

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Snowdrop season...



The snowdrop season is perhaps the most important time of the year for the Rococo Gardens as much of their income emanates from the the many people who come from far and wide to appreciate this fantastic spectacle.



If you have never been then you are missing something very special and if you have been before, well one need hardly say, it is worth picking a lovely day and visiting once again. Please support your Rococo Garden.

## Painswick Beacon Newsletter future financing

It will be no surprise to all that as we have seen our living costs increase dramatically in the last year so, similarly, have the costs of producing the monthly Beacon newspaper. Our main expense is the monthly printing and this has risen by more than 20% in the last 12 months. Our printer's paper is supplied by paper mills who import wood pulp (there is no significant pulp manufacture in the UK) and this wood pulp has increased in price significantly.

The end result to us was a significant deficit in 2022-2023 of £3,700 and, although we are not in an acute financial crisis, we have a need to increase income to improve our comfort. This year, we predict, each copy of the Beacon will cost up to £1.20, or £14.40 for a full 12 months.

Our plea, therefore, is to ask our readers who haven't subscribed to do so and give a minimum of £15. We would prefer this to be by online transfer to our Lloyds account 30-98-29 00217777 as it is becoming increasingly onerous to handle cheques or cash.

If you are already a subscriber, we thank-you and ask you to continue your support.

The Beacon is not going to stop being produced but needs some TLC to give it a confident future

## Speed Awareness Cameras fully operational



It is with a significant amount of relief, that Painswick Parish Council are able to say the speed awareness cameras on the A46 and B4073 are finally operational, with our first batch of registrations of vehicles recording persistent, excessive speeds sent to the police on Friday 19th January.

This Gloucestershire Constabulary initiative, in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, was first launched in the summer of 2022 with all local Parish Councils invited to take part. As a pilot we have all been learning as we go along, with many parishes around the county expressing an interest and taking part.

The cameras are only triggered by speeds over the ACPO limit (eg 36mph and over in 30mph zones). They take a photo of the vehicle and record the time, date and speed. On the linked, secure software, each record is verified to confirm the registration, make and model. Each camera location has been approved by the police as being suitable for this purpose.

Within the software, Gloucestershire Constabulary have established a protocol to select the data to be provided to the police (up to 10 vehicles per camera each week). Primarily, this protocol considers persistence ie the number of times the camera has recorded that vehicle travelling at excessive speed. This is on the basis that if those using the road frequently have a greater awareness of speeding, they will act as pace cars for other traffic. Secondly, the data is considered based on the degree of excess speed.

On receipt of the data, the police identify and write to the registered owners of the vehicles, regarding their recorded excessive speed. This is not enforcement through fines, but about speed awareness. The equipment being used is not Home Office approved so cannot be used as a tool for enforcement but the data provided will be collated by the police to identify areas for enforcement activity (eg police with approved speed recording equipment monitoring the traffic).

Concerns about privacy and data protection have been raised by some members of the community. With UK GDPR laws, these have been central to the development of this initiative, the cameras, the software and the associated processes and protocols followed by all involved. As a Parish Council, we have additionally carried out a specific GDPR risk assessment and set out an operational process with only verified access to the software and all records in kept secure folders, in accordance with our gold-standard, GDPR-compliant management systems.

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## 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 2024 – March 2025) closes on 12<sup>th</sup> February, after which adverts will only be accepted if there is space remaining. In recent 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<sup>th</sup> February.

New advertisers must complete and sign a Booking Form which is available from me or from our website [www.painswick-beacon.org.uk](http://www.painswick-beacon.org.uk) (then click on “how to advertise” and follow the links). With increasing printing and other costs, we have had to increase our prices this year.

The allocation process gives priority, inter alia, to requests from Painswick businesses.

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Chris Evans of Dundry Nurseries is well known to Painswick audiences as an entertaining speaker. The ladies of Yew Tree W.I. are therefore looking forward to welcoming him to their

February meeting; when he is due to give a talk with the intriguing title “The Unexpected Journey”. Ladies do put this date in your diary: Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms.

The muscle power of Painswick’s Probus men proved too much for the more delicate ladies of Yew Trees when they met in combat in the Centre’s Skittle Alley on a cold January evening! Despite the score a friendly social evening was enjoyed by all. The Yew Trees’ team remain undaunted and after some body building training are looking forward to avenging their defeat!

Celia Lougher 812624

## Speed awareness cameras - continued from page 1

So, the specifics for Painswick. Gloucestershire County Council gave us one camera and the Parish Council voted to buy a further 2 cameras, at £500 each. The total of 3 allows us to monitor each of the main approaches to Painswick village. Also, as a parish we have 4 villages within our boundaries, this number of cameras can be dispersed in other parish villages too, where approved by the police to do so. So far we have 3 locations in each of Painswick and Edge approved. The cameras are not hidden but we are not widely publicising their precise locations in hope that we can build improved speed awareness throughout the village, and not contribute to drivers only slowing down as they approach a camera and then speeding up again after it.

The greatest delay in the deployment of our cameras has been waiting for associated signs, but after 8 months of waiting it was confirmed they weren’t coming soon and the police encouraged us to go ahead without additional signage. However, we are fortunate to already have speed camera awareness signs at the start of each 30mph zone in Painswick which relate to the official sites within the village where the police carry out occasional enforcement activity. Hopefully, drivers will take heed of these signs more with the addition of our speed awareness cameras and the resulting letters from the police.

There are a number of parishes who have had their static speed awareness cameras in place for many months and the results are looking positive. Through using the cameras to raise awareness of speeding, targeted at regular road users, they have noticed an overall reduction in excessive speeding, bringing with it an increased sense of road safety within their community. We hope the cameras will have a similar impact in our parish.

If there are any concerns or questions, please do get in touch.

Abigail Smith, Chair of Traffic Committee, Painswick Parish Council



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.

## You are being watched

This was an unfortunate and misleading headline of an article in the December issue of the Beacon and resulted in an ill informed letter in the following issue. As the article content made clear, no one is being watched. The camera only takes a photo of the rear of a vehicle that exceeds a pre set speed. The photo is then reviewed by the police.

Critics of these cameras should recall that in a survey of residents, the majority were in favour of traffic calming in New Street. Although the size of the majority was larger than that which took us out of the EU, it was not sufficient, and only after the result was known, for the County Highways Authority to do anything. The actions of the Parish Council to install these devices clearly reflects the wishes of the majority.

My only regret is that there is not one in Gloucester Street ... or maybe there is and I’ve not spotted it, have you?

