

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick hosts rare wildlife

Visitors to the Recreation Ground and other sites in Painswick in early February were treated to the unusual sight of a large flock of waxwings, possibly forty or fifty of them together.

Waxwings are small starling-sized birds with a prominent crest and colourful markings. They usually travel here from Siberia and northern Scandinavia only if they experience a particularly harsh winter or if there is a shortage of food. In Painswick they're a relatively rare sight, seen perhaps only once in five years or so. But across Britain they've been seen frequently this winter, according to the RSPB. They're often seen on trees covered with berries, including rowan and hawthorn.



Waxwings on the Recreation Ground, photographed by Les Warriner

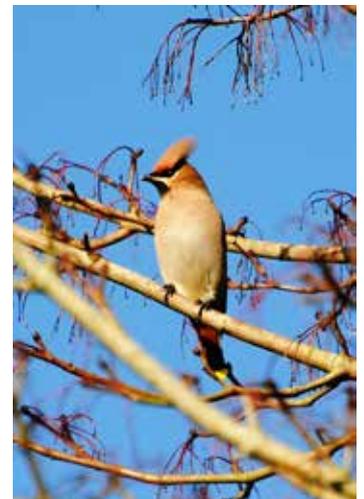
But they're far from the only unusual wildlife to be seen in Painswick. One rather sad, but still notable sighting this month has been an otter, apparently killed by a car on the A46 at Pitchcombe on the night of 13th / 14th February. The River Frome in Stroud is known to be home to otters, particularly in the Frome Banks Nature Reserve, but this may be evidence that they are spreading into the Painswick Valley.



The dead otter at Pitchcombe (right) and a more photogenic live one above (photo by Catherine Trigg).

Painswick is also home to rare species of butterfly, notably the Duke of Burgundy, on the Beacon and at Rudge Hill. This month's meeting of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (see page 10) featured a talk from members of a butterfly conservation group, which now hopes to reintroduce other rare species.

Anyone interested in spotting the Duke of Burgundy and other species, might like to join one of Natural England's Spring walks in the Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve (see page 11). The reserve covers the commons at Cranham, Sheepscombe and Edge (Rudge Hill) as well as the woods around Cranham and Sheepscombe, and is a valuable wildlife habitat on our doorstep.



The Duke of Burgundy butterfly (photo by Charles J Sharp) and (right) one of the waxwings, again beautifully captured by Les Warriner



Reminder

**Saturday 4th March in
the Painswick Centre
7.00 for 7.30 pm**

Contact John Barrus at barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk.

The Beacon Village Quiz

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on February 15th by John Barrus

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Matters requiring a decision

- To receive the outcome of the Appeal for S.16/0829/LBC & S.16/0830/LBC SHETLANDS, Far End, Sheepscombe. Discussed and given unanimous support.
- S.17/0152/HHOLD and S.17/0153/LBC HAZELBURY COTTAGE, Edge Road. Rebuild section of wall. Unanimous support
- S.17/0202/HHOLD and S.17/0203/LBC THE LODGE ANNEXE, HOLCOMBE FOLLY Holcombe Folly Cottage reconfiguration and extension. Unanimous support.
- S.17/0222/FUL GROVES CLOSE, Stroud Road, Edge. Replacement of existing dwelling. Construction of detached garage and swimming pool. Unanimous support.
- S.17/0239/TCA WEST HAYES, Far End, Silver Birch – fell and replace with fruit tree. Unanimous support.
- S.17/0254/TPO HYETT ORCHARD, Hyett Close. 2 x Limes – Reduce all over by 4-5m and clear the trunks of epicormic growth to a height of approximately 8m. Unanimous support.

PARISH COUNCIL

Public question.

Chairman Martin Slinger read out a letter to the Council from Terry Parker concerning the need for a map of the land owned by the Lord of the Manor and areas currently leased out. Concern was expressed over recent earthworks at the side of Catbrain Quarry with the removal of trees and the widening of the area around the Cotswold Way which is now a mudbath.

In reply it was established that no map was available giving this information and the meeting agreed that this information should be made available. The Parish Council agreed to write to Selina Blow for an updated map and leasing arrangements.

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The Beacon understands that Meister Masonry have permission for the current works.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs Roey Parker and Abigail Smith.

Matters of urgency

Cllr Rob Lewis raised the subject of Dog Fouling. Complaints had been received from parishioners of a worrying increase in dog fouling in the Parish especially in the Croft School area, Gloucester Street and the Recreation Ground. This anti-social behaviour needed urgently to be addressed and it was suggested that a report go in to the next Beacon expressing the need for this to stop with threats of calling in the dog warden.

County Councillor's report

None available

District Councillors' report

See separate article (opposite page).

To receive a reply from Neil Carmichael MP regarding the re-development of the Fire Station.

In the letter to the Parish Council Neil Carmichael attached a copy of the letter he had written to the Architect of the Fire Station re-development suggesting that some recompense be made to the people of Painswick for the loss to the community of the asset. In the following discussion it was mentioned that perhaps a letter to the County Council would have had more affect.

To adopt the revised Parish Plan

The Plan was unanimously adopted.

To adopt a Grant Awarding Policy.

The Plan put on a more formal basis the criteria on what to fund and how to decide who to fund. The policy together with an application form would be put on the Parish Council's Web Site. The Policy was unanimously adopted.

To receive an update on the archiving of the Parish Records.

The records with help from the Local History Society were being investigated with the view of passing some to the County Council for electronic archiving or those of lesser importance to the Parish Council for electronic archiving. Those deemed of little value would be scrapped. This will prove to be a huge task and take some time. It was suggested that at some stage a request could be put in the Beacon for any documents of historic interest held by residents to also be brought forward for archiving.

Financial Reports.

The three reports concerning payments in accordance with the budget, appointment of the internal auditor and to confirm the Council's internal control checks were all adopted by the meeting.

Ward Reports

Only one issue was raised and this by Cllr John Clifford reporting that the drain along New Street opposite the Patchwork Mouse was loose and causing noise. It was agreed to report this to County Highways.

AOB

Chairman Martin Slinger had been asked by the Gardening Club whether there was a suitable home for all their trophies. No suggestions were forthcoming.

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District Councillors' Report

Council Tax

Cllr Nigel Cooper reported that the District Council had passed its budget this week resulting in a Council Tax increase of £5 to £195.65 for a band D property. The main cause was that the new waste scheme could be losing £400k p.a. and to commitments to major local projects. The loss on the waste scheme was partly due to an over optimistic budget and losses incurred on the disposal of recycled material, when profits had been expected, due to the adverse market conditions.

Although the Council Tax is collected by the District Council, 73% goes to the County Council, 13% to the Police Commissioner, 12% to the District Council and 2% to the Town and Parishes. Gloucestershire County Council has agreed an increase of 3.99%, which consists of 1.99% to the normal Council budget and 2% for the national adult care increase.

Rubbish and recycling

Cllr Nigel Cooper reported that the new arrangements have settled in well with only a few hiccups, mainly in rural areas. The recycling rate has increased from 30% to 40% and the food collection has added another 20%. So now only 40% is going to landfill.

Stamages Lane Application for nine houses refused

We reported in December on an application to build nine new houses on a site between Stamages Lane and Richmond Village, including three 'affordable' rented units and two smaller houses. The proposal generated a large number of comments and the time required to come to a decision on it was extended three times, but in the end it has been refused permission.

