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Christmas around Painswick

Christmas lights, Elf trails, snow scenes and a Baby Jesus Rock hunt.



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Re-Roofing Fundraising

£185,000 raised so far

Fundraising for the re-roofing project has been boosted by very generous grants of £10,000 from both the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, bringing the running total to around £185,000. Thank you to those Painswickians who have already responded to our ongoing appeal which is continuing into the new year.

Dylan Davies

There were no Parish Council Meetings held this month

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Disturbing and disturbed times

Riots, revolution and Redcoats, empire and enslavement. Is this really an image we can conjure up of the Stroud valleys? At the forthcoming meeting of the Local History Society Stuart Butler will give a presentation on the Radical History of Stroud and the Five Valleys. An excellent speaker, Stuart will show how the 18th and 19th centuries in particular were definitely not straightforwardly peaceful times locally. Tuesday, 17th January, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone welcome.



Carol Maxwell



Baby Jesus Rocks

A huge thanks to everyone who took part in the 'Baby Jesus Rocks Painswick' treasure hunt. We hid over 200 painted pebbles around the village and despite the snow, they all found homes! It was a delight to welcome so many families to our finale and party in St Mary's. Hope to see you again soon.

Liz Eden



Friday 13th January

Showing at the Painswick Centre

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Broadham traffic lights update

The temporary traffic lights have now been in place for over ten months. The Beacon's usual request for an update on the position at Broadham has produced no change except now consultants have been appointed to look into it. Our Conservative County Council obviously thinks the issue is of low priority but have monies for consultants!

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Painswick Community Support Update

Community Suppers

Our first of six Community Suppers on December 6th was fully booked and the delicious two course supper prepared by Matt Black was very much enjoyed by young and old. The January suppers will take place on Tuesday, January 10th and Tuesday, January 31st at 5.30pm in the Church Rooms. All are welcome.

January 10th menu:

Beef and vegetable stew with dumplings, mashed potato and cabbage
Iranian vegetable stew with a lightly spiced lentil dhal (vegetarian option)
Norfolk treacle tart with brandy custard

January 31st menu:

Chicken Korma and pilaf rice
Vegetable korma and pilaf rice
vegetarian op. Poppadoms
Apfelstrudel with salted caramel sauce.

(All dishes will have gluten free and vegan alternatives on request)

To reserve your place for these or any of the suppers in February and March, please call the community phone (see number below) or scan the QR code on the posters or visit <https://qrco.de/bdTdWS>



Tables set, waiting the rush

Warm Wednesdays

Warm Wednesdays will continue through January at the Town Hall 10.30am -12. Hot drinks and biscuits provided. All welcome.

Friday Hub

Our last Friday Hub of the year at the Town Hall took place on December 23rd, at which coffee and Christmas cupcakes kindly donated by Chris West were enjoyed by all.

The Hub was invited to coffee and cake at Richmond Auditorium on Friday, December 30th at which villagers and Richmond residents always enjoy the hospitality and meeting friends.

The first Friday Hub of 2023 will be on January 6th 10am-11.30am.

Community Lunches

The community lunches consisting of home-made vegetable soup, bread and cheese hosted by various clubs and organisations in Painswick, will recommence on Monday, January 9th 12-1.15pm for 10 weeks in the Town Hall. Please come along to enjoy a nutritious lunch and support the various clubs volunteering to host. A suggested donation of £4 will go to local charities.

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

Delyth Allen (On behalf of Painswick Community Support)

Probus Club Report



On 19th Nov 2022 Paul Sparks entertained us with a summary of his career from apprentice chef to hotelier. Unsurprisingly, it was a most colourful story and there was too much ground to cover in one session.

Paul gained experience in all aspects of catering during his apprenticeship with Swallow Hotels and this led to him being offered at the age of 23 the post of Catering Controller at Derry and Toms, Kensington. The vast restaurant occupied the entire fifth floor, some 1.5 acres, busy during the day with lunches and teas and in the evenings it became a banqueting suite.

The banqueting suite was the second largest in Britain and he soon expanded this side of the business, catering several nights each week for dinners and dinner dances for up to 1,000 guests from a wide range of companies and organisations.

The sixth floor was home to the world famous Roof Garden with mature trees and flower beds tended by 4 gardeners, a stream with ducks and flamingos, and a restaurant supervised by Mary. The restaurant was busy by day and in the evenings as a reception venue for banquets.

Undoubtedly, Paul's natural charm and complete trustworthiness were qualities which his superiors recognised and valued. Orders were detailed with military precision to ensure that the customer received all that was expected, often with no expense spared.

Paul's top tips for success – always serve food on hot plates, and strike up a good relationship with the pigswill contractor who may then return any silver cutlery which has been rejected by pigs.

We look forward to hearing from Paul another time when he will tell us about acquiring his own hotel in 1970, a fitting climax to his career.

Henry Hall

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This year, very unusually, we have two Painswickians of the Year. With an unexpectedly high number of nominations, all of whom were certainly deserving of the honour, it is good to know that so many local residents are involved in quietly serving the community. The criterion for nominating someone for the accolade is, essentially, that the nominee should have voluntarily demonstrated behaviours which have benefitted Painswick and/or Painswick residents. Both of this year's POTYs have been chosen for their very different achievements in this respect.

