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Painswick says "Thank you"



Photo: Phil Ion

Painswick along with the rest of the country has been thanking all the key workers who are supporting us at this time at eight o'clock on Thursday evenings by warmly applauding them.

St Mary's Church tower has been splendidly lit up in NHS blue, courtesy of Phil Ion's Core Lighting, and bouquets of flowers, courtesy of Rococo Garden and Bespoke Flower Company, have been given to keys workers in Painswick, (see article p17)

The Beacon is also indebted to the Painswick Covid19 Support Group for their help in the distribution of the Beacon at this time when most of our normal distributors are required to stay at home, and we would like to add our special thanks to them for this and all the other help they have been providing.



New life

This lovely picture of triplet lambs bonding together with their mother at Philip Berry's farm is, with everything that is happening in this mad and very sad world at the moment, a symbol of new life, new beginnings with new friendships to make. Be confident there will be better times around the corner.



Photo: Peter Llewellyn

An abundance of copy...

With clubs and societies unable to meet it had been expected that the Beacon might be short of copy this month and possibly have to put out a smaller than usual edition. However, the people of Painswick have excelled themselves and we have a bumper edition.

Particularly pleasing is the response to the story/poem challenge put out at the last minute to our school children via the Beacon facebook page and the Croft School. We trust our readers of all ages will enjoy the stories we have reproduced together with Anthony Lewis Churchill's Little Wings boats (see pages 12-14. It is good to know we have a talented group of young writers in our midst

There are a couple of quizzes to help you wile away the time, one for when you take your daily exercise walk and one for you to puzzle over sitting at home.

We were unsure at the outset whether our printers Inky Little Fingers would still be able to produce the Beacon and you will find on the Beacon website an electronic edition in full colour throughout. www.painswickbeacon.org.uk

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from meetings and delegated decisions in April by Terry Parker

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

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

Well done everyone who is following the governments guidelines and staying at home – you are all heroes. In the Parish of Painswick, friends and neighbours are looking out for each other and we have many amazing volunteers who have been supporting those most in need. THANK YOU – keep up the good work!

The election of the Members of Painswick Parish Council was due this month but this has now been postponed until May 2021. Therefore, in the meantime the Councillors have been continuing in their roles and now more than ever, supporting the community. Whilst physical meetings are not taking place at present the Members are still being consulted on Planning Applications, with the deadlines to respond still in place. The Council staff are working from home and supporting the emergency efforts. You can contact the Council by email clerk@painswick-pc.gov.uk or by phone (please try to stick to office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings) on 01452 812722. The “Painswick Community” plus the “Painswick Coronavirus Support” Facebook Groups have plenty of useful information posted on them as well as the Council website www.painswick-pc.gov.uk

Following the Government's advice, the Recreation Ground remains open but the Play Equipment and Gym Equipment are strictly out of bounds. The Cemetery is also open but please be mindful of Social Distancing. The Town Hall, St Marys Street toilet and the Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion are closed until further notice. Unfortunately, it was hoped that the Community Post Office could be made available on Wednesday and Friday mornings but this has not been possible.

Stroud District Council will be writing to every household in the district with information for those who need help now or in the future, and those who want to help, can find out how to access their requirements, and the letter contains advice on getting medical care, staying safe, and protecting everyone in their communities. A copy of this letter will be posted on our website www.painswick-pc.gov.uk where you can also find the link to the Painswick Covid 19 volunteer group (who are registered with the Gloucestershire Hub/Stroud District Council) who are doing a fantastic job in providing non-emergency practical support:-<https://painswickcovid19support.wordpress.com/>

Please keep safe.

Cllr Martin Slinger (Chairman of Painswick Parish Council)

Suspension of Parish Council meetings

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, Painswick Parish Council together with other Gloucestershire councils, has suspended the holding of Council and Committee Meetings. All decisions will until further notice be taken under delegated authority by the appropriate members/officers. .

PLANNING

NEW APPLICATIONS-Supported by Parish Council
S.20/0342/HHOLD Chestnut Cottage, The Park
Demolition with a two storey side and rear extension.
Erection of Garage.

S.20/0642/HHOLD Hillview, Cockshoot, Sheepscombe
Proposed two-storey extension and alterations.

S.20/0626/FUL Beacon Farm
Erection of extension to existing agricultural building.

S.20/0564/HHOLD Phoenix Cottage, Tibbiwell Lane
Additional window to lobby ground floor and first floor bedroom. Oak framed gable open porch.

OTHER NEW APPLICATIONS
S.20/0186/HHOLD The Cottage, Vicarage Street
Insertion of velux windows and erection of larch cladding.

S.20/0706/HHOLD Clattergrove House, Clattergrove
Side extension to main property including removal of garage roof and building over.

20/00254/LAPRNW Holcombe Farm, Painswick.
Premises Licence - New Application.

CONSENT

S.20/0451/HHOLD & S.20/0452/LBC The Buddings, Slad Road
Replacement external steps, replacement rear lean-to and external alterations.

S.20/0441/HHOLD Highfield, Longridge,
Sheepscombe
Two storey extension and detached carport.
S.20/0460/HHOLD Highpoint, Golf Course Road.
First floor extension.
S.20/0371/TPO Damsells Mews
Chestnut (T1) - fell. Replant with Chestnut, but in a position further from the outbuilding.
S.20/0326/HHOLD Knapp Barns, The Vatch, Catswood Lane
Conversion of stone barn into home office, demolition of lean-to and new extension.
S.20/0344/HHOLD & S.20/0345/LBC C o b House, Slad
Resubmission of S.18/1620/HHOLD. Replacing side extension with porch; retaining wall in rear garden; reconstruction of chimney stacks.
S.20/0359/HHOLD Westwold, Longridge, Sheepscombe
First floor extension.
S.20/0308/HHOLD Worgans Barn, Folly Lane
Two storey side extension.
S.20/0295/HHOLD Greenleas, Longridge, Sheepscombe
Rear loft extension, Atrium and Annexe.
S.20/0230/LBC Washbrook Farm, Edge Road
Removal of internal stud wall to create an open-plan space.
S.20/0210/HHOLD Michaelmas Cottage, Vicarage Street
Replacement conservatory.
S.20/0112/LBC, S.20/0111/LBC & S.20/0110/HHOLD 22 Gloucester Road
Internal alterations, replacement of most metal casements to windows.
SDemolition of shed.
Erection of garage / carport and replacement shed.

REFUSED

S.19/2565/LBC Spoonbed Farm, Painswick
Beacon
Removal of existing two light mullioned windows

and replace with pair of metal casement doors.
S.20/0033/FUL Land Between 15 And 16 Upper Washwell
Demolition of 8 garages and creation of two 2 bed semi detached dwellings.
S.20/0084/LBC Old Bath House, St Marys Street
Re-roofing of rear slopes of the house, replacing defective stone tile roof with reconstituted stone tiles.
S.20/0433/TPO Hyett Orchard, Hyett Close
Lime Tree (T1) Fell -roots are lifting the tarmac and paving. Lime Tree (T2) Fell. We will replant with flowering cherry/magnolia.

WITHDRAWN
S.19/2733/HHOLD Chessed, Slad Road, Slad
Proposed side and rear extension and alterations.
S.20/0352/FUL & S.20/0353/LBC Stone House/Weavers House, St Marys Street
Change of use from office to two dwellings.
S.20/0436/HHOLD Single storey side extension. Knapp Farm, The Vatch, Catswood Lane
S.20/0225/LBC Snows Farm, Slad
Erection of canopy porch over patio area and stone chimney fire place. Repair valley to rear of roof on main house with code 4 lead tray.

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Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May 2020

Like so many charities, Christian Aid will really struggle this year. In a normal Christian Aid Week the Painswick Valleys raise around £12,000 through house to house collections in Cranham, Edge, Harescombe, Painswick, Pitchcombe and Sheepscombe and through events like a salmon supper, garden shop, lunches and cream teas in Painswick and a coffee morning in Edge. None of that can happen this year.

And yet, on top of Christian Aid's key work towards climate, health and economic justice, there is a real fear this year of what might happen if Covid 19 takes hold in refugee camps and some of the poorest areas of the world. These are where Christian Aid works and gained valuable experience helping during the Ebola crisis.

This CA week the Painswick Valley Christian Aid group will still be fundraising to support Christian Aid's work fighting poverty in the UK and overseas. Those wishing to support this work can donate through the Painswick Valley Christian Aid page on JustGiving: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/PVCAgroup20> or directly on the Christian Aid website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> which will be regularly updated with news on events and progress.

*Thank you, Dylan Davies,
Chairman, Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee*

Corona Chronicles

I really don't know what's going on: nobody tells me anything: but what I do know is that I 'm loving it! Suddenly I am hardly ever left alone. Mum and Dad used to be busy for hours at a time. It was so boring and me and the Cat just used to sleep our way through the day. Now that doesn't happen and I 'm allowed to join in everything! I help with the cooking, the ironing and the cleaning and my favourite is the gardening. I spend a great deal of time keeping Dad company in the vegetable garden. He's not very good at planting and I help him with the digging. Then there's the food. The meals are much better and very often there are leftovers which I am given for supper – delicious! Mum often feeds me titbits under the table which Dad doesn't like. He says I will get fat. But the best thing is the walks. To start with Dad used to take me on long rambles several times a day but then some man said I could only go out once a day which was a pity. I'm getting to know the Beacon pretty well although it's a pity that the nice golfers don't seem to be there – I love to grab their golf balls – they get so cross! The worst thing that has happened was yesterday when Mum decided that she was going to cut my hair. Normally I go to a hairdresser called Debbie, who is nice and gentle, but Mum was a bit rough when she used the clippers. But still I do look rather smart and I'm so much cooler in the sun so I suppose it was worth the pain. The Cat just laughed and said "You don't look like a Cocker Spaniel anymore!"

