

The Painswick Beacon

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Broadham Traffic Lights

Something does at last seem to be happening on the traffic lights at Broadham. At a meeting in March prompted by local resident David Allott, and chaired by Abigail Smith, County Council engineers confirmed that a scheme had been prepared and would be subject to an on-site safety audit in the week beginning 27th March. This would be followed shortly after by a full Road Safety audit and the proposals, amended if necessary, would then be put out to consultation.

The aim of the County Council is to have proposals available for presentation to the Parish Council on 19th April and if they can meet the deadline, we will publish details in the May edition of the Beacon. Plans are likely to be displayed at some point in the Town Hall and a representative of the Council will be available to answer questions, possibly at one of the Friday Community Hubs. There may also be a webpage that will explain the proposals and give an opportunity for feedback.

Although no specific details of the proposals have been made available at this stage, it is understood that there will be no major engineering work because of financial constraints. The proposals will instead aim to reduce traffic speeds and alter driver behaviour sufficiently to enable safe two-way traffic without other major changes.

The view of the County Council engineers is that the right long-term solution would be to install effective barriers at the side of the road. Even without the felling of Ash Trees that triggered the current problems, that might eventually have been necessary. However this would require significant piling because of the nature of the embankment and might cost in excess of a million pounds. It will be considered for future financial years, but cannot be done at present.



The Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt

will take place on Easter Saturday – the 8th April 2023 12-4pm. It is a great family day out and raises money for our village Playgroup (Registered Charity Number 900465). The main event is on Easter Saturday, but the map can be bought online and completed at any point between Saturday 8th and Easter Monday (£4).

Further details see page 5.

Easter Services Churches together

The Good Friday Procession of Witness will commence in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese, Friday Street, at 10.30am on 7th April. The procession will conclude at the Town Hall when we will meet at the Painswick Community Hub Café for refreshments. Everyone is very welcome to join the procession.

Easter Sunday services

will start with a dawn service at 6am on the Beacon led by Revd Helen Sammon.

This will be followed by the main Easter Day communion service at St Mary's at 10am to be led by our interim minister Revd Sarah. Mass is at 8.30am in the Catholic Church Friday Street

Painswick Community Support presents...

As part of the King's Coronation weekend, Painswick Community Support group is excited to host a Community BBQ on Monday 8th May on Painswick Recreation Ground (12-3pm). All are very welcome! With Monday, 8th May being designated as national "Big Help Out" day, we would like to invite local clubs and societies to join us to showcase their activities to attract new members and volunteers. If you are a local community group, charity, or club and would like to get involved, contact us on 07956 203087 or email painswickcommunity@gmail.com

It is all still evolving so watch out for more information in the coming few weeks!



Painswick Community Support Committee (Delyth, Abigail, Louise and Hannah)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS by Terry Parker from the meetings held on 15th March

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Martin Slinger

Apologies for absence: Cllr James Cross

Public Questions

Mr David Allott said that he felt members of the public did not appreciate the work carried out by members of the Parish Council. He asked if more information could be made available. Cllr Lewis advised that the minutes of meetings, agendas and papers associated with the agendas could be found on the Parish Council's website. He also referred to the coverage of planning applications and decisions set out each month in the Painswick Beacon newsletter.

Matters requiring a decision

S.23/0386/LBC Court House, Hale Lane. Regularisation of windows and appropriately detailed openings and features within the barn and "Hamlet suite".

The Committee agreed to make no comment as the expectation was that the District Council would give consideration to the planning issues that might be associated with the application.

S.23/0338/HHOLD. Greenways, Slad Road, Slad. Single storey side extension, loft conversion, garage conversion & front porch. The Committee was surprised at the lack of detail provided with the application and therefore felt unable to make a recommendation.

S.23/0407/FUL. Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane. Retrospective application for a pond.

The Committee agreed to support the application and resolved that if the planning officer was minded to refuse the application, it should be referred to the Development Control Committee.

S.23/0435/LBC. Coach House, The Grange, Sheepscombe. Conversion of

coach house to ancillary accommodation (retrospective). The Committee agreed to object to this application as the works had not been undertaken in accordance with a previously submitted application.

S.23/0479/AFPA. Longridge Farm, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe. Erection of steel and timber clad barn. Resubmission of application S.22/1490/AFPA. The committee agreed to support this application.

S.23/0471/TCA/T1-T7. 22 Gloucester Road. Beech Trees – reduce height by 20-25 feet.

The Committee agreed to support this application.

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 7.28pm.

PARISH COUNCIL

Members present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Andy Cash, James Cross, Ann Daniels, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Rob Lewis, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Abigail Smith. Also present: County Councillor Sue Williams.

Apologies for absence: Cllr James Cross. District Councillors Julie Job and Keith Pearson had also forwarded their apologies.

Public Questions

Mr David Allott asked if the disabled bay road sign opposite the Town Hall could be repainted. Cllr Williams agreed to pursue the matter with County Highways. Mr Allott also asked if parking charges at Stamages Lane car park could be reintroduced as the car park was regularly full with long staying cars. Cllr Slinger said that the subject would be reviewed by the Traffic Committee.

Reports

County/District Council.

Written reports had been received from County Councillor Sue Williams and

District Councillor Julie Job. These had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The reports can be read on the Parish Council's website. In her report, Cllr Job drew attention to the requirement from May this year for all voters to show an accepted form of photo identification. SDC hopes to finalise the Stroud Local Plan by the end of 2023. 1,000 trees are to be planted at Salmon Springs on former grazing land belonging to the District Council. The work is being undertaken by volunteers from the Stroud Valleys Project. Stroud Youth Voice. A new website has been launched highlighting the work undertaken by Stroud Youth Council (www.stroudyouthvoice.co.uk). The Youth Council is keen to hear from younger members of the community who wish to have their voices heard regarding the things that are important to them.

Cllr Williams, present at the meeting, updated the Council on various highways matters within the Parish and also the problems associated with the changed bus routes/times. Reference was made to a meeting with County Council Officers, arranged by Mr Allott, on the forthcoming Friday when the issue of the temporary traffic lights at Broadham would be among matters discussed. N.B. See the front page for details

Parish Council Chairman.

The Parish Council asked the Village of Edge if they would like to have a Parish Council meeting in the Village as we did before Covid, the Village said yes. I said that I have had a discussion with the Clerk and we would work out a date probably in September or October. On 15th of February the Parish Council adopted "The Parish and Town Council Charter". Later in the meeting hopefully we will adopt our "Code of Conduct". When we give reports at our Parish Council meetings they will in most cases appear on our Web Site prior to the meeting. The Fire and Rescue organisation are coming to the Community get together on Friday



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17th of March in the Town Hall to chat to those present on Fire Safety Checks.”

