be confirmed), Planning (Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis): membership is all members of the Parish Council except Cllr Abigail Smith). Traffic Committee (Chairman Cllr Smith). Land & Buildings (Chairman Cllr Rosie Nash).

The members also agreed their representatives on 18 of the local organisations and charities.

Reports

County Councillor. Cllr Sue Williams had submitted a written report prior to the meeting. At the meeting she referred to the ongoing consideration of an appropriate barrier at Broadham on the A46 following the felling of the Ash trees. She agreed to look again at the need for improved drainage in Tibbiwell, repairs to the broken mounting block in Bulls Cross and the request for additional speed reduction measures at Edge.

In her report, Cllr Williams said that the County Council is to update the on-street parking Pay and Display machines. The new machines will allow secure and fast card payments, both contactless and chip and pin and will no longer accept cash payments. "The on-street parking machines in Gloucester, Cheltenham and Cirencester will benefit from these changes". The machines will be replaced this summer. Cllr Williams also referred in her report to the ongoing improvements being effected in Gloucester to enable safer pedestrian access to the railway station from the city centre.

Chairman. Cllr Slinger submitted his report and referred to the arrangements for administration of the Council and public access.

Full Parish Council meetings are generally held on the middle Wednesday of each month. Members of the public can come and listen from the public seats at the back of the Hall, or can come and ask a question. Questions for the Council can also be submitted to the Clerk in advance. Planning meetings happen twice a month to review and comment on applications before they are determined by Stroud District Council.

Parish Councillors may belong to one of four other committees, Finance & General Purposes, Rural Environment, Traffic, and Land & Buildings where they discuss matters before bringing them to full Council. The Council has two fully trained Clerks, who are essential to the

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smooth running of the Council. They work extremely hard and in some cases work well past their paid hours. As a Civil Parish, Councillors may represent Slad, Sheepscombe, Edge or Painswick, in proportion to the population of each parish to make up a total of twelve Councillors.

Grass cutting schedule for Edge Village Green

The subject provoked a considerable discussion. It was finally agreed to contact the Manorship and seek advice on what would be permitted in regard to conservation on the Upper Village Green. Once the Council had the information it would be the intention to hold a Public Consultation. It was agreed that the Upper Village Green would not be cut until July.

Accounts

The Council approved the accounts as presented.

Grant application

The Council agreed to a request for a grant from the Friends of The Croft School. The agreed sum was £100.00.

Representative reports

Library. Cllr Parker reported on Library issues.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group. Cllr Massey reported that the Group had attained Charity status. He also gave details of the Group's first aid training and spoke of the recent work carried out by the working parties.

Hambutts Field Trust. Cllr Lewis reported on a recent meeting that he had attended.

Ward and other reports

Jubilee Bunting. Cllr Smith reported on the actions taken to provide Jubilee bunting and asked for Members' help in putting up and taking down the bunting and whether anyone would be prepared to paint a Parish Logo on the bunting.

Community Speedwatch. Cllr Smith reported that the Speedwatch team would

be starting again shortly and that she was investigating funding for traffic calming measures through the County Council. Recreation Ground Play Equipment Fencing. Cllr Smith advised that she had received numerous responses from the public regarding potentially fencing off the play equipment. These responses would be considered by the Recreation Ground Trustees.

War Memorial. Cllr Nash told the Council of a recent site meeting with a contractor.

Sheepscombe. Cllr Parker reported that the villagers were looking into setting up a conservation project on the Village Green. She also advised that Jacks Green was in good order with the wildflowers multiplying.

Edge. Cllr Slinger advised that a Ward Cllr's meeting had recently been held in Edge Village Hall.

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Easy for some, a tricky challenge for others

We've all probably walked along local pavements and footpaths and found we've had to step aside or even into the road because of overhanging bushes, encroaching nettles or something on the ground. However, does it ever occur to us that for people with mobility problems this can cause immense problems? A local resident has brought this to the attention of the Beacon and in particular because of the real difficulties confronting those with mobility problems in certain parts of Painswick.

Walking with the aid of a mobility walker or perhaps a walking stick is essential for some people, enabling them to leave the house and engage in what everyone else takes for granted. That's fine, but what happens when, for example, a car is parked halfway on to the pavement leaving a space which is too narrow for the mobility apparatus? Similarly, a seriously overhanging, overgrown hedge at head height probably necessitates stepping into the road or at least trying to manoeuvre the walker sideways which is far from easy. If this occurs in a very narrow footpath it may present an impossible situation for someone dependent on his or her walker.

Other problematic conditions include stone chippings and gravel spreading from drives onto the pavement making it very difficult to push a mobility walker through, or stinging nettles and brambles growing at knee height especially in narrow footpaths. And of course there's always the problem of dog poo which can be dangerous for anyone. Painswick, like many other places, unfortunately has several such locations. One notable example is the narrow footpath leading from Gloucester Road through to Gyde Road, used by many as a route to the surgery. At present it is very overgrown, creating an unwelcome challenge for any mobility walker or stick user.

So where does responsibility lie for such conditions? In many cases it is in fact the actions, or lack of action, of individuals, be that drivers, or dog walkers, or land and garden owners allowing hedges and weeds to spread across public footpaths. Pavements are for people, and for those with mobility problems the state of our pavements and paths is particularly crucial.

Carol Maxwell



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New leadership for Yew Trees WI



I have read that as a result of the pandemic many clubs and societies faltered. Not Yew Trees WI! 12 new members have been welcomed during the last year. At the recent AGM, Committee members were thanked for all their hard work in keeping in touch with members and organising excellent zoom meetings during lockdown. This was in no small part due to the dedication and hard work of the outgoing President: Janet Jenkins. Jennie Preece, the incoming President, paid tribute to the immense amount of time and effort Janet has devoted to Yew Trees during her 3½ years in office. The evening had started with a very sociable beetle drive which became quite lively at times – how can it be so difficult to throw a six?

Those members who attended the Annual County Meeting in Cheltenham enjoyed a really good day. Jennifer Wearden, former Senior textile curator at the V&A spoke about “Sustainable fashion” and Mary-Jess, a local girl, who became a world-famous singer after winning the Chinese X Factor, gave an inspiring talk about her life. Guest of honour, Princess Anne, who quite unobtrusively joined the meeting, impressed members with her wise impromptu address.

A skittles match against Sheepscombe WI proved great fun. Yew Trees ladies showed their good manners by allowing their opponents to beat them! Happily the quiz team fared better. Congratulations go to them for winning a three-way tie break in order to get through to the Gloucestershire Federation’s competition final. Do you know how long elapsed before Buzz Aldrin followed Neil Armstrong on to the moon’s surface?*

Sadly a members’ riverside walk was postponed due to heavy rain. Thankfully the state of the weather cannot dampen members’ enthusiasm for a proposed theatre visit or mah-jong tuition.



Jennie Preece (left) with the outgoing President, Janet Jenkins

All this goes to show that membership of Yew Trees involves far more than attending their interesting monthly meetings. On Tuesday 28th June Dr Katy Bellamy will speak on “False Memory”. She proved hugely popular when she spoke to members of the Probus Club recently, so ladies, don’t miss out, come along to the Church Rooms at 7.30p.m.

