

# The Painswick Beacon

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## A warm welcome to our Ukrainian families

On Saturday 18th June we welcomed around 40 of the newly arrived Ukrainian families and their hosts to a social event at the Community Pavilion in Painswick. This was a chance for the hosts and families to meet each other, to share information and experiences and for the children to make new friends.



This was only possible because of the kindness of the wonderful team of tea-makers and cake bakers from the Painswick Community team. They did an absolutely fantastic job on the afternoon, and made it easier for everyone else to get to know each other.

So far we have 11 families who we are aware of who have arrived or will arrive in the next few weeks. The local families are not just in Painswick but also further afield in Cranham, Sheepscombe, The Camp and Bisley. Many have experienced trauma and are happy to be in peaceful surroundings to start to rebuild their lives. The children have received a warm welcome at The Croft, Sheepscombe and Archway Schools, as they attempt to adapt to the language and new surroundings. I know also from personal experience that our Painswick neighbours have also gone out of their way, not only to personally welcome them, but also to generously donate clothing, toys, furniture and household items.

The hosts and guests have survived a mountain of bureaucracy to get themselves, and their pets in some cases, here but have also benefitted from being part of the wider Stroud Ukraine Refugee Support Group. This group has played an important part in sharing information, offering expert advice, signposting to events, trauma support, language classes, free bikes, hairdressing, laptops, SIM cards and much more.

This has truly been a team effort, and I know that our Ukrainian guests have been both delighted and overwhelmed by everyone's kindness, friendliness and generosity.

*Caroline Banks*

## Platinum Jubilee Sunday



Jubilee Sunday saw a fabulous turnout as people came to enjoy the village events: an outdoor church service, a vintage car parade, a cake & plant sale at The Painswick Centre, and the Bowling Club Inter-street Tournament final. Over 70 flags were made by the community for Painswick's Jubilee bunting, which was on display around the churchyard, outside the Town Hall and at The Painswick Centre (it's now been carefully put away for future village events). The Jubilee Crown Competition saw plenty of fabulous entries. Congratulations are due to all who took part, especially the winners: George, Grace, Emme, Vivien, Molly, Billy, Sidney, Eddie, Jasper and Max.

Along with donations from Churches Together Around Painswick and the Kings Mill Lane street party, the cake & plant sale raised a huge £590 for Gloucester Ukrainian Aid. GUA was set up earlier this year following the donation drives to get equipment and essentials over to Poland to deal with incoming refugees. Other streets took the opportunity to raise money for charity too.

Huge thanks to all who made the events possible: The Painswick, The Painswick Centre, Yew Trees WI, Cath Kidston Padgham, Painswick Fabrics, and all the volunteers who gave cakes, plants and their time.

*Susie Andrews*

## Record-breaking ball raises £14,500 for charity

Painswick Ball Committee were delighted to finally bring the summer ball back to Broadham Fields on 18th June. Even torrential rain couldn't dampen spirits as everyone arrived in their finery for the Venetian Masquerade to find colourful gondola mooring posts and an Italian piazza complete with stylish décor, stunning floral displays by The Bespoke Flower Company, a string quartet and a replica of the Florian bar which was kindly crafted and donated by Centreline Stone. [continued on p2]



## Painswick Ball continued...

Guests enjoyed a bustling drinks reception and a delicious three-course meal served at tables, after which local band Halflight quickly filled up the dancefloor with a stonking set that kept everyone on their feet for the rest of the evening. Some very generous and special donations – including an original mixed media painting by featured artist Sarah Boden and a bespoke pink pearl and diamond pendant handcrafted by Alice Huggins of Painswick Jewellery Workshop – made for a hotly contested charity auction and raffle.

There was great support for the event within the Painswick community once again, with 333 tickets selling out in less than a minute. Local businesses Goddard's Garage, The Oak, The Falcon, Unique Glass Solutions and the Cheltenham branch of Martin & Co rallied around to provide generous sponsorship, with additional support from Cotswold Broking Services,



Price Davis, Richmond Villages and BPL Global Ltd. All this came together to raise a Painswick Ball record of over £14,500 for charity on the night! Around £10,000 will benefit this year's chosen charity Mindsong – a Gloucestershire based charity reaching people with dementia through music – with the remainder being raised specifically for Pancreatic Cancer UK.



Committee members have since received numerous messages of appreciation for a fantastic evening, and would like to thank everyone involved for making this year's ball such a resounding success. For more pictures, info on our sponsors and future news, please find us on Facebook as Painswick Summer Ball 2022 or Instagram as @painswickball2022. The next Painswick Ball will take place in 2024.



*Painswick Ball Committee 2022*

## The Death of Painswick Beacon

On the evening of 2nd June, Beacons were lit across the whole country to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to note her remarkable achievement of 70 years on the throne, something which is most unlikely ever to be repeated by any future monarch. Over the centuries beacons have been lit across the countryside to celebrate or warn of momentous historical events (and pass the message from place to place). Historically, Painswick has been recognised as having its own beacon site, at the end of the top of a defensive ridge of an old iron age hill fort. The last nationwide lighting of beacons took place 20 years ago to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Queen's reign and, as part of that, a beacon was lit on the Painswick site. It was a very memorable moment then to see our own Beacon ablaze and to search out other Beacons visible from the hilltop.

This year (having been notified by an item on the front page of the June edition of "The Painswick Beacon", entitled "Lighting of Beacons", admittedly with a warning that it might not take place in Painswick) upwards of 70 people gathered on The Beacon, to witness the event of beacon lighting. Alas, we were all disappointed, as no beacon was there to be lit, presumably because Natural Heritage or English Heritage decreed that such an activity could damage the site! There is (and was) no sign of damage from the Beacon lighting in 2002 and it is difficult to imagine what damage of any permanent significance could have been caused, other than a bit of scorching of grass (which would rapidly recover). Incidentally, the column on the site once carried a Trig Point, which for some unknown reason was removed. Why? It was quite an interesting feature.



It is curious that the whole "site of special interest" is subject to depredations caused by golfing activities (grass cutting with heavy machines, golfers accidentally hitting divots out of the surface, and golf holes cut into the ground); the grazing of cattle; many people, dogs, and even horses and cyclists travelling over the land; and, at times, unauthorised bonfires and picnic fires being lit; and the (dangerous) deliberate erosion of the cliff-face of the old quarry. Not to mention the area being subject to unsightly tipping of waste by unknown persons. Then one small fire of real historic merit is banned!

The lighting of a Beacon itself has been part of very significant historical events over the centuries. It is very sad that this tradition has now apparently come to an end. So, the Painswick Beacon is no more, and perhaps the site should now be renamed as Painswick Hill Fort?

*Michael James*

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held in June

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 15th June 7pm.

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger, Chairman  
Cllrs: Ann Daniels, Adrian Gyde, Roey Parker

1. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Andy Cash, James Cross, Rob Lewis, Ian Massey and Rosie Nash.

2. There were no Declarations of Interest

3. The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters requiring a decision:

a. S.22/0954/FUL Upper Greenhouse, Greenhouse Lane  
Erection of stables & change of use to equestrian (retrospective), installation of access track & menage.

b. S.22/0925/HHOLD Castle Lodge, Cheltenham Road  
Installation of 3 Air Source Heat Pumps and construction of hardstanding and dwarf wall.

c. S.22/0957/HHOLD Butts Cottage, Edge Road  
Ground and first floor extensions

The Committee agreed to support the above applications.

d. S.22/0888/HHOLD Fairings House, Castle Close  
Proposed outbuilding to rear of house

The Committee agreed to support this application noting the observations made by the PROW.

