

# The Painswick Beacon

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## David Archard - 1941-2022

David was born on 1st March 1941; a war baby. Later in life, he would recount with pride how his childhood was almost cut short by a stray German bomb. His mother heard the bombs falling and, through maternal instinct to protect her child, flung herself over David's cot. The bombs landed close by in the centre of town but David and his mother were unharmed.

David was educated at Marling School in Stroud before joining his father at Burdock and Son, the family building business. Burdocks undertook local building work and were also the local funeral directors. Traditionally, old English building businesses looked after local funerals, as the carpenters would make the coffins. With regret, David had to close down Burdocks for ill health reasons in the early 1990s. However, he continued being a funeral director, a role he considered as his way of giving back to the community he loved so much and at such troubled times he offered kindness, support and comfort to those who had lost a loved one.

David was staunchly proud of Painswick and realised that one would have to travel a long way to find such a comparably beautiful town and so never lived anywhere else. Even in his last days, he expressed how awesome he found the glorious Cotswold stone houses and magnificent churchyard. Beauty was on his doorstep, and he never felt the need to venture elsewhere.

David married Lorna in 1963 and together they had two sons, Duncan and Julian. Both boys had families of three children and so David and Lorna were blessed with six grandchildren. David loved all of his grandchildren and in turn, they loved him back. The joking and joshing between grandfather and grandchildren was joyful. When Lorna died too young, David met Anne who was his companion and partner until David died. A happy union and Anne has been "adopted" by David's sons and grandchildren as part of the family.

In his younger days, David and his friends would spend their time messing around David's Morris Traveller, which they "pimped" to become a rally car in the days when health and safety allowed rallying on public roads. Cunning driving by David and expert map reading by his navigator meant that they won a number of rallies beating more experienced drivers with more advanced cars. David was also the lead singer in a skiffle band called "Dave and the Rockets." Legend has it that the police had to close down one of the band's appearances in Cranham; too many fans had turned up to hear David's crooning.

David played bowls and cricket for Painswick, loved local history, served on the Parish Council, rang the church bells and was president of the, now sadly defunct, Painswick Show. He was also an ardent and steadfast supporter of the local hostellers!

David was an old-school English gentleman, rarely seen without a cravat and whose compassion and love for Painswick was unsurpassed. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and all those Painswickians who knew him.

*Julian Archard*



## Painswick Surgery – Major IT System Change 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February

Many practices in Gloucestershire use a clinical system called 'SystmOne' and Painswick Surgery will be moving to this clinical system in February 2023.

This system will allow us to work collaboratively with other providers, such as minor illness units, district nurses and other local practices, which will help improve our patient care. During this time patients will unfortunately experience reduced services.

This is a big change for Painswick Surgery, please bear with us while the new system is being implemented and the staff familiarise themselves. We would like to thank all our patients for their consideration to our staff during this change.

## Directory 2023

The new directory is due to be delivered this month shortly before or after the Beacon.



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS by Terry Parker from the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January

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.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held on 4th & 18th January

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE 4th Jan

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

Apologies: Cllrs James Cross, Adrian Gyde, Rosie Nash, Sandra Hunkin and Phillip Taylor

#### Matters requiring a decision:

The Council agreed to support the following applications:

S.22/2456/HHOLD The Red House, Lower Washwell Lane  
Construction of dormer roof with 3 gables to rear and replacement conservatory.

S.22/2615/HHOLD Lantern, Kingsmead  
Erection of side extension and outbuilding

S.22/2625/LBC Painswick Rococo Garden  
Replace the existing door with a newer similar one, paint over existing window frames for weather proofing, provide a timber infill into a drop in floor level in the interior floor space & replace a non functional wood burner

S.22/2649/HHOLD Washbrook Mill, Edge Road

Erection of single storey extension and associated landscape works.

(Resubmission of S.22/1951/HHOLD)

S.22/2363/HHOLD Painswick Mill Cottage, Ticklestone Lane

Landscaping works - construction of a retaining wall

S.22/2605/FUL & S.22/2606/LBC  
Ranger Workshop, The Old Ebworth Centre, The Camp

Repair the workshop doors on the Ebworth Centre ranger workshop - make changes to just one of these doorsets (the set facing West). Make some practical alterations, including the introduction of a pedestrian door

S.22/2727/LBC Tocknells Court, Cheltenham Road

Internal & external alterations. Revised

extension design. (Resubmission of S.22/0570/LBC)

S.22/2699/FUL Woolpack Inn, Slad Road Slad

Installation of fire escape and new dormer windows to rear. (Resubmission of S.21/3021/FUL)

The Council agreed to support the following application, but have concerns about access for large vehicles during the construction phase.

S.22/2675/FUL

The Worthings Sheepscombe

Replacement dwelling

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE 18th Jan

Present: Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), Andy Cash, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Martin Slinger.

Apologies: Cllrs James Cross, Ann Daniels, Philip Taylor.

#### Public questions

A number of questions were asked by members of the public present at the meeting concerning planning policy matters. Cllr Lewis advised that the Parish Council was active in pursuing planning issues particularly where their views had not been reflected in the Local Plan. The Clerk had made representation to the Independent Planning Examiner setting out the Parish Council's concerns.

#### Matters requiring a decision

The Committee agreed to support the following applications;

S.22/2664/HOLD. The Pool House, Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp.

To add approximately 1.5m to roof height to include a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom loft extension.

S.22/2726/LBC and H/HOLD. Stonechat Cottage, New Street.

Remove outbuilding & construction of new extension & alterations. Amendments to applications ref. S.22/0506/HOLD & S.22/0540 /LBC.

S.22/2026/LBC. Wool Cottage Victoria Street. Proposed replacement of front door.

S.22/2784/FUL. Worgans Barn, Folly

Lane.

Installation of two animal shelters/agricultural storage. (Resubmission of S.22/2056/FUL).

The Committee strongly objected to the following application.

S.22/2695/FUL. 5 Clattergrove Cottages, Clattergrove.

Conversion of garage/store to holiday accommodation.

The Committee's reasons for objecting were, that the proposed development site is outside the settlement area of Painswick and is in AONB open countryside. The proposed development has a much larger footprint than the existing. No additional parking is indicated. The existing parking as shown is on Common Land which would preclude any formal surfacing without a Section 38 approval under the Commons Act 2006. The proposed development would displace existing domestic storage capacity which may lead to Additional storage being erected at a later stage, adding to the developed appearance of the site. The Committee agreed to request that this application be referred to the District Council's Development Control Committee if the Planning Officer is minded to approve it.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Members present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Andy Cash, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Rob Lewis, Abigail Smith.

Apologies: Cllrs James Cross, Ann Daniels, Philip Taylor and County Cllr Sue Williams.

#### Public Questions

Painswick Parish Councillors were asked by member of Pitchcombe Parish Council whether Painswick would support their request for an extended speed reduction on the A46. This request resulted from the recent Traffic Regulation Order consultation where Pitchcombe believed that the speed reduction area did not

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cover the Pincot Lane junction.

Mr David Allott asked several questions relating to meeting protocols, highways issues and gritting procedures. He was particularly concerned about members of the public being able to hear the Parish Council debates clearly and identify the members because of the seating arrangements and Town Hall acoustics.

**David Archard.** The Members observed a period of silence in memory of the recently deceased former Parish Council Member.

#### **Finance and General Purposes Committee recommendations.**

The Council agreed that the Town Hall and Youth & Community Pavilion charges should remain unchanged. It was also agreed that the Painswick Cemetery charges be unchanged.

**Parish Council Grants.** The Council agreed the following grants for 2023/24.

Stroud Citizens Advice	£500
County Air Ambulance	£100
Painswick Friday Club	£100
Sheepscombe Lunch Club	£100
Painswick Beacon Conservation Trust	£400

**Budget /Precept for the Financial Year 2023/24.** The Councillors approved the budget and agreed the precept at £124,430 which reflected an increase of 5.75% which equates to an increase of £3.75 per year to a Band D household.

**Earmarked reserves.** The Council approved the earmarked reserves which amounted to £40,4587 for the Financial Year 2023/24.

**Short Term Lettings.** Consideration of Cllr Lewis' report was held over until the next meeting.

#### **Reports**

**County Council.** Cllr Sue Williams had submitted a report prior to the meeting. (See separate report).

**District Council.** The Councillors expressed their concerns at the failure of their District Councillors to attend Parish Council meetings or to send reports. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the District Councillors to ask them to remedy this situation.

**Parish Council Chairman.** The Chairman gave the following report.

"I would like to extend my thanks to the Council Staff and my fellow Councillors for all the hard work taken on behalf of the Community. Hopefully after the sudden shock of, after several years of no snow and ice, we now have a system in place to support Highways but must note that we still await for Highways to replenish the grit bins in the parish. The warm space initiative continues in the Town Hall which is being well attended and the Community Lunches are continuing to be very successful".

#### **Representative reports**

Councillors reported on meetings of the following organisations:

Gyde Trust/Gyde Almshouses (Cllr Rosie Nash), Painswick Beacon Conservation Trust (Cllr Ian Massey), Painswick Library (Cllr Roey Parker), Edge Village Hall (Cllr Martin Slinger).

#### **Other reports.**

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR). Cllr Abigail Smith updated the Council on the progress of the Council's funding submission.

Snow Clearance Volunteers. Cllr Smith reported that she is in the process of recruiting more snow clearance volunteers in the civil parish.

