

The Painswick Beacon

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Continuing Community Support for Painswick

The Painswick Covid-19 Community Support initiative was set up in March as an emergency response to the spread of Covid-19 in the UK and the associated lockdown. It continues to provide practical support to all those in need of assistance with tasks including shopping, dog walking, picking up prescriptions, posting mail and a friendly phone call. This volunteer group has also provided additional help with ad-hoc community needs including daily cleaning of the play equipment in the Rec and delivering the Painswick Beacon.

With demand having petered off, but with recognition of an ongoing community need, not just in relation to Covid-19, the group has positioned itself to continue offering these services. We also hope that this can extend to wider befriending efforts, government restrictions permitting.

Continuing to support your community

At the start of November, we are relaunching as Painswick Community Support, with the same telephone number, 07956 203087, but an updated email address, painswickcommunity@gmail.com

Look out for our new posters designed by local graphic designer, Mia Manninen, using the Love Painswick branding – we are still here to help!

As part of the relaunch, the group has taken the time to set itself up more robustly. We have strengthened our partnership with Painswick Parish Council who are providing safeguarding, GDPR and other procedural guidance and administration – our thanks to the Parish Council for bringing this rigour to our operations and all their support since our start. This relaunch also reaffirms our partnerships with the Pharmacy, Painswick Parish Council and Churches Together Around Painswick.



Painswick Community Support Committee (Abigail Smith, Gill Newell, Delyth Allen, Hannah Lansdowne)

Autumnal colours

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos...there are more to be found on the back page.



Remembrance Day

Due to the current pandemic it has been agreed that the normal Civic Ceremony for Remembrance Day held on 11th November 2020 will be limited to the laying of a wreath by the Parish Council Chairman (on behalf of its parishioners), other groups that wish to lay a wreath are welcome to attend and observe social distancing measures.



There will be a remembrance service in the Church on Sunday 8th November 2020, details of this service will appear elsewhere in the Beacon.

Whilst the Civic Ceremony is to be limited to the laying of a wreath and it is not practicable in current circumstances to have large numbers at the memorial for this it would be wonderful if everyone in Painswick could stand on their doorstep at 11am on the 11th to mark the traditional minute's silence with a show of solidarity

NEWS FLASH

As the Beacon goes to press we are on the point of entering a new period of lockdown. As a result some of our articles, for example the library re-opening, and Village Diary items, will be either out of date or cancelled.

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.

Present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Rob Lewis, Andy Cash, Roey Parker, Rosie Nash, Ian James, Ann Daniels, District Cllr Nigel Cooper. Cllr Abigail Smith joined for the main Council Meeting. .

Apologies for absence

Cllrs James Cross and Mike Fletcher

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Meeting was via Zoom. Chairman Rob Lewis opened the Meeting and moved swiftly on to the Agenda.

Matters requiring a decision.

There were 16 items requiring a decision.

- S.20/1772/FUL Folly Acres, Folly Lane. Extension to live/work building. Unanimous Support.
- S.20/1654/FUL Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane. Replacement dwelling and access track (revised scheme). Unanimous Support.
- S.20/1673/HHOLD 13 Upper Washwell. Erection of single storey rear and side extension. Unanimous Support.
- S.20/1746 HHOLD Beechwood Cottage, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe. Replacement of two existing roof lights with dormer window and one additional dormer window. Unanimous Support.
- S.20/1841/HHOLD Askrigg House, Stamages Lane. Proposed outbuilding. As the proposed building may overlook neighbours property the Meeting agreed "No Comment" to this application.
- S.20/1984/HHOLD & S.20/1985/LBC Rockmill House, Rock Mill. Replacement of roof and garage door, insertion of windows and internal alterations to an existing outbuilding. Unanimous Support.
- S.20/2004/HHOLD Beech Cottage, Kings Mill Lane. Erection of a two storey rear extension and support. Unanimous Support.
- S.20/1992/HHOLD, S.20/1993/LBC & S.20/1994/HHOLD. Holcombe Folly Replacement steps. new terrace and wall to rear, extension to single storey building and erection of four garages with living accommodation. Unanimous Support subject to a condition restricting occupancy to those parts of the building to staff employed at the property.

• S.20/2014/FUL Land South of Edge Road. Field track in loose stone. Object to the application due to the following concerns:

I. The site and associated fields have always been for agricultural and equestrian use without the need for any hard standing track provision.

II. The existing or proposed parking for 10 vehicles is neither detailed on the plans nor justified as a requirement.

III. The Applicant refers to the site as a track. The hard standing track already created (along with that on the small paddock at the entrance) is neither detailed nor clear.

IV. The Applicant should provide more detail as to the intended use of the site in order to determine whether a change of use from agricultural/equestrian is required.

• S.20/2053/LBC Castle Hale, Stamages Lane. Removal of existing metal framed swimming pool enclosure, new outdoor pool and garden office. Unanimous Support.

• S.20/2068/VAR Hambutts Orchard, Edge Road. Variation of condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of S.19/0725/FUL. Unanimous Support.

• S.20/1784/TCADoverMews, Vicarage Street. Umbrella Pine - Lift, thin and reduce 30% of the canopy to allow more light into kitchen/office and open view to the valley in front. Unanimous Support.

PARISH COUNCIL

Again the Meeting was held via ZOOM. Chairman Martin Slinger opened the Meeting and welcomed all who had connected to the Meeting.

To accept the resignation of Cllr Dawn Dart

The Chairman advised the Meeting that Cllr Dart had, for personal reasons, submitted her letter of resignation. This was accepted by the Meeting. The Chairman and the Clerk advised the Meeting that as Council Elections were due in May next year the Council seat could remain vacant until the election. The Council agreed to this recommendation.

To approve the new Parish Council

Logo and costing implications.

Prior to the Meeting Clerk, Roy Balgobin, had circulated the proposed new Logo design to all Cllrs. After a discussion the Council agreed to ask the local designer to alter the typeface. They would then reconsider the proposal. The cost of £300 was agreed, subject to an acceptable typeface.

Reports

1. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors

The County Cllr was not present. District Cllr Nigel Cooper had circulated a detailed report. See article on page 12 covering his comments on the District Local Plan.

He also reported that fly tipping was becoming an increasing problem. The Council's contractors endeavour to deal with all incidents within 48 hours and look for clues to identify the perpetrators. Please report any incidents direct to SDC via their website.

He also expressed a big "thank you" to the County Council for the excellent job they had done in resurfacing Severnleaze Lane. A copy of this report is available on the Parish Council website.

2. To receive the Neighbourhood Wardens Report

Simon Jarvis, the new Neighbourhood Warden, introduced himself and said that his main priorities were coping with the increase in fly tipping, abandoned vehicles and anti social behaviour. He said he was happy to be contacted on any issues.

3. To receive the Chairman's report.

a) Remembrance Day. The Clerk has been working closely with the Rector over the arrangements. Due to the current Covid restrictions a low key ceremony is to take place with only the Chairman laying a wreath at the Memorial.

b) Ash Dieback. There are 5 Ash Trees on the Recreation Ground suffering from the disease that need to be felled and removed. The Clerk is obtaining quotes for the work. Also there are a significant number of small Ash trees in the Plantation that have Dieback. The Rural Environment

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Committee, that meets shortly, will consider what remedial action needs to be taken.

c) Highways Stakeholder. The current Stakeholder has been internally promoted and leaves in early November. The Council Agreed to write a formal letter of appreciation thanking him for his support during the past 8 years.

d) Beacon Litter Clearance. The Chairman extended both his and the Council's thanks to Joyce Barrus, who had organised a team of volunteers, to undertake a "Beacon" litter clearance. Several photos of the "litter" collected have appeared on the Painswick Community website.

e) Fly Tipping. The Chairman reported fly tipping along Jenkins Lane. This had been removed.

4. To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk extended his personal thanks to ALL the Council Staff for their continued support during the current pandemic. Clerical staff were working from home but attending the Office to meet members of the public and contractors by appointment only.

The Clerk asked Cllr Abigail Smith, Chair of the Traffic Committee if she could prepare, in priority order, a list of o/s issues that had been referred to the County Highways Dept. The Clerk could

then discuss progress on the list with the Highways Stakeholder prior to his departure. Cllr Smith confirmed she would produce the list.

5. To receive a Report from the Painswick Community Support Group

Cllr Abigail Smith confirmed that the Group continued with its hard work to support the local Community.

6. Councillors

Cllrs Ian James and Roey Parker expressed their concerns over the continuing lack of progress in repairing the dangerous water leak by Sheepscombe Village Hall. Chairman Martin Slinger had visited the site with his water divining rods and discovered an underground Spring that may be the cause of the problem. As the matter had been unresolved for in excess of 3 years Cllr Abigail Smith confirmed that she would seek an immediate update on the situation.

Cllr Andy Cash reported continuing concerns about the damage to Steanbridge Lane and asked the Clerk to expedite its repair.

Cllr Abigail Smith reported that thanks to the help of the Parish Handyman the temporary 20/30mph signs in the Village have been replaced.

Cllr Rob Lewis advised the Meeting that following the May elections he wished to relinquish his position as a Trustee of the

Hambutts Field Trust.

Chairman Martin Slinger reported that Jenkins Lane Road surface was in an awful condition. This will be reported to the County Highways Dept.

Finance Approval of Accounts

• To approve the Accounts for Payment

Payment of the Accounts schedule presented to the Meeting was approved by the Council.

• To formally agree that all Committee Chairs submit Committee Budgetary requirements for the year 2021/22

The Council unanimously agreed and requested that all bids are submitted to the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) by the 30th November 2020

Members of the public and press were then asked to sign out of the Meeting whilst a Confidential Agenda was discussed by the Council.

