

The Painswick Beacon

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Walkway from Stamages Lane car park to Churchyard – construction starts!

Construction of the Walkway - anticipated in last September's Beacon - was delayed pending resolution of outstanding planning issues with SDC. The walkway will run across what is presently part of the Church Rooms car park and then through the old library building to the churchyard. The aim is to provide a safe passage for all Painswickians and visitors to reach the churchyard and the village thereby avoiding the dangerous lychgate corner on the A46 opposite Edge lane. It will also allow wheelchair access to the churchyard, and also the church rooms, via a ramp leading to the new passageway. Partial agreement with SDC was reached a few weeks ago allowing preliminary work to start, ie demolition of the old toilets outside the church rooms, at the beginning of March.

The old library itself is being converted into 4 flats and the developer, Head Ruddy Ltd has also incorporated a passageway to the churchyard through the back of the old library. However, both the developer and St Mary's PCC wished to see modifications to the original plan. Jim Ruddy of HeadRuddy Ltd has said that "The revised planning application for the four apartments is still to be gained, and is being dealt with by a planning consultant, so only permissible works are being carried out within the Grade 2 listed building which unfortunately is suffering due to weather, and much needed repair and restoration." The Beacon has been informed that for any further information or queries regarding this project you can contact Miss Amelia Buckley Property and Estates manager Head Ruddy Ltd, email millie.headruddy@gmail.com.

The developer and St. Mary's Church have been working tirelessly to agree the details of the walkway. As well as the land outside the old toilets for the walkway St Mary's Church has agreed that the corner of the Derek Hodges room is to be altered to make the pathway into the churchyard more accessible. Head Ruddy Ltd have stated that they "are focussed on completing this community amenity" and indeed on completing the overall development of the site. Completion of the walkway is still some months ahead although it is hoped that breakthrough from the old library building into the churchyard can occur soon. The developers have promised to keep the Beacon informed as to all developments.

The picture shows the view from Stamages Car Park soon after removal of the toilets.



Update on use of Gravediggers Hut by Tourist Information Centre.

Planning permission for change of use of the Gravediggers Hut in St Mary's Churchyard to the Painswick Tourist Information Centre (TIC) has now been granted. There are some other formalities to be completed but it is likely that conversion of the Hut can start in early May because the TIC has obtained sufficient grants to undertake the work. It is probable that the TIC will be in business in the churchyard at the end of May. All being well this will be around the same time as the passageway through from the car park is completed. However the TIC are hoping to open for the 2014 season in early April. St

Mary's Church has kindly offered space in the church itself for them to open on time before their move into their new home.

Rev Mike Holloway says "As Vicar of Painswick, I'm really pleased we've been able to help the TIC by giving them both a temporary base and a more permanent one. Helping the TIC like this benefits the whole community and that is something dear to the hearts of myself and the PCC of St Mary's. We are a church for the whole community and intend to stay so."

No Post Office Local - but....

It was such a shock to learn so suddenly there could not be a Post Office Local in the Centre (apparently P.O. Locals have to be situated in business premises with gross receipts in excess of £4000 per week. A fact only just disclosed to us!)

I would like to express my thanks to all the Trustees, our manager, volunteers and helpers, and particularly those who offered to be trained to operate the P.O. counter, who all ensured the Centre would be ready when the time came.

All may not be lost however, our P.O. Liaison Officer, Leighton Barrett, is looking into the possibility of a P.O. outreach at the Centre. Leighton Barrett has been invited to attend our A.G.M. on the 8th April at 7.30p.m. in the Cotswold Room. If you come too you could ask him some questions!

David Linsell

Vacancies for firefighters

Painswick's Fire Crew still have vacancies for firefighters and are looking for enthusiastic men and women from all walks of life to join the team. If you would like to help protect your local community and learn new skills in the process then please visit http://www.glosfire.gov.uk/recruit_ff_retff.html for more information. Alternatively, contact Mark Hancock at mark.hancock@glosfire.gov.uk or 07967 316038. (Mark Hancock's firefighters report is on page 10)

On other pages this month:

Laurie Lee Centenary project, Good Friday Procession & Experience Easter, Easter Egg Hunt, Music Society concerts, Painswick Centre News, Help the 1914 exhibition, Stroud Junior Triathlon, Produce for the Country Market, Firefighters report, Village Quiz report, Croft successes, Field Club, Painswick clock discovery, George Hodder award.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 19th March by Mike Kerton

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.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Jason Bullingham chaired the meeting. It was agreed to carry forward to the next meeting the consultation from Stroud District Council regarding the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (Community Infrastructure Levy).

Matters requiring decision

There were eleven matters requiring a decision. Three relating to a listed building in Sheepscombe. The Committee agreed to support six of the applications, defer one to the next meeting, neither support or object to one application and object to one. Although the Committee objected to a further two applications for replacing two windows with double glazed units in a listed building they would support the application if the new units contained secondary glazing. Cllr David Oxendale voiced the opinion that supporting the replacement of windows with double glazed units in listed buildings would create a precedent. He recommended that each application should be judged on its merits.

PARISH COUNCIL

There were several members of the public present whose principal concerns were that the Parish Council's web site was not being updated. This was not the first time this matter had been raised. Neither the minutes of the February Council Meeting or the Agenda for that night's meeting appeared on the site. Also the continuing speed of traffic on the A46 through the village. This matter had been raised some eighteen months ago and assurances had been given by the Council that volunteers would receive training on how to operate hand held radar equipment.

Chairman Martin Slinger addressed both issues and asked the Clerk to check the web site and to ensure that it was updated. With regard to the traffic speed the Clerk, Roy Balgobin, stated that the Police were taking action and that the volunteers were still awaiting Police training. In addition a member of the public had volunteered to purchase portable flashing speed

sign. Unfortunately a suitable site for the sign had not been found. Although several locations had been identified none had been deemed suitable by the County Council's Highways Dept. Cllr Jason Bullingham donned his County Councillor's hat and advised the meeting that other Parish Councils were in a similar position, a slow response by the Police to requests for the training of volunteers. The Chairman again requested the Clerk to assume responsibility for arranging the training of the volunteers and to investigate the reasons for the delay and report back to the Council.

Mr David Allott stated that the proposed Community Post Office were still seeking volunteers to assist in the successful running of the scheme. This matter was subsequently discussed at the Council Meeting.

Matters of urgency

The Clerk advised the meeting that an election was due to be held to appoint Trustees of Sheepscombe Village Hall. Cllr Ian James was the current Council representative and he was content to continue as a Trustee. The Council unanimously voted to support this recommendation.

Matters Arising

Painswick Youth Club Project: Cllr Caroline White was not present at the meeting but had submitted a report. All of the internal work on the Pavilion was now complete and the remaining external work would be completed within the next two weeks. A "User Management Group" had been set up – see details later in the report. The project had been completed "within budget".

Village Post Boxes: Several Cllrs expressed the concern of many Villagers that the new Post Box would be located at the Painswick Centre and not in the centre of the village on level ground. As the Community Post Office was to be sited in The Centre so would the new Post Box. Cllr Bullingham said that he had again contacted the local MP, Neil Carmichael, about the closure of the Tibbiwell Lane box. In turn the MP had

reopened discussions with the CEO of Post Office Ltd. A decision is awaited.

The Post Office: There is an urgent need for more volunteers to come forward. Cllr Ann Daniels asked what duties the volunteers were expected to undertake. The Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate body and report back to the Council. An article would then be written for inclusion in The Beacon.

Common Land: Chairman Martin Slinger stated that just prior to the meeting he had received a text confirming that an application to fence three plots on the Beacon was being submitted to the appropriate authorities.

County Councillors report

Cllr Jason Bullingham advised the meeting that the County Council were applying for up to £15m in Government support to repair County roads following the flooding and wet weather. Also, the Council is allocating £50k to help people affected by the recent floods. It is offering up to £1k per flooded property. The fund is now open for applications.

The County's share of the of the Council Tax has been frozen for the fourth year in a row.

To consider recommendations from the Land and Buildings Committee

The recommendation of the Committee was to form a Management Committee which would be responsible for the running of the Painswick Pavilion. The Committee would comprise of eight members: two representatives each from the Council, PSALMS and Youth Football plus two members of the public. The Constitution will be prepared by the Council and a Councillor will act as Chairman of the Committee.

The financial objective will be to ensure that the Pavilion is self supporting within five years.

The Council will ratify members of the Committee at its May meeting.

The Council unanimously agreed the quote of £450 to repair the cemetery wall. Cllr Ann Daniels advised the meeting of possible further damage to the wall.

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Update on the Business Focus Group
 Cllrs Abigail Smith and David Oxendale explained that the inaugural meeting of the group had been held on the 12th March. Three broad target areas had been recognised by the group, namely: Supporting Events currently held throughout the year including involvement with the Festival Towns initiative. Improving Town Football to the benefit of local retailers and the community. Establishing a Business Network and considering how to engage and support local businesses. Cllr David Oxendale then presented a detailed report on Developing Social Media for Painswick. See separate article on this exciting concept.

To consider a request from St Mary's Church for additional assistance for churchyard upkeep

Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger recommended that this request be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The request had both financial and legal implications and should be considered for the 2015/16 financial year. This recommendation was agreed by the Council.

To consider correspondence regarding a modification order for an additional footpath, Stamages Lane to Stroud Road

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, stated that approximately five years ago the Council had applied to Gloucestershire CC for a definitive footpath to run between Stamages Lane and Stroud Road. Dealing with such requests is a lengthy process. The County Council have now spoken to the new Freeholder of the land who has agreed to the footpath. A modification to the original application is to be submitted to the County Council.

To consider requests for road closures

The Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Trail was to take place on the 19th April. A request had been received from the Playgroup to close a number of roads to traffic in the centre of the village between 1pm- 4pm on the day. After a detailed discussion the Council decided not to support the proposed road closures due to the inconvenience the closures would cause. The Council suggested that with traffic management being provided by Police Community Officers and other local

Agencies the event could still go ahead without the necessity of road closures. A request for a road closure in Slad to mark the Laurie Lee centenary was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Responsible Financial Officers report

The Council unanimously agreed to re-appoint Ian Crowe as their Internal Auditor for the year end 31st March 2014.

Ward Reports

Cllr Abigail Smith advised the meeting that a Gantry Crane had been erected in Catbrain Quarry. Was planning permission required for this crane?