#### **Ward reports.**

Vicarage Street parking. Cllr Rosie Nash reported concerns about inappropriate parking along Vicarage Street.

Tibbiwell Drainage. Cllr Gyde reported that the Tibbiwell drainage works had now been completed.

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 8.43pm.

## **County Councillor's Report**

Some of the issues raised by County Councillor Williams in her January report are as follows:

Young people have their say on climate change. A survey carried out by the InterClimate Network ran from July to October 2022 and received 2,778 responses from 11 to 25 year olds. The findings showed that 8 out of 10 young people are concerned about climate change. 3 in 4 are already choosing to act on climate change. 86% support council action. Their views, together with the Climate Action Survey, will inform the County Council's approach to responding to the climate emergency.

Tree numbers boosted by local tree planting days. The planting days took place on 3rd, 5th and 6th of December at Stocks Farm near Stonehouse, which is owned by the County Council. About 20 large trees were planted, along with a wildlife corridor stretching over 450 metres, providing more than 3,200 plants. The Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group, a group dedicated to combating climate change across the county, helped with the planting, along with teams of volunteers. The planting will create a wildlife corridor alongside a railway track, providing an excellent habitat for birds and insects. If you have land available for planting, please get in touch with the County Council by using the expression of interest form on the site.

## **Keeping your homes safe this winter**

Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Services has provided important safety advice to keep residents safe while temperatures plummet. Some key tips to ensure you don't put your home at risk are:

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms fitted

- Ensure you have a carbon monoxide alarm fitted
- Plan your escape route
- In the event of fire, get out, stay out and call 999

With colder nights and energy prices rising, portable heaters can seem a tempting option. To stay safe, don't forget to turn them off overnight and keep them away from flammable objects.

## **Road Safety Partnership Launch**

"I attended the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership re-launch on 2nd December with presentations from all the key partners to renew their commitment to joint working and vision zero – a global road safety project which aims to achieve zero deaths or serious injuries on our roads".

## **Education teams present restorative practice vision to the Government**

Education teams at Gloucestershire County Council were recently invited by the Government to present their vision for Restorative Practice and how it can drive improved inclusion across the local and national education system. Restorative Practice is the method of building relationships to resolve difficulties and repair harm where there has been conflict – with one of the goals being to reduce the number of permanent exclusions from schools. In the 2021/22 academic year there were 106 permanent exclusions in the county.

Cllr Williams asks that you please contact her directly if you wish to discuss the content of her report; the full report can be seen on the parish Council's web site. Cllr Williams email address is: [Susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk) and her telephone number is 01452 770928

# Surgery IT update continued...

## When will the change take place?

Friday 3rd February to the go live date of Tuesday 14th February.

## Will the Surgery have to close?

Opening times will remain the same, however services will be reduced and speed of service will be reduced whilst the team familiarises themselves with the new system.

## What about my Repeat Medication?

We will be unable to process any routine repeats of medication between Friday 3rd February and Friday 17th February, so please ensure you order any medication you may require in plenty of time. We will be issuing double supplies in advance if appropriate to minimise any disruption.

Online ordering services will also not be available.

We will be unable to send prescriptions electronically to your pharmacy during this period. Prescriptions will need to be collected by your pharmacy or in person from reception.

## Can I still use my online service for appointments and repeat prescriptions?

No, online services will be switched off during this period and you will need to re-sign up to our new online service after the go live date of 14th February.

If you have a Smartphone you can download the app 'Airmid'. You will need new registration details, so please ensure the practice has your up-to-date mobile number and email address. If you use the NHS APP with an NHS login, you may need to log out or re-install the App so that it links with the new system. Ensure you do this after the go live date of Tuesday 14th February.

If you are a new user please create an NHS Login <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/nhs-login/> or complete the online registration form and provide a piece of photo id and something with your address on, if you do not have these please talk to us and we will help you sign up.

## Can I register at the practice during this transition period?

We can accept registration forms during this period; however, the registration cannot be processed between Friday 3rd February and Tuesday 14th February. Registration forms will be processed as soon as possible after that time.

*Michael Mack-Smith*

## Box advertising – priority booking period closing

If you are looking to advertise in the Beacon, please get in touch now. The priority booking period for box adverts next year (April 2023 – March 2024) closes on 12 February, after which adverts will only be accepted if there is space remaining. In the last five years, all the advertising space was taken in the priority booking period.

Current advertisers were sent an email in January. If you are a current advertiser and wish to continue, please let me know before 12 February.

New advertisers must complete and sign a Booking Form which is available from me or from our website [www.painswickbeacon.org.uk](http://www.painswickbeacon.org.uk) (then click on "how to advertise" and follow the links). Costs are set out on the Booking Form and are the same as last year.

The allocation process gives priority to requests from Painswick businesses and looks to avoid having too many adverts providing similar services.

*Peter Rowe 01452 813228  
advertising.beacon@painswick.net*

## Beacon emails

The Beacon team are aware that emails to [beacon@painswick.net](mailto:beacon@painswick.net) sometimes get rejected completely or else do not get forwarded to the editors.

If you receive a rejection message when you try to send an email please contact the co-ordinating editor for the month and they will supply a personal email address to which you can send the copy.

The co-ordinating editor for the month will endeavour to acknowledge emails within a couple of days. Accordingly if you have not received acknowledgement please do contact us to ensure your copy has been safely received.

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## Downton House Snowdrops

The garden at Downton House, Painswick (entrance in Hollyhock Lane) is opening on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February from 10.30am to 3.00pm each day as part of the National Garden Scheme's Snowdrop Festival.

The garden usually opens for the NGS in May but, as Painswick is situated right in the heart of Gloucestershire snowdrop country, the owner Jane Kilpatrick thought it would be appropriate to open now to show just how well snowdrops grow in our well-drained soil. James Atkins, who introduced the fine snowdrop *Galanthus atkinsii* to Britain in the 1860s, lived in Butt Green; and Brigadier and Mrs Mathias, owners of the Giant Snowdrop Company, together with Herbert Ransom, one of the greatest twentieth-century galanthophiles (as snowdrop lovers are called), lived at Falkland House just next door to Downton House. Among the many different snowdrops in the garden, are ones from Ransom's collection given to Jane by Quentin and Crystl Mathias.

Downton House's opening last year raised £1,700 which went towards the NGS's annual total of £3.11 million which was distributed among nursing charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and the Carers' Trust.

Coffee and cake will be available from Lucy and her Horsebox – another excellent reason to come and support us.

*Jane Kilpatrick*

## Why a Friendship Agreement with Slavutych?

Eagle eyed readers will have seen in past council reports that a friendship agreement has been signed between Painswick and Slavutyh, in Ukraine. What is it? And why?

Four families from Slavutyh came to Painswick because of the war. Among them was our guest Aryna, who works with the Slavutyh town council. She approached our Parish council with the idea in the summer, and the agreement was signed in November.

For Ukrainians, knowing that others are thinking of them helps morale. Also Ukraine wants to become more Westernised; their children all learn English – for them it is great to have contact with an English village.

For us, Slavutyh seems fascinatingly different. Everyone there over the age of 30 will have lived through the transition to democracy. Slavutyh was built as a Soviet ideal town to house those who made – and keep - Chernobyl safe after the 1986 nuclear disaster. Besieged by Russians in March 2022, their civilians marched against the soldiers. This is history in the making.

Yet we have many things in common: aims, aspirations, humanity. Hopefully when peace comes it will be possible to visit each other. Meanwhile any contact may help. The schools have zoomed together and the children have exchanged Christmas presents. We are working on a regular exchange of letters – see link below. Further ideas welcome!

A Painswick coordinating group is being set up. If you would like to be involved, contact Pippa Dickinson at [pippadickinson4@gmail.com](mailto:pippadickinson4@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you.

Link to Letter from Slavutyh Dec 2022 : <https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/news.html>




Children of Slavutyh with presents from Painswick

We are working on a regular exchange of letters – see link below. Further ideas welcome!

*Pippa Dickinson*

  
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## Staying fit and flexible

I always know if I've done my regular Qi Gong exercise class when it comes to reversing the car! Little things like turning my head, and general flexibility, aren't what they were. Qi Gong, like Taiji, is a gentle form of movement exercise that helps keep your whole body & metabolism in good shape. You can work to the level you are comfortable with whatever age you are. Classes are held on Thursday mornings at 9.30 in the Painswick Town Hall, and in



warmer weather St Mary's have kindly allowed us to use the churchyard. We are a friendly informal group and would like to see others in the local community benefitting from these classes. They are led by Jeff Docherty, a qualified acupuncturist and Shiatsu practitioner who has been running Taiji/Qi Gong classes since 2003. If you're interested in finding out more or in joining, Jeff can be contacted either by mobile no: 07970 303694 or e-mail: jeffdocherty@yahoo.com

*John Playfoot*

## Painswick Community Library



### New books adult fiction

Atkinson, Kate	Shrines of Gaiety
Connelly, Michael	A Desert Star
Gregory, Philippa	Dawnlands
Griffiths, Elly	Bleeding Heart Yard
Grisham, John	The Boys from Biloxi
Hoover, Colleen	It Starts With Us
Jewell, Lisa	The Family Remains – The Family Upstairs
Joyce, Rachel	Maureen Fry and the Angel of the North
Karunatilaka, Shehan	The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida
Kingsolver, Barbara	Demon Copperhead
Penny, Louise	A World of Curiosities
Rankin, Ian	A Heart Full of Headstones

### Non-fiction

Fitzharris, Lindsey	The Facemaker: One Surgeon's battle
Grant, Richard E	A Pocketful of Happiness
MacIntyre, Ben	Colditz: Prisoners of the Castle
Obama, Michelle	The Light We Carry
Spector, Tim	Food For Life: the new science of eating well
Rogers, Benedict	The China Nexus

### Junior

Alston, B B	Amari and the Great Game
Donaldson, J & Zommer Y	Woolly Bear Caterpillar
Fletcher, Tom	Space Band
Fraser, L & Hindley, K	The Littlest Yak & The New Arrival
Gray, K & East, N	Brrr! Where did the dinosaurs really go?
Miller, Ben	The Night We Got Stuck in a Story
Millwood Hargrave, Kiran	Leila and the Blue Fox

## Foodbank

We have had a wonderful 'thank you' from the Foodbank saying: "You collected a staggering 1588.9kg for Stroud District Foodbank in 2022. Your donations helped us provide 7801 emergency parcels and over 700 Christmas hampers!" We are so grateful to our supporters and hope to increase this total in the coming months.