5. Date of the next Planning Committee meeting – Wednesday 6th July 2022 in the Town Hall at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.11pm

## PARISH COUNCIL 15th June 7.30pm.

### Present:

Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman  
Cllrs: Ann Daniels, Adrian Gyde, Roey Parker, Abigail Smith

**Also Present:** 1 Member of the Public

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A representative from Painswick Football Club reported the great success of the club in that its first team has achieved promotion this season, he advised that the current

pitch situated on the Recreation Ground was not suitable and compliant for the higher league level, he further advised that he has approached Broadham Sports Club to see if a pitch can be made available, but unfortunately the request was denied. He asked the Council if it could look into the club's constitution to get a better understanding as to why a pitch can't be made available. The Council agreed to make enquiries and potentially meet with the officials from Broadham Sports Club.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Andy Cash, James Cross, Rob Lewis, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash and County Cllr Sue Williams.

2. There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda

3. The Minutes of the meeting held on Wed 18th May 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record.

### 4. Reports

a. County Cllr Susan Williams submitted a report prior to the meeting.

b. No report was received from the District Council.

c. The Chairman gave the following report:

A big thank you to all of you in making the Queens Jubilee a great success in bringing everybody out to enjoy themselves.

The Painswick Parish Action Plan.

A small group of us met and looked at it made a few alterations it's now up to the Clerks to look at it, to make sure what we have done is legal, then to pass to the other Councillors for comment.

The Parish Council Community Emergency Plan.

The persons mentioned in the paperwork will need to meet shortly to go through it, I will make sure you have copy of it to study before arranging a meeting then to the clerks to check and then out to Councillors (in this case it really needs 1 person from each ward to take a look at it).

A Public Meeting that will be held in the Edge Village Hall on Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 7.30pm. The Speaker will be Mr Amuary Blow. The agenda will include. What are Commons.- The Painswick Commons--The Edge Commons--Including Edge village Green--The rights of the Commons--Details of Commons Management."

5. To consider a request to use New Drive for vehicular access to Fairings House, Castle Close for six months.

The Council after noting the comments made by the Public Rights of Way Officer on a recent Planning Application agreed to seek a formal opinion from PROW before giving further consideration to this request.

### 6. Accounts

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

b. To note the Internal Auditors report for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2022.

The Council noted the Internal Auditors report.

c. To adopt the accounts for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2022

The Council adopted the accounts for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2022

d. To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2022.

The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement for Financial Year ending 31st March 2022.

e. To approve the Annual Accounting Statement for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2022.

The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement for Financial Year ending 31st March 2022.

7. There were no reports from representatives on other bodies.

### 8. Ward reports

a. Painswick Community Support Group. Cllr Abigail Smith reported that surplus monies raised during the Community Hub events were being distributed to 5 local charities.

b. Library. Cllr Roey Parker reported that the Library will be holding a 10th anniversary event on Monday 20th June 2022 at 2.30pm.

c. Sheepscombe Jubilee Event. Cllr Roey Parker reported upon a very successful Jubilee event held in Sheepscombe.

d. Sheepscombe Village Green. Cllr Roey Parker reported that the Manorship have agreed to the Village Green in Sheepscombe being used as a conservation area.

### 9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

# End of Season Report May 2022

I am pleased to report that the club has prospered at a time when a number of music clubs sadly have transpired during the current crisis.

In mid May we much enjoyed the presentation by Reg Wrathmell – a fine pianist and musicologist.

His topic was Rachmaninoff – ‘a six and half foot scowl’. Reg spoke with his customary musical expertise and skilful use of anecdote. He played recorded excerpts from the Preludes, the first piano concerto, the second Symphony and the songs – ‘where Beauty Dwells’ and ‘Floods of Spring’.

We closed our 34th Season with a Jubilee Tea Party in celebration of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This was a enjoyable social occasion that was enhanced by the presentation by Mike Kerton of his Coronation Quiz.

Our new season will recommence on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7.30 p.m. We shall extend a warm welcome to all new members.

*Howard Allen.  
Chair - PMAG.*



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise.

## 'Easy for Some'

The article 'Easy for Some' on the topic of blocked paths and pavements in last month's Beacon elicited a number of responses both written and verbal. Duncan Richardson wrote as follows:

Sir,  
Thank you for drawing attention to this blight.

There is probably scope for a picture of particularly bad examples of obstruction to be shown in every issue of the Beacon for the next several years.

I can supply lots of pics, if wished.

## Portraits of Victoria

The ladies of Yew Trees WI were delighted to welcome back Dr Gillian White, a very popular speaker because her enthusiasm for her subject is infectious! Her subject in May: "Queen Victoria: A Life in Portraits". Victoria was born, fifth in line to the throne, in 1819 before photography came into being. Gillian's talk was illustrated with some delightful paintings.



At the age of four Victoria was painted as a mini-adult with no concessions to childhood, while at 11 she was painted with far more informality and charm. At 13 a young woman with her hair up and at 18, in 1837, a Queen. Then comes Albert and 9 children! In 1843 Victoria's present to Albert was a portrait of her by Winterhalter which can be described as nothing short of sexy! A very different image from the stout elderly monarch in black mourning so often portrayed in her later life. We enjoyed images of some of Victoria's own work as well as paintings of her dogs and were intrigued by the artists' use of symbolism to convey their message.

Yew Trees joined in the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations by organising cream teas in the Church Room on the Saturday afternoon. These proved a great success and were enjoyed by visitors to the village and residents alike.

The walk along the Frome Valley organised by Jane Rowe cancelled last month because of rain, finally took place on 21st June and was much enjoyed.

On Tuesday 26th July Guy Tabony is coming along to the Church Rooms to tell us about "The Life and Times of a Village Estate Agent" so ladies come and join us at 7.30 p.m.

*Celia Lougher 812624*

## Calling all singers

Stroud Choral Society is on the hunt for new members to join its ranks this autumn. The choir, the second oldest in the country, is planning to perform Handel's Messiah in the run-up to Christmas and would love to welcome some new singers.

The new term starts in September and there will be a couple of 'taster' rehearsals so anyone who is interested can come along and try the choir out for size.

Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings in Marling School's music block, from 7.30pm-9.30pm, a location that's easy to find and offers plenty of parking.

If you enjoy singing and would like to find out more, contact [stroudchoral@gmail.com](mailto:stroudchoral@gmail.com). It doesn't matter what your voice part is (although tenors and basses are always especially welcome!), whether you are young or old, have sung with us before or are completely new to the choir – we'd love to hear from you!

*Michael James*

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# Cotteswold Naturalists' Summer Programme



A group of 32 members recently returned from a trip to the South Downs. We had three marvellous sunny days focussing on the country homes and art of the Bloomsbury Group, visiting Virginia Woolf's home, Monk's House at Rodmell, and the next day, the superb Charleston Farmhouse, the home of artists Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell, surrounded by a stunning garden. We also travelled to nearby Berwick Church where the Churchwarden described the recent project to conserve the modern church paintings created by the artists Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell, and Quentin Bell. They also served a delicious tea, in aid of other projects.



We also saw the impact of man-made changes to the River Ouse and Cuckmere to create navigable rivers, a deep modern harbour and drainage to create more land for farming, the latter to the detriment of wildlife. We could see for ourselves the impact of coastal erosion causing some Coast-guard Cottages to be demolished above the receding cliffs at Cuckmere Haven, over which heated arguments still rage concerning the balance between managed coastal retreat and re-building seawalls. Climate change will only exacerbate these problems.

Next month, Denise Magauran has organised a visit by coach to Oakham Treasures, one of the largest privately owned museums of retail and farming history in the UK, and to the National Trust's Clevedon Court followed by a cream tea at Dottie's Tearooms. Contact her for more details on 814570. The following month, Peter Cornish is arranging a trip to Crofton Pumping Station and Wilton Windmill near Marlborough. Contact me for more information about the Club.

Jane Rowe 813228

## Painswick Coronation 1953

The two pictures below and to the right are from a collection of over sixty of Painswick on Coronation Day 1953 many of which will be on display at the Local History Society Exhibition on 2nd-3rd July in the Town Hall. Can you recognise anyone from the tea party in the Town Hall or the crowd picture?