Painswickians of the Year

Liz Burge

Liz Burge was somewhat stunned when given the news, in a state indeed of total disbelief. However, there are many, many people in Painswick who feel that this act of recognition is long overdue in Liz's case. Never one to proclaim her good deeds she has been a source of great support and caring help to many Painswickians over many years.

Liz grew up in Bristol but has known Painswick since her early childhood, always stopping here for tea when visiting an aunt in Cheltenham. Shortly after the war she took her degree in medicine and subsequently spent most of her career as a doctor in Esher, Surrey. Her husband Ted was a professor in the faculty of science at London University. In 1982 they came on holiday to Painswick where, she says, she fell in love with Vicarage Street where they were staying and where they eventually settled a few years later.



During her medical training one particular piece of advice stood out for Liz – ‘the possibility to cure seldom, to relieve often, to comfort always’. This, and especially the second and third clauses, have definitely remained uppermost for her and certainly inform all that she does in relation to others. She is exceptional in the way in which she offers much needed support, caring and empathy to those facing problems. Several have testified to the effective help she has given in times of personal sadness. Trust and inclusivity are important to Liz and invariably prove to be reciprocal. She is always prepared to listen with an open mind. “Don't be afraid of changing your opinions,” she says, “but think very hard before changing your principles.” Such sound advice, and the basis of true support and friendship. “I am sure there are many who could attest to her kindness, generosity, friendship and wisdom. She is a modest and unassuming person yet possesses a quiet strength and determination to do what she can to help and support people.” These are the words, echoed by many, describing Liz by one Painswick resident. Her ‘Quiet Garden’ is appreciated by and known to many, a small lovely area within her garden in which she welcomes anyone in need of some peaceful calming space – and it is without doubt noticeably effective. The garden generally is important to Liz, a participant in the National Garden Scheme for five years.

Liz is an active member of one of the church committees and this involves helping in a practical way to organise events and services. In fact she is quietly involved in several activities locally. And she is happy for the alpacas to live in her field exclaiming that not only do they graze the field neatly but they also provide a cheerful interest to the many who walk that way.

Liz Burge is a shining and inspiring example. Over the years she has continuously offered practical help in a range of areas and demonstrated boundless caring, kindness and compassion, quietly, intelligently and genuinely, and indeed continues to do so. She is without doubt truly deserving of the long overdue honour of the title, Painswickian of the Year.

Alicia Barnett

Alicia Barnett has achieved so much in her tennis career as readers will be aware from the many reports in recent editions of the Beacon. This year in particular has been stunning. Focussing on her doubles matches she quickly rose from number 171 at the beginning of the

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year to 60 in the world rankings for women's doubles competing in the top tier of tennis, the WTA tour. Playing at Wimbledon in the summer she excelled in both ladies and mixed doubles matches, and together with her partner succeeded in defeating Venus Williams and Jamie Murray to reach the quarter finals. Going on to play in the US Open Alicia has achieved the number one doubles ranking in Great Britain.

It was in Painswick that Alicia's love of tennis all started. Born here in 1993 – she is a true Bow-Wow – she attended The Croft School which, as a core member of the team, she helped win the Gloucestershire primary schools tennis cup. Then as a pupil at Stroud High she was in the team which was in the national finals for five consecutive years. She has represented Painswick Lawn Tennis Club from the age of seven and as such has won all age groups in the county finals.

Alicia has always been and continues to be a member of Painswick LTC, promoting the club around the country and helping with the junior development programme. She explains that the facilities it offers are outstanding. It is local, very welcoming, social and inspiring. Having played all over the world she says that "Painswick is the only place I feel I can re-charge." She also explains that the training and support she received in Painswick from early on was inspirational, a fact she frequently expresses publically to a wider audience.



Covid of course prevented her travelling to participate in her usual tennis competitions and she became aware of a dearth of tournaments for women in the UK. She set about organising a professional UK women's tournament at the National Tennis Centre in London, an outstanding achievement which was televised nationally. During Wimbledon, local radio and television took a daily interest in her involvement and the BBC broadcast a piece about her, filming at Painswick LTC. Covid also saw Alicia volunteering her services to the local community. She delivered the Painswick Beacon and undertook to do the regular shopping for an elderly lady who was isolating.

Alicia has played for Painswick Tennis Club all her life and has continually and dedicatedly done much to both promote it nationally and to inspire so many here and further afield, especially the young. She is a perfect example of how sheer dedication and hard work can result in fulfilment and the achievement of excellence. Painswick is where she has lived all her life and which means so much to her. Her outstanding career has enabled her to promote both the tennis club and Painswick and to be a true inspiration to so many.