Anonymous

Jottings.

Whilst we are in shutdown, it is interesting to see how dependent we are on other countries in the world: We import food and drink into the UK from around 191 Countries.

Figures now published show that in the first half of 2018 we imported £23 billion pounds worth of food and drink. So I looked into some of the facts.

From the continent: Beef from Ireland £425 million, wine from France £321 million, pork from Denmark £171 million and potatoes from the Netherlands and Belgium £270 million.

Looking across the Atlantic to Central America and the Caribbean, we get bananas from Costa Rica, sugar from Belize, food oil from the Honduras, pulses from Guatemala and nuts from Nicaragua plus many others. Believe it or not, we buy sweets worth £1.2 million from the British Virgin Islands.

We do not import from countries in Central Africa like Niger, Chad, Central African Republic, or Eritrea. But we do import cocoa products from the Ivory Coast and Ghana, grapes from South Africa, tea and coffee from Kenya and tomatoes from Morocco.

Accounting for meat products, as well as the beef from Ireland, we get chicken from the Netherlands. We get more fish from Sweden than anywhere else. Over 24% of our cheese comes from Ireland and we also buy cheese from France and Cyprus.

We are accustomed to buying beers like Carlsberg and San Migel from Europe but Mexico tops the list with Ireland not far behind. Just look along the super market shelves to see where your wine originates - most came from France followed by Australia.

Looking back to 2016 we spent £2 billion on cut flowers - 90% of this on imported products from nineteen countries. The list is endless and worldwide: We are not just dependent on Europe.

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Graffiti blights Painswick

Shortly after we went into Coronavirus lockdown a number of properties around the village including the Pavilion, The Oak, Best One, the Painswick Centre and a private driveway suffered the indignity of some unsightly graffiti. Although now removed it was sad to see such in the village.

The matter is now in the hands of the police.



Dutchcombe planning application

The Beacon has received further correspondence on the subject of the Dutchcombe planning application. However as this has been the subject of previous correspondence both for and against it has been decided to consider the matter closed.

We would point out to our readers that this correspondence is being sent by its author to Stroud District Council and will appear as a comment on the planning application reference S.19/2399/FUL should you wish to read it in due course.

Painswick Library Book Club

Next meeting Monday 18th May 2pm

Either a Zoom meeting or in the library if permitted.

The next book for our discussion is 'Home Fires' by Kamila Shamsie, and the meeting will take place in the library as usual if at all possible. If not, we will meet using Zoom which proved very successful this month with 7 participants all brave enough to 'give it a go'!

This month we discussed 'The Ginger Tree' by Oswald Wynd, a novel set from 1903 onwards in China and Japan. It was a fascinating insight into the history and culture of the time as told through the letters and diaries of Mary, the main character. Wynd himself was the son of Scottish missionaries, who spent his entire childhood in Japan and therefore much of the story feels like he is drawing on his own experiences and first hand knowledge. An excellent book, thoroughly enjoyed by us all which we would heartily recommend.

If you would like to join in the next discussion, or even if you'd just like to give Zoom a try, please send me an email.

Carole Smith
painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

Europe Quiz

Cryptic clues to places in Europe

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Irving or Isaiah? | 16 Stops the seagulls getting the catch |
| 2 Mineral peak | 17 Weak perfume |
| 3 Dutch Gin | 18 Lawn invader meets celebrity |
| 4 Very baggy | 19 River blocked by Staffordshireware |
| 5 Connecting wires | 20 Sounds like rouge |
| 6 Boxer, non-u | 21 Lettuce |
| 7 Bottle stopper | 22 Hen eats |
| 8 Fodder crop | 23 Is she a bit of an idiot? |
| 9 Body part | 24 Pleasant female relative |
| 10 Good exam result | 25 You must do what she says! |
| 11 Er, a hot dog | 26 Loads of paper |
| 12 Beautiful mother, (Italian style) | 27 Essential for life |
| 13 Wander | 28 Spanish Queen Mother |
| 14 Christmas vegetable | 29 Water borne larva |
| 15 Crack in surface | 30 Even more spotless |

Appeal for Help

I have recently been asked to take over regulating the Church Clock. I have started to keep a log of how the regulation is affected by the temperature in the clock room. To achieve this, I've installed a max/min thermometer. What I want is for an amateur meteorologist in the locality to provide me with an external max/min temperature log.

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Into the Mastermind - Verse Disappointment for Dom

Painswick's Quiz expert Dom Hewett had to settle for a more than honourable third place in his Mastermind semi-final, which aired on Monday 6th April, and is available on BBC iPlayer until 6th May. After answering questions on W.H. Auden in his first round victory, he took as his speciality subject this time the New Zealand comedy duo 'Flight of the Conchords'. After the first round Dom was in second place, and got off to a great start in his General Knowledge round as well, confidently answering questions on the French Revolution and the capital of North Dakota.

But towards the end, questions on children's television and on the Dukes of Bedford floored him and the final question asked for the subtitle of a recent Spiderman film. Getting it right would have taken him into the joint lead on 21, but Dom's answer 'Welcome to the Spider-Verse' was judged not close enough to the correct answer of 'Into the Spider-Verse'. So he finished on a total of 20 points, 3 points behind the eventual winner, but certainly having done himself proud. Congratulations to Dom, who grew up in Painswick, but now works as a Library Assistant in Oxford.



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Those memorable teachers ...

Most of us remember, for whatever reason, one or some of our teachers. In the past there have been a few teachers in Painswick who have earned themselves an everlasting and indelible reputation.

Oade Roberts was master of a boarding school in Painswick in the early 19th century. A member of a well-known Quaker family, he was the teacher who inspired Edward Newman who became one of the greatest British entomologists, editor of *The Entomologist* and *The Zoologist* and author of several books.



Moses Pullen was the Master of the boys' section of Painswick Free School, for 26 poor boys as well as some paying pupils, in the 1850s and 1860s. A man far in advance of his time, he presented a curriculum which included science, carpentry, printing, mechanical drawing, land measuring, mapping, chemistry and practical agriculture. He started evening classes for adults and set up a lending library. One of his famous old boys, Professor A.W.Bickerton, described him as one of the finest science masters under whom he ever studied. In 1874 Moses and his son William invented an adding machine, often cited as a pre-runner to the computer.

Maria Kirkland came to teach at Painswick Girls' School in 1903 and was head teacher for nearly 30 years. Rose Tranter, in her memories of school, said of Miss Kirkland 'what a character she was, and how she trained us for life after school. She taught us all about good citizenship and service.' She was an active suffragette, upheld the rights of women, was opposed to violence and war and was a member of the League of Nations. She aimed to make her girls strong and well-read and

many of them won free places at Stroud High School.



Bert Slack was a teacher at Painswick School in the 1920s and 1930s. He was remembered for a rather different reason - his use of the cane. The boys were, according to Fred Seamark, 'beaten unmercifully for the most trifling of errors'. He was also a churchwarden and there was a well-known ditty locally : Mr Slack is a very good man, He goes to Church on Sunday, He prays to God to give him strength, To whack the boys on Monday. Apparently on one occasion the mother of one of the boys stormed into Mr Slack's classroom, snatched the cane from under his arm and proceeded to beat him round the shoulders with it shouting out 'Take that, you brute and leave my Harold alone in the future.'

Do you have memories of special teacher and for a particular reason, be that inspirational, eccentric, amusing, terrifying or whatever? Please let us know for the next edition of the Beacon..

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Air Ambulance in Painswick

The dramatic arrival of the Great Western Air Ambulance to Painswick on the evening of Saturday 4th April was the result of an accident on Greenhouse Lane between a motorbike delivery driver and a van, dealt with magnificently by the emergency services.

Luckily the injuries were not too serious and in the end the helicopter was not required. The rider was able to return to collect his motorbike a few days later.



Collective worship continues

Churches might be closed, but that does not mean that collective prayer and worship has ceased in the Beacon Benefice. One group that has continued to meet since the lockdown is the bible study group that, in normal times, meets at Jenny Wilson’s house.

Almost seamlessly (well, alright, with quite a lot of perseverance and some hilarity) our meetings have moved to using video conferencing. Most members have managed to get the hang of Zoom, and as many people join virtually each week as met in person before. Many thanks to Pauline Bayliss-Jones for all her efforts in making this happen. The format of the meetings has changed as we adapt to the new medium, with less time spent reading the bible – we can do that separately – and more time spent sharing favourite passages, readings and prayers. We are gradually learning what works well – more discipline than when we are face to face – and what doesn’t. Collective hymn singing, I think we all agreed, was a disaster!

On Easter Sunday we celebrated with a short service, with different people contributing intercessions, and readings. Thank you Anthea Glibbery for an interesting talk.

The regular meetings, backed up by an active What’s App group and emails, are much appreciated by all, and in particular by those members who live by themselves. Like everyone, we look forward to the day when we can all meet face to face again, and the churches can reopen, but until then we will worship God and pray collectively none-the-less.

Easter Sunday Worship, 2020 style.
Pippa Dickinson



Catholic Services

Following the closure of churches everywhere, Sunday Mass and weekday Mass is available from Clifton Cathedral every day at 9.30am on the Clifton Diocese website, <http://www.cliftondiocese.com>

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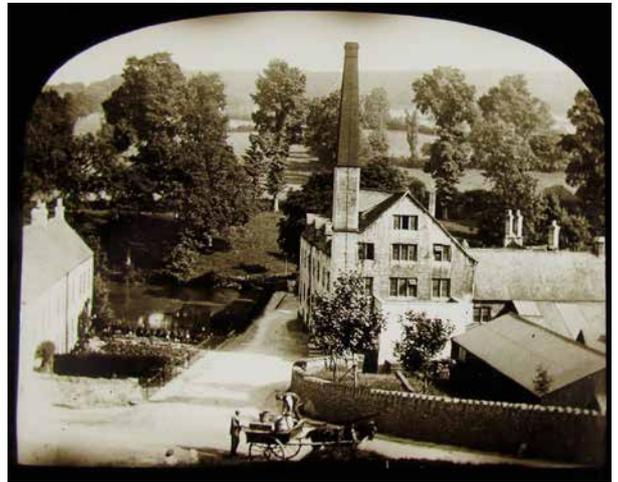
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Demolished!