Cllr David Oxendale was concerned by the state of the front ground floor windows

in the Shetland Shop. He suggested that the matter be referred to the District Council's Building Control Officer. The Clerk will investigate and report.

The Clerk reported that the Royal Bank of Scotland now own The Lamp House. The rear garden of the property was badly overgrown and had caused water damage to the Town Hall. Vermin has also been sighted. The matter is being referred to the District Council's Enforcement Officer.

Cllr Ann Daniels reported that the promised dog bin for Pullens Road had still not been installed. Also, many of the yellow and white road markings in the village were badly faded and needed to be renewed. The Clerk would make enquiries.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm

Painswick Parish Council is 'Getting Social' with the local Business Community

Social Media is changing the way that people use the Internet. Once the preserve of college geeks and teenagers avoiding their parents' gaze, social media is now not just big business but mass market too.

In the UK, as in most of the Western World, familiar names such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are currently leading the way in how the mobile generation communicates. There are now more Internet based messages sent than text messages and more people than ever are using social media to find and recommend all sorts of services.

As both a vibrant community and a visitor destination, Painswick currently has little consistency in its online approach whether through traditional websites or via social media.

The newly formed Parish Council Business Group is therefore proposing to 'get social' and create a strategy for a 'connected Painswick', encompassing businesses, community groups and professional services based in the town. @KwikMedia of Painswick will sponsor the initial set-up of the town's connected strategy.

The first stage of this strategy is to ensure all businesses, groups and services in Painswick are actually communicating with each other! To this end, the Painswick Business Group are inviting all interested parties to come along for an informal introduction to 'towards a connected Painswick' at 6pm on Thursday May 1st at The Town Hall.

Seating is limited, so it will be on a first come, first served basis. If you can attend, please RSVP via this email address before 15th April: thetownofpainswick@gmail.com

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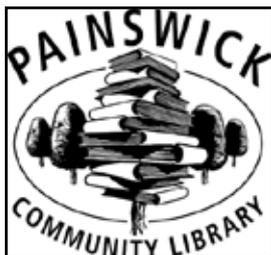
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Community Library news

Extension to opening hours

In response to many requests the Community Library is to extend its opening hours. A new session will be introduced on Monday afternoons. Also as a result of feedback, the hours on Wednesday and Friday afternoons will be changed to run from 2.30 – 5.30pm, which is a half hour earlier start and finish.



New Hours in Full from Monday 28th April

Monday	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday	10.00am – 1.00pm and 2.30 – 5.30 pm
Friday	10.00am – 1.00pm and 2.30 – 5.30 pm
Saturday	10am – 1.00pm

Laurie Lee Centenary - an exciting community writing project for Painswick: Portrait of Painswick

As part of the Laurie Lee Centenary celebrations, Painswick Community Library is launching a community writing project to create a snapshot of contemporary life in the parish.

In "Cider With Rosie," Laurie Lee created a memorable picture of everyday life in Slad in the early part of the 20th century. We would like you to create a vivid portrait of our life and times in Painswick. To get your ideas flowing you could pick one of Laurie Lee's topics from Cider With Rosie. He explored family, villagers, school, local customs, scenery, shops, work, seasons, national and local celebrations etc.

Your pieces of writing would build a collection of accounts, poems, descriptions, cartoons, sketches etc making up a record of life in our area since the millennium in 2000. These would be combined and kept in our Community Library as a resource for present and future generations to use and enjoy. It may also be possible to bring them together as a published document.

What we'd like you to do:

Put pen to paper. Your piece can be any length – a short vivid paragraph or poem, or a longer piece of writing up to a maximum of 300 words - illustrated or not.

Contributions are welcome from anyone of any age. The closing date for entries is Saturday May 31st.

More information

Please pick up a leaflet with more details of the project and how to make your contribution from Painswick Community Library – Town Hall, Victoria Street. Opening Hours above).

Ian Cridland

June, Jonas and Matthias

Impressed by the amazing cycle ride which Jonas Pollard and Matthias Christian have now embarked upon across Europe, June Gardiner has organised a fund-raising morning on their behalf to be held on 12th April in the Town Hall. There will be a cake stall, a book stall, a raffle and coffee available from 10.00am until 12.30am.

In her usual inimitable and caring way June is keen to support their highly focussed aim of raising £10,000 for Macmillan nurses. Their cycle ride covering 4000 miles in 90 days was described in last month's Beacon and they set off on 29th March. This is a remarkable undertaking for these two young men both aged 19 and June rightly feels that they should be helped in their aim as much as possible.

June's coffee and cake events are always excellent with lots of extras and a warm atmosphere. Do go along and show your support for both June's hard work and Jonas and Matthias.

Carol Maxwell

Secondary school writers wanted

The library is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Laurie Lee with a Display of Memories and anecdotes from Residents who knew him or knew of him. I would like to involve Secondary School students in this by encouraging them to interview appropriate Residents and reporting interesting memories. These could be displayed along with old and new photographs of areas Laurie Lee frequented in the Slad Valley and places he wrote about in his book "Cider With Rosie". If you would like to be a Reporter for a Day, please contact me, Joyce Barrus (01452 812942) or (m) 07706 12468 5. I would then suggest meeting in the conducive atmosphere of the library when both you, and residents are able to relax and talk.

Joyce Barrus

Steam train & Cream tea



Why not join the Friday Club for an exciting afternoon trip on Tuesday, 6th May? We leave by coach from Painswick, then take a Steam train from Toddington to Cheltenham with cream tea.

Coach leaves at 2pm returning at 6pm approx. Cost will be £27 all inclusive. Please contact me for details.

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Good Friday Procession of Witness

On Good Friday, April 18th, we will be processing at 10.30am from the Roman Catholic Church in Friday Street to the road-side cross by the Lychgate, for a short service before processing up New Street, down Bisley St., and back to the Church Rooms, where there will be Hot Cross Buns & hot tea/coffee!

We do hope YOU will join us.

Rita Bishop, Secretary CTAP



Eastertide at Painswick's churches

Saturday, April 11th

5.00pm Easter Eve Reflective service, St. Mary's.

Easter Day April 12th

8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion. St. Mary's.
8.30am Mass of the Resurrection. R.C. Church of Our Lady & St. Thérèse, Friday Street.
9.30am Easter Sung Eucharist. St. Mary's.
10.30am Meeting for Worship. Friends' Meeting House, Vicarage Street.

Experience Easter

We are holding our usual Easter services between Palm Sunday and Easter Day this year at St. Mary's Church Painswick (see the Beacon Diary, 13th to 19th April, for details), but we are trying something extra that is a bit special this year.

On Palm Sunday evening we are holding a special service we are calling Experience Easter. This will tell the whole story of Easter in one sitting, as it were. It's a bit like a Carol Service but for Easter. We'll tell the story



from Palm Sunday to Easter Day in readings and favourite hymns of the season.

We would love to see you there but we would love it even more if you're able to tell others about it and invite them to come along too. Make a date for the evening of, Palm Sunday, 13th April, at 6.30 pm in St. Mary's. It will last no more than an hour and afterwards tea/ coffee and refreshments will be served. Why not try something a little different?

David Bishop

Count Down to Playgroup's New Easter Egg Hunt!

Only a few weeks to go until our annual charity Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt, this year taking place around St Mary's Church Yard and village centre on Saturday April 19th, 1-4pm.

You and your little ones need to get hunting for the 26 beautifully designed eggs that are hiding all around the village. Our theme this year is Nursery Rhymes & Children's stories, and local companies, Playgroup, The Croft School, as well as some highly artistic Mums have created the eggs! There's even a grown up set of clues for all you lovers of the Cryptic Crossword!



We are also introducing new attractions this year such as a Bouncy Castle, Pedal Cars (in the Church Rooms), Popcorn Sellers, Hog Roast, and an up-and-coming band from Cornwall, Blue Horyzon, will be playing throughout the event. The Church will be launching teddies from the Church Steeple so don't forget to bring teddies of the Daredevil variety! We would also love as many entrants to the Easter Hat Competition (2pm) – the level of artistry last year was incredible and we'll pick winners from the Over 5s and Under 5s.

Maps to the event will be on sale from The Falcon, The Community Library and Playgroup, and will be £2.50 in advance and £3.00 on the day per child (under 2s are free). If you live in the village, it would help us greatly if you walked to the centre rather than drove, as it could get quite busy! Parking will be available at The Rec (weather permitting).

All money raised goes directly back to Painswick Playgroup to help maintain our building and facilities. We are a non-profit making charitable organisation run by the Community and have Ofsted Outstanding status.

For further information, visit www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk



Lizzie Gordon

Lizzie Gordon would like to warn villagers that between 1-4pm on April 19th, the centre of the village will be busier than usual with lots of young children and families - the event is centred around the Church Yard.

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Angela Hewitt and Steven Isserlis



Painswick's 69th season of concerts was launched on 29th March with the rare appearance of an orchestra, and an international one at that – The Chamber Philharmonic of Europe. They will be followed by three concerts that will bring more world renowned concert artists to Painswick. First, on Saturday 12th April at 3.0pm in St. Mary's Church Painswick, the brilliant Canadian pianist Angela Hewitt who is recognised as a leading authority on J.S. Bach, then on Saturday 3rd May, again at 3.0pm in St. Mary's, the British cellist Steven Isserlis who is acclaimed world-wide for his technique and musicianship. He will be accompanied by pianist-composer Sam Haywood who is in demand worldwide both as a concert soloist and as an accompanist.

Angela (photo alongside) will be playing Haydn's Andante and Variations in F minor, Beethoven's Sonata in A major, Bach's English Suite No. 3 in G minor and finally Liszt's wild and furious Fantasia quasi Sonata: 'Après une Lecture De Dante'.

Steven will be playing two Sonatas that were written by Bach for the Viola da Gamba and harpsichord, and two Sonatas, one by Shostakovich and one by Prokofiev both of which will enable him to show his remarkable way with tones and harmonics.

These will be outstanding concerts by outstanding, world ranking musicians. Tickets for 12th April and 3rd May concerts £18 from The Chairman or at the door.



Maurice Maggs

HOAX EMAIL ALERT:

We have been informed that a hoax email is being sent, allegedly from the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) to people around the country to make them believe that they may have cancer. The subject line reads: Important Blood Analysis Result. If you should receive this HOAX email, PLEASE DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY without opening it, and do not click on any of the associated links. This malicious email is NOT from NICE and certainly results of this kind would not be emailed to any patient. This matter has been reported to the Police for further investigation. Please be vigilant. Thank you.

