

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## 17.5 Metre Mobile Phone Mast proposed for Rec Concern at Council use of confidentiality

Residents in Lower Washwell Lane and Vicarage Street have reacted angrily to proposals that have emerged for a 17.5 metre mobile phone mast to be erected on the Recreation Ground. The proposals were first discussed at a meeting of the Recreation Ground trustees in March, from which the press and public were excluded on grounds of confidentiality. The Parish Council is the trustee of the Recreation Ground. Now nearby residents have received a letter from Pegasus Planning Consultants, working with a company called 'Shared Access' that is preparing a planning application.

The mast would be to improve coverage for Vodafone and O2 customers, as well as for providers that use their network, including Giffgaff and Tesco Mobile amongst others. It would be sited in the bottom corner of the Rec, close to the back gardens of houses in both Lower Washwell Lane and Vicarage Street. The height of 17.5 metres is said to be 'the minimum height possible to achieve the required radio coverage'. Local residents point out that at that height, as well as dominating the immediate area, the mast would be clearly visible even from the other side of the valley at Longridge.

The consultation period offered by Pegasus runs for two weeks from the date of the letter sent out on 21st April, and ends on 5th May. It is only because this edition of the Beacon is publishing a week early that we are able to report details of the proposals before the end of the consultation period. More information is available on the Parish Council's website at <http://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk>, and comments can be sent to [rachel.morrison@pegasuspg.co.uk](mailto:rachel.morrison@pegasuspg.co.uk) or by phone to 01454 625945.

Parish Council Clerk, Roy Balgobin, told the Beacon that if the Recreation Ground trustees decided to proceed with approval for the mast, an application for the erection of the mast would be the subject of normal planning procedures when the public would have the opportunity to comment before a recommendation was made by the Parish Council to the District Council Planning Authority, which would determine whether or not consent would be given.

## Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 17th May

The Parish Council is changing the format of the meeting in that it will hold a "drop-in" session between 7pm and 9pm on Wednesday 17th May in the Town Hall. Refreshments by way of tea and coffee will be provided. It is anticipated that a range of groups will attend and will explain their functions to the members of the public.



A 'Jupiter Pole' mast of the type proposed for the Rec



Decorated eggs from the Painswick Easter Egg Hunt on display in the Pharmacy window. See page 10

## County Council Elections Thursday 4th May

In previous years the publication date of the Beacon on the first Saturday of the month has made it difficult to cover elections, often held on the first Thursday. To remedy this and meet what we see as part of our public service role, we are publishing this issue a week early, ahead of the County Council elections on Thursday 4th May. We would like to thank our contributors and our deliverers for their help and flexibility in achieving this. Our election feature is on pages 12 and 13.

As we go to press, a General Election has been called for June 8th. The first Saturday falls on June 3rd, so there will be no further change to our normal schedule, although we may by then all have had enough of politics!

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on April 19th by Mike Kerton

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

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

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

There were several members of the public present who wished to raise questions regarding Planning Application S. 17/0792/OUT, an outline application for access to land between the properties of Howbeg and Atlanta, Stamages Lane. Although the application included the building of a single storey four bedroom detached dwelling the outline permission was for access only. Concerns were raised over the fact that the application left a significant portion of the land "landlocked" thus raising the suspicion that if access was granted then a further planning application, to build further properties, would be submitted. Committee Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis thanked the members of the public for expressing their concerns and confirmed that the points raised would be discussed by the Planning Committee when considering the application.

Cllr Rob Lewis then opened the Meeting.

#### Apologies for absence

Deputy Clerk Irena Litton advised the Meeting that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Steve Morris and Roey Parker. The Council accepted these apologies.

#### Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda

Cllr Abigail Smith declared an interest in the Application for the Annexe in Gloucester Street.

#### Matters requiring a decision

There were six matters requiring a decision:

- S.17/0620/OUT. Westmorland House, Kingsmead. Erection of dwelling, access included at this stage. All other matters reserved. Unanimous support.
- S17/0792/OUT Land to the East of Stamages Lane. Single four bedroom detached dwelling. Cllr Abigail Smith drew the Council's attention to the fact that although the application was "for access only to the site" the point of access

was not shown on the plans submitted. After some discussion the Council, after taking into account the comments made by the members of the public present, unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of the Application. Cllr Ian James stressed the need for those members of the public present at the Meeting to send their objections to Stroud District Council.