Ross Munro

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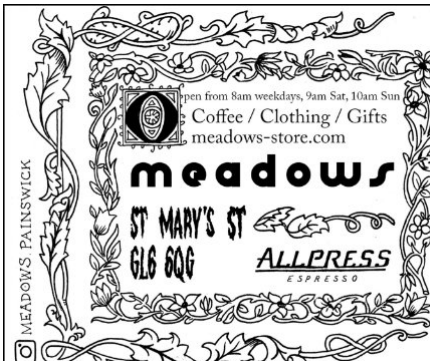
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## Croft Primary School News

The Autumn term at The Croft flew by and was exceptionally busy with lots of events taking place and this has continued apace this term!

Every child across Key Stage 2 has had the opportunity to take part in several football and rugby tournaments, including a visit to Kingsholm, the home of Gloucester Rugby Club. The highlight so far was a team from Year 6 representing the school at the Gloucester Small Schools Football Tournament and being crowned champions – well done boys! Well done also to our team of Year 5 and 6 boys who took part in the County Finals of the 2023-2024 ESFA Pokemon Primary Schools Cup and were runners up.



The lead up to Christmas saw the children enjoy a visiting pantomime performing 'Treasure Island' – the show was a huge hit! Thank you to Friends of The Croft who supported this visit. Friends also ran the ever-popular fireworks night and raised over £2200 for the school. It was great to see so many people support the event, which included a UV disco for the first time. The annual Elf Trail was also a great success and raised nearly £1900. A huge thank you to the Friends Committee for organising these events and for everyone who was able to come along and support the school.

The children and staff enjoyed taking part in the Painswick Goodwill Evening, Rococo Garden Carol Service and 'Come and Sing' event at the Church rooms. We hope you enjoyed listening to them!

Our nativity performances were very much enjoyed by everyone who came and watched Mole Class (Reception) go on 'The Christmas Journey' and Hedgehog and Fox classes (Years 1 & 2) who confirmed that 'Everyone Loves a Baby!'. We completed our Christmas celebrations with a carol service at St Mary's and our Christmas jumper and lunch day.

We have been very lucky to receive an amazing addition to each classroom in the form of brand new interactive screens which have enhanced the learning environment for the children. We are very grateful to Friends, as well as the outgoing Fun Club committee, for their contributions to this project. We are still a little way off reaching the full sum needed to fund the screens but due to an excellent deal with the supplier, we have been able to delay payment until April when we hope to have raised the remainder of the funds. If you would like to contribute to this, please do make contact with us via [admin@croft.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@croft.gloucs.sch.uk).

Since November, we have been working with local organisation 'Men in Sheds' who have offered their skills and time free of charge to build us some outdoor storage, a lunch shelter and a 'mud kitchen' as part of our project to improve the playground facilities. We are so grateful for their support and the children have very much been enjoying watching them work!

We are always looking for volunteers to come and help in school – hearing readers, talking to the children about an area of expertise, or helping with grounds improvements. Please do get in touch via [admin@croft.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@croft.gloucs.sch.uk) if you are interested in volunteering.

Rebecca Gore

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# Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day

This year 2024, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, and St. Valentine's Day fall on the same day – February 14th. A happy coincidence? Ash Wednesday makes us think of penitence and giving things up while St. Valentine's Day concentrates upon love and romance. These two seem, somehow, to be opposites but are they really so opposed one to another? I would suggest that they have more in common than meets the eye! Ash Wednesday is the first day of the 40 days and 40 nights of Lent when we think of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His earthly ministry – a ministry of love which transformed the world. When the Lord was asked which were the greatest commandments His reply was deeply profound – simply, to Love God and to Love our neighbour as ourselves.



Would that the world with all its current wars and conflicts take greater notice of that eternal message. So, maybe as Lent and St. Valentine's Day approaches we should all try to be more caring and loving to one another. To use these Lenten Days to examine our lives in order to remove the hatred from our hearts and to fill the vacated space with love?

*Rev'd David Reynish*

## 100 years ago ... baths for everyone

A hundred years ago many houses in Painswick, as everywhere, did not have bathrooms. There was great excitement and joy therefore when a public bath-house was opened for the use of all residents. The following report of the opening appeared in the Gloucester Journal on 9th February 1924.

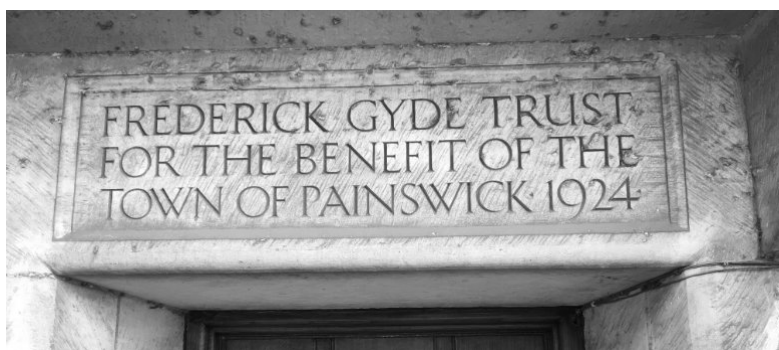
'By the munificent bequest of the late Mr Frederick Gyde, yet another benefit was conferred upon Painswick on Friday week, when Sir Francis Hyett, on behalf of the Gyde Trustees, handed over to the Parish Council for the use of the parishioners the public baths, the erection of which in St Mary-street has recently been completed. The building, which is of local stone, and which, in its design and architecture, is quite in keeping with the surroundings, is fitted with every modern public convenience, with caretaker's accommodation, will undoubtedly prove a great boon to the parishioners.'

There follows a long explanation of the Gyde will and how the money, originally intended to pay for a railway along the valley, was eventually used to build the orphanage, the almshouses and improve the drainage and the water supply to the town as well as other services. It concludes thus:

'They [trustees] were approached a year or so ago by the Parish Council to find a public lavatory, and the wish was also expressed for public baths at Painswick. The option of purchasing the site of the building in which they were met was taken advantage of, and in this connection they owed a debt of gratitude to Dr. Robertson, who brought the matter of purchase before them, but also to Mr S.H.Barnsley, the architect, and to the builder, Mr R.A.Berkeley. Sir Francis remarked on the excellence of the building and expressed the hope that this would prove a real benefit to Painswick. He had very great pleasure in handing over to the Parish Council the title deeds of the building.'

The hope was expressed that the building would serve the town for many years. And so it was, with many residents taking their baths there until 1975. The inscription above the door is testament to the significance of the baths.

*Carol Maxwell*



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# Foodbank

We were expecting a quieter January collection given the cold temperatures and post-Christmas lull, but in the event we were very heartened by the steady stream of donations that came our way. Thank you so much!

Our next collection will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Valentine's Day! Let's show the love!).