*Nicola Hayward
Painswick Surgery*

Monthly Saturday Market

As usual at the Town Hall on the following Saturdays: 19th April, 17th May, 14th June, 12th July for ale of Produce, Art and Craft.

Stall enquiries to me on 07718 624253 or the_chairman@btconnect.co.uk

Chris Mercer

Painswick Educational Trust

The Trust will soon be meeting again to deal with applications from young people resident in the Painswick area for financial help with their studies and apprenticeships. Previous successful applications have been made for money towards books, computers, catering equipment, course fees and educational trips. If you are interested in finding out more, please telephone me on 812588 or Michael James 812646 for an application form.

Joy Edwards

How the weeks roll by....

As Spring is well and truly 'springing', what better way to spend an evening than to listen to a really inspiring talk by Julie Ritchie



of Hoo House Nursery. On 12th March, droves of Members enjoyed listening to Julie talk extensively, knowledgeably and practically about perennials through the seasons; even detailing plants that would suit our local planting conditions. Julie had brought a great selection of plants for sale too and they were snapped up in no time! And all of you who didn't make it...you missed a treat!

We are delighted that our meeting on 9th April sees the return of Chelsea Gold and International Medal Winner, Paul Hervey-Brookes. He has taken time out from his incredibly hectic schedule to talk to us about "Show Gardens" before heading off to create a Main Avenue Show Garden at Chelsea in May. Those of you who have heard Paul talk before, know you are in for a brilliant evening with lots of laughs. Don't worry if you aren't a Society Member; we love welcoming visitors (just a tiny fee of £3 payable) so come (Church Rooms for 7.30pm start) and share a great evening with us... the more, the merrier!

And a quick reminder that the closing date for booking the trip to the wonderful Waterperry Gardens is also April 9th. You can either book a place at that meeting or prior to that by post (with the booking form) to Muriel Mann at Woodcote, The Highlands, Painswick GL6 6SL with cheques made payable to 'Painswick Horticultural Society'

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

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Post Office

Breaking news: The Post Office has discovered, amongst its own regulations, rules which meant that it never would have been possible for the Painswick Centre to host a Post Office Local, even with sufficient volunteers. Needless to say, it is a great shame that our hopes were raised and a lot of effort made on a project that was always unworkable.

Our grateful thanks go to those of you who had volunteered to assist with this venture. (See late news article on page 1 - ed)

Dates for the Diary

Painswick Centre AGM on Tuesday 8th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Cotswolds Room with refreshments afterwards in the ACP gallery in the Gardiner Room.

A local theatre group, Almost Legal Productions, are staging 2 episodes from the hit TV show "Blackadder". This will take place in the Beacon Hall at 7 p.m. on Saturday 3rd May.



"Normandy 44", will be held 70th anniversary of D-Day on Friday 6th June in the Beacon Hall.

New to Painswick, The Unplugged Chameleon in association with The Painswick Centre hopes to present a wonderful evening of original acoustic music. This will be a unique evening of singer songwriters performing their music in its purest form. Tickets and more information soon.

Mike Hill, Trustee

New Plumber in the area

Alex Buser has over twenty years of experience in property management and maintenance. His work has included extensions, stonework, tree surgery, landscaping and general bathroom/kitchen fitting.

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August 1914 – an important commemorative exhibition

It cannot have escaped your notice that this year marks the centenary of the beginning of the First World War. Painswick was heavily involved from the very start in August 1914 with the arrival here of the first 30 Belgian refugees. They were billeted in various homes in Painswick and the children attended Painswick School. Within days dozens of Painswick men had signed up and taken the King's Shilling to fight at the Front. By the end of the four years almost 250 men had gone and about a fifth of these perished.



It is fitting therefore that this momentous event, the first war ever on such a vast scale, should be commemorated and accordingly the Local History Society will be organising an exhibition in the Town Hall for the weekend of 9-10 August. In order to present as comprehensive and interesting a display as possible we would be keen to hear from anyone who has any artefacts, documents, medals, photographs, clothing etc relating to the War and is willing for them to be included in the exhibition.

Some of the Belgian refugees set up a furniture-making business whilst they were here, lasting possibly for three or four years. They made items of furniture to order, mainly, we understand, for Painswick people. Does anyone know of the existence of any of these pieces of furniture still in Painswick?

If you can help by providing items for the exhibition, and if you know of any pieces of furniture made by the refugees, please contact Carol Maxwell 813387, David Harley 813150, Ann Daniels 812651, Hywel James 812419, Peter Rowe 813228, Eddie Buttrey 812565 or Mark Bowden 814125.

Carol Maxwell

So much more than just a cookery book!



The Friends of Painswick Rococo Garden are currently preparing a book entitled 'Much More than Just a Cookery Book' which is due for publication in the autumn. This book will contain a mixture of recipes, horticultural tips from the gardeners and beautiful photographs of the garden through the seasons taken by Anne-Marie Randall. The aim is to raise money to support the work of the garden and to raise awareness of the Rococo Garden as a whole. It is hoped that we will sell the book in a range of outlets throughout Gloucestershire.

I am asking for the support of the readers of the Beacon by sending me their favourite recipes. These can be for any type of food but the recipes should be 'tried and tested' – I need to know that they work for you! Could you also include a brief sentence as to what the recipe means to you e.g. My children really love this particularly on cold winter nights!

Please send me your recipes either by email on rgrasp@tiscali.co.uk or by post to Berry Cottage, Paradise, Painswick GL6 6TN. Thank you in advance and here's to a successful book!

Vicky Aspinall

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Painswick Valleys Conservation Society

People who have recently moved to Painswick, and indeed others who have lived here for some time, may not be aware of the existence or the function of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society. Living as we do in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with its wealth of historic and listed buildings, it is vital to retain the character of our villages and to ensure that this is maintained for future generations to enjoy. The landscape and indigenous architecture are two of the Cotswolds' main attractions.

The work of the PVCS is mostly low-key and 'behind-the-scenes', keeping a watchful eye on planning applications, and commenting on development which could detrimentally change the landscape and character of the area. We are also concerned in the preservation of free access to common land.

The Society has also in recent years proposed and funded small, but interesting conservation projects. These include the restoration of the sundial on the house adjacent to the Pharmacy in New Street, restoration of the lettering around the Lychgate, installation of a lamp over the entrance to the Town Hall and repairs to the lamp behind the Stocks. The Society members all share a deep interest and concern about the future of Painswick and the surrounding area.

The Society's AGM will be held on 30th April at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms. All are welcome to this and non - members can join at the door for a small subscription. It is an opportunity to learn more about the Society and conservation issues. A short business meeting will be followed by a break for drinks and a talk on recent progress on the restoration of the Cotswold Canals

Paul Castle, Chairman PVCS

Buckholt Wood spring wildflowers

Woodland wild flowers come into their own in spring and Buckholt Wood has a wonderful variety of species. Join us for a walk on Sunday 4th May 10.30am through this ancient woodland and learn how to identify some of these beautiful plants.

The walk is suitable for all ages and levels of knowledge and will take approximately 2 hours. Well-behaved dogs are welcome.

Booking is essential via the contact details below.
Kate Gamez, Reserve Manager, 07747 485136
kate.gamez@naturalengland.org.uk



Plans afoot for the Friends Meeting House

The Friends Meeting House, tucked away in Vicarage Street, is arguably one of the most interesting buildings in Painswick. Beautiful in its very simplicity and historically significant, it has been the centre of worship for local Quakers since 1706. The small garden contains the gravestones of several 19th century Quakers and, clearly visible across the valley, stands the Dell Burial Ground with its 17th century graves.

A recent survey has indicated that the building is now in need of repair and updating and accordingly the Meeting has drawn up plans for both the interior and exterior of this grade 2 listed site. The aim is to use this as an opportunity to make both house and garden more amenable and appropriate for greater community use - for visitors to the garden, and as a low-cost venue for musical, teaching, meeting and therapeutic purposes.

The building has great potential. Overall it is notable for its lovely natural light and its acoustics. The ground floor room has a minister's gallery, wood



panelling and 19th century open-backed deal benches. Upstairs is a delightful smaller room quietly tucked away from distractions and hence ideal for meetings. This room is being fully refurbished and will be available to hire. The major building work, already completed, includes improved insulation, provision of an accessible toilet and updating of the kitchen area.

Outside, and with completion due during April, work is currently ongoing to create a memorial garden to the side of the building, with stunning views across the valley. Painswick Friends refer to the garden project as 'Living in Memory'. Inspired by Sheila Barton the aim is to create a tranquil, naturalistic and restful environment using plants with specific significance and a designated seating area. This living garden is open to all, a truly calm and beautiful space for contemplation and peace.

The project has been funded partly by the Gloucestershire Environment Trust and also by the Friends themselves. With the underlying Quaker theme of living in simplicity the aim has been to avoid the unsustainable use of natural resources and to provide space for the things that really matter – people, the natural world and spiritual experience. Local suppliers and skills have been used wherever possible.

It is easy to forget or not notice this lovely building, partly hidden in Vicarage Street. It has played a notable part in the history of Painswick. However, it is also very much a living and inspirational feature of Painswick life now and in its newly refurbished state it is hoped that many of us will take time to enjoy the simple peace which it undoubtedly offers.

Carol Maxwell

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Come on Painswick children - get fit! Enter the Stroud Junior Triathlon



The promotion of a healthy lifestyle, away from the TV/PC really is what all parents, guardians and grandparents want for their youngsters.

Stroud Triathlon Club is hosting a Junior Triathlon at Archway School on 22nd June, when junior triathletes can swim in a heated pool, run and cycle in a traffic free and marshalled environment. Youngsters aged from 8 yrs to 16 yrs are invited to compete. The race distances are detailed on Stroud Tri's website (www.stroudtri.co.uk). Every entrant will get a medal and the leading age group boy and girl will receive a prize.

Stroud Triathlon Club has a thriving junior member section and holds regularly coaching sessions at Stratford Park Leisure Centre and Archway School.

Youngsters and their parents are able to practice their skills at Club sessions and also take part in local events, such as the Off Road Duathlon and 5km run being held at Woodchester Park on 12th April.

