

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## A sad end to a remarkable service

On Tuesday, 29th March members of Painswick's retained fire fighting team, both past and present, met at the station in Pullens Road to mark the end of the service in Painswick. This was a truly significant and sad occasion. Painswick has had a continuously dedicated active fire fighting crew for more than 120 years.

There have been several occasions over the past few years when the station was threatened with closure, each time to be reprieved after due consideration by the council. However, this time it is definite, the decision having been made largely on the basis of a public consultation which took place across and beyond the county. The machine has gone and the future of the valuable station site is to be decided. Painswick is deemed to be an area of low risk and cuts are to be made in the fire service budget.

Painswick's station is the only one to be closed on this occasion though Cirencester's service has been downgraded from a full-time to a retained team. This means that there is some concern now about meeting the required minimum time of 14 minutes to reach some locations between Painswick and Cirencester.



The final Painswick fire crew - Dean Newman, Chris Garbett, Mark Hancock, Paul Cooke, James Wheatley, Allan Bullingham & George Hodder

*Photo: Anne Marie Randall*

Our team has been without doubt one to be proud of. Of the present crew four have each given more than 25 years and several past members had been similarly long-serving. Mike Powis and Robert Goddard for example each gave over 30 years. They have been totally committed, loyal and serious about all aspects of their involvement, attending training sessions unfailingly every Monday evening and always answering the call to an emergency without hesitation. This has been a truly cohesive team, albeit in a part-time capacity. How do they feel about the closure? There is a mix of emotions including anger but overwhelmingly of sadness. "It's devastating for Painswick to lose this service," says Paul Cooke, "the team is like a second family to me." And Mark Hancock adds, "We've provided a service for so long to Painswick." And not just to Painswick - the team has frequently been called out to emergencies far beyond

Painswick. Chris Garbett, Painswick station manager, describes the situation as "... tragic and disappointing, yet another service lost to Painswick."

Little will remain here. The historic photographs and the famous helmet will however be on permanent display in the Town Hall as a reminder of what has been a glorious and proud example of truly dedicated community service in Painswick for so long. We hope to include a brief history of Painswick's Fire Service in next month's issue

*Carol Maxwell*

## Uncontested Parish Council election

An election to select Painswick Parish Councillors to serve for the next four years would normally have been held on Thursday of this week. However, because there were only ten nominations for the twelve seats, all those seeking election were automatically elected. The make-up of the new Parish Council is as follows:

### Painswick Ward (7 seats)

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James Trevor Cross	Greengate, Cheltenham Road, Pitchcombe GL6 6LZ
Ann Daniels	3 Pullens Road, Painswick GL6 6SJ
Michael James Fletcher	Gyde Barn, Cheltenham Road, Painswick GL6 6SJ
Rob Lewis	Yew Tree Barn, New Street, Painswick GL6 6UN
Abigail Victoria Smith	14A Canton Acre, Painswick GL6 6QX
One vacancy	

### Edge Ward (1 seat)

Martin Sidney Slinger	Jenkins, Lurks Lane, Pitchcombe GL6 6LL
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### Sheepscombe Ward (2 seats)

Ian James	Pyll Barn, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe GL6 7RA
Roey Parker	The Coach House, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe GL6 7RA

### Slad Ward (2 seats)

Steve Morris	Woodlea, Slad GL6 7QD
One vacancy	

## A46 New Street

This road will be closed tomorrow, Sunday 8th May, to allow for a new water connection by contractors working on behalf of Severn Trent Water Ltd. If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact Gloucestershire County Council on 08000 514514.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held April 20th by Terry Parker

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

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Public questions

The committee chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis asked if there were any questions from the public. The following question was put. "What steps does the Parish Council take to establish the authenticity of objections to planning applications?" The questioner referred to "the objection against the siting of a mobile home at Lyncombe Farm received from an Edge address which according to Stroud District Council does not exist". Cllr Lewis gave the following reply. "The responsibility lies with the Local Planning Authority; in the case of Lyncombe Farm the Parish Council highlighted the issue to the Planning Officer. Please note that when the Parish Council considers comments made to them or noted from online comments, it is the validity of the argument they are presenting not the person making the comments which influences their decision making".

Cllr Lewis then opened the meeting and asked for apologies for absence. There were four: Cllrs Mike Fletcher, Ian James, Roey Parker and Abigail Smith.

### Matters requiring a decision.

All the agenda items below were recommended for support. They were:

S.16/0653/FUL Hammonds Farm, Wick Street. Change of use of existing farmhouse (C3) to an 8 bed Guest House (C1).

S.16/0630/HHOLD 15 Churchill Way. Single Storey extension. Erection of entrance porch.

S.16/0506/HHOLD Quietways, The Highlands. Erection of a single garage.

S.15/0734/FUL Land adjoining Painswick Mill, Ticklestone Lane. Revised 'as built' details and siting of stables to planning

consent reference S.15/0745/FUL. S.16/0713/HHOLD Greenaway House, Lower Washwell Lane. S.16/0657/HHOLD Viners Wood, Wick Street.

S.16/0763/FUL Hanley House, Far End, Sheepscombe. Replacement dwelling. Retrospective application following rebuilding of the dwelling (Hanley House formerly known as Norway House). S.16/0650/TCA Wordings Orchard, Sheepscombe. T1 Yew – reduce crown to 10m height, max 12m lateral spread.

### Court House, Hale Lane.

Proposed summer pavilion, new hedge screening, new Cotswold stone walling to rear formal garden. Cllr Lewis drew members' attention to the fact that the Parish Council's objection to this application, tabled at the 6th April planning committee meeting, had been recorded by the District Council on their web site against the wrong application. The District Council had been informed.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Presentation by the Community Fire Safety Advisor

Paul Barrett, the new Community Safety Advisor (CSA) for Painswick and the surrounding area, gave a presentation to councillors about the nature of his work. He was accompanied by a colleague from Stroud Fire Station. Parish Council Chairman, Martin Slinger, thanked the Fire officers for their presentation.

### Community Lunches

Rita Bishop (Co-ordinator) and David Linsell (Treasurer) presented the Council Chairman with a cheque for £725. This was a contribution from the Community Lunch profits towards the Play Painswick project, the aim of which is to provide

enhanced play facilities at the Recreation Ground. Cllr Slinger expressed his appreciation for the contribution.

### Apologies

There were apologies from Cllrs Mike Fletcher, Ian James, Roey Parker and Abigail Smith. County Councillor Jason Bullingham and District Councillors Nigel Cooper and Julie Job had also asked for their apology to be recorded.

### County Councillor's report

Councillor Bullingham had submitted a written report which is summarised below. IMPACT. Gloucestershire County council had set up a new autism support team for children and young people aged between 0-25 years. At Shire Hall on Wednesday 9th March representatives from over 50 schools had attended the launch of a new team to keep children and young people with autism in mainstream schools engaged in education and school. IMPACT, (Including and Motivating Pupils with Autism and Communication-Needs Team), consists of specialist advisory teachers, speech and language therapists and pre-school staff working closely with specialist senior educational psychologists for autism. IMPACT works closely with health colleagues including paediatricians, clinical psychologists, school nurses and health visitors. Latest figures indicate that approximately one person in 100 is on the autism spectrum. This suggests that in Gloucestershire there are about 8,580 people on the autistic spectrum and that about 1,200 of the child population in Gloucestershire have autism.

### United Against Cotswold Exit Bid

Gloucestershire councillors have united in opposition to Cotswold District Council's unitary plans. Last month, Cotswold

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District Council announced that it wants to set up a new unitary authority with West Oxfordshire. A feasibility study was due to be carried out during April and the County Council has developed a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which will form part of its response to that study.

#### Parish Council Audit

Cllr Lewis expressed his appreciation to the Clerk to the Council, Mr Roy Balgobin, for having completed a successful audit.

#### Trustee to Sheepscombe Hall.

It was agreed that Cllr Ian James be appointed as the Parish Council's representative.

#### Ring and Ride.

Cllr Lewis said that Ring and Ride had been taken over by another provider.