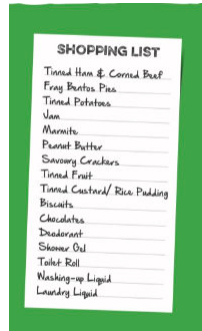
Volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12 noon. Please may we ask for some of the following: tinned ham, corned beef, Fray Bentos pies, tinned potatoes, jam, marmite, peanut butter, savoury crackers, tinned fruit, tinned custard/rice pudding, biscuits, chocolates, deodorant, shower gel, toilet roll, washing-up liquid and laundry liquid.

As always, if you prefer to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:

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*The Foodbank Team  
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# Asad, the Chronicle and Premier

The Local History Society is very appreciative of the positive and enthusiastic manner in which Asad Ikram in Premier has promoted the latest edition of Painswick Chronicle.



Painswick is today very much a product of its past and the Chronicles cover many aspects of its history and development, from the light-hearted to the more in-depth subjects.

There are still many local topics to uncover – people, families, streets, houses, buildings, shops, incidents, movements, visitors etc – and if you are interested in looking into a subject help is at hand with research and writing. Do make contact, email [carolmaxwell@talktalk.net](mailto:carolmaxwell@talktalk.net).

A list of all the articles to be found in the Chronicles hitherto, all 26 editions, can be found on the History Society's website [www.painswicklocalhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.painswicklocalhistorysociety.org.uk). Previous editions of the Chronicle are available in the Pharmacy or the History Society (see above email address) or you can simply ask in Premier.

Asad is always willing to help with a range of sales, be that tickets, promotions etc and of course the many goods in the shop. Premier certainly does present a wide range of goods and many at reasonable prices. It is unquestionably our essential village general store.

*Carol Maxwell*

# Two more community fish and chips suppers announced!

With huge thanks to Gloucestershire County Council, and in particular our local County Councillor Sue Williams, we have been awarded a grant to run another two fish and chip community suppers this season.

Our suppers in November, December and January were a fantastic success, hosting over 80 people each at the Painswick Centre. They were catered by Simpsons who provided both vegetarian options and vegan options as well as the traditional fish and chips and sausage and chips. Each supper was attended by a full cross-section of community, who reconnected with friends and met new faces with everyone sat together on long tables.

So, we will be running two more on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, following the same trusted format – starting at 5pm in the Painswick Centre, with pre-ordered food that will be served on long tables. There will be water provided but the bar will be open to buy alternative tipples.

Please use the QR code below to sign up. Or you can email us on [painswickcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com) or call us on: 07956 203087.



Given the way the dates have fallen with Beacon print dates being so close to the first event, you will hopefully have also seen this on the posters and social media posts.

*Painswick Community Support committee  
(Abigail, Delyth, Louise and Hannah)*

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# A well deserved tribute to Val

Val Smart is a remarkable lady - and Painswick has certainly benefitted from her presence during recent years. Val is the manager of our charity shop, Longfield, and it is largely down to her tenacious and enthusiastic supervision that the shop has remained open and thriving. It is with some sadness therefore to report that Val has decided to retire and will be leaving the shop at the end of February.

Val came to the Painswick shop about three years ago as the deputy manager and became the manager about six months later. She had worked for Longfield already for three years previously. Deciding to join the Longfield working team was a very big step change for Val and one she has never regretted taking. Highly qualified in various aspects of business, she had previously spent many years, indeed decades, employed by some very significant national companies and this included 12 years in Cyprus working in insurance.

However, there came a point when she decided that she did not want to spend her working life sitting behind a desk anymore and so she applied to Longfield. With her invaluable wide-ranging business experience which had involved dealing with sales, promotion, accounts and people she was of course a great asset to the business side of the charity. And for Val the job appealed because it is varied and definitely challenging.

Her strengths and skills are many, a necessity in managing a small charity shop.

So many tasks are involved, indeed many more than those involved in running an ordinary shop. Val has these strengths and skills in abundance. Her particular favourites, or passions in her words, are assessing the true value of any real jewellery and antique items which are donated. "I love doing the research," she says, "though it is usually very time-consuming." This can involve dealing with auction houses and various specialist organisations but Val sees this as essential if Longfield is to gain as much benefit as possible.

She has incredible other strengths too as many will recall from the way she dealt with the horrendous knife attack two years ago. Her courage and resilience in terrifying circumstances were amazing. She in her turn expresses her immense gratitude for the support given subsequently by the local community. She is impressed by local support generally here saying "I am going to miss the Painswick community so much" Val is retiring essentially because she is experiencing physical problems which must be taken care of. She fully intends to be a frequent visitor with the aim of helping with the tasks in which she has exceptional levels of expertise, e.g jewellery and antiques valuation.

Val has been completely dedicated to Longfield. She has an unflinching belief in the charity's aims, emphasising its "fabulous work, caring in the community." And of her time in Painswick - "I've loved every minute of it," she says. Her positive contribution has been to the advantage both of Longfield - financially and with heightened awareness of its good work - and of Painswick inasmuch as it has resulted in the enduring provision of an excellent shop in our midst. An amazing strong, dedicated and exceptional lady. Do pop in to see her - she deserves our thanks.



*Carol Maxwell*

Longfield will be appointing a new manager in February. The shop would also benefit from voluntary help on a regular basis, even for short slots of time. Might you be available to help?



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# Four Joyous Concerts



Painswick Music Society again has four wonderful concerts by world class artists this spring in St Mary's Church. Voces8 return on April 20th with a programme entitled Twenty!, including 20 of their favourite and most popular pieces, which will no doubt be as memorable as their sensational concert in 2022. The multi award winning violinist Hannah Roper accompanied by Adrian Partington, Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral, perform a programme of English music on April 13th, including The Lark Ascending by Vaughan Williams and works by Holst, Coleridge-Taylor and Ethel Barns, whose First Violin Sonata premiered in 1900, was compared with Brahms and Grieg. A major early work by Brahms himself, the Serenade No 1 Op 11, features in Meliora Collective's concert on 11th May. Written for 5 wind and 4 stringed instruments, this first nonet by Brahms received such a rapturous reception at its first performance that he subsequently arranged it for both chamber and full orchestra. Equally popular was the Nonet by French composer, pianist and teacher Louise Farrenc, whose salary as professor of piano at the Paris Conservatory was raised to the same level as her male colleagues after its first performance in 1859! Meliora's fascinating programme opens with Ligeti's charming Old Hungarian Ballroom Dances which are guaranteed to have the audience swaying in their seats.

The season opens on March 26th with the former official Harpist to the Prince of Wales, Catrin Finch, widely recognised as 'the most gifted harp virtuoso of her generation' in partnership with the internationally renowned Irish violinist, Aoife Ni Bhriain who is equally expert in classical and folk music. Their programme includes items from their recent album Double You inspired by the culture of their two countries which has been praised for its 'spellbinding dexterity' and 'as quite clearly the sound of two musicians having the time of their lives' – definitely not one to miss.