For further details please view www.rogueracer.co.uk and www.stroudtri.co.uk



Last reminder - Sheepscombe Midsummer Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the Sheepscombe Ball

- Friday 27th June
- £65 if purchased by end of April (otherwise £70)
- 7pm Champagne reception with canapes.
- A sit-down meal provided by Birch catering (ex Williams Kitchen)
- Dancing to a live band
- Patsy Gamble
- Cash bar

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Grant Barnett

Lindsey Beer

Do you enjoy growing and cooking? And be paid for your produce?

Painswick Country Market is looking for additional producers. We would welcome growers of local vegetables, fruit, bedding plants, seedlings, herbs, potted plants, shrubs,



Gilly Hill, new Deputy Manager



cut flowers and

potted bulbs; in fact, the list is almost endless!

If you are growing seedlings to plant out and you have a surplus, why not consider selling them in your local Country Market? Or potting them up to sell later in the planting season. Exceptional harvest? No problem: why not sell in-season produce through us. Unusual varieties sell particularly well! And if you have a glut of fruit or vegetables and enjoy making chutneys, pickles and jams, we would also be pleased to hear from you.

What do we sell? - A wide range of seasonal home-grown fruit, vegetables, plants and flowers, in addition to home-made baked goods and preserves and home-produced crafts, all sold on a co-operative basis. And coffee and cake!

How do you join? - Producers become Members by joining Gloucestershire Country Market Society for the sum of five pence! You then choose to produce as little or as much as you wish to sell at Painswick Country Market. We pay members for their sales at the end of each month, minus a small commission, currently 10%, to cover the Town Hall rent and other running costs of the Market, including Public and Product Liability Insurance.

How is the Market run? - Painswick Country Market has 40 members, two-thirds of whom are producers, the rest being helpers. We work co-operatively and share the work of running the Market. We ask you to deliver your produce for sale by 9.30 am. You are welcome to stay and help sell produce or you can leave it to us. We can provide advice on packaging and labelling. You can purchase our handbook or we can give you access to the online version.

Do I need a Food Hygiene certificate? - If you produce cooked goods, including preserves, you will need a current Food Hygiene certificate. We can suggest a course coming up in May or you can take one of the 'online' courses at home. We will help with the costs of the course once you have joined us.

Interested in finding out more? - Pop in to Painswick Country Market for a friendly chat. We are open every Friday from 10 to 11am (except Good Friday) in the Town Hall or tel. Pamela Westcott on 812471 or email. info@painswickmarket.co.uk

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ZERO SIX PAPA TWO (Painswick Fire Engine's Call Sign)

In March, Mark Hancock passed an Incident Command course as part of a Crew Managers' training programme to develop further skills. This enables him to take on the role and responsibilities of Incident Commander at smaller incidents, where no more than three fire appliances are in attendance. He will also be able to take on other duties in a command support role to assist the Incident Commander at larger incidents. Last month there was mention of Chris Garbett, Andy Robinson and Mark Hancock receiving qualifications in FPOS (First Person On Scene) training. These new skills have been put to use this month. Painswick's fire fighters, along with whole-time fire fighters and a Rescue Appliance from Stroud, responded to two serious road traffic collisions (RTCs) during the night

on the A46. These involved the casualties being extricated (parts of the car removed from around the casualty) before they could be safely conveyed to hospital. The newly acquired FPOS skills helped the crew to provide medical care until the Ambulance service arrived.

06P2 was also called to an electrical fire in a domestic property. A small fire developed while the owners were out and although the fire was out when the Painswick fire crew arrived, the house was still heavily smoke logged. The crew deployed their PPV (Positive Pressure Ventilation) Fan to clear the house of smoke.

We would like to remind Painswick residents and their guests and visitors to be mindful when parking in some of Painswick's narrower streets. Emergency Service Vehicles and, in particular, Painswick's fire engine need 8ft (2.4m) clearance to pass through safely.

We still have vacancies for fire fighters - see page 1.

Mark Hancock.

Police Report for February

Under the Painswick Parish including Sheepscombe, Edge and Slad districts for the period February 1st to February 28th 2014 there were 10 substantiated crimes recorded.

The breakdown of these offences as according to Home Office banding rules was as follows;

Violence

There was one substantiated offence of Common Assault recorded. There was no injury to the complaining party and the offender was arrested and dealt with by way of Police Caution.

Burglary

There were 4 recorded burglaries to non-dwellings (commercial premises/garages/sheds) in PAINSWICK where a number of items of garden machinery/tools were stolen. These incidents appear to have occurred overnight on or between 6th and 7th February 2014 although two of the crimes could have occurred in a time period outside of this window. All the breaks involved sheds being forced by unknown means (doors forced/padlocks cut or forced) and at present there are no lines of enquiry.

Theft from Motor Vehicle/Motor Vehicle Interference

There were three motor vehicle offences during the month. There were two attempts to break into motor vehicles where door locks were damaged whilst the vehicles were parked overnight outside or at the owner's properties. One occurred in PAINSWICK and a second in SLAD. There was no entry gained to either vehicle and they do not appear related by the time/date of the offence. A third vehicle was broken into

Theft

near PAINSWICK Beacon on a weekend afternoon; the rear driver's side window was smashed and a handbag that had been concealed out of sight stolen from within.

The theft of a child's garden toy occurred in PAINSWICK between Thursday February 20th and Friday February 21st.

Fraud

A fraud by misrepresentation offence was reported where goods and services were offered paid for and not provided.

There has been an increase in non-dwelling burglaries reported during the month. I am aware of a further non-dwelling breaks being reported during the month of March within the Parish. On some occasions entry has been forced to a shed but no property taken, however the resulting damage and inconvenience to the owners is still annoying and costly to repair at best.

Homeowners are warned to be on their guard particularly as they begin to use garden machinery and can be seen to do so and to report suspicious vehicles particularly after dark. Audible shed alarms are a deterrent and can be purchased from reputable DIY outlets or through Gloucestershire Constabulary crime reduction at cost.

Pc 1008 David Wood



One small photograph – one big story

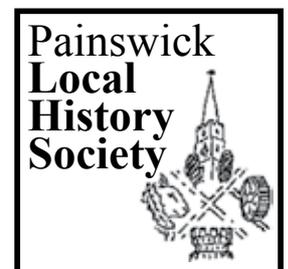
Using one small, ordinary aerial photograph, Cathy Stoertz cleverly unravelled during the course of the March meeting of the Local History Society the intriguing story of Moreton in Marsh on one Saturday afternoon in May 1944. Cathy spent 35 years as an archaeological air photograph interpreter with English Heritage and the picture she presented of this small market town was dramatic.

The US Air Force used Spitfires loaded with cameras to take pictures across Europe for intelligence purposes in preparation for the Normandy landings and those taken in the Cotswolds were practice runs. The photograph she used appeared initially to be fairly insignificant but on close examination some fascinating features became very apparent. The US military were present in a very big way but cleverly camouflaged from the air. Large temporary shelters containing anti-aircraft guns, 40 or so tents each housing 10 men and several huge US army lorries were carefully located at various sites in the town.

The whole area was militarised with 2000 men working at the temporary airfield, an American hospital and a prisoner of war camp. There were even 40 Sherman tanks lined up in the market place. A huge temporary water tank, road block materials and several allotment plots for the Dig For Victory campaign were also in evidence. This was the story of a quiet little town almost overtaken by young men of the US forces and Cathy had found many reminiscences which speak of the kindness of the local people but also of the spartan conditions of the quarters. The photograph is a moment in the 1944 preparation situation – a photograph from 1947 shows it had all gone and today no trace remains.

At the next meeting on Tuesday, 15th April, two members will present their research findings including the centenary of the birth of Laurie Lee, a very important feature of our local culture. Croft School 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell



Chris and Charlotte

– recording those special occasions

Special occasions recorded on film can provide real interest and pleasure for many years. However, there are films, and there are films! Chris and Charlotte Jack produce films only of the highest quality and are very serious about what they do. They run their business, Mr and Mrs Productions, on a very professional basis from their home in Painswick.

Chris and Charlotte came to Painswick in 2010. Charlotte was a freelance fashion designer and Chris, who had studied film at university, was working in the commercial side of filming for organisations such as the NHS and county councils. They decided quite soon after arriving to set up their own business here, recognising a need in an area of such excellent wedding venues. This very professional young couple are keen to point out that their product is at the high end of the market and now not simply limited to weddings. They will film any event in any location including birthdays, christenings, corporate and commercial events, promotions and websites.

They film together so that the editing is done from cumulative shots, usually about 12 hours of footage for weddings for example. Chris edits and Charlotte is responsible for marketing and administration. The end product is of the highest standard, very professional and a far cry from the usual amateur video.

Chris and Charlotte are now launching a new venture called 'A Day in the Life', to add to their existing work. The idea is to film babies and children for a day, possibly with the notion of repeating this annually. Overall the aim is to capture on film a child's, or children's, development over a period of a few years.

With sons Caspar and Felix, aged four and seven respectively and attending the Croft School and Painswick Playgroup, Chris and Charlotte are very settled in Painswick. "We love it so much here," they say. Their videography work is certainly excellent, combining unobtrusive camera work with highly skilled editing and film design. The website is www.mrandmrsproductions.com and they can be contacted by email at charlotte@mrandmrsproductions.com or by telephone 07769.574999.



Carol Maxwell

Shelterbox disaster relief

ShelterBox provides shelter, warmth and dignity in the shape of a large green box to disaster areas in every continent. Disasters vary from earthquakes and volcanoes to tsunamis, landslides, typhoons and conflicts but ShelterBox sends response teams to all of them.

At the last meeting on February 25th Liz Odell gave us information about the contents and use of the essentials in the box. The primary need in a disaster is for shelter so tents 4.3 metres square and capable of withstanding strong winds, rain and high temperatures are included. Also five Teflon coated blankets and groundsheet are put in instead of sleeping-bags, because the latter are thought to be body-bags for the dead by the recipients! Water carriers and water infiltration units are important. Water purification tablets are not there because they



are misused. Cooking pots, lights, mosquito nets, tool kits and educational items for the children complete the contents of the box

As a leader in the 270 strong volunteer response team Liz took as her main example the effects of the typhoon "Yolande" in the Philippines. The 150mph winds had had a devastating effect on the people, homes and

infrastructure there. Resources had been deployed from the local ShelterBox warehouse to even the remote islands and often fishing boats were hired to deliver the boxes.

The WI found this talk inspiring and full of interest and information that can only be gained from someone with first hand knowledge like Liz Odell.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 22nd April when there will be a "Spring Surprise Evening".