Celia Lougher 812624

*20 minutes



Presentation of British Empire Medals

In a ceremony at Highnam Court in May, Hannah Lansdowne and Irena Litton were presented with the British Empire Medals that they were awarded for their outstanding services to the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. The photo shows Hannah (third from the left) and Irena (second from the right) and two other recipients, with their medals and with Edward Gillespie, Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire and Manny Masih, Deputy Lieutenant.

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Library News for June

10th Anniversary Party

Wednesday 20th June is our 10th Birthday, so we are inviting all to the Library for tea and cakes, starting at 2.30pm. A celebration of our first 10 years as a Community Library and a way of saying thank you to all the volunteers and valued customers!

Trustees of Painswick Community Library



Spydus

You may not know the name, but it is the computer system that all the Gloucester Libraries, including the community libraries use. It is still having trouble, and many of the Community Libraries are having the same issues as us, for which we can only apologise again. At the time of writing, we still don't know when it will be fixed, so please bear with us for a bit longer. Discharging and issuing books may have to be done manually, so it may take longer than usual.

Ian Cridland

New Books

Due to the system problems mentioned above we have been having difficulties adding new books to our stock. We hope to add books to stock during June including the following:

Fiction

Aaranovich, Ben	Amongst Our Weapons
Ali, Monica	Love Marriage
Browning-Wroe, Jo	A Terrible Kindness
Gale, Patrick	Mother's Boy
Hallett, Janice	The Appeal
Herron, Mick	Bad Actors
Keegan, Claire	Small Things Like These
Moss, Sarah	The Fell
Parton, Dolly	Run Rose Run
Prose, Nita	The Maid
Shamsie, Kamila	In the city by the sea
Tyler, Anne	French Braid

Non-Fiction

Bolton, Catherine	Putin's People
	A Times Book of the Year 2021
Lowe, Hannah	The Kids
	Costa Book of the Year 2021
Mount, Ferdinand	Kiss Myself Goodbye
	- the many lives of Aunt Munca
Smith, Julie	Why Has Nobody Told Me This Before
Sridhar, Devi	Preventable

Full listings, including Junior books, will be at the library and updated on our website. Happy Reading.

Pat Pinnegar

Foodbank

Thank you all for your generous support this month. See the photo of the Food Bank notice board!! They have been very very busy with the extra deliveries and are having to open up another two collection points. The next Foodbank Collection will be on:



Wednesday 8th June 2022 10.0 am - 12.0 noon, Stamages Lane car park and at the Stocks by the Church.

Please save the date and be generous, demand is overwhelming. Food bank would be grateful for the following but as usual all food items would be gratefully received, however they have plenty of pasta, tea and cereal.

Tinned ham, tinned corn beef, fray bentos pies, tinned hot dogs, tinned tuna, tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, fruit juice, UHT milk.

If you wish to donate online, Foodbank banking details are CIO sort code 09-01-29 Acc 21994911. Once again many thanks for your support.

Stroud Foodbank

Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Painswick Library Book Club will take place on Monday 20th June, 1.30-2.30pm. The novel we will be discussing is Whistle in the Dark by Emma Healey (the author of Elizabeth is Missing). If you would like to join us, please come along and meet other members of the group. For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com



Pat Andrew



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News from St Mary's

In June of this year we have an abundance of celebrations! June 5th is Whitsunday or Pentecost as it is more commonly known now. This coincides with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The following Sunday 12th June is Trinity Sunday, the day we especially celebrate God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee is due to be celebrated over 4 days, 2nd – 5th June. What a remarkable achievement! Queen of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth for 70 years, the longest reigning monarch in the whole of our national history. At the beginning of her reign she pledged that whether her life was to be long or short it would be devoted in service to her country and beyond. How faithfully she has kept to that promise.

Throughout her reign she has scarcely put a foot wrong, maintaining the highest standards of duty, integrity, honesty and faithfulness. She has stood head and shoulders above the majority of rulers and politicians in the world of her time. A driving force throughout her reign has been her faith in God to which she has often referred in her Christmas Day broadcasts. We thank and praise God for her loyal service and devotion during a remarkable reign.

To mark this occasion of her Platinum Jubilee, amongst other celebrations there will be a special service in the churchyard of St Mary's on Sunday 5th June at 11am. All parishioners and visitors alike are invited to join in this commemorative service which will be led by our Associate Priest, Revd. Andrew Leach. We look forward to seeing you there.

David Newell

The Croft School Summer Fair Saturday 16th July 12 – 4pm Croft School

This year The Croft School Summer Fair returns after a two year absence and we intend to make it one not to be missed! It will be bursting at the seams with excitement, games and delicious food. We invite you to come along and join the fun, whilst also helping to raise vital money for our school. Below is a flavour of what you can expect on the day;

- Traditional fair stalls including Tin Can Alley, coconut shy and face painting
- Bouncy Castles for all ages
- Parent Tug a War & Bike Race with a difference
- Police car, Fire engine and Stroud Fire Fighters
- Plant stall
- 2nd hand toys and school uniform stall
- Hot food - burgers and sausages locally sourced, vegetarian and gluten free options
- Tea, coffee and delicious cakes and ice cream
- Licenced bar

There are lots of ways you can help make sure it is not only a brilliant day but also raises loads of money for our school too.

- Most Importantly Volunteer (hourly slots) – we simply can't do it without you! Sign-up sheets will be available in the coming weeks or email FOTCSpainswick@gmail.com.

Plus :

- Has your child outgrown their bike, why not donate it for use in the parent race (preferably 16inch & upwards)
- Having a clear out? We would welcome saleable toys, books and uniform for the 2nd Hand Stall (collection point to come in the school office)
- Green Fingered? If you have any potted plants or flowers spare – add them to our Plant Stall
- Spread the word – it is shaping up to be a great afternoon so invite your friends and family to join in the fun. Who doesn't love Bouncy Castles, Games, Cake and a cold drink on a sunny day?

Look out for posters around the surrounding areas or see us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/friendsofthecroft
We look forward to seeing you there.

The Friends of the Croft team

Charity Shop attack

After the attack on Painswick's Longfield Shop in December was featured on BBC Crimewatch Live, local police have confirmed that they have identified a suspect.

They are no longer appealing for information relating to a man fitting the description or the e-fit picture featured in the April issue of the Beacon.

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Painswick Music Society

The Music Society's annual season of four concerts in the Spring has played to packed houses. We carried a report on the first concert in our last issue. Here are reviews of the final three concerts.



9th April - Saxophone Sunshine

Jess Gillam on soprano saxophone and James Baillieu on piano brought the sunshine to Painswick on 9th April with a thrilling programme. They opened with the Oboe Sonata by Poulenc, justified by Jess as “if he had lived longer he would have written a sonata for sax”! The sonata is dedicated to the memory of Prokofiev and you can hear allusions such as his Romeo and Juliet theme within the piece. The third movement especially was an opportunity to hear the saxophone delivering soothing and mournful melodies and the audience was captivated. They moved on to Lumina, written for Jess by Ayanna Witter Johnson, a cellist who prefers to play her instrument whilst standing and who sings with a R&B/soul voice. In Lumina, she is using the sax as a voice and the last note in particular was incredibly soulful. The raucous The Unseen Way by Barbara Thompson followed. Barbara is a retired saxophonist, sadly unable to play any longer due to Parkinson’s disease, but who writes and listens to music every day. We then stepped back in time to hear Sonata in F minor by Telemann. Jess commented that he was prolific at writing for different instruments - this sonata was written for bassoon and recorder - but that the saxophone had not been invented yet!