Carol Maxwell

Past Painswickians of the year

- 2021 Terry Parker
- 2020 Delyth Allen
- 2019 Margaret Radway
- 2018 Mike Powis
- 2017 Jackie & Russ Herbert
- 2016 Paula Woodcock
- 2015 Ann Williams
- 2014 David & Andrea Linsell
- 2013 David & Rita Bishop
- 2012 Anne Kenber
- 2011 Midge Leney
- 2010 Helen Baker
- 2009 June Gardiner & Sue Coates
- 2008 Iris McCormick
- 2007 Martin Slinger
- 2006 Michael Buttrey
- 2005 Jack & Rose Smith
- 2004 Hilda Musty
- 2003 Pam Bailey
- 2002 Joyce Tranter
- 2001 Bill & Phil Varah

News from St Mary's

Welcome to 2023. Last year did not start well with the outbreak of war in Ukraine early on and industrial unrest at home in the later months. The two are not unrelated as the war has triggered inflation around the world. Let us hope and pray for better things to come this year. There is a short rhyme which says:
 "Advent tell us Christ is near
 Christmas tells us He is here
 In Epiphany we trace
 All the glories of His grace"



Epiphany follows the Christmas season and is traditionally associated with the visit of the Wise Men to see the infant Jesus and worship Him. They were led by a Star which initially took them to Jerusalem. Their arrival at the Royal Palace caused consternation and panic as King Herod saw an immediate threat to his throne. The panic was eased somewhat as the chief priests and Scribes who were consulted claimed that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. The Wise Men continued their journey and arrived at the stable where Jesus was born. There they presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Think about what these signified.

The Gospel reading on the second Sunday of Epiphany 15th January is John 1 v 29 – 42. This is an account of the baptism of Jesus. His baptism signalled the beginning of His public ministry. Likewise our baptism signals the beginning of our own Christian journey.

On Sunday 22nd January the Gospel, Matthew 4 v 12 - 23 tells us of Jesus' departure to Galilee. He went there for His own safety following the arrest of John the Baptist. It was there in Galilee that Jesus chose his twelve disciples.

On the final Sunday of the month, the 29th, we celebrate the feast of Candlemas. This festival is associated with the Presentation of Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem. It is a special service on Candlemas Day as the congregation parade around the church with lighted candles. Also on this day the candles to be used in church during the year are blessed.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed New Year.

David Newell

Churches Together Around Painswick

Christian Unity Service
 Sunday 22nd January at 3.30pm at the Church of Our Lady & St Therese
 All welcome.

Thursday 26th January at 3pm
 Tea and talk by Dr Pippa Metcalf on "Providing health care for homeless people".
 Venue: Church Rooms All welcome.

Agape (Christian Fellowship Meal)
 at St Michaels Bistro on Monday 30th January at 7pm.
 Contact Terry Parker (01452 812191) for details.



The Seagull

by Anton Chekhov, in a version by Anya Reiss directed by Jamie Lloyd.

At the Sheepscombe village hall which has a large video screen and high quality speakers, as required by the National Theatre for its productions and the quality is excellent.

Date 14th January 2023 19:00 – 22:30
 All details are provided on the web link <https://sheepscombe.org/events/the-seagull/>

Frances Day



Victoria Street Closed

Urgent repairs to the 11 kilovolt cable into the substation in Victoria Street led to the road being closed for a few days in December.

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Painswick Gardening Club

Sadly, due to the bitterly cold and snowy conditions, our December Christmas party had to be cancelled.

We hope members enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting of 2023 on Wednesday 11th January. This will be held at the Town Hall - our NEW VENUE. We will have a short AGM before the talk by Victoria Summerley entitled Secret Gardens of the Cotswolds. Victoria lives in Bibury and is an award-winning garden journalist and ex editor of The Independent.

Timing: An earlier than usual start time of 6.45pm so that the AGM can take place before the talk. Refreshments will be available and visitors are always welcome.

Philippa Miller



The Call of Rome and Borodin

This month Dennis Morgan treated us to two excellent music films. The Call of Rome, choral music from the well-known choir the Sixteen, was accompanied by interesting commentary from leader Harry Christophers. After early choral music from the lesser known but rewarding composers Josquin and Victoria, the history of Allegri's famous Miserere was outlined. Some of us were surprised to hear that the thrilling high soprano part, so conspicuous in performance, was not in the written score, but an 'embellishment' - embellishments being effectively improvisations - the familiar one probably created by the sopranos of the St Marks choir in Venice. The Sixteen then gave a full performance with a set of varied 'embellishments' - some newly written.

The second film, with the Berlin Philharmonic led by Simon Rattle, amply demonstrated the power and excitement of a full scale orchestra (with, for instance 8 double basses) in Borodin's Polovtsian Dances. His second symphony followed, considered to be his best work. For the end of the afternoon Dennis 'encored' with a performance of Addinsell's Warsaw concerto, written to sound like Rachmaninoff, which it does, to powerful effect.

Two meetings start the New Year - on the 5th Jan at 2:30 Music inspired by Shakespeare presented by Duncan Richardson, including pieces by Berlioz, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Weber & Verdi, followed by enhanced refreshments, and a short AGM. On the 19th at 2:30 Ann Williams presents music by John Tavener, well known composer of religious choral works.

Colin Moss

Yew Trees W.I.

At our November meeting Yew Trees members enjoyed learning about Waitrose from Jennie Fowles, a Manager from the Stroud Store, who gave an enthusiastic talk on the way the supermarket developed and has been run since 1993. She was assisted by Anne Marie who set up an inviting display of Christmas goods which were sampled in the interval.



Waitrose is a democratic organisation whereby the employees, or partners as they are called, are involved in the running of the store. They are trained to work in all departments and have a generous bonus for good work each year. Partners are offered a variety of benefits such as discounts, holidays and wellbeing hubs.