Our next collection will be on Wednesday 8th February, 10am-12noon at the Stamages Lane car park and at the Stocks by the Church.

At the February collection, please may we ask for some of the following: tinned potatoes, instant mash, Marmite, peanut butter, jam and marmalade, tinned veg, tinned tomatoes, cooking oil, ketchup, mayo, deodorant, shower gel, razors and shaving gel, toilet roll, cleaning sprays, laundry detergents, nappies size 4, 5, 6 and 7.

If you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:  
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Your donations are always very gratefully received! Thank you.

*The Foodbank Team*

## Library Book Club

Our next meeting is Monday 13th February at 1.30 -2.30 and we will be discussing Conclave by best selling author Robert Harris. In March we will meet on Monday 13th also at 1.30 - 2.30 and we will be discussing The Last House on Needless Street by Catriona Ward, which is a Richard and Judy Book Club choice. If you would like to join us please come along to one or both of our meetings. For further information email [painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com)





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# Keep in touch – The art of correspondence



Local illustrator Emma Leyfield has recently moved to Painswick and shares her delight in the art of the handwritten letter ahead of her upcoming children's workshop "Keep in touch" at the Painswick Centre this month. Emma advocates the importance of traditional methods of drawing, which are now being lost as digital mediums are widely used. She works full time as a freelance illustrator from her studio in Nailsworth, while teaching painting and drawing workshops around Gloucestershire.

"My love affair with illustrated letters began as correspondence between myself and my grandmother, varying between humorous cartoons and colourful illustrations for the simple delight that receiving a letter can bring. Add this to the surprise of being given something so beautifully crafted, the time put into making it by hand, and you have a unique gift which is infinitely more personal than an online message. I began to explore these postal missives more and more during the lock down, mostly for the joy of sending a smile in the post, but also because artistically the limitations of an envelope are very fun to play with.

Then there's the physicality of a letter and the ability to enclose small things such as tickets or scraps of fabric to the particular delight of small children (or indeed, anyone). The letters themselves can also be unconventional, made of origami folds in various shapes and colours."

This workshop is bookable in two two hour sessions during the February half-term, with an Adult's day workshop to follow in May.

Details:

The Painswick Centre, Sat 25th Feb, £35 per pair  
Keep in touch - Children's Art workshop

The act of writing a letter, decorating it, and posting it is a creative and satisfying way to encourage children to practice writing, while doing some arts and crafts. This two hour session is aimed at a child and a grown up, with whom they'd like to correspond by post. Materials and refreshments included!

Session 1: 10am-12pm  
Session 2: 1pm-3pm.

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*Emma Leyfield*



# How to Boost your State Pension

Do you know someone on a state pension who struggles to make ends meet? Or perhaps a couple? What if they could get a boost to their income? Too good to be true? A lot of other state pensioners certainly think so: a third of those who are eligible miss out. That's a million older people scrimping and saving and going cold when they don't need to.



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The Homes for Ukraine Scheme is one of those great initiatives which makes you feel proud to be British: individuals reaching out to help strangers from another country in a deeply personal and intimate way.

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## Can you help?

Do you have at least one or two spare bedrooms you can offer in your home, or even better an annex? Do you have a house you could rent at a discounted rate? Or do you have a friend or family member in the Stroud District who you think might help? We now have a really good support team established for both sponsors and guests – there is a lot of information that has been compiled to make it easier so you can enjoy your experience of gifting someone a safe home.

SURCS (Stroud Ukrainian Refugee Community Support) is a volunteer community group that works to connect people, distribute information and create social events.

Homes for Ukraine (Gloucestershire County Council) take care of the official business of matching sponsors with guests and carrying out the checks required to do so.

To find out more, please contact Homes for Ukraine direct <HFUTeam@gloucestershire.gov.uk> or Stroud Ukrainian Refugee Community Support (SURCS) [strouducrs@gmail.com](mailto:strouducrs@gmail.com)



Caroline Banks

# Bus Services

County Councillor Sue Williams has sent the Beacon the following message.

“Does anyone use the bus service to Cheltenham. I believe it gets to Cheltenham about 7am. I understand that Stagecoach are changing bus routes and time tables. I have been alerted by a concerned resident that this is at risk. I want to take this to the cabinet member and our local MP to raise concerns regarding rural bus services and seek support. If others wish to contact me please email: [Susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or telephone: 01452 770928”

In addition the Beacon has had further correspondence regarding the new timetables scheduled to come into force on 19<sup>th</sup> February. Of particular concern is the fact that the buses will no longer be routed through Cranham and the last bus leaving in either direction from Stroud or Cheltenham will be 17.45 as opposed to the current 19.00

A meeting with the company was to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> January to discuss the changes but it was unlikely to make any difference to the timetable.

To the right is the timetable for the No 66 service for weekdays effective from 19<sup>th</sup> February

### 66 from Cheltenham to Stroud

	Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays)						Effective from 19 February 2023					
	Hol	Sch	Hol	Sch			Hol	Sch				
Cheltenham Promenade	0720	0720	0820	0820	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1645
Shurdington Church Lane	0733	0735	0833	0835	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1658
Gloucester BusinessPark	0740	0742	0840	0842	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1707
Abbeylea Christchurch	0747	0749	0847	0849	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1558	1715
Painswick St Mary's Church	0800	0802M	0900	0902M	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1611	1612M
Stroud Merrywalks	0812	0825	0912	0925	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522	1626	1743
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Shurdington Church Lane	1758											
Gloucester BusinessPark	1807											
Abbeylea Christchurch	1815											
Painswick St Mary's Church	1828											
Stroud Merrywalks	1840											

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Abbeylea Christchurch	0725	0853	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1608	1708	1808	
Gloucester BusinessPark	0733	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1616	1716	1816	
Shurdington Church Lane	0741	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1623	1723	1823	
Cheltenham Promenade	0756	0922	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522	1638	1738	1838	

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# The construction of mediaeval cathedrals



On Wed 4th Jan 2023 Painswick Probus Club received an excellent presentation by Peter Petrie about the construction of mediaeval cathedrals including ample references to Gloucester Cathedral and Painswick's St Mary's church. Peter was a volunteer guide at Gloucester Cathedral for 16 years; the training he received, the knowledge he gained during that period, and his ongoing research enabled him to provide an authoritative and wide-ranging talk.

A project would start with the acquisition of land, typically equivalent to 3 football pitches, generally donated by wealthy patrons eager to ease their path through purgatory to, hopefully, heaven.

The appointed master mason was the key man, not only practising his own craft and supervising other masons, but also designing the structure and appearance of the building, sourcing and transporting materials, and coordinating the work of labourers and other tradesmen. Because the project could take 80 or more years to complete, master masons passed on their skills to their children. Fundamentally, even in mediaeval times, mathematics played a vital part in the design, emulating natural patterns and using mathematical formulae (sacred geometry) to define the curvatures of window and roof parts.

Initially, a scale model, typically 20' x 10', would be produced to communicate the design to sponsors and to workers, who were mostly illiterate. Detailed designs for decorative features were scratched into freshly laid plaster in a tracing house; when no longer required a fresh layer of plaster was laid for the next group of designs.

The tools of the stonemason included a plumb-line to achieve verticality, a "3-4-5" triangular set-square to achieve perpendicularity, and a rod, typically approximately 18 feet long, which would serve to define linear distances between walls, columns etc.

Mediaeval lime mortar has passed the test of time. Unlike modern mortar, its slow drying property added to its long-term flexibility, but this also slowed the rate of building progress.

Today Gloucester Cathedral employs 6 stonemasons and one carpenter to maintain the fabric of the building.

*Henry Hall*

## Taking the green and eco-friendly lead

The use of man-made artificial materials has been part of our lives for a very long time and such use has indeed been very widespread covering so many aspects of everyday life. For most of us it is something we have taken for granted without a second thought, easy, cheap, convenient. It is only in relatively recent times that a real awareness has arisen of just how ecologically problematic this is and how it is already causing immense challenges both now and for many years to come regarding disposal.

Here in Painswick one such practice is about to be changed for the better. The beautiful flower arrangements which can be seen regularly in St Mary's Church will be 100% eco-friendly. The need and encouragement for this to be so has come from two sources. Firstly, Bishop Rachel has requested the avoidance of using Oasis, a synthetic foam material used as a base, in all church arrangements and the members of St Mary's Flower Guild are keen to support this. Secondly, Emma Hutchinson is also determined to ensure her flower business, The Bespoke Flower Company, is finally foam free and she is very positive about helping the Guild to achieve this with the church arrangements.