Three unaccompanied works followed the interval: Early Morning Melody by Meredith Monk, Melody no.10 by Philip Glass and Dappled Light by Luke Howard. These were both meditative and jubilant with echoes of birdsong. Rant! by John Harle came next: it was pure joy and the highlight of the concert for me. This piece was written for Jess using dances originating near her birthplace of Ulverston in Cumberland including the Cumberland reel and Cumberland jig. Though just sax and piano, the sound was as full as an entire band. The music was raucous, soaring, searing, uplifting and the audience had broad smiles and tapping feet. The mood changed with Overnight by Chilly Gonzales; this was melancholy with echoes of Summertime by Gershwin. The pleading melody of Je ne t’aime pas by Kurt Weill followed. All too soon, we were invited to dance for the final work: Histoire du Tango movements 1-3 by Astor Piazzolla. James knocked the piano to imitate castanets and our feet were tapping once again. Tender lyricism was combined with frivolity in a sensational end to the concert.

Jessica Bailey

30th April - Voces8 dazzle once again

Painswick Music Society’s third concert featured the highly acclaimed vocal ensemble Voces8. As part of their commitment to music education, the concert was preceded by an inspirational workshop for young singers at Wycliffe College. The group’s usual eclectic programme, conceived in lockdown, spanned half a millennium and celebrated regeneration, natural and spiritual.

Their dazzling singing, rapport with the audience and faultless blending and balance of their voices were evident throughout; in the clarity and exquisite part singing in William Byrd’s Laudibus in Sanctis, the haunting and shifting harmonies of Jonathan Dove’s Vertue, the textures in Jim Clement’s Timshel which merged folksong and classical choral tradition, and the extraordinary sound world of Benjamin Britten’s The Evening Primrose.

The shift of mood after the interval gave us some 20th century US jazz arrangements, sung with great energy and style, and the concert concluded with a series of encores, the final being Harold Arlen’s I’ve Got the World on a String. Voces8 have sung in Painswick three times now and each concert has been exceptional. Many thought that this was their best so far and, rest assured, they will be back!

Sue Pack

14th May - Spellbinding playing by Pianist Iyad Sughayer

It was a revelation and privilege to be at Iyad Sughayer’s piano recital on Saturday 14th May in St Mary’s, the last concert of Painswick Music Society’s 2022 season. Iyad, in his mid twenties, is clearly on the road to a stellar career. Born in Amman, he received his early musical education in Jordan, before coming to the UK to further his studies. His career has blossomed since: he arrived in Painswick following a recital in Brighton and left for a further recital in Berlin!

It was a carefully crafted programme which had the audience spellbound; in the first half we heard two classics from the piano repertoire – Haydn’s Piano Sonata No 38 and Three Impromptus by Schubert, these sandwiching a recently composed work, Levantina by the Somerset composer Helen Ottaway, commissioned for Iyad and relating to the region of his birth. It is adapted from a Palestinian folk song of resistance, when women would send coded messages on the wind to their imprisoned menfolk. Iyad played the Haydn and Schubert apparently effortlessly, despite the extraordinary complication of sections of the music, on occasion apparently magicking three simultaneous lines with his two young hands. By contrast Levantina was more quiet and reflective, thoughtfully combining a developing simple opening stanza with accompanying rhythms ‘of the wind’.



The second half paired two less well known and contrasting pieces; Sibelius’ Impromptus Op 5 in six linked movements and Schumann’s Faschingsschwank aus Wien (Carnival Jest from Vienna). The first very much in that broad sound world created by Sibelius to evoke the Finnish countryside; the latter very much more boisterous with a final movement culminating in massive waves of notes with huge chords in both hands. It was a full length concert but over too soon. Iyad gave an encore of the simple and moving Andantino from his highly praised CD recording of piano works by Khachaturian. We must express our thanks to our Chairman, Chris Swain, for this concert. His family’s lifelong friendship with the Ottaway family gave the link to Iyad Sughayer. We will watch Iyad’s career with interest and hope that it will not be too long before he returns to perform for us again.

Peter Holmes

Painswick Probus

On Wednesday 4th May we were entertained by Robin Burton, a retired IT security consultant who is now our local and enthusiastic expert on "Our Heritage of Song – the Unopened Treasure Chest".



Robin outlined the evolution of English culture from the Cheddar cavemen in 7100BC, arguing that folk song and dance are at the heart of the English identity. People sang on the way to and from work, while at work, and afterwards at the pub. Ultimately these activities turned from participation to performance before audiences. Songs were handed between generations without being written or recorded, resulting in corruption of the original. Robin raised a laugh when quoting the classic tale of a Great War front line commander who sent the message back from the trenches "Send reinforcements, going to advance" which, after being passed along the chain of command, reached HQ as "Send three and fourpence, going to a dance". A mondegreen is a mishearing or misinterpretation of a phrase in a way that gives it a new meaning. Mondegreens are most often created by a person listening to a poem or a song; the listener, being unable to hear a lyric clearly, substitutes words that sound similar and make some kind of sense. Some songs migrated between countries and continents, returning to their place of origin in a modified form.

Examples of people who collected songs in the Victorian era included musicologist Cecil Sharp, who was a key figure in the first English folk revival, and certainly was one of the most prolific in terms of the number of songs he noted down. He discovered some lost English songs in America and among gypsy folk.

Robin is now immersed in the Single Gloucester Project through which some 1400 songs and dance tunes have been rescued. As we know, in Painswick the tradition of wassailing has been revived. Wassailing originated as a door to door activity in the form of a short play, or song or dance to promote good luck.

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Out and about with Friday Club

Friday Club meet on alternate Friday afternoons in Painswick Town Hall but recently the members have been able to visit other parts of Gloucestershire and with the benefits of technology and inspirational speakers, other parts of the world.



The first outing was to go back to the age of the steam train with a very enjoyable journey with G&WR from Cheltenham to Broadway. Staying on the train, we welcomed Peter Berry for a whistle-stop 80 image tour round the world, from New York to Barbados and then on to the Arctic circle. There were too many places to mention them all but given that Peter's hero is Isambard Kingdom Brunel we ended in Bristol at the Clifton Suspension Bridge recognising the major contribution Brunel has made to transport in so many forms ---especially the train!

A very different pioneer was the subject of our next speaker's talk, Peter Butterworth has written "God's Needle" the story of a Liverpool nurse and missionary who went out to Guinea-Bissau on the west coast of Africa in 1957, to live with the Papel tribe where TB, malaria and typhoid were rife. Despite opposition from witch doctors, she set up a clinic under a mango tree administering penicillin (God's Needle) she also taught herself Papel and was able to translate the Bible into this language.

After such an inspirational human story, on May 27th we were off to admire the wonders of the natural world from Symonds Yat including a boat trip along the river Wye.

Our next meeting will be on June 10th with a tea party to celebrate the long and eventful reign of our monarch Queen Elizabeth II. Then, on June 24th Nicholas Nelson will introduce 'Four weddings and a funeral'. If you're intrigued, why not join us at 2.30pm in Painswick Town Hall. Look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Francis 813524

Painswick Gardening Club



We welcomed Bob Brown of Cotswolds Garden Flowers to our May meeting. His very entertaining talk - "So many plants, so little space" - gave us much to think about. We must make no more mistakes with impulse buys!