These four concerts are a wonderful opportunity to hear live music in a beautiful setting, and back by popular demand, tea and cakes will be available afterwards with donations welcome. Memberships giving access to all four concerts and individual tickets can be purchased online at [www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk](http://www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk) or from Edward Bowron: [tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk](mailto:tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk) or Tel. 07789 006006.



*Chris Swain*

## Jottings

I have been asked why sheep are not kept intensively indoors like other livestock. Most sheep are farmed outdoors in extensive systems, with less than 1% kept in intensive systems.

The reason is that they are not the type of animal to do so. The only time you see them kept indoors is when they are about to lamb or the weather is too bad, such as deep snow, for them to be out. They have thick wool which acts as insulation. Being kept indoors on bedding that gets damp and then warm can cause foot problems which do not happen the same way outdoors. Another reason is their thick wool can get contaminated with straw and faeces. When heavy in lamb they need to be watched most of the time, twenty four hours a day. If they lie down, they could roll on to their backs and be unable to get back up again. So they will need help.

They are good grazers, especially on the hills, but in a different way from cows. If the pasture is overgrazed, they go on and eat the centres out of green shoots and legumes thus slowing down their growth.

In the autumn a vasectomized or teaser ram is put in with the ewes to stir them up to increase their fertility. He is then removed and fertile rams are put in with them. Lambs are born early in the spring, so that, as their mother's milk declines, new nutritious spring grass is growing for the lambs to eat.

They do need to be brought in for dipping and shearing each year, which is labour intensive. So you can see why the meat you buy from the butchers is so expensive and the farmers are not getting a very good price selling lambs at market.

*Martin Slinger*

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After a busy Christmas period with a number of events at The Painswick Centre, attention now turns to taking stock of the small and larger projects that need to be done around the Centre. Among the things identified are:

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| Plant Watering           | Car park weeding              |
| Car park clutter control | Food nights night Supervision |
| Market night Supervision | Bar staff rota                |
| Centre Guides            | AV Equipment support          |
| Skittle Alley Management | Stock take support            |
| Petty cash support       | Event support                 |
| Minor maintenance        | Painting & decorations        |

Last year a number of people put their names forward to be 'friends' of the centre and we will be approaching those people over the coming weeks to see if they are able to help with any of these jobs. However, if you also feel that you could help with any of the jobs above, then please do contact [manager@painswickcentre.com](mailto:manager@painswickcentre.com).

### Manager wanted

We are looking for a Manager to be responsible for the smooth running of the Centre. You should have strong administration skills and be happy with dealing with people and addressing their needs for the Centre's facilities. The job is part-time, 9:30am to 12:30am Monday to Friday.

If you would like to know more, go to our web site [www.painswickcentre.com](http://www.painswickcentre.com) or email [manager@painswickcentre.com](mailto:manager@painswickcentre.com) Closing date for enquiries is 15th February 2024.

*Ceri Chaplin*



The screening of Barbie proved to be popular with a very full Beacon hall.

Our February offering is A Haunting in Venice and will take place on Friday 9th February.



A Haunting in Venice is set in eerie, post-World War II Venice on All Hallows' Eve and is a terrifying mystery featuring the return of the celebrated sleuth, Hercule Poirot. Now retired and living in self-imposed exile in the world's most glamorous city, Poirot reluctantly attends a séance at a decaying, haunted palazzo. When one of the guests is murdered, the detective is thrust into a sinister world of shadows and secrets. It is produced and stars Kenneth Branagh. Hope to see you there!

Our March screening on Friday 8th will be "A Street Cat Named Bob" - more details to follow next month.

*Ceri Chaplin*

## Downton House Gardens- snowdrops



A reminder that Downton House will be open for visits on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February, 10.30am - 3pm, with entrance from Hollyhock Lane.



As last year Lucy John will be in attendance offering a range of hot drinks.

All the money raised will be distributed among nursing charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and the Carer's Trust.

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## Friday Club

The Club's New Year started on a high, with a visit to Cheltenham to watch Tweedy star in the Pantomime "Mother Goose." The theatre was packed with an excited audience waiting for the show to start. They were not to be disappointed. Tweedy was his usual mischievous self and quickly had the audience laughing at his antics and of course his jokes! Members were still chuckling as they left the Theatre. An afternoon to remember!

Then on the 19th January Mike and Toni Lambert presented an excellent quiz which Members thoroughly enjoyed. All questions were displayed on a screen and included pictures of various UK buildings including our own Church. Luckily most Members got the answer to that question right! The winning team were rewarded with a large box of chocolates which they generously shared with all those taking part.

Turning to February we "kick off" on the 2nd with a talk by Paul Murphy on the Von Trapp Family. No doubt we all remember the famous film "The Sound of Music" and the wonderful scenery. This talk will tell us what happened to the family after their escape. Then on the 16th we will sit back, relax and enjoy the 1935 original version of John Buchan's British Classic Thriller, "The 39 Steps." The film was directed by Alfred Hitchcock and starred Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll. An opportunity not to be missed!

We look forward to welcoming YOU on the 2nd February.

Mike Kerton

## News from the Library

### Reminder of evening opening!

We are now open until 6.30pm on Wednesdays, so as to allow school pupils and working people to access the library more easily. Thanks to all those who have made use of the extra hours already, and please spread the word! Once again, thanks to all the volunteers who have made this possible.

### Story time

On Wednesdays at 2.30pm we run a regular event for pre-school children and their adult carers. Story Time alternates with the longer-established Croc'n'Roll musical session. We charge a nominal £1 per child.

Upcoming dates are:

- Croc 'n' Roll 7th, 21st Feb
- Story Time 14th, 28th Feb

We look forward to seeing more little ones there!

Further information and the full opening hours can be found on our website: <https://painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk>

Ian Cridland



## Library book club



This month we discussed "Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead" by Olga Tokarczuk. Many issues were raised in the book including misogyny, ageism, animal rights and how a group of friends, who were outcasts, interacted with themselves and their surroundings. Everyone decided that it was a very different read but a memorable one.

Our next meeting is Monday 12th February at 1:30 – 2:30pm where we will be discussing The Hike by Lucy Clarke. We welcome new members, so please do come and join us. For further information email:

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Karol Baxter



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# Bohemia and Rattle in Madrid

We began the New Year glimpsing the mid 19th century unrest in the Austro Hungarian Empire and the emergence of Czech nationalism in the musical Arts lead by Bedrich Smetana and Antonin Dvorak. Although world wide Dvorak's reputation reigns supreme, with some of the best loved works in the repertoire, it is the older Smetana who is the more highly celebrated in his own country and the inspiration for the nations annual Prague Spring Festival founded post war in 1946. All this in spite of a relatively small repertoire, speaking German as his first language and ending his life deaf and diseased in a mental institution. Following his death he was adopted as the inspiration and to the present day is turned to first in times of national unity and celebration, most recently the Velvet Revolution and the fall of communism.

