

The Painswick Beacon

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Dismayed, appalled and angry

This is how the Parish Council feels about its treatment over submissions to the Local Plan Review Team at Stroud District Council where they believe they have been ignored, misled and manipulated



In regard to what constitutes the Retail Centre of Painswick the Local Plan Review Team acknowledged that the boundaries in the original plan were incorrectly drawn and that these would be rectified in the review. This was confirmed at a meeting in February 2020 when SDC said it was imperative to get this right. However the review team have now said no changes will be made.

The Council consider that Painswick is a small but vibrant tourist location which will only remain that way if the remaining businesses are supported by not permitting the loss of further retail and hospitality premises to convert to residential. The conversion of such premises is of course a profitable temptation for those landowners but the Council believes at the detriment to the continued viability of the rest of Painswick.

The Review states *"The settlement has an important but vulnerable local retail role, with a small range of local shops to serve the day-to-day needs of surrounding villages and hamlets"*. The Parish Council replies to this stating *"It remains vulnerable because this review has not amended the boundary map as promised and continues to undermine the efforts of the Parish Council to ensure its viability."*

The Council believes it was 'sold' the need to change Painswick from Tier 3a to Tier 2 in order to enhance the protection of the retail centre. No evidence has been supplied to justify the change and believes it likely that it will be used to push through inappropriate development sites at a later date.

The Council's response to the review team states ...*"A recent quote from Paul Routledge of The Mirror newspaper sums it up completely: - "The word consultation means – We are going to do something really nasty. But first we'll ask a few people if it's OK – and then go ahead anyway"*

Rococo Midsummer Lights

(report p20)



Love Painswick

The weather was good and the Love Painswick community fair was a great success with hundreds coming out to take part.



Mary Portas with Tibbiwell Alpeas (photo - Stroud Times)

Mary Portas who came along for the official press launch of the pop-up shop Hand made in Painswick and to cut the Hand made in Painswick cake said

"It's all about local businesses, artists, artisans, creators coming together to sell, and... at the heart of this is community and what it is is the sum of the parts of small businesses coming together to create something bigger and to connect, share ideas and put themselves at the heart of the community, I love everything about this, it touches me and says yeah!"

Well done to both Love Painswick and Hand made in Painswick for a wonderful day.

[More pictures on the back page]

Purple Emperor

A Purple Emperor has been seen at Madams Wood on two days. Although one of the rarest butterflies in the UK it has been spreading rapidly. Photograph taken by Ian Stirrups after it had flown onto his window.



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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.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present

Cllr Rob Lewis Chairman, Cllr Kate Amos, Cllr Edward Boulton, Cllr Andy Cash, Cllr Ann Daniels, Cllr Ian Massey, Cllr Rosie Nash, Cllr Martin Slinger.

In Attendance

District Cllr Jason Bullingham.

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs James Cross and Roey Parker.

The Committee accepted the response to the Review of the Local Plan, Regulation 19 Consultation as sent by its Officers and agreed that a copy of the letter be sent to the Inspector responsible for the SDC Local Plan Review.

Matters requiring a decision.

The Committee agreed to Support the following applications:

S.21/1504/HHOLD

The Homestead, Cheltenham Road
Replacement of garage (Resubmission of S.21/0825/HHOLD).

S.21/1597/HHOLD

Folly Cottage, Gloucester Road
Erection of rear extension.

S.21/1554/LBC

Stocks Cottage, St Marys Street
Erection of infill extension, roof repair, installation of windows, dormers and front door, structural timber post removal, beam added at ground floor, minor sections of modern partitioning removed and new added, attic floor bathroom created.

S.21/1553/HHOLD

Stocks Cottage, St Marys Street
Erection of infill extension, roof repair, installation of windows and dormers on rear elevation.

S.21/1466/VAR

Sheepscombe House, Jacks Green
Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of S.19/1859/HHOLD to revise

the approved double car port to a triple.

S.21/1283/LBC

Castle Hale, Stamages Lane
Additional canopy above door on the North-East Elevation. No changes to the building's existing fabric and the canopy will match the existing aesthetic.

S.21/1620/HHOLD

24 Upper Washwell
Installation of replacement roof and external cladding.

S.21/1747/AFPA Edge Farm, Edge Agricultural workshop.

S.21/1744/AFPA Edge Farm, Edge Agricultural forage storage building.

The Committee agreed to Support the following application, but wished to note that it had concerns about the stability of the bank as highlighted by a neighbouring property owner.

S.21/1591/HHOLD

Knapp Corner House, Knapp Lane
Erection of single storey side extension, alterations to garden and widen driveway.

The Committee agreed to object to the following application as the fence is seriously impacting the views from the St Mary's Churchyard (Grade 1 Listing) and it also does not consider that the fence is in keeping with a Grade 1 Listed curtilage.

S.21/1471/HHOLD

Court House, Hale Lane
Erection of fence on northern boundary.

PARISH COUNCIL

Members present

Cllr Rob Lewis Chairman, Cllr Kate Amos, Cllr Edward Boulton, Cllr Andy Cash, Cllr Ann Daniels, Cllr Ian Massey, Cllr Rosie Nash, Cllr Martin Slinger.

In Attendance

County Cllr Sue Williams, District Cllr Jason Bullingham.

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs James Cross and Roey Parker.

Declaration of interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Abigail Smith declared an interest in Agenda Item 8c.

Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting of the parish council held on Wednesday 19th May 2021

The Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

Reports

a. County Council. The County Councillor's report was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting, in addition Cllr Sue Williams gave the details of County Councils "Build Back Fund".

Cllr Kate Amos asked the County Cllr to have the debris in the stream by the Village Hall in Sheepscombe removed as there is concern in regards to potential flooding of the properties opposite the stream.

Cllr Rob Lewis asked if the County Cllr could expedite the cleaning of the drains along Bisley Street as they are totally blocked.

The Chairman asked the County Cllr to investigate the drains by Edge Common as he believes that they are blocked and that the drainage system is damaged.

b. District Council. District Cllr Jason Bullingham reported that there are not going to be any District Council meetings until at least September 2021. He also echoed the Council's concerns about the lack of availability of the District Council's Officers during the pandemic.

c. Chairman. There was nothing reported.

To receive the results of the war memorial public consultation and to agree to defer the recommendation to the land & buildings committee for further consideration

The Chairman detailed the results of the War Memorial Public consultation and



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thanked the Members of the Public who took part in the consultation and advised that the results are available on the Council's website. The Council agreed to defer the consideration to its Land and Buildings Committee.

To consider the ministerial changes as detailed in the recent boundary review and agree upon any comments.
The Council agreed to make no comment.

To agree to set up a working party to further consider the Painswick action plan.
The Council agreed to set up a Working Party, with all Members of the Council being invited to take part.

Accounts

a. To Approve the Account for Payment. The Council approved the accounts as presented.

b. To consider a grant application received from the Friends of The Croft School. The Council approved a grant of £200.00.