Laura Willgoss from Wildegoose Nursery is our next speaker on 8th June. Her talk will be "A new take on bedding - the modern way to use annuals, biennial, tender perennials and bulbs in the garden for vibrant borders throughout the season". We meet at The Painswick Centre. Please join us at 7 pm for refreshments before the talk at 7.30pm.

Philippa Miller

New Drive field

More than three months after the deadline date for final offers on the sale of the piece of land off New Drive, between Stamages Lane and Kemps Lane / Knapp Lane, there is still no clarity on who the preferred buyer is, or what their plans for the land may be.

We understand though that nearby residents have been told that their bids have not been successful.



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Quaker Meeting House

An invitation

Having been separated from the Church, early Quakers were denied burial in consecrated ground. They regarded all ground as sacred so they were happy to use fields and orchards. In Painswick it was Thomas Loveday who made available a plot of land alongside Dell Farm. It was at this burial ground the first Painswick Quakers met to worship.

In 1668 Thomas Loveday built Yew Tree House in Vicarage Street, and gave Friends the adjoining plot of land on which they later built the Meeting House. The main meeting room contains old panelling and 19th century open back benches. Its simplicity reflects the simplicity of Quaker worship, based on silence without either liturgy or sacraments. All the benches face the middle of the room, as there is no hierarchy in the Society of Friends.

The Meeting was revived in the 1950s by a group of Quakers including the parents of the late Dr Jim Hoyland, and Painswick Friends continue to meet for worship every Sunday. The grounds, which now include a scented garden, are open to all, and offer a quiet place to rest and enjoy views of the valley.

Painswick Quakers are holding a tea party, to which all are welcome, on Saturday 23rd July from 3-5pm. It is an opportunity to enjoy both the building and the garden; as well as to learn more about Quakers and their local history.

John Linsell

June Jewels

June is one of my favourite times to visit the Garden before the summer proper! This month we are open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am until 5pm. Coming later in the day is my top tip as the afternoon sun shows off our beautiful valley perfectly. June will be another fantastic month both for the borders and for our renowned Kitchen Garden. We've a dedicated page on our website for more on what is looking good each month: see rococogarden.org.uk/seasonal-guide for more.



Bees are very much in the media at the moment and their pollinating powers are great in a garden. This year the spring weather has been in their favour and got the bees off to a flying start, with our hives seeing more activity than in any previous year we can remember. The first crop of 2022 honey is already imminent. In the meantime you can find gorgeous handmade Rococo honey & oat soap bars by local maker The Lane Skincare Company just down the road in Pitchcombe. Honey is so good for you and locally-produced, it's even better!

We are so pleased to have been making creative use of some of the timber we have had to fell as a result of ash die back. Our artist-in-residence Natasha Houseago has been working steadily on some more witty and expressive ash wood sculptures which are adding to the number in the Garden. Her surprising and inventive carvings are a beautiful addition to the landscape and are positioned in the spots which inspired them. My favourites are the ones hanging from trees which are delicate and organic in their beauty.

This is the final call for tickets for the Handlebards' performances of Twelfth Night. They are so popular that a second additional date has sold brilliantly and we have just a few left - to get yours for the evening of Saturday 2nd July, please visit rococogarden.org.uk. Shakespeare, sunshine and a good picnic in beautiful surroundings is one of the joys of summer.

Tim Toghill, Volunteer

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Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

One of the conditions of PBCG becoming a charity was that we organise educational events. To that end there are three dates for your diaries.



Saturday 2nd July at 1pm and Sunday 30th July at 1pm

These will be guided walks starting from the Golf Club and will last approximately 2-3hrs. Final details will develop nearer the time and will depend on the weather and numbers. We will have a number of guides, each with their particular slant on the Beacon site. We will keep the group size small so there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions. A £5 donation is suggested. Refreshments will be on sale at the Waypoint afterwards.

Thursday 22nd September at 7pm (venue TBC)

This will be our first Annual Meeting as a registered charity and will give everyone the opportunity to listen to a guest speaker and find out more about how we look after the Beacon.

General Activities

The cows have now been taken off the Beacon and are currently on vacation at Holcombe. They will be TB tested in June prior to returning to the Beacon for July.

We have had a few small work parties in May. More time was spent clearing away the trees felled in the walkers car park, we started grubbing out escaped domestic periwinkle by the south cemetery wall and some of the larger scrub was removed from the steepest slope below the trig point (there were no nesting birds.) I have spent time revisiting some of the areas flailed earlier in the year to spray the young bramble regrowth with a selective weed killer. This will definitely help prevent recolonisation later and reseeding in the autumn, with collected seed, will help re establish a grassland sward.

Spanish blue bells have been on the national environmental agenda recently. They are a threat to our native English ones as they are aggressive colonisers and hybridise with the native ones. They have much stronger stems with non scented bells all round. English blue bells bend over at the top, with the darker blue, delicately scented bells hanging below the stem. The lower plantation has started to support a Spanish population and so, with permission of the Plantation Trust, we have spot sprayed them with herbicide to nip the problem in the bud. It would be nice to see if English blue bells could be established in the plantations, but permission would have to be obtained from Natural England to introduce seed onto a Site of Special Interest. There is nothing nicer than to see the blue haze on the woodland floor just as the beech leaves are bursting out.

Paul Baxter

Broadham Traffic lights not so temporary Lights could be in place for many months more

The 'temporary' traffic lights that have now been in place at Broadham for over three months, look set to remain there for several months more. They were put in place by the County Council around the beginning of February for safety reasons, after an accident had taken place at the site. It had been opened up by the felling of several Ash trees that had previously screened the side of the road, providing a kind of natural safety barrier.

Painswick's County Councillor, Sue Williams, reports though that Council engineers have so far failed to come up with an alternative type of barrier that could be installed there in the absence of a road verge. So there is not yet any agreed scheme of work to be carried out, even less a date at which the work could be started or completed. And until that is agreed, the lights are likely to remain in place.



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A hidden gem



Brockworth for an outing? At first it might sound unlikely but Brockworth Court and gardens proved a hit with the lucky members who signed up for the trip. Brockworth Court, alongside the accompanying tithe barn, dates from the 13th century and was originally a residence of the Priors of Llanthony Secunda in Gloucester. After the dissolution of the monasteries it passed to the Guise family in whose ownership it remained until the 19th century. Currently it is in the ownership of Tim and Bridget Wiltshire who gave us a fascinating tour of the house pointing out many of the features of its construction and history – including wall paintings and a priest’s hole. The upper floor has the longest run of jettied cove (a type of overhanging structure, seen in the photo) in England.



The gardens surrounding the house, while having a definite structure with different sections laid out according to the aspect of the house they face, retain a very naturalistic look. The fact that it is wholly organic with no spraying of weeds whatsoever and many self-sown plants leaves a wonderful softness to the edges of paths and borders. Around every corner were various sculptures to cover a multitude of tastes.

Finally after our tour we settled down to tea and fabulous homemade cakes in the tithe barn. If you ever have the opportunity to visit take up the chance, it is well worth it - Tim and Bridget have done a fabulous job of conservation in the house and created a stunning garden. As one member said “It was amazing to find out that such a place exists not far from us in what is now a built up modern area.”

Our next meeting is the AGM on 21st June, which will be followed by a presentation of historic photos of Painswick.
Peter Jackson

Painswick’s display wins county history day competition

On Saturday, 15th May the Gloucestershire Local History Association annual history day finally happened, and very successfully too. Cancelled for the previous two years because of Covid the event was held in the Oxtalls campus of Gloucestershire University which proved an ideal setting for the occasion.