The Slavutych Friendship Group (SFG)

A report concerning the creation of the group had been received. “The Slavutych Friendship Group (SFG) has been formed and met on 7 March 2023. The members of the group are Pippa and John Dickinson, Delyth Allen, Julia Marusich (Painswick resident), Aryna Starovojtova (Slavutych resident), Canon Michael Irving, Pippa Medcalf and Philip Taylor. Discussion centered on the aims of the Friendship and Co-operation Agreement (F&CA) and what was practically possible during the on-going war. It was agreed that we should try to keep things simple and achievable for now.

The group arranged the raising of the Ukraine flag at St Mary’s Church on 24 February, the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine. A photo was printed in the Beacon and also made its way to Slavutych by WhatsApp, where it was very warmly received. Arrangements are under way to place signs at the 3 main road entry points to Painswick. The signs will state “Friend of Slavutych, Ukraine”

and will be positioned beneath the signs that tell drivers that they are entering Painswick. Mr Balgobin is taking the matter forward. The group will be making a formal suggestion to the Council that a tree be planted to commemorate the signing of the F&CA. A commemorative plaque ought to be placed adjacent to the tree. Autumn would be a good time to do that. This action is something that Slavutych will be invited by the Group, or Council, to reciprocate”.

Gateway signage. The Council approved the gateway signage, referred to above, at a cost of £235.01.

Community Automatic Number Plate Recognition Systems (ANPRS) update. Cllr Abigail Smith updated the Council on the ANPRS and the Members agreed to adopt the associated policy.

Members Code of Conduct. The Council adopted the new Code of Conduct.

Internal Auditor. It was agreed to appoint Mr Ian Crowe FCA as the Internal Auditor for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2023.

Internal Financial Checker’s Report.

The Clerk reported that Cllr James Cross had carried out an Internal Financial check on Monday 13th March and had confirmed that all was in order.

Temporary Road Signage. Council Members raised concerns that temporary road signage was not being removed. It was agreed to follow up the problem with the County Councillor.

Other reports

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group. Cllr Ian Massey updated the Council on recent Conservation Group activities.

Gyde Trust. Cllr Ann Daniels reported her attendance at a recent Gyde Trust meeting.

Painswick Community Library Trust. Cllr Roey Parker reported her attendance at a recent Trust meeting.

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 8.29pm.

Community Lunches

Community Lunches resumed post pandemic in October 2022 ran for 10 weeks to December and following the Christmas break for 10 weeks from January 2023 to March.

Thank you to all who supported the Monday soup bread and cheese lunches, between 20 and 30 each week enjoyed a wide variety of soups shared hospitality and raised funds for local charities and organisations. The hosts also represented local organisations, some have been loyal supporters for many years others new this season. A big thank you to everyone who assisted with our fund raising. The final lunch held on Monday 13th March deserves a special mention. Ruth Haywood and the Year six children from the Croft School were our hosts. From about 9.30 am until 1.30 pm the Town Hall buzzed as the children busily chopped vegetables, cooked and served soups and washed up leaving everything tidy and the floor swept. Well done Year six.

The recipients of funds raised this year are
St Mary’s Church Roof Appeal
The Friday Club
The Community Hub
The Croft School

Many thanks to hosts and guests we look forward to seeing you again in October
Mary Sparks, Community Lunch coordinator



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As a guide the average contribution in recent years has been around £12.
Jacek Wolowicz

Publication Date

Because of the Coronation the Beacon will be published a week earlier on
Saturday 29th April



Five Valleys Shopping Centre

Overcoming challenges is part of Jack Simpson's every day work life as Manager of the Five Valleys Shopping Centre in Stroud. This probably explains why he did not appear the slightest bit phased when he talked to the ladies of Yew Trees WI about his job a mere three and a half weeks after taking up his new post!

Jack's audience learnt of the concept behind the Centre, the brain child of Mark Dransfield, the Managing Director of Dransfield Properties based in Sheffield. Since on-line and out of town shopping has tolled the death knoll for many town centres, Jack endorses Mark's belief that they have to become a lot more than retail outlets. The aim is to make Five Valleys the hub of the community, somewhere the whole family can spend enjoyable time. Already on offer are a cinema, a retro American bowling alley, a wide selection of food outlets, shops including Sandersons Boutique Store (owned by Mark Dransfield), the new medical centre and a car park.

The library is soon to relocate there and there are plans for an open space for entertainment and pop-up shops as well as thirteen residential flats and one town house. The aim is that Five Valleys should not be cut off from the rest of Stroud but that there should be joined up thinking throughout the town. While eager to see all these ideas come to fruition Jack is very aware of the major challenges that face him. He sees the provision of sufficient toilets, easy access for all and car parking to be the first hurdles he has to overcome. With limited space and challenging gradients these are no simple tasks but if Jack Simpson uses the charm and determination he showed on his visit to Yew Trees WI he should surely succeed. We certainly wish him the best of luck in his new job.

Our spring event on Tuesday 25th April is promised to be colourful and will include a quiz and lessons in how to tie a scarf. 7.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms.

Celia Lougher 812624



Jerusalem

On Wednesday 8th Mar 2023 David Lees spoke to Probus Club members about Jerusalem and more specifically, why and how it has been the focus of competing empires for over 3000 years, since Abraham,

David and Solomon are believed to have walked this planet. David has been an enthusiastic theologian almost all his life and yet, somehow, he managed to constrain his talk to the one hour available while providing an overview of Jerusalem's chequered history.

The city has been captured and recaptured at least 44 times by various empires from every direction. It has been destroyed at least twice, besieged 23 times, and attacked 62 times. It has been rebuilt endlessly. It has given the world the monotheistic Abrahamic religions – Christianity, Islam and Judaism – all of which claim to worship the same god.

The list of attacking countries over the years includes: Arabia, Egypt, France, Britain, Rome, Greece, Turkey, Russia, Assyria, Babylon, Persia and Jordan. Seemingly, peoples from all points of the compass had interests in securing Jerusalem's future, and influencing religion throughout the world

Now both Israelis and Palestinians claim Jerusalem as their capital. Whatever the present status, it seems that the best hope for a Jerusalem with a peaceful future lies in bringing harmony to all parties and granting it recognition as an international city. We are quite a long way from such utopia.