On January 18th, with minus temperatures in Painswick, Denis Morgan took us to sunny Spain with Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic via a stunning DVD from the impressive Madrid Teatro Real. Beginning with Chabrier's Espana and the Rodrigo Guitar Concerto we were no sooner thawed through than the eminent Liverpoolian maestro swept us back into the incomparable chill of the Russian winter courtesy of the concert's main work, Rachmaninoff 2nd Symphony of 1908 with its Chekovian and pre revolutionary atmosphere.

To demonstrate how on the ball we are the main composers above all have 2023/4 anniversaries: Smetana, the elder with the bicentenary of his birth and Sergei Rachmaninoff his 150th. Dvorak died 120 years ago and Smetana (first again) 140 years ago.

Next meetings 2:30 PM in the Town Hall:-  
February 1st Gluck and Berlioz - baroque to romantic opera- Duncan Richardson

February 15th Music of England's Golden Age (Elizabeth 1st) - Sir Tim Brain

February 29th The best of Shostakovich – John Herbert

Michael Grey

# Painswick Playgroup Egg Hunt

The highly anticipated Egg Hunt will be returning to Painswick's windows on Easter Saturday - 30th March. Keep an eye out for more details of the shenanigans the Easter bunny is organising in next month's Beacon. Follow the unfolding plans on Instagram and Facebook (search for Painswick Easter Egg Hunt). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

# Christmas Tree Recycling raises £68,000



Longfield Hospice collected nearly 4,000 trees from households across Stroud, Cirencester and Gloucester, in return for a donation.

168 volunteers from Minchinhampton-based Longfield Hospice collected Christmas trees from homes across the county in January.

All the money raised will help fund the hospice's work caring for about 2,500 patients with life-limiting conditions across Gloucestershire, and providing support for their families and carers.

Many of the trees were taken to the Rococo Gardens where they have been shredded and the mulch has already been laid on the paths around the garden.

# 'Stroud Workhouse – A danger to sick people'



Our next talk is on 7th February, 2.30pm, at The Painswick Centre, when Chas Townley will talk to us about the history of Stroud Workhouse. Chas is a social activist and Cotswold champion of the Open Spaces Society. He was a Stroud District Councillor and candidate in 2020 for the County Police and Crime Commissioner. Chas has a passion for local social history and his talk will focus on the hard lives of the poor in Stroud Workhouse, which began in Silver Street in the early 1700s, but moved to upper Bisley Road around 1840. The talk will be followed by light refreshments. Visitors are always welcome at our lectures; no booking required - please drop in or contact Paul Wyeth on [CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com](mailto:CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com) or mobile 07472 021 517. Meeting charge £5 for visitors, £2 for members.

# Excursion Plans for 2024

Looking forward; excursions planned for this year include, among other things, a day trip to Hellens House and Kempsey Church, and another to Salisbury. We also plan a trip to an independent textile conservation studio in Bristol (one of just a few in the UK). Then later in the year there will be a longer excursion to West Norfolk and North Cambridgeshire. Members are given priority when booking excursions, which are charged at cost.

Membership of CNFC is £25 per annum for an individual or £40 for two or more people at the same address. For more information contact Clare Woodman on [CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com](mailto:CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com)

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# Preparing for the inevitable

## New group launched at Longfield

Facing the final chapter of life can feel daunting, and many of us might prefer not to think about it.



Longfield Community Hospice believes that no one should face this alone, so they're launching a ten-week group session to guide people with life-limiting illnesses and their carers and families through any challenges. You'll be able to think about what's most important to you and gain reassurance that your wishes will be honoured.

Specialists will offer sessions on legal matters, such as will writing and Lasting Power of Attorney, as well as managing symptoms, funeral planning and dealing with grief. There'll also be an opportunity to gather treasured objects and create a comforting memory box.

Sessions will be held from 17th January from 10.30 to 12.30pm, with an optional lunch.

To book a place, call the Wellbeing Team on 01453 733 706 or email [wellbeing@longfield.org.uk](mailto:wellbeing@longfield.org.uk)

## Lunch with Longfield

Join Longfield for lunch at Egypt Mill in Nailsworth on 22nd February. For £25pp, you'll be greeted with bubbles on arrival, followed by a delicious two-course lunch and coffee. You'll hear the latest news from Longfield and find out how you can take part in fun fund raising opportunities. All proceeds to Longfield Community Hospice.

Book your place at [www.longfield.org.uk/event/egypt-mill-lunch](http://www.longfield.org.uk/event/egypt-mill-lunch) or call 01453 886868

*Melanie Palmer*

## Our local market

Painswick's Thursday morning market is definitely special. With an appealing range of food and goods on sale it is well worth a visit. Award-winning artisan bread, fresh fish, brownies, fruit and vegetables, locally made jams and jellies, vinegars and preserves, coffee - beans and ground, cheese and deli, local meat, hand-made items using locally sourced wood are all available - and with Lucy's hot drinks van on site too the experience is a real pleasure.

The goods on sale are largely locally sourced - even more reason for us all to support this valuable weekly market. Do go along to the Painswick Centre car park, 8.45am-10.45am every Thursday. And furthermore, don't forget Pete's excellent, very reasonably priced fresh fish on sale on Friday mornings from 9.15am-11.15am in the Town Hall car park.

*Carol Maxwell*



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## Painswick Gardening Club

Maggi Brown's interesting talk on Soil Management has given our members some useful tips on improving the structure of their garden soil. Amongst these were two simple hints: no more clearing away the leaves from the vegetable beds. The leaves and the worms will help to prevent surplus soil nutrients being washed away during the winter. She also spoke enthusiastically about the use of green manure using specific plants to add vital organic matter to the soil. There could be a lot of Crimson Clover flowering in Painswick this year!!



On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Rob Gould, the Cotswold Forager, will talk about the 20 years he has worked as an amateur forager.

Then on 13<sup>th</sup> March, Vanessa Berridge will be with us to talk about her work with the National Garden Society in Gloucestershire.

Do come along to the Town Hall for refreshments from 7pm with the talks starting at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

*Philippa Miller*

## Where is this architectural feature?

An imposing lion rampant but where in Painswick can it be found and secondly why is it there?



Answer to the first question on the back page.

## Happy New Year From LCMG!

A huge (very belated) Happy New Year from Local Community Market Gardens, a local CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Scheme for organic produce based in Sheepscombe. As we move into the 2nd month of 2024 we're looking back on the past year and putting our plans for the next into action. We've had some successes, as well as the inevitable 'I wish we'd done it the other way'!



It's been a pleasure getting to know those of you who come along to the Painswick Farmers Market and the several customers that we deliver veg to - please feel free to get in touch if you're interested in finding out more about the deliveries.