Cllr Abigail Smith left the Meeting at this Point.

c. To consider a grant application received from the Painswick Feast. The Council approved a grant of £250.00.

To resolve that the Parish Council will continue to implement a Covid secure environment for its patrons, members, employees and premises.
The Council agreed to the resolution.

Ward reports

Defibrillator. The Chairman reported that

the Defibrillator has been installed and is operational in Edge.

Edge Common. The Chairman reported that a further 10 year fencing agreement is being sought for Edge Common.

Slad Bench. Cllr Andy Cash reported that a new bench has been ordered for Slad, and that the Slad Society had kindly made a contribution towards the bench.

To receive reports from representatives on other bodies.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group. Cllr Ian Massey reported that the Conservation Group are applying for Charity status. He also reported that the cattle are now grazing on Cud Hill with new GPS collar technology.

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.18 pm

Scorchio

With night-time temperatures at 23° means I have difficulty sleeping. Despite opening all top floor windows and bedroom doors, there was little or no breeze. I was still reading at 2:00 a.m.

With all doors and windows open and lights on, I did not see a single moth or other winged creature bounce off the lampshades or ceiling. Some years ago, I had to regularly remove squashed insects from my car windscreen, bonnet, headlights, and front number plate – today, none.

The reasons are many. Deforestation, herbicides, land drainage, weather extremes, invasive parasites, and diseases.

We are launching human beings into space with the intent of colonising other planets to mine the resources we will exhaust on Earth. One cannot help but think we do not have our priorities in the right order.

Roy Wallis

Under 17 driver

I was looking for a way to get my daughter Hannah driving before her 17th birthday and came across <https://under17driver.co.uk/>. They have just started running a 5 day course at Berkeley which gets a non-driver to in many cases beyond the standard needed to pass the driving test. A key focus is around safety and there is much emphasis on this in the course. 50% Funding has been provided this year for Gloucestershire residents by the police so is likely to be considerably cheaper than lessons. They also run driving days for members of the club most Sundays throughout the year.

The following information comes from the website;

In one week students of the Pathfinder Initiative achieve the essential driving competence, attitudes, and understanding to become safe drivers. Uniquely, Pathfinder is for students aged between 15-17 and their guardians. You learn in a safe, secure environment, having fun together and building understanding and trust. Read our FAQs to find out more.

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No jam in sight!

Organisers of outdoor events always hope for a hot, sunny day. Members of Yew Trees WI saw their wishes come true – in spades – on the morning of 19th July! Warm thanks to Penny Eastwood who welcomed members to her delightful garden for coffee, cakes and a “bring and buy” table. There was delight at being able to meet in person again and catch up with each others’ news but outsiders might have been surprised at how often sword swallowing came up as a topic of conversation!



At our June meeting members’ imaginations were well and truly caught by the highly entertaining and educational talk given by Brian Witcombe, a Consultant Radiologist. In 2006 Brian became aware how few reports there were of injuries received from sword swallowing. He subsequently undertook a study of its dangers which was published in the British Medical Journal and won him the 2007 Ig Nobel prize for medicine – a spoof of the Nobel prizes celebrating the quirkiest side of medicine. Brian’s research showed most sword swallows don’t go to the doctor when they feel pain. It was not a surprise to learn that sore throats are the most common side-effect and most major complications are caused when the swallower is distracted or swallows multiple or unusual swords. To be officially recognised as a sword swallower, each sword must be non-retractable and its solid steel blade at least 38 cm in length and 2cm wide. This was one talk when the speaker’s words of warning “do not try this at home” were completely unnecessary!

Our summer and early autumn programme includes supper at the Waypoint; a guided tour of Stratford Park; a visit to the Butterfly Garden at Dundry Nurseries and a Lawn Bowls Taster session. From Sword Swallowing to Bowls membership to Yew Trees WI is far from the stereotypical image of the WI! Ladies don’t hesitate to join us.

Celia Lougher 812624

Summer challenge for children (of all ages!)

No school for the next few weeks so let’s keep those brains ticking.

Challenge 1. Does the following make sense to you? YYURYYUBICURYY4ME. Can you produce something along the same lines using only letters and numbers? (See solution to this conundrum on page 17).

Challenge 2. Focussing on one letter can result in an interesting sentence or description or account. Here is an example: Susan Smith saw seven saucy sardines on Saturday. Sister Susan said she saw only six. Secretly she saw seventeen. Here’s your challenge – select a letter and write a short account or explanation or observation or a poem using your chosen letter to start most of the words, maximum 40 words. It can be funny, dramatic, sad, silly, serious or whatever you want.

Send your creative masterpieces to either beacon@painswick.net or features.beacon@painswick.net and a selection will be published in the September Beacon.

Carol Maxwell

Jottings

Over the last few months there have been a lot of barn fires throughout the country. Most farmers will be checking their stored hay daily to see if it is warming up, especially during this hot spell. One of the reasons could be that the hay was not completely dried before storage. It may have been brought under cover with way above 20% moisture because of the threat of rain. Leaving it in the field would have meant it getting wetter and needing to be dried again. This results in loss of food value and of course the taste, as well as costs.

The grass dries way before the smaller, leafy, herbs known by the older farmers as “fire grass”. In years gone by a man would come round to your farm to monitor the heat of your rick. He would bring a ten-foot long steel rod, with a small hook on one end and a handle at the other. This would be pushed into the rick and left for some minutes, pulled out and if you could not touch the tip because it was so hot, the rick was too hot. It would be dismantled to stop it bursting into flames. We had one of these rods at the farm and on many occasions I have pushed it into an open sided barn of small bales to see it was hot in the middle of the bales.

These days the very large square bales are held together with bale twine under high pressure, so the hay or straw inside is very compacted inside. All it needs is a bit of damp green herbage inside to cause a problem. Farmers spend a lot of time checking their barns for heat, steam, or smell.

With silage bales the grass is inside a big sealed bag so no air can get in to fuel combustion.

Martin Slinger

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What's on at the centre

July was an incredible month for us at The Painswick Centre. We kicked it off with the first Love Painswick community fair, where we welcomed local businesses to show off what they were doing and invited you all to come and meet and support them. Hundreds of you came to the Centre to enjoy the food and drink, to meet old friends and new faces, and to browse the stalls. Mary Portas coming along to show her support for the Handmade in Painswick shop was a particular highlight. Huge thanks to all the local businesses and people who took part. It was a fantastic day and we are already planning the next one... watch this space!



Handmade in Painswick pop-up shop - photo Peter Jackson

Don't forget the best place to find out exactly what's on is our website www.painswickcentre.com, where you can sign up for emails so we can let you know the latest events, as well as Facebook and Instagram. Here are just some of our upcoming highlights:

Our Art Studios will be open 10-5 every Saturday & Sunday in August. Come and wander through and browse the work of the five artists based at The Painswick Centre.