**Edge Road footpath.** It was reported that the footpath was in bad condition. The Clerk said he would refer the matter to Highways.

**Art Couture Painswick.** There was a brief discussion about the ACP Committee's proposed admission charge to St Mary's Churchyard. The councillors concluded that this was a matter for the Parochial Church Council.

**Youth Club meeting.** Cllr Slinger reported that he and Cllr Daniels had attended a meeting with members of the Youth Club the previous day. The members had raised a number of issues including the need for a skate park.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

## Traffic Matters

### From the Governing Body and Head Teacher, The Croft Primary School

Further to correspondence published earlier in the year by the Beacon regarding safety on the roads around The Croft Primary School, especially on Churchill Way itself, the Governors and Head Teacher would like to update readers on developments.

Parents have been informed of the concerns voiced by residents, staff and pupils. The temporary Head Teacher Mrs O'Dwyer was out on the roads outside the school every morning between late January and the Easter holidays to ensure safe parking and careful driving, while PCSO Colin Drewett has been on duty regularly at busy times of day. Volunteers with speed cameras have also been highly visible in recent weeks, and we would like to extend our gratitude to them for their commitment and assistance in helping us improve road safety for the local residents, the school staff, the parents, and of course the pupils.

Other initiatives are being examined by the Governors (in consultation with the Parish Council and/or District Council where appropriate), with the following aims:

- to reduce the number of car trips to the school
- to provide safer routes to school
- to further reduce traffic speed in the vicinity of the school
- to increase the presence of the Special Constabulary

This is an issue of great seriousness which will continue to be closely monitored. The Governors, staff and pupils would like to repeat their plea to everyone driving near the school to carry on doing so with care, caution, and consideration.

### New Street

At the April meeting of the Parish Council, Councillor Rob Lewis expressed his concern about speeding traffic in New Street. He said that on one occasion he had been overtaken by a vehicle travelling at a speed considerably in excess of the required 20 miles per hour. He also spoke of the danger to pedestrians caused by drivers going through the traffic lights when they were at red. The Clerk to the Parish Council, Roy Balgobin, said that he would refer Cllr Lewis' concerns to the Traffic Management Committee.

There have been various letters written on this subject. One correspondent believes that the recent traffic calming measures have been largely ineffective and maintains that, had speed humps been positioned at the 20mph limits, this would have brought an immediate reduction in traffic speeds.

The Beacon would appreciate readers' comments on the speed reduction measures.



### Big Community Switch scheme

Residents in Gloucestershire are being invited to take part in the latest Big Community Switch auction which can help households save money on energy bills, including those with pre-payment meters. The current auction ends on 16th May. Details from Lorna Fizor at Shire Hall on 01452 328099 or email: lorna.fizor@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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## Sports Relief Children in the village raise £165

Local children, Eliza Moore, Lily Randall and Will Harley raised a whopping £165 including gift aid for Sports Relief by selling delicious homemade cakes and freshly squeezed lemonade from their cute little stand on Tibbiwell Lane and later outside the Painswick Centre. They braved the cold and kept a smile for such a good cause. This money is enough to give three children living in slums a uniform, books and schooling for a whole year ... Amazing. Well done!

*Anne Marie Randall*



## ... and from 100 years ago Children in the village raise 9/-

During the First World War people were encouraged to raise money for the soldiers at the Front for a variety of purposes. This item from the Parish Magazine illustrates not only the extent of such efforts but also how different were the priorities from today's thinking.

'Marjorie Tidmarsh [aged 11] and Ruby Bloxham [aged 7], on "Primrose Day", picked a beautiful lot of primroses and sold them for 9/-. They brought the money to Miss Seddon and asked that it might be spent on cigarettes for our "Painswick Boys". Eight of these will thus benefit. We think this very nice of you, Marjorie and Ruby, and thank you very much.'

This is an extract from 'Painswick and the Great War' available in Painswick Pharmacy or direct from Carol Maxwell tel. 813387.

*Carol Maxwell*

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## Painswick Singers Spring Concert

The Painswick Singers, departing from their usual practice of presenting an Easter concert in St. Mary's Church on Good Friday, attracted a somewhat smaller than usual audience to their concert on Sunday 9th April. This was a pity because they introduced an unfamiliar cultural shift into Hispanic-American rhythms, which they have successfully assimilated and clearly enjoyed doing and in which tenor Adrian Bressington particularly excelled. The whole piece revolved around and hung upon his solos: solos which were scattered throughout the piece, making substantial demands on his musicianship. This was the Argentinian Ramirez's striking mass, Misa Criolla, a product of the Vatican's relaxation on the use of the vernacular in the Catholic church.

The concert started brightly with three jolly Easter hymns, followed by the Te Deum of Marc Charpentier in which Rebecca Philips distinguished herself as soprano soloist. Christopher Boodle accompanied on the organ and started the second half with one of his familiar recital displays of musical bravado: Toccata in G major by Dubois. He transferred to piano for the Misa Criolla in the second half of the concert, to be joined by Pam Smith on percussion where they provided an at times boisterous, though always sensitive, accompaniment. Andrew Hopwood surmounted all the hazards of steering his forces through countless variations of what must be unfamiliar rhythmic territory for him, and a test of stamina. The Singers are to be congratulated on the result.

Summer Concert: Early Twentieth Century Showtunes, Sunday, 3rd July 2016 at 3.30pm in Painswick Centre.

*Ralph Kenber*

## Beacon Clear Up Sunday 8th May - HELP!

The Beacon is a wonderful open space which attracts walkers, riders, golfers, bird watchers and other nature lovers to name but a few. Most care for the space, but a few leave their litter behind rather than taking it home with them or putting it in the bins close to the access points. It then gets blown around, ending up in the undergrowth and the old quarries.

So rather than leave things to gradually deteriorate, under aegis of Painswick Parish Council, I am happy to organise a Beacon Clear-up – to collect and remove the litter. Can you spare an hour of your time to help? It will be much appreciated and maintain the Beacon as one of the jewels of Painswick.

The Clear-up will be held from 2.00 – 3.00pm on Sunday 8th May. Like previous years, we will meet up at the car park on the road across the golf course near Catbrain Quarry. Gloves, litter-pickers and plastic bags for the refuse are provided by the Parish Council. Please wear stout shoes or boots. I have been told to expect warm sunshine, so come and enjoy a great afternoon out.

If you have not taken part before, don't hesitate to give me a call or just turn up on the day.

*Peter Rowe 813228*

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## April's Walks and Talks

After the "High Flyers" success (joint second) in the March Painswick Beacon Quiz, Club stalwarts tripped on 4th April to Coombe Hill Canal (1796 – 1876) to meet our expert leader, Mike Smart, Chairman of Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society. Designed to bring coals to Cheltenham rather than Newcastle, the Canal and Water Meadows came to SSSI status (1954) before purchase by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (1999). These areas can host up to 3,000 waders and waterfowl. A muddy scramble from opposite a nesting coot, led at once to a little egret sighting and through the Cetti warbling to the hide – stouter than that blown a mile away in yesterday! Came we to our avian pageant on watermeadow of wondrously green sheen, beneath a so blue sky, brilliantly sunlight. This was our Spring spectacular from Canada geese at water's edge to grey herons beneath the distant spinney, from wigeon, to shelduck, shoveler and more. Favourites were flirting lapwing pairs cavorting, in startlingly black and white attire – and the Rain God stayed away!



The next meeting of the Club will be a Field trip to the Cotswold Water Park on May 9th at 9.30am. Martin Wright, who is an expert on birdsong will lead us on an easy walk of about 2 hours when we hope to see (or hear) nightingales and cuckoos. Meet at Neigh Bridge car park (off Spine Road West) SU 018947. Further details can be obtained from Helen Richardson (01452 812951)

*Martin and Wendy Addy 810804*

## Grand Auction of Promises Pitchcombe Friday 27th May

Have you ever been involved in a Promises Auction? I have to say I haven't. And I haven't even been to that many traditional auctions over the years either. So when I was asked to get involved in an auction fundraiser in Pitchcombe I was a little daunted at first. But I needn't have worried. Together, our little Committee has secured an eclectic array of Promises to go "under the gavel" on the night, from homemade cakes, sausages and pies, to a Pass the Parcel game, beautiful local crafts, IT lessons, gardening and ironing through to a ride in a vintage steam car and holidays in the UK and Europe. There really is going to be "something for everyone", with price tags to suit all wallets and purses. For me, it has been incredibly heartening to see so many people generously putting forward unique Lots for the evening. I'm really looking forward to it now, it is going to be such great fun!