Painswick Probus Club welcomes all local retired business and professional gentlemen, providing an opportunity to mingle with like-minded people and hear a talk by a guest speaker approximately twice per month on Wednesday mornings. See full details on the internet.

Henry Hall

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Easter Egg Hunt details

Local businesses have sponsored 37 eggs, which are decorated to a theme (this year is animals) and placed around the village. Maps are now available online or available on the day. Each animal has a letter and will spell out an anagram: on solving the anagram you can enter into our prize draw to win a £200 John Lewis voucher, kindly sponsored by Hamptons Painswick.



There are also activities for people at the Churchyard (bouncy castle, face painting, tombola, raffle, cake stall, fete style games, fancy dress competition, Fairtrade Easter eggs and hot drinks on sale in the church) or at The Painswick Centre if the weather is poor. The wonderful village pubs, shops and cafes will all be open too.

We would welcome and be grateful for any cake donations to be brought to the memorial ground (by the war memorial) in St Mary's churchyard by 11am on Sat 8th.

Our special guest judge Cath Kidston MBE will be ready to sample the cakes entered into the Painswick Bake Off before they join the cake stall to be sold off to raise funds for our charity. Enter the amateur Bake Off to be in for a chance to win a £100 John Lewis voucher, and Cath herself has donated a £50 prize voucher for the best decorated cake! However, if you'd rather your cake not be entered to be judged please just let us know at the time.

Tickets on sale now - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/painswickplaygroup>

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for regular updates - search for Painswick Easter egg hunt! Or email us at easteregghuntainswick@gmail.com

Friday Club



Unfortunately the Outing to see the wild daffodils around Dymock had to be postponed because of the unpredicted snow fall at the beginning of March. We hope the daffodils will still be giving a good show if, or when, we get there to see them at the end of March.

John Butterworth joined us later in the month to describe life in Albania, a country we hear very little from.

Now in April, we have a short break with Easter Tea and Talk on Friday 14th April, at the end of the Easter week. At the end of the month, on the 28th April, Angela Lerwill is going to give us advice on Writing a Book. Everyone has a book in them. I am continually amazed, talking to our Members and others, what they have seen and done in their lives. We make time to enjoy an afternoon cup of tea and biscuits after our talks which hopefully stimulate conversation, ideas and memories. It's so important to meet and talk to others. Come and join in. Guests welcome @£3 a session.

Joyce Barrus

Cards for all occasions

On Friday April 21st, Chrissie Martin will be at the Friday morning HUB with her beautiful Flamingo Paperie cards and stationery. You can buy at the time (£2.40 per card or £1.90 each for 10 or more) or take away a brochure to browse at home. Chris will personally deliver your order to you.

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News from St Mary's

The days are lengthening, the warmth of the sun is increasing and the daffodils are flowering in the gardens. I regard daffodils as the true harbingers of Spring. They also bloom at around Easter time reminding us of the new life which Easter promises.



We move from Lent to the beginning of the Easter season on Palm Sunday which is on 2nd April. On the first Palm Sunday Jesus was acclaimed as a king as He rode triumphantly into Jerusalem on a donkey. But He was not the sort of king the people were expecting so the atmosphere soon turned sour from that day up to the crucifixion. These days we now celebrate as Holy Week. On Good Friday 7th April Churches Together Around Painswick (CTAP) are organising a procession of Christian witness around the village to mark this sacred day. Please feel free to join in whether you subscribe to a particular denomination or not.

Our service on Palm Sunday at 10am will celebrate the liturgy of the Palms and the liturgy of the Passion. It will be a communion service led by Revd Andrew. A week later Sunday 9th April it is Easter Day. Easter is the most important festival of the Christian year as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. His resurrection is the foundation stone of the Christian Faith. Easter Sunday celebrations in the benefice start with a dawn service at 6am on the Beacon led by Revd Helen Sammon. This will be followed by the main Easter Day communion service at St Mary's at 10am to be led by our interim minister Revd Sarah..

David Newell

St Mary's roof repairs

Fundraising for the repairs has now reached a total of £212,000, but unfortunately the cost estimate has risen to £262,000 and may rise further when final tenders come in. The plan is to start work in mid-late spring.

Anyone who wishes to donate can do so by bank transfer to: PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S PAINSWICK, Account No 10924113, Sort Code 20-33-83 or by posting a cheque to the Lychgate office payable to "St. Mary's Painswick PCC" or through Justgiving: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/newroofforSaintMarys>

Dylan Davies

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.

Trevor Radway of Kingsmill Lane writes

I am amazed at the perceived intelligence of some local road users at the bottom of the village!

For almost a week Severn Trent have been dealing with a leak in Kingsmill Lane and one could write a book about the current management of that Company!

Many other local roads had very large signs blocking them saying ROAD CLOSED.

Did that stop the determined anti-social mob? Not at all! They suffered from defective eyesight as well as defective intelligence.

At one time the ONLY access to and from the village was by way of Tibbiwell which is not the best route especially with the parked cars. So when the transgressor was blocked on a road what happened? He/she attempted to turn the car around although conditions were tight. Mounting the verge or someone's garden alongside their access were obvious and only gave rise to a bit of mud on the vehicle. Have a walk along the road and see the damage for yourself.

I have lived here for 62 years and have never experienced such overriding before.

Is it something to do with the mentality of the former urban dwellers now living here? ("Must get the spade out to do some repair works now")

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A night of gypsy jazz & vintage swing

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After-school art classes

Our very popular after-school classes (for ages 7-11) with artist & teacher Hannah Ellis return for another term. Children will look at artworks and artists to inspire them, and develop skills using different media, including watercolour, sculpture, and collage. Each week they'll get to let their creativity run free to make their own unique artwork. Wednesdays 3.45-5.15pm. For more info and to book please email classes@painswickcentre.com From 26th April 2023 for 5 weeks: £15 per class or £67 per term*
*Reduced rates are available, please ask for more details.

Food Nights

Incredible street food comes to Painswick every Thursday, serving to take away 5-8pm, cards accepted.

6th April	Mama's Family Food, homemade hearty Jamaican food
13th April	Soul Fries, handcut fries with homemade toppings
20th April	Dirty Boys Kitchen, award-winning dirty burgers & fries
27th April	Burgerlish, organic grass-fed beef & vegan burgers

Other dates for your diary

Every Thursday	Morning Market with local produce, 8.15-9.45am
Thu 6th April	First Thursday: In conversation with Amy Jeffs, 7pm
Fri 14th April	Wick-Flix presents She Said

Keep up to date

There is a lot more going on at the Centre than we can list here, from fitness classes, meditation and massage sessions, and club sports & meetings. Please check our Instagram, Facebook and website (www.painswickcentre.com) for up-to-date listings and more information on what's on this month. Our noticeboards at the bottom of Bisley Street are also a great place to find out what's happening. If you would like to be included on our email list so we can keep you up to date with what's on, please complete the form on our website homepage or email marketing@painswickcentre.com.