• S.17/0759/HHOLD Worgans Barn, Folly Lane. Removal of existing lean-to outbuilding, construction of two storey extension and alteration. The installation of new sewage treatment plant. Unanimous Support.

• S.17/0722/COU Annexe, Downton House, Gloucester Street. Change of use from an office to a unit used for counselling and therapeutic massage sessions. (Retrospective) Cllr Abigail Smith left the Meeting before any discussion took place. Unanimous Support. Cllr Abigail Smith then returned to the Meeting.

• S.17/0691/VAR Hammonds Farm, Wick Street. After some discussion the Council unanimously agreed "No Comment".

• S.17/0724/CPE Workshop to North of Hill Farm. Use as a builder's and carpenter's workshop. The Council agreed that there was no reason to object to the necessary Certificate being issued.

### PARISH COUNCIL

A member of the public, David Allott, stated that he and the late Alan Hudson had voluntarily cleared weeds from the Cheltenham Road pavement. He was looking for a volunteer(s) to replace Alan Hudson. See letter from David Allott on page 11 that explains the role of the volunteers.

Chairman Martin Slinger then opened the Meeting.

#### Apologies for absence

The Deputy Clerk Irena Litton advised the Meeting that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mike Fletcher,

Steve Morris, Roey Parker and District Councillor Julie Job. The Council accepted these apologies.

#### Matters of Urgency

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger advised the Meeting that a letter had been received concerning the 2017 "Village of the Year" Competition and he asked whether the Council wished to take part. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would investigate and make a recommendation to the Council.

#### To accept the resignation of Cllr John Clifford

Cllr John Clifford had resigned as he no longer worked in the Patchwork Mouse. His letter of resignation was accepted. Cllr Rob Lewis thanked him for his contribution to the Finance Committee.

#### To consider any applications for Co-Option

Deputy Clerk Irena Litton read out details of the history of a person who had put themselves forward for co-option to the Council. The Council agreed to invite the person to a Council Meeting which would allow Cllrs to meet the Applicant.

#### To consider correspondence regarding road sweeping in Gloucester Street

Local resident, Ross Munro of Gloucester Street, had written to the local District Councillors to complain about the standard of road sweeping in Gloucester Street. This was mainly due to the failure of the District Council to leaflet vehicles that regularly parked on the road advising them of the date the road would be swept. As a consequence there are deep piles of rotten vegetation in the gutter under parked cars.

To assist the District Council Mr Munro volunteered to store a scripted A board with a notice of intention to road sweep. He would put the A board below the first parking slot on the day before the road was swept. The District Council agreed to sweep Gloucester Street but would leaflet vehicles prior to sweeping. Although

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Gloucester Street has now been swept the work could not be fully completed due to parked vehicles. The matter is to be further discussed with the District Council.

To consider correspondence regarding Police Reporting

Both the Parish Council and the Beacon have been pressing for the Police to produce regular updates on local Policing. A reply has now been received from District Councillor Keith Pearson who is a member of the Police and Crime Panel. In his reply he states that changes have been made to the Police and Crime Plan that allow more time for the Police and PCSO's to deal with local policing. As a result the regular updates to Parish Councils have at present been dropped. Within the budget there is a plan to recruit more Officers this year. It may be that in the future the visits are reinstated. As a member of the Police and Crime Panel, he confirms that he will raise the issue with Martin Surl's (Police and Crime Commissioner) team at the next Meeting. He hopes that if nothing else a commitment may be made to e-mail monthly written reports.

Deputy Clerk Irena Litton advised the Meeting that a Mobile Police Station would be parked in Stamages Lane car park between the hours of 09.30 - 12.00 on Friday the 21st April. After discussing this matter the Council resolved to send a strongly worded letter of complaint about the withdrawal of monthly Police reports.

County Councillor's report

The local County Cllr was not present at the Meeting nor had a written report been submitted.

District Councillor's report

District Cllr Nigel Cooper spoke about the impact of the revised waste collection scheme introduced in 2016. When the scheme was introduced the savings were estimated to be £200k but instead there was an increase in costs of £230k. This has now increased to £400k and the District

Council needs to increase its budget to cover the shortfall. The "Brown Bin" scheme which was designed to collect garden waste, and to be self funding, either needs to be scrapped, redesigned or the cost to householders who joined the scheme increased.