I'll be distributing flyers and knocking on doors around Painswick during the first half of May, selling tickets (just £1 each) for what will undoubtedly be an evening to remember. The big night is on Friday 27th May at Pitchcombe Village Hall, starting with free drinks and nibbles at 7:00pm. We're aiming to raise as much money as we can to help fund much-needed repairs to the village church, which has recently received a less than favourable survey. I look forward to seeing you there!

*Sally Goodman*

## The Friday Club Evesham Country Park outing

Are you ready for Summer? The Friday Club is having an outing to Evesham Country Park on May 20th. The coach leaves Stamages Car Park at 10am, returning at 4pm. If any visitors would like to come with us please phone Ann Williams on 812344 to reserve a seat. You will be free for 4 hours to shop, eat and, hopefully wander around in the sunshine! This is a garden centre with a farm shop and new shopping mall. The cost for friends and neighbours is £16.

*Jane Robinson 812590*

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## Yew Trees W.I. Being a Magistrate

On 22nd March Celia Hargrave talked about being a Magistrate and showed how she carried out her work in the light of the Judicial Oath she had sworn that "I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this realm without fear or favour, affection or ill will".



As a volunteer, twenty years ago, Celia had undergone training to hear cases in the Magistrate's Court in Stroud, which formed the first tier of the Criminal Justice system. Magistrates do not hear cases on their own but sit on a "bench" of three Magistrates with equal decision making powers. Celia progressed to become a Court Chairman and to speak on behalf of the bench. Her two "Wingers" are always chosen so that balance of judgement can be achieved and bias avoided.

Through a series of case studies Celia showed us how Magistrates deal with petty crimes such as motoring offences and minor assault to more serious crimes like theft and in some cases they handle a range of issues affecting families and children in the Family Proceedings Court. Having listened to all the evidence they then have to decide whether the defendant is guilty and what would be an appropriate punishment such as a fine up to £5000 or community service or a short term in prison. More serious crimes like rape or murder have to be referred up to the Crown Court.

Celia undertakes her duties conscientiously but it is also obvious that she works with compassion and good humour. Members were full of admiration for the time and thought that she gives willingly in unpaid service to the community.

The meeting on Tuesday, 24th May at 7.30pm will be a talk by Matthew Gacek "Carson and I" on his short career in service.

*Janet Jenkins*



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# Painswick Music Society

## Concert at Croft School - 8th March

Once more the concert sponsored by the Painswick Music Society and the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust proved a great success. This time the Carducci Quartet had with them Julian Bliss the clarinettist who started playing the clarinet at the age of five, and now at twenty six is acknowledged as an outstanding international soloist.

The concert followed the usual pattern with the music introduced by various members of the quartet. First we had a movement from a Haydn quartet, followed by some Ravel and Dvorak, together with more modern rhythmic works by Huang Ruo, Lumsden and David Bruce.

Then Julian Bliss stepped in asking a few questions about the clarinet and explaining how it worked, making some very deep noises followed by some very high ones much to the amusement of the children. He then played the Flight of the Bumble Bee without a pause and not appearing to breathe! When he asked how he did it, one student spotted the solution - he breathed through his nose while blowing through the clarinet, a technique that, understandably, took him many years of practice to accomplish.

Finally he played the last movement of Mozart's clarinet quintet with the members of the quartet, and the children left to the accompaniment of this beautiful piece of music. A great hour of music was over.

*Alan Price*

## Concert Saturday April 16th

St. Mary's Church was packed on Saturday afternoon, with not a seat to spare, to hear a performance of music by Haydn, Mozart and Tchaikovsky played by the Endellion Quartet. For 37 years this quartet has been playing in concerts in major venues all over the world, and has established a reputation for consistent excellence wherever they went. It did not disappoint the audience at St Mary's, as the completion of every piece of music was greeted with loud and long applause. A quartet by Haydn began the concert followed by one by Mozart and finally after the interval a quartet by Tchaikovsky. The quartet's attention to detail, the precision of the playing by every member of the quartet, and the depth and originality of their interpretation of the music, all illustrated why the Endellion Quartet is so admired and sought after.

The concert was dedicated to the memory of the late Beryl Calver-Jones who had long supported the Painswick Music Society, many other musical events in the area, and she was especially fond of the Endellion Quartet.

When the concert was over the members of the quartet joined some of the audience for a tea in the nearby Church Rooms, so that before they left there was a chance to speak to the players and thank them for the concert.

*Alan Price*

## Voces8 sing in Painswick

There was another full house at St Mary's on Saturday April 23rd for Voces8, and tenor Sam Dressel, a former Wycliffe College pupil who was born and bred in Stroud, was given an especially warm welcome. As well as being recognized as one of the world's most versatile singing groups, Voces8 is also committed to education and the concert was preceded by an inspirational workshop for young singers at Wycliffe.

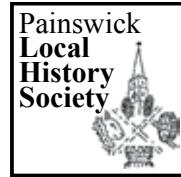
Their Painswick programme included works from the English and German Renaissance, through to Duke Ellington, pop and folk songs, as well as a particularly haunting piece by their Norwegian Composer in Residence, Ola Gjeilo. They moved effortlessly from polyphonic sacred music to slick and stylish jazz, always with a highly effective stage presence and great communication with the audience. Their performance throughout demonstrated total commitment to the music, wonderful blending and balance of the different voices, an impressive range of colours and evident joy in the sound they were creating.

A particular highlight was their encore, a highly amusing opera medley in which the singers competed for centre stage to display their operatic talents, and, not surprisingly, it brought the house down. We loved them: do go and hear them if you can and visit their website [www.voces8.com](http://www.voces8.com) for more information.

*Sue Pack*

# Providing for the Poor

Not so much in evidence nowadays, poverty was a significant feature of Painswick's past. At the April meeting of the Society John Loosley explained the effects which the many complex laws concerning the poor had on our ancestors from Tudor times onwards.



Until the Reformation monasteries generally cared for the very poor in society. New laws coincided with an increase in people starting to roam further afield, beggars and vagabonds, described in law as the undeserving poor and hence to be punished. Parishes took on responsibility for providing alms and apprenticeships for the impotent poor and harsh settlement measures were taken to ensure incomers, especially pregnant women, were returned to their original villages.

Painswick had its own poorhouse, approximately where the war memorial now stands, and the poor were generally well treated here. However, all that changed with the building of the Union Workhouses – the local one in Stroud serving 15 parishes and accommodating 500 people – and the new ethos was one of punishment and harsh treatment.

John's presentation concluded with several examples of Painswick's reluctance to take responsibility for the poor arriving here but also its willingness to pay for apprenticeships for poor children.

The May meeting will be the annual outing, a guided tour of Gloucester Cathedral and Parliament Rooms with an emphasis on Painswick connections.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Scouting Photo Memories of 60 years ago

Patsy Ratcliffe has rung to confirm that the Scoutmaster in the photograph on page 12 of the April Beacon is Jim Sollars who was her father. The dog in the photo was Jim's Red Setter called Bruce, but none of the boys has yet been identified. Patsy herself later worked with the Brownies in Painswick.

## Scratch Theatre Company

The Scratch Theatre Company will be visiting Painswick on Friday 10th June to perform 'Heads and Tales', a double bill of one-act plays by Alan Ayckbourn & Alan Bennett. 7.30 pm in the Beacon Hall. More details next month.