Emma explains that Oasis or floral foam, which has only a single use and is not biodegradable, has been used for many years. Changing to new materials is not easy, indeed is challenging, but, she believes, is necessary for all the right reasons and the floristry industry generally is in favour of the change. There are alternatives, such as sphagnum moss and chicken wire for example, which can be used many times and there are consequently no real cost implications.

The Flower Guild and Emma are keen to work together to bring about this much needed change and on Friday, 10th February Emma will be offering a demonstration and training session aimed at understanding and using alternative eco-friendly alternatives to Oasis. Everyone is welcome to attend what promises to be an informative, sociable and interesting session and which may even result in more volunteers offering to be part of the team which produces those beautiful arrangements. Beginning at 11.00am it will take place in the Derek Hodges Room, in the Church Rooms. If you are interested please contact either Freda Steed [fredasteed@gmail.com](mailto:fredasteed@gmail.com), tel.812376, or Emma Hutchinson [info@thebespokeflowercompany.co.uk](mailto:info@thebespokeflowercompany.co.uk), tel.649810 or 07798 672227.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# News from Painswick

## Surgery Patient Group(PPG)

### Digital Health

One Gloucestershire (our local NHS system) is increasingly committed to the use of digital technologies which include our eConsult system, access by health professionals to patient records wherever you are treated and 'virtual wards' – see <https://bit.ly/3HdHY9p>. All of these require patients to have the necessary technologies and to be competent to use them. Your PPG has some concern about this and will be seeking to help the Practice where it can to progress matters and to monitor progress. Please let us know if you need help with IT matters.

### Text and eMails from the Practice

These are used for their efficiency but the Patient Group are encouraging the Practice to do everything they can to ensure that authentic messages can be clearly identified and scams avoided. If you receive a message from Painswick Surgery be sure to check that it addresses you by name and identifies the Practice correctly

### New Website & IT system

If you have checked on <https://www.painswicksurgery.nhs.uk> lately you'll have seen that there is a whole new website in operation. Part of the reason for this was increased standardisation with other local practices. The other requirement was for a new IT system. This will be a major change, installed in the near future to enable better collaboration with the partner practices in our local network, minor illness units, district nurses etc. More information on [the website as above](#).

## Jottings

As we come out, hopefully, of covid, flu and everything else, I thought I would talk about some of the things in nature which I have seen.

As a child I had a few pet Tumbling Pigeons around the farm yard. They were a domestic variety which would fly normally then tumble over backwards, dropping a couple of metres out of the sky and then fly away normally. People around would ask what was wrong with them, but that was normal for them.

As far as I can make not many people really know what is happening near to a rookery. I have seen a few now. They are very sociable birds and pair for life, staying together in flocks at their rookeries, often called parliaments. Young birds may form separate flocks and in the evening flocks may move on to communal roosts with other flocks, including jackdaws. There is quite a lot of noise as they assemble, dominant birds at the top of the trees to avoid droppings landing on them!

We often get gulls following the plough in the winter, looking for food. And sometimes kites appear at harvest time hoping to

### Access to appointments

Our Primary Care Network works together to keep at least one Practice open Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm and on Saturday mornings with G-Doc in Gloucester covering Saturday afternoons. You will be entitled to attend any of these and medics will be able to access your records at any site.

The Patient Group agreed with the Practice switching off eConsult over weekends to avoid someone requesting attention early in the weekend without realising that requests would not be triaged until Monday morning. Remember it only comes available on the Practice website after 6pm on a Sunday. If you need help earlier in a weekend phone 111 (or 999 if life-threatening).

### Practice Staffing

Dr Evans reported to us that the Practice is fully staffed and that their own finances are being used to employ a further GP beyond those the NHS funds. Despite this, current pressures are resulting in 6-8 week waits for non-urgent appointments. The Practice does however see all who identify as urgent the same or next day.

The Patient Group are grateful to the Practice for the efforts they are making and note that it received one of the highest patient satisfaction ratings in the region. In these times of exceptional pressures your patient group representatives appeal to all to minimise their demands as much as possible and use the Minor Injuries and Illnesses Unit (MIU) at Stroud hospital where appropriate, but do phone in advance: 0300 421 7777.

Most importantly, please recognise the stress on all our professionals and be polite and kind in your dealings with them.

*David Perry*  
Chair, Painswick Patient Group (PPG)  
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grab small rodents escaping from the crop fields. When travelling around the lanes around here you suddenly realise that a sparrow hawk is travelling with you, just above you or just in front. It is waiting for any small birds that your vehicle might disturb so that it can catch them for a meal. Then suddenly it swerves off sideways when an obstacle appears.

We used to hire a bull to get our heifers in calf. After it had done this it would get bored, decide it was time to go home, break out of the field and head home. On one occasion a bull from Hammonds farm in Wick Street was with heifers in a field in Edge. We had a phone call to say a bull and cows had just walked past the Edgemoor Inn heading for Stroud. I drove quickly down Jenkins Lane, along the A46 to the Pitchcombe junction and there, coming round the corner, came the bull. The cows were following him, all walking in a straight line along the white line, with the road vehicles just driving by on both sides and him taking no notice. We put them into a local field for the night. The next morning when we went to sort it out, the cows were still there but he was not. He had broken out during the night and gone on home to Hammonds Farm.

*Martin Slinger*



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## News from St Mary's

The season of Epiphany closes with the Feast of Candlemass which is celebrated on 2nd February. Thereafter there are a few ordinary Sundays before Lent begins. The number of Sundays between Epiphany and Lent depends on the date of Easter. This year Easter Sunday is on 9th April. This leaves three Sundays between Epiphany and Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which is on 22nd February. There will be two communion services in the benefice that day. The first is a BCP service at Pitchcombe Church at 11am; the second is a Common Worship communion at Cranham at 6.30pm. You are all invited to either of these two services to mark the beginning of Lent.



This month the monthly Rudford retreats resume following the Winter pause. The first retreat is on 16th February at Rudford Church which is near Highnam starting at 10am. The cost is £15 which includes coffee and lunch. For further details email rudfordretreats@gmail.com

Our Bishop, Bishop Rachel has invited a senior curate the Reverend Sarah Haslam to come to the Beacon Benefice for a leadership placement. She will arrive here on 1st February and the placement will continue until the end of June. Between now and then, Sarah will be working across the benefice and its parishes and is very excited about joining us. As this is a placement Sarah will continue to live in the benefice where she is currently serving but is looking forward to getting to know us and our communities. She will be writing for this magazine next month.

*David Newell*

## False alarm



A fear that The Arc (Cardynham House) might be falling down was allayed when it was confirmed that it is an old crack that is being re-mortared.

## Macbeth and the Russian Orthodox

The latest presentations demonstrate the informed talent of the members of PMAG as well as the wide scope of their record collections.

Music inspired by the Bard presented by Duncan Richardson on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January included an excerpt from Verdi's Macbeth. With well chosen illustrations he managed to embrace five centuries from Henry Purcell to Cole Porter and musical styles from the baroque to the Hollywood musical taking in opera, ballet and orchestral music. We learned that national borders were not restricted to England (or Scotland) and composers from Italy, France, Germany, Russia and USA were all represented. Apart from the very 'unscots' Verdi, Mendelssohn (beloved of Queen Victoria who was perhaps amused!), Prokofiev, Arne, Schubert, Berlioz and others were also featured.

The Second Elizabethan Age was represented by Sir John Tavener (note only 1 r and not to be confused with another John TaveRner from the times of Henry VIII). A well attended audience on the 19th January learned from Ann Williams that this composer should not be a total stranger to them when they were played SONG FOR ATHENE (sung at the funeral of Princess Diana), THE LAMB (a regular carol at Christmas) and THE PROTECTING VEIL (a chart hit and Mercury prize winner in the 1980s). 11 further musical excerpts demonstrating choral influences from Gregorian, medieval and his final love Russian orthodox music were skilfully woven by Anne into a biography of the composer's life. He too received royal approval from the current King in spite of some surprising adaptations most notably and appallingly of Ding Dong Merrily. KC III was surely amused!

For those inspired to enjoy forthcoming presentations in the Town Hall please note:-  
2nd February 2023 2:30 Sir Edward Elgar

Sir Tim Brain (an authority on his subject and current Chairman of the 3 Choirs Festival)  
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# Calm and aware with Kate

There can be very few people indeed who do not encounter complications, challenges, difficult situations etc from time to time, or even simply find that a busy, or alternatively a lonely, life causes tension or stress. Dealing with such situations is often not easy but the need to stay calm and positive is important. The practice of mindfulness is definitely extremely helpful in achieving this. In Painswick we are very fortunate to have access to weekly mindfulness sessions every Monday with local resident, Kate Beatty.

Kate recognises how important it is, for general mental, emotional and physical health, to maintain a calm awareness of the here and now, the present. A fully qualified yoga teacher and mother of three young children, Kate was diagnosed unexpectedly, and of course distressingly, with cancer. During treatment she also learned about mindfulness and decided to embark on a two year training course. Her cancer treatment has been successful and simultaneously she soon understood for herself how effective the practice of mindfulness is in dealing with tense and stressful situations. As she explains, it does not eliminate the worry or cause of tension but it does teach coping mechanisms and opens up a positive awareness which enables you to deal calmly with the present, improves sleep and brings a better balance to everyday life. It is certainly not heavy but is about being steady in the present.