Painswick is lucky that much of its historic centre has survived. Cars may have changed the look and feel of the streets, but in some parts of the village, the buildings still look much as they did 100 years ago or even much further back. Houses may have been adapted to modern living, but relatively few of Painswick's old buildings have been completely demolished.

But there are a few buildings, once important in Painswick that have gone and that have left little trace. Over the next few issues we will show pictures of some of those buildings, starting with a photo of Ticklestone Lane and what we now know as Painswick Mill. Over the years it had various names, and a hundred years or so ago it was more commonly known as Reed's Mill. The mill closed in 1920 and was demolished shortly afterwards, although parts were incorporated into the house that remains there.

In fact there's a two-for-one bonus in this photo as the middle one of the row of cottages on the left has also been demolished, so that the houses either side are now detached. Next time – the Malthouse on St. Mary's Street, but let us know if there are any other buildings you would like to see featured, or even better, of which you have an old photo.



Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)

Dr Matt Hayward tested positive to Covid, he felt awful but insisted on working from home throughout, despite which he made a good recovery but remained exhausted for a week after. We also have one key worker currently at home caring for children with probable Covid and another having to shield (ie strictest isolation measures for patients on the list of the extremely vulnerable). That being said we are well set up for remote working, our wonderful staff volunteered to work on Easter Monday and Friday and arranged a rota themselves (a week later Parliament announced this was obligatory but they beat them to it!).

We are conscious that in other countries health care workers have been hubs of transmission. Obviously we are all extremely keen to keep patients away from hospitals if at all possible but we are equally keen to ensure that patients we see here are protected against having the virus transmitted by ourselves, so we have erected some tents outside the Surgery. We are seeing patients via video if at all possible, but some patients we simply need to see face to face. This is done if possible in the patients' cars, the tents are in case it is raining or if a bit of privacy is needed when the cars can be driven in.

We do have a morning and afternoon triage session and if anyone has a problem that requires immediate attention it is important we are contacted. However if it is something that can wait or be self-managed then that should be done. We are still spending a lot of time trying to determine which of our patients are particularly high risk and how to protect them. We are employing locums (stand-in Doctors) in the mornings to free us up to do that work and we would ask patients please to ensure they utilise the morning triage if at all possible.

There will be so many people to thank when this is all over but some do immediately spring to mind: the managers and staff of the care homes who are doing an amazing service protecting and caring for their residents, the very many residents who have stepped up when needed and the Painswick Pharmacy who have been an amazing support to the Surgery and to our mutual patients.

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Spinning through the Lockdown!

With the roads so empty, and the weather so beautiful (at the time of writing), this has to be the perfect time to get out on your bike. Judging by the increasing number of cyclists of all ages and abilities that I spot while on my rides, many others agree. I have particularly enjoyed seeing older children out on their bikes, sometimes free from accompanying adults, in a way reminiscent of my childhood. Also there seems to be many more people NOT in lycra!

Short local rides are encouraged during the lockdown, so why not take this opportunity to get back in the saddle or to take the children out on their bikes?

True, we are surrounded by what one visiting fitness fanatic described to me admiringly as 'useful gradient'. But you can always walk up the hills, and there are also lovely stretches of flat, or flat-ish road. My personal favourites include the lane around the Holcombe valley, with fantastic views over the Severn Vale, the roads up around the Camp, Miserden and Bisley, and Buckholt/Sanctuary road taken in the downhill direction (towards Painswick). The lane from Stepping Stone Lane to Sheephouse and back makes an ideal short ride for small children.

Bike shops are one of the few types of shops that are allowed to be open during this lockdown, and, according to their websites, all the bike shops in Stroud are still offering some sort of service, albeit modified for social distancing. Best to phone first (Halfords 01453 761590, Cytek 01453 753330, The Ark 01453 884738, The Bike Works 01453 872824)



Andy Leaver with Grace and George

Pippa Dickinson

Still Difficult Times!

This Covid-19 crisis is still gripping the world and at the time of writing this there seems no prospect of the lockdown being lifted any time soon. Hopefully some good will come out of it, and some changes may improve our society for the better.



Even though work parties have been cancelled on the Beacon I am still regularly walking Hollie up there and am keenly watching how spring is developing. The last three weeks have been bone dry and very warm. The sodden ground has dried out so much it has started to crack. Much needed rain(!) has started as I write this article. It is due to warm up again next week, so there will be an explosion in growth.



Coltsfoot (left) is a delicate, yellow flower which grows on a scaly stem directly out of the ground, before the leaves appear. We found a cluster of about 100 in one location at a site we cleared two winters ago. It has never been recorded on the Beacon. Interestingly, there were lots of a shield bug associated with it (right.)



Cowslip and violet numbers seem to be excellent this year and that can be only good news for the rare Duke of Burgundy and Pearl Bordered Fritillary respectively. A few early purple orchids are out. The warm weather has brought out good numbers of hibernating butterflies: Peacocks, Tortoiseshells, Brimstones and Orange tips. Early Holly Blues have been identified too. In my garden I've seen plenty of Large White caterpillars feeding on comfrey. They have survived the mild, wet winter and will produce an early batch of adults ready to attack my young brassicas!

Butterfly Conservation, Natural England and National Trust have stopped all work on their sites. This is such a shame, as spring and early summer are key times for doing follow up work to winter projects and recording numbers of flora and fauna. We have recently started the butterfly surveys started by Cedric Nielsen, and it would be a great shame to miss this year's data. Hopefully a few of us will be able to, unofficially, keep them going. I plan to keep a fortnightly photo log for some of the key areas.

Finally, I would like to thank all who have contributed to our funds. It means the future is looking much more secure. However, given the uncertain economic future, may I continue the appeal and urge more contributions. Thanks!

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Painswick COVID-19 Community Support – the story so far

It started with a couple of texts between friends over the weekend of 14/15th March, then a brief discussion on social media and the engagement of the Parish Council. By the evening of Monday 16th March, 5 individuals met to discuss and agree the concept and work out how we could get it running. As we start our 5th week of operation, we reflect on the amazing strength and breadth of skills that we are fortunate to have in Painswick that have enabled numerous vulnerable, ill or isolated individuals or families to be helped to date during these unprecedented times.

Following that first meeting on Monday 16th the initial committee dug deep and reached out: a new phone was purchased with much research into the best one to assure coverage in the majority of Painswick (no mean feat!); a Google account was set up to provide an email and place to share documents; volunteers were sought via social media posts with 60 volunteers in place in 5 days; the village was split into 14 sub-areas with a lead volunteer nominated for each; all volunteers were inducted into the planned process; a poster was designed, printed, laminated and put up around the village; social media pages and a website were designed and launched. Within 6 days, on Sunday 22nd March, the dedicated phone and email for individual requests for support were launched, supported by a plethora of additional information through the Facebook page and website. Phew!



With the national emergency gaining pace, we realised we could not wait for the Beacon publication to get the initiative more widely known and beyond those who are on social media or those lucky enough to be out and about to see the posters. In response, the following week saw a leafletting exercise to get the details of the support line/email through every letterbox. This was the first mass mobilisation of the whole volunteer network, well over 80 people by then.

A week later the ever-strengthening volunteer network distributed the Beacon; a month later, we have done so again. These unusual outings into our familiar surroundings have taken volunteers to parts of the village they didn't know existed and provided some welcome additional exercise for adults and children alike.

We have printed leaflets for the Painswick Pharmacy to put in with every prescription, so all those using the pharmacy know about the support we can offer, be it for repeat prescriptions or other services. In one day, a potential funding source was identified, applied for and approved which helped fund the printing costs for the pharmacy leaflets and provides additional funds to those provided by the Parish Council to continue to support this initiative.

With the phone and email being manned on a daily rota, requests for support keep coming and the volunteer network continues to grow (to date 116) and in response to demand an area has been added to cover Sheepscombe. The 65 request logs to date represent the tip of the iceberg, with most leading to unrecorded repeated services once the volunteer is engaged, e.g. weekly shops, regular dog walks, or frequent calls to stave off the potential loneliness of isolation. And through these new relationships, there have been moments of humour around shopping list contents and random acts of kindness with additional surprise treats in shopping bags. The resources provided through the dedicated Facebook page and Website have been heavily drawn on. Our Painswick Coronavirus Support Facebook page has 247 members with new requests coming in every day; there have been 1300 posts, comments and reactions in just the last 28 days. Since launch, the website has had 860 visitors and over 3400 views.

Perhaps the best thing about it all - as the initiative and network has grown, we have become closer to our neighbours and made new friends across the community. Hopefully, this is a positive and enduring legacy to come out of these peculiar and, for many, anxious times.

Abigail Smith



Photographs Please

The Beacon plans to reproduce a selection of colour photos taken during May of Painswick and the surrounding area. So when out on a walk or bike ride during this difficult period, take your camera and email to us any pictures for consideration. Please no more than 3 of your best shots. Email beacon@painswick.net, no later than Sunday 24th May.



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Historic crimes tried in the month of May

200 years ago – harsh sentences?

On 17 May 1820 three local young men were charged thus: On the oath of Thomas Mills charged with having on the night of Monday last feloniously broken and entered the house of Thomas Mills and taken and carried away five ends of Superfine Saxony Black Cloth and other articles his property. Value £100 and upwards.