The theme this time was the history of education locally, and many history groups from across the county were pleased at last to be able to present, in the form of competitive displays, their own communities’ historic education experiences. Three judges were given the task of closely examining all the displays which had been brought by the many history groups – and a daunting task it was too. The displays were all fascinating and all slightly different one from another. Eventually after a few tense moments of waiting for the result it was finally announced that, based on all the criteria laid out for success, Painswick’s display was the winner. The content (including a contribution from The Croft School), illustrations and visual presentation were, it was explained, the best on show.



The day overall was impressive and fascinating and for Painswick Local History Society in particular, it proved to be a great success.
Carol Maxwell

Editor: Carol is too modest to mention that she was also personally shortlisted for an award given annually for the best article published in a local history magazine in Gloucestershire, for her article in Painswick Chronicle 23 about Painswick charities.

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News from the Painswick Centre

New children's art classes

Starting this month, artist Hannah Ellis will be running a 5 week course of after-school art classes for children aged 7-11. Focusing on a theme of Underwater & the Seaside, children will explore different mediums such as watercolours, wax resist, and sculpture, building their confidence and giving their creativity free reign.

Classes run Tuesdays 3.45-5.15pm from 21st June, and the 5 week course costs £75. For more information and to book please visit our website www.painswickcentre.com.



Food Nights

Don't miss this month's takeaway Food Nights, serving 5-8pm:

Thurs 2nd June	Niangs Thai (homemade Thai street food)
Thurs 9th June	Bella Mia Pizza (woodfired sourdough pizzas)
Thurs 23rd June	Gurt Wings (award-winning free range fried chicken)
Thurs 30th June	Burgerlish (organic grass fed beef & vegan burgers)

Other dates for your diary

Every Thursday	Morning Market with local produce, 8.15-9.45am
Sunday 5th June	Jubilee celebration & Bowls Street Tournament Final
Fri 10th June	Wick-Flix presents: Dream Horse
Sat 2nd July	Love Painswick community fair (postponed from May)

Always check our social media and website (www.painswickcentre.com) for up-to-date listings, and our noticeboards at the bottom of Bisley Street are also a great place to find out what's happening. If you would like to be included on our email list so we can keep you up to date with what's on please email marketing@painswickcentre.com.

Susie Andrews

Painswick's past is back

Don't miss the exhibition – 2nd and 3rd July

Painswick without doubt has a rich and varied history ranging from the personal to the industrial, the criminal, architectural, educational, religious, horticultural, archaeological etc and with ongoing research revealing more and more on a regular basis. Painswick Local History Society has in the past produced an exhibition biennially but because of Covid, the last such occasion was in 2018. This year it's back and everyone is welcome.

It is always interesting to find out about the past of the place in which you live – it helps towards developing an understanding of the present. There will be a range of subjects on display including Painswick's winning set of boards from the county annual history day held in Gloucester in May. Do come along – Town Hall - and enjoy discovering more about Painswick's past. Entry is free and there will be refreshments,

Carol Maxwell



Wick-Flix presents... Dream Horse

Our next showing, on Friday 10th June, is Dream Horse. Starring two greats - Toni Collette and Damian Lewis – it tells the incredible true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely racehorse. A group of villagers are persuaded by their local barmaid to chip in to help raise the foal on an allotment to compete with the racing elites.

Doors open at 7pm, the showing starts at 7.45pm. Tickets are £9 on the door, cash or card, and your first drink is included. We are working towards and hope to re-introduce our complimentary canapés at this screening, and we will also have plenty of sweet and savoury snacks available beforehand and during the interval.

July's film will be Death on the Nile, with a stellar line up including Kenneth Branagh, Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders, Sophie Okonedo, Russell Brand and Annette Bening. We'll then be on our summer break, but are looking forward to coming back from September with films such as The Duke and Operation Mincemeat.

Wick-Flix Steering Group

Speed Watch

Monitoring of traffic speeds through Painswick has been another casualty of Covid. Now Traffic Committee Chairman Abigail Smith hopes to re-launch the Speed Watch Group shortly and there may be a possibility of some funding for signage and equipment. Contact Abigail or Cllr. Sue Williams if you could help with using the speed guns.

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A volunteering opportunity, both interesting and worthwhile

Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity is seeking new members to undertake a variety of interesting and much needed activities. The Stroudwater Navigation is one of the oldest canals, opened in 1779. It joined Stroud to the River Severn and was thus very important for local industry and transportation, indeed having a significant effect on Painswick's wool industry. It continued to be very active commercially but was eventually abandoned in 1954.

The Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity was established in 2010 and works both to keep the historic significance of the canal alive and to enable important present day developments to go ahead. As part of the Cotswolds Canals Partnership it has been involved in several achievements such as opening up superb towpath access and creating many environmental and economic benefits.

Activities undertaken by volunteers involve photographing and/or transcribing documents held at the county Record Office for incorporation into the website; writing brief searchable summaries on the documents; identifying relevant and interesting events or activities which can be written up as stories or studies; writing descriptions of heritage features on the canal; helping to answer questions from the public on aspects of canal life.



Many of these activities can be done at home. For those who prefer to undertake the work at the Gloucestershire Heritage Hub (formerly the county Record Office) suitable training and support is always available. For further information on how you can help to preserve and make accessible these unique images contact archives@stroudwaterhistory.org.uk. This is very much part of both our local heritage and current developments and offers a real opportunity to be involved in some fascinating and important voluntary work.

Carol Maxwell

The Croft School – Update May 2022

The summer term has been a busy one so far with lots of events happening in and out of school:

- Children in Year 6 and Year 2 have been involved in sitting SATs.
- A group of 30 pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 joined a mass choir of over 2,000 children and young people at the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham. They performed brilliantly and will remember the experience for years to come! Our thanks go to all the staff involved in offering this fantastic opportunity to our children.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 have represented the school in tag rugby matches against other local primary schools.



After half term, we have more sporting events to look forward to, including our sports day for the first time in 3 years! We will also be holding our summer concert at the church for the Key Stage 2 children. Last, by no means least, the Friends of Croft School will be running the Summer Fair on Saturday 16th July from 12-4pm, again for the first time in 3 years – fingers crossed for a lovely sunny day!

Vacancy for a Community Governor

We have a vacancy coming up for someone to join the Governing Body of the Croft School in Painswick. The role of a governor is to ensure that the school is well run, meets its legal obligations, and sets the highest standards for the education it provides for its pupils. Governors attend 6 main Board meetings plus other committee meetings every year. We also try to get to know the school well by spending time in the school and attending school events.

Our governors bring a range of skills and experience to the role. It is not necessary to have a background in education, although an understanding of the education system could be helpful. Any experience of a governance role in other fields would be equally useful but not essential. Above all, we need people with the energy and drive to help us make the school the best it can be. We would welcome interest from anyone with links to the Painswick community and an interest in the pastoral/wellbeing of a school.

If you think this is an opportunity which could be of interest or would just like to find out more, please contact the school office or email the Chair of Governors at chair@croft.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange a discussion to explore the role.

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Painswick Golf Club

This is perhaps the best time of year for playing our unique golf course. The grass has started to grow after the winter. The rough grass surrounding many of the fairways has not yet become too penal after having been munched down by cattle over the last six months. And the benefits of all the work on the course and greens is starting to show.