Kate's Mindfulness Mondays are beneficial to anyone and everyone whether stressed, anxious or simply in need of maintaining a calm outlook within a busy life. The sessions, held on Mondays at 12.30 in the Green Room, Painswick Centre, are open to all so everyone is welcome. There is a website [www.kate-beatty.co.uk](http://www.kate-beatty.co.uk) and Kate can be contacted [photo@kate-beatty.co.uk](mailto:photo@kate-beatty.co.uk)

*Carol Maxwell*

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Our next talk at Box Village Hall will take place on Tuesday 21st February at 2.30 pm. Our speaker, Simon Draper, Assistant Editor of the Victoria County History for Oxfordshire, will be talking about 'Boundaries in the Landscape', how to interpret their archaeology and what they tell us about the history of our local landscapes.

The Club has a busy programme of Excursions and Guided Walks in 2023. A visit to the Museum of the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (REME) at MOD Lyneham has been arranged for Wednesday 19th April (further details from Robert Mann on 01453 872243); and on Wednesday 17th May, we have a visit to Kelmscott Manor, the country retreat of William Morris, father of the Arts and Crafts Movement, with a guided tour of the house and buffet lunch (tel. 813228). For details of the Club's 5-day excursion to East Devon, contact Denise Magauran on 814570. Please contact me for a copy of our latest Newsletter.

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# Painswick Community Support Update

## Christmas Lunches and Slow Cookers

With our donations from the Friday Hub, we were able to treat a small number of Painswick residents who were spending Christmas Day on their own, with a 2 course Christmas lunch from Birch Restaurant, Stroud, collected and delivered by us on Christmas Eve.

Through the Stroud District Community Hub network, three new slow cookers complete with recipe book and some ingredients, were donated to the Hub during the Christmas period. These were gratefully received by two young families and an older couple in Painswick.

## The Community Hub and AGE UK Gloucestershire

Through liaising with AGE UK Gloucestershire's Community Engagement Officer, Chris Walker, we have been able to provide a number of supermarket vouchers to the value of £100 to Painswick residents over the last few months. This scheme to provide some extra help for over 65s during the cost of living crisis finishes at the end of February. We are grateful to Chris Walker for giving us the opportunity to help administer this scheme through our Community Hub, enabling a number of villagers to benefit from it.

## Winter Warmers sessions at Highgrove House

AGE UK Gloucestershire, through its link with other agencies, has also recently informed us of the start of Winter Warmer sessions for older people on Tuesdays at Highgrove organised by the Prince's Foundation. There will be entertainment by local musicians and bands, activities such as crafts as well as complimentary hot meals made with fresh local ingredients including vegetables from Highgrove Garden.

# Slavutych

The ladies of Yew Trees WI were delighted to welcome Julia Marusich, a Ukrainian refugee living in Painswick, as the speaker at their December meeting. The number and variety of questions that followed her talk showed the keen interest felt by her audience for Ukraine, its people and Julia in particular. Julia spoke with affection about Slavutych, her home town, which she described as a small island in the north of the country built in 1986, after the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear plant, to house the workers and their families. She explained how since the Russian invasion many residents had fled to Poland. Despite the devastation and privations the people had joined together in a common aim for freedom and had shown remarkable resilience in adversity. As Julia's talk was only days before Christmas everyone was interested to learn how it is celebrated in Ukraine where families gather together for traditional food on the Orthodox Christian day of celebration: 7th January. And where despite temperatures of minus 20 some people take a dip in icy waters.

After Julia's talk some traditional English mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed together with sun soaked almonds, the annual gift kindly sent by Christopher Piper Short from his home in Spain.

January saw the annual skittles match between Yew Trees WI and Painswick Probus Club. The tension and excitement was little short of that experienced watching Andy Murray play in the Australian Open but thankfully there was a lot more jollity, even when the ladies watched the shiny trophy being presented to Mike Steed, whose team won by just one point!

The Five Valleys Shopping Centre in Stroud is the topic of our speaker Jack Simpson at our meeting on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms.

For further information and how to book, please contact Painswick Community Support (contact details below).

## Community Suppers

The remaining 3 Community Suppers will take place on 14th and 21st February and 14th March at the Church Rooms. They have proved to be very popular and are booking up quickly so if you would like to go, please book as soon as possible. All welcome.

February 14th menu:

- Pressed lamb shoulder, Dauphinoise potatoes, Green vegetables, Parsley sauce. (GF/DF/Vegan option is Beetroot and Squash Wellington, Parsley sauce).

Coconut rice pudding with berry compote.

February 21st menu:

Fish Pie with creamy mashed potato, Winter Leaf Salad (GF/DF/Vegan option is Vegetable Cottage Pie, Winter Leaf Salad)

Apple and Walnut Cobbler with Cream with GF/DF/Vegan variation

There will be an alternative GF/DF/Vegan dessert

Book now by visiting <https://forms.gle/oDmdfsEJgY5o5pYw7> or call us on the community phone number below.

## Wednesday Meet in a warm space

Free on a Wednesday morning? Drop in to our Wednesday Meet run by Sandra Glass and other Community Hub volunteers at the Town Hall starting on February 8th, 10am -12. (note new time) for T+C (tea and coffee), Chat and More. All welcome.

If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956 203087, email: [painswick-community@gmail.com](mailto:painswick-community@gmail.com)). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

*Delyth Allen (On behalf of Painswick Community Support)*



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# Radical Stroud

The title of 'Radical Stroud' does not divulge the interesting path that Stuart Butler lead us down when he came to talk to us on January 17th.

Starting back at the end of the 18th century the Stroud area, nationally and internationally, was famous for its Red Cloth used for soldiers' uniforms. These red grenadiers' uniforms were used as a deterrent in the West Indies and the Americas, and as we discovered back home, where unrest was growing over poor wages and growing poverty, within the Stroud valleys and surrounding areas. Chalford cloth industry we discovered was controlled by the East India company, again connecting us to international trade.

However, as we were shown, back home poverty among local workers was at the centre of rebellious talk, with Uley mentioned in 1795, when excerpts of letters showed the unrest of the time.

Into the 19th century we were told of riots in Tetbury, and The Vatch closer to home, all from original jottings of the time.

Meetings of 3000 people were recorded in 1825 as the Stroud Valley Weavers Union met and again in 1839, with a meeting on Selsley common of 5000 people all concerned with the effects of low wages and social deprivation. Talking directly from articles of the time, Stuart brought history to life, including poetry by John Thelwall and reports taken from evidence resulting from the Charter acts in the 1830's.

Concluding with statistics of people deported due to mainly petty crimes and 'Assisted immigration' within our villages and towns locally, we enjoyed an insight to some of the hidden history of Stroud.

Our next meeting is on 21st February when Liz Davenport will speak on the subject of Woodchester Mansion.



*Karen Goddard*

# Friday Club

The Committee and Members of the Friday Club were saddened to learn that their past Chair, Mrs Barbara Tait had passed away. She had served as Chair for 4 years and will be sadly missed.

We had a good turn-out for the first Friday Club Meeting of the year, on the 13th January. Dr Gillian White teaches History of Art in the Department of Continuing Education at Oxford University and elsewhere. Today she gave us a dramatic, fascinating account of the infamous "Kenilworth Entertainment" of 1575. Robert Dudley, the well-known Elizabethan Courtier, attempted to woo Queen Elizabeth during her stay at Kenilworth Castle by a daily series of entertainments.



Then on the 27th January, Julia Marusich talked about her life as a guide at Chernobyl Power Station and about life in Ukraine.

The Club has a busy February programme starting on Monday 6th when between 12 noon and 1.15pm we will be hosting the Community Lunch in the Town Hall. Please come along and support this important event which is also an opportunity to meet other Members of the Community. Then on the 10th we will be showing a DVD of the infamous 1936 Olympics. They are remembered not only for Jesse Owens winning 4 Gold Medals, he was described during his lifetime as perhaps the greatest track and field athlete in track and field history, but by the attitude of the Nazi German Leader who would only shake hands with German Athletes. Finally on the 24th Chris Walker from Age UK will be talking to Members about how Age UK can help them make life "easier" and what benefits they may be entitled to. Not to be missed!

Annual Membership is due, £20. Then £2 per Meeting to cover the costs of refreshments. Or you can just turn up when you are able to, as a Guest, for £3 a session. (Carers free). Come and join us for a social tea and chat in good company. If you need help with transport, please let us know: Joyce Barrus 812942

*Mike Kerton and Joyce Barrus*

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# Junipers on the Beacon



Juniper bushes are one of only three conifers native to Britain, the others being yew and Scots pine. They are a colonising plant, thriving on poor brashy calcareous (limestone and chalk) soils. Plants are either male or female: the former having small pollen cones and the latter bearing the distinctive Juniper berries. Recent decades have seen their numbers dramatically decline, as has much of our wildlife. They are long lived (a hundred years or so) but their seed is not very fertile, consequently there are few sites where it is regenerating successfully. The main threats to their survival are arable conversion, disease (primarily phytophthora), the burning of heathland and loss of habitat to encroaching scrub and, as we know, this is a consequence of the lack of grazing. Creating a habitat suitable for juniper also benefits musk orchids,



wild candytuft, pasquiflowers and many butterfly food plants. Insects, spiders, over 40 species of fungi, birds and mammals, lichens and bryophytes all use juniper and some are totally dependent on it. Juniper's importance is recognised in its designation as a species of principal importance for the purpose of conserving biodiversity under The NERC Act 2006.