To approve the recommendations from the Rural Environment Committee, from their Meeting held on the 5th April 2017

The recommendation of the Committee was that the Parish Council do not support the proposal to divert MPA 135 on the Painswick Golf Course. The Committee's reasons for the recommendation were:

1. That the bridleway MPA 135 lies on the Cotswold Way which is a path of national importance.
2. The designated footpaths and bridleways on the Painswick Beacon Common have no relevance in law, given the right of unfettered access accorded to the general public by the Painswick Manorship. Any diversion could be misinterpreted that walkers and others users are required to stick to using only the paths.
3. The current path is wide and in the open and popular with riders. The diversion to the lower bridleway (MPA 133) would be both disadvantageous and less attractive because it is narrow, muddy and in a wooded area.
4. The issues regarding safety for users of the Common are not isolated to this one area, it is an issue for much of the Common which shares the space with golfers.

The Committee wished to add that instead of a diversion, if all users were to be tolerant and give each other some mutual respect, that would be a far better outcome for everyone. To address this particular issue, the Committee recommends that signage is installed to warn 'Golfers' that walkers and other users could be in the area, so take care. Plus the installation of steps similar to those already used at the

17th tee. The Council unanimously agreed to support the recommendation.

To adopt the General Power of Competency

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt this policy. Details can be found on the Parish Council's web site.

To consider and adopt the Health and Safety policy

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the policy. Details can be found on the Parish Council's web site.

To consider and adopt the Equality policy

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the policy. Details can be found on the Parish Council's web site.

To consider and adopt the Community Engagement policy

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the policy. Details can be found on the Parish Council's web site.

Responsible Financial Officer Report

The Council agreed the payment of various invoices

Ward Reports

Cllr Rob Lewis was concerned about the safety of pedestrians at the recent Easter Egg Hunt. The event had drawn large crowds many of whom walked and stood in the roads rather than on the pavements. He recommended that in future years the organisers contact the local PCSO and Neighbourhood Warden to help with traffic and pedestrian control.

Cllr Abigail Smith was still concerned over the ongoing problems of dog fouling Cllr Ann Daniels reported a sudden increase in fly tipping.

Cllr Martin Slinger stated that there had been nine burglaries reported in Edge.

The meeting then moved on to a Confidential Agenda item - To consider and approve the staffing group's recommendations. Members of the public and the press were asked to leave the Meeting.



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## A Sumptuous Violin Recital at St. Mary's Church

Tasmin Little, returning like an old friend for her fourth visit, delighted a capacity audience in the first of Painswick Music Society's series of concerts for the Spring of 2017. In her lively and humorous introductions to the music, one was immediately aware of the passionate communicator who launched the project, *The Naked Violinist*, a free CD download designed to break down barriers to classical music.

Accompanied by the pianist, John Lenehan, Tasmin treated us to a breathtaking display of impassioned violin playing, her rich tonal palette wonderfully evoking the varied moods of the music. The term, 'Accompanist', would hardly do justice to John Lenehan's part in the recital. In both Schubert's Rondo Brillante and Franck's Sonata, he displayed prodigious technical skill, negotiating with ease the rapid and complicated passage work. The concert was very much a duo performance by two highly accomplished musicians.

The deep rapport between violinist and pianist inspired performances in which the musical ideas were beautifully integrated. This was especially apparent in the soul-searching of John Ireland's little-known First Sonata and in the ravishing intimacy of Fauré's Romance.

In the Frere Jacques style, canonical finale of the Franck Sonata, the lovely theme was tossed between violinist and pianist with passion steadily building to an exhilarating ending. Finally, amid rapturous applause, the two performers separately wended their way around the isles of the church, acknowledging rapturous applause. Dragged back by the audience for an encore, the duo let their hair down with a virtuoso rendering of Vittorio Monti's thrilling Czárdás, a wildly emotional Zigeunertanz, which brought the house down.

*Reg Wrathmell*

## Cranham Handbell Ringers New Recruits wanted

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*Jane Shepherd*

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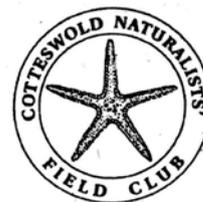
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Come dressed in your Bollywood best. Tickets on sale in the gallery now, pop in, give us a call on 01452 814522 or email [gallery@gmail.com](mailto:gallery@gmail.com). Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or concerns

*Lucy Wilson, ACP Gallery Manager*

## News from the Cotteswold Naturalists

The Cotteswold Naturalists' final lecture before the summer break will be on Wednesday 3rd May when we welcome Professor Jennifer Tann who will talk about 'Pictures and Places; the History of the Gloucestershire Woollen Industry through artists eyes'. The meeting starts at 2.30 pm and concludes with tea and biscuits. Non-members are welcome at our meetings.