Susie Andrews

Wick-Flix presents "She Said" on Friday 14th April

This month the Wick-Flix team bring you "She Said", a 'bold and vital film' detailing the dogged determination of two journalists investigating the sexual misdeeds of Harvey Weinstein and their efforts to finally hold him to account. This is the story that propelled the #metoo movement into something that had the power to definitively change culture and conversations. Original covert recordings are blended into the film to create an authentic and compelling dramatisation. Starring Oscar-nominated Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan, with actresses such as Ashley Judd appearing as themselves.

"A riveting docudrama and one of the best films of 2022."

Matt Brunson, Film Frenzy

"Early on, the editor asks why sexual violence is 'so hard to address'; the film sets out to answer that question, evoking the claustrophobic conspiracy of the systems of power – and the journalists, film professionals, lawyers and accountants who uphold them – that silence survivors." Rebecca Harrison, London Film Festival 2022

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Painswick Gardening Club

On another cold and wet evening in March, the members who braved the elements enjoyed a wonderful talk by Roger Umpelby on the creatures in our gardens. His knowledge and enthusiasm with fantastic photographs illustrated just what we must encourage and protect - even the slugs, snails and wasps!

On 12th April Caroline Sheldrick will be talking on the Medicinal Herbs in the Garden. She is a qualified member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists and has been in practice in Stroud and Nailsworth for 20 years. In her talk she will discuss which common garden plants are used in herbal medicine; how to grow and use them and which ones to avoid. Some of the uses of garden flowers may surprise you.

Do come along to the Town Hall for refreshments from 7 pm with the talk starting at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Philippa Miller

So many wicked witches



Witchcraft has a very, very long history. At the March meeting of the History Society John Putley, Gloucestershire Archives, gave a truly comprehensive explanation of the many aspects of witchcraft through the centuries explaining that it was only in the 15th century that it became something to

be treated as a serious crime in Europe. Beliefs about witches (usually women), what they did, covens, cauldrons, magic, anti-Christian demony, spells and how to counter all this were described in scary detail.

The first law making witchcraft illegal and punishable by death was passed in 1542 and subsequent laws added to the terror. Witchfynders proliferated in the 17th century and indeed this became a very profitable business for many. During the 18th century attitudes changed and in 1735 a new law, stating that witchcraft was illusory, ensured it ceased to be illegal. However, in the 19th century, almost inevitably, different types of magic practitioners came to the fore.

In Gloucestershire several famous cases of witchcraft were noted - Betty's Grave at Poulton, the Witch of Berkeley, Peredur and the 9 Witches of Gloucester, Maud's Elm near Cheltenham, the Dymock Curse, the Cinderford Witch and Jinny the Witch. Perhaps you know of a local witch ...

At the next meeting Nicholas Herbert will give a presentation on Mediaeval Towns of Gloucestershire. Croft School, Tuesday 18th April, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell



PMAG

Popular songs of the 1940s

A most touching presentation by Peter Jenkins on the 2nd of March of songs first heard on wartime radio and still well known by all. Some American hits (Bing Crosby and Judy Garland), but mainly British (Vera Lynn, Anne Shelton, Gracie Fields, George Formby and Flanagan and Alan). All the titles are as familiar to later generations as nursery rhymes or Christmas carols but poignancy came from the personal context as Peter, a child in the 1940s, was able to create from his first recollections. This genre will always rise above and beyond any attempt to categorise them as great music or not.

Moving on to 16th March, Dennis Morgan provided the Group with videos of performances he entitled 'The other side of Vaughan Williams.' He included Greensleeves (1928) played by a Boston Massachusetts quintet and my top Desert Island piece the Fantasia on a theme by Thomas Tallis (1910) famously premiered in Gloucester Cathedral under the baton of the 37 year old composer and here conducted by a Geordie maestro at last years proms. We again paid tribute to the wartime Britain of the 1940s with the oboe concerto premiered by Leon Goosens in 1944 under Malcolm Sargent here performed at the 2019 Prague Spring Festival and the post war (1954) unique Tuba Concerto with its moving slow movement, here played by an orchestra in Oregon. Dennis ended with the 1943 peerless 5th symphony first heard at the wartime proms, here wonderfully played and recorded in Oslo under a Russian conductor. How international RVW's reputation has become.

Please note forthcoming presentations in the Town Hall:-
13th April 2023 2:30pm Brass bands (Listen to the band)
Mike Kerton and Duncan Richardson
27th April 2023 2:30pm Debussy piano and orchestral music
Dr David Lucas

Michael Grey

National Theatre

Live at Sheepscombe Village Hall

We have two productions coming up in March and April
On Saturday 25th March we are showing Othello and on Saturday 22nd April it's The Life of Pi. For both the doors open at 7:00 pm, with Othello starting at 7:15 pm and The Life of Pi at 7:30 pm. Tickets are £12 for adults and £6 for under-18s.

Tickets can be bought on the door, or booked on the Sheepscombe village website at <https://sheepscombe.org/upcoming-events-at-the-village-hall/>

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The AGM of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club will be held in the Painswick Centre at 2pm on Wednesday 5th April. This brief meeting will be followed by a talk given by professional storyteller Anthony Nanson, entitled 'Saints, Snakes and Spirits: Exploring Folktales in the Gloucestershire Landscape'. Anthony teaches creative writing at Bath Spa University and is a founder member of the Bath Storytelling Circle. Then on May 3rd at 2.30pm in the Painswick Centre there will be an opportunity to enjoy 'Songs from the Countryside' performed by Carol Davies and Choir.

At our mid-monthly meeting in Box Village Hall on Tuesday 18th April at 2.30pm we will hear from well-known local historian and author David Aldred, about 'Lost Railway Journeys in Gloucestershire'. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings; no booking required - please just drop in or contact Jane Rowe (tel. 813 228) for more information (£5 charge for visitors, £2 for members, with membership still £20 per annum or £30 for two or more people at the same address).