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## Fire Service Community Safety Advisor

My name is Paul Barrett and I am the new Community Safety Advisor (CSA) for Painswick and surrounding area. My aim is to support and lead the work Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue service is carrying out in order to help prevent and reduce fire incidents and other emergencies. My role is to be available to the community of Painswick through a drop in centre in the village so that I can provide information and guidance on home safety issues. Our Safe and Well visits cover a wide range of safety checks including health and wellbeing advice. We fit smoke detectors free of charge and are able to offer specialist help and equipment for those with disabilities.

I intend to work closely with other agencies in Painswick so as to provide the best service possible. I have already made links with the Community Village Agent, the Neighbourhood Warden, and the local Police Community Support Officers. I am looking forward to meeting you at one of the regular drop in sessions.

Paul Barrett

## Players raise £200-plus!

The Painswick Players raised over £200 in their ‘words and music’ event last month (Sunday, April 17th). Entitled ‘The Seven Ages of Woman’, the chosen charity was Target Ovarian Cancer which works to improve early diagnosis, fund life-saving research and provide much-needed support to women with the disease.

Mirroring each ‘age’, the words were mostly a fascinating and moving mix of traditional and contemporary poetry – though with a delightful Joyce Grenfell ‘George, don’t do that!’ for ‘Schooldays’; while the music reflected not only each musicians’ choice but also the diversity of their instruments. It was “a brilliant afternoon” according to an audience member. The Painswick Players would like to thank the audience, and the musicians who so generously gave of their time and talents: cellist Caroline Simpson, guitarist Michael Sheldon, pianists Robert Burgess and Robert Kempner, and flautist Teresa McIver.

To give an idea of Target Ovarian Cancer, a woman dies of ovarian cancer every two hours; and currently 63 per cent of women are diagnosed too late, once the cancer has spread, making it more difficult and complex to treat.

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# Community Defibrillator Seminar

Wednesday 25th May at 7pm

Painswick Town Hall

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator (pictured) installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.



## Roman Cirencester and Ampney Crucis

On Monday July 18th, the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club (CNFC) has arranged a visit to the Corinium Museum, Cirencester,

which is renowned for its history of Roman Britain, illustrated by an outstanding collection of Roman finds, particularly mosaics. We will have an introductory talk about the Romans in the Cotswolds, followed by time to examine the displays in more detail. This will be followed by a visit to Ampney Crucis with a choice of a picnic lunch or pre-booked lunch in The Crown at Crucis. The afternoon will be divided between a visit to the Church of the Holy Rood and the gardens of The Coach House, where we will have a guided tour and tea. Cost is £27.50 (lunch £15.50 extra). Non-members are welcome. For further details and booking form, please contact Peter Wilson tel. 01453 834486, email: peterwilson@dsl.pipex.com Waiting lists for cancellations are in operation for two earlier excursions; if interested contact the organisers to have your name added: firstly, Tuesday 31st May to Stourhead and Hauser & Wirth Contemporary Gallery and Garden (Peter Wilson, as above). Secondly, Wednesday 12th June to Croome Court and Park (John Keyte tel. 01453 298732).

Jane Rowe



## Friends of Longfield

Painswick Friends of Longfield were sad that Her Majesty could not join them for their celebration of her birthday. They were, however, delighted to welcome Yeoman Shawn McCormack, one of the Queen's Bodyguard of The Yeomen of the Guard, who gave a most interesting and amusing illustrated talk on their history and duties. This was followed by a celebration supper in Sheepscombe Village Hall and raised over a thousand pounds for the hospice. We are most grateful for the generosity of all who came to the event.

Paula Woodcock

## Farewell

**Police & Community Safety Officer Colin Drewett BEM writes:**

Following 50 years service to the Crown (40 years in the Royal Navy and 10 years with Gloucestershire Constabulary), it has come to pass that I am now eligible for retirement! I have enjoyed my 10 years within Gloucestershire Constabulary and will miss working with my colleagues and all those within the Police Organisation in Gloucestershire. Most importantly, I am extremely grateful and thankful to all those in the Rural Communities who have accepted me and treated me as their Local Officer and who have provided assistance and support throughout my time.

Having made links with a wide variety of organisations, communities, schools, farmers, equine establishments and many members of the public within the Rural Sector, we as a group, have seen many changes and events (both National and Local) together over the 10 years. I hope we have addressed many of the needs appropriately and I will have some happy memories of all aspects of my Policing within your communities. My final day in office with Gloucestershire Constabulary will be Monday 13th June 2016. I wish you all well and thank you for your friendship and support throughout.

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# Sports reports

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## Painswick Cricket Club

### The season begins

Home fixtures at Broadham Fields for May 2016, spectators are very welcome!

7 May 13:00 2nd XI versus Dymock 1st XI

14 May 13:00 1st XI play Westbury On Severn 1st XI (County Premier Lge match)

21 May 13:00 2nd XI versus Woodmancote 2nd XI

25 May 18:00 MIDWEEK match versus Charlton Kings XI

28 May 13:00 1st XI versus Tetbury 1st XI (Glos County Premier Lge match)

For a full club fixture list please go to the link <http://painswick.play-cricket.com>

If you are at all interested in playing cricket in 2016 or just being involved in some way please contact Painswick CC at the following email addresses:

Ian Hogg (Chairman) – straight.spinner@hotmail.com

Andy Edwards (1st XI Captain) – andrewedwardsy2k@hotmail.com

We have a large junior section who train on Fridays, please contact Dominic Barnard for further details. Dom Barnard (Junior Co-Ordinator) - domrolle@yahoo.co.uk



Photo: Michael Hall

## Tennis Open Day – Saturday 14th May



Please come along and join us for our Open Day in the beautiful setting of Painswick Tennis Club. We are a friendly, active, sociable and competitive club that caters for all ages and standards.

We have a varied coaching programme with coaches of the highest calibre and have the current GB Over 50 Ladies Captain, Lorraine Ristic, as our Head Coach. So do come along and visit - equipment provided just bring suitable footwear. We look forward to meeting you on 14th May from 1pm.

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## Football Painswick Boys reach semi-finals

The Painswick U11 Boys have been training hard and playing games all season. The reward for their efforts and series of wins was a place in the semi-finals of the cup. The core of the team are friends from the Croft School so no doubt there is much practice at break time too.

The whole squad travelled to Frampton for the semi-final game on a dry but chilly Saturday March morning. Anticipation was high as the game was against local rivals and favourites from Minchinhampton. The first half was a tense battle in the midfield, gradually Painswick were being pushed further back. The defense was awesome, captain Hugo leading the way, ably helped by Jacob and Manu. Goalie, Ethan, made a couple of great saves. However right at the end of the half, Minchinhampton scored with a great strike from distance.

The second half continued to be tight, Painswick fought hard. Strikers, Finn and Freddie, had breakaway opportunities. The bench came on to reinvigorate tired legs. However in the search for an equaliser, the opposition broke away to increase their score.

Getting to the semi-finals was a great result and the Painswick boys gave a great account of themselves but lost to a better team on the day. Well done to the whole squad and an especially large thank-you to the coaches Craig, Aaron and Chris.

Look out for the Painswick football teams training with Craig, Aaron and Chris. In the summer they train Wednesday evenings at the Rec playing fields. If you are interesting in playing please call Craig on 07525 468574.

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# Painswick Bowling Club

## Open Day May 21st 11.00

The Painswick Bowling Club celebrated its centenary in 2012. It was formed by members of the old 'Institute' who wanted a game of bowls close to the 'stutes' bar! Today we still have close connections with the Painswick Centre and are able to use the Centre's Car Park on match days. We now have our own Bar though! We play friendly matches against many local clubs on weekdays and weekends, and members can decide which games they wish to play. Occasionally we venture further afield and play at, for example, Chepstow, Moreton in Marsh, Tewkesbury and the Forest of Dean.



The out-door season runs from April to late September and we also have social games between ourselves on Friday evenings. We continue the social theme in the winter when we have short mat bowls in the Pavilion also on Friday evenings when a hot snack is always available! Recently some Club members have been going on holidays together, some for Bowls, most not, and this is likely to continue in the future.