The men involved were: William Haines, labourer, age 20, 5ft.2in., hair dark brown, eyes grey, complexion fresh, long face, mole on right side of his neck, mole on right side of his mouth, right shoulder grows out a little, not read; Samuel Beard, hatter, age 23, 5ft.6in., hair dark brown, eyes light grey, complexion pale, long face, large nose, wide mouth, thick lips, the letters S.B. on the small of his left arm, slender made, read and write; Charles Parsloe, age 22, 5ft.6in., hair dark brown, eyes grey, complexion dark, long face, small mouth, two large scars on his forehead, lost end of first finger left hand, two moles on his left cheek, small mole on right cheek, scar on left arm.

They were found guilty and sentenced to transportation for seven years.

In the same month Benjamin Cooke was found guilty of possessing 40lbs of woollen yarns and 5 ¾ yards of woollen cloth, believed to be stolen. He was fined £20.

... and 10 years later in 1830

Thomas Gibbons was indicted for feloniously obtaining, at the Post Office at Painswick, a letter directed to James Woolley, containing half a sovereign. It appeared that the prisoner was a patient in the Gloucester Infirmary and was requested by Woolley, who was also a patient there, to write a letter for him to his mother in London in which he stated he should be obliged to send to her shortly for money to take him to town. The prisoner after that left the infirmary without being discharged and wrote another letter to the mother, in the name of Woolley, without his knowledge, requesting her to send half a sovereign directed to him at the Post Office, Painswick. This was accordingly done and the prisoner called for the letter and received the money. The postmistress at Painswick stated she believed him to be the man who received the letter. The jury found him guilty. Mr Baron Bolland said it was necessary, for the protection of the public, that frauds upon the Post Office should be punished with severity, and sentenced the prisoner to be transported for seven years.

... 1840

William Cooke, a weaver aged 61, was sentenced to one month hard labour or pay 5/6 costs for stealing a laurel shrub belonging to E. Caruthers.

James Cooke, a labourer aged 25, was sentenced to three months

hard labour or pay £3.4s.6d for refusing to pay £3.4s.6d to the Parish of Painswick for a bastard child.

... 1850

Mary Ann Hale, native of Painswick, servant, 5ft.7in., hair brown, eyes grey, visage long, complexion dark, scar left wrist, scar on thick part of right arm, read well, was charged with having feloniously stolen at Cheltenham a dress, a petticoat and a bonnet the property of Hester Young, and a pair of boots and a shawl the property of Emma Young. Guilty – six weeks hard labour Horsley House of Correction.

... 1860, rather young

William West, age 7, 3ft.11in., hair light brown, eyes hazel, visage oval, complexion fresh, scar between eyebrows, mole left side, no occupation, charged with stealing fowls. He was remanded and then discharged.

...1870

Three men named Webb, Bishop and Jackson, were charged with stealing two faggots of wood, the property of Richard Willis a publican at Painswick. It appeared they had been drinking at the house and carried off the faggots for a 'spree.' They were met by a policeman who took them back to Willis, who said he did not wish to prosecute. The accused were discharged with a caution.

... 1890

Anne Partridge was fined 1/- for allowing her sheep to stray at Painswick

... and 1910

Samuel Bullock was fined 17/- for allowing a horse to stray at Painswick. P.C.Payne was the informant.

Edward Gyde and Frank Trow were fined 5/- and 2s.6d respectively for being drunk at Painswick. P.C.Payne was the informant.

George Miles, farmer, of the Brimps, Upton St Leonards, was summoned for obtaining intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours by falsely representing himself to be a bona fide traveller at the Falcon Hotel, Painswick. Defendant admitted his guilt. Jessie Arnold, of the Falcon Hotel, said she saw defendant in the bar on Sunday afternoon. He asked for a pint of beer saying that he had walked from Gloucester. Defendant was supplied and had drunk half the beer when Miss Wade came in and recognised the man. P.C.Hayward stated that defendant lived only two and a half miles from the Falcon. Defendant was fined 30/-.

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A heartfelt thank you ...

Among the many reports of kind deeds and generous thoughts comes one all the way from Tasmania. Robin Watkins-Davis, Painswick's inspirational young yoga teacher and highly qualified and talented artist, is visiting family in Tasmania where she has now been in compulsory isolation for a few weeks. In this situation Robin writes that, as for so many of us, it has presented her with time to reflect on past kindnesses and important influences on her life, those who have made a difference through their friendship and support.

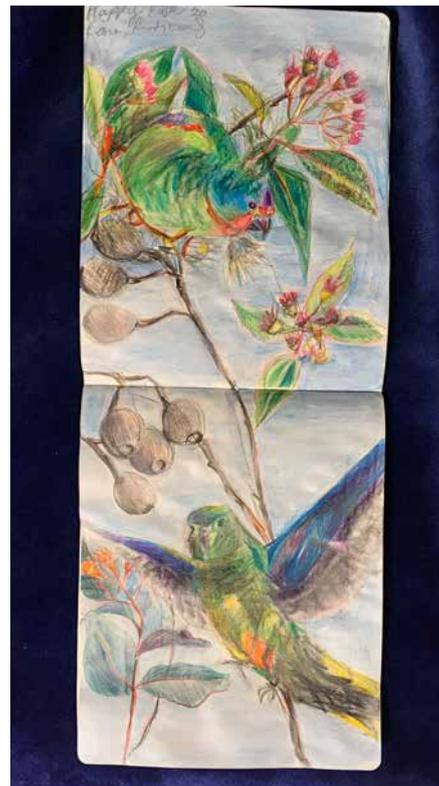
Inspired every morning by the sight of colourful parrots playing in the trees nearby, a sight which lifts her spirits, Robin painted this lovely picture, Tasmanian Gum Trees and Parrots, and has sent it to say thank you to the many people in Painswick who she says have shown kindness, support and generosity.

... and a programme to help

Robin has for some time been very conscious of the need to take positive action to deal with the sort of emotional and social problems facing children and young people nowadays and this she does via her yoga practices. She was a definite inspiration for Flo Cross, (see the December Beacon), who at age 15 is the youngest qualified yoga teacher in the country. Together they have now been funded by Active Gloucestershire and Sport England to run free online yoga sessions for teenagers and university students. Robin notes that some parents and grandparents often join in too so age is not an issue! Mondays at 8.30am, Wednesdays at 8.00pm and Thursdays at 4.00pm are the relevant times.

It is good to report that Painswick's young people are so aware of the needs of others and are endeavouring to help in such a positive way during these potentially difficult times. More information is available on Robin's website www.blissbyrobin.com.covid-19-free-online-yoga-to-boost-immune-system/

Carol Maxwell



New President for the Cotteswold Naturalists

On 1st April Dr David Thackray took over the Presidency of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club from Denise Magauran who has served for two successful years. Below, David offers some observations from his own perspective.



'The Club has been running for almost 175 years having been founded in 1846 as a learned society promoting interest in geology, natural history, local history, architecture and archaeology amongst other related subjects. These are still the subjects at the heart of our interests today, and indeed of my own interests. I have found it exciting and refreshing to be with so many like-minded people, sharing common enjoyment and pleasure in our natural and historic environment and culture.

The Club is a fascinating and interesting one, offering a greater range of activities than any other that I have yet come across. We can enjoy our lectures, walks, shorter and longer excursions and social gatherings together. In my mind this is very special and something that we must continue to foster, encourage, organise and enjoy. It is so very sad that 2020 has been the year of Coronavirus, which has affected the whole world and which we are fighting in our hospitals and in society more widely by social isolation and through lockdown. We have had to postpone many of our events, lectures and excursions this year, and we still do not know when it will end. However, I believe that we can look forward to a new and exciting programme in 2021, with several excursions already planned and almost ready to roll and a new programme of talks and walks.'

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Children's story challenge

These wonderful stories and the poem were sent in after children were challenged to write no more than 400 words including three of four words given – rumbustious, garrulous, querulous, bumptious. For next month's edition children are invited yet again to write a story or poem, no more than 400 words and this time incorporating three of the following words: rubescent (becoming red or blushing), zany (amusing in a weird or odd way), supercilious (behaving as if one is superior or better than others), flappedoodle (nonsense). Please send your creations to Carol Maxwell at carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or beacon@painswick.net

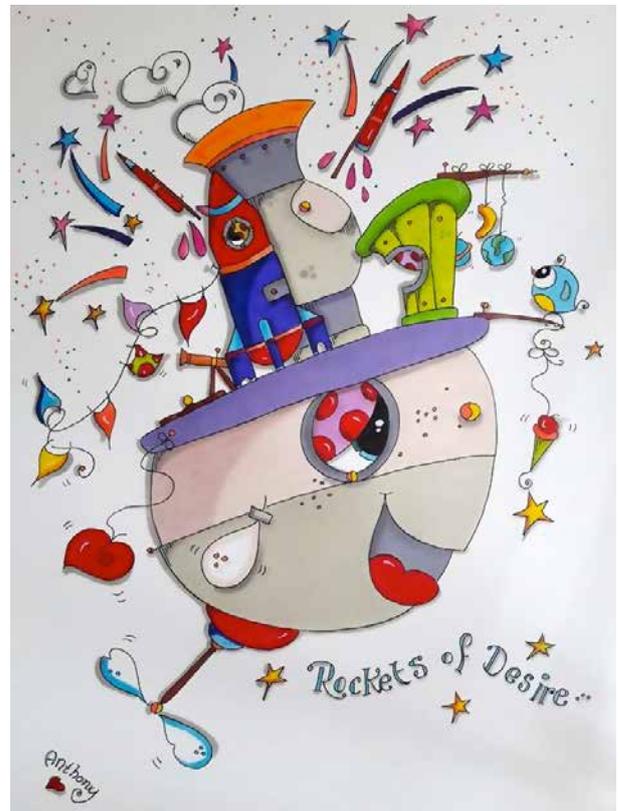
The Girl and the Fairy

By Sophia Sherwood (Age 6)

Once upon a time there lived a little girl called Lilly and she liked playing outside.