We are working on some Bounce & Play sessions for kids in the Beacon Hall over the summer holidays! We will put full details on our social media channels and website so please keep an eye out. Our football sessions for pre-schoolers also continue over the summer (Fridays 1-2pm)

The Handmade in Painswick pop-up shop is open every day 10-5 until Monday 30th August, showcasing beautiful items made by local artisans and makers. You'll find locally made ice cream, original artworks and prints, knitted goods, jewellery, honey from Painswick bees and plenty more.

In September there are a number of classes and workshops starting, from art to jewellery making, as well as brand new Tai Chi sessions, so check out our website to get yourself booked onto something new.

Susie Andrews

August visit to two Worcestershire gems

The Club's activities have resumed with a successful visit in July to Compton Verney Gallery in Warwickshire, albeit on a very hot, sunny day. Our group of 25 enjoyed the house and its art collections as well as the stunning parkland designed by 'Capability' Brown. We cooled off over a delicious lunch in the Adam Hall, named after the 18th century architect, Robert Adam, and regarded as the jewel of the Compton Verney estate. A talk on the estate's medieval and 20th century archaeology, whilst seated in the shade of some Victorian fir trees, was an unexpected bonus.



Our next excursion on Friday 13th August takes us to two Worcestershire Gems. After gathering for morning coffee, it's a short drive to Edward Elgar's Birthplace at 'The Firs', now run by the National Trust and laid out as it would have been during Elgar's life. Timed entry-slots limit the number of visitors in the cottage at any time. An exhibition in the Visitor Centre encapsulates the story of Elgar's life from his birth in June 1857 to his death in February 1934, and Elgar's Study is recreated to show the tools he needed to compose his music. In the afternoon, we shall drive 4 miles to 13th century Leigh Court Barn, the largest 'full cruck' building in the country and recently restored by English Heritage. The barn and adjacent Norman church of St Edburga were built for Benedictine monks at Pershore Abbey. The cost of the trip is just £8 (if already a National Trust member).

Please contact me for details of our programme (and membership at £20, or £30 for a household, from now through to December 2022).

Jane E Rowe 813228



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News from St Mary's

The ending of Covid restrictions on 19th July has not resulted in the freedoms we expected due to the recent rapid rise in infections. The advice to the churches in this diocese from our Bishop, Bishop Rachel is to proceed with caution. However we expect to move forward in some areas. Social distancing will no longer be a requirement but wearing face masks in church will be encouraged for the time being. Congregational hymn singing will be resumed and the ringing of the church bells again will be a welcome sound. There will no longer be restrictions on numbers attending weddings and funerals.



The church is now open during the day for visitors. Visitor numbers to the village built up considerably during June and July. They enjoyed walking through the churchyard but were disappointed they could not see inside the church. Mentioning the churchyard, we are indebted to the loyal band of volunteers who have been regularly mowing the grass. We have had a team of seven who have been cutting the grass once a fortnight. Grass growth has been profuse this year no doubt due to the wet month of May and warm weather ever since. The Leyhill team returned to their contract in July and will be keeping the grass tidy for the rest of the season.

We have another team of volunteers who are tending the garden area to the South West of the churchyard. Have you noticed the considerable improvement in how this area is looking? Congratulations and thank you to them for tackling this piece.

In June I mentioned sponsorship of the yew trees. There has been a good response to our appeal but there are still a few trees which are unsponsored. They are feeling lonely and awaiting a kind hearted sponsor. If you would like to help, contact Margaret Radway – phone 813440.

The Annual Church Meeting took place in July. Sue Welbourn and Margaret Radway were re-elected as our church wardens. We are indebted to them for their loyal service over many years.

David Newell

Are you new to Painswick?

St Mary's Church warmly invites you to a

Newcomer's tea party

On Sunday 8th August
From 3.00 to 5.00
at

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RSVP: Liz Burge, Yew Tree House, Vicarage Street
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Yoga summer school in Painswick

Summertime is when many exercise classes take a break; this year however I am running a summer school of classes throughout July and August with the theme of Yoga to strengthen and support your immune system.

Classes will be held at my home on Holcombe Farm using one of our barns, it is a beautiful space to practise with amazing views and plenty of fresh air as one side of the barn is open to the elements and the views. Classes are in small groups of up to 7 students and cost £8.



The yoga practices include simple postures, to increase flexibility, strength, coordination and balance; breathing exercises to help respiratory function; relaxation to reduce stress and regulate emotions and build resilience; meditation techniques to still the mental chatter and help bring about a feeling of wellbeing.

All are welcome, whatever experience you have from beginners to seasoned yogis, or those who are a little rusty! It is a wonderful space to be able to share with the community and practise in.

Here is the timetable for the summer
Monday 9.00 - 10.15am (Monday 6pm Zoom class)
Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30am, 6 - 7.15pm, 7.30 - 8.45pm
Friday zoom class 9.30 - 10.30am Nurturing Yoga for Backs

In September Covid allowing I hope to be back in the halls at Sheepscombe and the Painswick Centre.

Please do get in touch if you would like to find out more and book a slot.

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Om Shanti

Kim Brockett

Pete, the fish

Pete will not be in the town hall car park on Friday 27th August or 3rd September selling his lovely fish.



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A new skill? Top class teaching with Alice

Being taught a skill by someone with top class credentials in their chosen craft is without doubt the best. We are fortunate in Painswick to have exactly that opportunity with local resident, Alice Huggins. Alice is a jewellery maker par excellence.

She began her career in 2005 as a student at Birmingham City University's School of Jewellery, the largest dedicated jewellery school in Europe. Here, as she explains, she learned so much of the necessary theory, design and practice. 'It was really excellent, the best and a brilliant experience,' she says. Fully qualified, Alice was then employed by Beards in Cheltenham, a family business dating from 1804. She counts herself lucky in this respect adding that it is 'so rare to be able to get a job like that' as most jewellers do not have their own workshop. Here she trained with two top class goldsmiths, making and repairing high end jewellery.

Having completed what she describes as a superb apprenticeship during her four years with Beards, Alice then gained employment in Chalford at Pango-lin, Europe's largest sculpture foundry and central to the work of several very famous sculptors and artists. Here in the precious metal department she worked on various art forms with a range of metals - useful experience which definitely broadened her skill set from small and detailed to large and expansive.

With her outstanding skills gained from years of experience and training with master craftsmen she is now offering classes to Painswick residents starting in September. Initially these will be single sessions focussed on ring making and will take place on Saturdays in the Green Room, Painswick Centre. The morning sessions,



9.00-12.00, will be for silver stacking rings and the afternoon, 1.00-4.00, for single silver band rings. Learn traditional silversmithing techniques – form, solder, file and polish – to create a ring from a piece of silver. Classes are limited to four and all materials and tools will be provided.