The weather was kind for the Painswick Seniors Open competition which took place on 18th May. The competition was a better-ball stableford pairs competition – open to all seniors golfers. Some 140 players from 46 clubs from across the south and west took part. While most players were from the Gloucestershire area, clubs from as far away as Minehead, Taunton, Lyme Regis, Marlow, Tonbridge, Olton, Shirley, and Malvern were represented. The overall winners were Gil Locke and Paul Gobey (both from Painswick) with a stunning 53 points. There were prizes down to sixth place as well as for ‘nearest the pin’ on the 18th hole, ‘nearest the pin in two’ on the 17th hole and ‘nearest the pin in 3’ on the 9th hole’ and for the straightest drive on the 13th hole. One player, Trevor Bace (Gloucester Golf Club) scored a ‘hole in one’ on the 15th hole. Many thanks go to the organiser Phil Jennings and his team of helpers and to all those who donated prizes for the competition and the raffle. The club would also like to thank all non-golfers who also use the Beacon for their consideration on the day.

There are many competitions being organised in the club. In the seniors section, the midweek Stableford competition on 10th May was won by Nigel Barnett with a superb 47 points.

Golfers and non-golfers are welcome at Painswick Golf Club. The clubhouse is open to members of the public for food and refreshments, and events can be arranged with the caterers. For more details (and opening times) please phone 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe



Painswick Tennis Club Another trophy success

This time a trophy for the ladies playing in the Gloucestershire over 60s league. Their successful season has just been completed by winning 55 rubbers out of 64. Philippa James came top of the whole division by winning all her matches, Angela Follows came second and Angela Higgins fifth. Congratulations to everyone who played.

Picture shows from left to right: Delyth Allen, Gill Willoughby, Judith Todd, Jan Haslam, Elaine Etheridge, Angela Higgins, Philippa James



Doubles success for Alicia

Concentrating on doubles events Alicia Barnett has been travelling the world playing in France, Portugal, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Turkey and currently in Morocco playing a WTA \$250k tournament. With her playing partner Liv Nicholls they have reach three finals, losing two but winning a \$60k tournament in Switzerland.

These results have improved Alicia’s doubles ranking to 102 in the world. After competing in Morocco, Alicia will return to the UK and play the major grass court events finishing at Wimbledon.



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Painswick Cricket Club

A strong start to the season

League programmes started for all our Saturday sides on 7th May. Painswick first team beat Apperley in the West of England Premier league by 63 runs with Luke Woolway (the club coach) scoring 104 runs. The second team had a comfortable victory over Langford by 7 wickets. Highlights were 4 wkts for Henry Bonham and Andy Barnard top scoring with 41 runs. The thirds continued the winning theme by beating Quedgeley and Hardwicke by 100 runs. Special mentions here for Bruce Walker who scored 167 runs not out and to Kit Milner who took a fabulous 6 wkts for 18 runs.



The following weekend the firsts beat Gloucester City CC, again in WEPL by 5 wickets. Keegan Van Rensburg top scored with 122 runs and that old favourite, George Macduff helped out with 70. This victory has put Painswick into 2nd place in the league. A long way to go but the signs are promising. The Seconds unfortunately lost to Oaksey by 142 runs, Rob Austen top scored for Painswick with 54 not out on his debut for the club!

Firsts lost to Marshfield (Premier two side) in the Village Cup but not before Reece Morris scored a fabulous 64 not out. The club pushed Marshfield in this close fought match but finally lost out by 3 wkts.

Mid Week

The club started its defence of its evening league title with a comfortable victory over Kingsholm, Van Rensburg scoring a powerful quick fire 80 and Rogan Wolhuter crafting a fantastic 74 not out.

Youth

Amazing numbers at our popular Friday training sessions led by the equally amazing Dom Barnard. Matches will soon be starting for u11s, u13s and u15s.

Please note that our club coach, Luke Woolway is available for training sessions, his contact details are: Lwwoolway@gmail.com or on 07376195234.

Girls cricket

The first girls training session went ahead on Monday 9th May 2022. 17 girls attended and were coached by several club coaches led by Adam Brown. Adam can be contacted at adam_work2@yahoo.co.uk if you would like further information.

Steve Pegram PCC

Inter-Street Bowls

Sixteen streets are battling it out for a place in the Finals of the Painswick Inter Street Bowls competition, sponsored by Hampton Estate agents. Recognising the effort put in by many of the players, Hamptons have kindly agreed to reward all competitors with a refreshing bottle of specially labelled Platinum Jubilee White wine. The Bottle is to be shared on the Street Party Table that they represent and will be distributed prior to Street parties on Thursday 2nd June.



Early form indicates that The Park have a strong team but Edge Lane have showed promise in training. In the centre of the village, there is a group battle between the Bisley Street team and Hamptons who have entered their own team to represent their square, but Kingsmill Lane are in the same Group and providing a strong challenge. Late entries were a team from Blakewell Mead, but they are up against Lower Washwell who have a large contingent of potential players. Not to be outdone, New Street have been kindly sponsored by Painswick Pharmacy and are considered to be challengers.

Do come and watch the Finals, the Prize giving and join a Jubilee BBQ to be held at Painswick Bowls Club on Sunday 5th June from 2.30 pm.

Michael Houghton

Jottings

Soil and Water: Two of the most precious things we have, so they need looking after. There are many types of soil. Some, the rich, darker loams are good for vegetables, cereals and livestock. Then you get the lighter soils similar to ours round here, which are not so good for vegetables but good for livestock. Then you have hill tops and mountainous areas mostly of stone and rock which only offer summer pasture for sheep and cattle. The difference is here, locally, you can have 5 to 8 sheep per acre whereas, on the mountain side, you may have 5 to 8 acres per sheep. Here, we can have 1 acre of summer grazing and 1 acre for forage over the winter, on an organic system, for a cow.

The biggest area for growing wheat is the east of England. Our area is pretty good for barley and the south of England is the best for growing vegetables. Raspberries grow well in the north, but the further north you go, the later in the year things grow. Production is also affected by the height above sea level and the direction your fields face. South facing land gets the maximum sun. All these things make up how your soil works. The second factor is the water and it all depends on the amount of rain we get each season. If you are growing vegetables for sale, you may need to irrigate your crops whether from a well, a stream or your tap. If you take water from a river you may need a licence, pay for pumping and other costs which have to be factored into the final production costs. Supermarkets may reject your contracted product because it is not up to standard and other vegetable distributors will reject it as well, which leaves you to find a sales outlet taking time and extra distribution costs, often rushed, before your product loses quality.

Every living thing needs water, including humans, animals, trees and plants so in many cases growing by hydroponics is a more reliable route, especially with our increasingly erratic weather patterns. Our population is growing at a fast rate, so we need to develop more efficient and sustainable methods to grow our food. There are plans to pipe water from Wales into the Thames to London and there may be a time when the south may need water piped down from the wetter parts like Scotland.

Martin Slinger

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Mea's charity climb of Kilimanjaro

My name is Mea Bradley, I am twenty and have lived in Painswick all my life, although currently studying biochemistry at Birmingham University. Being passionate about fund-raising for good causes and having raised £1,000 for the James Hopkins Trust in 2016 by completing a bungee jump, I decided it was time to focus some time on fund-raising again. In September of this year, I am taking on the ultimate challenge of climbing Kilimanjaro to raise £4,000 for the Meningitis Research Foundation.