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## News from St Mary's

After the celebrations last month, July promises to be a little quieter. Holiday time is approaching and many of you will be able to plan your holidays with a little more freedom this year due to the relaxation of Covid restrictions. Let us hope that there is not too much disruption at airports and on the railways.



Just a comment on last month's Jubilee celebrations. It was good that there were many street parties throughout the village. These brought people together to meet neighbours whom we otherwise seldom see thus promoting a good community spirit. Generally the weather was kind including for the final concert at Buckingham Palace. However, the weather did prevent the planned ecumenical open air service to go ahead in the churchyard. The service had to be held in St Mary's but was well attended and enjoyed by a good congregation representing all of the Christian denominations in Painswick.

This month all of our churches in the benefice come together for a united service at Pitchcombe on the first Sunday of the month, 3rd July. This is the feast day of Thomas the Apostle, the liturgical colour being red. Thomas is often thought of as the doubter because initially he didn't believe in Jesus' resurrection. The service will be led by Canon Michael and the preacher will be our associate priest Revd. Andrew.

On the fourth Sunday of the month 24th July we will celebrate the feast of St James the Greater, the patron saint of our church at Cranham. Again the liturgical colour will be red. St James was the first Apostle to be martyred. There will be a special service in Cranham church to mark this festival which will be led by Mike Campbell and will feature music for the festival.

Enjoy the holiday period.

*David Newell*

## Christian Aid Week 2022

This year's Christian Aid week collections in churches, donations through drop-off envelopes and via online e-envelopes and the events in St. Mary's church rooms raised a total of £8,678.72, rising to £10,096.47 when gift aid is included. The funds raised will go towards Christian Aid's work to tackle global hunger and poverty.

Thank you to all who contributed so generously and who supported the various events in so many ways.

*The Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee*

## Foodbank

Our most recent collection in Painswick took place in warm, dry conditions for which the team of volunteers were very grateful! Demand for donations remains very high so a huge thank you for your support.



Our next collection will be on Wednesday 13th July 2022, 10am-12noon at the Stamages Lane car park and at the Stocks by the Church.

At the July collection, we are asking for: Fray Bentos pies, tinned tuna, tinned fruit, tinned custard, biscuits, savoury treats (nuts, crisps), sweet treats (chocolate, sweets), household cleaning, washing up liquid and laundry liquid.

If you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:

Stroud District Foodbank CIO  
Sort code: 09-01-29  
Account: 21994911

You can also donate at supermarkets and if you donate at Tesco's, they will add 20% to the value of the donations.

Once again, thank you! Stroud Foodbank

## Longfield annual summer fete - 28th August

The fete will be held in Longfield's beautiful grounds in Minchinhampton and is sure to appeal to the whole family.



Longfield's Head of Fundraising and Marketing, Rachel Jones, said:

"We're so looking forward to welcoming supporters to our summer fete this year. It's set to be a fabulous event, with stalls and activities that offer something for everyone. It's the perfect way to enjoy the Bank Holiday with your family and friends!"

The fete will start at 1pm and run until 4pm. All ages are welcome, including well-behaved dogs on leads. Entry is free, with a voluntary parking donation.

There will be a raffle, a variety of craft stalls, a tombola, hook a duck, food stalls and so much more!



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# Dexters all clear



As you will know, from previous articles, the PBCG has 7 Dexter cattle used for conservation grazing on the Beacon. They are taken off in spring to allow the grass to regrow and protect some of the invertebrates and wild flowers that might be damaged by them, and this year we have been extremely fortunate and grateful to have been given permission to graze a large field beside Holcombe House. In 5 weeks there they have turned an area with waist-high grass to a conventional field and have visibly fattened up. They are controlled by No-Fence collars which means we can graze the field systematically and evenly by altering GPS boundaries as required. It also means we can check on them from afar via an iPhone App though they are still getting daily visits to monitor them.

This week, we have had the biannual Tuberculosis(TB) test. This is a skin test where 2 small injections are put into the skin of each cow's neck and then examined 3 days later for any reaction. The top injection is avian tuberculin and the lower the bovine tuberculin. After 3 days a lump may form in the skin as a reaction to the injection and if the lower, bovine, one is obviously larger than the upper avian control this is deemed to indicate the animal has TB and must be culled to protect human health. The test process went well. Despite being surrounded by fresh grass the cattle love hay and were easily coaxed into their pen ready for the test. 3 days later they were again brought in and Debbie, the tester, announced, to our great relief they were all negative.

They will be back on the ramparts in August to continue their favourite job of eating grass!

*Richard Aspinall*

# Guided walks on the Beacon

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (PBCG) is organising a couple of guided walks on the Beacon in July to explain our work:

These walks are an opportunity to learn why we are cutting some of the trees down, opening up grassy banks and rides and why they are so important for wildlife. Limestone grassland supports a great variety.

The dates are: Sat 2nd July at 1pm  
Sun 31st July at 1pm

Both will start from the car park opposite the club and last for 2-3hrs. Booking is important so we may arrange enough walk leaders, groups will be ideally 5-8 people. Please email me or phone on 07971 633242.

*Paul Baxter*

# Sat-nav gone wrong?

5pm on Friday 24th June saw Greenhouse lane blocked not just to motor traffic but even to pedestrians.



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## Probus Club Report



On Wednesday 1st June John Podmore, who lives in Painswick, gave a well attended lecture with the intriguing title "Who do we lock up and why?". John had been Governor of Brixton and Belmarsh prisons, the latter being the prison with the highest level of security in the country. On retiring from the Prison Service John became a professor at the University of Durham. He is author of a book entitled "Out of Sight out of Mind: Why Britain's prisons are failing". John was very much of the view that criminals and terrorists, who are a danger to society, should be locked up, and photographs of individuals in this category were shown. However, in his view, many individuals were being locked up unnecessarily, at great cost to the taxpayer, including persons on remand, who may later be proven to be innocent. It is particularly true that many women who are locked up are rarely a danger to society. A number of questions afterwards ensured a lively debate.

*Mike Steed*

On Wed 15th Jun Mike Aggleton, who maintains voluntarily a wonderful list of speakers who live around Gloucestershire and Worcestershire for the benefit of Probus clubs, shared with us the results of his research into the life and wit of Dorothy Parker. Dorothy, born prematurely in 1893 in New Jersey, referred to the event as "The last time I arrived early for anything". Mike then enjoyed himself recounting many of the quick-fire quips and short poems for which Dorothy became famous during her career as a critic of theatre, performers, authors, and almost everyone, gaining the reputation as "the mistress of the verbal hand-grenade". Her 2 most likeable words in the English language were "cheque enclosed". By 1937 she was earning (or being paid) \$5200 per week at Vanity Fair magazine. Sadly by 1950, after re-marrying the husband she had divorced in 1947, she took to alcohol. Even then, she could not resist the claim:

I'm not a writer with a drinking problem.

I'm a drinker with a writing problem.

Renowned for her caustic wit until near her end in 1967, she suggested her own epitaph: "Excuse my dust."

*Henry Hall*

## Painswick Gardening Club

Our recent talk by Laura Willgoss from Wildegoose Nursery proved to be a revelation. Her wonderful presentation gave us inspiration to try new and different plant combinations in the garden to give us colour and interest all the year.



We are very excited and pleased to welcome back Timothy Walker on Wednesday 13th July. He is a lecturer, botanist, gardener and author and a former Director of the Oxford Botanic Garden. His talk is titled Sex, Lies & Putrefaction. Gardeners are all well aware of the need for pollinators but it does not all begin and end with bees. This talk looks at a variety of animals and other vectors that are exploited by plants and explains why this knowledge is so important.

Please join us if you can at the Painswick Centre. Refreshments at 7 pm before the talk at 7.30 pm.

*Philippa Miller*

## Painswick Surgery Patient Group

The Patient Group met recently as a full body with Practice staff including senior partner Dr Rhys Evans. Most will have seen his long article in the May Beacon setting out the realities of life in the NHS in England now, with central directives coming thick and fast on top of major post-pandemic backlog pressures. Patient members agreed that the article had been useful, if sobering, giving us all better insights.