At the time of writing there are still a few places available on our next excursion to the Museum of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, MOD Lyneham, Wilts on Wednesday 19th April. The cost is £12 per person for Museum entrance and guided tour – to book and more details, please contact Robert Mann on 01453 872 243. This will be a self-drive trip, with lifts available; lunch can be taken at the Crown's Café, adjacent to the Museum.

Sylvia May cnfcsecretary1@gmail.com

Community Suppers

The 6 community suppers have proved a great success and pictured below are the support volunteers including chef Matt Black.



Foodbank

It may be of interest that in 2022, the Stroud Foodbank saw a 123% increase in demand from pre-pandemic levels. This staggering rise can only be weathered by the continued, generous contributions of food and household items donated to those in need. Thank you!

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

At the April collection, please may we ask for some of the following: tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, tinned hot dogs, jam, marmalade, honey, peanut butter, nuts and crisps, cooking oil, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, shower gel, razors and shaving gel, toilet roll, household cleaning sprays, laundry detergent, nappies size 4,5,6 and 7.

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The Foodbank Team

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 email our Clerk, Antonia Wright, for an application form at painswickeducationalfoundation@gmail.com. You can also contact me, Joy Edwards at joyattheplough@gmail.com.

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Beacon Conservation Group

Dates for Your Diary

Once again this year we are offering two guided walks on the Beacon. This is very early notice, I know, but last year a number of people said they would have attended but there wasn't enough notice given.

The dates are; 10:00 am Saturday 17th June and 10:00 am Sunday 16th July. The meeting points and itinerary will be decided nearer the time.

The walks are intended to show some of the wildlife associated with limestone grassland and explain how the efforts of the PBCG are improving the quality of the site. There is no charge but please pre book by emailing pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com. Numbers will be limited to 5-6 per group so, if the take up is good, we will need multiple walk leaders. Walks usually last 2.5-3 hrs.

The next date is 7:00 pm 16th May in Painswick Town Hall. There is growing interest in the concept of wild gardening and wildlife corridors. The Parish Council has kindly given us the Town Hall to host a meeting. There will be two or three short presentations from experts in these fields followed by a questions and answers session. Invitations will be sent to surrounding villages in the hope that it will be very well attended.

Lease signed

After many years a lease has finally been signed between the Beacon owner, Selina Blow, and Natural England. It concerns the grassland which lies outside of the land already leased by the golf club and will give NE ultimate control over how it is managed. PBCG have a meeting arranged with NE to discuss how this will impact on us as an organisation.

Cattle Moved

The Dexters have been moved to graze Cud Hill. This lovely small site on Sevenleaze Lane is owned by Upton Parish Council and is an important "corridor" between the Beacon and Hudinknoll Common. At the time of writing the grazing is lean, but the grass should start growing soon enough to keep them there for a month. They will then go to Holcombe House for their summer vacation.


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Rococo is blooming great

I often have to say to people that the Garden is not just about snowdrops, although for many visitors, that beautiful and wonderful time is their first introduction to us. Thanks to the driest February we can remember, we have had a good start to the year which allows us to look forward with confidence. But, as ever, there is much more to come.

As I write this the daffodils are looking dazzling and as a result of the continued chilly weather, they will likely still be in bloom by the time you read this. As spring progresses, they are followed by the display of tulips and fritillaria in the Exedra Garden. A spectacular show of 9,500 bulbs should bloom and will make a great sight with the Exedra as an impressive backdrop!

We're delighted to have been the lucky recipients of a grant thanks to the generosity of the Painswick Valley Conservation Society (PVCS). There has been a considerable impact upon the tree canopy in the Garden, in particular around the Hidden Hollow children's play area, as a result of ash die back. The PVCS has gifted a sum of around £2,000 to assist with the replanting of this area. The monies have provided a substantial number of indigenous British tree species to be planted in the Valley which will assist with the regeneration of the woodland canopy. Approximately half of the trees donated have been planted as bare root specimens and it is proposed that as the site continues to be cleared, the same number of trees will be planted as part of this gift in the autumn.

This month we are open Wednesday-Sunday 10-5pm. In addition, we are open on Mondays and Tuesdays in the school holidays - that's April 1st to 16th. There is no advance booking needed but it you want to guarantee admission you can do so online. The big news for this month is that we have a brand new Easter holiday family trail. It features some newly-discovered "egg-squisite" dragon eggs. Say no more - I recommend you check out the What's On pages at rococogarden.org.uk!

Happy Easter from all of us here. As the sun warms up, I hope you will feel re-energised and will be up to explore this delightful hidden valley.

Tim Toghil, volunteer

Painswick Music Society opened their 77th season on 18th March with the return to Painswick of internationally renowned clarinettist Emma Johnson.

Emma, and her duo partner John Lenehan, opened the programme to a packed Saint Mary's church with music by Gerald Finzi, who lived at Kingsmill in Painswick in 1922 and was later, in 1946, a founder of Painswick Music Society. His Five Bagatelles, completed in 1943, provided a beautiful and pastoral opening to the concert.



Brahms Sonata in F minor Op120 is a weighty and glorious example of late romantic chamber music and the control of structure and development of this magisterial work was beautifully delivered.

The delightful Sonatina Op100 of Dvorak opened the second part of the concert and was played with tenderness and feeling for the complex themes of both American and Bohemian national inspirations.

Emma then displayed her talent as composer with a performance of her "Isolation Dance for clarinet and tapping feet". A virtuoso clarinet display was accompanied by her tapping feet in the manner of an Irish wake. Brilliant and very difficult!

The concert ended with a change of style and the addition of Paul Clarvis, the renowned percussionist, to play a medley of Duke Ellington melodies. The trio brought smiles to the audience with their infectious enthusiasm. Fun and foot tapping but also moments of magic as in "Single Petal of a Rose" written by Ellington for the late Queen Elizabeth 2nd. As the concert ended, more than 200 appreciative music lovers called for an encore and were treated to more quiet magic, courtesy of Sidney Bechet, and then sent home to the rousing sound of Benny Goodman.

A wonderful start to the season with more concerts on April 1st and 22nd at 3pm and on May 6th at 7pm.

Tickets: <https://painswickmusicsoc.co.uk/2023-season/>

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In Summary:

- A list of times showing the availability will be provided, so that the spaces remain available for those attending an event at the Town Hall. Vehicles can be left overnight to charge. The app shows when the charger is already being used.
- The cost at present is 40p per Kw but this will be kept under review. Each charger incurs a monthly licence fee, so it is hoped that the price can be lowered as more users sign up.,
- The user must first sign an agreement, in the Town Hall Office and download the Monta App; full clear instructions will be provided.
- There is an additional charge levied on cars left idle for over an hour between the hours of 8am – 8pm.
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Heat Pumps: Help!