Waitrose offers 24 hour shopping, delivery and a wide range of quality goods organised by individual managers. Care is taken to ensure freshness of items by checking them twice a day. They are committed to reduce waste and to recycle.. Their Fairshare Scheme means that charities can apply to have goods at the end of the day so that perishable food is not thrown away.

The business has weathered many storms and challenges to its viability such as warehouse fires, flood, Covid, the war in Ukraine and recession. Jennie said that now money is tight, customers are watching how they spend it, but she is sure that Waitrose will survive as a business as they are determined to give the best possible service. With employees as committed to their work as Jennie and Anne Marie they are likely to succeed.

17 members had an excellent Christmas Lunch at St Michael's. Sadly snow and ice prevented some members from attending. Those that did had a very jolly time and were able to make it a double celebration as it was our President's birthday!

Our 2023 programme is set to get off to a flying start. On Tuesday 24th January Ken Kelly, an experienced, innovative and engaging speaker with a passion for space travel will talk on "Women in Space". Ladies do come and join us: 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms

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2022 Summary

Work party attendance has not been as good as during the Covid lockdowns, yet has regularly been

between ten and fifteen. However, we can always use more! So if you enjoy my monthly articles, and agree the Beacon is worth preserving, DO come and join us in the New Year. The January dates are: Saturdays, 7th and 21st; plus bonus days: Tuesday 10th and Thursday 26th. All from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. but come and go as suits you.

The juniper bushes are doing well. We keep finding new ones, plus seedlings under mature female bushes. Perhaps over one hundred in total now. More details next month.

In the spring we hired a tractor and flail and recut the areas cleared a couple of years ago. Raking away the cuttings, careful spot spraying the regrowth and reseeding with locally sourced wildflower seed all help to quickly re-establish grassland. This will be further improved by grazing.

Our Dexters are working very well. The recent TB test was negative and the NoFence system continues to be extremely versatile. It enables us to target grazing accurately and, more importantly, keep the cows on site much longer. During the cold spell, just before Christmas, they were checked twice a day, given two bales of hay daily and the trough repeatedly cleared of ice. There have been cases of worrying by dogs so new notices have been installed warning that cows could be found anywhere on the Beacon between July and March.

Work parties have tended to focus on revisiting areas cleared in previous years, recutting and removing recent growth. Ash dieback continues unabated and many trees will have to be removed to maintain public safety. Work was started on the bridle way between the Gloucester road and the golf course. The plan is to fell trees on either side allowing in more sunlight. The subsequent regrowth will create a graduated boundary next to the woodland. This is a far more diverse habitat.

The summer drought was brutal and can only have had a negative impact on most of the threatened species. Insect food plants may shrivel and die before the insect larva have time to use them. A potentially good show of rare Autumn Gentian Violets withered and died before setting seed and I didn't find a single musk orchid this year.

Paul Baxter 07971 633 242



Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club is on Monday 9th January 1.30 - 2.30. The novel we will be discussing is Islands of Mercy by best selling author Rose Tremain. The February meeting is booked for Monday 13th, also at 1.30pm, and we will be discussing Conclave by Robert Harris, another best selling author. If you would like to join us please come along to one or both of our next meetings. For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew

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Friday Club

Friday Club

Welcome to the New Year, 2023. The Club has arranged an exciting and stimulating programme for this year: We “kick off” on the 13th January with a fascinating talk by Dr Gillian White on 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 including firework displays and bear – baiting! All will be revealed.

Then on the 27th January, Julia Marusich will talk about her life as a guide at Chernobyl Power Station and about life in Ukraine. Not to be missed.

The Friday Club is aimed at the over 50's, meeting every fortnight in the downstairs room at the Painswick Town Hall. So why not venture forth and spend a Friday afternoon with us. Meetings commence at 2.30pm with the talk, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits giving us time to chat about the talk or anything and everything else! We have also arranged outings during the year including visits to Slimbridge and Symonds Yat.

Annual Membership is currently £20, payable in January, plus £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 01452 812942 (m) 07743377260.

Mike Kerton



Foodbank

Our Christmas collection in Painswick took place at the end of November to allow the staff and volunteers at the Foodbank warehouse to process the donations in time for the holidays. It is always a very busy period and this year particularly so. In November, the Stroud Foodbank delivered over 800 parcels to people in need and the figure will be even higher over Christmas. We were so heartened and grateful to all our kind supporters who brought wonderful gifts of food and Christmas treats – the cars were full! Thank you from all of us!

Our next collection will be on Wednesday 11th January and please may we ask for the following: Milk (UHT), fruit juice (long life), coffee, jam, peanut butter, Marmite, tinned fruit, cooking oil, table sauces (ketchup, mayo), biscuits, nuts, cat and dog food, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, toilet roll and laundry liquid.

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Once again, thank you!

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Painswick Beacon subscribers might like to learn about Stroud Community Agriculture, which is based at Hawkwood College in the Painswick Valley. SCA was one of the first community supported agriculture schemes in the UK producing organic meat and vegetables. It has been running for twenty years! The main aim is to build a community around where local vegetables are produced.