The Meningitis Research Foundation aims to research and raise awareness of two serious diseases – meningitis and septicaemia. Shockingly, meningitis and neonatal sepsis are the second biggest infectious killer of children under the age of five on the planet, affecting more than 5 million people every year and causing more deaths in Under 5's than malaria, measles, tetanus and AIDS combined! The Foundation is providing better access to vaccines, health systems that can diagnose and treat children, and support to survivors of meningitis. They have a target of defeating meningitis by 2030.

To help raise funds, I am doing a number of things. With the generous support of several local companies, including Murrays Estate Agents, Painswick Rococo Garden and Stroud Brewery as well as large corporates, I have organised an on-line raffle. Prizes include tickets to West Midlands Safari and Cadbury's World as well as champagne, wine, beer and lots more. (<https://raffall.com/299449/enter-raffle-to-win-mea-climbs-kilimanjaro-hosted-by-mea-bradley>). I am also selling good-quality second-hand clothes and any donations of clothes would be very welcome – I am happy to collect within a 5-mile radius of Painswick. I am also offering an "Odd Jobs Service" from late May to July where I will carry out an odd job for you in exchange for a donation with services such as babysitting, tutoring, dog walking, cleaning the inside of your car, house cleaning or spring cleaning, helping in the garden, etc – or you might have some other little job that you have been putting off that I might be able to help with! I also have a JustGiving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mea-Bradley>)

I know a lot of people are under financial pressure now, but I would really appreciate any support from Beacon readers to achieve my massive goal for this worthwhile charity!

Mea Bradley emeliabradley@hardybee.com



Property Report

Most of the properties that we reported as being new onto the market last month, are already under offer, having attracted interest from multiple buyers. They include Flax Cottage in Vicarage Street and St. Michaels Cottage in Paradise, both through Hamptons and Croft Edge in Hollyhock Lane, 5 Juniper Cottages at Wick Street, Horsepools Piece at Edge and Sweetbriar at Cranham (all through Murrays).

There is little else coming up to replace those that have been sold. Hamptons do though have Beacon House in New Street at £3 million, an exceptional house believed to have been designed around 1766 by John Wood the Younger, famous for his work in Bath. It is one of only five buildings in the Painswick area to be Grade 1 listed, alongside St. Mary's Church, Painswick House, the Court House and Painswick Lodge - and none of those come up for sale very often. Also available through Hamptons at a more modest £375,000, is 10 Upper Washwell, a semi-detached two bedroom house with generous parking and an attractive garden.

Other properties currently available include The Chur in Bisley Street (Murrays, £825,000), a renovated 5 bedroom family house and the Old Library in Stroud Road (Hamptons, £400,000) a bright contemporary 2 bedroom apartment in a period property.

If you're thinking of selling a property in Painswick, all local agents would be keen to hear from you. There are relatively few homes on the market and it seems fairly clear that there are currently more buyers than sellers, so it might be a good time to ask for a free market valuation.

The Open Gardens event organised by Hamptons for Cancer Research UK will be over by the time the Beacon is published, but the Painswick inter-street bowls competition they are sponsoring (and competing in) will be building up to its final on Sunday 5th June. Murrays meanwhile are the Gold sponsor of Wick-Flix, which will be showing 'Dream Horse' at the Painswick Centre on Friday 10th June.



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Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 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
	Badminton(juniors). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.00pm
	Badminton(adults). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 9.30pm
	Community Choir. Contact Sophie sophie@sophiesterckcx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. For beginners and experienced players. All equipment provided. £2.00/session to cover refreshments	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre
Zumba with Martina 07891 194396		Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
Painswick Art Club		Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk		Rococo Garden	9.45 am
HIP Pilates 50. Contact Joannedaleypilates.com/07968799741. From January 11th		Zoom Class	11.00am
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgswain@btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
Saturdays			
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am

Village Diary

Please let me know your club and society dates for the diary on cvasp.26@gmail.com

June			
Wed	1	Painswick Probus: Who do we lock up and why? John Podmore.	Painswick Centre 10.00 for 10.30am
Thurs	2	Possible lighting of the Jubilee Beacon. Check Town Hall noticeboard.	Tbc
Fri	3	Painswick Community Hub: Tea, coffee and cakes - all welcome	Town Hall 10.00 - 11.30am
Sat	4	Jubilee Cream Tea provided by Yew Trees WI - all welcome. £3.50/head.	Church Rooms 3.00 - 5.00pm
Sun	4	Live Music	The Oak evening
	5	Holy Communion for Pentecost	St Mary's Church 9.30am
	5	CTAP - church service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee	St Mary's Churchyard 11.00am
	5	Jubilee celebrations	Painswick Centre 12.00 - 3.00pm
	5	Live Music	The Oak evening

Wed	8	Painswick Gardening Club: Wildgoose Nursery - Laura Willgoss	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club: Queen Elizabeth Tea Party.	Town Hall	2.30pm
	10	Painswick Community Hub: Tea, coffee and cakes - all welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	10	Wickflix: Dream Horse	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	12	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Wed	15	Painswick Probus: The Life and Wit of Dorothy Parker - Mike Aggleton	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	15	Cotteswold Naturalists: Visit to East Sussex by coach. Enq 01453 873262	Stamages car park	
Fri	17	Painswick Community Hub: Tea, coffee and cakes - all welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
Sat	18	Painswick Ball	Broadham Field	
Sun	19	Woodcarving taster workshop - Natasha Houseago. £25.00/person	Rococo Garden	11.00 - 12.30 or 2.00 - 3.30
	19	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	20	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	21	Yew Trees WI: Riverside Walk (1.5 or 3.5 miles) followed by optional lunch. Enquiries and booking 813228	St Cyr's Church, Stonehouse	Main group 10.00am; amblers 11.00am
	21	Painswick Local History Society. AGM followed by a presentation of photos from the Society's archives	Croft School	7.30pm
Thurs	23	Basket Weaving Workshop - book on wtscollective .co.uk. 65.00/person	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 4.00pm
Fri	24	Painswick Community Hub: Tea, coffee and cakes - all welcome. Note change of venue	Richmond Village	10.00 - 11.30am
	24	Willow Bird Feeders - Susie Early. £35.00/person	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 12.30pm
	24	Drop in visit from Debbie Collicott, Painswick Community Police Officer	Richmond Village	
	24	Friday Club: Four Weddings and a funeral - Nicholas Nelson	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	26	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Tues	28	Yew Trees WI: False Memory - Dr Katy Bellamy	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	29	Painswick Probus: Summer lunch with the ladies	The Waypoint	