The reasons given refer to the location being outside the settlement development limits, as well as to infilling of green space and to insufficient analysis of the impact on the ecological value of the area and wildlife habitats. There seems to have been no objection on traffic grounds from the County Council traffic authority.

Although the application was reviewed by the Parish Council, which neither supported nor objected to it, it did not go to the Stroud Development Control Committee. The decision was delegated entirely to officers of Stroud Council, who made the decision without any formal input from District Councillors.

Cotswold Way



A recent photograph of the Cotswold Way in the area around Catbrain Quarry (see Parish Council report opposite)

Responses to the 5% increase in Parish Precept

Only a few responses were received concerning the 5% increase in the Parish Precept, which presumably indicates that most people are content. Some issues raised are summarised below.

- Staff costs seem to have risen considerably in the Land and Buildings section and by an amount over inflation in the Admin area. How can these increases be justified?
- Whether the £1000 p.a. in the Traffic budget is being effectively used.

The Beacon approached the Parish Council for their comments and received the following response.



“The 5% increase (£2.61 per year, Band D) is as a result of additional staff costs (reasons detailed below) and additional funding for the re-decoration of the Pavilion. The increase

in the Land and Buildings Staff Costs is a result of a mandatory pay increase in the Apprentice wages from £3.50 per hour to £7.05 per hour effective on 1 April 2017. The increase in the Admin Staff Wages is a result of an additional 1 hour increase in the Deputy Clerk's hours due to the additional workloads as a direct result of the Transparency Act and the change in legislation for accounting.

The £1000.00 has been included in the Budget to give the Council the opportunity to carry out surveys and reviews in order to provide evidence to the County Council of Highway concerns, as was the case with the Vehicle Activated Signs”.

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The February screening of Bridget Jones's Baby was a complete sell-out with The Beacon Hall filled to capacity. It was greatly encouraging to hear that so many of you enjoyed the occasion. We now have the backing of a great team of local sponsors, whose generosity and support makes Wick-Flix possible. A big thank you to Murrays Estate Agents, Stroud Brewery, Woodchester Valley Vineyard, Richmond Village and Goddard's Garage.

After **Sully (Cert 12A)** on Friday 3rd March, we have scheduled **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (Cert 12A)** on Friday 14th April.

This is our Easter Special with Eddie Redmayne starring in JK Rowling's latest foray into the wizarding world. A Harry Potter film it is not. Set in 1926 New York, this is an altogether darker magical world that dwells on more grown up themes of bigotry and intolerance. Children 12 and above only with an adult.

Bar opens at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £6.00 (one price for all) including one drink. Payment on the door. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity.

You can always find up-to-date information on what's coming up on the Wick-Flix page at www.painswickcentre.com

Familiar faces?

The photograph above has come from Cranham. However, no-one there is able to put a name to either of the two young women. The small paper strip attached to the bottom of the photograph reads 'Cranham and Painswick Scouts Ball'. The fact that it is quite difficult to date adds to the mystery.

Are you able to identify either or both of these two girls? Do you know anything at all about the Cranham and Painswick Scouts Ball or indeed the movement itself? When and where did it take place? Were you involved?

If you can shed any light at all on this I'd love to hear from you. Email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or telephone 813387.

Carol Maxwell

Beacon Subscriptions

Yes it's Beacon subscription time! First of all, a big 'Thank You' to all our 484 current subscribers (40 more than last year). To put this into context, we print 1500 copies of the Painswick Beacon every month, of which 1450 are delivered, to every household in Painswick and on request to Edge, Pitchcombe, around the UK and abroad. This means there are approximately three times as many copies delivered as there are subscribers!

The new subscription year starts in April. As always, printing costs have increased, but we are still asking for a contribution of £7 minimum per household from all households within the Painswick civil boundary. Costs for Pitchcombe, Edge and postal deliveries vary and are notified separately.

If you have any queries, need another envelope or any questions regarding subscriptions, please feel free to contact me, details are on the rear page. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Painswick Bird and Gardening Clubs: An Evening Shared....

....and what a lovely, lively evening it was too. David Priddis proved to be a passionate and incredibly knowledgeable observer of nature who delighted a 'full house' with an enthusiastic stomp around his large Gloucestershire garden. Peppered with wit, his honest and diverse account of all things living in his garden - not just birds! - informed and entertained from start to finish. On behalf of both Clubs, I'd like to thank everyone for their support; it was great to see so many people turn out on a cold dark evening in February!

As the Season turns (I'm writing this mid February, 8.30am, sun shining with the promise of a glorious day....) hopefully it won't be so cold and dark (ever the optimist!) for our talk on March 8th (7.30pm Church Rooms). Tom Burns, an artist, therapist and passionate gardener will be treating us to a talk on 'Colour and Form in the Garden' and how developing a greater awareness will enhance our gardening skills and our gardens. Fingers crossed; Tom will also bring plants and seeds from Derry Watkins' well known Special Plants Nursery to sell after his talk - sounds like an evening not to be missed! If the evening appeals to you, come along as a visitor (£4); we'd love to see you.

A date for the diary - Saturday May 27th - plant sale - more details to follow. Guess where I'm off to.....

Caroline Bodington (PGC Committee Member)

Speeding traffic - 1950s style

The following extract comes from a letter sent to the Parish Council on 1st June 1950. It was written by Rear Admiral A Phillips of Tabithas in Painswick.

"Dear Sir, The recent abolition of petrol rationing, with the resulting increase in numbers of all sorts and conditions of motor vehicles on the roads, makes it an appropriate time to remind the Painswick Parish Council of the excessive speed often indulged in by through traffic in New Street.

On two recent occasions, while crossing the road with great care outside Lloyd's Bank, I have narrowly escaped death or injury from south-going cars proceeding at quite 40 - 45 mph. On another occasion a north-bound car proceeding through an empty street at a dangerous speed outside Messrs. Burdock's Yard, nearly hit a small child, whom I was just able to grasp by the scruff of his neck and pants in time to avert a tragedy.

It is obvious that the recently erected 'No Waiting' signs have aggravated the danger by giving irresponsible drivers a clear run through the town. This danger surely outweighs any parking nuisance until more sensible and practical steps to reduce the speed of traffic are taken. The signs should go, before we have a fatality."

This was at a time before traffic lights were installed, and of course long before the 20 mph limit. After numerous letters and meetings, parking was allowed again on New Street for a period, specifically to slow down the traffic.

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Wildlife Art

Simon Barnes (Sunday Times, 6th February) remarks that "70% of our land is in agricultural use"

- on the danger of divorcing modern farming from wildlife needs. His Lincolnshire visit, like ours to Ian Boyd's Whittington farm in June last year, showed the feasibility of successful marriage! On the same theme, we joined the Gardening Club on 8th February for a talk by David Priddis (see article alongside).

Moving to the aesthetic dimension, we can excitedly anticipate the 7th March meeting of the Bird Club (7.30pm at the Town Hall) when we receive a very distinguished and internationally travelled visitor to Painswick. Jackie Garner, Medway College of Design graduate, has a 30 year professional experience of wildlife painting, exhibiting from London to Slimbridge (currently), held in collections around the world and a judge at the 2013 Wildlife Art Society international exhibition. A particular source of fascination was her six week trip to investigate the techniques and materials of ancient Egypt used in the depiction of wildlife in the temples and tombs. We can guarantee that the ensuing AGM will not explore such depths!