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Adam Biscoe (Director of Stroud Community Agriculture)

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Early December snow caught Painswick and the Met Office by surprise. Heaviest snowfall since the Beast from the East in 2018



Snow ploughing – How it used to be

As a local farmer, I was a snow plough driver for some 15 years but since retiring in 2012 there has not been much snow. So no demand. I covered the villages of Edge, Pitchcombe, Painswick, Slad and Cranham: the main road and all the side roads as well. Working with, and for, the County Council, you were only there to snow plough the County Council roads but not gritting them. GCC were responsible for clearing all the main roads. Farm tractors are not road taxed to go snow ploughing on roads, so we had to get permission from the County Council to snow plough. There are many roads on housing estates etc. which are not county roads, but you could volunteer to help by ploughing them, providing you had taken out extra tractor insurance cover for risk of injury or damage whilst snow ploughing.

To snow plough on the flat is quite easy but to snow plough round our villages is totally different with the hills and slopes of our valleys. Farmers are not taxed or insured to be legal to pull vehicles up roads or out of ditches. If there is an emergency and a vehicle has to be moved, you get the owner to attach the rope to his vehicle. When snow ploughing on single track roads, the centre of the road is higher than the track where vehicle wheels go, so you have to keep the plough blade a couple of inches above the road surface. We cannot clear the track completely, because of the risk of hitting obstacles such as man hole covers etc. which would bend or break the plough.

I could be out for three to four hours and sometimes get abuse for my efforts: perhaps a resident complaining that I've blocked his entrance or his car. We don't have time to stop and clear private driveways or reply that they need to clear their own drives. Then there are people today who have never driven on snow, have an automatic car or unsuitable tyres. The tyres on a lot of cars these days are useless on snow and ice because they are not made for it. We used to fit country or snow tyres for winter driving, with deep treads and studs.

Current Situation

When it comes to clearing snow and ice, that is down to the County Council (Gloucestershire Highways). They grit and snow plough the main roads then the minor main roads. Since I retired as our snow plough driver for our villages and lanes, there has been nobody with a tractor, insured and taxed for road use, with access to a plough, able to take this on (it will be difficult to find anyone). There are now so few drivers on the County Council to carry out this work. So things will take longer to do. Gritting the roads in our villages, minor roads and our lanes will be necessary, and, of course, refilling the grit bins will follow that. All the Parish Council can do is keep applying pressure on to the County Highways to get things done. I know it is hard and we are continuing to get calls on who is going to carry these things out. What we do not like is the abuse we get in these calls and during face to face contact when we are out and about. If you wish to call County Highways the number is 08000 514 514. Please do.

Martin Slinger

Pavements Clearance – Do it yourself

These days' significant snowfalls and icy pavements are no longer a frequent occurrence however a fall on icy pavements and a possible A&E visit is no joke. Pavement clearance appears to be the responsibility of local house residents and businesses. According to a Parish Council spokesperson "the Parish Handyman cannot be spared from other duties and anyway a risk assessment would have to take place. If the village wants pavements cleared a contractor would have to be sought and this would cost". So have your shovels and grit handy as winter has only just started or do we need to do risk assessments as well.!

Call for Community Snow Wardens

Painswick Parish Council are keen to rebuild the Community Snow Warden network. We hope to have a warden for each street or small area who can access salt, spreaders and shovels and rally neighbours to clear the road/pavements for everyone's benefit.

Whilst Gloucestershire County Council work hard to keep our main roads open, they don't have the resources to go beyond that. As Parish Council, we can access equipment and materials, but we need your help to put them into action. A number of previous snow wardens are able to continue, but many have stepped down having done the role for many years and we need a fresh raft of willing volunteers to step into their shoes.

Could you help rebuild this network and volunteer as a Community Snow Warden, for the occasional, yet critical action required when we get significant snowfall or pro-longed sub-zero temperatures? If so, or if you would like any further information, please get in touch with myself (abigailsmith@painswick-pc.gov.uk) or the Parish Clerks (clerk@painswick-pc.gov.uk).

Abigail Smith Traffic Committee Chair, Painswick Parish Council

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New entrance & “Welcome Village”

If you’ve visited the Garden since we moved out of our long-time base in the Coach House here last September, you’ll have seen that we have moved into some very temporary visitor facilities. They have served us surprisingly well and we have appreciated your patience and feedback during the changes of recent months.

The next phase will be a little more permanent and requires temporary planning permission. Our aim is to replicate the former visitor facilities (shop, café and toilets) in function, with a simple layout and with affordability in mind. The look and feel will be “in keeping” with our surroundings and the scheme has all been designed with reversibility in mind. We are planning to create a compact, contemporary courtyard of essential facilities which feels welcoming. The core of temporary structures will consist of recycled shipping containers which have been converted, insulated and fitted out and will be partly-clad in timber. At the centre of this is planned a canvas structure for shelter and cover in adverse weather. By coming up with a simple and organic look, our aim has been to complement (and not distract from) the splendour of the Garden. There will still be a strong element of “wow factor” from the reveal of the Garden as visitors emerge onto the vantage point beside the Bothy.