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.22/0816/TCA Verlands, Vicarage Street
T1 Cedar - Crown raise 3 metres. T2 Walnut - Fell
S.22/0799/FUL and S.22/0800/LBC Stone House And Hamand Antiques, St Marys Street
Change of use from offices to two dwellings.
S.22/0796/FUL and S.22/0797/LBC Snows Farm, Slad
Oil tank shelter and use of section of existing barn as living accommodation
S.22/0767/HHOLD Midsummer House, Slad
Replacement single storey extension, external material changes and internal alterations.
S.22/0838/HHOLD Extra Cover, Far End, Sheepscombe
Alterations to garage to form office space, facilities & attic store. Conversion includes a raised roof to match existing profiles. New shed.
S.22/0822/FUL Land Adjacent To 14 Pullens Road
Erection of a new single storey 1 bed dwelling.
S.22/0842/FUL Land Adjacent To 15 White Horse Lane
Erection of dwelling.
S.22/0923/CPE Land Adjoining Stamages House, Stamages Lane
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land as residential curtilage (C3) associated with Stamages House.
S.22/0123/LBC Recreation Cottage, Slad Road Slad
Repair & refurbishment or replacement of all windows.
S.22/0809/TCA Brooklands Cottage, Sheepscombe
T1 Prunus/Damson. Remove. T2 Pinus Migra - Prune and redirect growth. T3 Fagus Sylvatica - Remove deadwood.
S.22/0954/FUL Upper Greenhouse, Greenhouse Lane
Erection of stables & change of use to equestrian (retrospective), installation of access track & menage.
S.22/0925/HHOLD Castle Lodge, Cheltenham Road
Installation of 3 Air Source Heat Pumps and construction of hardstanding and dwarf wall.
S.22/0957/HHOLD Butts Cottage, Edge Road
Ground and first floor extensions
S.22/0888/HHOLD Fairings House, Castle Close
Proposed outbuilding to rear of house

CONSENT

S.21/2440/FUL Land between 15 and 16 Upper Washwell
Construction of a dwelling (demolition of 8 no. garages).

S.21/2667/LBC Abbey Farm, Slad Lane
Replacement of window with new
S.21/2962/LBC Lower Flat, The Manse, Gloucester Street
Maintenance on two walls.
S.22/0149/HHOLD Aries, Hambutts Drive
Erection of single storey extension, installation of replacement and new windows and doors, vertical larch board external cladding.
S.22/0382/LBC 2 Rosebank Cottages, Slad Road, Slad
Replacement of a door and its frame that exists between kitchen and lounge.
Opening of original windows in the cellar.
S.22/0288/HHOLD Butt House, Butt Green
Installation of EV charging point.
S.22/0432/HHOLD Garden Cottage, Stamages Lane
Single storey side extension & loft conversion with new rear dormer.
S.22/0480/CPE The Skippets, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe
Confirmation that application S.14/0456/HHOLD - Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new building to provide annexe accommodation commenced within 3 years of permission.
S.22/0475/HHOLD Yew Trees, Slad Road, Slad
Demolition of two-storey rear wing, erection of two-storey rear extension and single storey side extension.
S.22/0456/HHOLD Geldeston, Back Edge Lane, Edge
Erection of garage and extensions- following S.21/0304/HHOLD.
S.22/0494/HHOLD Eastlea, Back Edge Lane, Edge
Conversion of carport into gym & office.
S.22/0493/HHOLD Trillgate, Slad
Installation of swimming pool, erection of wall and single storey extension to garage.
S.22/0478/LBC The Stables, Painswick House, Gloucester Road
Demolition of conservatory.
S.22/0596/LBC Rockmill House, Rock Mill
Conversion of garage into ancillary annexe and erection of extensions (modifications to approved S.20/1985/LBC).
S.22/0595/TCA 2 Court Orchard
T2 Box Tree - Remove.
S.22/0506/HHOLD & S.22/0540/LBC Stonechat Cottage, New Street
Remove outbuilding & construction of new extensions & alterations.
S.22/0501/HHOLD Knapp House, Far End, Sheepscombe
Erection of side dormer extension, installation of zinc roof to carport incl ridge height change. Following S.21/0897/HHOLD.
S.22/0816/TCA Verlands, Vicarage Street
T1 Cedar - Crown raise 3 metres. T2 Walnut - Fell
S.22/0809/TCA Brooklands Cottage, Sheepscombe
T1 Prunus/Damson. Remove. T2 Pinus Migra - Prune and redirect growth. T3 Fagus Sylvatica - Remove deadwood.

WITHDRAWN

S.21/2847/FUL Land at Beech View, The Park, Painswick
Construction of dwelling.
S.22/0387/FUL T u n l e y Cottage, Sheepscombe
Replacement of existing dwelling
S.22/0461/HHOLD Chartwell Back, Edge Lane, Edge
Erection of two-storey extension, detached garage with room over and alterations

REFUSED

S.22/0137/HHOLD Beechwood Cottage, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe
Replacement of existing roof light with dormer window.

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Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of MARY RAMPTON (pictured below), who passed away in early May. Mary, formerly of the Highlands, was well known in the village and active in both the Bridge Club and the Bowls Club. Her husband Norman died about 3 years ago. Mary's funeral was held at West Wilts Crematorium on May 13th.



To the many friends of STELLA BAVISTER who will be saddened to learn of her death, aged 95, in Cheltenham Hospital on May 19th. Stella lived in Painswick for many years.



Peter and Carol Turnham raise a glass

Jonas on a mission

Many will remember Jonas Pollard, a former resident of Painswick who at the age of just 18 achieved a remarkable aim – he cycled 4000 miles across Europe to raise £10,000 for Macmillan Cancer Nurses. Jonas' mother had sadly died of the disease. Now in his mid-20s Jonas has set up a non-profit project along with another young friend who also lost both her parents at a young age. It is called HUG, or Humans Undergoing Grief, a non-profit organisation providing care and support for those who are grieving.

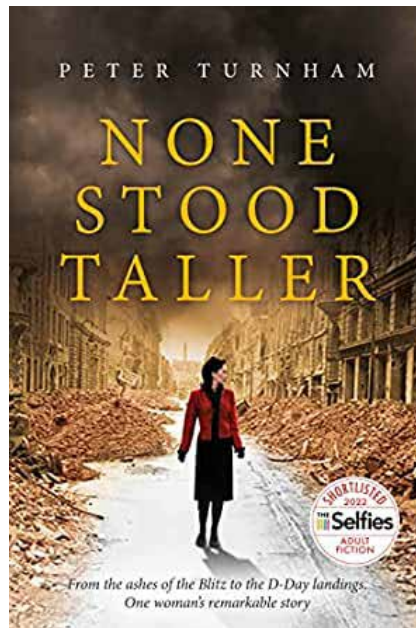
Local author shortlisted

Back in December 2019, we featured local author Peter Turnham from Cranham, who at the time had two published novels - 'Autumn daffodils. Charlie's story' and 'Autumn daffodils - Joanna's story'. Peter was considered dyslexic as a child and had started writing only in 2017, to occupy a period of enforced inactivity after a sporting injury.

Since then though his writing has gone from strength to strength, notably with the publication of 'None stood taller' in 2020, a love story set in the Second World War. That was followed last year by its sequel 'None stood taller. The final year'.

Peter's work is self-published, but the books have sold well on Amazon and 'None stood taller' was entered for the 2022 Selfies Award, which is specifically for self-published authors and has sections for Memoirs, Children's fiction and General adult fiction. It ended up shortlisted in the Adult Fiction section, with Peter and his wife Carol travelling to the awards ceremony held at the London Book Fair in April.

Peter's book didn't in the end win, but he and Carol had a great day out and it whetted his appetite to have another try in future.



Carol Maxwell

At the beginning of June they will be walking from the source of the Thames to Tower Bridge in seven days to raise money for the project. If you would like to offer your support by sponsoring Jonas you can do so by emailing him jonaspollard@hotmail.co.uk or via the website www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thamesgriefwalk. This is such a worthwhile project, being undertaken by an amazing young man who grew up in Painswick.

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