At the time of writing, we still have a few places available on our outing by coach on Friday 9th June to the Holst Birthplace Museum in Cheltenham, after which we head to Winchcombe over the lunchbreak. The afternoon will be spent at Stanway House where we have a guided tour of the property and free time to enjoy the remarkable 300-foot fountain & stunning water garden. The coach leaves Stamages Lane car park at 9.20 am and the cost is £37.50; to book please contact Peter Wilson on 01453 834486.

Finally, I am organising a guided walk on Monday morning, 12th June around Roundhouse Lake Nature Reserve, just outside Lechlade. This reserve has not long been managed by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and forms part of the Cotswold Water Park. It is a wonderful example of how careful restoration of gravel pits can result in a perfect environment for wildlife. This is a rare opportunity to experience the reserve's wide range of habitats (as the reserve has limited public access): from lake to grassland, woodland, ponds and reed beds. Led by GWT Warden George Griffiths and CNFC member Susan Bishop, we hope to see orchids, butterflies, dragonflies and birds, including Common Terns, Great Crested Grebe and Little Grebe. If you would like to join us please contact me – we are charging £7 for this visit, so that we can make a donation to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to support their invaluable work in wildlife and habitat conservation.

*Jane E Rowe 813228*

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## Yew Trees Women's Institute All the fun of the fair

What do you recall of the typical sights and smells of a fair? Is it the whirling colour of carousels, waltzers, helter-skelters or the ever popular dodgems? Maybe it is the whiff of candy floss and toffee apples or oil from the steam engines or the evocative sound of the barrel organs? On the 28th March Bill Lane, an honorary member of the Showmen's Guild, showed us what a rich heritage there is connected with fairgrounds. He was passionate in telling us that this must not be allowed to die and he brought excellent scale models of the rides and equipment to illustrate his talk.



At present fairs are under threat from a number of angles. It is becoming increasingly hard to find and hire suitable sites, shopkeepers object to the fairs taking away business from them and young people are not becoming showmen because there are easier ways of making a living. Also fairground rides can cost £180,000 to replace and it is difficult to recoup the costs.

Things have developed considerably since 1351 when the Mop Fairs began and labourers such as maids and agricultural workers, were hired for the coming year. In the late 1890s electric light powered by steam engines became used more generally and the Bioscope showed moving pictures in a travelling cinema. The showmen did an impressive amount of charity work during WW2 raising money for ambulances and a Spitfire. They now help disadvantaged and disabled children to enjoy "All the fun of the Fair" and hydraulics and computers have transformed the equipment.

The next meeting will be on the 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms when Eugene and Margaret Schellenberg will talk about "The Ifakara Bakery Project".

*Janet Jenkins*

## Secrets of a honeymoon suitcase



We rounded off our March programme with a fascinating and often amusing talk by Valerie Trefall on "The Secrets of a Honeymoon Suitcase". Details of what blushing brides from the Victorian era to modern times took on their honeymoons were revealed - often to the embarrassment of the men present!

At the beginning of April Tore Fauske gave a heartfelt illustrated talk on his teenage years in Norway during the German Occupation. He was born in Bergen and witnessed both the invasion by and the surrender of the German forces. He showed us photographs of the Battleship Tirpitz and of the U-Boat pens in Bergen harbour. Like all teenagers he thought it was great fun to poke fun at the German troops but once he was warned by his parents of the consequences such actions could have on both him and his family he stopped. He told us about the allied bombings of the U-Boat pens and the severe rationing imposed on the population. A very moving talk.

Our May programme starts on the 5th with a visit by Carole Holland who will be talking to us about "Nepal - People within a Landscape". It will be an insight into the majesty of the mighty Himalayas and the people whose lives are shaped by the mountains and valleys in which they live. On the 19th our Meeting is being held at Richmond Village when Howard Beard will be speaking on "People of the Stroud Valleys" showing old photos to illustrate his talk.

We look forward to seeing you on both occasions, new members are always welcome.

*Mike Kerton*

## Easter Joy

Arriving just before Easter, these delightful little lambs definitely bring a smile to everyone's face. Mostly born singly or in twos, the threesomes need to be kept inside with their mothers a little longer before going out into the fields. These babies in the barn at Skinners Mill were more than happy to be photographed, and are a reminder of where we are - in the heart of an important agricultural area.