Janet Jenkins



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News from the Beacon



Grazing and Rodeo. Two in-calf Gloucester cows came to Painswick Beacon on Tuesday, 5th March. They can now be seen grazing around the top of the Beacon, in a large, irregular shaped "field", known to PBCG as Paddock 4. Arriving with the two was a younger, in-calf heifer who seemed to take an instant dislike to the Beacon or to the six of us trying to steer her into the paddock with the other two. She took off like a rocket, barging past her owner Matt and his uncle, and very rapidly visited Cudhill, Spoonbed, some of Holcombe and the open fields towards Edge. She was not to be stopped that day but has subsequently returned home to Hardwicke after forcing her way into a field containing another farmer's cattle. There is a lot of grass to eat in Paddock 4, so, health checks and movement rules permitting, one or two more (calm!) in-calf Gloucesters are due to join the first two.



Catbrain Landscaping. In the middle of March, the replanting of Catbrain Quarry's perimeter began with the first hundred trees and hedging plants. More will be added before the growing season gets fully under way. This year they will receive even more watering and "tender-loving-care" though we hope we will not have a repeat of last year's fierce, cold dry winds that lasted well into May and killed many plants. Meister Masonry will be hoping for warm April showers. The expected benefit of landscaping has increased since a new, large gantry has been introduced to help move the huge pieces of stone.

Fly-tipping More fly-tipping has recently occurred at the Cud Hill end of the Beacon. Small parking lay-bys on either side of the B4073 road to Gloucester have been blighted with household rubbish. Stroud




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District Council seem slower to clear stuff away these days, but happily some Conservation Group members took car loads to Horsley tip, while timber and trees were consumed in a scrub clearance bonfire.

David Allott

Hatha Yoga

Sheepscombe Village Hall
 Monday 6.30pm and 8.15pm £7
 The Painswick Center
 Tuesday 6.30pm £7.50
 Thursday 9.30am £7.50

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Contact Kim Brockett on 812623 or yogikim@hotmail.co.uk

Close finish for The Village Quiz



The Cranwood Quartet

After a whole evening of competing, a total of 100 questions spread across ten rounds, we ended up with a tie for first place, with 79 points apiece! A tie-breaker drew one member of each team to face each other across the hall, the first to correctly shout out the answer to the question “ How many years did Nelson Mandela spend in jail?” 27 - being the winner. This, without any hesitation, meant that the newcomers to the quiz, the Cranwood Quartet, gained the all important point – and the trophy for the next twelve months.

The gap between all in the top half of the table being just six points was remarkable; this seemingly indicates that we pitched the level of difficulty of questions about right, coupled with the earnestness of those players.



Painswick Community Library



The Ringmasters

The sincerity with which those who found themselves with the lowest scores thanked us afterwards for the opportunity to take part and for what for them too had been an enjoyable evening, was very touching. It reminded me, at least, of the last line of the three verses of Henry Newbolt's touching poem *Vitai Lampada* - "Play up! play up! and play the game!"

The refreshments for the interval were prepared by Marion Sadler and her team, thereby routing some funds towards Stroud Mencap Homes; they were praised by many and were delicious.



The Wick's Wenches + 1

The continuing upgrading of Painswick Centre, and the services to aid setting up and clearing away for this capacity event were greatly appreciated.

The ingenuity of preparation of mascots for almost all teams was amazing. The Diggers were judged the best of all, but it was – as some say – a close call.

Leslie Brotherton



The Diggers

The Final Scoreboard

The Cranwood Quartet	1	80	Watson friends
The Ringmasters	2	79	Ancient Soc. of Painswick Youths
Off the Shelf	3	77	Painswick Community Library
3 Glasses and a bottle of plonk	4	76	Cotswold Mead friends
The Coasters)			Jolly Stompers Line Dance Group
The High Fliers)	5=	75	Bird Club
The Slashers)			Beacon Conservation Group
The Coalition	8	74	Pitchcombe Village
The Diggers)			Local History Society
Tired and Tested)	9=	73	Tina and friends
The TibbiDwellers)			Tibbiwell friends
The Ding Dongs	12	68	Ancient Soc. of Painswick Youths
Barn Lodge Blue Stockings	13	66	Stroud Mencap Homes
Bookworms	14	65	Monthly book group
Spring Greens	15	64	Horticultural Society
The Fridays	16	63	Friday Club
The Coloraturas	17	59	Music Society
Cotswold Grange Guessers	18	55	Stroud Mencap Homes
Moulton's Minions	19	52	Moulton Haus Estate Agency
Short Matters)			Short Mat Bowling Club
Dirty Wellies and Muddy Boots')	20=	46	Darrock friends and neighbours
The Wick's Wenches + one	22	36	Upper Washwell friends

A thank you to Leslie

And when you thought it was all over and Richard Aspinall, our chairman, had presented the prizes, he called Leslie down to the floor and thanked him for arranging tonight's Village Quiz. He noted that after many years Leslie was giving up arranging the Quiz or helping to arrange the Quiz - he will be a hard man to replace. Richard then presented him with a bottle of wine which Leslie grabbed and dashed away before any photo could be taken. However, he's having a photo included anyway - albeit one in his role as Quiz master.



Richard also thanked the others who had contributed to the night - members of the Beacon team and co-opted members as scorers and Vicky his wife as co-question master with Leslie.

Letters



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Do try the amazing cookery books in our library

Pat Burrows writes:

You know how one receives or buys expensive and beautiful cookery books in which one only uses a couple of recipes (I do, even if you don't) and they take up miles of shelf space. Well, I have discovered a range of amazing cookery books in our Community Library – be quick - I may borrow them before you can get there - think of all the gorgeous meals I can cook and the money and shelf space I can save.

You can keep the wondrous books for 3 weeks and if you love one of the recipes, you can photocopy it at the Library.

As always I am nobly prepared, as a voluntary library assistant, to help with any food sampling. I still do not quite understand why the Beacon turned down my offer to be their restaurant, wine and chocolate critic some time ago but don't let that put you off.

The Beacon couldn't afford the extortionate fee you wished to charge, Pat! Ed

A look back to 2013

Much is anticipated entering Club New Year, 2013-14! Members hosted the Community Lunch at Ashwell House on March 3rd raising a good sum for the Friday Club and for Psalms. The "High Flyers" then winged to 5th place in the village quiz!

Meeting on 11th March, the Club looked back at the great success of the 2012 residential field trip to the Dovey Estuary, events recounted by Jane Rowe with a useful topographical illustration in the context of the Bala Fault, of Peter Llewellyn's wide-ranging photography and also of Joyce Barrus' contribution to the latter. At the Osprey Centre, Monty and Nora nesting at distance but under continuous, close-up viewing. Off

Croft news

Some items selected by the Beacon from Ceris Towler's Newsletters to the parents. The Beacon notes that emphasis is placed by the school on encouraging all children to take part in events but it is great to note some particular successes.



Football success

The Yr5/6s played in the semi-finals of their league and beat Longney 4-0.

(Late news: in the final they played Huntley Primary. but lost 3 - 1.)

Gloucestershire

Young Photographer Competition 2014

Congratulations to Ben Bailey and Walter Lovell who had their photographs accepted for exhibition at All Saints Church in Cheltenham.

New Governor

Mr Christopher Greenwood has recently been appointed a new Governor - next page

Netball

The team travelled to Cheltenham College for the county netball finals, having qualified as the Stroud District winners. They had to compete against each of the other 4 district winners and runners up in what was going to be their toughest opposition this season. Their first match proved this to be true with the result reaching a 3 all draw, however the team found their confidence and won their next 3 group matches coming out winners of this section overall.



*Back row, left to right: Walter Lovell, Megan Greenwood, Gracie Twigg, Holly Luke and Ilana Turner
Front row, left to right: Harriet Lynam, Lily Calvert and Darcy Lynam*

They progressed to the semi-finals coming against Kings School Gloucester and although drawing at half time eventually lost 5-2. After what was their first defeat all season the team rallied for the 3rd/4th playoffs determined to win a medal and played an exciting match against Warden Hill School coming out eventual winners at 4-1. The bronze medal was theirs and well deserved too!

In the presentation ceremony another success for The Croft as Walter Lovell was named player of the tournament!



clearance duty, buffalos wallowed and members lunched in the spinney before touring the reserve. So to Day 2, led by Jane Rowe at Broadwater, headed downstream where reed buntings, sand martins and lapwings breed as well as the ducks and waders. Highlights were the vistas of kidney

vetch or sea campion as well as the amazing red-merganser with flotilla of young! Inland lay Bird Rock, a volcanic eruption once in the sea, as seemingly recalled by some 60 odd pairs of cormorants still breeding there. The evening concluded with a brief AGM.

At a joint meeting with the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group on Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Andrew Bluett of the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society is to relate the history of the fauna of the Forest of Dean - an excellent introduction to leading a joint walk with the GNS at Woorgreens Nature Reserve on 11th April.

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Did you know that there are short led walks every week across Stroud District aimed at improving people's health? The walks are free, suitable for all abilities and last about one hour. Qualified volunteer walk leaders ensure that the walks are safe and at the right intensity.

I am starting a new weekly Health Walk in Painswick, from Thursday 8th May. Initially I will be using mainly stile-free routes, around the village, with the occasional hill. The routes will follow a combination of roads, tracks and paths, so be prepared

for some mud. Meet at Painswick Town Hall at 9.45 am most Thursday mornings. For more information, please contact me on tel. 813228; otherwise, just turn up. Bring a waterproof in case of rain, wear sturdy footwear and warm layers plus a hat and gloves if it's cold. It's also important to carry a bottle of water.

To find out where and when the other health walks operate, please follow this link: <http://www.strollinginstrouddistrict.org/> and click on 'latest programme'

More information about Painswick's other walking groups next month.

Jane Rowe

Storms on the farms and around Painswick

Over the last few months we have had a lot of high winds, which has reminded me of storms that I remember from 1960 or so. We regularly get small twisters which pick up hay and dump it in the next field when we are hay-making. Some are more like tornadoes, leaving paths of destruction:

1 A storm ran along the bottom of Painswick village, round the top of the field now called Randall's Field, taking out the tops of the trees below Tibbiwell Cottages. The jagged remains of the trees can still be seen. It continued along Vicarage Street, sending the fires in the grates up the chimneys. Then across to Washwell Farm where I was shearing, taking the fleeces up into the roof!