Painswick Beacon has been identified by Plantlife as an important site for the preservation and propagation of juniper – the numerous old quarry workings having very thin poor soils. An old survey showed there were about sixty or so mature bushes of both sexes and a few seedlings, but many were shaded by surrounding vegetation and in poor health. A program of gradually removing encroaching scrub was started and happily some of these plants are recovering. Some of the original junipers have unfortunately died, (one by vandalism.)

Some years ago London Gin Co. sponsored PBCG to create seed scrapes and sow seeds collected from site. Junipers are difficult to propagate either from seed or cuttings, but the first sowing produced about 100 seedlings. Most have survived and some have been thinned and successfully transplanted. The good news is that some of the old female bushes have produced a crop of seedlings and during the course of scrub clearing we have discovered about a further 16 well established ones. This means there must now be over a hundred junipers on the Beacon. Thirty bushes, with more females than males, in close proximity is considered a viable community. Unfortunately, many on the Beacon are well dispersed, so transplanting and reseedling is targeted to establish viable groups. Junipers are long lived and set seed infrequently, so this is a long term project. Patience is a virtue!

*Paul Baxter*

## Painswick Rococo Garden Snowdrops – the start of spring

Here in the Garden the snowdrops should be at their peak just as you read this. For me this is one of the sights of spring not to be missed, with millions of their delicate white blooms bobbing in the winter breeze. This is one of the county's must-see outdoor spectacles, right on our doorsteps – so if you've not been already, I do recommend you invite friends and visit! The Garden is open daily 10am-5pm with last admission at 4pm. Our temporary Café is open 10-4 and serves lunch 12-3 – so you can enjoy a freshly ground coffee or homemade lunch too. Advance booking is essential via [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk).

The number of people joining our Friends is on the up and for many, this is the ideal time to sign up. You can enjoy the freedom of visiting for a whole year and at the same time, support the Garden Trust, a registered charity whose job is to restore and maintain this wonderful place. You can now join online from just £31 – again visit [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk).

Our onsite partners at Exedra Nursery are having a strong start to the season, with a range of gorgeous snowdrops and eye-catching hellebores already turning heads and selling fast. Julie and Steve and their team are firm favourites with many of you already thanks to their top quality plants, personal service and willingness to provide expert advice. You can find out more at [www.exedranursery.co.uk](http://www.exedranursery.co.uk)

Looking a little further ahead, tickets are already on sale for our popular outdoor theatre performances! I can heartily recommend the popular annual return of The Handlebards, who are presenting A Midsummer Night's Dream on Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July. There are full details online.

That's it for now. I'm looking forward to daffodil season at the end of this month and into next, which should look even better than ever after last autumn's further bulb-plantings.

I hope to see you at the Garden soon.

*Tim Toghil, volunteer*

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# Historic February crimes



**1823** John Clissold, age 17, 5ft 4ins, hair very dark black, very dark eyes and eyebrows, complexion fresh, oval face, scar on forehead, scar on back of left hand, small mole right side of neck. Read a little. Trade – rower of cloth. Charged with stealing a quantity of brass from the mill of Edward Wood Mason, clothier. Guilty, 6 months in the Penitentiary (Gloucester Gaol).

**1833** Peter Hall, labourer, guilty of stealing turnips in a field, the property of William Capel, the younger, gentleman. 1 month hard labour in Horsley House of Correction.

1843 Ephraim Hazle, age 33, 5ft 4ins, hair light brown, eyes hazel, thin pale visage, several large moles on stomach and arms, 110lbs. Guilty of stealing one sovereign, two half crowns and other monies belonging to Mary Belcher. 3 months in the Penitentiary.

**1853** Alfred Keene, age 16, eyebrows join, labourer, and Henry Merchant, age 13, visage long and sharp, factory boy, charged with feloniously stealing a silver spoon the property of some person unknown. Horsley House of Correction. Conduct in prison, good.

**1873** George Lander, age 14, and James Lander, age 13, charged with sleeping in an outhouse belonging to Mr Harper at Washwell and having no visible means of subsistence. A very long explanation, given by the boys, by PC Grivell and by their father, in which it seems they frequently ran away especially when asked to help with the father's carpentry work. They claimed their life at home was hard with little food and having to sleep in the tallet (roof space) with little bedding. This, their father said was not true. Eventually the magistrate ordered them to go home with their father on the understanding that if this re-occurred they would go to prison for three months with hard labour. *Stroud Journal*

Samuel Hale, guilty of being drunk at the Cross. PC Grivell found him and Hale wanted to fight him. He had to drag him with assistance to the station and into a cell. Two previous convictions; 10/- fine and costs and warning not to repeat the offence. Prisoner: 'I am always like that when I get beer, Sir.' Magistrate: 'Then you should leave off drinking altogether.' *Stroud Journal*

**1903** George Hanks, labourer, charged with stealing wood, value 2s 6d, the property of F.A.Hyett. Mr Hyett asked the Bench to deal leniently with the defendant and a fine of 10s was imposed. *Stroud News*

Ernest Swinford, a youth, charged with stealing a suit of clothes, value 32s the property of Maurice Ireland. PC Jones, knowing of the robbery, had found Swinford in Gloucester Street wearing the clothes which he said he had bought in Gloucester. Mr Slade, outfitter of Nelson Street, Stroud was sent for and identified the clothes as those collected on behalf of the purchaser, Mr Ireland. The prisoner then said 'Can't I pay for them and settle it?' Gaol for 14 days. *Stroud News*

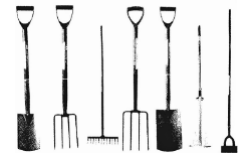
William Jotham, age 68, 5ft 7ins, hair brown turning grey, labourer. Drunk – 7 days hard labour or pay 12/-.

Edward Gyde, blacksmith, charged with being drunk in the Fleece Inn where he was standing at the bar, coat off and wanting to fight. This was the third similar offence in five months. Fined 7/- and 4/- costs, in default 14 days. *Gloucester Echo*

**1933** Bernard Lewis Stephens, of Loveday's Mill, charged with having ridden a motor-cycle combination not equipped with two efficient brakes. Stopped in St Mary's Street by PC Oakley, he said it was in that condition when he bought it and he did not know it was necessary to have two brakes. Fined 10/-.

Carol Maxwell

# Painswick gardening club



We welcomed many members and visitors to our new venue, The Town Hall, for our first meeting in January when Victoria Summerley gave a most interesting and informative talk on the Secret Gardens of Gloucestershire. Her photographs of Cotswold houses showed their stunning gardens with wonderful summer flowers including many clematis and glorious roses. A copy of her book Secret Gardens of the Cotswolds is in the Painswick Library.

On 8th February Adam Alexander will talk on 'Meetings with Remarkable Vegetables from Wild Parent to Cultivated Offspring'. He is the author of The Seed Detective: Uncovering the Secret Histories of Remarkable Vegetables. He began to seek out growers of rare and endangered heritage and heirloom varieties in order to save them from being lost forever.

Please join us at The Town Hall. Doors open at 7 pm for refreshments and the talk will start promptly at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

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Sat 4th Feb, 10am-1pm: Document Your Days, £30pp

Sat 18th Feb, 10am-1pm: Creative Photography, £30pp

HALF TERM: Tues 21st – Thurs 23rd Feb, 10am-1pm each day: Learn How To Use a DSLR in 3 Days, £99pp

### After-school art classes

Our very popular after-school classes with artist & teacher Hannah Ellis are back! In these classes for ages 7-11, children will look at artworks and artists to inspire them, and develop skills using different media, including watercolour, sculpture, and collage. Each week they'll get to let their creativity run free to make their own unique artwork. Wednesdays 3.45-5.15pm. For more info and to book please email [classes@painswickcentre.com](mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com)

From 1st February 2023 for 3 weeks: £15 per class or £40 per term\*

From 1st March 2023 for 4 weeks: £15 per class or £53 per term\*

\*Reduced rates are available, please ask for more details.

### Fitness & wellbeing

If you made a new year resolution to look after yourself in 2023, do check out what's on at the Centre – for classes, there's everything from Pilates and yoga (including pregnancy yoga) to Zumba. There are also Mindful Meditation sessions every Monday, plus massage & reflexology appointments available every Tuesday.

### Food Nights

As this goes to press we are still confirming dates with our Food Night traders, but YES they are back this February, starting on the 2nd and then every Thursday night. Serving to takeaway 5-8pm, cards accepted. Keep an eye out on Facebook for who will be here when, or look out for our posters.

### Other dates for your diary

Every Thursday Morning Market with local produce, 8.15-9.45am

Fri 10th Feb Wick-Flix presents Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (see right)

### Keep up to date

Always check our Instagram, Facebook and website ([www.painswickcentre.com](http://www.painswickcentre.com)) for up-to-date listings and more information on what's on this month. 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 complete the form on our website homepage or email [marketing@painswickcentre.com](mailto:marketing@painswickcentre.com).