As a special extra, she is also offering, by appointment, the opportunity to make your own wedding rings. A couple can spend a day from 9.00-4.00 being guided through the process of making their wedding rings using platinum, gold or silver to their own design.

Alice lives in Painswick with her partner John-Paul and their two little boys aged four and two. With outstanding skills, an obvious love for what she does and keen to teach others she is presenting a wonderful opportunity here in the heart of Painswick. There is a website www.painswickjewelleryworkshop.com and if you would like to book a class you should email painswickjworkshop@icloud.com

Carol Maxwell

Volunteers required



Charlies is a local Gloucestershire community cancer support and therapy centre which has recently been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary services.

They are experiencing an increase in demand for their services and are consequently on a recruitment drive for more volunteers to help them offer the therapies and treatments needed by locals suffering from cancer.



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We've done it!



We've completed our travels around the UK for our 'Fund our Fort' campaign and made it back to The Croft School in Painswick. During our trip the children have virtually visited and learnt about Berkeley Castle, Windsor Castle, Lincoln Castle, Eboracum (York), Alnwick Castle, Edinburgh Castle, Dunluce Castle, Vindolanda, Caernarfon Castle, Warwick Castle, Tintagel Castle, St Michael's Mount, Wembley Stadium (a special detour for the Euro 2020 final!), Dover Castle and Highclere Castle. The children completed 2,446 miles of physical activity – nearly double our original target. There was such a wide range of activities – from walking, running, swimming and cycling, to golf, paddle boarding, trapeze, gardening, shopping and even housework!

And we're delighted that we've hit our fundraising target too. We've raised a whopping £4,450 so we can replace the old fort in the summer holidays and we'll have some money to put towards our next project for the school. A huge thank you to everyone that supported us and for the many generous donations we've received. And an extra special thank you to Murrays for sponsoring the event, Painswick Parish Council for their grant, and The Oak who's timely donation took us over the line to meet our target.

Fix Up Our School - Can you spare 3 hours over the holidays to help give the school an internal refresh? If the answer is yes, please log your availability at <https://forms.gle/Q3UDh8hWtr2WYdp7>. Decorating weekends will take place during 7th-8th August and 21st-22nd August 2021.

School Uniform - If anyone has any good condition school uniform they would like to donate to FOTCS please email us at fotcspainswick@gmail.com. Likewise if you're in need of any uniform for September, please email us and we'll see what we have in stock.

*Alison Smith
Co-Chair, Friends of the Croft School.*

News from Painswick Surgery

COVID-19 vaccinations

At the time of writing, Painswick Surgery, together with the other four surgeries in our Network, has now given first COVID-19 vaccinations to over 30,000 patients. We have also given over 25,000 second vaccinations.

Any patient over 17 years and 9 months old who has not been vaccinated or has not received an invitation should call the surgery as soon as possible to arrange an appointment.

Patients should expect their second vaccination to be around 8 weeks after their first vaccination. Painswick Surgery will contact patients at the appropriate time. Please ensure that your contact details are correct.

We are now making plans for Phase 3 – the Autumn/Winter booster COVID-19 vaccination campaign. We will let patients know as soon as possible what the arrangements will be for the boosters and for the influenza vaccinations.

Strange Questions

Over the past few weeks, especially in the days leading up to 19th July, we've had a few strange telephone calls from patients asking us "Will the surgery be opening up now?". The surgery has never been closed! We have had to change the way that we

work, to minimise infection risk to our patients and staff, using remote consultations wherever possible. However, if patients have needed to be seen face-to-face they always have been, and always will be.

Please let us have your Mobile Telephone numbers

The past 18 months has illustrated just how important it is for the surgery to have accurate contact details for all our patients – especially mobile telephone numbers. If you do have a mobile telephone, please ensure that the surgery has the number. If you have one, but do not switch it on, using it "just for emergencies" – please consider leaving it on, so that the surgery can send important messages to you. The Painswick area has notoriously bad reception in some places – but unlike voice calls, text messages do usually tend to get through.

Arrivals and Departures

We are very sorry that one of our GP Registrars, Dr Shashank Pillai, will be leaving us at the end of July. He is moving on to work in the Emergency Department in Gloucester.

We are very pleased to welcome Dr Rebecca Coles as our next GP Registrar. She will be working at the Painswick Surgery until August 2022.

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Looking at the past in the forthcoming season

Painswick Local History Society is planning an unmissable programme of talks and presentations as from September. The subjects will be varied, covering a range of topics each presented by a local speaker.



Starting the new season in September, Malcolm Watkins will explain the Birdlip Grave group, a 2000 year mystery located just a short distance away from Painswick. October sees the return of Dr Simon Draper who previously enlightened members about the history and meaning of surnames which turned out to be very different from what we thought we knew. On this occasion he will talk about the names in our local landscape.

Mark Bowden is known to us locally as a former chairman of the Society. A prominent archaeologist, Mark will give a presentation on Stonehenge and the involvement of Detmar Blow who was lord of the manor in Painswick 100 years or so ago. In January Tony Conder will present a Gloucestershire Odyssey, tracking the history of the formation of the county. Tony has a formidable and impressive understanding of many aspects of the county's history.

Stroud Workhouse was the ultimate prospect of horror which faced many Painswick residents for about 100 years and at the February meeting Chas Townley will give a presentation about this dreaded institution. March sees the return of Howard Beard who will bring another selection of photographs from his wonderful collection depicting so many aspects of history from the locality for our visual delight. In April Nicholas Herbert will complete this section of the season with a presentation explaining and guiding us through the interpretation of the landscape, again another visual topic of great interest.

Everyone is welcome to attend the talks which are held at the Croft School and if you would like to join the Society please contact Sylvia Steer - steer5@tiscali.co.uk

Carol Maxwell

Wilding, rewilding or conservation?

The concept of wilding or rewilding is starting to make mainstream news. Even Jeremy Clarkson is at it on his north Cotswold farm and Adam Henson, on Country File is talking about alternative farming methods which are more wildlife friendly. There is some confusion between the three terms. The first two are, I think, synonymous. They involve minimising human intervention on large scale habitats and letting nature sort itself out. Scrub and trees will eventually dominate because the large herbivores, which used to exist in all continents, are missing. Consequently herbivores are introduced, but as they have no natural predators they need to be culled lest they starve to death in the winter. Overgrazing by sheep and deer has resulted in extremely poor habitat in most of upland Britain and deer culling is not solving the problem. The introduction of wolves in Yellowstone National Park, to control deer, has resulted in a huge increase in biodiversity.



All land masses were dominated by large herbivores and carnivores existing in equilibrium until the advancement of homo sapiens destroyed the balance. There are many examples, on land and in the sea, or trophic (food chain) collapses caused by exploitation by humans of one of the dominant species.

Wilding seems to imply letting nature sort things out from where we are at now, whereas rewilding seems to imply trying to recreate something which existed long ago. It's confusing. There are some good high profile examples: The Knepp Estate in Surrey, The Oostvaardersplassen in the Netherlands and Yellowstone National Park in the USA.