Date of next Meeting

Wednesday 18th November 2020 via ZOOM at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Are you being scammed?

Citizens Advice has the following advice

- Be suspicious if you are contacted out of the blue, even if it's from a name you recognise
- If it sounds too good to be true it probably is
- Never give out your bank details unless you are certain you can trust the person contacting you, although a scammer can sound trustworthy
- Don't respond to requests to make a bank transfer to a safe account
- Don't be rushed – you never need to make a decision straight away and if you feel pressured say "no", hang up the phone, or close the door
- Your bank will never ask for your full PIN number or password over the phone
- Your bank will only use the last four digits on your card
- You may be asked to log onto your bank account via a link they will send you - do not do this
- HMRC and TV Licensing will not email or text you about refunds or rebates, nor ask you for personal details
- Never click on links included in suspicious emails

- To check whether an email is genuine click on the arrow on the sender's email address, if it shows a personal email address or one which looks unusual be suspicious
- If you receive an email or text which you feel is suspicious open a new tab and do a search
- Look out for poor grammar or spelling
- Be suspicious of organisations which do not use your name



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Hunt runs amock in Painswick

The hunt (was this more than a group of six?) were out in Painswick on Monday 26th October and lost control of the hounds with them jumping into gardens in the Highlands and also causing traffic hold-ups on the A46.



The hunt returning down the Highlands and the hounds jumping into a garden - photos by S Davey

Stroud District Foodbank

The Stroud District Foodbank is still open for business and since March has been operating a mobile delivery service rather than giving out food at local drop-ins. We have been busier than ever before. We know all too well that once finances start to get strained food poverty soon follows. It's not always going hungry, but making different choices about food purchases or skipping meals. If you or someone you know is facing financial hardship we would love you to take the first step and seek some support. There are some resources on our webpage <https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/> or you can call Citizens Advice confidentially and for free on 0800 208 2138 or visit the Stroud District Council website.

If you are in a position to help we have put together information about ways to help this Christmas and would love for you to help if you are able at <https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/christmas/>
Thank you so much

Nikki Clarke Foodbank Manager

Foodbank Donations Painswick Church

Thank you so much for yet another show of amazing generosity in helping those in food poverty in our area. After struggling with loads through the sweltering temperatures in the summer you then all came through pouring rain and cold winds with your gifts of (edible) love showing how much you care for those in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Stroud District Foodbank are in awe of the amounts that you keep on giving. If we can prevail upon you again we would like to have two more drop off days to fill the Christmas hampers that will be given to hundreds of hungry adults and children in our area.

The suggested Christmas list is:

Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, mince pies, hot chocolate, nuts, sweets/ chocolate, luxury crisps, savoury crackers, gravy granules, dried stuffing, tinned ham, Christmas preserve.

But any non perishable items will always be welcome.

Drop off dates are:

Friday 13th November and Monday 14th December 10-12 noon

Painswick Church and Stamages Lane Car Park.

Pippa Medcalf (07740 514230)

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Patrick - Kindness Recycled!

We recently met with our lovely SDC recycling team one Tuesday morning and asked if they could take a spare food recycling bin back to the depot for us.

One of the team, Patrick, explained it was not possible but he had just met a distressed man in Vicarage Street whose food bin had been the victim of a hit and run accident that morning. Being older and hard of hearing the man struggled to understand how to apply for a new one. I promised to try and track him down but, at 5pm, the same day, Patrick turned up on our doorstep to personally take the bin and deliver it to the man himself. It transpired that Patrick had been up since 4am to undertake a full day's work, return home to his wife and children, shower and change and then drive all the way back to Painswick from Dursley as he was so upset for the poor man with no bin.

And he loves his job helping to save the planet! So, if you bump into Patrick on the Tuesday morning recycling collection day, give him a huge cheer for his amazing act of kindness and philanthropy. A hero!

Pippa Medcalf

Church garden

The Church Garden, which was created by Cliff Davis a few years ago, has been looking rather sad and unkept since he died.

We have decided to form a small committee to manage the garden. Our aim is to restore it to its former beauty and possibly make some changes so it will be easier to look after. We are hoping to employ a gardener to help us on a permanent basis and will be looking for volunteers to help keep the weeds down, once the garden has been re-established. We will also be grateful for any unwanted plants in pots which can be planted in the Spring and any donations to the garden fund which has been created to help with the on going costs.

If you have any ideas, plants, unwanted garden tools, can offer manual help, or donations please contact Joan Warner 01452822649

Library re-opening from October 19th

After much preparation by trustees, guided by Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), in line with government guidelines and Covid19 restrictions, Painswick Community Library was able to cautiously reopen to borrowers with reduced opening hours last month.

Our opening hours are now Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30 and Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 12.30.

We are restricted to just four people in total in the library space at any one time to allow for physical distancing and this does mean only two borrowers at a time as both volunteers count towards the total head count. This may mean having to wait a little while to enter the library but there is a bell at the foot of the stairs and we are asking people to wait for clearance to go up.

As is usual during this pandemic, everyone should wear a mask (unless a young child or exempt) inside the building, maintain a two-metre distance from others and sanitise their hands on entering and leaving.

Our volunteers are looking forward to welcoming borrowers to browse, take out and return books, and collect reserved items. Reserved and returned books are being quarantined for 72 hours before being issued or re-shelved. Newspapers and magazines have been removed although GCC has a wide range of online resources accessible via their website.

Any updates to these opening hours will be made on the library's website, social media and via the Town Hall Noticeboard.

New books

We are adding new books to our stock and these are exclusively available to borrowers at Painswick library for the first six months and not reservable online. A comprehensive list is on the library's website (www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk). Please call the library on 01452 814744 during the above opening times for more information.



Recently added books include:

Raynor Winn – The Wild Silence

In this sequel to 'The Salt Path', Raynor Winn shares her story of hope triumphing over despair, of the human spirit's instinctive connection to nature and of lifelong love prevailing over everything. After walking 630 miles homeless along The Salt Path, the windswept and wild English coastline now feels like their home and despite her husband Moth's terminal diagnosis, against all medical odds, he seems revitalized in nature and anything is possible.

Now, life beyond The Salt Path awaits. As they return to four walls, the sense of home is illusive and returning to normality is proving difficult - until an incredible gesture by someone who reads their story changes everything - a chance to breathe life back into a beautiful but neglected farmhouse nestled deep in the Cornish hills; rewinding the land and returning nature to its hedgerows becomes their new path.

Along the way, Raynor and Moth learn more about the land that envelopes them, find friends both new and old, and, of course, embark on another windswept adventure when the opportunity arises.

Matt Haig – The Midnight Library

From the internationally bestselling author of Reasons to Stay Alive and How to Stop Time is a dazzling novel about all the choices that go into a life well lived.

Between life and death there is a library, and within that library the shelves go on forever with each book the story of another reality. Every one gives you a chance to try another life you could have lived and see how things would be if you had made other choices. Would you have done anything differently if you were given the opportunity to undo your regrets? That is the decision facing Nora Seed as she travels through the Midnight

Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life.

Corinne Jones – Pitchcombe – Our Village

We were kindly gifted a copy of the new extended edition of Corinne's much loved 1982 history of Pitchcombe by Pitchcombe Parochial Church Council with additional material provided by the village community. This edition was fully funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund's Our Heritage Grant Scheme. The book will be available in our Local History section.

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St Mary's Church

If you enter the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey, only opened for the grandest of ceremonial occasions, you will almost immediately have to step to one side for straight ahead of you lies a magnificent tomb. A tomb not of a great king, or a beloved poet or a peer of the realm but rather the tomb of an ordinary man whose death on a battlefield in France during the horrors of the First World War has come to symbolise the many millions who have died in battle and continue to do so the world over. For at the entrance to the Abbey lies the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.



The idea for the tomb was that of the Rev David Railton. In 1916 he was standing at a graveside in northern France having just conducted a burial service. He saw a small wooden cross marking a grave with the words, "An Unknown British Soldier".

He later said: "How that grave caused me to think ... I thought and thought. What can I do to ease the pain of father, mother, brother, sister, sweetheart, wife and friend? Quietly and gradually there came out of the mist of thought this answer clear and strong. 'Let this body – this symbol of him – be carried over the sea to his native land.'"

After the war ended Railton worked to have his idea come to fruition – it took much persistence as the idea was not initially favoured but over time it gained momentum. On the night of 7th November 1920 four bodies, exhumed from different battlefields in France were brought to a chapel in Arras. There, one was chosen by the simple touch of a hand on the coffin and the journey of the unknown warrior began – the warrior was brought to Dover on a Royal Naval ship where it landed on the morning of 10th November 1920. The quayside was reportedly lined with people, straining to see the body that could be their loved one. It was taken by train to London where it rested the night at Victoria station, before being placed on a carriage driven by black horses. The coffin passed through hushed crowds of thousands of people, many weeping. It was brought into Westminster Abbey on the 11th hour of the 11th month. In the following days, more than a million people came to pay their respects to the soldier and that stream of visitors continues to this day.

The tomb is a reminder that for every life lost there will be someone mourning them and is a focus for all those who don't have a grave to visit.

As we celebrate Remembrance Sunday and armistice day this year let us remember once again all those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts the world over and renew our commitment to seek peace so that no more may die. It may not feel like we can do much on our own, but together each small action will add up to something much greater than the sum of its parts. The inscription on the tomb carries these words "They buried him among the kings because he had done good toward God and toward His house".

I pray that we too can do the same.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them ...