The Club is holding an 'Open day' on Saturday May 21st. from 11am to 5.00pm. Everybody is welcome to come and have a look round, and have a 'Roll up' under the guidance of Club members who will offer help and advice (the correct size of bowls is vital). All you will need is a flat pair of shoes. There will be refreshments, and Club members look forward to meeting you.

David Linsell 812464

## Painswick Golf Club News

In the Seniors' section, the Winter Fourball competition was completed. This is played over six rounds – one per calendar month – with the best five rounds counting. The winners were Brian Lee and Ian Pringle with a score of 228 points. The first competition of the summer season, the Arthur Paget Trophy was won by Peter Rowe with 43 Stableford points. And the April Stableford competition was won by Frank Keelan with 42 points. Congratulations to all the winners.

One of the challenges for golf is how to make it more attractive for those who wish to spend less time on the golf course. The club has taken the opportunity to have a designated 9 hole course – formed from 9 of the current 18 holes. The Seniors Section will trial its first 9 hole competition on 12th May, which will be preceded by a pitching and chipping master-class led by club professional Marc Cottrell.

**125th anniversary Summer Ball at Painswick Golf Club**  
On Friday 1st July open to members of the public

**Celebration Golf Open on Saturday 2nd July**  
for members and visitors with registered handicaps

Details of both events available on the website [www.painswickgolf.com](http://www.painswickgolf.com) (look for current events page) or by telephoning the clubhouse on 01452 812180. The club welcomes new members and visitors. Contact above for details.

Peter Rowe

# Falcon Bowls Club

## Family Fun Day May 22nd 10.30

Ever fancied playing bowls? If you have why not come along and try for FREE!

It's great fun for all the family and you'll receive a warm welcome and refreshments. All you'll need is flat shoes or trainers.

Free membership worth £85 for 2016 if you are new to bowls.

For more info go to: [painswickfalconbowls.co.uk](http://painswickfalconbowls.co.uk) or contact Anthony on 01452 814221.

Just come along on the day and have a go. We are behind the Falcon Pub.

## Jottings

Why do they do it? Young cattle and sheep - and occasionally older ones - put their heads through a gap in a feeder, fence or hedge, trying to reach something that looks better on the other side. But then they keep going ... only to find that the hole was not quite big enough to get their whole body through. They end up stuck there, caught between their ribs and pin bones, and then they start to panic, struggling to get free.

I have taken down walls and fences, and cut down parts of trees, where cattle have poked their heads through gaps and got stuck. Only last week a young calf decided to try and see what the other side of the manger was like; I ended up using an angle grinder to cut a steel bar off so he could be released safely.

Hopefully the weather will warm up soon so the cattle can come out of their sheds to spend the summer grazing. In a couple of weeks' time they will start to move around the sheds, looking outside and sniffing the air; we say they can smell the grass growing and want to be out to eat it!

The lambing season will be over shortly and, before we know it, the young lambs will be skipping round the fields. But first we must ensure any repairs to or holes in fences are sorted out in order to keep the stock where they should be.

Martin Slinger

## Longfield Hospice

Longfield has launched a weekly lottery draw. Spend just £1 and be in with a chance to win up to £2,000. Lots of smaller prizes and a weekly £500 rollover. You can buy tickets from the Longfield shop in Bisley Street or pay monthly by standing order if you prefer.

This is a fantastic way to raise much needed funds for your local hospice charity. Hospice services are free of charge. We run drop-in sessions every Thursday from 9.30am – noon at our Minchinhampton base.

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# News from St. Mary's

We leave Easter behind this month as we celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday 5th May. This is the day when we remember the ascent of Christ back to Heaven. To celebrate this day there is a benefice communion service at Pitchcombe at 9.30am and all are welcome. As an alternative for those unable to attend during the day there is a deanery communion service at Minchinhampton at 7.30pm.

Then we move on to Whit Sunday on 15th May, the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. There are the normal Sunday services in the morning but coincidentally this Sunday is also the beginning of Christian Aid Week. There is an ecumenical service at the Roman Catholic Church at 6.30pm to get the week started. Please be generous in responding to the Christian Aid street collection. The needs which Christian Aid addresses are more pressing than ever. Other attractions during Christian Aid Week include a salmon supper on Thursday 19th May – tickets £15 each from the Lychgate office; activities in the Church Rooms on Friday and Saturday, 20th & 21st May from 11am to 4pm including garden shop, gift stall, ploughman's lunches and teas. Have you ever viewed Painswick from the church tower? If not why not book a viewing on Saturday 21st May – phone 814205.

The monthly youth "On Fire" service is on Friday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms to be led by the Vicar. Remember that although this service is primarily for young people, older members are welcome to attend to encourage our youth.

The final Sunday in May the 29th is a fifth Sunday. Consequently, there will be only one service in the benefice which is at St Mary's. It is a communion service starting at 10am.

There are two forthcoming events in June which you need to note in your diaries. The first is a day of Open Gardens at Edge on 5th June from 11am to 4pm. There are 6 gardens to look at. Tickets are £5 each and will be available on the day from the village hall. Proceeds are for church and community funds

We have recently celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday but her official birthday is on 11th June, so celebrations will continue then. To mark this event there will be a tea party in the churchyard on Sunday 12th June from 3 to 5pm. More details later but remember the date.

David Newell

## Project St. Mary's

We are continuing with our successful fundraising events with a WINE TASTING Evening to be held on Saturday 11th June 6 – 8pm at PAINSWICK MILL by kind permission of David Vyvyan-Robinson and Alta Thorne.

To tantalise the taste buds, canapes will be served and an interesting and varied range of wines will be on offer by Majestic Wines. Tickets at £20 are limited and therefore sold on a first come basis, available from:

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23rd May	
20th June	
	Pulse Leadership Academy Dates
23rd May	
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For more information, contact:  
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## Messy Saturday Fun



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Messy Church is a family event so all  
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Queries to Fiona Gill:  
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Next Messy Church: Thursday 9th June at  
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# Letters

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*John Sidwell of Cheltenham Road writes*

It is obvious that the powers that be at Stroud District Council are totally out of touch with their taxpayers (their customers) and indeed Mother Nature.

Why should they expect people with small gardens and OAP's to pay £50 per year for collecting their garden waste? Furthermore as someone who has paid my £50, do they not know that nature does not fit in with their twice a month slot and that 70% of garden waste falls in the autumn. PLEASE THINK AGAIN Councillors – Come into the real world.

*Ros Harris of Butt Green writes*

So good to read of the presentation of the Legion d'Honneur to Percy Franklin in recognition of his courageous service during the liberation of France in 1944. After early days with The Glosters, he had to face terrible battles across Normandy to Caen and later was seriously wounded.

My father, the late Major Pat Angier of The Glosters, served in WW 2, was severely injured in Italy and later fought in the Korean War, where he was tragically killed in the battle of Imjin River, so our family empathise with the experiences of Percy. He is indeed to be honoured.

## Pat Francis steps down

Volunteers and Trustees gathered on March 23rd to thank Pat Francis for her work with the Community Library over five years. Pat is stepping down as a Trustee and as our Librarian, but thankfully for us her expertise will not be lost to the library altogether as she will still be a volunteer and look after book stocks. Our photo shows Pat receiving a bouquet.

*Ian Cridland*

## Library News

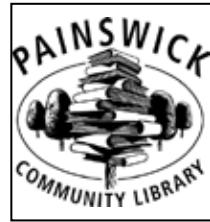
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### All the other things the Library offers

Of course, most of you come to borrow books, but remember we also (on Wednesdays and Fridays) have "The Times"; we also have the weekly local papers and the monthly "Which?" magazine, plus "Cotswold Life" and other local magazines. Our computers are available on presentation of your library card, and there is free Wi-fi for your own device. Laminating, scanning, copying and printing are also available. Please ask the counter volunteers if you need any help.

### Reading Well for Young People – "Shelf Help"

These are Books on Prescription for younger people who may find the subject matter useful – books on subjects such as bullying, self-confidence, body image, eating disorder, self harm, and stress. Find them in the Teen section of the Library.