One day she went outside, but she heard a noise. She went out and could not believe her eyes - it was a fairy! She went a bit closer and the fairy said "you were making a racket" so Lilly said "you are being rumbustious" but then the fairy started crying and Lilly said "what's wrong?". The fairy said "my parents have disappeared". They then heard a noise. They looked behind a bush and it was a skunk that had taken some berries and the fairy and Lilly said "no fairies". They looked behind a tree and they saw another fairy which the fairy said that she knew and said that she was bumptious. They went a bit closer but Lilly heard her Mum shouting "Bedtime!" and she went in saying "but I don't want to" and her Mum said "you are being a bit querulous today".

When she was in bed Lilly heard a noise and looked out of the window and she could see that the fairy had found her parents and they were all dancing together like little lights in the dark.



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The Adventurous Shark

By Alfie Sherwood (Age 9)

Once there lived a shark and his shiver, but this shark, called Sharpfang, was different from the rest. He was always going off to explore and his fin had a long cut in it and the rest of the sharks called him wonky fin. One day, he went off to explore and found a hidden cave. As he ventured in, suddenly a starfish popped up and burst into a chattering star! "Hello, my name is Charlie, my friends call me a garrulous starfish but I just like talking."

"Whoa, Hello I'm Sharpfang" Sharpfang replied. "I live with my shiver just outside here. I like it, but the leader is too bumptious and I just want to be free."

"Then join us" said the starfish. "If you don't like a shiver that is querulous then just join us."

"Thank you for the offer, but I'll come here sometimes and stay in the shiver."

"Okay" said the starfish and Sharpfang swam away.

The following day, Sharpfang swam to the cave and shouted "Hello" and out popped Charlie the starfish. "Hello" he said, "what shall we do today?"

"Let's go deeper into the cave" said Sharpfang.

"Okay" Charlie replied and they set off. The cave was dark, vast and spooky. It had really fun hiding spots and bright colourful corals. Charlie and Sharpfang had the time of their lives popping in and out of the pillars that held the cave up. Sharpfang had such fun he decided to stay with Charlie and the other starfish. He wanted to carry on having such fun adventures exploring and it was much more fun than having to swim around all day being called wonky fin and listening to boring discussions from his bumptious shark leader.



"Just keep chugging on"
Full stream ahead

Storm

By Harriet Boon (Age 11)

It was a warm and sunny Spring day . . .

At whistle lane farm where Evie, who was one of the stable hands, was mucking out one of the horse's stables. The other Stable hands, where not like Evie they were always querulous about mucking out and doing jobs rather than just riding the horses. When Evie was finished, she went over to a horse, named Storm, who seemed to like her a lot. Storm was an incredibly special horse, Evie and Storm had a strong connection with each other.

When Evie finished tacking Fig up, she trotted off to the sand arena where her lessons took place. As Evie's friends joined her riding up to the sand arena, she started to turn very quiet because her friends are very rumbustious, which she knows upsets the horses.

Her teacher Zoe – who was very garrulous - greeted her at the entrance to the sand arena ready for lessons. Today's lesson was all about how to control your horse during dressage. After that, she walked her horse down to the stable's and gave Fig her tea.

Then, the yard owner, Sandy, came over to Evie and complimented on the amazing bond between her and Storm and offered for Evie to go on a solo hack on Storm, Evie leaped up with joy and replied, "yes please!"

The next day, Evie was all packed ready for her hack with Storm, she tacked him up and they both headed out into the forest.

When Evie and Storm made it to the forest they started to trot along the path, in the distance she could see a shimmer of light. They rode towards the light, which was shining on a forest glade. Once they entered the glade Storm started to grow wings, which was made up of millions of tiny feathers! They took off swiftly and they flew over crystal blue lakes and humungous evergreens. Storm then dived down to the ocean and skimmed across it until a massive whale jumped out of the water.

Suddenly, Evie heard her name. She opened her eyes, she was in the barn surrounded by hay nets? She questioned herself whether it was a dream or reality, she fixed her hair and pulled out a tiny feather.



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Circus Tricks

By Georgie Milner (Age 10)

'Time to practise!' ordered the bumptious ringmaster, waving his newly- polished cane in the air.

'Really, now?' querulous trapeze artist Maria sighed, shaking her blonde ringlets. 'Can't you see I'm having a conversation with the acrobats and aerialists?'

'Can't you see I'm having a conversation with the acrobats and aerialists?' mocked Biff who was a parrot with fine feathers of which he was extremely proud.

'Very funny Biff, very funny!' cried Mr Whoopsie the rumbustious clown.

'Chop, chop! If we practise now you can relax in the evening before the show, so hurry up and stop being lazy, I don't pay you to natter like children!' called the ringmaster rather rudely.

After getting changed and ready to perform, the circus acts (even Biff) hatched a cunning plan to trick the ringmaster during the performance, to show him not to be so rude and selfish. So, they would wait until the end when he was closing the show, and play several tricks on him. Mr Whoopsie would throw a custard pie in his face, Maria would fly on her trapeze and whisk away his one and only cane, Biff would interrupt him when he was trying to speak, and the remaining acts would make the floor slippery with water. When it was all set and ready for action, the show began.

The first acts ran on through the red velvet curtain and multi-coloured lights danced across the floor of sawdust. Smells of freshly made candyfloss rose up in the air while the music brought delight to the audience's ears. Horses galloped around the ring and all the acts were enjoyed tremendously. As the show grew to a climax, the performers prepared their tricks to play on the ringmaster.

'Thank you for coming to watch the first of this year's shows!' the ringmaster called to the audience holding his head high. 'And¾' but before he could say anything more, he was interrupted by Biff, custard-pied in the face by Mr Whoopsie, had his cane scooped up by Maria, and had fallen on his backside from the slippery floor.

'That shows you not to be such a naughty boy!' Biff cried triumphantly.

'What a naughty, garrulous parrot!' the ringmaster shouted, but he couldn't keep himself from chuckling as he heard the audience roaring with laughter and the sound of thunderous applause ringing in his ears.

The Princess and the Willow Wish

by Rosalie Grace Sutton (Age 7)

This is the story of a beautiful queen and can you guess what was going to happen to her? She was going to have a baby!!!

Everybody was so excited and tried to help the queen to get ready for the baby. One day the emergency horn sounded and all of the villagers had to freeze. Before anyone else could take another step into the palace the baby was born!!

Well . . . isn't that amazing! The King called the princess Tiger Lily because she was noisy like a tiger and they liked the name Lily. But was she cute most importantly? The answer is no! In her first years, she was rumbustious. She made lots of noise racing around the palace getting into trouble and annoying her big sister Diana. Diana was beautiful but bumptious. At first she thought her little sister would be just like her but then she found out she was not. She was quite disappointed! The sisters didn't get on.

Six years later, Tiger Lily was playing in the garden on a summer's day when she heard the sound of dropping branches. She followed the sound and it led to the left and then she had to move to the right but nothing was there. When she turned around there was a gigantic willow tree. She just knew that it was going to be very magical. She said "what shall I do to see if it is actually magical". I guess I should start to talk to it. So she did and guess what she said to it? She said "Good afternoon" even though it was the morning! The tree did nothing so she shouted louder. She couldn't believe her ears when the tree responded in a slow and very deep voice, "actually it is the morning!" The magical tree asked her why she was sad and she told him that she had fallen out with her sister. She said that Diana was garrulous and querulous and they didn't get on. She wished they did. The Willow Wish tree said "you should always remember what I am about to say. Now, sisters should always be together and happy unless they are sleeping or at school or on the toilet." So go to your sister and apologise for all of the quarrelling. Tiger Lily ran back and apologised to Diana and they were best friends for ever. Except when they were arguing!

Gary the Gargoyle

By Sophie Leivers, age 10

Gary the not-so garrulous gargoyle of Saint Mary's church wished that he could fly.

Every single repeated day, he'd yearn to touch the sky.

He used to think Barry the barn owl was too bumptious to be his friend.

But then the same owl circled the church several nights on end!

When Gary got used to Barry, he was actually sort of glad.

And now that Barry was with him, things didn't seem so bad.

When the two were best of pals, along came Harry, a rumbustious hawk.

Gary wasn't so keen at first but then the three began to talk.

The hawk would regale Gary with endless tales of days at flight.

Gary was so happy that he wanted to sing with delight!

So together they sat:

Barry the barn owl and a hawk called Harry,

Happily perching on their new friend Gary.

So if you look carefully and take your time to search,

You might see Gary, Barry and Harry upon the Painswick church.



Little Wings

"Little Wings Fly Through the Sky Collecting the Stars that Light the Pathways to Our Dreams"

Each little boat is a different character representing good positive and loving features that we as humanity should strive to achieve. Each Character has a quality that we all have within us and that we can discover. In the forth coming animation, each episode we find out about them and how when we bring all those qualities together we create a wonderful life. Building Confidence, Self Esteem, Self Love, Love for Each-other and Belief and Determination to go after Our Dreams... and by working together We can Achieve What-Ever We put Our Minds To.