Rev Janet Turville

(With thanks for Jane Yeadon who provided the history for me.)

There will be a short service of remembrance on Sunday 8th November in St Mary's at 10.50am. We have limited seating and so ask that anyone who intends to attend to reserve seats in St. Mary's, please email lychgateoffice@btinternet.com or phone Margaret Radway on 07896 430107 by Friday 6th, 6pm letting her know how many will be coming from your household (max. 6)

Painswick Theatre Club

At the end of last year we announced that the Theatre Club, due to falling numbers of members, would cease arranging visits. Coach travel to a theatre was almost always part of the visit. With decreasing support the individual cost of travel was often more than the cost of the theatre ticket and with most of our members already entitled to a discount it was rare for the club to negotiate a further reduction.

In previous years the first 3 or 4 visits had been organised before the beginning of the year. Whilst it was disappointing to make this decision we were fortunate to avoid the chaos that would have ensued had we continued. Even now, as theatres reopen, we doubt that many members would be willing to travel by coach.

Over many years the club had accumulated nearly £4000 that was used to buy the best seats early before offering them to members closer to the visit date. All previous members, who could be traced and who could be contacted by email agreed that these funds should be donated to theatres to help them ride out the current crisis. £1000 was donated to The Malvern Theatre and £1708.43 to the Everyman in Cheltenham, these being the two local theatres most often visited by the club. In addition members agreed a donation of £1000 to the Watermill theatre near Newbury. A visit to this small intimate theatre set in a beautiful garden by a clear chalk stream and with lunch before, was always a club highlight of the year.

We will miss the visits and the companionship but we intend not to miss theatre.

Judith & Ross Munro

Tibbiwell Lane Closure

This road will be closed between Kemps Lane and Kingsmill Lane from 11th December 2020 to 17th December 2020. This is to allow for drainage repairs by Gloucestershire County Council.

Emergency access will be maintained.

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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Peter Turnham - None Stood Taller

Local author Peter Turnham has been busy during lockdown with his third novel just published and his winter of 2020/21 sorted with writing a sequel of which he has already completed a couple of chapters.

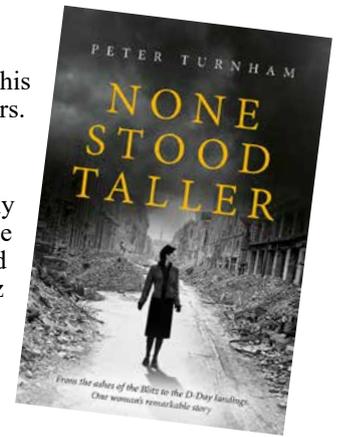
About the book

It is March 1941. Large swathes of the East End of London lie in ruins. My main character, Lily Heywood, is just one more victim of the Blitz, lying beneath the rubble of her home. An unbreakable spirit, this is not the end for Lily, it is just the beginning. Defying the expectations of her background and social class, she embarks upon an incredible journey that will take her from the ashes of the Blitz to the very top of the British wartime establishment.

Lily's life changes dramatically when she is employed by Edward the Earl of Middlebourne. Initially employed to manage His Lordship's stately home and estate, she is unaware of his connection to military intelligence. Lily is invited to partner Edward in the formation of a new section of the Special Operations Executive. Their role is to provide the crucial intelligence which will enable the D-Day landings. I found immensely interesting the detailed research required to ensure the facts about living at that time are accurate.

I tried to create for Lily an inspirational story of her life in wartime London, about the lifelong friends she makes in the Women's Land Army, and the two men that she is torn between. My intention was that – as happens in real life - her story would be heart-breaking one moment, and heart-warming the next, from the very first page right through to the unexpected conclusion. I have tried to tread a thin line between the factual and sometimes harrowing detail of the war, combined with a fictional representation of those people who lived through it. I hope I have succeeded. (The book is available on Amazon - ASIN : B08HVN8QMZ)

Peter Turnham



Jottings

Wheat is the second largest agricultural crop in the world after rice. Two thirds of wheat produced globally is for food. It is a long process developing new strains, but there are no genetically modified wheat varieties grown commercially. There are some 30,000 wheat varieties of which 14 species are grown throughout the world.

The EU followed by China are the biggest producers, we are the 13th largest producer. Wheat is the most widely grown arable crop in the UK. In 2019 we produced over 16 million tonnes of wheat. Wheat in this country can be sown in the autumn and the spring; both are harvested in the autumn.

Wheat has a protein content of about 10-15%. The seeds are made up of the embryo surrounded by a store of food, the endosperm (to enable it to develop) protected by a covering, bran. To make white flour, the bran and embryo – the most nutrient-rich parts - are removed, including the essential amino acid, lysine. So brown bread is better for you.

Older types of wheat have hulls – protective parts which enclose the grain and give good protection in storage. But further processing, milling or pounding, is needed before they can be used. Wheats like durum wheat and common wheat don't have this and are easier to process.

Wheat types are classified partly by the quality of the proteins, particularly gluten, they contain and whether they are red or white wheat: White wheats have less phenolics and browning enzymes so don't make your mouth pucker like red wheats do.

The best way to explain the difference between hard and soft wheats is: Which one do you use to make bread and which one for cakes? If you're making a basic loaf, most recipes tell you to

use strong bread flour made of 'hard' wheat. It has more protein in it and the strong elastic gluten protein enables the dough to trap carbon dioxide during rising and so make lighter bread. Strong flour (with hard wheat) isn't good for cakes and biscuits because the high gluten level makes them tough. So you use flour made of soft wheat.

So there are 6 main types of wheat:

- Soft Red Winter wheat grown for cakes, pasties and cookies.
- Hard Red Winter wheat grown has high protein and used for flatbreads and cereals (most cereals use maize meal).
- Hard Red spring wheat has high gluten for bagels, croissants and pizza crusts.
- Soft White wheat has low protein and gluten, so used for pasties and cakes.
- Hard White wheat used for bread and noodles; germinated and dried creating malt; crushed or cut into cut wheat. It can be parboiled (or steam dried) crushed and de-branned into bulgar wheat (groats).
- Durum wheat. The gluten protein in durum wheat is strong but not elastic. Durum wheat is used for pasta, so you can roll it into thin sheets. Durum wheat can be ground into semolina. Drinks including beer, vodka, boza (a fermented beverage) and whisky are made with wheat.

Other, non food uses of wheat include: making paper, capsules used in pharmaceuticals, glue for back of postage stamps, soaps and turned into bioethanol for use in biofuel.

Wheat that does not come up to food standards goes to animal feed. The straw left after harvesting can be used to help make bioethanol and the longer straw used for thatching of roofs.

It was interesting to read that sales of flour rose 82% during lockdown. So many more of you were making your own bread.

Martin Slinger



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Such tragically vulnerable children. Katie's involvement.

Neverest is without doubt an exceptional and invaluable charity. The story of its inception and ongoing work is truly moving. Back in 2013 two young British orthopaedic surgeons, having learned about the very low standard of care for trauma and orthopaedic patients in Nepal, decided to go there to see for themselves. The problems were immediately apparent: a distinct lack of proper medical equipment and poorly trained doctors and staff. Children were particularly affected and as medical attention is not free it was the poor who were hit hardest.

On their return the two doctors set up Neverest, the main aim of which was to improve training and to send as much equipment as possible. Then came the earthquake in 2015. It was devastating of course killing 9000 people in Kathmandu, injuring many more and leaving many children as orphans. Neverest expanded its work by helping with the relief effort and also establishing an orphanage for ten extremely vulnerable girls providing a caring home for them and paying for their education. The alternative for these girls would almost certainly eventually be a life as sex workers. Neverest has also helped build a home and specialist school for skills training for disabled boys, girls and young adults who would otherwise be on the streets.

So how did Katie Wolowiec, who lives in Pitchcombe, become involved? Katie works for an orthopaedic device company and her boss, a colleague of one of the two surgeons who set up the charity, has always been keen to help by donating much-needed equipment to the cause. Last year Katie went to Nepal herself, spending time at the orphanage, the school and the hospital. For her it was 'a life-changing experience'. She explains how humbling it was in the hospital, so primitive compared with the NHS and yet the staff were 100% committed to their work there. Katie was helping with training for foot and shoulder surgery.



Katie had travelled after graduating some years ago, back-packing to many areas, and had witnessed first-hand the difficulties which ordinary people in third world countries had to endure. Such experience of course leads to a heightened awareness of and greater compassion for the lives of the less fortunate. She is fully aware of the need to nurture children with love and understanding for the good of humanity in the future. Married with a young son who attends playgroup in Painswick, and with another baby due in December, Katie is determined to organise help for the children in Kathmandu.

The charity is run entirely by unpaid volunteers, every penny raised going direct to the mission. Until recently equipment, clothing and other items would be taken to Nepal by volunteers at their own expense. However, the pandemic has inevitably and sadly put a stop to that, severely hampering the charity's work. Katie's company is ready to send more vital equipment but she also points out that other items are much needed too. In particular, good quality children's clothing, toiletries and sanitary products, but also little gift items for the children for Christmas. Craft items are also needed for the training school especially if the results can be sold subsequently. The children are aged 6-15. Furthermore, there is now a need to raise enough money to transport all these donations to Kathmandu. Can you help either by providing any of the items as listed or contributing financially in order to get these care packages where they need to go? Katie will happily collect any items you can donate. Her email address is katie.axton@live.co.uk, or tel.07880.007966. Monetary donations to Neverest Orthopaedics, Sort code:30 64 18, Account number: 65160568 and please quote 'Care Package' to ensure the funds go specifically towards this relief effort. All donations by 21st November please. More details are to be found on the charity's website www.neverestfoundation.com. Katie also asks if anyone with relevant expertise can help with the website.