Updating us further Dr Evans spoke of the 'huge' amount of anxiety evident in the community now, conflicting somewhat with NHS England's current 5 year GP contract that was set out before the pandemic arose. Every relevant organisation is looking for a recovery plan and a future emphasis on preventative medicine rather than illness treatment but this is difficult to progress in a 'keeping heads above water' situation.

eConsult continues to ensure that a Doctor triages each patient who contacts the Surgery on the basis of detailed preliminary information. Patients finding an IT led approach difficult can phone the Surgery and be talked through the process by a receptionist. This 'total triage' approach has one flaw though – some people have simple routine requests that don't need a full triage process, so the Practice is working on ways to achieve greater efficiency in that respect.

Our Surgery has for some time kept the eConsult system online throughout weekends when the Surgery is closed. The Patient Group considered this situation and the potential for patients using eConsult early in a weekend waiting until Monday morning for a first response. We therefore considered all-weekend availability potentially unsafe and unnecessary. Unnecessary because NHS England also provides the Out-of-Hours doctors service and the 111 telephone consultation service through which patients can get quicker access. As a result we have recommended that the Practice close eConsult over weekends.

An important achievement for the local Primary Care Network of five practices is to have employed two counsellors to support children with mental health needs, halving their time to treatment which remains though at an unacceptable six months locally. We hope this is an example of progress being achieved despite the current pressures.

*David Perry, Chair*

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# Painswick's past is Shops past and present

## back Don't miss the exhibition

Two years late but worth the wait! Painswick Local History Society has for some years presented an exhibition biennially. This has not been possible for the past two years, thwarted of course by Covid restrictions. The last one was in 2018. It is good to report therefore that after this unavoidable setback the new exhibition will be on display in the Town Hall from 10.30am until 4.00pm on Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd July.

Painswick has a really remarkable, rich history ranging from the social to the political, the personal, criminal, industrial, religious, cultural, agricultural, architectural, archaeological etc and ongoing research continues to bring more to light on a regular basis. This year's exhibition promises to present some stimulating information and illustrations on a range of topics. There will also be a display of some fascinating objects recently discovered below ground locally and not previously on display. Of special interest too will be the boards on Painswick's history of education which recently won the award for best display at the county annual history day in Gloucester.

Our understanding of present-day Painswick can be greatly enhanced by discovering more about its past. It may even change the way we find ourselves looking at our local surroundings and practices. Do come along and discover yet more about Painswick's fascinating past. Entry is free and there will be refreshments.

*Carol Maxwell*



Our latest meeting comprised two elements. Firstly, our Annual General meeting which saw some changes at the top. Peter Jackson takes over the role of chairman whilst Henrietta Podd steps into Peters former role as Treasurer.

At the conclusion of the AGM our Secretary, Al Jollans gave a presentation, using photographs from the community archives we were taken on a comprehensive and fascinating trip through what had been the commercial heart of Painswick.

Al explained that the archives are a community project aimed at providing a working resource for both local history and family history researchers.. Donations of private historical documents are already boosting the value and range of the index but they could do with more. Any one with similar documents is invited to contribute any relevant material in physical or electronic form. The documents can be scanned and the original returned to the owners. The range of pictures selected ensured that virtually everyone present was able to identify with many of the properties we were shown and to see how things had changed over the past years,

Starting from the Edge Road we first saw Tildmarsh butchers followed by several hotels, including the Falcon. Apart from the Falcon the others are now used as private residential homes. Continuing along New Street we saw a wide range of trades including bakery, post office, dairy, grocers, paper shop and even a Mission Hall. This varied range of shops continued through Bisley Street, Friday Street, St Marys Street and Victoria Street until we reached The Lamp House which was another hotel. We concluded our tour at that point..



The 120 slides from this talk will be on display at our summer exhibition 2nd-3rd July in the Town Hall.

Our new season starts on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Steven Blake talking on the subject of John Bellamy (1808-1893), a travelling showman.

*Harold Clark*

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# Actions speak louder than words ... a remarkable young man

When Painswick's Longfield charity shop was subjected to an appalling robbery at knifepoint in March there was, inevitably, widespread shock and sadness, and concern about the vulnerability of such isolated shops. It was hoped of course that the culprit would be found and apprehended quickly. For one young Painswickian however, it generated more than just strong feelings about the fact that such a terrible incident should have taken place in Painswick, it aroused a strong desire to do something to try to help.

Marcus White was as shocked as everyone. "It was really upsetting, all so unfair," he says. "Justice needed to be served and something needed to be done. I wanted to raise the money which had been taken." The robbery happened in March and £77 had been stolen by the man who had held a knife at the throat of a customer whilst demanding the takings from the till and the contents of the customer's purse.

Marcus decided that a fund raising tournament at Painswick's tennis club was the answer. With the willing support of the club Marcus arranged for 16 players to participate in matches on Saturday, 21st May. The teams were random, mixed and of all ages and the tournament lasted for about 2½ hours – and a fun morning for all it proved to be. The players each donated £5 in order to participate. In fact, many gave more and several other people also added to the collection. The final total of donations was a very impressive £145 – a wonderful result and well beyond Marcus's original target of £80.

Marcus is 17 years old. Having decided to run the tournament he organised all the necessary arrangements and did all the publicity. His mum acknowledges that, especially for such a young man, he was truly inspirational. His desire to help was exceptional. Ultimately, Marcus was relieved and very happy that he had achieved his aim, in fact almost doubling the original target, and was able to give back to the charity what had so callously been taken.

Currently in the lower sixth form at Marling School, Marcus is studying A Level business studies, geography and economics with the aim of applying for a university place next year. Meanwhile, he and a friend are also running their own pizza business, Bros & Doughs. They make their own sourdough stone baked pizzas and operate the business in a converted horse box. This is certainly a very enterprising young man.



Longfield was informed of the fundraising and the amount raised the day after the tournament. "We are blown away by this lovely gesture," was the response and reference was made to Marcus's kindness. Val, who is deputy manager of Painswick's Longfield shop, adds "it is absolutely brilliant that a young man should take time out of his busy life to raise funds for Longfield."

Without doubt, Marcus White is a young man in whom generosity of spirit, a sense of justice, ability to pursue a positive course of action and indeed kindness are strong features. Painswick should be proud of him and what he has achieved.

*Carol Maxwell*

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... and what of Painswick's Longfield shop in Bisley Street? Val explains that as a small branch shop it is vital that sales are steady and regular in order for it to survive. Donations of good quality items are always welcome and, perhaps more importantly, local residents should take a look inside on a regular basis. It is nearly always stocked with many lovely items and it is certainly totally dependent on regular sales. Longfield as a local charity is amazing in the care it provides for people with life-limiting illness and also for their families. Our Painswick shop is part of this charity and it needs the support of all Painswick residents.

If you would like to add to Marcus's donation either call in to the shop or contact Longfield tel. 01453 886868 or visit [www.longfield.org.uk/donate](http://www.longfield.org.uk/donate)

*Carol Maxwell*

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# Sarah and Sharron to retire

Leaving a job you love is never easy, especially after several years. Both Sarah Taylor and Sharron Andrews will be retiring in August from their roles as the play group leaders in Painswick Playgroup and for both of them it will be something of a wrench.

For Sarah (left in picture) it marks the end of 18 years working with and for the playgroup. She started as chairperson of the committee, helped set up the Croft Fun Club and, once her three daughters were settled into school, she studied for a qualification in order to work in the sector. She was delighted eventually to take on the role of leader in 2014.

Sharron (right in picture) was born and bred in Painswick, a true bow-wow. She too is fully qualified and has worked for the playgroup altogether for 16 years. Sharron has two sons and she ran the Croft Fun Club for ten years. She then moved across to the Playgroup and has been joint leader for the past six years.