In due course there will be some improvements to the existing car park with the aim of improving safety, efficiency and reducing its visual impact locally. Cycle racks are to be introduced to the site for the first time along with two EV charging points when our electricity supply permits. We hope also to carry out some simple enhancements to the Bothy to enable it to be used more effectively by improving heating and draught-proofing.

Our plans will be under consideration by the authorities by the time you receive this – you are very welcome to check out the drawings and supporting documentation on Stroud District Council’s planning portal. We’ve had a lot of support for our proposals so far which we believe will further enhance the charity’s position and reputation. If you were able to submit a comment in support of the plans, you will be helping the Garden to continue to flourish.

Dominic Hamilton, Garden Director

New season energy

Happy New Year to you and I hope, like me, you’re focusing on the days getting very slightly longer and the hope that a new year brings. The Garden is closed until Saturday 21st January to enable the Rococo team to prepare for the new open season. We’ll be getting stuck into some of our bigger winter maintenance tasks which are best done when we are closed, including maintaining the miles of paths which wind through the woodlands.

I’m really looking forward to snowdrop time coming around once again. With the warm November, the first green shoots of the snowdrops were appearing well ahead of where you’d expect at the start of December. However the very cold snap in the middle of the month slowed them down - when they’re in full bloom will depend on the weather between now and then. The little white blooms’ struggle to break through the hard soil is an inspiring sight and their delicate beauty and crisp clear white flowers are for many the first sign of spring. Do keep an eye on our website and social media for the latest updates – my personal recommendation is to plan a visit during the first week of February when the display is often at its best.

For snowdrop season we will be open daily 10am-5pm from 21st January. As in the last few years, advance booking is essential to help us manage the flow of visitors and to provide everyone with the best possible experience. You can book your time via rococogarden.org.uk from 14th January onwards.

Meanwhile you will read elsewhere about our plans for our temporary welcome village which are coming together steadily. I hope you will be able to visit during snowdrop time if you can – it’s one of the county’s must-see events and a memorable experience for all the family.

Tim Toghil, volunteer

New automatic speed cameras for Painswick

Last month the Parish Council approved the purchase of two, plus an additional one free, of ANPR cameras costing £500 each. These cameras will automatically note the registration numbers of speeding cars and send this information direct to the Police.



The Police will then send warning letters out to repeat offenders significantly over the limits and could then prosecute any further offences. The police in conjunction with the Parish Council will determine the locations and monitor their effect.

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Local man's aerial photos made available

Photos by Harold Wingham of Cranham released by Historic England



Harold Wingham, who lived in Cranham until his death last year, was an amateur aerial photographer, who served as a wireless operator and trainee navigator in the RAF during the war and later took flying lessons. Between April 1951 and July 1963, he carried out 86 flights, mostly in the West Country and many of them self-funded, taking photos using hand-held aerial reconnaissance cameras. The Harold



Harold Wingham and one of his photos, of Painswick House

Wingham Collection of almost 2,000 photographic negatives and corresponding prints has been made available online to the public for the first time through the Historic England website, including many photos of Painswick and the surrounding area. See <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/photos/collection/HAW01>

Charity donations mark the end of the Wednesday Ashwell Group

The Beacon of July 1985 published a report of the Painswick Parish Council meeting and recorded that 'Age Concern' was hoping to set up a Day Centre at Ashwell House, where elderly housebound people could be taken one day a week and volunteers would be available to help.

Dr. Hoyland, June Crane and Bill Varah were much involved from the start. Preparations for opening the Centre moved on apace with the first meeting of the Ashwell Day Centre on 2nd October 1985.

The Group thrived with an average of ten members attending regularly, much supported by their families and volunteer drivers and helpers. Pam Bailey, Pam Musty, Pat Walker, Anne Kenber, Midge Leney and Etelle James were very involved from those early days. The Day Centre continued to provide a valuable service to the village and held its 30th Anniversary Luncheon at Burleigh Court, Stroud, in October 2015. Shortly after this the Centre updated its title to the Wednesday Ashwell Group. All donations received went towards the running costs and were very much appreciated. Sadly during the onset of the pandemic the Group had to close and it has not been possible to restart on the same basis.

As a result a donation of £1800 has been given to the Painswick Surgery Equipment Fund and £1000 to Age UK Gloucestershire for use in the local community, particularly around villages in the Painswick area.

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Painswick Sports

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Holly represents Great Britain at Handball

Holly Luke, who went to The Croft School and Stroud High School, started playing Handball in 2012 when England Handball received funding following the London 2012 Olympics. Handball is one of the main sports in Europe but less well known in Great Britain. Since 2012 England Handball has invested in development funding with introductions of the sport in schools and local clubs.

Holly played for Stroud Handball until 2020 and Stroud Handball were the National finalist winners in the U19 and U16 categories for two years running. Stroud Handball is still going strong for anyone interested in following a local team or getting involved.

Holly was the captain of the GB under 19 team who played in two tournaments this summer in Portugal and Serbia. The team were tournament winners in Serbia which was the first cup to be won by GB Handball Team.



Holly has just returned from living in Denmark where she spent a year living and attending a Danish High School which specialised in Handball development. Her place was sponsored by England Handball.

Her recent step up to the GB Senior Women's team has been her most recent achievement. Whilst also balancing this with starting teacher training at university.

We wish Holly well in her future handball career and are proud that another local resident is representing Great Britain.