Further thrills are to follow at the Town Hall on April 4th at 7.30pm when Andrew Bluett, Coordinator for the Gloucestershire Raptor Monitoring Group will give an illustrated talk on his research into the Raptors of Gloucestershire. Visitors very welcome (£3).

Wendy Addy

Fracking in Painswick!

Maybe not, but if it did, are you ready? Support or oppose, the Painswick Theatre Club will be taking lessons from a distinguished cast, including James Bolam and Anne Reid, at an evening performance of 'Fracked! Or: Please Don't Use the F-Word' at the Malvern Theatres on Thursday 27th April. A new razor sharp comedy taking a timely look at the conflicted core of planetary energy and earthly power.

Ever keen to learn, Painswick Theatre Club members took lessons on avoiding fortune hunters from Griff Rhys Jones and Lee Mack in a freely adapted version of Molière's classic comedy, The Miser. "I don't think I've laughed so much for a long time. The cast played to the audience, the timing was slick, the costumes outrageous and some very topical comments".. who'd have thought that Molière, a Frenchman living in the 17th century, would foresee Trump and Brexit!

Ross Munro



News from St. Mary's

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday which is 1st March this year. The liturgical colour for Lent is purple reminding us that this is the season for penitence, prayer and preparation. I mentioned last month that a number of ecumenical groups are formed during Lent to foster better understanding among Christian denominations. These groups have been advertised already and cover different courses, different days and different times. If you would like to join a group please sign up immediately.

Painswick is a fair trade village and 27th February to 12th March is Fair Trade Fortnight. To mark this occasion, there will be a Fair Trade breakfast in the Church Rooms on 11th March from 9.30am to 11.30am. The cost will be £5-00 each for adults.

The Painswick Music Society stage a number of concerts each Spring. These concerts begin on 25th March this year with a recital by the celebrated violinist Tasmin Little accompanied by John Lenehan. The concert starts at 3pm and tickets are available from the Pharmacy at £20-00 each.

Have you ever attended a quiet day? A former Rector of Minchinhampton, Revd. Canon Dr Christopher Collingwood who is now Chancellor of York Minster will be leading one at Brownhill Monastery on 25th March from 10am to 3.45pm. The cost including a cooked lunch is £17-00. Further details can be obtained from Jenny Tann, Tel. 01453 884142.

Mothering Sunday this year is on 26th March. This is when we particularly remember our mothers and all they have contributed to family life and to society. The custom of Mothering Sunday dates back to the time when servant girls were allowed a day off each year to go home and see their mothers. This day will be commemorated throughout the benefice. The main St Mary's service will be at 9.30am and will be a Painswick Praise service.

Cheltenham is famous for its festivals. This year the town is organising a Christian Arts Festival from 22nd April to 7th May. Further details are available from email – christianartsfestival.org or Tel. 01242 898403.

David Newell

Lent Course

An additional Lent Course will be held on Friday afternoons, 2.30-4pm, starting on March 3rd. Called "Living an Authentic Life", it will explore discipleship within the world church.

Venue: Yew Tree House, Vicarage Street. Contact Frances Watson (812 071) or Alison Robinson (812 286).

Messy Church Thursday 9th March



From 15.30 to 17.15 in the St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick.

Join us to make a gift for your Mothers and hear the story of Mary anointing Jesus' feet. Enjoy some crafts, play games and have a delicious tea together.

Messy Church is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries please contact Fiona Gill: Mobile: 0777 151 3382 or Email: fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net



Fairtrade breakfast

Fairtrade event on Saturday 11th March in the Church Rooms from 9.30am. Come and enjoy a delicious, fairly traded breakfast! Cereal, fruit, juices etc. with lots of fresh coffee, tea or hot chocolate. A great start to the weekend.

Adults £5 a head. Children under 10 free.

Alison Robinson

The Personal Column

You could help Vicky Aspinall, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated. We are always willing to announce births, deaths and marriages, as well as people moving to, or leaving, the village, but we can only report what we are told.

Condolences

To the family and friends of JACK MITCHELL, who died on February 5th in Stroud, aged 24. Jack played for Painswick Rugby Club.

To the family and friends of DR. RHODRI JONES who died on January 19th aged 91. The funeral was held at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath on February 20th.

Congratulations

To BEN AND LAURA ANDREWS on the birth of their daughter Cara on

February 6th. A first grandchild for Rob and Sharron Andrews and a first great grandchild for John and Mary Bessant.

Thank you

LIZ BURGE would like to thank all her friends and neighbours for all their practical help and kindness during her recent indisposition. She is now feeling very much better and is even more aware of how blessed we are to live in a community which really does care. Proverbs 27. End of verse 10 'Better is the neighbour who is close by than kindred who are far away' Just so.

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2017 'Art Burst' festival to widen its scope

How many towns or villages the size of Painswick can boast not one, but two, major arts festivals, now running in alternate years? The outstanding success of the biennial Art Couture festival in Painswick, has encouraged the Art Society to confirm its exhibition in the interim years and extend its coverage for local artists by re-naming itself the Painswick Valley Art Festival, with membership open to all artists in the surrounding area.

The 2017 Painswick Valley Art Festival, 'Art Burst', will be a more comprehensive venue for local artists, covering the whole area of the Painswick valley including Cranham, Sheepscombe, Painswick, Edge and Pitchcombe.

Chairman and festival organiser, Jackie Herbert says that the festival will take place from Saturday 19th August through until the Monday Bank holiday, 28th August, giving artists ten full opening days, including two weekends, to show their talent to the public. The last Art Burst Festival in 2015 gathered the works of over sixty artists from the area and attracted more than two thousand visitors.



Jackie Herbert
Art Burst festival organiser

'The membership for artists wishing to join will be £20 and local sponsors and patrons will be approached to help fund the arrangements and publicity to enable us to make this year the biggest and best 'Art Burst' ever,' says Jackie.

Special display rates have been negotiated with the three main venues, the Town Hall, the Painswick Centre and the Church Rooms, as well as the 12th century St Mary's Church, where there will be a spectacular display of flower art, plus the possibility of demonstrations by local Artists or Craftspeople.

A full colour catalogue of artists and examples of their highly affordable works, a map of the exhibition locations and local sponsors' refreshment and dining facilities, will be available free of charge to all visitors. There will be no entry fees for any of the exhibitions.

'We have a new web site www.artburstpainswick.co.uk and we urge local artists to register their interest with us so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment,' says Jackie Herbert.

Yew Trees Women's Institute Growing up under German occupation in Norway



On January 24th most members renewed their membership. This is in large measure because of the quality and variety of the talks offered each month. Tore Fauske's presentation on "Growing up under German occupation in Norway" during this evening was excellent for it was interesting and informative but it was also interspersed with amusing anecdotes and illustrated with authentic, official, German photographs.

Tore was only eight when the Germans invaded Norway so he found the bombing of the Konigsberg in Bergen Harbour by the British very exciting. However, his parents were anxious that he should not annoy the Nazis and instructed him to keep quiet or they would suffer reprisals. The Germans' strategic plan was to invade and control all the western coast of Norway, particularly to keep their U-boats in Norwegian fjords. Overall the Nazis treated the Norwegians well as they wanted them to produce food but the Quislings (Norwegians collaborating with the enemy force) were much harsher in implementing the rules.