Working with a playgroup requires energy, commitment, educational awareness, care, dedication, willingness to take on very real responsibility and a preparedness to undertake the considerable amount of necessary paperwork. Sarah and Sharron have succeeded in all these respects and are held in high regard and with great admiration and affection by their staff. They, however, insist that it is truly a team effort and, they say, it is the staff as a whole who have made and continue to make Painswick Playgroup the great success story that it is.



Painswick Playgroup does have a superb reputation attracting children from the whole of the valley and from Stroud and Gloucester. Sarah and Sharron say this is because the team is so good, indeed a very happy, caring, consistent team with very little staff turnover. It also includes the dedicated committee of volunteers, usually parents, who, for example, organise the Easter Egg Hunt every year to raise money for replacing equipment, purchasing toys and carrying out necessary repairs to the building.

Painswick Playgroup, a charity, has existed since 1963. It is in action five days a week with a maximum of 24 children at any given time. The staff are all well qualified. It is without doubt very successful in providing a safe and stimulating environment for our pre-school children who are of course our future. Sarah and Sharron have constantly maintained high standards within a happy environment, providing education through carefully structured play and activities. It is so important that the children experience such an excellent start to their educational lives.

As leaders Sarah and Sharron have played an exceptional role in achieving this success. 'Totally committed to the Playgroup ... you could not ask for better leaders ... extremely supportive towards staff ... best work colleagues and friends you could wish for ... will be greatly missed by us all' – these are just a few of the comments made by the Playgroup staff about them.

Sarah and Sharron feel the time is right for them to leave. Both have grown-up children some of whom live at a considerable distance. Both feel strongly that they can now look forward to spending more time with their families. They do however feel sad to be leaving having loved their years with the play group. Both are keen to point out that it is a job you have to be devoted to and love. This is certainly the case with them and Painswick's children have for many years definitely been the beneficiaries. The rest of the staff all say they will miss their leadership and presence but feel safe in the knowledge that their outstanding example is thankfully firmly established for the foreseeable future of Painswick Playgroup.

*Carol Maxwell*

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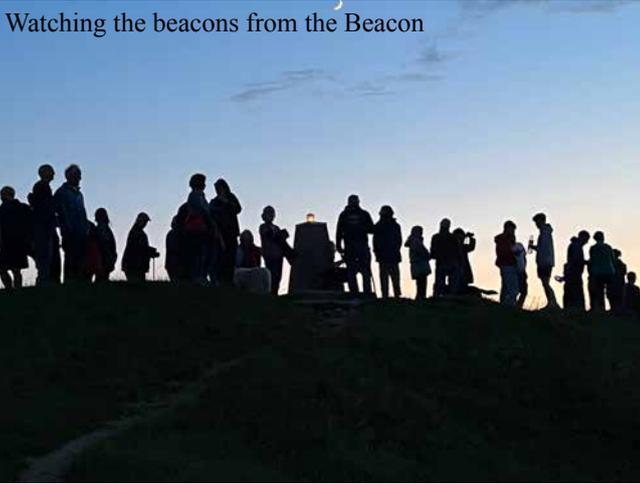
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# Street parties and other the Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Painswick clearly had a great time over the Jubilee holiday despite attempts of the weather to intervene!

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# Summer Reading Challenge Theme 2022 - Gadgeteers



The Summer Reading Challenge (presented by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with community libraries) is aimed at children aged 4 to 11 years who can sign up at Painswick Library. This year's Challenge starts on July 9th and is all about science and innovation. Join six fictional characters called the Gadgeteers as they explore themes such as Everyday Science, Invention & Creation, Fun With Friends, Young Heroes, and Making The World A Better Place.

After signing up, participants will receive a fold-out Gadgeteers poster and by borrowing books, each child will earn transformation stickers to add to the poster. As they read books for the Challenge, their stickers will transform the poster to show how the Gadgeteers are using their skills to come up with amazing inventions for their summer party.

In support of this year's challenge, at Painswick Community Library we have acquired the following books:

Aderin-Pocock, M	Dr Maggie's Grand Tour of the Solar System
Barr, Catherine	Invisible Nature
Brooks, Susie	You are 25% Banana
Hart, Caryl	The Girl Who Planted Trees
Marshall, Barr	How to Win a Nobel Prize
Martineau, Susan	Science Experiments at Home
Mortimer, Helen	Big Words for Little People: Our World
Pang, Camila	Perfectly Weird, Perfectly You
Seal, Julia	Bloom
Wheatley, Abigail	Amazing Discoveries of 100 Brilliant Scientists
Williams, Jake	Leonardo Da Vinci's Life of Invention



Happy Reading and hope to see you at the library.

## 10 years old

To celebrate ten years of the Painswick Community Library trustees past and present met for a celebration tea party.

*Pat Pinnegar*

## Painswick to Paris Challenge in Memory of Susan John

Susan's son Charlie (landlord of The Oak, Painswick) together with good friend Wayne and his brother-in-law Harry have taken up the challenge of cycling off the beaten track from Susan's bench on the Memorial Ground, Painswick on Tuesday 30th August and arriving at the Eiffel Tower, Paris on Friday 2nd September after just 4 days on the first anniversary of Susan's death. The ride is to raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Riding a gravel route they will cover a staggering 600km with elevations of just over 4000m, travelling through villages across Southern England and Northern France, taking in some stunning scenery from their home town, Painswick to the centre of London, beaches of Northern France to the site of The Battle of the Somme. Their adventure will take them on rough trails, logging tracks, canal paths, bridleways and fields, testing them to the limit.

Support Vehicle I hear you say? This is a challenge not a jolly. Taking only the clothes on their back and a few supplies the boys will be travelling solo, only to get their heads down in B&B's along the way.



Susan was diagnosed on the 15th June and just 11 weeks later passed away on 2nd September 2021. Survival statistics are so low because pancreatic cancer is so hard to diagnose. Many people are diagnosed late when the cancer has taken hold and spread so surgery to remove the cancer not an option. This is why supporting this charity is so important.

You can support the boys and the charity by donating via their just giving page or at the collection boxes at The Oak, Painswick and The Box at The Plantation walkers Car Park and of course if you wish to give them a send off they'll remember and the encouragement they need join them early on Tuesday 30th August at The Memorial Ground, Painswick.

Bon Voyage Boys and the best of luck.

*Neil John*

Regular visitors will know that this lovely garden continues to develop and is a delight in all seasons. The Maze, which was planted back in 1998 to mark the Garden's 250th anniversary, is in fact three mazes in one. Last month we planted a beautiful rowan tree in the middle to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is really popular with children (and grown-ups) of all ages who seem to love getting lost and then finding their way out!

# Painswick Rococo Garden

Over the summer we're open seven days per week during the school holidays, 23 July – 4 September and Wednesday-Sunday for the first few weeks of July. And we've a brand new family trail lined up for the holidays – an opportunity to escape to our "Enchanted Garden", a world of dancing fairies, fiery dragons and mischievous woodland boggarts. Imaginations and feet will run wild as you explore the twist and turns of the Garden, looking out for fairy-tale creations, beautifully sculpted in willow. The trail runs 23 Jul – 4 Sep and is included with admission. For more details see the events page at [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk).

The Garden is one of my favourite places to see open air theatre. And this August Bank Holiday Monday we're hosting a production of "Rapunzel", an exhilarating, heart-warming production about one girl's longing to break free from her imposed lockdown and explore the world outside (we can all empathise with this now!). With wicked witches, loveable trolls, a fairy-tale Prince and miles of golden hair, Rapunzel is the perfect breath of fresh air for all ages. We are fortunate to have two performances on Monday 29 August at 11am and 2.30pm. For more details and to book again see the events pages at [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk).

And finally, there are exciting changes coming for our Café, Shop and Plant Sales. After many years in our current base, we are moving to a new temporary home onsite in September. This will provide us with a new route in to the Garden, better access to plant sales and a new link with the car park. Look out for more details next time.

Make time this summer to escape, explore and imagine at the Rococo Garden – I'll look forward to seeing you there.