Table Tennis

Good News –

Painswick Table Tennis is back on Wednesday nights From January 5 onwards the playing sessions will be on Wednesday nights, 7.30pm - 9pm. New members welcomed, all equipment provided, those interested please contact David Harris on 01452 814113.



Badminton Christmas Fun and Games night pictured above. The club plays on Monday and Thursday evenings at the Painswick Centre. Anyone interested please contact Boo on smh801@gmail.



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Property Report

With views almost directly down Tibbiwell, Fourways House in St. Mary's Street (Murrays, £600,000) is a renovated double fronted house with 3 to 4 bedrooms. It is though, almost the only house within the main village that's new onto the market in the last month. A bit further out on the edge of the village, there is Brambles at The Park (Hamptons, £575,000), a semi-detached stone cottage with off-road parking and garden.

Further out still, Maryhill on Cheltenham Road near the Royal William (Murrays, £1.4 million) is an impressive family home with five bedrooms set in almost 2.5 acres of land and out in the other direction, on Cheltenham Road in Pitchcombe, Penlan (Hamptons, £600,000) has 3 bedrooms and extensive views.

New Cottage at Painswick Court (Hamptons, £850,000), on the way to Sheepscombe from the Park, is part of a relatively new gated development, but is itself a detached three bedroom property thought to have been built in the early 1900s as a farm manager's cottage for nearby Painswick Lodge.

Westmorland House in Kingsmead, Chestnuts at 1 Gloucester Road, 11 Hyett Orchard, 8 Brookhouse Mill and 4 Juniper Cottages at Wick Street have all gone under offer recently, while 4 White Horse Lane and Beacon Lodge on Cheltenham Road have exchanged.

New Year Meetings, Lunch and Evening Visit to Slimbridge



The next CNFC meeting will take place at the Painswick Centre at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 1st February. Andy Meller will talk about "Poppies Among the Daffodils", a synopsis of the lives and works of the

Dymock Poets. It seems incredible now that for a very brief period between 1911 and 1916 six influential poets should have based themselves on the small village of Dymock where they produced truly exceptional work. Andy Mellor will describe how they came to live in or around Dymock and what became of them.

Denise Magauran has organised the Club's New Year Lunch which will take place at the historic Egypt Mill, in Nailsworth on Tuesday 24th January. Please contact Denise on tel. 814570 for details – non-members and guests also welcome. Cost £30 for three courses with coffee and tea to follow (or £26 for two courses).

Finally, on Friday 27th January, we have arranged an 'Evening with Wild Swans' at the Slimbridge Wetlands Centre followed by an after-hours two course meal in the Kingfisher Kitchen restaurant. Winter migration



brings rare beauties to Slimbridge each year including the enchanting Bewick's Swan from the tundra in Arctic Russia, and Whooper Swans from Iceland. Our evening will start in the fully heated Peng Observatory where we can watch the wild swans, geese, and ducks as they are fed on the adjacent floodlit lake. The Reserve Wardens will provide a full audio commentary describing the journey each species makes to reach Slimbridge. Please contact me to book.

Jane Rowe 813228

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

22/01239/LAPRNW R o c o c o Garden, Gloucester Road Premises Licence – New Application
S.22/2564/FUL Land East Of Beech Lane. Erection of shed and polytunnel
S.22/2542/HHOLD Clarelands, Golf Course Road Proposed balcony and renewed fenestration to rear elevation. (Revised drawings received 30.11.22)
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.22/2727/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)

WITHDRAWN

S.22/2099/FUL Land at Briarfield House, Stroud Road Erection of one self-build dwelling with associated parking and landscaping
S.22/2165/HHOLD The Byre, The Park Erection of two storey extension.
S.22/2392/HHOLD Wellgrove, Paradise

Removal of garage & construction of new extensions.

CONSENT

S.22/1303/FUL Steanbridge House, Slad Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian, demolition of existing portal barn and installation of personal use riding arena.
S.22/2103/HHOLD Castle Lodge, Cheltenham Road Proposed installation of stand alone solar arrays
S.22/2155/HHOLD Lystra Paul Mead, Edge. Erection of rear utility room extension
S.22/2231/HHOLD Foxbury, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe Erection of first floor extension and new porch
S.22/2292/HHOLD Byfield House, Bisley Street. Replacement conservatory
S.22/2294/LBC Byfield House, Bisley Street. Replacement conservatory
S.22/2186/HHOLD Yew Tree House, Edge. Proposed two storey side extension (with accommodation in roofspace) and single storey side extension
S.22/2230/HHOLD The Reddings, Slad Road. Erection of detached coach house
S.22/2210/HHOLD Knapp Corner House, Knapp Lane Proposed single storey and two storey extensions, and two storey rear extension forming garage and ancillary accommodation
S.22/2287/HHOLD Cotswold View, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge Proposed replacement of outbuilding - Changes to application S.22/1578/HHOLD to include lower ridge level and 3 roof lights
S.22/2303/FUL Holcombe Farm Alterations, including demolition of modern elements and extensions to an existing barn at Holcombe Farm and its conversion to residential use with associated works
S.22/2304/LBC Holcombe Farm Alterations, including demolition of modern elements and extensions to an existing barn at Holcombe Farm and its conversion to residential use with associated works

S.22/2389/HHOLD Dovecot Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new extension
S.22/2390/LBC Dovecot Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new extension
S.22/2425/LBC Tophams, Friday Street Removal of partition wall to create open plan kitchen/dining area.
S.22/2433/TCA Flat 1, Gyde House, Gyde Road. Silver Birch and mature Conifer - Cut back the branches touching the phone line by approximately 1 metre to clear
S.22/2408/TCAS.22/2511/TPO Hyett Orchard, Hyett Close Dismantle large Lime (T1) and grind out stump.