Despite the severe rationing, locals retaliated by including double meanings in their posters, books and journalism to convey secret messages to their compatriots. Also, there were many "pin pricks" to annoy the Nazis without being punished. For instance, when Norwegians were ordered to sit next to Germans on a bus, instead of sitting side by side they would sit sideways with their feet in the aisle! The games of cat and mouse showed great ingenuity and we wondered how we would have responded in Tore Fauske's situation.

Janet Jenkins



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PROBUS Women The development of Stroud

Ian Mackintosh from Stroudwater Textiles Trust was our Speaker on Monday, 13th February talking about the development of Stroud. In earlier years, Painswick was the older and much more important development compared to Stroud, having been granted a Market Charter in 1254 whereas Stroud's Market Charter wasn't granted until much later on.

Stroud, Ian told us, initially comprised just a small collection of houses later becoming a small hamlet and then a large village which soon developed into the large Town it is today. The Town thrived due to the wool industry. The abundance of water from the many local rivers, brooks, wells and springs encouraged weavers to the area as they had plenty of water available for washing their fabrics. In 1270 a Church was built and Stroud gained their Market Charter. Businesses thrived. People came to Stroud from far and wide attracted by permanent and secure employment and money was ploughed into constructing important buildings and houses. Stroud expanded and became very well known nationally for producing fabrics such as red cloth for Army coats and, in later years, for producing baize for end products such as snooker tables and fluffy cloth to cover tennis balls. Ribbons, linen and serge were also produced locally.

By the late 1700's there were 100 Mills recorded in the area and, by 1750, Stroud was known as the 'capital' of "clothing" villages and towns.

Many original buildings still stand today one of which is the Market House built in 1594 by the Lord of the Manor. The first school in Stroud was at the Market House on the first floor with workshops above and the market below and, to this day, still holds a market here most weeks. Thankfully custom has moved on from 1570 and it is no longer used as a place of punishment!

Next meeting on Monday, 13th March. A talk by Rose Hewlett on the Glamorgan Heritage Coast. All welcome. Please join us. Painswick Church Rooms 10.00am for 10.30am. Guests £3

Hazel Stacey



Painswick Probud From Medicine to Movies and Back

Dr Tom Shannon came to talk to Probud about his involvement over the past 30 plus years in 'motion capture' as a founding member of the Oxford Metrics group.

It wasn't until the 1970's, with the availability of video cameras and computers, that progress in the technique began to accelerate enabling Oxford Metrics to develop their high-speed motion capture camera system in the 1980's. With several cameras filming visible targets on the subject the equipment could record the movements of the human body in 3 dimensions. Initially the system was developed for clinical gait analysis to aid surgical orthopaedic correction and prosthetics design. A chance meeting with a film director saw them develop their system for use in the film industry where today so much of a film can be generated by computer graphics.

The motion capture systems allow film-makers to place actors onto virtual sets which in reality would be either too dangerous or expensive yet still retain realistic facial and body movements. Now sportsmen and athletes are using the system to improve their technique and gain that small but vital advantage over their opponents, and manufacturing companies are using it to examine the man-machine interface.

Henry Hall

Jottings

Ploughing is the old art of turning the soil over and burying the trash, then tilling the soil down to a fine tilth ready to plant the seed.

The plough consists of a point that digs into the soil, with a disc behind to cut a slot, and then the mouldboard to turn over the furrow and bury the trash underground. A general purpose plough turns the soil in one direction only, so to avoid the soil piling up in-between furrows, you plough in 'lands', creating a kind of elongated spiral. With a reversible plough though, you start ploughing up the field to the headland, pull a lever, the plough turns itself over and you plough back down the field. In this area we mostly use general purpose mould-boards. Where you have deep topsoil you may have semi digger or deep digger mouldboards according to the depth of soil or what you are planting.

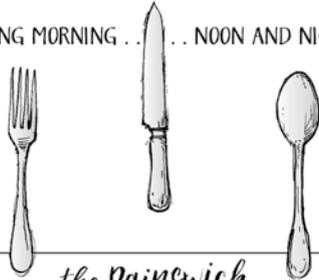
You only want to turn over the topsoil and not the subsoil so around here most ploughing is to a depth of five to six inches. Years ago you would use a cultivator, discs and roller to get a fine tilth. Nowadays you will use a power tiller which has tines spinning round at speed to smash the soil down to a fine tilth in a couple of passes. In some places now they do not use a plough, but an all-in-one which may have up to four machines in one, and a seed drill. This needs a high powered tractor and it can cover large acreages in a day, but this machine can only be used where the soil is sandy or light loam. Heavy soils (clays) have to go back to the plough.

In a lot of places these days fields are not left fallow and all weeds are sprayed off to save time.

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3rd Cotswold Caribbean Carnival in Painswick.

Now a firm fixture in the local social calendar the Cotswold Caribbean Carnival will have a 3rd outing this year on the 25th March. Hosted by Painswick's very own youth Steel Pan Band, Pantastic, the evening is set to chase the remnants of winter with the promise of bright, bright sunshiney days ahead!

The much hailed evening will take place at the golf club in Painswick, with the doors opening at 6pm. Pantastic will be joined by guest steel bands, Panache and Deerpark Pans. The music will be mighty! There will also be a raffle, spot prizes for best Caribbean attire, a disco and a limbo competition.... finally all that yoga will pay off!

It is set to be a fabulous evening. Entrance is by ticket only and numbers are limited so don't delay. Entrance and Caribbean buffet is £12 for adults and £6 for children. To purchase tickets please contact steventwigg@hotmail.co.uk or see www.pantasticpainswick.co.uk. Look forward to seeing you there!



Sandie Dowling

Countdown to Painswick Playgroup's Easter Egg Hunt!

Only a few weeks to go until the annual charity Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt, taking place around St Mary's Church Yard and the village centre on Saturday 15th April, 12-4pm.



We will have more than 30 beautifully designed eggs hiding all around the village, for you and your little ones to find and every completed trail will be rewarded with a chocolate prize. Our theme this year is Children's Film Favourites, and local companies, the playgroup, the Croft School, as well as some highly artistic mums are in the process of creating some amazing eggs! There's even a grown up set of clues so it promises to be a great day out for all the family.

Attractions this year will include live music, bouncy castles, food stalls selling hot pork rolls, burgers and hot dogs, as well as a delicious homemade cake stall, tombola, face painting and much much more! There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, with plenty of opportunities to have your photo taken with him. And don't forget to bring your favourite cuddly toy for the Teddy Bear Parachuting from the church spire.

Maps for the event will be on sale from The Falcon Pub, the library or Painswick Playgroup, and will be £3 in advance or £4 on the day per child (under 2s are free). Plenty of free parking will be available at the Painswick Recreation Ground in addition to the usual parking around the village and at Stamages Lane Car Park.

All money raised goes directly back to Painswick Playgroup to improve facilities for our children.

We are a non-profit making charitable organisation run by the Community and have recently retained our Ofsted Outstanding status. For more news and updates, visit: <http://www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk/easter-egg-hunt/> or www.facebook.com/PainswickEasterEggHunt

Lizzie Bennett



Library News 5th Anniversary of our Community Library!

It was in June 2012 that we first opened the doors of our community library – and we will be celebrating our 5th birthday in some style, with a number of events to cater for all tastes and ages. Watch this space for further details to come over the next couple of months.