### Library Survey

Thanks to those who took time to complete the on-line library survey. The overall response rate was 52%. The results were encouraging, the percentages giving "very good" or "good" responses were: Customer care – 100%; Choice of books 94% Computer facilities 82% Information provided 92% and overall 100%. There were some comments about our opening hours, which a few people would like to see extended. The Trustees will be looking at all comments and we will let you know the outcome.

### New Books this month include:

**Adult non-fiction:** June Bomford "Up with the Lark"; Oliver Sachs "On the Move"

**Adult Fiction:** Helen Dunmore "Exposure"; Phillipa Gregory "The Taming of the Queen"; Peter May, "Coffin Road" Chigozie Obiama, "The Fishermen", Alexander McCall Smith "Emma"; Sarah Winman, "A Year of Marvellous Ways"

**Junior Fiction:** (Picture Books) Ian Beck, "The Ugly Duckling"; Alison Edgson, "The Very Grumpy Day"; Pamela Butchart, "Never Tickle a Tiger"; Beatrix Potter, "The Tale of the Naughty Little Rabbit". (Board Books) Rev W Awdry "Henry the Smart Green Engine"; Alice Schertle, "Little Blue Truck"

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*Ian Cridland*



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# Art Couture Painswick - 17th July 2016

Where has the time gone since our last festival in 2014 when Painswick was set alight, bursting with flamboyant vibrancy and the creativity that is ACP? In that time the ACP Gallery has welcomed thousands of enthusiastic visitors who have come to admire and appreciate the detailed and inventive work behind some past creations. Visitors have been enchanted by Andrew Davidson's quirky woodcut interpretation of festival day in the churchyard, which has been transposed onto tea towels, cushions, mugs and cards. Proceeds from the sale of these items form the basis of a bursary, which will be awarded to a deserving art student later this summer. In keeping with our desire to inspire creativity, ACP has also formed a liaison with the James Dyson Charitable Trust to offer a workshop in June to local secondary students. We hope that some of the artistic genius that first inspired James Dyson will encourage works of art for this year's 'Moving Parts' theme. ACP invites anyone who may qualify to get involved with either of these brilliant initiatives.



On Sunday July 17th there will be something for everyone. The main focus is of course the Churchyard with heaps of interactive family fun, catwalk shows, fabulous live music and the characteristic ACP amazing 'buzz' of creativity. The ever-popular body art will be created in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre. The Churchyard and Beacon Hall attract an entrance fee of £8 for adults or £3 for children (aged 3-18) and students. Advance tickets cost £6 and £2.50 so please check your July edition of the Beacon for details of a special discount voucher and news of other benefits. And Painswick streets will be overflowing with quirky stalls, selling all manner of arts, crafts and food and drink. There is no entry fee to walk the streets!

As a thank you to Painswick residents for their tolerance and invaluable involvement, we would like to invite you all to share a fun evening in the Churchyard on Saturday July 16th at no cost. Mango Jam, band extraordinaire will be leading a sensational musical lineup for your enjoyment. The evening will see a return of the ever popular Cars of Interest, to include fast, funny and fascinating cars. If you are hiding such a car in your garage you are encouraged to get in touch with Mike Hill at [mikehillhk@gmail.com](mailto:mikehillhk@gmail.com).

The ACP gallery is now open every day and we are thrilled to have the assistance of some creative young minds. Rosanna our Gallery Manager and Milly our Intern, have both come to us through "Create Gloucestershire". If you would like to be involved in the festival please do pop in and register your interest. You will also find inspiration for wearable art, or a unique gift from our original artists.

If you would like to enter the competition, busk at the event, volunteer at the Festival, have a car of interest, help with sponsorship, sign up for the Dyson Workshop, or apply for the Andrew Davidson bursary, please contact Rosanna or Milly in the Gallery on 01452 814522, or e mail [galleryacp@gmail.com](mailto:galleryacp@gmail.com). Or visit our website [www.canvasforcreativity.com](http://www.canvasforcreativity.com). We would love to hear from you

Libby Graesser

## Community Lunches 2015-2016

Our season's lunches finished before Easter— raising an excellent total of £1450—the same as last year. David Linsell, our Treasurer, has handed over the money to each of the 3 local recipients. Cup Cakes for Carers were happy to receive £225. Their monetary needs are not great – hiring a room in the Painswick Centre once a month, and providing refreshments for the carers who are able to come and share. Our village has many such carers, though not all feel able to take this time off. The second recipient - of £725 - is Play Painswick which is a village group working (through the Parish Council) to improve facilities on the Rec which they hope to be installed before summer. This year there is a third recipient – the Painswick Surgery Equipment Fund who are receiving £500. This fund is used to provide extra equipment or facilities in the Surgery at Hoyland House

Very many thanks to ALL the 20 clubs, societies and groups who have hosted the lunches. Particular thanks to the Painswick Valley Conservation Society who are bowing out this year after many years of volunteering as hosts once a year. We are thus in need of one more group to volunteer to host one Monday. Thanks, too, to ALL the folk who supported by coming to the Ashwell centre every Monday lunch from October to March to enjoy the home-made vegetable soups, fresh bread, butter & cheese.

Our new season for 2016/17 begins on Monday October 3rd this year – 12noon to 1.15pm at Ashwell – open to EVERYONE. If you have any suggestions for recipients of next year's money, do please contact us!

*Rita Bishop , Coordinator –(814205)  
David Linsell, Treasurer – (812464)*



Martin Slinger, Parish Council Chairman, receives a cheque for Play Painswick from David Linsell and Rita Bishop

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## Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

**Activities:** Recent PBCG work parties have been clearing pine and other trees from a gully that leads off the parking area nearest to the Hill Fort and Catbrain Quarry. You may have seen, and wondered about the blue painted stumps there? The blue is a marker dye so that the chemical treatment of the stumps - a requirement of Natural England who oversee all work on the Beacon - can be accurately focused and not spilt or sprayed elsewhere. The chemical should prevent re-growth, and has worked well in other areas.

Grazing on the Beacon will be in its fourth season this year (providing we can source suitable cattle) and we hope you have already noticed the increase in flowering plants in the areas where the grass is now shorter and finer; having been grazed two or three times.

**Fly tipping:** it has been disappointing that more tipping has occurred recently on the Beacon, at three locations. One crumb of comfort was the discovery of paperwork suggesting where one dumping might have come from. This was quickly passed to the police and on to the specialists who follow it up. PBCG members will be at the Beacon clear up at 2 pm on Sunday May 8th; see also Peter Rowe's appeal for helpers. We hope to see you there.



**Promotion:** PBCG Committee Members helped at the Rococo garden on 19th April when the Conservation Board, in celebration of fifty years of the AONB, brought their Road Show. PBCG took the opportunity to exhibit photos of the work we do and to display some of the tools we use. BBC Gloucester were there so, as well as detailing our activities, our 'cattle man' Derek Wakefield-Brown took the opportunity to make a plea for cows that could graze the paddocks for us this year. Do you know where we might get half a dozen or so, preferably hardy or endangered species like Gloucester or Belted Galloways to come and start munching in August? At the Rococo event two people said they were each willing to buy a suitable animal for grazing the Beacon and elsewhere. If three more readers were similarly inclined.....

*Paul Baxter and David Allott, Committee Members*

## Cup Cakes for Carers



The picture alongside shows Patricia Burrows finding it impossible to accept a yummy cheque from David Linsell and Rita Bishop of Painswick community lunches (see opposite page) as she had her tea pot in one hand and cupcakes in the other! Then David had a brainwave and put the tea pot on the table!

Cupcakes from carers are immensely grateful for the cheque from that hard-working lunch group which will enable them to continue offering monthly support to people who look after disabled or ill family members or friends and find a chat in friendly surroundings may give a little relief.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 2 to 4.30pm at the Green Room in the Painswick Centre where there is a stairlift. Tel. 813326 or just drop in.

*Pat Burrows*



## The greengrocer - Painswick's loss

In the March Beacon we reported on the welcome opening of Harry Clifford's greengrocery in St Mary's Street. Sadly, despite loyal support from a number of Painswick residents, there was not enough to make the business sustainable. With significant amounts of unsold produce having to be disposed of on a regular basis Harry has, reluctantly, had to close his little shop.