2 At 8.30 am on the 28th June, 1963, a storm and lightning crossed Jenkins Farm at Edge. It damaged the house, out-buildings and injured animals, including cooking 200 turkey eggs in the incubators. (a full story another month perhaps).

3 A storm went across the valley from Stepping Stone Lane to Dell Farm, taking the roof off one of our farm buildings, four trees down over Greenhouse Lane, the chimneys off Lower Green House and damaging the Great Oak of Greenhouse Lane so badly it had to be felled (again, another story).

4 Below Edge village, the last bit of a storm, which had come from the USA. The rain was so bad you could not see twenty feet in front of you; and the wind extreme, although it only lasted a very short time. I was immediately sent out by my father, to see if our cows were all right. I found them, frightened in the corner of the field. What I then saw, were full-grown beech, apple and other trees, twisted out of the ground. Twenty-three trees in all, over an area of some three acres.

5 The Great Storm which took out the centre of Plantation Wood on the Gloucester Road out of Painswick, leaving a huge hole with hardly a tree standing.

6 The Great Storm which took out the centre of Frith Wood between Bulls Cross and Juniper Hill and again, hardly leaving a tree standing.

7 Painswick Show on show day: A wind tunnel, only some fifty feet wide, or so, came up across the show-ground, mid after-noon, with people everywhere. The Pig Roast and Main Stand were completely wrecked, as were the stands of other tradesmen. The public toilets took to the air and then it was all over in a couple of minutes. The only person injured was the pig-roast man.

8 Then there was that late, heavy snow-storm which took out large numbers of trees: They were in leaf and the combined weight of foliage and snow brought them down. I think that was the snow-storm which damaged a number of Yew trees in the Painswick Church Yard.

Then there were the big snow falls of 1947, '63, '72 and '84. Also, the floods of 2007. These are a few of the storms I remember; I could write more on each, but space is limited.

Martin Slinger

Mr Christopher Greenwood, new Governor for Croft School wrote in Croft Newsletter - see page 14

I am the father of Megan in Year 6 and Ollie in Year 3. I also have an older boy, Will, who is in Year 8 at Marling and is a proud product of The Croft Primary School.

Originally from Solihull I studied in Sheffield (where I met my wife and acquired my nickname) and we lived there until we moved to Bristol in 1999. In 2004 we escaped the city to be near my wife's home patch and moved to Painswick.

I was a solicitor for 20 years; my last job was an associate at Clarke Willmott Solicitors in Bristol. In October 2012 I decided to take voluntary redundancy. My wife is a consultant psychiatrist and it had become difficult juggling both careers, especially with my commute and the costs of childcare. This was a chance for me to take a break, spend time with the children and consider my next career. Ultimately I would like to work in education but I have yet to be convinced that I actually have what it takes to be a teacher.

For the time being I am chief home maker / househusband / stay at home dad (SAHD?). I also do some administration work for my father-in-law's building company and, occasionally, some very menial labouring. If I ever have any spare time, and when I'm not walking the dog (Mabel – one of the ubiquitous Painswick spaniels), I enjoy anything to do with history and / or rugby.

My family, and the village, is very lucky to have The Croft and, now that I have some time, I hope that I can give something back and help to support the excellent work that is being done by the staff.





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A Painswick clock discovery.

I bought Dynevor House in New Street, Painswick in October 2012 and while waiting for the plans and planning consent for refurbishing this charming Georgian house, I visited my daughter who teaches in Sheffield. She enthused about the numerous antique warehouses in the area which we then visited - though most were very disappointing - full of ersatz antiques and overpriced rubbish. However, in the corner of one labyrinthine warehouse, I was suddenly confronted by an 8-day long case clock with "T.Hitchins, Painswick" on the very nicely and delicately restored face. A Damascene moment - in Sheffield! So of course I bought it from the very meticulously and careful clock restorer, who appreciated antiquity and had not ruined the patina of the face by brash repainting. In fact he held onto the clock for me for over a year until I actually moved into Dynevor House.

The restorer told me that Thomas Hitchins was working in Painswick, Gloucestershire between 1818 and 1820. The style of the case and the dial are typical of the 1810/1820 era and that Painswick is a pretty Cotswold village. How true.



Note that the mechanism seems to have been made in Birmingham and then presumably assembled in a case by Thomas Hitchins in Painswick. I presume that this was the case with many local clock "makers" who had not been apprenticed to a master clock maker, but were in fact local tradesmen - possibly skilled in repairs but not the journeymen or liveried craftsman of the worshipful company of clockmakers. I am still astonished that I should find a clock made in Painswick in the middle of Sheffield just when I had bought a house there. Fate.

Jonathan Choat

PMAG

Instead of a demonstration of hand bells on 20th February we heard a selection of Alex Nicholls' handbell recordings, including Mozart Adagios and Rondos, then Bach's Toccata and fugue in D minor.

The second half of the programme consisted of records of Schubert and Rossini Overtures followed by the exciting and for most of us quite new Organ Symphony by Vierne - the entire work!

And on 6th March Steve Colman told us all about the ancient art of hand bell ringing, both change and tune ringing. Going back to the times of Exodus and Moses, tower bells became established in England in the 16th C. Larger sets of hand bells came in the 18th C and harmonies for festive occasions peaked in the middle of the 19th C. In the 20th the art waned but has picked up again.

Steve brought brought 28 bells: 12 big, and 8 each middle and smaller size. We admired their purity of sound. He and his assistant gave us a demonstration of what kind of music could be played.

Five stalwart and intrepid members of our audience were finally prepared to try and play themselves and their tuneful display was greeted with great applause.

"We hear film music but do not really listen to it" is what most of us think. In his demonstration on 20th March, Rob Nichols played recordings to show that there was a lot more variety to it: music essential to a scene, epitomising the film, epitomising the whole genre, eclipsing the film, being the film altogether, going beyond the film with everybody knowing it but not the film and lastly, nice ending, music invoking happy memories of one's favourite film.

Ralph Kenber

The Painswick Theatre Club: New Members Welcome

The Theatre Club has 72 members and, currently, has space for some additional members.

We visit a variety of theatres to see plays, musicals and, occasionally, an opera or ballet, including the Malvern Festival Theatre, the Swan at Stratford, the Oxford Playhouse and the Theatre Royal Bath. We travel by coach, leaving from Stamages Lane car park. Members receive a booking form for each production, either hand-delivered around Painswick by our band of helpers or posted to outlying districts.

If we have booked to see a matinee performance, we try to allow time for shopping or lunch. We also have some evening visits: for example, this month, we visit the Cheltenham Everyman Theatre for an evening performance of *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie on Wednesday 9th April.

Productions in the pipeline include an adaptation of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility* at the Watermill, Newbury, on Thursday 8th May (matinee). Then, on Thursday, 21st August, we visit the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford for a matinee performance of *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. More dates will be announced.

If you would like to join or have more details, please contact the Theatre Club's Chairman, Diana Barclay on tel. 812332.

Jane Rowe



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Gardens Galore With the Field Club



Our day excursions continue with a visit on Wednesday 14th May to the stunning spring gardens of Lydney Park, overlooking the Severn estuary. The park also contains much of archaeological interest including a Roman temple.

JR Tolkein is said to have drawn inspiration for the Hobbit, having worked on a dig here in 1929 with Mortimer Wheeler. In the afternoon, we head north to the Westbury Court Water Gardens (see picture). After a tour with the Head Gardener, we will enjoy tea in the adjacent Church. Non-members are welcome to join us and may book at the same price as members (£20) by contacting Anne Curtoys on tel 812692.



Gardens will also feature in our visit on Thursday 12th June to the Mughal-influenced house at Sezincote, near Moreton-in-Marsh. After a tour of the house, we can wander through the 'Picturesque-style' gardens featuring a temple to the Hindu Sun god. In complete contrast, the afternoon will be spent at the very English Tudor-built Charlecote House and Deer Park. To book, cost £29, contact John Keyte (01453 873419).

At our March meeting, John Heathcott described the history of our ancient woodlands. After the melting of the ice caps, silver birch, then hazel, alders, willows and limes began to colonise the formerly hostile tundra. Then around 6,100 BC when the land-link between Britain and Europe was breached by sea to form the English Channel, oak, wych elm, ash and beech took root. Later William the Conqueror expropriated forest for hunting grounds and to reward his supporters, who laid out parks protected by mounds and ditches. The importance of woodlands for timber was recognised in James I's reign with replanting to build ships for the 'defence of the realm'. Thereafter, our native woodland's destruction accelerated with the industrial revolution, the demand for timber in the two world wars. Post-war planting of non-native conifers for quick economic gains led to massive ecological losses.

We have a guided walk in Lineover Wood on 28th May when John will show us how this ancient lime wood is managed today.

Jane Rowe

Allotments and a can of beans

Ken Bigg's career had been in sales which he claims is one of the most important jobs in today's society - "every product or service needs to be sold!". He gave us a talk about salesmanship entitled 'Just a Can of Beans', pointing out initially that the beans had to be sold at every stage of their cycle - to the canning works, to the supermarket and ultimately to the consumer.

We learned that the most important attribute for a salesperson is personality and that training is not vital. Having made that point, he illustrated a number of tricks of the trade and some check lists or techniques that can be taught.

Fiona Warin, Allotment Officer for Cheltenham gave us an amusing and really informative talk about allotments. Their history in Britain can be traced back to the Norman conquest after which large estates of land were parceled up and handed to the Norman aristocracy. Although common land was initially relatively plentiful for agriculture, the rot set in when sheep and the wool trade required large tracts of land and landowners invoked the Enclosure Acts reducing the ability of poor people to grow their own food.

Today's allotments date back to the Nineteenth Century when land was allocated to the labouring poor for the provision of food and the two world wars spurred on their provision. We learned that since the wars, allotments have gradually declined in popularity save for a spike in the 1970s when the TV series 'The Good Life' created a surge of interest but a more recent increase was caused by food scares and the organic food movement as well as TV programmes about growing vegetables. This has recently died down when popular interest has turned to home baking.

Fiona pointed out that allotments these days are less about alleviating starvation and more an addictive leisure pursuit.



Stroud Choral Society

Two wonderful, totally different choral works were performed in Stroud's Holy Trinity church on 15th March by a wonderful choir and orchestra steadily growing in reputation (and as always containing several Painswickian singers), and four fine soloists with the soprano Eloise Irving and bass Alan Fairs outstanding, and directed in his vivacious style by the increasingly famous Huw Williams.