This is very much an outstanding service to a heart-wrenching cause. The charity and its volunteers are special, Katie very much so. Her humanity is palpable. Your help and contribution will be invaluable.

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Calling all seniors – a question of strength and balance

We all know that regular exercise benefits us in so many ways. It is good to report therefore that a new class will be starting in the Church Rooms in January – a strength and balance class for seniors.

Each class will consist of a mobility warm-up session followed by straightforward balance and strength exercises, both standing and sitting, and ending with stretching and relaxation. The benefits of both elements can be multiple especially as we grow older. Strength training is very effective in improving so many mobility and activity aspects of everyday life and which can diminish with age. Balance too can become more problematic with age and again regular, albeit challenging, exercise under professional tuition will restore lost confidence and a willingness to engage in more general activities.

Trish Tenn will be running the classes. She is a highly qualified exercise teacher specialising in the over 60s and in falls prevention. All her classes are formulated on evidence-based practice. With more than 30 years experience Trish is a fun and truly down to earth teacher who is passionate about what she does. She understands all the physical benefits of skilled exercise classes for us as we grow older and recognises the added bonus of confidence building and social enjoyment within the class.



The classes will start on Wednesday 5th January at 10.00am in the Church Rooms and will run on a termly basis. The cost per class will be £4. Trish recommends you wear trousers you can move in and flat, supportive shoes (not socks or bare feet). Covid-19 social distancing guidelines will be adhered to, everyone will need to complete a health screening questionnaire and, because numbers will be limited, places will be offered on a first come first serve basis. There is a website where you can find more information www.seniorsfitness.co.uk and she shows a selection of classes on TrishTenn YouTube channel.

If you would like to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to develop not only your strength and balance but also so much more confidence and in a fun-filled atmosphere too you should contact Trish by telephone 07956.466617 or email trishtenn@hotmail.com. Registration is from 9.00am on Saturday, 14th November. This is surely a great way to start the new year.

Carol Maxwell

Starting point almost in view for Martyn

Martyn Thornton's planned Atlantic quest is now so close. For the past few months the Beacon has followed his progress as he has been preparing and training for the challenge of a lifetime – to row 3000 miles across the Atlantic. Martyn aims to be the oldest man at age 62 to achieve this in under 60 days thereby setting a new world record. He is one of eight solo competitors.

The boat has now been shipped to La Gomera, a small island in the Spanish Canary chain and the starting point of the competition, the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge. Training, now essentially complete,



has been rigorous and simultaneously educational, revealing many potential problems and solutions and enabling Martyn to develop a thorough understanding of both the equipment and his own capabilities. For the time remaining before the start of

the race he will continue with his fitness regime and, as he says, 'finalise the last bits of kit – mainly sat phones and communication apps.'

Martyn's hope is that if sufficient sponsorship is raised he will on his return be able to donate the proceeds from the sale of the boat to Horseheard, a truly worthy charity which works with children, young people, service veterans and vulnerable groups with acute social and emotional needs. The message in a meal section of his sponsorship plan is now closed but funding is still needed for all the other aspects. Donations from individuals, businesses or corporate organisations would be very welcome. Do please consider his appeal for sponsorship. His GoFundMe link is www.gofundme.com/f/atlantic-solo.

You can contact Martyn directly by email martyn.thornton@btinternet.com or tel. 07785.350840, the website is www.atlanticsolo.co.uk, or follow on Instagram @atlanticsolo.

Martyn's quest is definitely amazing, a challenge on a global scale and one which will benefit a wonderful charity. Once he is out at sea you will be able to follow his progress via www.ybtracking.com. The race will show live and you can follow either via the weblink or by downloading the app. This is a Painswick man aiming to make a little bit of history. He leaves for La Gomera on 30th November and the race starts on 12th December. Please offer your support – there's still time.

Carol Maxwell


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QWERTY: a proud progress report

Back in the May edition of the Beacon we reported the launch of QWERTY, a new and ambitious enterprise featuring Cotswold craft beers. Quinn Leatherbarrow-Stokes was nearing the end of his university course, (for which he was happily awarded a first class honours degree a few weeks later), and as a result of everything he learned from his course work experience, his love of business and a passion for researching and presenting beers he decided to establish QWERTY from his home in Painswick.

Despite the current Covid situation the business has taken off impressively. Quinn reports that since May 'I have launched a Best of Devon collection to accompany the Best of Cotswolds' and explains there is also a Best of Bristol in the offing. He has teamed up with Niki, a colleague friend from his work experience, and they have launched their own website www.QWERTYBeerBox.co.uk. With most customers living predictably in the South West, nevertheless, as Quinn comments 'it has been exciting to send boxes off to the likes of the Shetland Islands, Edinburgh and Belfast.'

Perhaps the biggest development is the relationship with breweries. Quinn says 'We are now working with over 20 craft breweries across the South West and have really enjoyed meeting them and hearing how we can better help them.' He is rightly proud of the whole collection of independent craft beers from the area adding that it is good to be supporting local businesses at the same time as introducing customers to new authentic beer experiences. He points out that customer feedback so far has led to further improvements in the Best of the Cotswolds collection which brings together eight beers from seven local breweries.

Feedback has also shown that the box makes an excellent gift and a further attraction for Painswick customers is a 20% discount. Packed in uniquely branded QWERTY boxes by Quinn and Niki and including tasting notes and information about the breweries, the aim is to deliver locally within 1-2 days and 3-4 days nationwide. Furthermore they are also now able to offer business to business gifting solutions with tailored local hampers.

If you would like to know more about any of the craft beer collections and hampers or indeed would like to place an order you can contact Quinn by email QWERTYbeerbox@gmail.com or they are @QWERTYBeerBox on all common social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). Both at only 23 years of age, Quinn and Niki are without doubt passionate and knowledgeable about this their promising and fascinating local enterprise. Do try it.

Carol Maxwell

Quieter, cooler times

To begin with, I would like to thank all the visitors and supporters who have helped the charity which runs the Rococo Garden through a very difficult year. It's been an extraordinary journey so far and I'm sure, like many of you, we have learned a lot about ourselves and how we work.



One of the changes we have made in the light of the pandemic is to rethink our successful "Roctober" activity. We developed this into "Rocks for Remembrance" which has garnered healthy media interest and has seen keen young artists bringing their Remembrance-themed painted rocks to create an eye-catching Line of Remembrance in the Beech Walk. The line will be complete by Sunday 8th November, ready to commemorate the many sacrifices made in conflicts by our forebears.



There are many dog lovers who are also Rococo lovers! You might find that as the nights draw in and the weather gets cooler, your motivation for walkies diminishes... well, we may be able to help. Throughout November we are encouraging dogs to bring their owners to the Garden for free. The deal is simple – book a visit and come along with a dog between 6th and 29th November inclusive and we will admit owners free of charge. So why not come and enjoy a bracing walk in the autumn splendour of the Garden and perhaps treat yourself to a freshly-ground coffee and a browse in our Shop afterwards? There have to be some benefits to autumn!

And looking ahead to Christmas, we have had a lot of requests recently for vouchers to give the experience of a visit to the Garden to someone special. They are perfect for the hard-to-buy-for-person! You can buy one in person in our Shop or over the phone on an open day on 01452 813204.

The gardens are open for a Christmas Tree Weekend 5th-6th December and again from 26th-31st December.

That's it for now - enjoy autumn and I hope to see you in the Garden soon.

Tim Toghill, trustee and volunteer

A BIG Thank You

Sourdough for Schooling Project Update

Some of you may remember that earlier in the summer I started making sourdough bread in order to raise money for Rusaga School in rural Burundi. Inspired by Captain Tom Moore, I originally wanted to bake 100 loaves and raise £500. However, after a number of generous donations and a number of customers 'donating' well over the suggested £5 per loaf, I soon exceeded this target. I then decided that I would try and raise £1200 in order to cover a local teacher's salary for a year.

I am pleased to say that nearly £1600 has been raised for the school.

As you can see from the photograph, the children at the school have been busy making a BIG THANK YOU...



This money will go a long way in Burundi and give some very poor children the chance of a better future. One never knows what talents these little people have buried inside them and without an education, they may have remained dormant. Through a tasty loaf, some of you might just have helped turn the key to unlock their talents.

Thanks again.

Angela Lerwill

Fresh Air and Fun

By the time you read this article, another group of Yew Trees WI members will have enjoyed a second guided walk around Painswick's Rococo Gardens on 3rd November. Led by Garden Historian Jill Stuart, the tour covers the fashion in the 1700's for pleasure gardens and the particular rococo features and buildings chosen by Benjamin Hyett for his hidden valley and fun-loving friends.

On 10th November, we are looking forward to meeting in socially-distanced small groups for a Coffee and Cake Morning in the spacious Waypoint restaurant at Painswick Golf Club. To book, please contact Naomi on 812 711. If all goes well with this event, we hope to be able to hold our Christmas Meal on similar lines a month later.

At the end of November, Jane Rowe will lead a 2½ mile guided walk starting from the Whiteshill Community Shop. Circumnavigating the upper reaches of Ruscombe Brook, expect stunning westward views from the Severn Bridges in the south to the Malverns in the north plus, on a clear day, the Welsh Hills. For more details and to pre-book, tel. 813 228.