*Tim Toghil, Volunteer*

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## Library book club

The next meeting of the Painswick Library Book Club is Monday 25th July 1.30-2.30 pm. The novel we will be discussing is  
The Guest Book by Sarah Blake.



We will then take a break over August and meet again in September, when we will be discussing Lean, Fall, Stand by John McGregor.

If you would like to join us, please come along and meet other members of the group. For further information email [painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com)

*Pat Andrews*

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# Painswick Sports

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## Painswick Lawn Tennis Club celebrates 60 years



Painswick tennis club welcomed nearly 100 members and friends to a celebratory dinner at Broadham.

After drinks in the sunshine the evening commenced with the President, Joan Griffiths cutting the 3 tier birthday cake and making a welcoming speech. This was followed by a delicious buffet supper and dancing to live music by tennis member, Graham Britton. A very successful happy evening was had by all.



Special thanks go to Claire Moir for managing the event and to Ness, Ruth and Joan for all their help.

## Painswick Football Club

My name is Jordan Hutchinson and I am the new Chairman of Painswick FC, having recently taken over from Painswickian Howard Davis. Howard and I both share a common goal which is to create a sustainable football club for Painswick, a passion now shared by Carl Williams (1st Team Manager) and myself. We run an adult male football club as of right now, operating with 3 male teams and 90 participants. This all being predominately based upon the Recreation Ground which we know has a slope running through the centre of the field!

Our team was formed in 2014 beginning in the Stroud & District League Division 7. It came around because we didn't want U16s falling out of love with football because far too many do at 16. We arranged friendlies and half the team turned up with no shin pads as they didn't know they had to wear them!

In the total of 7 seasons (5 fully completed without Covid Disruptions) the first team achieved 2 promotions and 3 league title wins putting them within two promotions of entering the Northern Senior Leagues. This all whilst creating a Reserve and 3rd team.

The loyalty to this football club and community can never be questioned. We have players leave clubs of higher levels and

better facilities to play for this little village team on a slope. We have had club members run a BBQ at Painswick Food Festival at the last minute just to give back to the community. During the summer we try our best to visit the Cricket Team during their season to support the local community. With your support this Club aim to reach new heights that will not only improve the club but will also open up opportunities for the Painswick community.



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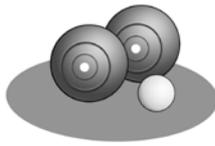
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## Falcon Painswick bowlers

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Eleven new members have signed up and as bowls is an inclusive sport, women can play alongside men, and yes, beat them as well!!



Congratulations to all who played in the street bowls [see report p23]. You have experienced what fun playing bowls can be. So if any are keen to continue, come and see what we have to offer at Painswick Falcons bowls club. We are tucked away behind the Falcon inn.

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## Painswick Golf Club



The Seniors Championship took place last month. This is a medal competition off the white tees over two rounds. The winner was Finlay McLean with an excellent score of 133 (one under par) for the two rounds. The winner of the Seniors Tankard, for the best net score (after making allowance for handicaps), was won by George Paton with a score of 128. The mid-week Stableford held on 13th June was won by Peter Rowe with a score of 41 points.

The Seniors Away Day this year was organised by Duncan McCarroll and held at Puckrup Hall Golf Club. Some 28 members took part. The individual stableford competition was won by John Hitchcock with an outstanding 45 stableford points, and a closely fought team competition was won by the 'Baffies' comprising Gil Locke, Rick Carman, John Hitchcock and Don Merrylees. Congratulations to all the winners.

Painswick Golf Club is open to golfers who wish to test their skills on our unique course and to the public who are looking for food and refreshments. For Tee times and catering arrangements please phone 01452 812180.

*Peter Rowe*

## Andrea Linsell A tireless worker for the Community

Andrea Linsell, who died in May, was a seemingly tireless worker for the community in Painswick and a constant and charming presence in many aspects of village life over a long period. More recently she has been greatly admired for the fortitude and good humour with which she faced her final illness.

Andrea lived in Painswick for 44 years and she and her husband David were chosen as joint Painswickians of the Year in 2014, in recognition of the contribution that they had both made in so many areas. One of her major commitments was to the Stroud and District Mencap Society, of which she was for a time Chairman, as well as being a Trustee of the Stroud Homes Foundation, which manages their residential homes, and organising regular fund-raising events.

Not long after her arrival in Painswick, Andrea took on the running of Painswick Brownies, as 'Brown Owl', at a time when it was on the point of folding, while David was 'Akela' for the Cubs. She put her considerable craft skills to good use in her work as an Occupational Therapist and combined these with her catering and organisational skills in her work with many local groups. She was a willing worker for Christ Church in Gloucester Street, for an inter-faith discussion group 'Have your Say' and for the 'Cupcakes for Carers' group. Painswick Bowls Club, the Painswick Centre and the Yew Trees WI also benefited from Andrea's capable presence and her generosity.

As well as her husband David, she leaves two children, Ruth and Rob, five grandchildren and a great grandchild, all of whom she adored. There are many people in Painswick who will mourn her passing and offer their sympathies to the family.

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## Food Nights

**Don't miss this month's takeaway Food Nights, serving 5-8pm:**

Thurs 7th July	Niangs Thai (homemade Thai street food)
Thurs 14th July	Bella Mia Pizza (woodfired sourdough pizzas)
Thurs 21st July	Soul Fries (handcut fries with homemade toppings)
Thurs 28th July	Burgerlish (organic grass fed beef & vegan burgers)

Other dates for your diary

Every Thursday	Morning Market with local produce, 8.15-9.45am
Sat 2nd July	Love Painswick community fair (postponed from May)
Fri 8th July	Wick-Flix presents: Death on the Nile

Always check our social media and website ([www.painswickcentre.com](http://www.painswickcentre.com)) for up-to-date listings, and our noticeboards at the bottom of Bisley Street are also a great place to find out what's happening. If you would like to be included on our email list so we can keep you up to date with what's on please email [marketing@painswickcentre.com](mailto:marketing@painswickcentre.com).

*Susie Andrews*

## Secret Postcard exhibition

The Painswick Centre is excited to announce its first Secret Postcard summer exhibition, which will be on display at the Centre throughout August. The exhibition will be made up of miniature postcard-sized artworks, and you can place a sealed bid for the one (or ones) you like, each starting at £10. Some of the postcards on display will be by well-known artists and even celebrities, however, you won't know who the artist of each postcard is until the exhibition is over! You can try to guess which name has created which postcard, or you can just go with your heart and choose one you love. Keep an eye out for the August edition of the Beacon where we'll be letting you know which artists and big names will be contributing artworks.

Budding artists are invited to draw/paint/create a postcard to be included in the exhibition, and you can pick up a postcard from the Handmade in Painswick café now. All proceeds will be going towards a much-needed restoration and refurbishment of the Beacon Hall.

*Susie Andrews*



## Wick-Flix presents Death on the Nile

(Now on the SECOND Friday of the month)

Wick-Flix has great pleasure in presenting Death on the Nile, to be shown on Friday 8th July. A star-studded Agatha Christie classic whodunnit, it's filled with sweeping shots of Egypt and 1930s glamour galore.

Wick-Flix is a very special community cinema, run solely by volunteers. Your first drink from the bar is included in the ticket price, and you are welcomed with complimentary canapes on arrival. There are sweet and savoury snacks and ice cream available beforehand, and during the interval. Doors open at 7pm, the showing starts at 7.45pm. Tickets are £9 on the door, cash or card.

This is our last showing before the summer break, but we're looking forward to coming back in September.

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# PLANNING MATTERS

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.22/1122/TCA Old House, New Street  
Removal of Conifer.

S.22/1135/TPO Hyett Orchard, Hyett  
Close

T1 Prune Lime - Repollard and crown  
lift. T2 Prune Lime - repollard and crown  
lift. T3 Prune Birch - selective reduction,  
prune to 5m.

S.22/1246/AFPA Hammonds Farm, Wick  
Street

Erection of 3 polytunnels.