We enjoyed listening to his Nelson Mass, arguably Haydn's greatest single composition with its military flavour gained by the use of trumpets as the only wind instruments, followed in total contrast by a Requiem, composed some 150 years later by the little known French composer Durufle, described by the conductor as a musical equivalent of French impressionist painting.

Based on Gregorian plain song style, it lacks strong beats and floats with a blurred sort of feel to rhythm. Difficult to sing therefore, but enjoyable listening.

Ralph Kenber

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Football

Painswick U14's reach County Cup Final



Fintan U14's 0 Painswick U14's 3

Painswick reach a second cup final in as many weeks as they put three goals past Fintan to secure a place in the final of the Gloucestershire County Cup. Following their semi-final win last week in the Cheltenham League Cup, Painswick faced a tough Fintan side in this County Cup match. The visitors nearly went behind after 10 minutes when Fintan were awarded a penalty however a fine save from the keeper kept the score line at 0-0. Painswick took advantage after 20 minutes when a Joe William's free-kick was headed in by Teyte Rudman and Rudman grabbed his second before the interval when he drove home a loose ball in area. Painswick came under some pressure in the second half; however great midfield work from Sol Farrer kept the home side at bay. Max Marson sealed the win in the final minutes when he skilfully turned in a cross from Fergal O'Kane who had made a darting run through the Fintan defence. A deserved victory for Painswick who are the first U14 team from Stroud ever to reach the County Cup final.

Future Cup dates for the U14's

Cheltenham League Cup Final is on 4th May at 11 am against Churchdown Panthers Colts U14 at Cheltenham Town FC .

Painswick U11's

Painswick U11's 8 Frampton Youth 0

Painswick dominated the 1st half with some fantastic football from keeper to striker playing some slick passing creating goals for Alfie Bradshaw 2, Kane Snell 3 and Sam Lovett, strong tackling from Will Loftus and Rupert Beecham which kept keeper Lawrence Ryan at bay in the Painswick goal, good midfield work from Thomas Ticehurst and Callum Radford creating opportunities for the strike force. the 2nd half started and Painswick again were quick out the blocks with George Tarling combining well with Louis Slater to put his shot in the bottom corner, tireless work from Logan Hudson down the right flank was rewarded with Sam Lovetts 2nd goal of the game and sealed the victory.

Rugby



Frampton Cotterell 32 Painswick 30

Painswick secured 2 valuable bonus points from their trip to Frampton Cotterell but were disappointed not to come away with all 5 after leading 27-10 at half time. Painswick started slowly and Frampton took a 10-0 early lead from 2 unconverted tries from lineout drives. Painswick then ran the ball well leading to 2 tries each from pacy wingers Troy Gobey and Sam Andrews; Gavin Worrall adding 2 conversions and a penalty. Frampton changed tactics at half time and successfully kept the ball within their forwards starving Painswick of possession. Pressure led to a penalty try and a further try from a lineout drive while Painswick lost a man to the sin bin following several penalties. In a rare excursion into the home half Worrall struck a superb penalty to put his team 8 points clear, but the forward pressure was too much and a further try and penalty gave the home team victory.

Painswick 0 Bristol Saracens 59.

On Saturday 15th March Painswick were forced to make 8 changes due to injury and unavailability of players and a depleted side for a classy and well organised Saracens who were confident having thrashed Stroud the previous week. This showed as they took their chances to run in 7 tries. Painswick had several chances but poor handling led to them all being wasted. Further injuries led to Painswick playing most of the second half with only 14 men having used up all their substitutes

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Golf Club

We have been fortunate at Painswick Golf Club in that the course is well drained and has remained open despite the exceptional rain over the last few months. This has allowed play on days when other courses have been closed. If you would like to have a round of golf at Painswick, please contact our professional, Marc Cottrell on 01452 812615 for details. You will be very welcome.

In the Seniors Section, the main winter months' competition – the Winter Four Ball (in which one round is played each month) has been won by Nigel Barnett and John Courts. A social Bowmaker competition on 6th March was won by the team of Jim Eva, Brian Lee and Brian Minchin with a total of 118 points. The first Seniors' match of the year took place on 20th March against Minchinhampton Old Course, and resulted in an honourable draw. One of the team, Peter Rowe, was thrilled by his first ever "hole in one" on the seventh hole.

The Seniors and Ladies Sections played their regular and enjoyable Mixed Texas Scramble at the beginning of March. Several teams were quite close but the winning team of four, was: Judith Courts, Phil Payne, Stewart Price and Mike Little with a score of 55.875 nett. Mike Little also won nearest the pin on the 18th.

A Ladies team of 5 played the "Mail On Sunday Classic" second round, away, against Lilley Brook golf club, on Thursday 20th March. In spite of the heavy rain which drenched the last few players, Painswick won on the last hole giving an overall score of 3:2. The team which is drawn from a very small, friendly, but keen membership was led by Sarah Taylor, with: Lesley Wylde, Kate Dennison, Audrey Payne and Lorna Sparkes. That evening was one of celebrations as it was also Ladies' presentation night. The new Club Captain Graham Moody presented the prizes to the ladies. The Ladies Championship (gross score) was won by Sarah Taylor, who also won the Order of Merit Prize and the Ladies Championship (nett) Cup was won by Lesley Wylde. An excellent meal was provided for the evening by Horton's Catering.

Although it is hard to generate enthusiasm for golf when the weather is bad, members and visitors are



welcome at the clubhouse for meals and refreshments. For details, please contact Michael or Tom Horton on 01452 812180.

Seniors Open

This year's Seniors' Open will take place on Wednesday 14th May. The competition is open to all Senior (ie over 55) golfers and will be a four ball better ball competition. It is a pairs competition, so if you and a friend are interested in playing, please get in touch with either Vern Watkin (01452 611778) or Peter Rowe (01452 813228) for further details. If you do not have a partner, we will try to pair you up with one. The cost is £12 per person.

Peter Rowe



Sarah Taylor and Graham Moody (club captain)

Cricket - Late item

As from 4th April we are starting youth training again at Broadham on every Friday night until August.

Dom Barnard, head coach at Painswick CC.

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I'm recovering from the shock of feeling the warmth of that big yellow ball in the sky (is it an alien?). I hope that we will all be feeling the benefits of spring as you read this article.

I would like to share with you some other very interesting information regarding "The Barnwood Trust". When I first started as a Village Agent, I learnt that they were involved in helping people with disabilities or mental health issues across Gloucestershire. That help could come in the form of a grant, or with housing, or support through their Day Centre. Latterly they have expanded their work through a ten year plan called "You're Welcome" in which they are working with a network of partners.

Their latest initiative is a new grant programme called "Small Sparks". The grants are for people across the county who want to get together with friends and neighbours to do things that they enjoy, benefitting the community where they live. It could be for gardening equipment to grow vegetables together, books or DVDs to get a club going or maybe some wool and knitting needles for a group you are already part of.

Grants of up to £250 are available and there are no formal application forms to complete. You just need to make sure that at least one of you wanting to enjoy the activity has a disability or mental health challenge or is an older person who would like to make more friends. There must be a minimum of four people involved and everyone in the group needs to be prepared to contribute their time, energy and talents.

Finally, while doing some research the other day for a lady looking to join a local club, I came across a really great website

VILLAGE Agents

called www.meetup.com. Put in where you live and how many miles radius you are interested in searching and you will find an enormous amount of information about activities going on and groups forming to get together walking/ socialising listening to music; the choices go on and on. Please don't despair if you are not a user of the internet; I can research on your behalf or ask someone you know who might do it for you? A wonderful source for local listings of services, groups and information is The Painswick Directory. If you haven't already received your free copy, they are available at the Painswick Library and at "Best One" and I often refer to it online to check local information.

Existing groups for older people can get great advice and support from "In Touch" which is another part of GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) who manage the Village Agent Scheme. They give sound advice, support and information to existing older people's groups on issues around funding, constitutions, volunteers, insurance requirements, health and safety, food hygiene, risk assessment, speakers and entertainment, transport, available services and forthcoming events

They also work with individuals and communities to set up new social groups, lunch clubs and activities for older people by identifying the need and working together to put in place all the necessary processes to ensure the group is vibrant and sustainable. Examples include Pub Clubs

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PROPERTY REPORT for March from Hamptons International

As we enter Spring on a clear and frosty day, the daffodils are standing to attention and it is clear that the housing market is coming into bloom too. A widespread recovery in the market was kicked off by the Funding for Lending Scheme and has now been supplemented by Help to Buy with a growing economy, falling unemployment and a slow down in the rise of the cost of living all adding confidence. With an election due in 2015, it is perhaps not surprising that the recent budget hasn't delivered many surprises to knock the market off its current trajectory.

The average house price in England and Wales rose by 4.4% in 2013 to reach about £167,000. That's perhaps a bit lower than the impression many people have got from the press. While prices are 11% up on the trough of spring 2009 they are still 8% below the 2007 peak of £182,000 and hide wide regional variations. Transaction numbers also increased in 2013 to fall just short of one million but again markets are divided with sales above £1m sitting at 15% above the 2007 peak whilst sales below £250,000 are at only half the peak level.

Hamptons International Research Department has been examining the pent-up demand in the market. It is estimated that about 350,000 fewer people than expected set up home during the downturn. By looking at a combination of economic, housing market and demographic factors, our analysis has shed light on the areas where demand pressures are likely to be strongest and hence where there may be a faster pace of recovery in transaction and/or prices. Whilst a lack of supply is oft quoted as the major reason

for higher levels of demand, the results show that the reality is far more complex. The reasons for this are many-fold but with the economy and housing markets coming back to life we anticipate many of these aspiring households will return to the market.

In the Painswick office, the market continues to show great strength and positivity with our best start to the year for many years. With the supply of properties coming to the market expected to increase as we move into the traditionally buoyant Spring market, there is now a window of opportunity to secure a sale at a strong price. To get an up to date market appraisal on the saleability of your property from an agent with a strong regional, national and international presence, please call this office on 01452 812354.

Properties now under offer include Oakleigh, Tithe Cottage and Dial Tryst in Vicarage Street, 8 The Croft, Terreno on the Longridge, Byways at Coopers Hill, 2 Vatch Cottages, Commodious Chapel in Edge, Linkside on the Cheltenham Road, Woodlands Crest in Pitchcombe and Sellars Farm in Hardwicke. Properties now sold include Belmont House, Cranham Mill, Star Cottage, Littlecroft, Hillworth Cottage, 9 Hyett Orchard and Hazelings.