Little Wings was Created by Anthony from a Doodle one morning sat outside a Cafe in Paris ! From that morning on he found he couldn't stop drawing these boats, they became popular with both young and old. Anthony started to sell the pictures, cards and even t-shirts! He then wrote a book (which has not yet been published) but used as a working program to help little ones understand the importance of Self - Belief. Then came the Characters and the idea for the Animation "Little Wings"

The Style of Animation that has been chosen is a classic 2d animation produced by After Dark Animations team Jenny Harrington and Joseph Felton, with a story-telling narration performed by Actress, Dee Thompson. The Theme Tune is an original and takes the style of the 80's, using instruments and repeated lyrics (Memorable) written by Anthony and Music composed and performed by Simon Cooper. In research the Children of today are generally born to those who grew up in the 80's and 90's, this is one of the reasons I chose a classic approach to the Style and Look of the Animation appealing to the parents of today who reminisce of their Childhood and who wish the same for their Children.

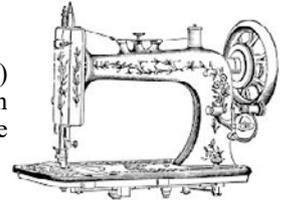
If you want to see the permanent Exhibition, it is on show at the Nest Studio, behind the Falcon Inn, Painswick. For further details see the Website: www.littlewingstv.com / www.anthonylewischurchill.com

"The Children you teach may not remember you when they get older, but they will always have a part of you inside of them... The part that gave them hope and love and taught them to believe in themselves."

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Sewing for the NHS

There has been lots of coverage in the press about the shortfall of PPE (personal protective equipment) needed by healthcare workers to protect themselves from viral transmission whilst caring for patients with Covid-19. Joining the national effort of sewers across the UK, Painswickians have been stitching for those working in local hospitals, GP surgeries and care homes.



Lauren Wise who works as a midwife at Gloucester Royal Hospital was delighted with the response to her Facebook appeal for help in making staff uniform laundry bags, essential for minimising cross-contamination, as well as donations of toiletries. With the help of family and friends and via the Painswick Covid-19 Community Support Group page within days of her appeal at the beginning of April she was able to deliver 140 kits containing laundry bags, toiletries and other goodies. Anyone who is able to help is advised to visit the donation page of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity for a current list of items they are accepting for donation: <https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/charity/what-we-do/campaigns/donating-goods-our-covid-19-rapid-response-appeal/>. Also on the page is a link to Just Giving if you wish to contribute financially to their appeal.

It is particularly fitting that the residents of Tibbiwell have been helping with the sewing effort given that the street is named after the adjacent St Tabitha's Well and St Tabitha is the patron saint of seamstresses and tailors. Vicki Moore - who makes curtains and blinds to measure, as well as designing headpieces and fascinators - has been sewing uniform laundry bags for the NHS with the help of her children, Eliza and Jacob. Given 50 metres of suitable material by one of her suppliers, she has since made over 80 laundry bags which she has distributed to hospitals in Gloucester, Cheltenham and Bath, as well as to GP surgeries and Richmond Villages.

Another resident of Tibbiwell, portrait photographer Anne-Marie Randall, and her two daughters Izzie and Lily have been making scrubs and laundry bags for the Gloucestershire branch of the national organisation For the Love of Scrubs. This was an initiative originally launched on Facebook by NHS nurse Ashleigh Linsdell who sews along with her husband George.

Anne-Marie gets packs of polycotton fabric delivered to make 3 sets of scrubs including a pattern and cotton, so there is no wastage. Anne-Marie says 'the pattern for scrubs is easy, rather like sewing pyjamas' but she thinks some sewing experience is necessary; if you're less experienced then the caps and bags are easier to make.

Both Vicki and Anne-Marie have enjoyed working together with their families to do their bit in the national effort and they both like the idea that as ladies of Tibbiwell they are fulfilling their destiny as seamstresses!

If you have sewing experience and a sewing machine and would like to help, then all the information can be found on the Facebook page of For the Love of Scrubs – Gloucestershire. Alternatively, you can contact Anne-Marie (07815 082209) and she is happy to put you in touch with the organisers. If you want to support the group financially, £12 will fund a set of scrubs, £3 will pay for a cap or laundry bag and all donations will go to the people that really need it. You can make a donation at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/glostershiresewingforthenhs.

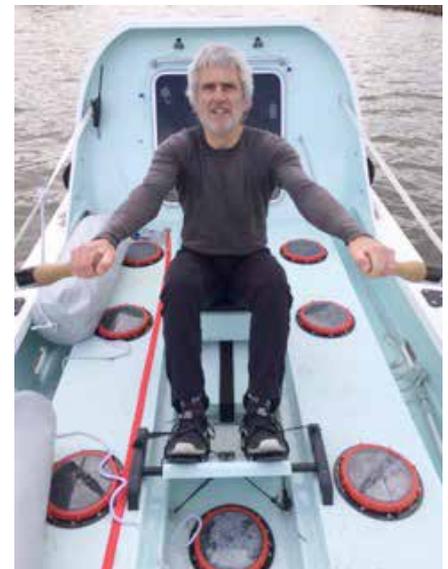
Alex Milner

Undeterred and undaunted

Just a few weeks ago Martyn Thornton was in full training mode for his plan to row solo across the Atlantic in December. The plan remains the same – Martyn has every intention of setting off on his intrepid mission in December - but of course the current lockdown situation has meant that his training programme has, of necessity, had to change.

Access to the boat is now out of the question so all preparation is currently being undertaken at home mainly by way of rigorous fitness training. Martyn is also using the time to organise other important aspects of the project such as drawing up meal plans, sourcing all necessary equipment and practising the all-important navigation skills.

One very important aspect is however, proving to be frustratingly difficult. The whole mission is completely dependent on adequate funding and Martyn had planned several fund-raising activities which are of course impossible in the present circumstances. The need for sponsorship is fairly substantial and, as he points out, provided he reaches his sponsorship goal he will be able to donate the proceeds from the sale of his boat to his chosen charity, Horseheard. This very worthy charity creates workshops and programmes which involve working with horses to promote positive emotional health, wellbeing and resilience outcomes for children, young people and adults in need. Martyn estimates the sale of the boat will raise about £50,000.



The need is for both major and small sponsors – all are welcome. Martyn offers a range of packages. These include Feed a Rower for a Day £25, the £250 club sees your name on the boat, or sponsor an oar for £2,500 and there are larger corporate sponsorship opportunities at £10,000+. Someone could also sponsor Martyn's medical kit for approximately £1000. One particular package which may well be a good way for Painswick residents to help is through Martyn's partnering with ActivEat Foods (www.activeatfoods.com/atlantic-solo) as part of their Message in a Meal initiative. He explains "For just £6.50 you can buy me a meal and leave a message in the pack. I won't know what the message says until I open the meal at sea; so you can be as creative, supportive or insulting as you like!" This would be an excellent way to support both his row and his charity.

This is a definitely a hugely significant project. Martyn's aim is to set a new world record for the oldest man, at age 62, to row solo across the 3000 miles of ocean in under 60 days. Radio Gloucestershire is following his progress on a regular and frequent basis for the whole of the year and the Beacon will certainly be doing the same. Please consider Martyn's sponsorship appeal. You can contact him by email martyn.thornton@btinternet.com www.atlanticsolo.co.uk follow on Instagram @atlanticsolo or telephone 07785.350840. This is a Painswick man undertaking an amazing challenge and donating to a very worthwhile cause. Please give him your support.

Carol Maxwell

Rococo in Lockdown



I had the privilege of wandering around the Garden a few days ago, as I was there on trustee business. It was peacefully doing what it always does, looking beautiful, and I stood for a moment at what I always think of as the prow of a ship, just through the gate. There were still a lot of daffodils, especially up in the Red House Wilderness. The bees were busy around the hives in the orchard. The area around the Exedra, with its 8,000 cheerful tulips bobbing in the breeze, was a real delight. The Kitchen Garden is ready for planting, with signs of spring promise already showing. Down in the Snowdrop Grove, wild garlic and bluebells were taking over. And birdsong was everywhere. All that was missing were our usual, lovely visitors.

In the midst of such a difficult time, we are all wondering what the fallout will be, and there is no doubt that we will have to do some things differently as and when things get back to some kind of “normality”. But I can assure you that the timeless tranquillity of the Garden remains in tact and was an inspiration. If you want to see for yourself, we have put together a virtual visit to the Garden in the company of Roger, our Head Gardener, to show some of its springtime glory. Follow the links from our website to our Facebook page.

It seemed a shame that we had thousands of inaccessible yet gorgeous flowers, so we teamed up with a talented local florist (Emma from The Bespoke Flower Company) to create posies for local keyworkers, nominated by villagers. They looked gorgeous – again, you can see more on our Facebook page. We have also been pleased to fulfil a number of requests for flowers for funerals as good quality fresh cut flowers are so hard to find at the moment.

The Trustees remain committed to maintaining the Garden during this lockdown and we are so grateful to our Head Gardener for “holding the fort” for us all. If you value the Garden as we do, and feel you are able, we would welcome any donation you could make to help us cover the costs of being closed. You can donate online from our website, or send us a cheque or ring us on 01452 813204 and make a donation by card. Your support will ensure the Garden’s survival.

I can do no more than say to all our readers that I do hope that you are well and stay safe and I hope it is not too long before we can welcome you back.

Tim Toghill, trustee & volunteer

News from the Virtual St Marys Pews

How quickly things change – and how quickly we get used to the new norm!

Last month we announced that the church was closed for public worship but open for private prayer. Since then we have had to close the church building completely for any sort of activity including me as Rector not being allowed to go in to pray on my own.

Church of course continues as the people and they are out and about in our community along with so many of you supporting neighbours and the community hub.

And prayer continues just not in the building.

Daily, across our local Benefice parishes, all are invited to join our time of prayer together at 6.30pm by lighting a candle, saying the Lord’s Prayer and praying for all those who are in need, especially those affected by Covid19.