The WI's college at Denman has switched from residential courses to providing talks and demonstrations online. As well as traditional WI crafts and preserves-making skills, historical subjects are also tackled. With many Remembrance events abandoned this year, Melanie Gibson-Barton's talk 'Wandering in Flanders Fields', inspired by her Great Uncle George Armer of the 1914 British Expeditionary Force and now buried at Ypres, will remind us of the often overlooked story of the Belgians' fight for their country's freedom. Details of all talks at <https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/>

A 'Try the WI' membership deal runs from October 2020 to March 2021 and costs only £10.75. For more details tel. 813 977 or book for the Coffee Morning on 812 711.

Jane Rowe

Miniwicks Is Now Open

a new childcare option for Painswick

Painswick parents have long been frustrated by the lack of childcare settings in the village, particularly for children aged 2 and under. But newly qualified childminder Carly Lloyd-Jones is now Ofsted registered and ready to welcome children aged from six months into her home.



"We've just moved into our new house very close to the Croft School, and we have set up a great playroom full of toys and learning activities," she says. "It opens up right onto our walled garden and makes the perfect base for Miniwicks – I'm excited I've finally been able to get started with it all."

Mum-of-three Carly aims to offer a homely and nurturing setting for young children while making the most of what's on our doorstep: "We really like to get outdoors to explore whenever we can, whether it's for wildlife walks around the village, a trip to play at the rec, or visiting Rococo Gardens or Slimbridge WWT a bit further afield. The children get so much out of it all."

Miniwicks is open Monday to Thursday and has spaces available for an immediate start. As well as day care for preschool children, Carly may be able to offer wraparound care for school children attending the Croft School. Her childminding rate is £6 per hour including all meals and activities. Please give her a call on 07917 765597 if you'd like to discuss your childcare requirements and see if Miniwicks can help.



Sarah Bishop

Co-working space: Nov 2020

Just before lockdown we began to trial a co-working space in the Green Room, where we provided desks, wi-fi, tea & coffee, and a quiet space to work - with users bringing their own laptops, and booking sessions hourly, half-daily, or daily. The trial was then curtailed by lockdown.

There has recently been some discussion about whether, once Covid restrictions permit, this could be a timely and useful provision for the village, with so many having to work from home. We'd be really interested to hear your thoughts on reopening a Covid-secure co-working space, particularly:

- Would this be useful to you or others in your family?
- Would you be too concerned about hygiene in a shared space to want to use a co-working space at this time?
- What would you want to see in place to consider using a space like this right now?

And finally, if something like this goes ahead ...

- Would you be interested in organising and administering this co-working initiative?

Please let us have any feedback you might have at painswickcentremanager@gmail.com, please mark it Co-Working Space. Any feedback at all will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

No sooner do we think we can see the light at the end of the tunnel than there is a rule change! Once again here at the Painswick

Centre, just like everyone else in the county, we watch and wait to see if there is a 'fire break'; a 'circuit break' or a short lock down. It will, of course, have an impact on all of us – we will notify all users as soon as we know if anything is happening and when it will happen. We will continue to monitor the advice and to update our website, and the Beacon, as soon as we are able.

The last couple of months have once again brought change to the Painswick Centre as Lindsay, our popular Centre Manager, has left and moved to pastures new and Susie Andrews, who has been an absolute stalwart over the past couple of years and has enabled many different things at the Centre, including the fish and chip evenings, also has a new job so will be less able to volunteer her time. Congratulations to them both as new jobs beckon!

If you have time and would like to do something in the community the Painswick Centre is looking for new Trustees, Friends and Volunteers to help with different things – events, marketing, maintenance, a spot of gardening or a bit of general painting and decorating. These things are always on our to do list and we'd very much welcome any help at all – even if it's just an hour once or twice a month please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Wick-Flix continues to look very difficult to arrange as the numbers we could have in the hall are simply too low to cover the costs associated with showing the film. We do of course have the films we have already shown in Blu-ray or DVD format in the Painswick Centre office – if you don't have Netflix or Amazon Prime but do have a DVD player and would like to see one of these films again (or for the first time) please get in touch and we'll see what we can do to make these available (only one copy of each film available so it might take a little while!)

Dawn Tyson

Stroud District Local Plan - additional housing options

The Stroud District Local plan was adopted in 2015 and covers the period to 2031. The Council started a review of this plan in 2017 to cover the period up until 2040 and consultations on a new draft Local Plan began towards the end of 2019.

In August 2020, the Government published a consultation document which proposed changes to the way the Government calculates the minimum housing requirement for each local authority area in the country. This revised standard method has proposed increasing the requirement for Stroud District from the level set out in the 2019 Draft Local Plan of 638 homes per annum, to 786 homes per annum. If this new revised method is confirmed, a revised Draft Local Plan may have to identify further land within the District for housing.

The Council is therefore launching a focused eight-week public consultation from 21st October 2020 to 16th December 2020 on additional housing options and sites, which could be brought into the emerging Local Plan, if required.

The purpose of this extra consultation is to understand: -

- What is the best strategy for identifying where to accommodate additional housing, if necessary?
- Whether and where a reserve housing supply should be identified, in the event that we need it in the future.
- Are there issues or constraints associated with some specific sites, which our assessments suggest may have future potential, depending upon which strategy option we go for?
- Are there any other sites that may have future potential?

Clearly an increase of around 150 homes per annum on top of 638 in the current plan could have implications for the number of houses expected to be built in and around Painswick over the coming years. It is vitally important that whatever side of the argument you are on, whether you feel there should be no additional building or perhaps that there should be specific provision for affordable housing, you take the opportunity to make your views known by responding to this consultation.

As an aside it has been reported that the Government has an ALGORITHM to identify suitable development sites!-Where will they be and where will that leave us?



Painswick Beacon Clear-up

It is a shame that we are left with such a mess after visitors have walked and enjoyed the views and wildlife!

A group of fourteen, including Painswick Beacon Golf Club Members and Members of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (PBCG) joined forces on Sunday afternoon, 18th October, to clear rubbish from Painswick Beacon.

This was completed under the aegis of Painswick Parish Council who provided litter pickers, gloves, black bags and sanitizer. With their insurance, Risk Assessment in place and maintaining Covid-19 social distancing, we collected 18 black bags of litter, including bottles, tins, a lot of nitrous oxide gas canisters; and dog poo bags at all stages of decay. Larger items included 2 settees, 3 bar stools, 7 tyres, a safe and BBQ, packing of all sorts and bins. Worst of all, 4 dead crows in a bag, which had been putrefying for some time. These could well have been illegally shot on site. It was ironical that there was also an old, discarded Stroud District Council notice "No Fly TIPPING" "CCTV" and fine threat.



Painswick Beacon is a manorial site and common land, with Painswick Beacon Golf Club and Painswick Beacon Conservation Group contributing to its maintenance. Both groups work together to keep the open views that enable the golf players to play a full 18 hole course and for walkers to enjoy the magnificent views down to the Severn estuary, over to the Malverns and Welsh hills. The golf players pay membership and/or green fees which go towards paying our Green Keeper to maintain the course in prime condition, keep the fairways open and clear. Unpaid volunteers in the Conservation group, PBCG, undertake scrub clearance of other areas because without this work the area surrounding the course would revert to impenetrable scrub and woodland.

Both the golfers and Members of the Conservation Group get verbal abuse, which is all the more disconcerting when Painswick Golf Club have visiting clubs to play tournaments. Visiting players and competition provides recognition of Painswick as a good course and adds revenue for the golf club, to enable them to keep it in such good competitive condition. Some walkers insist that they can walk over the fairways because it is common land despite large notices warning them of golf balls! Others enjoy the site and spoil it for others!

Both Painswick Golf Club and Painswick Beacon Conservation Group work hard to maintain our wonderful, unique site. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) because of the rare limestone grassland which supports a unique range of plants and insects. PBCG are very active in maintaining this environment, working with Natural England (the Government's advisor for the natural environment in England) and "Back from the Brink" - a lottery funded, government initiative and one of the most ambitious conservation projects ever taken.

We love it and want to share it with others, but a few are too selfish, ignorant or lazy to help.

Joyce Barrus

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Painswickians of the Year

Each year about this time we invite nominations for Painswickian of the Year and Young Painswickian of the Year.

Readers are invited to put forward the names of parishioners who have brought credit to the village in the past year, or who have given exceptional service to the community in the longer term. The nominations are then considered by the Beacon committee. Your nominee for Painswickian of the Year should be over 21. You may wish to nominate a couple. Nominees for young Painswickian of the Year should be 21 years or younger.

Nomination details should not exceed 100 words. They should be marked 'POY' and placed in the Beacon Box by the telephone kiosk in New Street or sent by email to: beacon@painswick.net with 'POY' in the subject line. The deadline for the receipt of nominations is Saturday 14th December. We anticipate that this year we will have an abundance of nominations given the extraordinary times in which we are living. In anticipation, thank you for your interest.

Looking ahead to the 2021 elections

Following the postponement of the 2020 Local Elections due to Covid-19 we would like to provide you with a brief update as we start to look ahead to Thursday May 6th 2021.

Planning is already underway and we would like to reassure you that our highest priority is the safety of our staff and our electorate. We are currently undertaking initial work with regard to all aspects of our Polling Stations.

An opportunity to get involved

In anticipation of a possible shortfall in our usual Polling Station staffing levels, coupled with the need to be able to offer short notice cover for last minute cases of self-isolation we would very much like to add new staff to our Team.

If you think you would enjoy the experience of being right at the heart of the democratic process and would like to find out more about the role and rates of pay, please get in touch direct via email: elections@stroud.gov.uk

All applicants must be over 18, not a member of a political party, eligible to work in the UK and available for the whole day and evening of Thursday May 6th 2021

Helen Whitehead (Elections Support Officer SDC)

Friends of the Croft School



It's been a very strange year for everyone, and the children seem very happy to be back at school and have adapted well to their new routines.