Heat pumps have been around for a while, but you will have heard more about them recently and perhaps noticed more installer vans parked in and around Painswick.

The Government is backing this roll-out with grants and legislation as fossil fuel alternatives are phased out over the next ten years. Sooner or later all of us will need to consider our options as we move towards a carbon neutral society.



Heat pumps are complex pieces of kit; when it comes to installation it is definitely not one size fits all. If you look inside your existing boiler the components are relatively simple. If you look inside a heat pump the first thing you notice is the impressive array of electronics. This is a different level of technology altogether, which if installed and used correctly will reduce your carbon footprint and help you use energy more efficiently. This is, however, a big IF!

There is already much rumour and misinformation swirling around and experiences have been mixed. This may get worse as the switchover gains momentum and less competent installers enter the fray. We thought it would be worth bringing together those with heat pumps already installed and those considering installing new heat pumps, to provide a local base of practical information that would be helpful to all.

If you are interested and you already have a heat pump, or you are considering installing one, please get in touch so we can see how we can best address the needs in our community. Hopefully we can all learn from each other, help manage expectations and avoid potential pitfalls.

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Chloe is exceptionally conscientious as a practitioner of a wide range of therapies and beauty treatments. She understands the need to train and re-train continually and has been highly qualified from the beginning starting with a BTEC Nat. Dip. During lockdown, when of course she was not able to see her clients, she used the time as a further opportunity to train in new methods and techniques and to widen her knowledge of products. She also took a training course to enable her to identify medical conditions such as skin cancer.



Clearly with a real belief in the treatments she offers she is very conscious of the need to use high quality natural products and these are always those available only to professionals like her. This thorough knowledge and understanding of products and techniques is paired with exceptional skill in carrying out the treatments. It is however, Chloe's very personal attention to each and every one of her clients which is so pre-eminent. 'It's not just a job for her,' says one client, 'she makes a real connection, a real relationship.' For Chloe each client is a definite individual requiring specific personal attention. Chloe offers a range of treatments including skin care, massage, waxing, tinting, manicures, pedicures, Shellac, eyelash lift, eyebrow lamination, facials etc. It is unusual to find such a service in a small place and many of Chloe's clients are pleased not to have to travel to a large town. It is though rather more than what is immediately apparent. So many of her clients explain that it is essentially about a feeling of wellbeing both physically and mentally and that is what Chloe does so well. 'She is friendly, professional and genuine in her approach, makes you feel relaxed, special and welcome' says one happy client.

With lockdown Chloe was unable to work for almost two years. She was concerned that the clientele she had worked so hard to establish in the years before would be lost. However, to her delight and joy, every one of her clients returned. Without exception they were pleased to be back, and, bearing in mind Chloe's caring attitude to them, their unwavering loyalty is not really surprising. There is a website www.revivepainswick.co.uk and Chloe can be contacted tel. 07859 880641, or email revivepainswick@gmail.com.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick's intriguing past – yet more revealed in Chronicle 25

Hauntings and ghosts, the wealthy and philanthropic, but also the wealthy and cruel, our many, many pubs, buried treasures, past coronation celebrations and so much more. The latest edition of the Local History Society's annual journal, Painswick Chronicle number 25, is hot off the press albeit a little later than usual.

The Chronicle aims to cover a wide range of subjects and eras and this edition certainly fulfils that aim. The story of one local resident able to trace her ancestry back to Pain Fitz John takes us back 1000 years. Coins and tokens unearthed locally were from the 16th century onwards and so too is a local house, currently in a ruinous state, said to be haunted as the result of a very sad incident. The will of one local 19th century man which resulted in significant developments for Painswick is explained and the extraordinary life of another local man of the same period is described in his own glorious words.

The mystery of a family decidedly prominent in Painswick in the 17th century is finally revealed – super rich, strong diocesan connections, Court House construction, effigies in the church, but also barbarically involved in the slave trade and hanged for a brutal murder. And the fascinating history of Painswick's many public houses highlights the rise and decline of what has been an extraordinary story of flourishing local business combined with social life for so many.

Painswick today is very much a product of its past and it certainly has a rich history from the lightweight, to the personal and the more academically erudite. This edition of the Chronicle reveals yet more and, as in all previous editions, provides information and analysis of historical significance locally. It can be purchased in Painswick Pharmacy, Premier, Painswick Centre Cafe or from Carol Maxwell tel. 813387. Previous editions are also available and a list of subjects covered in each edition is given on the Society's website www.painswicklocalhistorysociety.org.uk. Other publications available from the Society are Gyde Orphanage Remembered, Time Chart of a Cotswold Village, Barks and Bites from Bow-wow Land and Painswick and the Great War.

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Painswick gain promotion

League action is now complete for Painswick RFC. A winner takes all game against Longlevens saw Painswick unlucky in a narrow defeat, but very proud at finishing 2nd place in the league and gaining promotion in their 150th Season! Painswick now turn to combination cup rugby, taking on Dursley at Broadham Fields on Saturday 25th March.



150th anniversary dinner

Our 150th anniversary celebration dinner will take place at Broadham Fields on Saturday 22nd April. We will be holding 3 games throughout the day, including Colts, Veterans, and our 1st XV against Stroud District combination opponents. If any former players would like to take part in any of the fixtures (even for 5 minutes!), please drop us an email to painswick150years@gmail.com.

Our celebration dinner will include a 3 course meal, very special guest speaker and a live band. Tickets are now available at £60 each and can be purchased at the club bar or by BACS payment. If you are interested in attending, drop us an email for more details. We are also looking for sponsorship for our 150th celebration dinner, with several advertisement opportunities available. Please contact Andrew Morgan on 07887 801272 for more information.

Craig Mayo



New Tennis Season at Painswick Tennis Club

The new season starts this month with a full programme of club nights from 7pm on Tuesdays (all standards welcome) and Thursdays (Rusty Rackets). Teams have been entered in the Gloucestershire Summer League with practices taking place during the next few weeks. With the better weather, now is a good time to join the club. Contact Ruth Smith: ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com 07919 246386 for more information or Charlie

Ferrett 07871 628773 for Junior Coaching.

League results

The Gloucestershire Winter League has just finished and Painswick had entered 3 teams. The A Team were 4th in Premier division. The B Team were 3rd in Division 1 and the C Team were 2nd in Division 2 and will be promoted.