Conservation, by contrast, is often focused on smaller areas and quite often on specific species. Funding from organisations with specific agenda tends to direct the conservation effort and grants can just maintain the 'status quo' even when that is far from ideal. We have received much of our money through Butterfly Conservation for the enhancement of habitat for the Large Blue and the Duke of Burgundy and the grazing has been tightly targeted on these grassland areas. However, a large portion of the Beacon is woodland and completely untouched. The new NoFence system will allow us to let the cattle into some of these woods, so they will have a mixture of habitats to graze and browse on. Ultimately, introducing a coppice cycle in some of the woodland would greatly increase the biodiversity of the Beacon. However, at the moment we have neither the remit, funds or labour to embark on that project.

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The library is open – please come and use it

The library is now fully open on Mondays and Wednesdays 2.30 to 4.30, and 10.30 to 12.30 on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. There is no longer a requirement for us to regulate the number of visitors to the library.

All volunteers and visitors to the library are however asked to continue wearing masks. Volunteers will ensure the library is well ventilated at all times and visitors to the library encouraged to check-in using the NHS app.

Summer Reading Challenge – Wild World Heroes

We have masses of books celebrating nature and environmental action at the library so why not pop along and register for this year’s Summer Reading Challenge? This is aimed at children aged 4 to 11 to encourage reading for pleasure.

Happy Reading

Pat Pinnegar



Painswick Feast 2021 - Save the date!

After a 2 year break Painswick Feast is making its return on Sunday 19th September. The day will start at 11am and run through to 5pm, with the traditional Clypping service sitting at the heart of the day at 3pm.

As the title suggests, there will be a range of delicious food stalls from local businesses. The Oak will provide a bar on the Memorial Ground and coffee and hot drinks will be served by The Box in Victoria Square. The Orchard Group will be dusting off their press so you can bring your apple harvest to make fresh apple juice on the day!



Alongside something to quench your thirst and satisfy your appetite, there will be an array of craft stalls from the creative folk in Painswick valley and surroundings. Painswick-based community groups are invited free of charge to have a stall to advertise their activities and sign up new members as the community awakens from the year or so of shutdown. The day will be accompanied by a spectrum of musical acts from local folk acts to Gloucester Waites and the Five Valleys Wind Band who will lead the Clypping hymns.

Please get in touch if you would like to be involved with a food, craft or community group stall, or if you are local musician looking for a stage to perform on.

And it's not just for humans, the Painswick Dog Training Club will be returning with their fun dog show hosting a range of classes for your canine friend to show themselves off at their best!

So, please pop Sunday 19th September on your calendars for the Painswick Feast and keep your eyes peeled for more information on our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages.

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Mike's amazing feat

Congratulations to Mike Fletcher. In the June edition of the Beacon we reported that Mike had set himself the stupendous goal of completing a 100km marathon, the Cotswold Way Challenge, in under 15 hours. The event took place on Saturday, 26th June and, lo and behold, he did it in 14 hours 34 minutes and 10 seconds. Now that's an achievement.

The run started at 7.00am. "It was an amazing day," says Mike. "The sun came out after a wet and unsettled start in Cirencester ... and it was great to see some supportive friends at the Painswick feed stop at kilometre 23." Of the 399 competitors who started only 278 completed within the cut-off time and Mike finished 21st – without doubt a remarkable achievement indeed.

Mike had spent several weeks preparing himself for the day, essentially developing the physical skills and strengths he knew would be critical. His preparation certainly served him well. However, as he explains, "It definitely felt like more of a mental challenge towards the end. The last 20km was early evening and there were big gaps between those running, so it could have felt quite lonely." He put on headphones recognising that listening to music at this stage was helpful. The last feed stop was at Rodmarton and being just 10km from the end "I think I felt a little bit emotional with the realisation that I was going to finish it."

For Mike everything went as well as he could have hoped especially considering he had never previously run this far in the specified time. It was definitely a new experience. He had begun trail running shortly before the pandemic and when this event came up toward the end of last year he decided this was the challenge he would take on. His chosen charity to be supported with fund raising is Children with Cancer UK. With an original target of £4000, he was able to report that, through the generosity of Painswick people, this was achieved towards the end of July. Mike is very aware of the superb work done by this organisation and urges us all to support such a worthwhile cause. It would be so good if even more could be raised and you can contribute via his just giving page: Mike Fletcher-Children with Cancer.

Well done Mike on your amazing achievement.

Carol Maxwell



High jinks for high summer

With the summer holidays in full swing, I am pleased to say that we have decided to open the Garden daily until 5th September. Our advance booking system will continue for the time being to help safely manage visitors onsite and you can book an arrival time very simply via our website. We find that children really love the Garden, especially when meeting up with friends and family and perhaps enjoying something delicious from our café. This summer we've a real treat in store with our brand-new family trail. Local illustrator Hannah Shaw has created the Unipiggle, a proud, muddy unicorn pig who has magical powers to turn everything into chocolate. And of course, the Ro-cho-co Garden is an obvious place for the Unipiggle to choose! Keen participants will be presented with a number of clues to solve, with a chocolate prize at the end. For more details see our website rococogarden.org.uk.

Art and gardens are a big obsession of mine. Gardens with art in them, gardens that inspire art and gardens that emerge as art in their own right. And for me, Rococo has all three! We are delighted to be hosting artist-in-residence Natasha Houseago who is creating wonderful sculptures out of the potential disaster of ash dieback. This disease is now making its presence felt across the country and we have not escaped its ravages here. Working in and around the Garden, Natasha will be breathing life into felled timber, creating things of beauty and developing her own artistic skills. You can find out more about her and the Art Council-funded project on our website.

And we still have some tickets left for our final outdoor theatre performance of the year, "The Importance of Being Earnest" by the team behind the renowned Handlebards on Thursday 9th September at 7pm. Oscar Wilde's ever-popular comedy will be brought to life in the wonderful setting of our natural amphitheatre in the field above the Garden. To find out more and to book, again visit our website.

That's all for now – I hope to see you at the Garden soon.

Tim Toghill, trustee & volunteer

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2021 Season - Great news!

I am delighted to confirm that our much delayed 75th anniversary season will finally take place this autumn with four wonderful concerts in St Mary's Church by world class artists. We begin with the great cellist Steven Isserlis (pictured) making a very welcome return to Painswick after his memorable recital in 2014. His accompanist is the brilliant young pianist, Mishka Rushdie Momen, and they are playing a lovely programme of sonatas by Chopin and Saint-Saens. The Orchestra of the Swan, based in Stratford, is one of the

UK's leading chamber orchestras and their programme, entitled An English Idyll, comprises Vaughan Williams' Oboe Concerto and works for strings by Elgar, Holst and Britten. The ever brilliant Nash Ensemble are playing two great string quintets by Beethoven and Dvorak, and our final concert is by the charismatic baritone Roderick Williams accompanied by Iain Burnside. Roderick has chosen a programme of English songs with a distinct Gloucestershire theme by, among others, Gurney, Finzi, CW Orr, Howells and John Sanders, which I have no doubt will bring our 75th season to a memorable conclusion.