Friends of the Croft School (FOTCS) have just elected a new committee, but we realise our fundraising is going to have to be quite different for the foreseeable future. Our biggest fundraiser of the year (Fireworks which raises circa £4,000) was not able to go ahead and it's going to be challenging to raise funds as we've done previously. But we do have lots of ideas, and we haven't lost sight of our current goal which is to try and raise £10,000 to enrich the outdoor area for KS1 children (see artist's images).

There are ways our community can help.

Donate to FOTCS - Cash donations of any amount can have a massive impact. You can donate either as a one-off directly on our website (www.pta-events.co.uk/fotcs) or straight into our bank account (Name: Friends of the Croft, Acct No: 00207682, Sort: 30-98-29). Or if you'd rather donate a few pounds a month, you can set up a regular direct debit straight into our bank account. We are a registered charity (number: 1030573), so please remember gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer.



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If you're doing any Christmas shopping online, please try and remember Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising – it's very simple and is free money for the school. Many thanks for all of your support.

- Hannah Lansdowne and Alison Smith, Joint Chairs, Friends of the Croft School

Painswick Surgery Patient Group

eConsult

The Group has been continuing to compile views from patients about their experiences of this online triage system which the Painswick Surgery has adopted, though we have been surprised at how few people have contacted us – we expected a bit of a deluge! Most users report it taking a little long but here is an important tip from one user: Give very brief answers at first as that allows the system to take you to the more detailed questions. If you answer in too much detail at first you will find yourself having to repeat it. Of course, filling in the online questionnaire may save you a trip to the surgery so the time taken then would be well worthwhile.

Many of the responses we have had have been positive so we encourage patients to use the system. Start by going to the surgery's website: <https://www.painswicksurgery.nhs.uk>. Alternatively, the Practice reminds us that they run "eConsult light" in parallel. Anyone who wishes can use the phone and the receptionists will take details for them. Pretty much as it was before but in a more structured triage fashion. But remember, if you use eConsult you are helping the Practice be more efficient in extraordinarily difficult times. And that benefits all of us.

Jabs and smears

Yes the 'flu vaccination time is here again but with some greater availability this year. Many hundreds have already been done. Routine checks and preventative measures are being doubly emphasised now as some have been delaying or avoiding them during the pandemic. The Surgery's systematic approach to infection precautions has been very successful so they are eager now to catch up on cancer screening and chronic disease management programmes. If in doubt about your long-term condition, do contact them.

Finally, to contact the Patient Group with feedback on eConsult or anything else email to: painswickppg@gmail.com

David Perry

News from Painswick Surgery

Social Prescribers

We are very pleased to have three Social Prescribers attached to the Painswick Surgery, Toni Trigg, Louise Ayliffe and Angela King. Toni has written the following, to describe the services the Social Prescribers can offer:

Your local Community wellbeing team works closely with local groups and services, our service is committed to working in partnership with your surgery, where we are able to work and support individuals or signpost to other organisations.

This service can be helpful to anyone who may be going through changes, for example after redundancy, health issues, or retirement. Perhaps financial issues or concerns with debt, in times of emotional hardship, such as after a bereavement, perhaps you need some support but unsure who to turn to, or maybe you would like to become a volunteer within your community. We will work with anyone who feels the service could benefit them in any aspect of life.

You can ask your GP or health professional to refer you to our service or you can give us a call on 0345 863 8323. We look forward to hearing from you.

Your local social prescriber is Toni Trigg who is based at Painswick Surgery every Tuesday.

Mobile telephone numbers

It is very important that the surgery has all patient contact details, especially mobile phone numbers. Sending information to patients by text message can be very useful for patients and is a very efficient process for doctors. Please ensure that we have your correct mobile number. If you change your number, please let us know. We know some people only use their mobile phones "for emergencies only", however we would encourage all patients to have their mobiles with them at all times, and switched on.

eConsult

Again, I would encourage all patients to read Dr Rhys Evans' article in the September edition of the Painswick Beacon (available online: www.painswickbeacon.org.uk/archive/2020/sep20.pdf), where he explains why it is essential that patients use eConsult to communicate their symptoms to the surgery, so that the GPs are able to triage patients accordingly.

We are very grateful to the Painswick Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) for compiling feedback on the process.

Flu vaccinations

Our last scheduled flu clinic will be held on Saturday 14th November. If you are eligible for a flu vaccination on the NHS, please call the surgery to book your appointment. The clinic will run from 08:30 to 12:30. Please observe the following:

- On no account should anyone come to the surgery if they have any symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in contact with another person that does
- To avoid congestion in the car park, please arrive at the given time for your appointment, not early, not late
- You must wear an appropriate mask
- Observe social distancing in the car park and within the surgery one-way system
- Wear appropriate clothing and have your arm ready before you enter the Treatment Room

- There will not be anywhere to hang up coats
- There will not be any toilet facilities available

We have been very pleased with how these clinics have gone so far. We have managed to vaccinate about 450 patients at each Saturday morning clinic. We are grateful for the cooperation of patients in following the guidelines, ensuring that we can vaccinate so many people in a safe and efficient way. Thank you.

Michael Mack-Smith, Practice Manager

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Painswick Gardening Club note to Members and Friends

Sadly, with the rapidly changing coronavirus situation and in line with UK government advice, group meetings are still not considered safe. We had hoped that we could start meetings again in late autumn and especially in the lead up to Christmas. However, the health and well being of our members and friends are of primary consideration and as a result our speakers, events and plans have had to be cancelled into the New Year when we will review the situation. All memberships for 2019/20 will be carried forward for 2020/21.



Gardens and gardening are fortunately one of the best ways, during this difficult time, to keep in touch with friends and neighbours. We hope you will continue to support your local nurseries online, by phone or in person. End of season perennials and shrubs may look a little tired in their pots now but will reward you next year when we all look forward to the start of a bright, new gardening year. Time to seek out the star plants and bulbs now!

We hope you all stay safe and well throughout the months ahead and we look forward to all meeting as soon as possible.

The Gardening Club Committee

Library Book Club

Our October Library Book Club meeting was once more via Zoom with only 7 participants this time, as some members find this medium an unappealing option. We discussed the highly acclaimed *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. It tells the story of a brother and sister, flitting across five decades of their lives, whilst exploring their intensely close relationship. At the heart of the story is the disappearance of their mother, the remarriage of their father to their highly disliked step-mother and then the death of their father, all of which have life changing consequences for the siblings. Their childhood home the Dutch house as it was known, symbolizes their loss and their obsession with it ties them to their unhappy childhood and is central to their relationship.



The novel deals with complex family relationships, not only of the principal characters Maeve and Danny, but also of others within their family orbit. Childhood unhappiness, revenge, greed and obsession are investigated in this novel. The general consensus was that it was a very good and enjoyable read, with some well drawn characters.

The Dutch house was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Ann Patchett was live-streamed at the recent Cheltenham Literature Festival, giving a most interesting talk on the process of creating and writing what is regarded as one of her finest novels.

Our next read is *In a Summer Season* by Elizabeth Taylor and we aim to discuss it on Monday 9th November. For further information email Carole Smith at painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew

Guided Walks with the Cotteswold Naturalists

The Cotteswold Naturalists have two guided walks planned for this month. Firstly, a 4 mile walk around Compton Verney on Friday 13th November. This circular route will embrace a 'Capability' Brown-designed park including two lakes and views over the C18th House, pictured, plus its quintessential Victorian estate village at Combrook. There will be opportunities to observe wildlife as well as the architecture.



Participants will have the option of pre-booking timed tickets for the afternoon to see Compton Verney Gallery's current exhibition 'Cranach: Artist and Innovator'. Lucas Cranach the Elder (1472 – 1553), was one of the most successful German artists of all time.

The following week, on Tuesday 17th November, we are planning a 2½- 3 mile guided walk to celebrate the work undertaken as part of an earlier Local Heritage Initiative in Cam to survey Stone Stiles. Cam Parish probably has the highest number of stone stiles in Gloucestershire, with 16 surviving. The circular route of the walk includes many of the surviving stiles, with the bonus of stunning views across the Severn valley towards the Welsh hills, the Malverns and Mayhill.

These walks must be pre-booked, as the number of places is limited.

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Say it with flowers with Emma

Emma Hutchinson's Bespoke Flower Company is known to many Painswick residents and in particular for the exceptional quality of the flowers, the arrangements and the service provided. During the last few difficult and strange months many businesses have struggled and needed to adapt to the very different circumstances – Emma's business being no exception. Despite everything however, she has continued to provide a much appreciated service to the local, and further afield, communities.

'I have been so overwhelmed with support and orders from our community which has enabled my business to keep going at these unknown times,' she says. With a great love of flowers herself she is very aware of the way in which they can make anyone feel special and invariably bring a smile to people's faces. Readers may recall that in April she sent out arrangements of flowers to key workers locally as a gesture of thanks for all they were doing.

One of the services she provides weekly is delivery of house flowers and bouquets locally and across Stroud, Cheltenham and Gloucester from Wednesday to Saturday. The bouquets comprise the freshest of seasonal flowers, bespoke and wrapped in luxury gift presentation. This service runs from January to November.

For the Christmas period Emma is presenting some unmissable offers. For the past few years her wreath-making workshops have been regarded as an absolute joy by all those who have

participated. This year two dates have been marked for this annual event, albeit with strict Covid-19 safety guidelines in place – 5th and 6th December in the Painswick Centre. All materials are supplied for this lovely social occasion and booking is essential.