Ruth Smith



Lissey on the Tennis Tour

In early January, Lissey travelled to Australia for her next Grand Slam. Their first round match was against a Czech pair who had previously played in Grand Slam finals. Olivia Nicholls was suffering from a rib injury but despite this both she and Lissey played brilliantly and took the first set 6-3. The second set was close and they eventually lost it 4-6. The third set went with serve, with all players playing some excellent tennis but a 5-7 loss in the end. A very tight match, a great week and another dream fulfilled.

They travelled to Slovakia to play in a 60K tournament. Match by match their play became more refined and without dropping a set they hit top form for the final. Playing solid and expansive tennis they won the final 6-3, 6-3, cruising to their ninth title.

The timing of the win was perfect as they received a telephone call informing them that they have been selected to play for Great Britain in their match against France in April's Billie Jean King Cup qualifier in Coventry.



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Painswick Cricket Club, the challenges for 2023!

As winter slowly begins to melt away we can all start to think of warmer days and of course the dawning of a new cricket season. Painswick CC has been busily preparing. Both player training as well as ground preparation have taken top priority with the clubs ground equipment also receiving some much needed maintenance. All should be ready for the start of the league season on the 6th May. The club welcomes any supporters to come and watch matches at Broadham fields throughout the summer months.

Senior teams

Our promoted first team are looking forward to playing in the West of England Premier 2 Division, a formidable challenge to say the least but Jack Hobbis our captain will be relishing the task. Our second team will once again be venturing forth into the County League and hoping to challenge for top honours with Nick Marment at the helm. The thirds, having been promoted, will look to compete and push on wards in Stroud Division One under the masterly control of skipper Noel French.

Junior Section

As ever our popular Youth cricket evenings will be held on Friday evenings starting on 5th May weather permitting. We anticipate that these sessions will continue every Friday through to late July. If you are interested in youth cricket please contact Junior Officer Dom Barnard domrolle@yahoo.co.uk or 07952738904. Dom also looks after the ECB All Stars and Dynamos programmes and these are scheduled to start on 5th May as well.

Our girls section is led by Adam Brown with Luke assisting. If you are interested in taking part or assisting please contact adam_work2@yahoo.co.uk or lwwoolway@gmail.com.

We are delighted that Luke Woolway will continue to be the clubs senior and junior cricketing coach for 2023. Further details about Painswick CC are available on the club website at [Painswick CC \(play-cricket.com\)](http://Painswick CC (play-cricket.com))

Steve Pegram



Painswick Golf Club

Golf last month was interrupted by some very challenging weather. A few days of relatively light snow meant the course was unplayable – though a few intrepid souls tried – and then we have had some very cold wet weather. Hopefully, the slightly warmer weather (as I write this) will encourage the grass to grow and restore the course.

The club welcomed its new greenkeeper, Simon Pearce, who takes up the post at the start of April. He knows the course well having worked here before. The club thanked his predecessor, Adam Baldwin, for his service and wished him all success in his new career in sales.

The first friendly match in the Seniors section was to have been against Minchinhampton on 9th March, but had to be postponed with the snow. A mid-week Stapleford competition held on 2nd March was won by Andrew Varden with 40 points. Congratulations to the winner.

Painswick golf course welcomes visitors to play our unique course – which is often open when other courses in Gloucestershire are closed or restricted with waterlogging. There are limited refreshments on competition days, for more information and booking, please call 01452 812615.



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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.23/0386/LBC Court House, Hale Lane
Regularisation of windows and appropriately detailed openings and features within the Barn and 'Hamlet suite'.

S.23/0338/HHOLD Greenways, Slad Road, Slad. Single storey side extension, loft conversion, garage conversion & front porch.

S.23/0407/FUL Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane

Retrospective application for a pond.

S.23/0479/AFP Longridge Farm, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe

Erection of steel and timber cladded barn, resubmission of application S.22/1490/AFP.

S.23/0471/TCA | T1-T7 22 Gloucester Road. Beech Trees- Reduce height by 20-25 feet

S.23/0465/LBC Painswick Mill Cottage, Ticklestone Lane

Remodelling of existing single storey extension to rear. (Resubmission of S.22/1615/LBC)

S.23/0464/HHOLD Painswick Mill Cottage, Ticklestone Lane

New garage and remodelling of existing single storey extension to rear. (Resubmission of S.22/1614/HHOLD)

CONSENT

S.22/2523/HHOLD Holcombe House
Alterations and extensions to main house and barn incl. remodelling kitchen and reinstatement of garage building, improvements to Coach House cottage and associated landscaping works.

S.22/2524/LBC Holcombe House
Remodelling of kitchen addition. Minor alterations to main house and barn. Improvements to coach house.

S.22/2615/HHOLD Lantern, Kingsmead
Erection of side extension and outbuilding

WITHDRAWN

S.23/0241/42 FUL Coach House, Painswick House, Gloucester Road
Conversion to residential use and associated works.

Library book club

The next meeting of the Painswick Library book Club is Monday 17th April and we will be discussing *The Magician* by Colm Toibin. In May we will meet on Monday 22nd May and our book for discussion will be *Lessons* by Ian McEwan.. Both meetings are from 1.30 - 2.30pm and if you would like to join us please come along to one or both meetings. For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew

Property Report

Two very substantial properties on Greenhouse Lane are being offered for sale this month. Near the top of the lane, Old Greenhouse Farm (Hamptons, offers over £3 million) is a 17th Century farmhouse with about 7 acres of land and 3 rental units included. Lower down, Long Close (Murrays, £1.45 million) is a 4 bedroom family home overlooking Painswick with around 3/4 of an acre, garages and parking.

Facing them across the valley is Little Acre in Kemps Lane (Hamptons, £1.5 million), another substantial property in a 3/4 of an acre plot, but much more modern. And Pin-nolds in Brookthorpe (Murrays, £1.75 million) is a seven bedroom family home with 12 acres, swimming pool and separate 2 bed annexe.

Away from the million pound houses, Eden Cottage on Cheltenham Road has quickly gone under offer through Murrays, but Hamptons have 17 Churchill Way (£525,000), a modern link-detached four bedroom house near the Croft School, and not far away, 6 Hyett Close, a modern mid-terrace house (Hamptons, £360,000).

As well as Eden Cottage, other properties going under offer recently have been School House in Stroud Road and Star Cottage in Hollyhock Lane (all Murrays), Greycot in Sheepscombe and Penlan in Pitchcombe (both Hamptons). 2 Upper Tibbiwell Cottages, Suttens Mill in Cranham and Tunley Cottage in Sheepscombe have all completed.