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Dear Sir

Once again, this Christmas, I was disappointed to find that "Midnight Mass" was held at 8.30pm on Christmas Eve. In the past, when this service was held at 11.30 pm it was lovely to come out of church, wishing everyone a happy Christmas and feel that at last Christmas had arrived. Now holding the service in the middle of the evening interferes with parties and family meals and dare I say it, meeting in the pubs and I am sure the numbers in the congregation have been reduced. Being told that it is midnight in Bethlehem does not make up for it. Please, next year can the powers that be change the service back to midnight. I am sure that there are a lot of people who will agree with me.

Vicky Aspinall

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Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact Sophie sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls. For beginners and experienced players. All equipment provided. 2.00/session to cover refreshments	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am
	Table tennis	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.00pm
	Warm Wednesdays - Painswick Community Support is providing a warm space with tea, coffee and biscuits. All welcome	Town Hall	10.30 - 12.30pm
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgswain:btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Whole body workout for all ages and ability. Contact Jo on 07768 799741 or info@joannedaleypilates.com .	Painswick Centre	11.00 - 12.00pm
Saturdays	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am

Village Diary

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

January

Sat	7	Painswick Beacon published		
	7	PBCG Work party.	Painswick Beacon	9.00 - 12.30pm
Sun	8	Epiphany - Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	9	Library book club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
	9	Community Lunch - Painswick Centre Trustees	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	10	Painswick Community Supper: 2 course supper cooked by local chef. All welcome. Details in Painswick Support Update for how to book or call 07956 203087	Church Rooms	5.30pm
	10	PBCG - extra work party Contact 07971 633242	TBC	TBC

Wed	11	Gardening Club: Secret Gardens - Victoria Summerley. Including AGM. <i>Note change of venue and earlier time.</i>	Town Hall	18.45pm
Fri	13	Wickflox: Fisherman's Friends - one and all	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sun	15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	16	Community Lunch - Badminton Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	17	Cotteswold Naturalists: Newark Park and its Rescue - Helen Roberts. Enq 01453 873262	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
	17	History Society: Radical History of Stroud - Stuart Butler	Croft School	7.30pm
Thurs	19	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: John Tavernor - Ann Williams	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	21	PBCG Work party.	Painswick Beacon	9.00 - 12.30pm
Sun	22	Deadline for Beacon copy		
	22	Beacon praise	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	22	CTAP - Christian Unity service. All Welcome	Church of our Lady and St Therese	3.30pm
Mon	23	Community Lunch - CTAP	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	24	Cotteswold Naturalists: New Year Lunch. Pre-book 814570	Egypt Mill, Nailsworth	12.30 for 1.00pm
	24	Yew Trees WI: Women in Space - Ken Kelly	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	26	CTAP Tea and talk by Dr Pippa Medcalf on "Providing health care for homeless people". All welcome	Church Rooms	3.00pm
	26	PBCG - extra work party Contact 07971 633242	TBC	TBC
Fri	27	Cotteswold Naturalists: Evening with Wild swans and Supper at WWT Slimbridge. Pre book 813228	Slimbridge	3.15pm
Sun	29	Candlemas - Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	30	Community Lunch - Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
	30	CTAP Agape (Christian Fellowship Meal). Contact Terry Parker on 812191 for details.	St Michaels Bistro	7.00pm
Tues	31	Painswick Community Supper: 2 course supper cooked by local chef. All welcome. Details in Painswick Support Update for how to book or call 07956 203087	Church Rooms	5.30pm

February

Wed	1	Cotteswold Naturalists: Poppies among the Daffodils - the lives of the Dymock Poets - Andy Meller. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	2	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Elgar - Dr Tim Brain	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	4	Painswick Beacon published		

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Personal Column

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To Phil & Mandy Dangerfield who are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter ELLIE to JAMES TREMLIN, following the proposal in a canoe on Lake Louise in Canada.

Condolences

To the family and friends of AUDREY FIELDER who died on December 28th aged 85. The funeral will be held at St. Mary's Church on 11th January at 1.00 p.m. and all who knew Audrey will be welcome.

Funeral

The funeral of Mr. PHILIP EDWARDS will take place on Wednesday 11th January at 3.30 pm in the Willow Chapel, Cheltenham Crematorium.

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

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2022, A YEAR TO REMEMBER



After a record breaking dry summer, fires appeared on the Beacon.



With the Russian invasion of Ukraine Painswick rushed in with aid.



The one way system on the A46 has now achieved its first full year. Is this forever?



After a two year break the Easter egg hunt was back.



The Hub starts up in January as a social meeting point offering light refreshments.



The Queen's Jubilee in June saw street parties all around Painswick.