Emma can supply fresh Christmas door wreaths, with free delivery in Painswick, or sent by courier nationwide. She can provide foliage garlands for mantelpieces or staircases and luxury Christmas bouquets throughout December. Gift vouchers are available for workshops, house flowers or bouquets. And as a special she can provide a Christmas Eve bouquet delivery – perhaps rather poignant this year for those who cannot be with family.

You can contact Emma tel. 07798.672227 or email info@thebespokeflowercompany.co.uk. This is surely a local business deserving of your support – and you won't be disappointed.

Carol Maxwell



A home special – that extra touch

Running my painting and decorating business from my home in the very centre of Painswick I hugely appreciate all the support and work I've had in the village over the past three years. I have some very lovely and loyal customers and I absolutely love this very special community we live in. As we are approaching Christmas and the beginning of a, hopefully, better next year, as a way of appreciation and offering a little something back I will be doing a Painswick special rate on house decorating. It could be a spare room, the living room refreshed in time for Christmas or a new fresh colour in a room to kick-start 2021.



As an experienced interior stylist and colour consultant I will, as well as decorating, offer Painswick residents free colour advice if required and advice on layouts to refresh an interior space or give it a new look. I have an extensive collection of colour charts and colour

swatches and can thereby save hours of precious time spent buying and trying out paint samples.

Interior decorating has always been my passion and helping people to create beautiful spaces is so rewarding. My approach to decorating is to leave the customer feeling they haven't simply had a room painted. I always want to ensure the room is left looking spotless, windows properly cleaned, furniture polished before being put back and if the customer wants to use the opportunity for me to change the layout for them I love that too.

You can contact me by telephone 812375 or 07841.099305, or email khirsty.cater@gmail.com. There is also a website www.khirstycater.co.uk

Khirsty Cater

After gaining a first class honours degree in business studies and marketing, Khirsty took an interior design course and set up a decorating business. Having developed a broad range of experience in domestic and commercial work she then worked for several years as stylist and product manager for the Whitbread Hotel Group, then stylist and designer for the Hypnos company in collaboration with the White Company. More information about Khirsty and her work can be found in the December 2017 edition of the Beacon.

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Painswick Golf Club

The club has been making a number of enhancements to the facilities. This month, a pair of driving practice nets have been installed. These replaced a single net that had reached the end of its life. Several new winter tee mats have also been installed around the course.

By the time you read this, the new “World Handicap System” will have been introduced. This will provide a fairer way of determining handicaps and will, as its name suggests, allow one to use one’s “handicap index” across the world. However, as with anything new, it may take a little while to get used to it.

Since my report last month, there have been a number of competitions. The October mid-week stableford was called off because of the weather, but there were two social competitions. The first was a Texas scramble organised by the Ladies section. The winners were Norman Pullin, Jim Eva, Nigel Barnett and David Butler. And then on 22nd October, there was a “RainBowMaker”. This was a bowmaker, with teams of three and best two scores to count. On each hole one member teed off from yellow tees, one from the red tees and one from the blue tees. On subsequent holes, the team members rotated round the different tee colours. The convincing winners were Brendan Nunan, Phil Jennings and Mike Sanderson. Congratulations to all the winners.

The Waypoint, our caterers now offer home-made pizzas and have started Sunday lunches again though operating in a way to be Covid compliant. Visitors are welcome at both the clubhouse and for a round of golf. Please call 812180 for more details.

Peter Rowe



Cricketers raise over £8,500 with a 100 mile trek to Lords

Three players from Painswick Cricket Club have raised over £8,500 towards the cost of new cricket nets after walking from Painswick to Lord’s cricket ground in London (102 miles in total). The three players suffered plenty of blisters but battled on through storms and blustery weather to complete the walk after leaving Painswick at 5:00am Saturday morning 24th and ending the challenge shortly after 3:00pm Monday 26th, after undertaking a final lap of the famous cricket ground in beautiful sunshine.

The £8,500 raised will contribute greatly towards the sum of £20,000 required for the new nets which will help the Junior, Senior and Girls cricket teams in the future. However more fundraising efforts are needed to meet the target. Details... <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/painswickccnets>.

David Nottingham and Steve Pegram



Badminton

Social distancing for the Badminton Players in the Painswick Centre. No more than 6 in a hall and four on the court per Badminton England.



Parish Council - New Logo

As noted in the report of the PPC October meeting a new logo has been designed for the Council by Mia Manninen a local graphic artist who has also been working on the artwork for the Painswick Community Support Group.



Painswick Music Society AGM and Recital

It was good to see so many faces on screen for our recent Zoom AGM and we are very grateful to Edward Bowron for setting it up. The business meeting was followed by a recital by two outstanding young musicians, Joel Munday (violin) and Thomas Kelly (piano), recorded exclusively for us on YouTube, which was extremely well received. Earlier, Peter Holmes, our treasurer, reported that our reserves and finances remain healthy in spite of the cancellation of our 75th anniversary season due to the national lockdown, and thanked Richard Gray for his work on the accounts as independent examiner. Edward Bowron, as membership and ticket sales secretary, gave details of sales at the time of cancellation, and noted that subsequently 112 members requested to transfer their membership to 2021, and that some donated their payment.



I reported that at the same time as letting the artists know that, with great reluctance, the committee had concluded that we had to cancel, I gave them our dates for next year, and happily, over the next few weeks, I was able to negotiate dates for Roderick Williams and Iain Burnside, the Nash Ensemble and the Orchestra of the Swan. Tasmin Little was intending to retire from public performance this summer, and when she delayed this to the end of the year, the committee arranged exceptionally for her to come in early December. At our August Zoom committee meeting however, we regretfully concluded that given the likely continuing restrictions, we could not take the risk of this going ahead. Sadly, given Tasmin's imminent retirement, I'm afraid that this is the end of our long and very happy relationship with her. She has been one of our best loved artists, both for her performances and audience engagement, and I wished Tasmin all the best for her retirement from public performance on behalf of the society, and expressed the hope that Piers Lane will be able to come to Painswick at some stage in the future. Our fourth concert in 2021 will be a very welcome return by the cellist Steven Isserlis who gave us an unforgettable recital in 2014, and on this occasion his accompanist will be Alasdair Beatson. We very much hope that these concerts will be able to go ahead, and a decision will be made early in the New Year in the light of current government regulations and guidance. I again put on record our debt to Chris Smart of Zeta printing, for all the help he gave us in producing our poster and, in particular, the new style brochure and booking form which members generally found more user friendly.



Tasmin Little

Fortunately the annual workshop for the Croft School in Painswick which we have sponsored for many years with support from the Cavatina Trust, took place in February. It was rather different this year, as through the good offices of Nick Steel, the manager of Gloucestershire Schools' Music Service who recently joined our committee, we were joined by pupils from three other nearby primary schools in Cranham, Sheepscombe and Miserden. This enabled around 300 children to experience the wonder and joy of classical music, some of them no doubt for the first time, and we were grateful to the Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's for allowing us to hold the event in church. The Carducci Quartet again led the workshop and were joined on this occasion by the guitarist Craig Ogden. The youngsters responded and participated enthusiastically and clearly enjoyed listening to music by Boccherini, Haydn, Ravel, Piazzolla and Glass among others. In a question and answer session, the children heard that Craig started playing the guitar aged 7 and Emma Denton the cello aged 3, which hopefully inspired at least some of them to go home and tell their parents that they needed to start learning an instrument without delay!

These are difficult times for artists and arts' organisations and we are enormously grateful to our Sponsors, Patrons and Friends for their continuing support and to those who donated their membership and ticket payments from our 2020 season. I would also like to thank those whose continuing support whether on the committee or in other ways, enables the society to function. Finding volunteers continues to be challenging, and our now very small committee hopes that others will consider joining us to ensure that once the pandemic is over, Painswick Music Society can continue to carry out its mission to provide a high level of music making and education in the community for many more years.

Christopher Swain - Chairman

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Butterflies on Painswick Beacon – summer 2020

Cedric Neilson, whose obituary was in last month's Painswick Beacon, started recording butterflies on Painswick Beacon after he retired, up until he moved down to Dorset.

We resumed monitoring four years ago following Cedric's route. Our total this year was 31 species – we were only missing the Duke of Burgundy of those we expected. This year we recorded a total of 3,983 butterflies.

We did have one particularly exciting sighting on the 15th June, with a close-up view of a Large Blue laying an egg on marjoram. We have been part of the three year "Back from the Brink" Government initiative supporting the reintroduction of the Large Blue to Painswick Beacon. We would have liked to have seen more!



Large blue

We had one day when the Dark Green Fritillaries were literally bombarding us, zooming around to find mates. Marbled

Property Report by Beacon staff

New properties coming onto the market recently include 6 Brookhouse Mill (Hamptons, £575,000), the largest part of this converted old mill, with four bedrooms and integral double garage. The New House on Friday Street (Murrays, £375,000) is a 3 bedroom apartment that has been used as an AirBnB, while just across the road, The Weavers House (Murrays, £575,000) is a substantial commercial use property of over 3000 square feet set over 3 floors.

In Lower Washwell, there is Rosemullion (Hamptons, £725,000), a modern 4 bedroom detached property positioned to look out across the valley, as is the 3 bedroomed Longstones in Pitchcombe (Hamptons, £575,000). In Cranham, the former village stores is available (Hamptons, £520,000), now a four bedroom semi-detached home with double garage. Other properties on the market include Park House at The Park (Hamptons, £1.35 million) with an outdoor pool and over 5 acres of land, and Dry Knapps House (Murrays, £875,000) a 5 bedroom period property close to the village centre.