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Regular Village Activities. Please contact Vicky Aspinall on cvasp.26@gmail.com

Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am	
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am	
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am	
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm	
	Community Choir. Contact Sophie sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm	
	Short Mat Bowls. For beginners and experienced players. All equipment provided. 2.00/session to cover refreshments	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm	
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm	
	Painswick Singers . Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545. Start of the new season on Mar 6th. New members very welcome.	Richmond	7.30pm	
	Painswick Bootcamp. Details contact Becca Meadows 01452 451505 or info@beccameadowsnutrition.co.uk	Broadham Field Rugby Pitch	7.30 - 8.30pm	
	Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
Zumba with Martina 07891 194396		Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am	
Painswick Art Club		Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm	
Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk		Rococo Garden	9.45 am	
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am	
	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms	7.00pm	
	Table tennis. Contact David On 01452 812464	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm	
	Yoga with Kate. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm	
	Painswick Community Support. A Wednesday Meet in a warm space at the Town Hall with tea/coffee. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 12.00pm	
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. .Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@joannedaleypilates.com .	Painswick Centre	10.30 - 11.30am	
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. Love Life Fitness www.lovelifeladies.co.uk	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm	
	After school art classes. Email classes@painswickcentre.com . Term time only -	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm	
	Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
		Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com		Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm	
Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782		Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm	
Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com		Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm	
Qi Gong Classic Exercise - contact Jeff Docherty on jeffdocherty@yahoo.com		Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am	
Classical Pilates Mat Classes.Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@joannedaleypilates.com .		Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm	
Takeaway Food Night		Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm	
Fridays		Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
		Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgswain:btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm	
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. .Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@joannedaleypilates.com .	Painswick Centre	11.00 - 12.00pm	
	Tea, cake & watercolours art course starts April 14th for 6 weeks	Painswick Centre	2.00pm	
	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am	



Saturdays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Sundays	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am

Village Diary

Please let me know your club and society dates for the diary on cvasp.26@gmail.com

April

Sat	1	Painswick Beacon published		
	1	Painswick Music Society: Mark Padmore(tenor) and James Baillieu (piano). Online at painswickmusicsoc.co.uk for membership and tickets. Enq to Edward Bowron 07789 006006	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
	1	PBCG work party	Painswick Beacon	9.00 - 12.00pm
Sun	2	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Weds	5	Cotteswold Naturalists: AGM & Saints, snakes and spirits; exploring folktales in the Gloucestershire landscape - Anthony Nanson. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.00pm
	5	Christian Aid Lent Lunch - soup, bread and cheese.	Church Rooms	12.00 - 1.30pm
Sat	8	Easter Egg Hunt in aid of Painswick Playgroup	Around the Village	12.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	9	Easter Day - Family Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Weds	12	Gardening Club: Medicinal Herbs in the Garden - Caroline Sheldrick	Town Hall	7.30pm
	12	Painswick Probus: David Wilson, a Cheltenham hero - David Elder (TBC)	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Thurs	13	The Arts Society: Temples, Tombs and Treasures: in search of the Queen of Sheba - Louise Schofield	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 11.00am
	13	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Brass Bands - Mike Kerton and Duncan Richardson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	14	Friday Club: Easter tea and hats - Gill Allen	Town Hall	2.30pm
	14	Wickflix: She Said	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	15	PBCG work party	Painswick Beacon	9.00 - 12.00pm
	15	The Princesses Easter Tea Party www.everlastingentertainment.co.uk	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 3.00pm
Sun	16	Holy Communion	St Marys Church	10.00am
Tues	18	History Society: Mediaeval Towns of Gloucestershire - Nicholas Herbert	Croft School	7.30pm
	18	Cotteswold Naturalists: Lost Railways in Gloucestershire - David Aldred Enq 01453 873262	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
	18	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
Weds	19	Cotteswold Naturalists: Visit to REME Museum, Wilts. Enq 01453 872243	MOD Lyneham	10.15 for 10.30am
Sat	22	Painswick Music Society: Heath Quartet. Online at painswickmusicsoc.co.uk for membership and tickets. Enq to Edward Bowron 07789 006006	St Marys Church	3.00pm
Sun	23	Beacon Praise	St Marys Church	10.00am
Tues	25	Yew Trees WI: Spring Event.	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
	25	Cotteswold Naturalists: Guided tour of Diglis Island & New Fish Pass. Pre-book 813228	Diglis Island, Worcester	11.00am
Weds	26	Painswick Probus: An assignment to Egypt - Ian Breckels	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Thurs	27	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Debussy piano and orchestral music - Dr David Lucas	Town Hall	7.30pm
	27	Painswick Valleys Conservation Society AGM	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	28	Friday Club: Writing a book - Angela Lerwill	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	29	Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	30	Benefice Service	St Marys Church	11.00am



Personal Column

Congratulations

To POLLY AND PATCH McMEEKIN on the birth of their daughter, Cecelia on March 9th in Gloucester Hospital. A sister for Margot (Maggie) and a 7th grandchild for Richard and Vicky Aspinall of Paradise.

Thank you

Rob Lewis and family would like to thank everyone for the many cards and messages following the sad passing of PAULINE ROCHE. She will clearly be missed by many. Over £200 has been donated to 'Target Ovarian Cancer'.

Jackie Herbert and Alan Shearer would like to thank everyone who came and supported their recent 'Art Exhibition' in the Church Rooms in aid of Charity. Both potentially downsizing we raised £745.00 by giving our art work away to those who wanted to make a donation. The two Charities to benefit were DEMENTIA UK and PROSTATE CANCER UK. Thank you to all who helped us and made it such a success.

The Beacon is always willing to publish in the Personal Column, news of births, weddings, significant birthdays or anniversaries, new arrivals in Painswick, people leaving the village to live elsewhere, or of deaths. There is no charge for this service.

You could help Vicky Aspinall, if you would send information about those you know for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated cvasp.26@gmail.com

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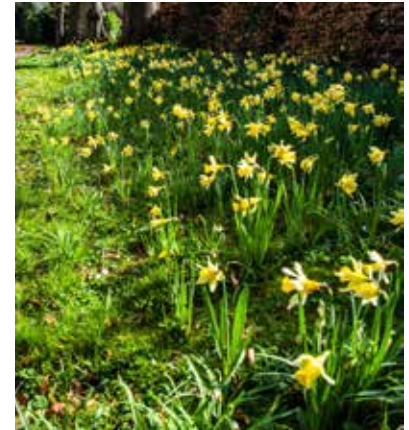
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Spring flowers around Painswick



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