There are many options to join in online services in the comfort of our own homes and at times that are convenient. Here is a small, but hopefully varied, selection of services and other resources reflecting different Anglican traditions:

Archbishop of Canterbury
<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/>

Diocese of Gloucester
<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/>

St Matthew’s and St Mary’s, Cheltenham – Sunday services,

daily updates, pre-school and youth sessions
<https://www.stmstm.org.uk/>

St Andrew’s and St Barnabas, Churchdown – contemporary Sunday services, daily thoughts, children’s talks
<https://new.standrewschurchdown.org.uk/>

All Saints and North Cheltenham Team churches – Mass/Eucharist, Evening Prayer
<https://live.northchelt.org.uk/>

Services of Daily Prayer – contemporary, traditional and for all times of day
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Sundays:
Radio 4 8.10am Sunday Worship
10.00am Sunday Worship – BBC 1
1.15pm Songs of Praise – BBC 1
Weekdays:
9.45am Daily Service - Radio 4 (Long Wave)
3.30pm Wednesday Choral Evensong - Radio 3

Finally I would like to thank those from the community (organised by the Falcon) who have offered to help by cutting the grass at the church while maintain social distance.

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An appreciative gesture by Painswick businesses

Many of our small local businesses and self-employed residents are certainly struggling right now. However, despite these difficulties some of them decided to work together in a bid to show their appreciation of Painswick's key workers. The Rococo Garden, displaying many glorious flowers with no visitors to be wowed by them, gave Emma Hutchinson (Bespoke Flower Company) beautiful cut tulips for her to bunch up. She then placed the flowers in bottles and sent them out, together with lovely thank you notes made and kindly given by Jenny Barber, to some of Painswick's own key workers as a grateful acknowledgement of all they are doing. Those in receipt were nominated through a Facebook post and included the Croft School staff, the playgroup, the pharmacy, NHS workers and care home staff.



... and what of our small businesses?

The current lockdown situation is having, as we all know, a serious effect on most commercial and charitable organisations. In Painswick there are many self-employed people and small businesses which are already falling victim to the consequences of the virus. For some of them this is absolutely critical, dependent as they are on the day-to-day running of their operations. Furthermore many very small businesses are not eligible for government help, yet those involved have no option but to work in order to survive albeit following government guidelines.

Locally, some have managed to adapt their modus operandi sufficiently to enable them to continue operating even if on a smaller scale. Others are not able to adapt because of the very nature of what they do and are therefore finding themselves in increasingly difficult circumstances. It is crucial therefore that we all do as much as possible to support our local businesses and if that is not possible as things are at present then certainly we should make extra efforts to offer support when the situation begins to return to some sort of normality.

It is not possible to list all local businesses here but, for example, the Bistro, which of course cannot open as a restaurant, is offering a take-away service and Emma Hutchinson (Bespoke Flower Company), despite an obvious loss of demand for wedding bouquets and flowers, is still making wreaths and other floral creations albeit on a much reduced scale. On the other hand businesses such as our hairdressers, Kate Mead the ballet teacher, Pete who sells his exceptionally good fish in Painswick every Friday are not able to offer a service simply because of the very nature of what they do. Charities too are struggling to survive. Longfield is very dependent on revenue from its shops and the Rococo Garden would normally be welcoming many paying visitors right now. Thank goodness Best One and Painswick Pharmacy have continued to serve our community by remaining open.

If you are a local business person or self-employed are you able to work as usual, or have you been able to adapt your work or have you been unable to work at all? The Beacon would welcome your news.

Carol Maxwell

Brian Jerrard Award

Although the annual GLHA history day had to be put off until next year the details of the ten best articles in local history publications from across the county published in the last year was announced by email to all the societies in the GLHA.



Coming in a close 3rd to the winner and runner up was our own Carol Maxwell with her article *Those infectious little cripples - Painswick's Alexandra Hospital*. This can be found in Painswick Chronicle No 21 available from the Pharmacy and Best One.

Peter Jackson



Painswick's Alexandra Hospital from a drawing in the archives of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London

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Painswick Sports

by John Barrus

Work still goes on.

Even though Sports in Painswick are on shutdown there is a lot of work which still needs to be done in preparation for a hoped for start of the summer season in the next few weeks.

The grass still grows however, so volunteers are out cutting the bowling greens and the cricket square.



Painswick Beacon

For the many residents who are taking this opportunity to walk on the Painswick Beacon, the lovely views across the golf course fairways are only possible through the continuing work by the Greenkeeper, Martin, paid for by club members who are currently unable to play.



Grass cutting on the Beacon

Cricket Club

Painswick CC Nets Update

The Club has made a promising start to its efforts to develop the new net facilities to replace the defunct equipment currently on site.



Full planning permission is required for a development of this site with the application having been kindly paid for by a local benefactor. The application is awaiting final approval from Stroud DC having already been approved here in Painswick. The total costs for the new net facilities are going to be over £30,000 and ahead of any potential funding from the England Cricket Board or Sport England, the club has been raising money locally. So far thanks to donations from local individuals and businesses, over 10% of the monies required have been raised, including monies from the Nearly New Clothes sales (thanks to Vicki Compton & Abbey Reeves) just before the lock down.

Fund raising activity is obviously more difficult at these times but it is still possible to support the Painswick Cricket Club Nets project :

- through your online purchases via Easy-fundraising.org.uk which contributes monies for selected online purchases
- via the Justgiving.com website.

Upon full planning permission the club will also be able to apply for other grants and contributions but we appreciate that these sources may be focused on other causes at this time.

We are though committed to improving the facilities for all our players, children and supporters of the club and hope that this lovely recent weather increases the appetite of those who would love to return to cricket and a sign of a typical English summer once this crisis is over.

David Nottingham, Steve Pegram
(Painswick Cricket Club)

Thank You

Richmond Painswick would like to thank you, the local community, for your continued support and kindness.

We hope you are keeping well. Please stay safe and let's stay connected.



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A new enterprise - Quinn launches Qwerty

In these times of such stunning uncertainty it is encouraging to be able to report that one young Painswick resident is looking to the future with great optimism. Quinn Leatherbarrow-Stokes is poised to start a business which has long been a fervent ambition and for which the current situation has presented the ideal opportunity.

An ex-Marling School pupil, Quinn is in his final year studying for a degree in Business and Management at Exeter University. As part of the four year course he spent a 'sandwich year' with GlaxoSmithKline working with their marketing and sales team on some of their consumer healthcare brands and, perhaps more importantly for him, a significant amount of time with their ecommerce teams. It was this experience which ignited his current ambition.



'I have always been interested in ecommerce and the ability to be able to sell products to people all over the world,' he says. 'However, on my placement at GSK I worked with the ecommerce team and could see just how much I didn't know.' This, of course, proved to be an invaluable learning time and when the opportunity to enrol on the Amazon Campus Challenge arose he jumped at it. This is a scheme encouraging students to reach out to local businesses, not on Amazon, and assisting them to optimise their performance. He and two colleagues partnered with Stroud Brewery and, despite the partnership being currently on pause, 'we have managed to build a growing source of revenue for the local brewery in an awfully uncertain time,' he says.

Quinn is rightly proud of this achievement and adds that it proved to be the incentive for going ahead with the plan to set up QWERTY, his new business. In essence it is about Cotswold Craft beers. As an enthusiastic researcher, sampler and maker of different British beers he sees this as a perfect opportunity to combine this passion with his love of business and the opportunity to present a product 'that can not only satisfy customer needs, but open new doors and horizons.'

Having contacted several local breweries whom he invited to be included in his Best of the Cotswolds Beer Hamper, Quinn proceeded to buy selected bottles and cans of local brews which together constitute the contents of what he describes as his balanced and quirky hampers of the best Cotswold beers. Sold in uniquely branded boxes, including tailored tasting notes and information about the respective breweries, the hampers are then delivered to the requested destination.



Quinn is keen to promote this, justifiably, as a real feature of the Cotswolds, an area with an outstanding craft beer reputation and at the same time acknowledges the potential of online craft beer sales. However, at age 22, he is enviably ambitious and looking ahead sees this enterprise growing into something much bigger albeit based locally. With an undoubted passion for the subject and a very sound understanding and knowledge of all the aspects of this business, he is nevertheless careful to exercise common sense when it comes to the launch. 'I have visions for big things and think it is an area of real opportunity,' he explains, 'but think I will take it one step at a time.' Wise words indeed.



Meanwhile, Quinn is about to tackle his finals which, this year, are somewhat different in form from normal, complicated by the Covid19 situation. He is aiming for a first class honours degree and feels that his experience of setting up the business has been a key element in his education.

QWERTY was launched on 27 April. Quinn's younger sister, Liberty, who is due to start a design course at Goldsmiths, has created the very striking and arresting logo. If you would like to know more about the Best of the Cotswolds Beer Hamper you can contact Quinn via email QWERTYbeerbox@gmail.com or Instagram (@QWERTYbeerbox) or Facebook (@QWERTYbeerbox).

Carol Maxwell

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Churchyard grass cutting

Margaret Radway would like to thank Neil from the Falcon who helped her arrange a group of around 19 volunteers to bring their mowers and strimmers and cut the churchyard grass. They kept a safe distance from each other while doing a great job



PROPERTY REPORT by Beacon Staff

The Painswick property market is not entirely frozen, but it's certainly an awful lot quieter than usual. All the estate agent offices are closed and house viewings in person are almost impossible, but agents are still working from home and in some cases can arrange video viewings.

If a new build Scandiahus on Coopers Hill with panoramic views is your dream for instance, check out the video on Murray's Facebook page. Coming to the market soon, as is Pear Tree Cottage in Vicarage Street, a 3 bed semi-detached Cotswold Cottage with great views (Murrays, £545,000). Already on the market are Upper Green Farm, a 6 bed farmhouse in Haresfield (Murrays, offers over £600,000), Glendale Cottage, another 3 bed cottage in Vicarage Street (Hamptons, £500,000) and Stone Rise in Kingsmill Lane, a 3 bed Edwardian semi (Murrays, £400,000).