We've recently finished building our polytunnel. In January we also embarked upon putting in a pond and planting an orchard.

Very excitingly, we've been awarded some Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) funding over the next two years. This will fund practical things like deer protection, irrigation, a shed (every field's got to have a shed), a chiller unit and website design.

We will also be able to fund some workshops, a Community Facilitator role to engage with volunteers as well as liaise with schools to set up school visits (any age) and create some children's allotments too.

For people wanting to grow food as a career, local, affordable, and accessible training is essential. The funding includes writing a L1, 2, and 3 training course.

Get in touch if you want to join in as a volunteer or member, or just to find out more, particularly about any part-time self-employed roles that will be part of this offer. View our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LCMGIC/>

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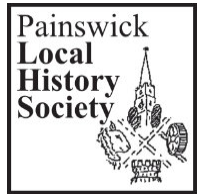
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# Gloucestershire and the Slave Trade



On 16th February the Local History Society welcomed Tony Conder to talk on Gloucestershire and the Slave Trade. After Edward Colston's statue was toppled into the harbour in Bristol in 2020, the council in Gloucester approached the Gloucester Civic Trust to determine Gloucester's links to the slave trade. It encouraged Tony, who works with the Trust as a volunteer, to look into the subject in more depth.

What he discovered was in one sense reassuring – no statues seemed to be in danger! But it was also troubling, in showing the extent to which links with slavery permeated society. When the Slavery Abolition Act passed in 1833, compensation was paid to slave owners by the Bank of England, totalling around 40% of the then Government budget. It was financed by debt, finally paid off only in 2015. That seems shocking to us now, but it did mean that detailed records exist of exactly who the slave owners were and how much they received.

It's perhaps no surprise that many well-known names in Gloucestershire were involved, including religious leaders. Around Painswick, they included the owners of Prinknash Park and (as we know from another recent talk to the History Society), of the Ebworth estate. But our area also had its share of energetic campaigners against slavery. Perhaps most notably Samuel Bowly, who although mostly associated with Gloucester, for a time lived at Edge, at the Horsepools.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Tuesday 20th February, 7.30pm at The Croft School, when Kirstie Bingham will talk on Tudor and Stuart medicine. Come prepared for some grisly details.

*Alastair Jollans*

## The snowdrop

Our most welcome annual guest which fills the Garden with extraordinary joy and gives pleasure at the darkest time of the year to our thousands of visitors. They are back this month and bringing joy to one of Gloucestershire's most-loved hidden gems.



Snowdrops on eagle house bank (Richard Atkinson)

There are well over five million delightful blooms ringing like bells to herald another spring. Each year many visitors make the pilgrimage to our hidden valley to enjoy the special magic that snowdrops offer, chasing away winter blues. If you are lucky you will spot our very own *Galanthus Atkinsii* which was propagated by Painswick resident James Atkins back in the mid-1800s. It is of course bigger and bolder than all the rest! Booking online via our website is essential this month to help manage the numbers of people onsite. My top tip is to come later in the day for a quieter experience. Our Cafe and Shop will be open to serve you freshly-ground coffee and delicious hot chocolates and other mouthwatering food and drink. The Garden is open daily 10-5 through to 3rd March. How long the snowdrops stay in peak bloom will depend on the weather, so do keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.

opening hours from just £35. You can now join online via [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk) - in doing so you will also be supporting our conservation work looking after this magical place.

It pays to get involved with Rococo and join as a Friend, which gives you the freedom of the Garden during normal daytime

I'm really looking forward to daffodil season next - if it's warm you may see both snowdrops and daffodils in bloom together by the end of the month. You may even already have seen some after the crazy winter we have had! Our banks are now absolutely crammed with bulbs just waiting to burst forth.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you in the Garden.

*Tim Toghil, Volunteer*

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# A New Species Found on the Beacon



Last summer permission was granted by Natural England and Selina Blow for samples of a new species of Hawkweed to be removed from the Beacon and sent to the national record of plant specimens. Seeds were also taken and added to the national seed bank. The plant has only been found on one other local site, Barrow Wake.



The plants were discovered by Dr Tim Rich and his associates and he was kind enough to send me a copy of the Version of Records published on 28th Dec 2023. This explains in great botanical detail why it is a new species. A nice touch is that it's Latin name, *Hieracium Elizabethae-Reginae*, was chosen because it was found on the late Queen's Silver Jubilee week end.

We have about 500 plants on the Beacon in an area of steep shallow soil approx. 70x20 m in size.

The yellow flowers bloom from late May to early June and set seed in late June. It would seem they flower repeatedly and reproduce readily from seed. This begs the question "why are they rare then?" Only 250 mature plants exist on the two sites, so they are classified as an endangered species. I have asked Dr Tim for their location so that we may do nothing to endanger their long term survival or even encourage their propagation.

This is another example of how wonderfully diverse our grasslands are, that new things are literally under our feet. There may be a yet undiscovered organism which is totally dependant on this plant.

Looking at the bigger picture it is worrying that globally, habitat is being destroyed at an alarming pace, creating an extinction rate not seen for millions of years. How many species are becoming extinct before we have even recorded they exist? What benefits to our long term health and prosperity will disappear before we know about them?

Food for thought!

*Paul Baxter*



On Thursday 11 Jan 2024 Basil Butler, who is one of our most senior members and is also a past-president of the Club, shared some of his experiences during his long career, mostly connected with the oil industry.

On this occasion he covered the period from 1968 when he had been contentedly serving BP in Kuwait for 10 years. He was summoned to head office in London to a meeting over lunch during which he was offered a job in Colombia to form a management team to operate a newly acquired company named Sinclair Oil. Colombia is about the size of France, Germany and UK combined, with mountains in the west up to 18000 feet, with few roads or rail links, and masses of large estates. The capital, Bogotá, is at 7000 feet.

Basil explained that first he needed a visa for which he had to pass a VD check. On arrival in Bogotá he found himself an hotel, but English was not spoken so he made do with Spanish. He needed a further check for VD to qualify for an ID card and found himself a grotty house within the limit of his meagre housing allowance. His local general manager found him a better, but still grotty, house in a safer area until Basil negotiated an increased allowance and then found a better one.

Soon Basil encountered the company lawyer whom he described as a shady character, and an internal auditor who was downright corrupt; seemingly, every stone he lifted uncovered new problems of that sort. A case of scotch whiskey appeared mysteriously when bids for a transport contract were being appraised. Two weeks later the donor was murdered by his wife. When an anti-government rally booed a speaker, 150 of those present were shot!

As Operations Manager, Basil needed to fly between sites by a small Cessna aircraft. One of the field superintendents was described as an unusual character, sporting a gold earring. He proved to be particularly difficult to manage from afar.