Stone Rise in Kingsmill Lane, Hambutts Orchard in Edge Lane, 10 Stroud Road and Windrush in Beacon Close have all recently gone under offer. Ashleigh in Gloucester Street, 3 Court Cottages in Butt Green and 9 Brookhouse Mill have all exchanged and/or completed, as have several other properties in the area around.

Murrays are delighted to be sponsoring the Pumpkin Carving competition to raise money for the Croft School and there are some amazing entries already in.

Whites and Meadow Browns were the most common, with the Small Heaths having a very consistent presence. Small Blues did very well this year and at the end of July we were besieged by Chalkhill Blues. But there seemed to be fewer Common Blues. I finally saw one Painted Lady up by the Beacon and was pleased to see more Small Coppers.



Green hairstreak

Continuing these transects each year highlights the places which need to be protected with great care. Cedric noted that the quarry south of Catbrain Tump was completely overgrown with pines, whitebeam and scrub in 1991. After this had been cleared in 1996, he recorded 23 different species there over a year. But Tor grass took over, with the loss of caterpillar food plants like cowslips, violets and rockrose. Cutting the grass is not as effective as grazing, so Painswick Beacon Conservation Group has prioritised grazing, buying a small herd of Dexters. It will be interesting to see if the increased footfall this year as a result of coronavirus has any detrimental effects next year.



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	1	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Mon	2	Sew Vintage Upholstery Class begins. Contact sewvintage66@gmail.com for info.	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 1.00pm
Tues	3	Sew Vintage Upholstery Class begins. Contact sewvintage66@gmail.com for info.	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 1.00pm
	3	Yew Trees WI guided walk around the Rococo Garden. Cost 13.00 Prebook 813228	Rococo Garden	1.45pm
Sat	7	Sew Vintage monthly upholstery class. Contact sewvintage66@gmail.com for info	Church Rooms	10.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	8	Remembrance Service	St Mary's Church	10.50am
	8	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Tues	10	Yew Trees WI Coffee Morning. Pre-book on 812711	The Waypoint, Golf Club	10.30am
Fri	13	Cotteswold Naturalists Guided Walk at Compton Verney. Pre-book 813228		
Sun	15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	15	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Tues	17	Cotteswold Naturalists Cam Stone Stiles Walk. Pre-book 813228		
Sat	21	Sew Vintage Footstools Workshop. Full day course. Cost £149.99 contact sewvintage66@gmail.com for info.	Church Rooms	10.00 - 5.00pm
Sun	22	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	22	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Sun	29	First Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	29	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Mon	30	Yew Trees WI Walk, Ruscombe Valley. Pre-book on 813228		10.30am

Sew Vintage - New Tuesday Class

Our new term of classes started on the 2nd November with our regular Monday morning upholstery classes. Due to its popularity we have introduced a new Tuesday morning class running from 10am to 1pm. We run these classes continuously throughout the year just stopping for school holidays. The first class was on the 3rd November with the 5 week block costing £125. These take place at The Painswick Centre in Painswick. We welcome beginners as well more experienced upholsterers, with a variety of projects.

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Personal Column Congratulations

To MARIA VENÄLL AND DENNIS ODELL on the birth of their son, Theodore ("Teddy"), on 18th September. Maria and Dennis would like to thank their friends and neighbours for their kind cards, gifts, and well wishes.

To LUCY AND CHARLES JOHN on the birth of their daughter, Margot Rosebud, born Sunday 4th October. A first grandchild for Paul and Claire Moir and Neil and Susan John. A third great grandchild for Marguerite Treglown.

Condolences

To the family and friends of JILL SIMMONS of Eastington but a long term resident of Painswick and member of the Parish Council who died on October 21st.

Rather belatedly, friends are sad to announce the death of UNITY STAFFORD in July, at the age of 94. She loved her little cottage and took great delight in Painswick and its people. She requested a private

funeral but it was heartwarming to see how many folk lined the pavement to bid her farewell as she was driven through the village to the crematorium.

MARK STUART died aged 43, on 16th Oct, following a brain aneurysm. He was very well cared for at Bristol Southmead Hospital ICU for the ten days preceding his death. Mark and his wife Sharon, moved to Painswick from London in 2014, closely followed by his mother, Penny. He was well known locally through his business, Stuart Electrics and made a great many close friendships. Mark will be sadly missed by all. Donations in Mark's memory can be made through <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-stuart13>

To the family and friends of MICHAEL LITTLE of Pitchcombe who died on October 26th.

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.

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.20/1841/HHOLD Askrigg House, Stamages Lane
Proposed outbuilding.
S.20/1984/HHOLD R o c k m i l l House, Rock Mill
Replacement of roof and garage door, insertion of windows & internal alterations to an existing outbuilding.
S.20/1985/LBC Rockmill House, Rock Mill
Replacement of roof and garage door, insertion of windows & internal alterations to an existing outbuilding.
S.20/2004/HHOLD Beech Cottage, Kings Mill Lane
Erection of a two-storey rear extension and porch.
S.20/1992/HHOLD & S.20/1993/LBC Holcombe Folly
Replacement steps, new terrace and wall to rear and extension to single storey building.
S.20/1994/HHOLD H o l c o m b e Folly
Erection of four garages with living accommodation.
S.20/2014/FUL Land South of Edge Road
Field track in loose stone.
S.20/2053/LBC Castle Hale, Stamages Lane
Removal of existing metal framed swimming pool enclosure, new outdoor pool and garden office.
S.20/2144/HHOLD Trench Hill, Painswick
Demolition of conservatory and proposed new conservatory.
S.20/2068/VAR Hambutts Orchard, Edge Road
Variation of condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of S.19/0725/FUL.
S.20/1784/TCA Dover Mews, Vicarage Street,
Umbrella Pine - Lift, thin & reduce 30% of the canopy to allow more light into kitchen/office and open view to the valley in front.
S.20/2185/HHOLD S h e a v e s , Longridge, Sheepscombe
Side extension, renovations and hard landscaping.
S.20/2208/HHOLD & S.20/2209/LBC Highfield House, Gloucester Street

Letters

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Phone Mast on Pincott Lane

John Glibbery writes:

I cannot understand the objection to the mast. There is poor or no reception in many areas in Painswick including Gyde House where I live and certain locations including the centre of the Village.

I anticipate that the majority of objectors have mobile phones and get reception, just another case of "NIMBY". Wake up to the 21st century. There is "no gain without pain".

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Replace existing lean-to with single storey extension, internal alterations and new front door canopy and door surround
S.20/2180/TCA St Johns Church, Sheepscombe

T6 - Yew tree - Reduce to leave approximately 6ft tall, retaining all lower growth for future shaping. T1-5 Yews - Trimming of the 5 shaped Yews.

S.20/2215/TPO Mill Pool House, Ticklestone Lane

T1 - Large Oak, reduction on house side by 3 metres to bring away from the house, few other branches to be removed to balance out the tree. T2 - Large Oak, reduction on house side by 2 metres to bring away from the house.

S.20/2104/FUL Land between 15 And 16 Upper Washwell

Creation of a 3 bed dwelling.

S.20/2016/HHOLD The Vatch Cottage, Slad Lane

Single storey linked extension.

S.20/2174/TCA Valley Way, Vicarage Street

(5) Portugal Laurel to the left. Reduce in height to approximately 4.0m from its base and trim side. (6) Variegated Holly and Cypress in the corner. Reduce their height to approximately 5.0m from its base and shape a little. Valley Way, Vicarage Street

CONSENT

S.20/1541/LBC Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street

Roof lights.

S.20/1503/HHOLD Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street

Installation of roof lights to dwelling house and garage side extension.

S.20/1321/LBC The Barn, Wick Street
Removal of modern infill stonework and addition of two single-storey mono pitch lean-to extensions, replacement of modern painted timber cladding with untreated larch and infill timber glazing.

MINI-ADS

Firewood: Barn dried mature ash logs. £75 tonne bag. Delivered. Tel Zeb 07850 647486 or Jack 07961 709345.

Free to collect: **Single size bed with wooden headboard** and trundle bed under with 2 mattresses. Hardly used. 01452 814841.

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Workshop clearance of **woodworking tools** 812158

For sale: **LEC L5517 white under-counter fridge.** As new, only used for 4 weeks. £120. Call 813906

S.20/1645/HHOLD 4 Court Orchard

Front & rear extensions and alterations to existing dwelling house.

S.20/1027/FUL Sevenacres, The Camp

Permission for the siting of 10 tents, 4 bell tents and a traditional wagon to an existing glamping business.

S.20/1677/LBC Hazel Mill, Slad Road

Replace 2 uPVC windows on southwest elevation with new timber sliding sashes to match existing adjacent.

S.20/1772/FUL Folly Acres, Folly Lane

Extension to live/work building.

S.20/1784/TCA Dover Mews, Vicarage Street,

Umbrella Pine - Lift, thin & reduce 30% of the canopy to allow more light into kitchen/office and open view to the valley in front.

WITHDRAWN

S.20/1330/COU 1 Cheltenham Road
Change of use of ground floor to residential.

S.20/1694/HHOLD Old Forge Cottage, Butt Green

Single storey extension.

REFUSED

S.20/1762/HHOLD & S.20/1763/LBC Southfield House Vicarage Street Painswick

Proposed removal of substandard and defective entrance door, and side window, small pitched roof over, and defective mullion window to first floor office, within infill facade between two existing main gables. Provision of new glazed double doors, vertical structural glass infill over, and inclined full width roof light.

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