The dates and times are as follows

Thursday September 16th 7pm

October 9th 3pm

November 6th 3pm

November 13th 2pm

Steven Isserlis (cello)
Mishka Rushdie Momen (piano)
Orchestra of the Swan
Nash Ensemble
Roderick Williams (baritone)
Iain Burnside (piano)



This is a wonderful opportunity to hear great music performed by great performers on our own doorstep, but in order to ensure the safety of both performers and audience it will inevitably be somewhat different from previous years. Programmes will last about an hour with no interval and audience members are requested to hand sanitise on entry and, unless exempt, wear a face covering. Stewards will be on hand to ensure that we are seated and depart safely, and we regret that we are unable to offer refreshments. Our very small committee is going to be at full stretch to cover the various roles, and we would be very pleased to hear from any who might be willing to assist at one or more of the concerts (cgswain@btinternet.com or 01453 822998).

Brochures and booking forms will be sent out by email shortly to those on our mailing list and if you would like your name to be added, please contact our ticket and membership secretary, Edward Bowron: tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk or Tel. 07789 006006. Full details and booking information is also available on our website www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk and memberships and tickets can be purchased at the Painswick Pharmacy (cheques only). Memberships and ticket prices remain as for 2020, namely £50 for memberships, £20 for individual tickets and £5 for students and children. If you purchased membership or individual tickets in 2020 and would like to transfer them to this year's season, or would prefer a refund, please email: tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk or write to: PMS Ticket Sales, Rose Cottage, Passage Road, Arlingham, Gloucester, GL2 7JR.

It will be a great joy to meet to enjoy live music again in St Mary's and I do hope that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you to one or more of the concerts.

Christopher Swain - Chairman

Special offer to Beacon readers

The new cafe at The Malthouse Collective at Salmon Springs, is offering 25% off breakfast or lunch on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10-3pm. Just bring your copy of The Painswick Beacon with you to claim the discount during August. Seating available inside and outside and in the Hop Barn. The Brick and Brew team would be pleased to welcome you. We are also hosting a Mediterranean Evening with music, dinner and shopping on 20th August. Please visit the website www.themalthousecollective.co.uk for more details or pop into the shop to book.

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Diagnosis from on high

There is certainly no doubt that modern technology can and does make a welcome and very beneficial difference to so many aspects of everyday living. In recent times such developments have developed and multiplied very quickly indeed and one such is the drone. In simple terms it is effectively a flying camera and as such can therefore be put to many uses.

Having spent many years in the construction industry, Painswick resident, Martin Vegan, realised that drone technology could bring untold advantages to much initial survey work saving time and costs and obviating potential hazards. The tops of buildings are of course prone to various problems be it with roofing, chimney stacks and/or guttering. Carrying out the necessary survey has hitherto involved expensive scaffolding and often somewhat precarious manoeuvres. Martin recognised that a drone is the answer. And furthermore, it does the job extremely thoroughly.

Martin launched Five Valleys Roof Surveys in May. He explains that with colleague Matt, the operator and technical advisor, he is able to carry out a detailed aerial survey using the drone which provides a seriously close-up view of any and all parts of the roof. Any problems are immediately evident and the whole operation is both very efficient and very safe. The procedure takes about 30 minutes – such a difference from a traditional manual roof survey. After a couple of days Martin then returns with the pictures taken by the drone to discuss the situation with the customer.



With many years of skilled expertise he is able to explain any action needed to be taken, to answer any questions arising and to recommend scaffolders and roofers. Martin's approach is noticeably professional with an emphasis on both good communication with his customers and the need to recommend known skilled craftsmen. His enthusiasm for this new surveying method is palpable and for all the right reasons – especially those in the customer's interests.

It was a few months ago that Martin was introduced to the process. He observed a drone survey in operation and shortly after, whilst languishing in lockdown, he began to realise that he would like to offer the same service to the residents of the Stroud five valleys. Five Valleys Roof Surveys complies with all the official requirements: it has public liability insurance and the operators are fully registered. This is an excellent service based right here in Painswick. Martin has a wealth of experience in the construction industry and is truly professional in his approach. An aerial survey by drone can reveal so much and so efficiently. If you and your house would benefit from such a survey you can contact Martin by telephone 07592621407. There is a website: 5valleysroofsurveys.com

Carol Maxwell



Rubbish, rubbish, rubbish...

For the last three weeks or so bags of rubbish have been dropped outside the Painswick Centre and Hamptons. It is the property owners who have to pay for the disposal of such fly tipping so can we please desist from this anti-social behaviour. Remember the Painswick Centre is a charity and does not have the funds to dispose of other peoples rubbish!



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Painswick Cricket

Painswick CC Youth presentations on 16th July

Dom Barnard, the cricket club's youth leader, presented medals to all age groups including those children who have attended the All Stars and Dynamoes programmes this season.



Dom thanked all the parents and children for their participation. A tremendous effort all round by Dom and his fantastic team of assistant coaches. There was a great atmosphere from the large crowd of parents, teenagers and children. (see picture)

Dom hopes to continue further youth sessions in the future. Please do contact him at domrolle@yahoo.co.uk if you wish to have further details.

The official opening of the Painswick Cricket Club net bay



The new top class two lane NetBay was installed at Broadham fields on 2nd July 2021. It is now fully operational. A brief opening ceremony took place with the ribbon being cut by club president Ian Hogg. (pictures show the early construction and the opening ceremony at the finished facility)

The new NetBay has cost the club £26500 helped by a loan of £2000 from the West of England Premier league. However most of the monies came from fundraising organised by the club. We have many people to thank, too many to list here but I will highlight several groups whose efforts have made this possible. Painswick Cricket Club Committee, Painswick Cricket Netfund Group and the team who removed the old netbay. Painswick Parish Council, Cheltenham Round Table, Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Cricket CEO Steve Silk, VERDE sports, those who walked to Lords and all those who supported them and Painswick Rugby Football Club.

As a club we would like to thank all our members and supporters for their contributions and efforts in delivering this fantastic facility. It will allow all club members to practice and be coached safely and on a very good surface.

Steve Pegram Painswick CC



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With Severnside Tritons, swimmers from Painswick have had great results at County, Regional and even National level.

If you are interested please go to the 'Join Us' page on their website (www.severnside Tritons.org.uk) or talk to Painswick resident Steve Courts (stephen.courts@severnside Tritons.org.uk).

Get in touch to train, have fun and be part of swimming at Severnside Tritons.