S.22/1256/HHOLD Extra Cover,  
Far End, Sheepscombe

Ground and first floor extensions with  
dormer. Re-roofing and changes to  
external wall finishes and changes to  
windows.

S.22/1239/VAR 3 Stroud Road

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans)  
from the application S.21/2956/HHOLD  
- Addition of dormer window.

S.22/1271/TPO 6 St Marys Mead

T1 chestnut - trim back by 3m.

S.22/1257/HHOLD Mirfield,  
Stroud Road

Erection of roof extension & change  
of external materials. Replacement of  
garage.

S.22/1296/HHOLD Rosemary  
Cottage, St Marys Street

Erection of an extension to the rear and a  
timber clad garden office.

S.22/1297/LBC Rosemary Cottage, St  
Marys Street

Alterations, repairs and rear extension.

S.22/1059/TCA The Old Vicarage,  
Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe

T1 Copper beech - Reduce crown height

by 3.5m and lateral spread by 3m. T2  
Walnut - Reduce crown by 25-30%. T3  
Maple - Reduce crown by 15-20%. T4  
Holm Oak - Reduce crown by 20-25%.  
T5 and 6 Yew - Reduce tops down by 1m.

## CONSENT

S.22/0592/HHOLD Rockmill  
House, Rock Mill, Stroud

Conversion of garage into ancillary annexe  
and erection of extensions (modifications  
to approved S.20/1984/HHOLD).

S.22/0647/HHOLD Old Greenhouse  
Farm, Greenhouse Lane

Replacement two-storey and single-storey  
extensions, installation of windows and  
entry gate piers.

S.22/0670/LBC Old Greenhouse Farm,  
Greenhouse Lane

Replacement two-storey and single-storey  
extensions, installation of windows and  
entry gate piers.

S.22/0719/HHOLD 1 Swiss

Cottages & Darkest Peru, Kings Mill Lane  
Erection of single storey extension with  
alterations to roadside parking.

S.22/0607/FUL Land At Beech Lane,  
Painswick

Replacement of existing timber stable  
block & construction of timber field  
shelter.

S.22/0709/HHOLD The Buddings,  
Slad Road, Stroud

Alterations to existing garage to provide  
store.

S.22/0711/LBC The Buddings, Slad  
Road, Stroud

Reduce the garage front by approx. 2.7m  
Reduce front roof upstand.

S.22/0767/HHOLD Midsummer  
House, Slad

Replacement single storey extension,

external material changes and internal  
alterations.

S.22/1135/TPO Hyett Orchard, Hyett  
Close

T1 Prune Lime - Repollard and crown  
lift. T2 Prune Lime - repollard and crown  
lift. T3 Prune Birch - selective reduction,  
prune to 5m.

S.22/0838/HHOLD Extra Cover,  
Far End, Sheepscombe

Alterations to garage to form office  
space, facilities & attic store. Conversion  
includes a raised roof to match existing  
profiles. New shed.

S.22/0407/FUL Cardynham House,  
Tibbiwell Lane

The change of use from what is currently  
a composite use comprising of Class C1  
& Class E uses to an alternate composite  
use of Class C3 & Class E.

S.22/0925/HHOLD Castle Lodge,  
Cheltenham Road

Installation of 3 Air Source Heat Pumps  
and construction of hardstanding and  
dwarf wall.

S.22/1122/TCA Old House, New Street  
Removal of Conifer.

S.22/1059/TCA The Old Vicarage,  
Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe

T1 Copper beech - Reduce crown height  
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## REFUSED

S.22/0923/CPE Land Adjoining  
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## Historic July Crimes

**1862** William Burt, drunk and riotous in the Royal Oak. He insulted the police and made a great disturbance in St Mary's Street for a long time. PC Clarke said the man was very quiet when sober but very disorderly when drunk. Fined 2/- and 7/- costs. His wife paid the money. *Stroud Journal*

**1872** Elizabeth Powell, a single woman, drunk and riotous again at Painswick. She said she had been ill and having a glass of beer took effect upon her. PC Grivell said she would get gin drinking and beat her father, an old man, the Sexton at Painswick, and her mother. She was alright when she did not drink. Fined 5/- and 7/- costs. *Stroud Journal*

**1882** George Harris, Frank Powell and Frank Niblett, youths of Painswick, charged with obstructing the highway. It appeared the defendants stood on the pavement in New Street using bad language and insulting passengers. Pay costs 2/9 each.

William Foxwell, drunk and disorderly. Fined 2/6 and 8/6 costs.

Charles Scott, wilfully damaging trees the property of Augustus Matthews. PC Griffin found the defendant pulling branches off the trees to sell as firewood. Fined 12/- and costs or seven days. *Gloucester Citizen*

**1892** Alfred Trigg, disorderly and refusing to quit the Star Inn. The manager of the inn said defendant made a disturbance, called him a "Holloway man" and refused to leave. Defendant said White [manager] refused to let him have any beer saying he would not serve a Radical. Case dismissed. *Gloucester Citizen*

John Smith, age 62, guilty of begging, 7 days imprisonment.

**1902** William Fryer, guilty of having used abusive language in the highway at Painswick. Fined 8/-

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## Another historic July crime - quarrelling women

1902 Caroline Mitchell, a married woman, summoned for having assaulted Esther Clack, a married woman. It appeared that the defendant had got the idea that witness said something about her. When defendant charged her with it, she denied the allegation. Nevertheless, she struck her. She also used "tremendous bad language" and spat on her face. Her mother pushed her away. Hannah Monk, complainant's mother, testified as to the assault. Sarah Jane Wager supported the complainant's evidence, but she did not see the spitting. Rose Gyde averred that Mrs Clack also used "tremendous bad language" and her sister did nothing. When the complainant went up for PC Jones, he came out but went back again. Mrs Monk was also charged with assaulting Mrs Mitchell. Complainant said that defendant struck her and said "Don't you touch my daughter." Rose Gyde corroborated. Mrs Wager said she saw Mrs Monk push the complainant. Caroline Mitchell was fined 5/- and the case against Mrs Monk was dismissed. *Stroud News & Gloucester Advertiser.*

Carol Maxwell

## Property Report

Hidden away, but right in the centre of the village, Star Cottage is a 3 bed cottage off Hollyhock Lane, with garden and garage and incorporating part of the old Star Inn (Murrays, £445,000). A little less central, but rather larger, is 18 Upper Washwell, a four bedroom semi-detached family house with potential for a one bedroom annexe (Hamptons, £550,000). In the other direction, downhill from the centre, there are two detached family homes on the market - 4 St. Mary's Mead off Stroud Road (Murrays, £875,000) and 7 Randalls Field, off Kings Mill Lane (Murrays, offers over £795,000), each of which has four bedrooms, a double garage and lovely views.

Two more expensive houses that came briefly onto the market in the last month though, have been snapped up already. Both Knapp Corner House in Knapp Lane (Murrays, £1.25 million) and Sevenacres, off Slad Road between Sheepscombe and The Camp (Murrays, £1.3 million), went quickly under offer.

Other properties going under offer this month include 10 Upper Washwell and Kilmory at Whiteway, through Hamptons and Wool Cottage in Victoria Street, through Murrays. Properties that have exchanged and/or completed include 15 Gyde House, Little Acre in Cheltenham Road, Tophams in Friday Street, Mandalay at The Highlands and both Pound Cottage and Sweetbriar in Cranham.

Murrays are the Gold Sponsor of Wick-Flix, which will be showing 'Death on the Nile' at the Painswick Centre on Friday 8th July. And on Saturday 16th July, Hamptons are sponsoring the Croft School Summer Fair (12 noon to 4 pm). To celebrate World environment Day, they have also committed to plant a tree for every new instruction they received in June.