Oil and gas would be transported by river- barges to refineries. Raw petrol was being lost en route. The mystery was solved when it was found that the train would be driven into a siding for the night, enabling locals to help themselves. Derailments were frequent due to poor maintenance of the tracks.

Basil recalled sharing the driving of an old Buick to a remote site on the snowline at 16000 feet, as indicated on the altimeter, a unique motoring feature in Basil's experience. On the descent, after encountering snow and thunder, the snow-covered car looked incongruous against a the backdrop of palm trees in the sun.

The region was truly bandit country with drugs cartels and emerald smugglers ruling the roost. Many of the places Basil visited were out of bounds to most people, but now they are on the tourist rail Sinclair Oil was bought by a US company and the name is now lost in the mist of time.

*Henry Hall*

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# Some historic February crimes

## Feb. 1744

Whereas Samuel Pain, of the Parish of Painswick, has absconded himself from his Master, Isaac Mearell, Baker, and fled from Justice: this is to forewarn all persons not to entertain him after the publication hereof. He is about 15 years of age and near five foot high; having on (when he went away) a Tuke Frock with yellow buttons, and a light wig. *Gloucester Journal*

## Feb. 1854

William Gyde, labourer, age 15, 5ft tall, hair light, eyes grey, visage oval, complexion pale, two moles in front of throat and one top of left shoulder, Church[member], one previous conviction. Charged with feloniously stealing two pecks of potatoes the property of Robert Chandler his master. Guilty, 12 months hard labour in the Penitentiary.

## Feb. 1884

William Woodward 15, Thomas Hanks 14, Alfred Thomas Cooke 14 and Sidney Powell 13, all of Painswick, were each charged with stealing a quantity of swede greens, the property of Edward Trotman. Each pleaded guilty. P.C. Smith deposed to catching the boys picking the greens. A letter from Mr Trotman said he was giving away a lot of greens to the poor people, but he was imposed on by these boys. Each ordered to pay 4/-. *Stroud Journal*

Samuel Barnfield fined 3/- and costs for being drunk. *Stroud Journal*

Sidney Berry, James Voyce and Thomas Hanks, young men of Painswick, were summoned for having unlawfully and wilfully committed damage to property belonging to Mr Crompton Hutton. Defendants were seen in a field belonging to Mr Hutton by his bailiff who found they were making preparations to dig out a badger. He informed Mrs Hutton who returned with him to the spot and found defendants digging at a badger hole. Mrs Hutton remonstrated with them pointing out they had no right on the land and they thereupon desisted. They afterwards filled up the hole. The prosecutor would be satisfied with a public apology from the defendants and did not wish to press for a heavy penalty. Defence pointed out that whatever damage was done had been reinstated by the defendants. The Bench said the justice of the case would be met by defendants paying the costs of 2s 6d. *Gloucester Chronicle*

## Feb. 1894

Helen Barrington, a lady of independent means living at Wick Street, summoned for having been drunk in Stroud. Supt. Harrison deposed that he saw defendant leave a pony carriage in Gloucester Street. She had no hat on and her hair was untidy. She went into the Painswick Inn, followed by her man servant carrying her hat in his hand. Witness went into the inn and found defendant sitting in the bagatelle room in a very drunken state. The landlady said she had not served defendant. At witness's instigation defendant left the inn with difficulty. He saw defendant get into the pony carriage and told the servant to ride with her to prevent her falling out. Defendant called the man bad names and refused to allow him to get into the carriage. Witness told her she must do that or go to the police station, and she consented to ride with the servant. The carriage having proceeded a little way defendant threw her hat and umbrella into the road. Defendant (who did not appear) was fined 40s., in default a month's imprisonment. *Gloucester Citizen*

## Feb. 1904

Joseph Larner, landlord of the Bell Inn, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his premises and also for selling beer to intoxicated people. A fine of £2 10s 6d was imposed. *Western Daily Press*

## Feb. 1914

John Musgrove and William Mills, lads of Painswick, were each fined 1/- and costs for riding bicycles without a light. Supt. Biggs said the offence was committed shortly after 5.00am. There had been many complaints respecting people riding their bicycles to work in the early morning without lights. It was a public danger and he intended to stop it. *Gloucestershire Echo*

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## Tennis report

Gloucestershire Winter League

The teams are having a good season with the A team, 3rd in the premier division, The B team 2nd in division 1B and the C team lying 6th in division 1A.

The Senior teams are 1st in division 2 and 5th in division 3

The new clay courts have been very useful in the recent cold weather allowing play even with a heavy frost.



## Oh dear, rugby in Painswick 100 years ago!

The Exiles visited Painswick, and won by a goal and four tries - 17 points to 9. The game was not of the most pleasant character. There were exciting episodes at frequent intervals, and the referee had a difficult task in keeping tempers under control. This is, to say the least of it, unfortunate and unsporting, and it will not tend to encourage interest in the Painswick club, one of the oldest, and formerly one of the most popular organisations in the district. The Stroud officials, especially the hon. secretary (Mr Harold Beck), have recently taken some pains to endeavour to increase interest in the Painswick club, and to resuscitate it, but without support, and without a finer show of sportsmanship than that exhibited on Saturday, it is to be feared that their efforts will not carry much weight. However, let us hope this was only passing excitement, and that things will be adjusted amicably.



Stroud Journal Feb 1924

# Painswick Golf Club

The Golf Club is looking for a new part-time cook from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Further details and opening times will be available in due course. Anyone wishing to apply should refer to the mini-ads on page 20.



There have been a number of social competitions over the last month. In the Seniors section, there have been betterball competitions, a bowmaker and a greensomes competition. Some twenty-five players took part in the qualifying mid-week stableford held on 11<sup>th</sup> January. It proved to be a very closely fought, with three players – Paul Holmes, Paul Gobey and John Hitchcock – all with 38 points. The winner is decided by who has the better score on the last nine holes and this turned out to be Paul Holmes.

The Seniors Open this year is taking place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. It is a better-ball (pairs) competition played off the yellow tees. Golfers from other courses are welcome to play the course at a time of the year when it is likely to be in its best condition. Entries can be made, and tee times reserved, via the 'Opens' section of HowDidIDo. Any questions to Robin Hare on 07881 803065.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors. Please call 01452 812615 or visit the website [www.painswickgolf.com](http://www.painswickgolf.com) to book a tee time.

Peter Rowe

## Property report

It seems not long ago that two bedroom stone cottages in Painswick could be had for well under £300,000, but those days may now be gone. The Cup House in Bisley Street, a two bedroom terraced cottage came onto the market recently through Murrays at £435,000 and went quickly under offer. Teasel Cross Cottage in Vicarage Street, a two bedroom end of terrace cottage is now available through Hamptons at £400,000 and the same agent has Mount Pleasant Cottage, a rather larger and detached two bedroom cottage, tucked away up the hillside off Vicarage Street, at £550,000. That can be compared with 6 Stamages Lane, a bright modern townhouse (Hamptons, £525,000). Fortunately Cambrai on Cheltenham Road, a renovated end of terrace cottage (Murrays, £375,000) is a little cheaper, although even that hardly qualifies as 'affordable' housing. And in any case, the smaller cottages are now often destined to be used as Airbnb accommodation.