Painswick Tennis Club

Ladies Charity Tennis Tournament on Friday 25th June

30 ladies gathered at Painswick tennis courts on a beautiful Friday morning. Players from all over Gloucestershire came and enjoyed competitive tennis of a high standard. The winner was Ann Ashcroft from Cirencester.

Ask Sal' also attended with her lovely selection of tennis outfits for sale.

The tournament made £450 for Sue Ryder in memory of Shirley Ross, a much loved tennis player from Gloucester Wotton Tennis Club who sadly died in June after a long battle fighting cancer. Many thanks for everyone's support

Joan Griffiths



Painswick Golf Club

Our new greenkeeper is making his impact on the course. The greens now have been given fringe surrounds and there have been other improvements. For many, the warm weather is most welcome, though during the recent very hot spell it has been important to carry and drink water while out on the course.



Since my last report, the Seniors Centenary Cup has been held. This competition is for the best two stableford scores in three rounds of golf. George Paton had the best score – 41 points – in the first round; Nigel Barnett won the second round with 41 points; and Phil Jennings won the third round with 39 points. At the time of writing, the trophy was still to be decided, with both George Paton and Brendan Nunan having 78 points from their best two rounds. A play-off is to be held to decide the winner. Congratulations to the winners of each round.

The club welcomes visitors who wish to play the unique course and members of the public for meals/ refreshments. The clubhouse also provides a venue of private events and wakes. Covid restrictions are being lifted following the general relaxation of the rules. For more details and to check availability, please call 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe

Badminton

The Club is now able to play Badminton without restrictions and is playing on Thursday evenings throughout the summer. The club held its annual BBQ in perfect weather on the 17th July attended by 23 club and social members, hosted this year by Roy and Angie Woodward.

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War memorial consultation

The Parish Council received some 166 responses to the consultation issued with the June edition of the Beacon.

The responses were overwhelmingly, 135 of the received replies, in favour of the option to take out the current yew hedging and re-plant with new with just 23 saying the hedging should be left in its current state.

On the question of whether to install a low stone wall or some form of plinth on which to have the details on the memorial copied in a form that will not deteriorate over time the responses were closer with 93 favouring the idea of a low stone wall and 48 the plinth. 14 said they had no preference between these options.

Some respondents simply gave comments and did not actually select any of the options and others made additional comments to clarify their position. The matter is now being passed to the Land & Buildings Committee of the Council which will meet in September for further consideration.

Property report

Properties new to the market this month include 8 Canton Acre, a good-sized 3 bed family house with large garden and parking (Murrays, £300,000) and Little Acre, a detached modern property with 4/5 beds on Cheltenham Road, up near the Royal William (Murrays, £995,000). Hamptons have Howbeg on Stamages Lane, a 3 bed detached chalet bungalow with great views (£900,000) and The Red House on Lower Washwell, a substantial detached property with scope for a self-contained 3-bedroom annexe. In Cranham, Murrays are offering Timbertops, an extended period home on the edge of Cranham Woods (£900,000).

The pattern of some properties selling very quickly after coming to the market has continued. Castle End on Painswick Beacon (Hamptons, £850,000) and Millfields at the Vatch in Slad (Hamptons, £650,000) were both briefly on the market, but contracts for sale have already been exchanged, while Rowancroft in Gyde Road went quickly under offer through the same agent. At the time of writing, Perivale in Stamages Lane is still available (Hamptons, £700,000), as is The Garden House in Upton Lane, Brookthorpe (Murrays, £675,000).

Other properties now under offer are Rake Hill at The Highlands, Woodford on Cheltenham Road, Hay Cottage in St. Mary's Street and The Weaver's Cottage in Friday Street (all Murrays) as well as Brooklands Cottage in Sheepscombe (Hamptons). Sales have completed for The School House on Stroud Road, Mulberry House on Churchill Way and Hawthorns on Longridge.

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August

Sun	1	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Sun	8	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Fri	13	Cotteswold Naturalists: Elgar's birthplace and Leigh Court Barn by car. Enq 813228 or 1453 873262	Bankhouse Hotel WR6 5JD	10.15am
Sun	15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Wed	18	Bistro Night	Richmond Village restaurant	7.00 - 8.30pm
Sun	22	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	24	Yew Trees WI Summer Supper. Members prebooking essential	The Waypoint	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed	25	Supper Club	Richmond Village restaurant	6 - 7.00pm
Sun	29	Holy Communion for the Beacon Family of Churches	St Mary's Church	10.00am

Please confirm your diary entries.

We hope that from September the Village Diary will be back to its normal format of regular events followed by items on specific dates in the coming month. To do this however we require your assistance in providing the details of what clubs and societies are arranging and what different classes are taking place.

Please can you confirm any events for the diary to Vicky at diary.beacon@painswick.net

Conundrum solution...

Too wise you are, too wise you be, I see you are too wise for me

...and another challenge

Below are two alternative versions of a well known saying:

A porphyritic globular in motion circumvolvular acquires no cryptogamic growth nor chlorophyll pollution.

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.21/1597/HHOLD
Folly Cottage, Gloucester Road
Erection of rear extension.
S.21/1554/LBC & S.21/1553/HHOLD
Stocks Cottage, St Marys Street
Erection of infill extension, roof repair, installation of windows, dormers and front door, structural timber post removal, beam added at ground floor, minor sections of modern partitioning removed and new added, attic floor bathroom created.
S.21/1466/VAR
Sheepscombe House, Jacks Green
Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of S.19/1859/HHOLD to revise the approved double car port to a triple.
S.21/1591/HHOLD
Knapp Corner House, Knapp Lane
Erection of single storey side extension, alterations to garden and widen driveway.
S.21/1471/HHOLD
Court House, Hale Lane
Erection of fence on northern boundary.
S.21/1283/LBC
Castle Hale, Stamages Lane
Additional canopy above door on the North-East Elevation. No changes to the building's existing fabric and the canopy will match the existing aesthetic.
S.21/1620/HHOLD
24 Upper Washwell
Installation of replacement roof and external cladding.
S.21/1747/AFPA Edge Farm, Edge
Agricultural workshop.
S.21/1744/AFPA Edge Farm, Edge
Agricultural forage storage building.
S.21/1767/HHOLD
Jays Hill, The Park
Erection of two storey side extension.
S.21/1490/LBC & S.21/1489/HHOLD
Court House, Hale Lane
Erection of pool house to replace existing structure.