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<b>Mondays</b>	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am
	Vinyasa Yoga Class Info from <a href="mailto:Lizzie@innerblissyoga.co.uk">Lizzie@innerblissyoga.co.uk</a>	Town Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie <a href="mailto:ballyhoochalford@gmail.com">ballyhoochalford@gmail.com</a>	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Badminton(juniors). Contact John <a href="mailto:barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk">barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.00pm
	Badminton(adults). Contact John <a href="mailto:barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk">barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 9.30pm
	Community Choir. Contact Sophie <a href="mailto:sophie@sophiesterckckx.co.uk">sophie@sophiesterckckx.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. For beginners and experienced players. All equipment provided. 2.00/session to cover refreshments	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester <a href="mailto:skester@outlook.com">skester@outlook.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
	Rococo Sprites. See <a href="http://www.rococogarden.org.uk">www.rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
	HIP Pilates 50. Contact <a href="http://Joannedaleypilates.com/07968799741">Joannedaleypilates.com/07968799741</a> . From Januaury 11th	Zoom Class	11.00am
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or <a href="mailto:tennpatricia@gmail.com">tennpatricia@gmail.com</a>	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am
<b>Thursdays</b>	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
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<b>Fridays</b>	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact <a href="mailto:BalletClaire@outlook.com">BalletClaire@outlook.com</a>	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain <a href="mailto:cgswain:btinternet.com">cgswain:btinternet.com</a> or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
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<b>Sundays</b>	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
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<b>July</b>			
Fri	1	Handlebards present Twelfth Night.Prebook <a href="http://Rococogarden.org.uk">Rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden From 6.30pm
Sat	2	Handlebards present Twelfth Night. Prebook <a href="http://rococogarden.org.uk">rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden From 6.30pm
	2	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - guided walk on the Beacon Golf Club followed by refreshments at the Waypoint. £5.00 donation	1.00pm
	2	Love Painswick Community fair	Painswick Centre TBC

	2	Local History Society exhibition - free entry	Town Hall
Sun	3	Local History Society exhibition - free entry	Town Hall
Fri	8	Wickflix: Death on the Nile	Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30pm
	8	Friday Club - Butterfly recording with Joyce Barrus	Town Hall 2.30pm
Sun	10	Wood carving taster workshop with Natasha Houseago - open to all ages. Book through wtscollective.co.uk. £25/person.	Rococo Garden 11.00 - 12.30 or 2.00 - 3.30pm
	10	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 10.00am
Wed	13	Gardening Club: Sex Lies and Putrefaction - Timothy Walker from Oxford Botanic Garden	Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat	16	Croft School Summer Fair	Croft School 12.00 - 4.00pm
	16	Sew Vintage: Introduction to Upholstery. Cost £155. contact www.sew-vintage.co.uk	Church Rooms 9.30 - 5.30pm
Sun	17	Holy Communion and Holy Baptism	St Mary's Church 10.00am
Fri	22	Friday Club - pub lunch	TBC
Sat	23	Painswick Quakers tea party	Quaker Meeting House 3.00 - 5.00pm
Sun	24	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church 10.00am
Mon	25	Library Book Club	Library 1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	26	Yew Trees WI: Life and Times of a village estate agent - Guy Tabony	Church Rooms 7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	31	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - guided walk on the Beacon Golf Club followed by refreshments at the Waypoint. £5.00 donation	1.00pm
	31	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 10.00am

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# Personal Column

## Condolences

To the family and friends of **ANDREA LINSELL** who died aged 77 at Resthaven Nursing Home on May 25th. Andrea was a hardworking and dedicated part of Painswick village life and was Painswickian of the Year in 2014. Her funeral took place on Monday 27th June.

To the family and friends of **MALCOLM WATTS** who died on June 5th. Malcolm lived in Painswick for nearly 35 years from 1978 but more recently lived in Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. He is greatly missed by his wife Audrey Watts, his daughter Helen and son-in-law Julian Stapleton, his son Nick Watts and daughter-in-law Natalie and his five grandchildren, Isabelle and Dominic Stapleton and Rafe, Nell and Bo Watts.

To the family and friends of **RACHEL HANKS** who sadly died on 29th May 2022. A service of thanksgiving will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Slad, on Monday 4th July at 11:30am.

## Congratulations

To long-time Painswick resident **ETELLE JAMES** who recently celebrated her 100th birthday with a party for family and friends. Although a card from Her Majesty the Queen is unique for this occasion, Etelle thanks everyone for their cards and good wishes, all marking a very memorable birthday.



# Croft School Summer Fair - 16th July

With two weeks to go until The Croft School Summer Fair returns, below is a teaser of the fun and games that will be available;



## Inter Street Bowls Competition



Building up to the jubilee weekend there was an increasing interest in the highly competitive inter street bowls competition culminating in interviews with radio Gloucestershire. With 14 streets providing teams who not only had great fun but were all rewarded with a bottle of wine kindly sponsored by Hamptons. The finals which took place on the 5th June was a draw between Edge Lane and Hamptons who also received Jubilee mugs and Team representatives were taken on a winner's ride on Coldcroft Shire Charity Float through the streets of Painswick accompanied by cheers from all the well-wishers. Runners up

were Kingsmill Lane and Brookhouse Millers who also did a lap of honour with the Shires.

The competition attracted over 50 players who in the main had never played bowls before. At the end of the competition there was a unanimous call for more opportunities to play bowls so whilst the Painswick Bowls Club can open any day on request, it was decided that on the first and third Fridays of the summer months all Jubilee Players and their friends and family would be most welcome for informal matches against a background of a BBQ and Bar.



Bouncy Castles - Toddler Activity Garden, Large Castle & Slide, as well as an Inflatable Obstacle Run

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We can't do all of the above without enough volunteers so please think if you can spare some time, you can find all remaining volunteer slots on the sign-up sheet <https://volunteersignup.org/9q87j>

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# Painswick open gardens



On Saturday 28th May, the day started early for the team at Hamptons in Painswick. A team of helpers in the shape of colleagues, family and friends gathered as the final preparations were being put in place for the Painswick Open Gardens Event that kicked off at 11am.

17 home owners had kindly agreed to open their gardens up for the event to help raise funds for Cancer Research UK. Along with the private houses, the three churches in the village also joined in the fun giving us a total of 20 gardens opening for visitors to explore.

We based ourselves in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre from where we sold entry tickets and route maps as well as hosting a plant sale and selling teas and homemade cakes to visitors. The Trustees for the Recreation Field granted us permission to use the lower part of the field for car parking which meant it was only a short walk from there to the start of the trail.

With the sun shining, we did a roaring trade from the start of the day! The plant sale raised about £500, as did the tea and cakes we were selling at the Beacon Hall. Stuart and Steve, at Verlands on Vicarage Street, did a roaring trade quenching visitors' thirsts by selling chilled Pimms whilst Tina and Peter at Hill House on Gloucester Street also raised funds through selling tea and cakes.

By the end of the day, we had raised a stunning total of £3,672.84, which was a fantastic reward for all the hard work and generosity that was required to make the day work.

We would like to say a particular THANK YOU to: everyone who made and donated cakes for us to sell; to Mary Parsons from Pitchcombe and to Julie Dolphin who is launching Exedra Nursery in Painswick for their generous donations of plants to sell; to Tina Bowden from Lavender Bakehouse for her donation of cakes and scones and cream, to Roy Balgobin and the Trustees of the Recreation Field, and to Vanessa Clarke and the team at the Painswick Centre. However, above all, thanks must go those who opened their gardens for us without whom there would have been no Open Gardens! We know that, although the event is only on one day, it takes a lot of time, effort and knowledge to get the gardens ready to welcome 400 visitors!

Why Support Cancer Research UK? As many of you will know, Naomi Adams, who has worked in this office for the last 15 years, was diagnosed in December 2021 with stage 4 bowel cancer. She is receiving great treatment from the NHS much of which has been developed through the endeavours of Cancer Research UK whose scientists and researchers are at the forefront of the battle to beat the disease. Moreover, it's not just Naomi; in talking to those opening their gardens, most of them have similar stories about themselves or their family's experiences with cancer.

*Guy Tabony*



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