New Books for March include:

Adult Non-Fiction: Dadland by Keggie Carew; Sully by

Chesley Sullenberger; Colour Bar by Susan Williams

Adult Fiction: The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett; Now is the Time by Melvyn Bragg; The Trouble with Goats and Sheep by Joanna Cannon; Apple Tree Yard by Louise Doughty; Lie with Me by Sabine Durrant; Out of Bounds by Val McDermid

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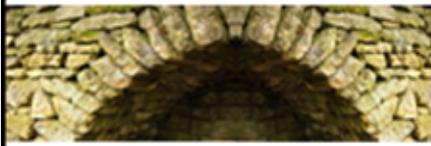
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Alex's debut novel – a proud achievement

Alex Breeze loves his job as a teacher of English at Thomas Keble School. His working life doesn't however end there for Alex has a passion for writing and the result is a proud achievement – his first published novel.

Alex came to live in Painswick with his parents, Mike and Pauline, in 2004. Having gained a degree in English at Brunel University he taught at Deer Park and Chosen Hill schools before moving to Thomas Keble. As a young man in Painswick he worked in both The Royal Oak and The Falcon and knows the village well. He married Sian, whose parents, Colin and Mandy, also live in Painswick, in St Mary's Church in 2011. Alex and Sian have recently moved to Chalford.



'I really enjoy teaching,' says Alex, now aged 37, 'but I've also written poetry for years. Then I had an idea for a short story.' However, this had to be postponed when his children arrived, Dylan now four and Luca two. The family was in fact on holiday in Italy when Alex started to write his first draft. It took just over a year and was finally completed, not as a short story but a novel, in 2015. The whole exercise was a painstaking process with much editing, sound and valued advice from friends and three more drafts before the final version emerged. It was, he emphasises, an intense learning process but 'I want my book to be read, to be respected.'



Inspired by his love of reading *The Great Gatsby*, Alex based his novel, *Parhelion*, loosely on the idea of an English version. Always a keen observer of people, their behaviours and their environments, his characters and their dialogue relate closely and cleverly to his own experiences including his life in Painswick. Very briefly it is about a man trapped in an ordinary life waiting for something extraordinary to happen. When he meets a charismatic and influential businessman he is led into a seductive and dangerous world – one without consequences.

Alex decided to self-publish and has consequently designed everything about the book himself. It can be purchased from Amazon at £4.99 and is available as an e-book at £2.99. If anyone has any questions or would like to know how to purchase a copy of this powerful debut novel Alex can be contacted by email at alexbreezewriter@gmail.com or you can write to him at Wickham Cottage, St Mary's, Chalford, Gloucestershire GL6 8PP. He has already embarked on his second novel, a potential dark comedy.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

It seems to have been a long wet winter, but at last the days are getting longer. Spring is arriving; the snowdrops are out, crocuses are appearing and a few primroses have been spotted. It will be fascinating to see what plants germinate from the seed bank of grass relieved of shading trees and how the hill fort ramparts respond to last autumn's grazing.



Tree buds are starting to fatten, which means the sap is starting to rise. There seems to be some doubt how effective glyphosate is at this time of the year, but we will continue to use it for another month and monitor how effective it is by checking whether new shoots grow later in the year.

We are still working at the Madams Wood end of the Beacon, clearing either side of the track leading up to the juniper scrape and the two western quarries. The aim is to clear scrub and connect to the Duke of Burgundy habitat on the slopes above where the quarry road joins the B4073.

There were twenty people at the talk I gave in the golf club. David Simcox and Sarah Meredith (from the butterfly conservation group) also talked about their work. They were very impressed with the work the PBCG and the PGC have done. The discussion afterwards was very informative and well received. To summarise our objective in one sentence could be: "To conserve existing grassland and promote the regeneration of grass being lost to scrub."

As ever, we can use more helpers. Please phone me on 07971 633 242 if you fancy giving a hand.

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Spring 2017 walks with Natural England Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve

Sunday 23rd April

Reptile Hunt on Cranham Common, time TBC after booking

Cranham Common is home to four of the UK's six species of native reptile and is a particularly good site for adders. On this walk we will be searching mainly for adders and sharing some tips on how to look for reptiles as well as talking a bit about their ecology and life cycle. The best time to look for reptiles is when they are basking, usually early in the morning before they head off for a day's hunting. This can vary according to weather and season which is why booking is essential to allow us to send out details nearer the time.

Sunday 14th May

10.30am Rudge Hill Dukes and Dingies

Rudge Hill in May is an exciting place to be. Duke of Burgundy butterflies and dingy skippers are on the wing, tree pipits and skylarks are busy nesting, kestrels and buzzards are hunting overhead to feed hungry chicks nearby and everywhere wildflowers are bursting into bloom. Come along and join us for an enjoyable walk across the common to look at and learn about some of the wildlife that lives there. Weather permitting we will hope to be able to spot some Dukes.

1.30pm Buckholt Wood Spring Spectacle

Woodland wild flowers come into their own in spring and Buckholt Wood has a wonderful variety of species. Join us for a walk 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.



The Dingy Skipper butterfly
(photo courtesy of Wikimedia, id 484818)

For all walks the cost is £5 per head, £3 concessions, under 12s free. All funds raised go directly towards the management of Gloucestershire's National Nature Reserves. For planning purposes booking is essential with Kate Gamez at kate.gamez@naturalengland.org.uk / 07747 485136. Meeting points and further details will be given out at time of booking.

Kate Gamez

Excursion to Historic Leicester with the Cotteswold Naturalists



A few places are left on the Club's three-day trip to Historic Leicester, 4th – 6th May. We will visit the Richard III Centre and Leicester Cathedral and have a guided walking tour of the city's surviving medieval buildings and churches. After our first-night dinner, archaeologist Dr Richard Buckley will talk about the discovery of the 'King in the Car Park'. We stay in a comfortable hotel in Market Bosworth, close to the site where the Battle of Bosworth brought the 2-year reign of Richard III, the last Plantagenet King of England, to an abrupt end. Our outward-bound journey to Market Bosworth will include stops at the National Memorial Arboretum and Calke Abbey. Excellent value at £300 per person for travel, most entrances and DB&B. Contact Sue Brown on 01453 836618 for the full programme.

There are still spaces on our coach excursion to Bristol on Wednesday 29th March to see the touring exhibition of the Warrior Treasures: Saxon Gold from the Staffordshire Hoard at Bristol Museum. The day will also include visits to the city's two cathedrals - ancient Anglican and modern Catholic. The cost is £32 including morning coffee and afternoon tea.

On 26th April, we have a guided walk around the North Meadow National Nature Reserve at Cricklade where we hope conditions will be just right to see the largest UK population of rare Snakes Head Fritillaries.

Non-members are welcome to join us for our meetings and excursions. Please contact me for further details of this year's programme.

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Painswick Dog Training Club

Just before Christmas last year 6 members of Painswick Dog Training Club were successful in achieving their Kennel Club Good Citizen Gold and Silver Awards. The Good Citizen scheme is promoted by the Kennel Club and is a basic form of training aimed at pet dogs. The photo shows the successful dogs and handlers at Stonehouse Community Centre, where the tests took place.

From left to right we have Annemarie Randall with Bedlington Terrier *Bear*; Cindy Stangroom with her Pointer *Tiffany*; Lynne Daniel with Rhodesian Ridgeback *Leila*; Kate Allen with Hovawart *Cosmo*; Kate Mead with Golden Retriever *Bailey* and Marion Ractliffe with Golden Retriever *Sky*.