It is sad that this enterprising young man (Harry is 18 years old) who was keen to provide Painswick with such an excellent service has not been able to continue his business. He had hoped it would be a reasonably long-term and developing enterprise. However, without proper continuous local support his shop, like all our businesses, could not survive. It is yet again a matter of 'Use it or lose it' and this time it is definitely Painswick's loss.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# Painswick Gardening Club

## Splendiferous Scents of Spring

I'm sat in the garden writing this on the most glorious Spring morning, completely surrounded by beautiful birdsong; absolutely wonderful. I feel very lucky.

Lovely to see so many Members and Visitors in the Church Rooms for Gail Plant's talk about scented treasures in the garden - what a fascinating epic it proved to be and could so easily have gone on long into the night! Gail is obviously a very passionate plantswoman and it was great to have a more interactive talk, touching and smelling the plants, some nicer than others! I've grown lavender and rosemary for years and never before have I thought to put the two together for scent....I will now!

We are always delighted to welcome back Steve Quinton, Head Gardener for the Rococo Garden (and Committee Member) and he returns as our speaker for May (11th May, Church Rooms, 7.30pm). Come along to share a lovely evening hearing about work in progress and plans for the future....and, of course, a nice cup of tea or coffee and a chat with likeminded friends and neighbours.

And on the subject of tea and coffee, just add homemade cake and plants and you have the recipe for a perfect afternoon! Our plant sale on 28th May (1pm in the Church Rooms) has 'grown' again! We are delighted to be selling plants from Miserden Nursery (newly taken over), alongside Rococo, Hoo House and Shady Plants Nurseries and, all being well, a few seedlings and rooted cuttings donated by Members. It's not too late to offer an extra pair of hands to help on the day.

Committee Members are chuffed that there has been so much interest in the trip to the Laskett Garden on the afternoon of the 26th May (see the April Beacon article or the website for details). If you would like to join us please get in touch by email ([thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com)) or speak to one of us at the May meeting.

Even though the days are getting noticeably longer I still don't have enough daylight hours to do everything I want to do (my Husband has suggested a head torch!!) so I'm off now to pop in another batch of sweet pea seed in an attempt to extend their delicious fragrance for as long as possible this summer.

*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*

## PROPERTY REPORT for April from Murrays

Murrays have again had a very successful few months with sales, viewings and new properties coming to the market all on the up. We have been particularly busy in March trying to complete on second homes or buy to lets by the end of the month because of the change in stamp duty – some solicitors reported 30 plus properties each all trying to exchange and complete before the deadline.

Nationwide have reported that the price of a typical UK home increased by 0.8% in March, while the annual rate of house price growth rose to 5.7%, the strongest pace since February 2015 up from 4.8% the previous month. There has been a pickup in housing market activity in recent months, with the number of housing transactions and mortgage approvals rising strongly. This is likely to have been driven, at least in part, by the changes to stamp duty on second homes.

Murrays are delighted to be a major supporter of The ACP Festival in Painswick which will be taking place over the weekend of the 16th and 17th July and will be presenting a prize on the main stage. We will also be running a stall which we will be sharing with my sister Fiona's local vineyard "Woodchester Valley Vineyards" all home grown in Amberley, Woodchester and Stonehouse so we look forward to seeing you all there for a tasting!! I am also doing race for life this year for Cancer Research UK on the 2nd and 3rd of July so would love some support – we have a collection pot in all of our offices so please pop in and donate to a very worthy cause.

We have again taken on lots of lovely new properties over the past few months including 2 Washwell Cottages, a spacious 3 bedroom cottage with good size garden on Cheltenham Road in Painswick, Cotswold Villa, a handsome detached 3 bed house in Gloucester Street, Painswick (already under offer), Black Horse Cottage, a beautifully presented and spacious 3 bedroom apartment with parking in the centre of the village above the Hairdressers, No.1 Cheltenham Road, a spacious detached property with large commercial premises downstairs and split level 3 bed apartment upstairs in Painswick, 14 Gyde House, a contemporary 2 bed apartment in the sought after development of Gyde House on the outskirts of Painswick, Tansley, a modern semi detached 3 bed property in a lovely elevated position with fantastic far reaching views and large garden on Halfway Pitch in Pitchcombe, 6 Haresfield Court, a large 2 bed apartment with ecclesiastical hallway and lovely views in Haresfield, 4 Ashgrove Cottages, a smart 2 bedroom terraced cottage in Ruscombe (already under offer) and Ashleigh a modern 5 bedroom family house in immaculate condition in Randwick (already under offer).

Properties that we currently have under offer are Cotswold Villa on Gloucester Street, 4 Stroud Road, Painswick, St Andrews on New Street, Painswick, Mount Pleasant Cottage on Vicarage Street, Painswick, Chessed in Slad, Oak End House in Elmore, 4 Ashgrove Cottages in Ruscombe and Ashleigh in Randwick. Properties that have now sold are Pear Tree Cottage in Vicarage Street, Painswick, Sunnybank on Halfway Pitch, Pitchcombe and 7 Haresfield Court in Haresfield.

*James C Murray – Director.*

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<b>MAY</b>				
Sat	<b>7</b>	Painswick Music Society Concert: Benjamin Grosvenor (Piano)	St. Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	<b>8</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion Painswick Beacon clear-up: meet at car park near Catbrain Quarry	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Painswick Beacon	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 2.00pm
Mon	<b>9</b>	Bird Club: Cotswold Water Park Field Trip & Guided Walk. Tel. 812951 Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Probus Women: Ride Around England - Mr Reddaway Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	meet at Neigh Bridge Car Park Pitchcombe Vill. Hall	9.30am 9.50 to 11.30am
		Community Choir Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Church Rooms Library Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.00am 10.00am to 12.00noon 10.30am and 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	<b>10</b>	Make & Cake Group  Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326 Local History Society Outing - Gloucester Cathedral Bingo: Tuesdays	Youth & Community Pavilion Painswick Centre Town Hall P. Centre Green Room	10.00am to 12 noon 10.00am 1.45 for 2.00pm 2.00 to 4.30pm
Wed	<b>11</b>	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book: 07810 725772 or via website: <a href="http://www.botanic-illustration.co.uk">www.botanic-illustration.co.uk</a> Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Anything is Possible - An Ironman Journey - Nik Marsh Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays Holy Communion Table Tennis - Wednesdays Gardening Club: 'The Rococo Garden' - Steve Quinton (Head Gardener)	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Croft School St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 10.30am to 12noon 12.00 noon 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	<b>12</b>	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or <a href="mailto:nmarshes@hotmail.com">nmarshes@hotmail.com</a> Music Appreciation Group: AGM	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	<b>13</b>	Country Market: Every Friday: Coffee Available	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sun	<b>15</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Christian Aid Service	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Catholic Church	9.30 to 11.00am 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 6.30pm
Wed	<b>18</b>	Evening Prayer Parish Council Annual Meeting	St Mary's Church Town Hall	6.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	<b>19</b>	Christian Aid Week: Salmon Supper	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	<b>20</b>	Friday Club Outing to Evesham Country Park Christian Aid Garden Shop, Ploughman's Lunches, Afternoon Teas.	Stamages Car Park Church Rooms	10.00am 11.00am to 4.00pm