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APRIL

Sun	6	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Evensong (BCP)	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 4.00pm
Mon	7	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	8	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £5 pp Tuesdays Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890 Painswick Centre AGM Bird Club / P. Beacon Conservation Group: History & Wildlife of the Forest of Dean - Andy Bluett Painswick Centre AGM	Painswick Centre P. Centre Green Room Ashwell House P.Centre Cots. Room Town Hall	10.00am 1.30 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	9	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham Table Tennis sessions - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464 Horticultural Society: Garden Design - preparing for Chelsea: P. Hervey-Brookes	P. Centre - Cots. Room Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre Church Rooms	7.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am 6.45pm 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	10	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm
Fri	11	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Sat	12	Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965 Coffee Morning in aid of Jonas's Bike Ride for Macmillan Cancer Support Painswick Music Society Concert: Angela Hewitt - Piano	Town Hall Stamages Car Park Town Hall	10.00am 10.00am 10.00am to 12.30pm
Sun	13	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Family Communion Experience Easter Family Service - Easter Story in Readings & Songs	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	3.00pm 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 6.30pm
Mon	14	Probus Women: A Photographic History of Painswick through the ages - David Archard	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	15	Local History Society: Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Probus: Mementoes of Nonsense - Swithin Fry (Joint meeting with the Ladies) Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Annual Lunch: Enq. 01242 890374 Last Table Tennis Session Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 12noon for 1.00pm 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	17	Country Market: Coffee available Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Watch Service Music Appreciation Group: The Proms	Town Hall St Mary's Church Town Hall	10.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	18	No Country Market - see Thursday 17th Procession of Witness: Good Friday Devotion Painswick Singers concert: Main work - Faure's Requiem. Admission free - retiring collection	Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	10.30am 2.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	19	Copy Date for May Beacon Saturday Market: Produce, Art & Craft - various stalls Bird Club Field Trip: Woogreens Nature Reserve, Forest of Dean: meet at Kensley Lodge car park; SO628125 Easter Egg Hunt & Teddy Bear Parachuting Easter Eve Reflective Service	Town Hall. Lower Room Kensley Lodge car park Churchyard & village St Mary's Church	10.00am to 4.00pm 11.00am to 1.00pm 1.00 to 4.00pm 5.00pm



Sun	20	Easter Eve Reflective Service Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	5.00pm 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: Spring Surprise Evening	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	25	Friday Club: From Tights to Trousers - Rosemary Prosser	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	27	The Stuart Singers Concert in aid of Stroud Mencap Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	7.30pm 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	28	Probus Women: Visit & Afternoon Tea at Cotswold Care Hospice, Minchinhampton	Hospice	2.00pm
Wed	30	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club visit to Malmesbury Abbey, Oaksey & Dursley Churches. Enq 01242 230755 Probus: The Village Shop - Marion Beagley Painswick Valleys Conservation Society AGM	Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.20am 10.00am 7.15 for 7.30pm
MAY				
Thu	1	Painswick Community Orchard Project May Day celebration: Pop Up Folk Festival, incl. Maypole Dancing Pop Up Folk Festival: Food & Drink at good prices Music Appreciation Group: Mystery	Outside Royal Oak Church Rooms Town Hall	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	3	May Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Painswick Music Society Concert: Steven Isserlis - Cello & Sam Haywood - Piano Black Adder: Tickets £10	St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	3.00pm 7.00pm
Tue	6	Friday Club late Spring outing to Toddington Railway & Cream Tea	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
Wed	7	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Legacy of Frosts & Floods - Alan Pilbeam. Enq. 813228 Horticultural Society: Bookings close for trip 3 - Stourhead	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thu	8	Health Walk (One Hour) Enq. 813228 Theatre Club outing to The Watermill, Newbury	Town Hall Stamages Car Park	9.45am 10.00am
Sat	10	Painswick Music Society Concert: Castalian Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	11	Christian Aid Service	Edge Church	6.30pm
Mon	12	Probus Women: Artisan Cheese Making - Godsell's Cheese	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	13	Bird Club Field Trip: Sherborne Water Meadow - meet at NT Car Park ref. SP176155	NT Car Park	10.00am
Wed	14	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club visit to Lydney Park & Westbury Court Dutch Gardens. Enq. 812692 Horticultural Society trip 1 - Elgar Museum & Spetchley Park Probus: An Old Man's Adventures on a Bicycle (John O'Groats - Land's End) - Mick Ponting	Stamages Car Park Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre	9.05am tba 10.00am
Thu	15	Christian Aid Salmon Supper Music Appreciation Group: AGM & Members' Night	Church Rooms Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	16	Christian Aid Cold Buffet Lunches & Shop	Church Rooms	12.00noon to 2.00pm
Sat	17	Saturday Market: Produce, Art & Craft - various stalls Christian Aid Lunches, Cream Teas & Shop	Town Hall. Lower Room Church Rooms	10.00am to 4.00pm 12.00noon to 4.00pm
Tue	20	Local History Society Outing to Sharpness Docks - Dr Ray Wilson		6.00pm
Wed	21	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Guided Walk: Flowers on Selsley common: Pre-book on 812692 Parish council Meeting		2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	23	Friday Club: Waltz Music - Mike Kerton	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: You Cannot be Serious - Brian Partridge	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	28	Probus: Building Society Industry - Past, Present & Future - John Parker Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Guided Walk: Ancient Woodland at Lineover Woods. Pre-book on 812692	Painswick Centre	10.00am 10.00am
JUNE				
Tue	3	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Tudor & Stuart Gardens - Roger Turner Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed	4	Bird Club field Trip: River Frome; meet at public car park opposite Waitrose Horticultural Society AGM & Local Speaker	Painswick Centre Church Rooms	7.00pm 7.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

15 CANTON ACRE: 2 storey extension to rear of property. Installation of 'velux' type window to east side of property. Removal of existing wooden garage and rebuild on existing footprint using block and render – single storey.

SCHOOL HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe: Secondary glazing on 7 windows; Replacement of a wooden single glazed window with a steel double glazed window; Replacement of current kitchen window with a double glazed window

HILLWORTH COTTAGE, Gloucester Street: Internal alterations

THE SKIPPETS, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe: Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new building to provide annexe accommodation.

LYNTON, Paradise: Erection of two storey and single storey extension

BRAMFIELD, Edge Road: Erection of new timber framed garage /carport (to replace existing) and erection of new porch (also to replace existing).

DEER COTTAGE, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe: Extension to existing family house plus annexe below street level and creation of twin parking bay

at street level on top of proposed annexe. Proposal includes demolition of 2 storey 1960s extension.

COURTSIDE, Hale Lane: Change of use from dwelling to guest house (Resubmission of S.13/2576/COU)

CONSENT

GREENLEAS, Stroud Road: Proposed extension, alterations and double garage with store over and associated works.

BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street Repairs to masonry, upgrading insulation and internal finishes, install new crown roof, install passenger lift, new orangery extension, new landscaping.

TOWER COTTAGE, Kemps Lane: American Black Walnut – fell due to excessive height for its position.

THE SKIPPETS, Damsell Mill Lane, Sheepscombe: T1 Yew – Crown reduce by 2.5m, T2 Yew – Crown reduce by 2.5m, T3 Yew Crown reduce by 2.5m.

SUNNY COTTAGE, Butt Green: Fell and remove Silver Birch.

CASTLE GODWIN, Paradise: Installation of electronically operated timber gate to rear drive. Erection of a timber greenhouse with wood store and a replacement garage building.

RIFLEMANS COTTAGE, Slad Lane: Demolish and replace stone porch and internal alterations.

DELL FARM, Longridge, Sheepscombe Formation of outdoor horse exercise area in surrounding post and rail fence (includes change of use)

LITTLE FLEECE, Bisley Street:

Proposals to bring the Little Fleece – mixed use of residential and retail – back into use as a National Trust holiday cottage and therefore wholly residential 3 GLOUCESTER ROAD: Fell Horse Chestnut (TPO)

LAND ADJACENT TO DEAN RISE (GRAVE DIGGERS HUT): Change of Use from storage hut to Painswick Tourist Information Office, to include non-illuminated sign.

SALUTATION, Far End, Sheepscombe: Tree 1 Ash Tree. This tree is approx 30 feet tall. Reduce the height of the main trunk by pollarding. Tree 2 Cupressus. This tree is approx 50 feet tall. Reduce its height by approx 50%.

GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road: Horse Chestnut (T1) reduce height by 3-4m, Ash (T2) reduce height by 3-4m and sides proportionately, Ash (T3) cut the Ivy, remove the 1m from the lowest 1m. 4 Maples (G1) remove deadwood of diameter_25mm and remove low branches over the highway to 4.5m high ("crown lift"), Norway Maples (G2), Copper beach (G3), Ash (T4) monitor condition of trees. Walnut (T5) crown reduction.

The Personal Column

You could help Jenny Gaugain, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MAUREEN VARDY and JANE PERCIVAL- GERMAN who have both died recently.

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of BERT GRANT who has died recently

Get Well Soon

Get well soon to DIANA BARCLAY who is in Hospital.

George Hodder – long service award

Prior to their Council meeting on the evening of the 19th March, Parish Councillors assembled to honour not only the long service of the Parish Handyman, George Hodder, but his 60th birthday. However, as we all know in addition to his duties with the local Council, George is an active member of the Painswick Fire Station and of course duty called. George and his team of firefighters were summoned away to deal with a chimney fire!



George returned and Chairman, Martin Slinger, temporarily suspended the meeting to thank George for his 27 years of unstinting hard work for the Council and the people of the Painswick Parish. He said that irrespective of the weather George always fulfilled his duties. On behalf of the Council Martin presented George with a pen and ink drawing by local artist, Mark Kelland. The drawing depicts Cemetery Lodge where George resides. George was accompanied by his partner, Sheila, who was presented with a bouquet by the Council Chairman.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to BARBARA and DAVID HARLEY who celebrated their Golden Wedding on March 28th

and to JOAN WOOD who will be celebrating her 97th Birthday on 7th April

and to GEORGE HODDER on his 60th birthday and still an active firefighter.

Personal messages

A big thank you! I would like to thank all my family friends and neighbours for their wonderful and caring support following my accident. What a special place Painswick is.

HELEN BAKER

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