CONSENT

S.21/0180/FUL
Land At Yokehouse Lane
Erection of 3-bay stables and manure store
S.21/0179/FUL
Land At Yokehouse Lane

Conversion of barn to dwelling (C3) with single and two storey extension
S.21/1317/HHOLD
Pincot Cottage, Pincot Lane
Erection of a two-storey rear and side extension, porch and associated works.
S.21/1117/HHOLD & S.21/1118/LBC
Lullingworth, Stroud Road
Loggia incorporating glazed conservatory.
S.21/1198/HHOLD
Rose Cottage, Tibbiwell Lane
Removal of existing UPVC conservatory and construction of single storey flat roofed kitchen extension.
S.21/1262/HHOLD
Hillview, Beacon Close
Erection of single storey side extension and front porch.
S.21/1261/TCA
Pathways, Tibbiwell Lane
T1 False Acacia - prune from 10.6m to 9.6. T2 Cherry reduce from 7.62m to 6.62m.
S.21/1392/HHOLD
Rosemullion, Lower Washwell Lane
Construction of two storey side extension and upper floor front extension.
S.21/1405/HHOLD
Dormy House, Kings Mill Lane
Proposed loft conversion with new dormer windows & alterations including replacement window units & new porch roof.
S.21/1407/HHOLD
Woodridge, The Highlands
Proposed rear, side and front extensions & detached garage. Revised application to S.21/0980/HHOLD.
S.21/1486/TCA
2 Wordings Mount, Sheepscombe
Field Maple (T1) - Pollard to 4m. Pine (T2) - Crown raise to 8m. | 2

WITHDRAWN

S.21/1431/FUL
Westmorland House, Kingsmead
Demolition of existing house and garage and erection of dwelling.

Personal Column

Congratulations

To REV MICHAEL WEAR who celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his ordination this September – a significant milestone! Michael was ordained on September 4th 1971, beginning his ministry in Yorkshire with responsibility for the Pastorate of Stainland and Holywell Green Congregational Churches. Family and friends of all denominations boarded a coach in Painswick very early that morning and journeyed to Yorkshire to support him. The son of the late Bill & Kath Wear, who lived at 2 The Green, Michael grew up in Painswick and was an active member of Painswick Congregational Church (known most recently as Christ Church).

Condolences

HAROLD REGINALD WOOD, also known as Chippy, aged 94 of Hyett Orchard passed away on the 7th July 2021. He leaves his wife Betty, with whom he had shared 69 years of a wonderful marriage and his son and daughter, 4 grandchildren and his great grandson.

PEGGY WARD died peacefully in hospital on Thursday 1st July. She had recently been living in The Elms following recent falls. Peggy, who was born and brought up in the Forest of Dean, moved to Pitchcombe when her husband, Mervyn came to teach in Stroud. Peggy taught art in Painswick school and later in life she ran the Art Club in Pitchcombe Village Hall. Both she and Mervyn contributed hugely to the community in Pitchcombe. Mervyn died twenty years ago but Peggy continued to sit on both the Village Hall Committee and the P.C.C for many years. She will be much missed. The funeral was held on July 22nd in Pitchcombe Church

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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.

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De lunatico inquirendo

The Queen vs Loveday

Taken from *The Daily News* 15 August 1851

This case excited very great interest. It was a traverse by John William Loveday, miller and corn dealer, of Painswick, in this county, of an inquisition de lunatico taken before Mr Commissioner Winslow, at Gloucester, in February last.

The commission de lunatico inquirendo occupied four days, having been commenced on the 26th of February last, and having occupied until March 1st, at an enormous expense, such as it is contemplated will swallow up all the alleged lunatic's property. The case was one of a peculiar kind, and was remarkable for the opposite opinion expressed by the witnesses and especially the numerous surgeons examined as to the sanity of the alleged lunatic. It was alleged on the part of the petitioners that Mr Loveday, who was a man of some property, had showed symptoms of insanity as early as 1841, and that he had sold a mill at Painswick worth £500 or £600, for £100, on the condition that it should be pulled down. It was charged against the unfortunate man that he had expressed a desire to marry a certain lady, whom he had never addressed on the subject of marriage, and that he had bought seven wedding rings, and sent them by a messenger to the lady for her to make a choice, and that he had attended at the church for several successive mornings, expecting the lady to meet him there. After this it was stated that he had been under a delusion that he must marry another lady, and that he had brought a fly to the lady's door, demanding her of her servants. It was also stated by several witnesses that he was under the impression that people wished to injure him, and that if a certain book could be found it would prove him to be entitled to some considerable property, under the will of the late famous Jemmy Wood, the Gloucestershire banker. On the other hand, it was affirmed by parties with whom Mr Loveday had had business dealings, that he was an exceedingly shrewd man of business, and a very hard bargainer; that although eccentric in some respects, he was perfectly capable of handling his own affairs. It was shown that he had been got into the Gloucester Lunatic Asylum by a "little ruse," as described by the surgeon who took him there; that he had also been confined in Fairfield Lunatic Asylum, and discharged thence by the visiting justices as of sound mind. Several surgeons who had examined the alleged lunatic, gave their opinion that he was of sound mind; and Dr Munn, physician of Bethlehem Hospital, said he did not consider him to be of unsound mind in the ordinary acceptation of the term, but rather "weak minded," although, nevertheless, capable of managing his own affairs.

When the inquiry had been opened, Mr Justice Erle suggested that it would be advisable if it could be mutually settled, on which a consultation took place between the learned counsel; at the end of which, a private consultation between the two leading counsel and the judge took place.

On their return into court, Serjeant Allen said, he thought it his duty, after inquiries, and finding that no act of insanity had been committed by the traverser since February, and thinking it probable that the verdict of the jury, after hearing the case, might be that the traverser was now of sound mind, to consent to a verdict being taken, declaring Mr Loveday to be of sound mind at this time.

His Lordship accordingly directed the jury to return a verdict that the traverser was of sound mind, which was accordingly done.

This was the last civil case, and his lordship then tried prisoners,

Carol Maxwell

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AnneMarie Randall & Sandie Randle, Handmade in Painswick pop-up shop - photo Stroud Times

Midsummer Lights

Beautiful, magical, fabulous, unbelievable and fairytale were all words that could be heard drifting through the warm July night as around 200 people wandered along the pathways lit up by the Midsummer Lights. The Rococo Garden was originally designed and built for Benjamin Hyett around 1750 as a pleasure garden and who knows what went on among the follies and hidden trails. However last week we began to get an insight as to what might have been. Thanks to the Festival of Light company who were behind this enchantment, every path was lit by a myriad of fairy lights, lanterns and glowing beams and the trees were similarly illuminated so that they appeared gigantic and ethereal – quite unlike the day time garden that we are used to. In addition, the garden was peopled by magical creatures performing circus tricks. There was a fire dancer near the plunge pool, an aerial display hanging from the trees in the wood, a stilt-walker near the Exedra and a girl dancing



with illuminated hoops in the vegetable garden. Strange creatures walked among the assembled picnickers on the Bowling green and added a degree of mischievousness. Finally, to send us all home with a smile on our faces, there was a wonderful firework display – no bangs just gorgeous white sparkling lights shooting up above the hornbeam archway. It was a truly breath-taking evening and exactly what the Rococo Garden was created for. You really must beg steal or borrow a ticket if it returns next year.

Vicky Aspinnall