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The dog trainers meet every Thursday morning in the Church Rooms starting with puppies and beginners at 9.30. New members are always welcome. Do come along if you have a puppy ready for some socialisation and training, or any older dog in need of a refresher course!

Fiona Chapman 01452 812462

Dog fouling Advice from the Parish Council

Dog Fouling is an issue. The majority of dog owners ARE responsible but, unfortunately, are let down by a small minority.

Please see below some general guidance (leaflet produced by Gloucestershire County Council), and note you can report 'dog fouling' directly to the Dog Wardens online at <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-dog-mess-or-fouling-problems>. Please also be aware that dogs should be kept on a lead in the Recreation Ground.

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Editor's note: Even better, consider joining the Dog Training Club (see above)!

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The Saxons did reach Gloucestershire!



Little physical evidence of Anglo-Saxon Gloucestershire was known until the 19th century when archaeologists began excavating. Whilst many early finds were of pagan burials Gloucestershire in fact appears to have been largely Christian and more Celtic. Carolyn Heighway explained to members at the February meeting that, despite this, several interesting Saxon finds have been made in parts of the county.

By the early 7th century the area mainly comprised scattered farming communities and most people were thus occupied. It was a society dependent entirely on memorising everything from rules, systems, precise boundaries etc. Peasant houses were simple and only recently have archaeologists been able to describe what they may have looked like. The great halls and thegns' houses by contrast were grand and sophisticated.

Anglo-Saxon minsters were monasteries founded by and for aristocrats as economic and arts centres. Evidence, in particular sculpture, from some of these in Gloucestershire is to be found in several places. Bisley, which was the centre of Bisley Hundred of which Painswick was one village, Lypiatt, Deerhurst and Berkeley all had minsters and still contain examples of Saxon sculpture.

By the 11th century estate sizes had decreased and certainly by the time of the Domesday survey many places had changed. Painswick was clearly established as a market centre, though still very agricultural, and, with a priest listed, probably had a church. Gloucester by this time had become very important with a large population and ten churches.

At the next meeting Angela Panruker will give a very different sort of presentation about odd, curious and quirky Gloucestershire. Croft School, Tuesday 21st March, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell



Music Appreciation

"In a Lighter Vein" was the title of Mike Harris' presentation of light music on 2nd February.

Light popular suites written by British composers have certain qualities that make them very acceptable to that section of the musical public desiring straightforward tunes coupled with picturesque orchestration. Whilst not for the aesthete, they should not be despised.

In the first half we heard recordings of music composed by Eric Coates, some well known, whilst recordings of music by Ketelby, Addinsell (Warsaw Concerto) and several other composers ended a cheerful afternoon.

More English compositions – aren't we lucky! – recordings played by our "eccentric collector" Dennis Morgan on 16th February who dedicated the first half to concerto and symphony music by Bax, Finzi and Bliss, with Bantock's Celtic Symphony and music by Holst making up an enjoyable second part.

Ralph Kenber

Friday Club



The Club is going from strength to strength. We finished January with a talk by Margaret Daniels, the "Bard of Barnwood", our local Pam Ayres. For over an hour she regaled the members with amusing poems and anecdotes, based on her own life and all written by herself. Afterwards members said that it was a long time since they had laughed so much.

February saw the return of Peter Berry who gave an illustrated talk about his memorable rail journey by steam train from the Dead Sea to Damascus – the photographs of the ancient City of Petra were spellbinding – we even saw the famous passageway that Harrison Ford and Sean Connery rode through in one of the Indiana Jones films.

We would like to thank both the Club helpers and local residents who made the Community Lunch at Ashwell on the 13th February such a success. We raised approximately £100 for local organisations.

So what does March offer us? On the 10th we are off to Malvern Priory on our first outing and on the 24th we have an intriguing talk by Valerie Trefall - "Secrets of a Honeymoon Suitcase". Why not come along and find out exactly what secrets the suitcase held!

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Rugby Club tribute to Jack Mitchell

Painswick Rugby Club cancelled training and postponed their match on Saturday, February 11th out of respect for the friends and family of Jack Mitchell. Instead the team gathered at the club on Saturday afternoon for a mark of remembrance for their teammate.

Jack died early on Sunday morning the 5th February following an incident at the Warehouse nightclub in Stroud. He was a keen rugby player and supporter and had been involved with the club for many years. Jack was killed during a night out with friends after watching his teammates play Stroud Nomads in a Junior Combination Cup game. He was a serving soldier with the 32 Regiment Royal Artillery.

Jack's father Julian is the current Chairman of Painswick Rugby Football Club.

A fundraising campaign has been launched by the Stroud News and Journal in memory of Jack to raise £1,000 for the Kenyan orphanage that inspired the 24-year-old while he was in the country with the army. You can donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/JackMitchellStroud>

Spot the ball!

The photograph on the right was taken on Painswick Golf Course on the morning of 11th February.



Tennis



The Christmas Raffle was won by Mike Powis from the Pharmacy and raised £200 for Sue Ryder and the club - Many thanks to the Falcon who host the event.

In the Gloucestershire Winter League – The A team are second in Div2 and will be promoted. The B team won Div3 and will be promoted, but the C team are likely to be going down from Div3 to Div 4. The D team are lying 4th in Div5 at the moment.

Ladies and Men's practices are now running on Wednesdays and Fridays respectively for the forthcoming summer league teams. Contact the club for further details if you are interested in League Tennis.

The Skittles night was great fun and the winner was Richard Poultney with Angela Higgins as Runner-up. Membership renewals due from the end of March, anyone interested in joining the club please contact Ruth Smith on 01452 813693 or email ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com



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Registering to vote is easy and can be done online by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Those registering will need to provide their date of birth and national insurance number. You can contact the elections team on 01453 754886, by e-mail at elections@stroud.gov.uk or through www.stroud.gov.uk/vote

The Beacon intends to carry news of the County Council election and statements from the candidates in its May edition. To allow for this, the normal publication date will be brought forward a week, so that it will appear on Saturday 29th April.

Yoga for Teenagers

Robin Watkins-Davis is a rather special young woman. Aged 18 and currently studying for her A level exams she is nonetheless a fully qualified yoga teacher, possibly the youngest yoga teacher in the country.

It all began some time ago when she discovered for herself just how effective the practice of meditation and yoga could be for a young person facing problems. Teenagers today are under pressure from all directions - social, academic, physical - much of which is very different from former times and this has in recent years given rise to some quite serious problems. Robin recognises that yoga for teens is an excellent way to promote positive belief in the self and to increase confidence. By relieving stress and developing physical strength and fitness the ability to focus, remain calm and think positively become easier.

In her classes for young people Robin's aim is to target issues and anxieties and to focus specifically on these. She is keen to point out however that the classes are also enjoyable social occasions and a great way of meeting people. 'We have cake and green tea afterwards (she makes the cake herself) and there's a lovely feeling of community,' she says.

Robin is very conscious of her own self-learning and the many other benefits she has gained through yoga. She feels it has developed in her a positive attitude and a calm determination to succeed. She sees her role as passing on the same benefits to others but also sees it as fun. 'I don't make it serious, but I do have a deep care for other people's wellbeing.' Teenagers do relate easily to her.