Stunning is a word that may be over-used by estate agents, but it seems fair to apply it to Hillfield House in Gloucester, built in 1867 by Painswick's Albert Estcourt, the builder featured in last month's Beacon (Moulton Haus, £1.85 million). The same agent also has the more modest, but still exceptionally spacious Greenacres on Cheltenham Road in Painswick (£1.15 million). Or for the full rural lifestyle with 22 acres of land, Dell Farm house is available through Strutt & Parker for £1.5 million.

If you're thinking of putting your house on the market after the end of lockdown, Painswick's estate agents may still be able to offer advice and valuation even in the current circumstances, so do contact them.

Regular Village Activities In the light of the Coronavirus pandemic most of the activities below may not be running.
Please contact the event organiser to check

We have kept them in as a reminder that it is important to keep some form of routine - leisure and exercise are an important part of this. Some of these classes and activities may well still be ongoing through virtual reality..

Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00 - 10.15 am and 10.15-11.30am
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Sheepscombe baby and toddler group - every Monday except holidays. £ 4.00 for first child, £1.00 others	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30am
	Upholstery classes. For information contact Victoria or Sophie on 07835617213 or 07766114940 or www.sew-vintage.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.00am or 6.30pm
Tuesdays	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers in term time.	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Nia Holistic Fitness	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	4.00 - 6.00pm
Wednesdays	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm
	Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
	Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm
	Yoga - all abilities	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	T'ai chi. Contact Jeff on 07970 303694	Town Hall	9.30am
Thursdays	Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers as above: Experienced beginners.	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
	Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm
	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
	Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	2.00 - 3.30 pm
	Sundays	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am
Sundays	Meeting for Worship	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Mass		

Corona Virus thoughts...

I was travelling into China to join my in-laws for Chinese New Year when we became aware of the coronavirus in mid January. I remember my daughter-in-law tensing in the queue for train tickets as she heard the customer in front of her asking for tickets for Wuhan. We were only going to Guangzhou in south China, Wuhan seemed a long way north in Central China. Because she was pregnant, we took all precautions, wearing face masks and keeping away from crowds but at no point did we feel threatened. We were more concerned about rioting during the week we spent in Hong Kong but, in fact, hardly saw any disruption there. We never thought coronavirus would spread so rapidly, globally, as it has.

Just before the lockdown I grabbed as many books as I could from the library – no point their just sitting on the shelf for a couple of months. “Badgerlands” by Patrick Barkham outlines the long history of badger baiting and digging. I had been disturbed by some news-clips of the cruelty to animals in the market at Wuhan and have seen other instances of unbelievable cruelty flagged up on the internet. It seems there are no limits to the cruelty mankind can inflict on animals; and mankind. My husband and I visited Auschwitz last year completing a comprehensive tour with an excellent guide. One of my favourite places, Nature in Art, has had to close for the duration of the lockdown. An anonymous donor enabled Director, Simon Trapnell, to print and post copy of their Newsletter. He covers all this so succinctly in three paragraphs: In the third, quoting Bill Gates who said, in a TED Talk (2015), that “If anything kills over 10 million people in the next few decades, it’s most likely to be a highly infectious virus rather than a war – not missiles, but microbes.”

This is an extreme situation and, of course, the government is now being criticised for its perceived shortcomings. Not enough doctors and nurses and shortages of PPE and medical supplies. One of the consequences of our “advanced” civilisation is our current interdependency with the rest of the world. We rely on a lot of non-UK doctors and nurses and out-source a lot of our food and manufacturing. Maybe that is why Germany seems to be coping better, having a greater manufacturing base.

Another book I took from the library is “The Secret Network of Nature” by Peter Wohlleben. It clearly explains the fascinating balance and interdependency of plants and animals in the environment. With this “advanced” civilisation, we have neglected and abused the natural world we live in. Not just the cruelty already mentioned, but the destruction of our environment, pollution by chemicals and plastics; and greed. And it has needed a “Greta effect” to highlight climate change.

I think this is a wake-up call for us all to rethink our priorities and place in life. For a brief moment we have stopped rushing around. We are restricted to our daily exercise and luckily the weather has been brilliant to contemplate spring and a new start. Our environment is important for our mental and physical health.

The reality is demonstrating that we have a lot to live for but we need to respect nature, not destroy it.

Joyce Barrus

Documenting these times

Gloucestershire Archives (Heritage Hub) are keen to document the extraordinary times we are living in. Perhaps you could help us by keeping a diary of your thoughts, feelings and experiences? You can find out more about how to do this at: www.heritagehub.org.uk/media/2097328/gloucestershire-archives-covid-19-appeal.pdf

They would like to encourage you to pick up a pen or pencil, open a Word document or take up your phone and record your experiences, thoughts or feelings about this remarkable time in our lives.

You may be a regular diarist. Your children may be recording their experiences as part of their home learning. You may have a few extra minutes to spare and find it useful to have a creative outlet. You could write as an individual or as part of a household. All ages are invited to contribute.

There is no right or wrong way to keep a diary. The most important thing is that it reflects how you are feeling. You could start by describing what you have been doing to keep busy and who or what you are missing from daily life. Have you been experimenting with new technology to communicate with relatives living elsewhere? Are you learning new skills or rediscovering old pastimes? Do you listen to the daily news bulletins? Describe your feelings including your worries and fears. What has made you angry? Share also what has amused you or cheered you up. You could include drawings, photographs, sketches and snippets from social media if you feel so inclined

Indeed you could pen something for the Beacon which in turn will form part of the archive recording these extraordinary times.



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Personal Column

Congratulations

To VICTORIA AND ALEX SALISBURY on the birth of their daughter Lydia Grace on Saturday 28 March. A sister to Claudia Rose and a fifth grandchild for Mike and Jackie Woof.

To REV MICHAEL WEAR who celebrates his 80th birthday on May 15th. Further celebrations are planned when family & friends can once again travel to North Yorkshire and join him in Filey. Michael grew up in Painswick and his parents, Kath & Bill lived at '2 The Green'. Love and congratulations from us all, Y MOCHYN DAEAR !

Thank you

SYLVIA AND DAVID WARREN would like to thank the Community Support and in particular to Kristy Cater who has been a great help to us during our period of isolation. Her friendly and cheerful manner in dealing with total strangers has been a joy to us.

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.

Additional copies of the Beacon are available from the Best One or online.

MINI-ADS

For Sale: Large cream leather cuddle chair in good condition. 130cm (4' 3") wide. £30. New & unused golf travel bag. £20. Tel: 01452 812293.

Wanted: Local family looking to buy a suitable home in Painswick - ideal is 3+ bedrooms and garden, but all possibilities considered! Tel: 07449 164044. Thank you.

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Library News for May



Trustee Vacancies

Following recent retirements the Trustees of Painswick Community Library are looking to recruit two additional trustees and would like to hear from anyone interested.

The Library is particularly looking for a Trustee who has some company secretarial experience and would be willing to take the lead in governance and compliance. Some experience of charities would be welcome but is not essential.

Another Trustee is needed to fill a marketing role, including promoting the activities of the Library on social media and maintaining the Library's website and FaceBook page.

Even if you don't have the exact skills we are asking for, we would still like to hear from you. An enthusiasm for the Library and delivering a service to the community is the main thing we are looking for.

There are currently five Trustees who are responsible for the operation of the Library which is a limited company and a registered charity. Duties would include attending about seven evening meetings a year.

If you are interested please contact the chairman David Glass tel: 01452 814186 or email: davidglass20@gmail.com.

Closure until further notice

As you may be aware the Library is closed until further notice. If you have books due back in the next few weeks you are welcome to renew them online, however please rest assured no fines will apply during this closure.

Gloucestershire Library Service

All library buildings across Gloucestershire are currently closed until further notice due to the Coronavirus outbreak but there is still a wealth of online resources available for free to borrowers including books, magazines, audiobooks and the NAXOS Music Library which has over 150,000 discs of classical music.

The family history site 'Find My Past' is normally only accessible to borrowers from a PC at libraries however whilst libraries are closed this will be accessible from your home. Instead of using your personal library account to access the website you will need the following details to log into the 'Sign In' page at <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/sign-in>

Username: Gloucestershire County Council@findmypast.co.uk
Password: FMP2020

For privacy reasons, you should not start or update your own family trees on this account. Instead you can register/sign into your own personal account with 'Find My Past'. This will require your own purchase of subscription or credits to access hints and records within your own account. Alternatively of course you can obtain information from the 'Find My Past' site and use it to update your own genealogy software.

We are in the process of sourcing new books for all ages ready for when we re-open however if you would like to recommend any books for library stock please let us know the details by emailing library@pinnegar.net - thank you.

All the very best to you all and we look forward to welcoming you to the library again as soon as safely possible.

In the meantime, stay home, keep safe and happy reading,

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Walker's Quiz

While walking round Painswick over the last few days, I took a few photos. Can you identify them:

1. This photo is close to the meeting of two streams. Which are they?
2. This photo is close to the meeting of two streams. Which are they?
3. This lovely old route lies within a mile of Painswick. Where is it?
4. Can you name this site of an old mill?
5. An easy one now – name this flower now appearing all over the Beacon.
6. And this orchid, which I found on the slopes of Juniper Hill
7. And this butterfly, which I found along Edge Road.



The prize – a bottle of wine for the most correct answers received by Friday 22 May – in the Beacon letterbox outside Murrays Estate Agents at the corner of New Street and Victoria Street. Place your answers in an envelope addressed to “Walkers Quiz” with your answers and name/contact details.

Peter Rowe



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