		On Fire: Music, Prayer, Praise, Participation & Pizza for Youth & Adult	Church Rooms	7.00 to 8.30pm
Sat	<b>21</b>	<b>Copy Date for June Beacon</b> Christian Aid Week: St Mary's Church Tower Tours Messy Church Saturday Fun Day Painswick Bowling Club Open Day - All welcome Christian Aid Garden Shop, Ploughman's Lunches, Afternoon Teas.	St Mary's Church Recreation Ground P. Bowling Club Church Rooms	Morning 10.30am to 12.30 11.00am to 4.00pm 11.00am to 4.00pm
Sun	<b>22</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise Falcon Bowls Club Family Fun Day	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Falcon Bowls Club	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Tue	<b>24</b>	Yew Trees W.I.: Carson & I: My short Career in Service - Matthew Gacek	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	<b>25</b>	Probus: Pub Signs - Angela Panrucker	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	<b>26</b>	Theatre Club trip to Stratford - Cymbeline Gardening Club visit to the Laskett Garden Painswick Players: contact Sue: 01452 676723	Stamages Car Park Laskett Garden	10.00am 2.30 to 4.30pm 7.15pm
Sun	<b>29</b>	Mass Benefice Holy Communion	Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.30am 10.00am
Tue	<b>31</b>	Cotswold Naturalists' coach trip to Stourhead, then Hauser & Wirth Garden & Gallery. Enq. 813228	Stamages Car Park	

## JUNE

Thu	<b>2</b>	Cotswold Naturalists': Talk on Viniculture & Woodchester Valley Vineyard wine-tasting. Enq. 07712591 032	Woodchester Valley Village	5.15pm
Fri	<b>3</b>	Friday Club: Village Shop - Marion Beagley	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	<b>4</b>	<b>June Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Mon	<b>6</b>	Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344	Library	10.00am to 12.00noon
Wed	<b>8</b>	Probus: Funerals - Celebration of Life? The Changing Face of 'The Dismal Trade' - James Showers Gardening Club: 'NGS Gardens' - Norman Jeffery OBE (County Organiser) & AGM	Painswick Centre	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	<b>9</b>	Probus Women visit to Kelmscott Manor	Kelmscott	10.30am
Fri	<b>10</b>	Much Ado About Nothing - The Handlebards Scratch Theatre Co. - Heads & Tales - double bill of one-act plays by Alan Ayckbourn & Alan Bennett	Rococo Garden Painswick Centre Beacon Hall	6.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	<b>11</b>	Richard The Third - The Handlebards	Rococo Garden	6.30pm
Wed	<b>15</b>	Cotswold Naturalists' Coach Trip to Croome House & Park (NT) Enq. 01453 298732	Stamages Car Park	
Fri	<b>17</b>	On Fire: Music, Prayer, Praise, Participation & Pizza for Youth & Adult Friday Club: George Formby - (Tea Party)	Church Rooms Town Hall	7.00 to 8.30pm 2.30pm

## JULY

Fri	<b>1</b>	Painswick Golf Club: 125th Anniversary Summer Ball: Tel: 812180 for Tickets	Golf Club	7.30pm to 12.00
Sat	<b>2</b>	Painswick Golf Club 125th Anniversary Open golf Competition; Tel: 812180 for entry forms	Golf Club	

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# PLANNING MATTERS

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

- S.16/0576/HHOLD SETONFIELD, Vicarage Street  
Create a door of property, first floor level in order to gain access to rear garden. Standard height glazed door and frame with steel framed walkway and handrails.
- S.16/0408/HHOLD THE WITHYHOLT, Paul Mead, Edge  
Alterations will include a new front porch, a replacement 2 storey conservatory, a replacement rear pitched roof, replacement veranda glazing and replacement windows.
- S.16/0533/COU MEADOW BANK, Kings Mill Lane  
Change of use from C2 (Mental Health Residential Care Home) to C3 (Residential Dwelling).
- S.16/0447/HHOLD HALFPENNY COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane  
Removal of existing and replacement of garden shed.
- S.16/0572/HHOLD BANKSIDE, Kings Mill Lane  
Loft conversion with dormer and gable window.
- S.16/0543/HHOLD WASHBROOK MILL, Edge Road  
Extensions to property, double garage and landscaping (revised scheme).
- S.16/0650/TCA WORDINGS ORCHARD, Sheepscombe  
T1 Yew – Reduce crown to 10m height, max 12m lateral spread.
- S.16/0653/FUL HAMMONDS FARM, Wick Street  
Change of use of existing farmhouse (C3) to an 8 bed Guest House (C1).
- S.16/0630/HHOLD 15 CHURCHILL WAY  
Single storey extension. Erection of entrance porch.
- S.16/0506/HHOLD QUIETWAYS, The Highlands  
Erection of a single garage.
- S.16/0734/FUL LAND ADJOINING PAINSWICK MILL, Ticklestone Lane  
Revised 'as built' details and siting of stables to planning consent.
- S.15/0745/FUL S.16/0713/HHOLD GREENAWAY, Lower Washwell Lane  
Single storey extension.
- S.16/0657/HHOLD VINERS WOOD HOUSE, Wick Street  
Loft conversion with side dormer and skylights. Existing door replaced by window. Existing window in side elevation replaced by doors. Retaining wall to provide access path to new entry door.
- S.16/0763/FUL HANLEY HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Replacement dwelling. Retrospective application following rebuilding of the dwelling. (Hanley House known as Norway House).

- S.16/0833/LBC THE MANSE, Gloucester Street  
Replacement of external doors and windows.
- S.16/0829/LBC SHETLANDS, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Application to install 12mm thick Slimline gas filled Double Glazing to replace single glazing in approved window frames.
- S.16/0830/LBC SHETLANDS, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Application to install single Conservation Rooflight.
- S.16/0774/HHOLD GREENBANKS, Blakewell Mead  
To demolish existing pre-fabricated bolt together garage and build new.
- S.16/0716/LBC FLAT 16, GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road  
Erect a gas pipeline from the gas mains box.
- ## CONSENT
- S.16/0033/HHOLD 3 FAR END COTTAGES, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Installation of a new oil tank and external boiler.
- S.16/0215/HHOLD BONDSGROVE, Slad Road, Slad  
Erection of a two storey extension (demolition of the existing single storey section).
- S.16/0381/TPO ST MARYS MEAD, Roadside Boundary  
Horse Chestnut – Reduce crown to include removal of all re-growth from previous reduction points, cutting back to strong secondary growth. Crown lift up to 5m over road and 3m over grass.
- S.16/0213/HHOLD APPLEWAYS, Gloucester Street  
To erect a mono-pitched timber framed/clad art-studio on 'screw piling' to the front of the property.
- S.160383/VAR DROVERS CORNER, Longridge, Sheepscombe  
Extensions and alterations to existing house.
- S.16/0650/TCA WORDINGS ORCHARD, Sheepscombe  
T1 Yew – Reduce crown to 10m height, max 12m lateral spread.
- ## WITHDRAWN
- S.16/0310/FUL HAMMONDS FARM, Wick Street  
Change of use from private dwelling (C3) to 8 bedroom guest house (C1) and internal alterations. Conversion of two outbuildings/stores into a one storey self-contained flat.
- S.16/0260/HHOLD GREENAWAY HOUSE, Lower Washwell Lane  
Single storey extension.
- S.16/0408/HHOLD THE WITHYHOLT, Paul Mead, Edge  
Alterations will include a new front porch, a replacement 2 storey conservatory, a replacement rear pitched roof, replacement veranda glazing and replacement windows.

## MINI-ADS

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# The Personal Column

## Condolences

To the family and friends of FRED JONES who died suddenly in March while out in Gloucester. Fred was the organist and choir master at St Mary's some years ago. More recently Fred has been playing for services at Sheepscombe. A thanksgiving service for Fred's life was held at St Mary's on April 12th.

To the family and friends of BARBARA LEGH-SMITH who died peacefully at home in Painswick on Easter Sunday. Barbara had celebrated her 105th birthday last December.

To the family and friends of JUNE STANGROOM who passed away peacefully on March 12th aged 90 years. Her funeral took place on April 1st at St Mary's.

*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.*

## A lovely celebration

A splendid party took place at the Golf Club on Thursday, 7th April. The occasion was Mrs Joan Wood's 99th birthday – an achievement certainly worth celebrating which she did with about 30 guests, both family and friends. The food was provided by the Golf Club and was much appreciated by all.

Joan probably has the honour of having lived in Painswick longer than anyone else. She was born here and, except for a short spell when she lived in Canada with her son, she has always lived here. She has a wealth of fascinating memories of Painswick life spanning many decades. We wish her many happy returns.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Thank You

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