Susie Andrews

## Wick-Flix presents Mrs Harris Goes to Paris Friday 10th February

Based on the 1958 novel 'Mrs 'Arris Goes to Paris', the fabulous Lesley Manville stars as Mrs Harris, a widowed cleaning lady who decides to grab life by the horns and take herself off to Paris to buy a couture gown with her life savings. A feel-good film about pursuing and cherishing what you love, and a beautiful homage to the House of Dior, it's a charming and life-affirming film – perfect to perk us all up in the dark month of February!

"This is a warm and witty crowd-pleasing delight from start to finish." James Croot, stuff.co.nz

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Peter Gray, The AU Review

Wick-Flix is a very special community cinema with a unique atmosphere. Doors of the Beacon Hall at The Painswick Centre open at 7pm, so come along and join us for a drink beforehand (your first one is included with the ticket price). Tickets are £9 on the door, cash or card accepted. The showing will start at 7.45pm, and there will be an interval for more drinks at the bar and sweet & savoury snacks. We are delighted to serve Woodchester Valley Vineyard wines and Marshfield ice creams at our showings. With big thanks to our gold sponsor Murrays Estate Agents and sponsors Woodchester Valley Vineyard and JW Goddard's.

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# Painswick Sports

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## Annual Christmas match Painswick 3 - Sheepscombe 5

The annual football match was held in pouring rain. Painswick started brightly, creating several chances which were well-saved by the goal-keeper. When a corner was awarded a whipped in cross was headed home by Painswick's Ed Andrew. The course of the match was dramatically changed when Sheepscombe were awarded three long range freekicks which Charlie Isaac skilfully scored with all three.

The second half saw Sheepscombe take control of the midfield with Tom Mahendran scoring and Sam Horder producing an unstoppable shot. Painswick fought back with Tom Cash clearing off the line and two late goals by Painswick's Paul Johnson and Tim Knibbs made the score respectable.

The match was closer than the score reflected as the clear man of the match was the Sheepscombe goalkeeper.



## Painswick Cricket Club

### Pre-season 2023

Painswick CC have organised several pre-season training sessions for both senior and juniors (both boys and girls). Your main contact for these sessions is the club coach Luke Woolway. If you are interested in taking part then please contact Luke, his details are below



Luke Woolway Senior Club Coach & Assistant Secretary [lwwoolway@gmail.com](mailto:lwwoolway@gmail.com) 07376 195234

You may also wish to visit our play-cricket website for information [painswick.play-cricket.com](http://painswick.play-cricket.com)

We are currently looking forward to the mighty challenges of next season. These include playing in the West of England Premier League Div Two and also celebrating 175 years of cricket at Painswick.

*Steve Pegram*

## Painswick Bowls

During these long cold winter days, one's mind naturally drifts to the long balmy summer evenings to come and on making plans of how best to take advantage of them. Over 100 years ago Sarah Francis Williams, the Lea Perrins Worcestershire Sauce heiress, had constructed in the centre of Painswick a Bowls Club for the healthy exercise and entertainment of the people of Painswick and its surrounding villages. The motives behind her generous gesture of bringing a community together are just as valid today as they were 100 years ago if not more so.



Last year the Painswick Bowls Club organised a successful platinum Jubilee inter-street competition which after the isolation of Covid not only created much interest, introducing the game to many people who had never played before but being an outside activity allowed people to socialise together safely. This year we intend to build on last year's success and organise a Coronation bowls competition to which we will invite other Painswick clubs and societies to nominate teams in addition to the street teams who played last year.

The club's membership grew last year and we were fortunate to receive a grant from Gloucestershire County Council to help make the club more inclusive. Some of these funds are being put to good use by increasing the number of qualified members who will ably demonstrate the rudimentaries of bowling to new members. We are therefore looking to further expand our membership across the generations from both existing and newcomers to the area. So, whether you want to play friendly but competitive games, or alternatively, if you would prefer to spend an hour or two bowling with friends or family in the fresh air whilst perhaps taking advantage of the inexpensive bar and Friday BBQs please contact Heather or John who will be able to supply more details.

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# Painswick RFC

A strange month for the 1st XV with no rugby being played in December at all. A combination of an opposition team not being able to raise a side and inclement weather put paid to any rugby!



A very positive start to 2023 with an excellent 67-0 victory at Broadham Fields against Old Cryptians. This was a unique experience as we hosted an England Rugby film crew who were keen to follow up on the recent story of a Painswick squad that contained 5 sets of brothers. Much to the film crews' delight, we had 7 sets of brothers on show for this fixture. The video piece will be available shortly!

The 14th January saw a top of the table clash away at Cheltenham RFC. In perfect rugby conditions, Painswick raced into a 14-0 lead with 2 tries (also converted), by Matt Longuet-Higgins. The Painswick lead was soon cut to 7 points and with the game poised at 19-12 Painswick rallied and added 2 more scores to take the maximum 5 points

## Mini and Junior section

Our mini and junior section continues to grow, and we have seen a very healthy influx of new young talent joining the young cherry & white ranks! We have a fantastic colt's team, some real talent for the future!

Our senior section train at Broadham Fields Thursday from 6.30pm. We are always looking for new (or old!) players, please feel free to come and join us. For more information, please contact [craig.mayo@btinternet.com](mailto:craig.mayo@btinternet.com) or follow us on our social media pages.

Our mini & junior section 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 [painswickrfeminis@gmail.com](mailto:painswickrfeminis@gmail.com). Please feel free to bring your aspiring young rugby players for a free taster session.



## Celebrations for our historic 150th season

We have 2 exciting events to announce.

On Wednesday 15th February, the club will be hosting a very special Q&A session with some rugby superstars! Joining us will be Gloucester skipper Lewis Ludlow, mercurial scrum half Charlie Chapman and England stars Tatyana Heard & Zoe Aldcroft to answer your questions. There will also be a raffle with a chance to win your height in beer! Tickets are £10 and available from the clubhouse, or drop an email to [painswick150years@gmail.com](mailto:painswick150years@gmail.com). All welcome, young & old.

Our 150th anniversary celebration dinner will take place at Broadham Fields on Saturday 22nd April. Tickets are now available at £60 each and can be purchased at the club bar or by BACS payment. If you are interested in attending, again drop us an email for more details.

We are also looking for sponsorship for our 150th celebration dinner, with several advertisement opportunities available. Please contact Andrew Morgan on 07887 801272 for more information.

*Craig Mayo*

# Painswick Golf Club

I am sorry to have to report another casualty of the rapid rise in electricity prices has been catering arrangements at the golf club. The main use of electricity at the club has been in the kitchen. Neither the club nor our caterers, Waypoint, could continue to operate as before when faced with the fourfold increase in electricity prices. So, sadly, Waypoint has ceased operations at the golf club. Waypoint has provided quality food for golfers and the wider community for the last four and a half years. We thank them and wish them well for the future.



The AGM held on 20th January gave the officers the opportunity to set out a financial plan for the golf club to continue to operate in a sound manner. This was considered and approved by members. One outcome is that the club will only be able to operate a very limited catering and refreshment service for golfers for the immediate future.

At the AGM, Harry Burke was elected as Captain for 2023, starting in March. He was welcomed and in his acceptance speech noted that the club faced a challenging year.

Painswick Golf Club continues to welcome golfers to our unique course. For more information about booking, please call 01452 812615.

*Peter Rowe*

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# Painswick's key role in a national heritage

Maintaining a grand heritage of national significance would on first thoughts seem to be completely separate from and unrelated to Painswick. However, not so. In fact, there are two aspects to Painswick's involvement in a very grand and famous piece of British heritage.

The Honourable Artillery Company Light Cavalry, the HAC, is a unit of the territorial army, with the monarch as its Captain General. The HAC Light Cavalry section is essentially a ceremonial unit but with a security purpose too. It plays a key part in several mounted ceremonial occasions in the City of London, the famous Lord Mayor's Show being just one example, and in events in Windsor. It is a voluntary unit. One Painswick resident, Stephen Aiano, is a Trooper in this unit and consequently is involved in the many traditional ceremonial functions.

Stephen explains that such ceremonies have taken place for many decades and in some cases even centuries. The uniforms, decorations, equipment and horse coverings have remained unchanged in every small detail throughout and there is no plan to change any of it. However, periodically, of course, some items have to be replaced and this is the situation currently regarding the brown blankets which are placed on the horses' backs under the saddles. They are also used by the Troopers when having to sleep out on campaign.



Stephen Aiano (left) on ceremonial duty

The replacements must be identical in every respect and the existing blankets have, amazingly, been in use for over 100 years. Locating a source to supply a new set would without doubt present a tough challenge. Stephen decided that Tim Davies of Painswick Fabrics might be just the man to ask for help in this quest and duly presented him with the idea.

Tim understood that the new blankets would have to be exact replicas in every respect – traditional English wool, identical colour, produced using specific traditional weaving skills, sized and felted to the correct texture; a tall order! He carefully examined the current old blankets, very worn out and almost resembling horse hair from continuous and long-lasting use. To find someone who would be able to fulfil the requirements would be supremely difficult. Tim however, always resourceful and determined, eventually, ie after three months diligently searching, found exactly the right person for the task. The result – a brand new set of bespoke blankets, perfect replacements.

So, thanks to Stephen's belief in Tim's ability to achieve what initially appeared to be the almost impossible, plus the amazing results of Tim's endeavours, the noble Troopers and horses of the HAC will, perhaps even for the next century, be parading on national heritage occasions in continued and flawless perfection. Painswick's input – without doubt so significant.