Robin is indeed a really good role model with a mature and very warm approach to life. She is very articulate and modest. The oldest of five siblings she has lived in Painswick for 10 years where she was a pupil at the Croft School. At present she is studying at St Edward's School in Cheltenham having won an art scholarship to do so. A very modest young lady, her art work is, according to her mum, outstanding. After A levels she will study art at Stroud College on a foundation course. As this will be part-time she looks forward to the opportunity to teach more yoga.

Trained initially in Bath on a 200-hour course she continues to learn, regarding it as an ongoing process with a view to specialising for therapy purposes. She already does presentations in secondary schools and, interestingly, mindfulness in schools is definitely being seriously considered by the government as a potential development in the curriculum. 'I would like to take on another teenager to learn. It's very confidence boosting,' she says. During the Easter holidays Robin will be part of a small team running a four day yoga and rafting retreat for teens in Scotland.

At present she teaches four classes for teenagers in Painswick, Cirencester, Stroud and Cheltenham respectively. She also holds one-to-one sessions with people of all ages. She does have a website with class details www.blissbyrobin.com and you can contact her by email blissbyrobin@gmail.com or tel. 07427484745. For the Easter course in Scotland information and booking are to be found at teenyogaretreats@gmail.com and info@teenyoga.co.uk In particular, if you are a teenager Robin's classes are certainly worth considering – the potential benefits are endless.

Carol Maxwell

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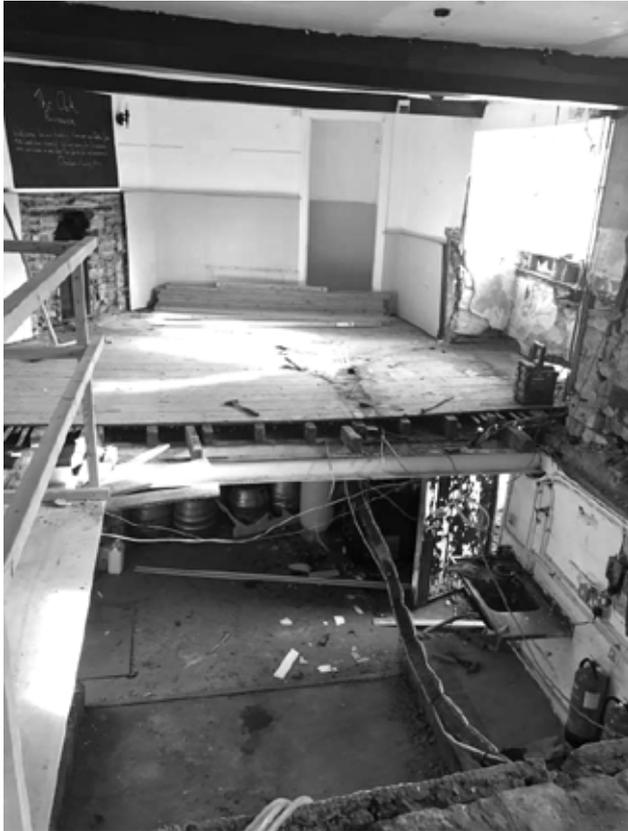
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Royal Oak refurbishment Re-opening planned for mid-March

The dramatic photo on the left, looking right through to the cellar, shows the extent of the renovation work currently going on at the Royal Oak.

Happily the floor is now back in place, the bar is taking shape, and the landlords are looking forward to re-opening in March, hopefully in time for the Cheltenham Festival.



PROPERTY REPORT for February from Murrays

Murrays have had a very strong start to the year with a record amount of exchange and completions in February. This means though that a lot of our properties are now sold and we are desperate for more stock, the demand for property is outweighing the supply. We have a constant stream of new buyers looking for property and have waiting lists for family homes in Painswick, and as we are coming into Spring it is only going to get busier.

According to Nationwide the annual rate of house price growth remained broadly stable at the start of 2017 at 4.3%, only modestly below the growth rate in December of 4.5%. House prices increased by 0.2% over the month and the economy has remained far stronger than expected after Brexit – all good signs for the property market ahead. If you are thinking of selling your property then please give us a ring on 01452 814655 for your free market appraisal and information on the various professional services we provide to sell your home. March is traditionally a great time of year to start marketing your properties as the weather is improving, the flowers and trees are starting to come out and the days are getting longer.

We are also greatly in need of more rental properties in the area as the ones we take on are usually gone within a couple of days!

Please give our rental department a call on 01453 768198 and speak to either Sarah or Jo.

We have taken on some lovely properties in last couple of months including Whitehall Cottages, a beautifully presented and spacious Cotswold family house with 4 beds, lovely garden and parking off Stamages Lane, Painswick, Tamarin, a spacious bungalow in a large plot with planning permission to demolish and build a large family house in Longridge, Sheepscombe, Glen Rosa, an immaculate and substantial 4 bed bungalow in Upton St Leonards (already under offer) and Cadogan Grange a 5 bed period detached house with 2 acres on Calfway Lane near Bisley.

Properties that we currently have under offer are Tres Tabernae and The Chur – both on Bisley Street, Painswick, 2 George Court also in Painswick, Tunley Cottage in Sheepscombe, Glen Rosa on The Ashpath, Upton St Leonards and Peace Cottage, Green Lane, Witcombe.

Properties that have now sold are 1 Washwell Cottages, Cheltenham Road, Painswick, Tansley, Halfway Pitch, Pitchcombe and Elmbank on the Cheltenham Road, Pitchcombe.

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MARCH

Fri	3	Wick Flix Screening: Sully - £6 at door to include 1 drink	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	4	Beacon Village Quiz	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	5	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	6	Knit and Natter Group Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - (Off Churchill Way) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Library Town Hall Ashwell Centre	10.00am 10.30am and 2.00pm 12.00 to 1.15pm
		Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Church Rooms	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	7	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Gentle Pilates for all - Tuesdays: contact Vicky at abcPilates@btinternet.com or 07934977171 Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Guided Health Walk (one hour) Tuesdays. Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays Bird Club: Professional Wildlife Artist - Jackie Garner will show paintings, followed by AGM	Church Rooms Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Ashwell House Town Hall	9.30am 9.30 to 10.30am 10.00am 2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Wed	8	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Holy Communion Probus Women visit to Nature in Art Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 Table Tennis - Wednesdays Gardening Club: Colour & Form in the Garden - Tom Burns	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre Church Rooms Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am 12.00noon 1.30pm Afternoons 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons 12.00 to 1.00pm
Thu	9	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com Messy Church Painswick & Upton Conservative Branch AGM: all welcome	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	12.30 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	10	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Friday Club outing to Malvern Priory Toddler Group - Fridays (Recreation Ground)	Church Rooms Church Rooms Town Hall Youth Pavilion	3.30 to 5.30pm 7.30pm 9.30 to 11.30am 10.00 to 11.30am