Properties at £600,000 and over must now be thought of as mid-range and Croome House in Bisley Street is an elegant period townhouse with three bedrooms, one of the most striking houses in the village (Hamptons, £600,000), while Casa Mia in Beacon Close is a detached three/four bedroom house with garages, gardens and views (Murrays, £795,000). Hamptons also have Springbank Cottage on Lurks Lane in Pitchcombe, with four bedrooms, at £860,000. And in the million pound plus category, there is Bears Den, a 4 bedroom detached house high up on Painswick Beacon (Hamptons, £1.25 million) and, coming soon, Rainbow End in Cranham, a four bedroom house that comes together with two one bed holiday lets (Murrays, £1.3 million).

As well as the Cup House, Bramble Cottage in Vicarage Street and Flat 2 Yew Tree House in New Street have gone under offer through Murrays, as have Greenacres Cottage in Cheltenham Road and Brambles at the Park, through Hamptons. Long Close in Greenhouse Lane has completed.

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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 <a href="mailto:sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk">sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre 7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	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
Painswick Singers. Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond 7.30pm	
Painswick Bootcamp. Details contact Becca Meadows 01452 451505 or <a href="mailto:info@beccameadowsnutrition.co.uk">info@beccameadowsnutrition.co.uk</a>	Broadham Field Rugby Pitch 7.30 - 8.30pm	
Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester <a href="mailto:skester@outlook.com">skester@outlook.com</a>	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 12.00pm
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre 9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms 9.30 - 1.00pm
	Rococo Sprites. See <a href="http://www.rococogarden.org.uk">www.rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden 9.45 am
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or <a href="mailto:tennpatricia@gmail.com">tennpatricia@gmail.com</a>	Painswick Centre 10.00 - 11.00am
	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms 7.00pm
	Table tennis. Contact David Harris on 07453 027766. £5.00/person/session	Painswick Centre 7.30 - 9.00pm
	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
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or <a href="mailto:info@daley.pilates.co.uk">info@daley.pilates.co.uk</a>	The Pavillion 10.30 - 11.30am
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. <a href="http://www.lovelifeladies.co.uk">www.lovelifeladies.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre 12.30 - 1.30pm
	St Mary's Mums - for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers. Contact 07833 727701	Church Rooms 9.15 - 10.45 am
	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	Weds Pop-in. Varied activities to share or join in. All welcome. Contact Sandra on 07816975112	Town Hall 10.00 - 12.00pm
	Morning Market	Painswick Centre 8.30 - 9.30am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 11.00am
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	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>	Painswick Rugby Club 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@daley.pilates.co.uk">info@daley.pilates.co.uk</a>	Town Hall 5.45 - 6.45pm
Fridays	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre 5.00 - 8.00pm
	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 11.00am and simultaneous zoom
	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:cgsivain:btinternet.com">cgsivain:btinternet.com</a> or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church 5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or <a href="mailto:info@daley.pilates.co.uk">info@daley.pilates.co.uk</a>	Church Rooms 11.00 - 12.00pm
	Tea, cake & watercolours art course starts April 14th for 6 weeks	Painswick Centre 2.00pm
	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 <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

Fri	2	Cotteswold Naturalists: Evening with Wild Swans & supper. Prebook 813228	WWT Slimbridge	3.30pm
	2	Friday Club: The Von Trapp Family - Paul Murphy. Enq 812344	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	3	<b>Painswick Beacon published</b>		
	3	Jewellery making workshop in aid of Ukraine. Contact 01452 813978	Landmoor, Stroud Rd.	2.00pm
	3	PBCG working party. Contact Paul Baxter 07971 633242	Variable	9.00am - 12.00pm
Mon	5	Downton House NGS Open Garden for snowdrop display	Entrance off Hollyhock lane	10.30 - 3.00pm
	5	Painswick Community Lunch: provided by CTAP	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	6	Downton House NGS Open Garden for snowdrop display	Entrance off Hollyhock lane	10.30 - 3.00pm
Wed	7	Holy Communion	Richmond	
	7	Cotteswold Naturalists: Stroud Workhouse - a danger to sick people - Chas Townley. Enq 07472 021517	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	8	The Arts Society: The Brilliance of Brunel - Ian Swankie	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.45am
Fri	9	Wickflix: A Haunting in Venice	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sun	11	Family Worship	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	12	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
	12	Painswick Community lunch: provided by Falcon Bowling Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	14	Ash Wednesday: Communion with ashing	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
	14	Gardening Club: Cotswold Forager - Rob Gould	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	15	Painswick Probus: The Amazing Life of Charlie Chaplin Part 2	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
	15	Stroud and District Philatelic Society	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	15	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Music of England's Golden Age - Dr Tim Brain	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	16	Friday Club: Film afternoon. Enq 812344	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	17	PBCG working party. Contact Paul Baxter 07971 633242	Variable	9.00am - 12.00pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Deadline for Beacon Copy</b>		
	18	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	19	Painswick Community Lunch: provided by Croft School Year 6 Class	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	20	Cotteswold Naturalists: The Land Girls - Fiona Warin. Enq 07767 014957	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
	20	History Society: Tudor and Stuart Medicine - Kirstie Bingham	Croft School	7.30pm
Fri	23	Nordic walking - learn to use Nordic walking poles followed by coffee and cakes £8.00 each. Book in advance	Rococo Garden	9.30am
Sun	25	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	26	Painswick Community Lunch: provided by Croft School Year 6 Class	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	27	Yew Trees WI: The Unexpected Journey - Chris Evans (Dundry Nurseries)	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	29	Painswick Probus: Driving Safely in Winter	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
	29	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The Best of Shostakovich - John Herbert	Town Hall	2.30pm

### March

Fri	1	Friday Club: Communist Comparisons - Peter Berry. Enq 812344	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	2	PBCG working party. Contact Paul Baxter 07971 633242	Variable	9.00am - 12.00pm
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# Personal column

## Condolences

To the family and friends of REV MICHAEL WEAR, son of the late Kath and Bill Wear and much-loved brother of Mary and Sue. Michael died peacefully in North Yorkshire on December 21st 2023. A Service of Thanksgiving was held at Filey Methodist Church on January 15th, the church where Michael continued to lead worship following his retirement.

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)

## Lion Rampant

The answer to the first part of the architectural teaser is Jasmin Cottage on Stroud Road. If you have any suggestion as to why it is there we would love to hear.



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