*Carol Maxwell*



The new blankets

## Property Report

There is a mixture of new properties available this month, at a range of prices. At Longridge, with its great views across to Painswick, is Fieldways, a 5 bedroom detached family house, built around 20 years ago (Hamptons, £1.3 million). That's more than 5 times the price of 2 Berry Close, a 3 bedroom terraced house close to The Croft School, but in need of some modernisation (Murrays, £250,000). Roseleigh in Cheltenham Road, a mid-terraced Victorian cottage with 2 bedrooms, is only a bit further up the price range (Hamptons, £280,000).

Over at Sheepscombe, there is Sen Sook, a detached house with sweeping views south across the valley (Hamptons, £625,000) and at the Park, Brambles is a 2 bedroom semi-detached cottage (Hamptons, £575,000).

Maryhill on Cheltenham Road has gone under offer through Murrays, as has Tilia in Castle Close, while Beacon Lodge on Cheltenham Road, 4 White Horse Lane, Stonecroft in Hambutts Mead and The Mill House at Pitchcombe have all completed.

Murrays in Painswick report that the market seems to have picked up a bit, but there is still a shortage of houses to sell. There may have been some easing in house prices recently, but owners have generally benefitted from strong growth over the last few years. Research by Hamptons suggests that the average seller in England and Wales sold their property in 2022 for a record £108,000 more than they paid for it.

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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 <a href="mailto:ballyhoochalford@gmail.com">ballyhoochalford@gmail.com</a>	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	
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. <a href="http://www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234">www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234</a>	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm	
	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	
	Pregnancy Yoga, Wild Geese Yoga.	Painswick Centre	6.30 - 7.30pm	
	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
		Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812186 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms	7.00pm
		Table tennis. Contact David On 01452 812464	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
Yoga with Kate. <a href="http://www-kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234">www-kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234</a>		Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm	
Painswick Community Support is running a Wednesday Meet in a warm space at the Town Hall with tea, coffee and biscuits. Chat and more. All welcome		Town Hall	10.00 - 12.00pm	
Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Whole body workout for all ages and ability. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or <a href="mailto:info@joannedaleypilates.com">info@joannedaleypilates.com</a> .		Painswick Centre	10.30 - 11.30am	
Strength and Conditioning Circuits. Love Life Fitness <a href="http://www.lovelifeladies.co.uk">www.lovelifeladies.co.uk</a>		Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm	
After school art classes. Email <a href="mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com">classes@painswickcentre.com</a> . Term time only		Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm	
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	
	Qi Gong Classic Exercise - contact Jeff Docherty on <a href="mailto:jeffdocherty@yahoo.com">jeffdocherty@yahoo.com</a>	Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am	
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or <a href="mailto:info@joannedaleypilates.com">info@joannedaleypilates.com</a> .	Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm	
	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm	
	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 07968 799741 or <a href="mailto:info@joannedaleypilates.com">info@joannedaleypilates.com</a> .		Painswick Centre	11.00 - 12.00pm	
Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only		Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am	
Saturdays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am	
Sundays	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

Please let me know your club and society dates for the diary on [cvasp.26@gmail.com](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)

### February

Sat	4	<b>Painswick Beacon published</b>		
	4	PBCG work party	Painswick Beacon	9.00 - 12.30pm
	4	Photography workshop for ages 10+ - Document your Days. Email <a href="mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com">classes@painswickcentre.com</a>	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 1.00pm
Sun	5	Benefice Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	6	Community Lunch - Friday Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
	6	Downton House NGS Open garden - entrance in Hollyhock Lane	Downton House	10.30 - 3.00pm
Tues	7	Downton House NGS Open garden - entrance in Hollyhock Lane	Downton House	10.30 - 3.00pm
Wed	8	Painswick Gardening Club: Meetings with remarkable vegetables - Adam Alexander	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	9	The Arts Society: Bruegel - The Season and the World -Gavin Plumley.	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 11.00am
Fri	10	Wickflix: Mrs Harris goes to Paris	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	10	Friday Club: Film and Commentary of the 1936 Olympic Games	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	12	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	13	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
	13	Community Lunch - Community Hub	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	14	Painswick community supper: 2 course supper cooked by local chef. All welcome. To book call 07956 203087	Church Rooms	5.30pm
Wed	15	Painswick Probus: TBD	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Thurs	16	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Schubert - Howard Allen	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	18	PBCG work party	Painswick Beacon	9.00 - 12.30pm
	18	Photography workshop for ages 10+ - Creative Photography.	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 1.00pm
Sun	19	<b>Deadline for all copy</b>		
	19	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	20	Community Lunch - Painswick Bowling Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: Boundaries in the Landscape - Archaeology and Landscape History - Simon Draper. Enq 01453 873262	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
	21	Painswick community supper: 2 course supper cooked by local chef. All welcome. To book call 07956 203087	Church Rooms	5.30pm
	21	Painswick History Society: Woodchester Mansion - Liz Davenport	Croft School	7.30pm
	21	Photography workshop for ages 10+. 3 day workshop until Feb 23. Learn how to use a DSLR. Email <a href="mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com">classes@painswickcentre.com</a>	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 1.00pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: Talk by Chris Walker from Age UK	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	25	Keep in Touch children's art workshop - the art of correspondence. <a href="http://www.valerian.co.uk">www.valerian.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	1.00 - 3.00pm
Sun	26	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	27	Community Lunch - Sportily	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	28	Yew Trees WI: Five Valleys Shopping Centre - Jessica Derham	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm

### March

Wed	1	Cotteswold Naturalists: Dr Edward Adrian Wilson - Natural History, Exploration and the Wilson Museum - David Elder. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	2	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Popular songs of the second world war - Peter Jenkins	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	4	<b>Painswick Beacon published</b>		

## PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

### NEW APPLICATIONS

S.22/2664/HHOLD The Pool House, Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp To add approx 1.5m to roof height to include a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom loft extension

S.22/2726/LBC & S.22/2725/HHOLD Stonechat Cottage, New Street Remove outbuilding & construction of new extension & alterations. Amendments to applications ref S.22/0506/HHOLD & S.22/0540/LBC.

S.22/2695/FUL 5 Clattergrove Cottages, Clattergrove Conversion of garage/store to holiday accommodation.

S.22/2026/LBC Wool Cottage, Victoria Street Proposed replacement front door

S.22/2784/FUL Worgans Barn, Folly Lane Installation of two animal shelters/agricultural storage. (Resubmission of S.22/2056/FUL)

S.22/2626/FUL Painswick Rococo Garden, Gloucester Road Full planning approval for access road, car park, walkways, Gabion walls, level changes and alterations to the Bothy, and temporary approval for the proposed

structures including Cafe, Kitchen, Storage, WCs and Reception

### WITHDRAWN

S.22/2151/HHOLD Chartwell, Back Edge Lane, Edge Erection of side and rear extensions. (Resubmission of S.22/0461/HHOLD)

S.22/2605/FUL Ranger Workshop, The Old Ebworth Centre, The Camp Repair the workshop doors on the Ebworth Centre ranger workshop - make changes to just one of these doorsets (the set facing West). Make some practical alterations, including the introduction of a pedestrian door

### CONSENT

S.22/2247/HHOLD Beechcroft, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe Porch extension, first floor bridge to rear, internal reconfiguration to offer integral annexe, garage conversion, external alterations and changes in levels.

S.22/2437/HHOLD Mirfield, Stroud Road

Proposed first floor extension and change of external materials, replacement of existing garage

S.22/2542/HHOLD Clarelands, Golf Course Road

Proposed balcony and renewed fenestration to rear elevation. (Revised drawings received 30.11.22)

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**Grazing available at The Park,** just outside Painswick. 2.7 acres available. The field has not been grazed for the last 6 months. Please contact Sue Lovell on 07901 211 054 to discuss.

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## Broadham traffic lights update

The Beacon's usual request for an update on the position at Broadham has produced the following response this month.

"We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the temporary two way lights. This necessary measure ensures the road remains safe while we investigate viable solutions for this highly complex issue. We are working with our consultants to consider all available options and will provide an update and approximate timescales as soon as the best way forward is confirmed. We would like to thank residents for their continued patience."

The temporary traffic lights have now been in place for very nearly a year. Much the same response has been received from the Council every month throughout that period.





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# Personal column

## Condolences

To the family and friends of DAVID ARCHARD who died on New Year's Eve aged 81

To the family and friends of BARBARA TAIT who died in her sleep in the even-



ing of January 14th 2023. Barbara Tait was known for her work in the local community. Funeral service to be at Painswick Church, Friday 17th February 11.00am. Details from Jane Holford (sister) on Painswick 813781.



Snowdrops and pigeon house at Rococo Gardens (anon)

To the family and friends of ELIZABETH MORSE of Vicarage Street, who died in January.

To the family and friends of IRIS HARRIS who sadly passed away on 3rd January. Iris lived at 2 Court Orchard for 55 years before moving to Lydney in 2019.

## Thank you

Alan Fielder and his daughter Jane, would like to thank all those who came to the funeral service of his wife Audrey and for the generous charitable donations made to Teckells Animal Sanctuary at Whitminster. Alan would also especially like to thank the many friends and neighbours for their kindness and support during what has been a very difficult time.

## Lost

On Thursday January 19th in Hollyhock Lane a gold wedding ring engraved on the inside 'Charles and Mandy 11.1.64'. If you find it, please contact Mandy or Charles Garstang on 01452 812146.

You could help Vicky Aspinall, if you would send information about those you know for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated [cvasp.26@gmail.com](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)

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