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		Mexican Night - themed food & music - £20 a head - for info. Tel: 01452 812180	Painswick Golf Club	7.00pm
Sat	11	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group working party: 813734 for location details	Tel. Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon
		Fairtrade Breakfast	Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.30am
Sun	12	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sharing in One Bread - Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	13	Probus Women: The Glamorgan Heritage Coast - Rose Hewlett Community Lunch: Hosts - Park Residents - (Off Churchill Way)	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.00 for 10.30am 12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	14	Guided Health Walk (one hour) Tuesdays. Enq. 813228	Town Hall	2.15 for 2.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: A Ride Round England: One Man, One Horse, 30 Cathedrals & 2,700 miles - William Reddaway Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre St. Mary's Church Town Hall	10.00am 5.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	16	Music Appreciation Group: Chopin	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sun	19	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	20	Copy Date for April Beacon		
Tue	21	Cotteswold Naturalists' Talk & Tea: Gertrude Bell - Jan Long . Enq. 01453 836618 No Guided Health Walk today Local History Society: Old, Curious & Quirky Gloucestershire - Angela Panruker	Croft School	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: Secrets of a Honeymoon Suitcase - Valerie Trefall	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	25	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group working party: 813734 for location details Painswick Music Society Concert: Tasmin Little (Violin) & John Lenehan (Piano) Caribbean Night - themed food - for details tel: 01452 812180	Tel. Painswick Beacon St. Mary's Church Painswick Golf Club	9.00am to 12noon 3.00pm
Sun	26	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	28	Guided Health Walk (one hour) Tuesdays. Enq. 813228 Yew Trees W.I.: All The Fun of The Fair - Bill Lane	Town Hall Church Rooms	2.15 for 2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	29	Probus: The Land Girls - Fiona Warin (joint meeting with the ladies & buffet lunch) Cotteswold Naturalists' Coach Trip to Bristol: Saxon Warrior Hoard & Cathedrals Ancient & Modern. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Thu	30	Music Appreciation Group: Shostakovich	Town Hall	7.30pm

APRIL

Sat	1	April Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	3	Knit & Natter Group	Library	10.00am
Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists AGM & Lecture: The Antarctic - David Fletcher: Enq. 813228 (note earlier start)	Painswick Centre	2.00pm

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.17/0202/HHOLD & S.17/0203/LBC
THE LODGE ANNEXE, HOLCOMBE
FOLLY

Holcombe Folly Cottage reconfiguration
and extension.

S.17/0222/FUL GROVES CLOSE,
Stroud Road, Edge

Replacement of existing dwelling.
Construction of detached garage and
swimming pool.

S.17/0239/TCA WEST HAYES, Far
End, Sheepscombe
Silver Birch – fell and replace with fruit
tree.

S.17/0254/TPO HYETT ORCHARD,
Hyett Close

2 x Limes – Reduce all over by 4-5m and
clear the trunks of epicormic growth to a
height of approximately 8m.

S.17/0161/HHOLD BARLEY
MOW, Slad Road, Slad

Revised scheme for two storey side
extension, first floor rear extension
and alterations following permission
S.16/1335/HHOLD.

S.17/0307/HHOLD BROOK
HOUSE, Kings Mill Lane

A proposed garden studio located within
the garden of Brook House.

S.17/0324/LBC FLAT 11, Gyde House,
Gyde Road

Reconfiguration of first floor bedroom to
provide bedroom with ensuite bathroom.

S.17/0312/FUL PROSPECT COACH
HOUSE, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe
Change of use and redevelopment of
existing building for use ancillary to
Prospect Coach House.

S.17/0374/LBC SPOONBED FARM,
Painswick Beacon

French doors leading out from the rear
extension onto patio.

S.17/0384/FUL THE BUNGALOW,
Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe

Demolition of existing bungalow and
erection of new two storey house built on
foot plate of existing bungalow provision
of car parking and landscaping.

CONSENT

S.16/2343/LBC KINGSMILLHOUSE,
Kings Mill Lane
Extensions and alterations to the Grade II
listed Mill House.

S.16/2342/HHOLD KINGSMILL
HOUSE, Kings Mill Lane

Extension and alterations to the
fenestration of dwelling. Erection of
new detached summer house, detached
studio and extension of detached garage
building to provide garages, plant room
and annexe. Alterations to boundary
and retaining walls and installation of
entrance gates.

S.16/2529/COU HAMMONDS FARM,
Wick Street
Conversion of redundant agricultural

buildings into dwelling.

S.16/2821/HHOLD & S.16/2822/LBC

THE GRANGE, Sheepscombe
Conversion of Coach House to create
ancillary accommodation.

S.16/2816/TCA WEST HAYES, Far
End, Sheepscombe

Crown reduction of 4m to Silver Birch
(T1) to reshape and remove deadwood.
Finished overall height approximately
12m.

S.16/2845/TCA THE CLOTH HALL,
New Street

Yew – trim all over and reduce height 1m.

S.17/0004/TDAY LATCHETTS,
Kingsmead

T1 Dead Ash trunk, Ivy covered with
extensive rot base/hollow stem – Fell.

REFUSED

S.16/2281/FUL STAMAGES HOUSE,
Stamages Lane

Residential development of nine houses
(including three affordable houses).

WITHDRAWN

S.17/0063/HHOLD WORGANS
BARN, Folly Lane

Removal of existing porch and
construction of a two storey extension.
Removal of existing lean-to outbuilding
and the construction of a self contained
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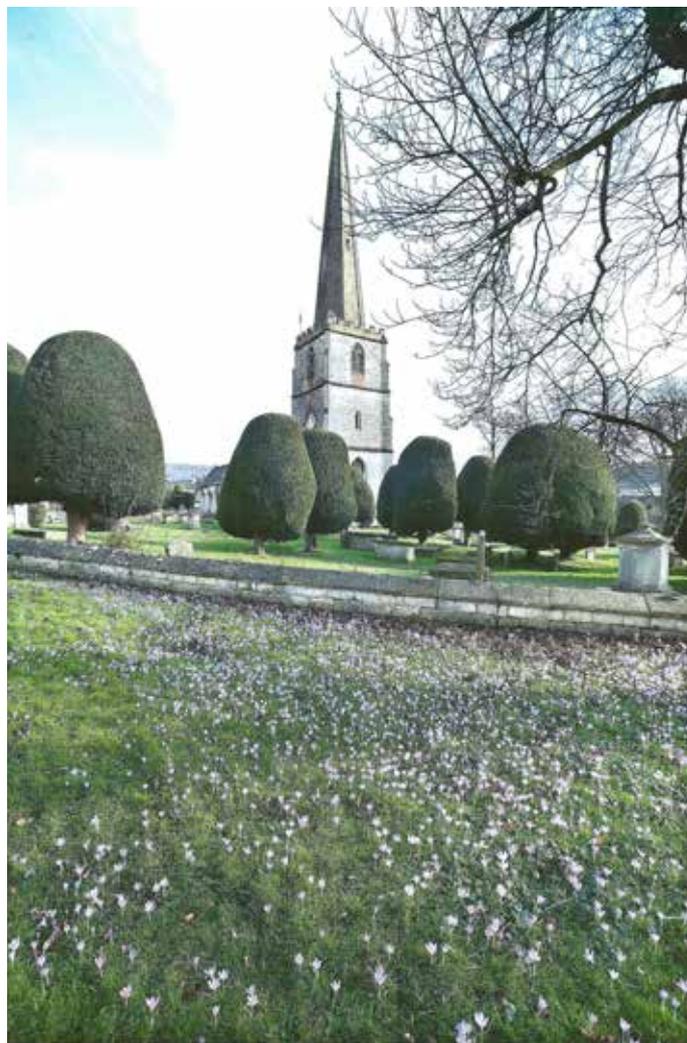
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In contrasting views of the Churchyard this Winter, there is a light dusting of snow on the yew trees in January (photo by Elizabeth Fawcett) and the promise of Spring in the carpet of crocuses in February (photo by Michael Hall).

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Left: A close-up of the crocuses