*Carol Maxwell*



## Painswick Educational Trust

Do you need financial help with your studies or training? If you are a young local resident the Trust may be able to help with funding towards books, tools, equipment or travel. Anyone who would like more information or an application form do ring Michael James on 01452 812646 or myself on 01452 812588.

*Joy Edwards*

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## Community Lunches 2016-2017

As reported last month, our season's lunches finished in mid-March—and we now have even more money to distribute - £1750 – as Cup Cakes for Carers has closed and Pat Burrows has returned the unused money which Community Lunches had given. Thus we are distributing to five different local groups, three of which are in the village and two based in Stroud.

Within Painswick **The Friday Club** – which meets in the Town Hall, **Pantastic** – the youth steel band which meets each Thursday evening in the Rec Pavilion and **Painswick Baby & Toddler Group** – which has started up on Friday mornings in the Rec Pavilion since the county-funded group at Croft School closed down, will each be receiving a cheque. **Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau** (full name is Stroud & Cotswold District – though our contribution will be aimed at Stroud itself) and **Stroud Food Bank** will also be receiving cheques.

The new coordinator is Mary Sparks, assisted by Charles Garstang. Our new season for 2017/18 will hopefully begin on Monday October 9th 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 (Retired) Coordinator (814205), Mary Sparks (814169) David Linsell, Treasurer – (812464)*

## Wednesday Ashwell Group

Every Wednesday a group of senior citizens meet at Ashwell House in Painswick. Members arrive at 10 am and leave at 3pm. During the day they enjoy various activities to include memory games, armchair exercises, art and craft, singing, board games and occasional outings and talks. A lunch and refreshments are provided for a small fee. Perhaps the most important aspect of Ashwell is to provide companionship and stimulation.

We are looking for volunteers who with other helpers can look after our group of 10 members at least once a month –for 3 hours in a morning or afternoon and perhaps help with occasional outings. We celebrated Easter with a luncheon for the Members and Helpers, then ended the day with an Easter Bonnet competition.

Volunteering is very rewarding. Please consider joining our group and making a difference. If you are interested in becoming a helper please telephone: Etelle James 01452 813158, Sandra Glass 01452 814186, Chris Nuth 01452 615735.

## Garden Opening Wednesday 17th May 1.30pm – 5pm

For the first time, a Painswick garden is being opened to visitors under the National Garden Scheme. The opening is on Wednesday 17th May. The garden is at Downton House (entrance in Hollyhock Lane). All the money raised will go to the NGS which makes donations to a group of nursing charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and the Carers' Trust. Last year NGS garden openings in Gloucestershire raised over £100,000.

Jane Kilpatrick said, "I was so pleased when my garden was accepted for the NGS. It is an honour to be included in the famous 'Yellow Book', although it is rather nerve-racking getting it all ready. There will be tea and Denise Newman's delicious cakes as an incentive so I do hope people will come and support us. What we need now is a sunny day!"



Jane Kilpatrick 813861



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## PROBUS Women

On 10th April in Painswick Church Rooms we found tables laden down, groaning under the weight of 1950's memorabilia and soon to be echoing with our ooooo's and aaaaaa's of recognition. On hearing exclamations of delight including "I remember them!" "I had one of those!" "Oh! that takes me back!" our Speaker, Virginia Adsett (Those were the Days) eagerly began her talk on the Fabulous 50's, picking up items along the table, chatting with us as we all shared experiences from this decade.



Our Queen's spectacular Coronation, ablaze with colour (except if you were watching on black and white TV!). A welcome glowing beacon out of the gloom of the aftermath of World War II and rationing. Coronation Mugs, Tea-Caddies, Tankards, Tea-Towels displayed plus many more. We recalled fondly; flying ducks, toasting forks, glass bottles for feeding babies milk and towelling nappies; skeins of wool making 'held-out' arms ache whilst another wound into a ball! Gymslips and knitted bathing suits (No! DON'T go in the sea!). And, yes... the lovely liberty bodice!

The 50's witnessed teenagers wanting their own fashion and style. Rock-n-roll music came to the fore. 45's came in. Bill Hayley, Gene Vincent, Elvis, Buddy Holly, Tommy Steele and many more. Drape jackets, blue suede shoes, fluorescent socks and bootlace ties for these lads, not forgetting Brylcreem for that teddy-boy quiff! For the girls; small waists, full starched skirts, clutch bags plus those 'so-essential-for-the-look' high stilettos and pointed toes. Innocent TV such as Mr Pastry, Billy Bunter, Dixon of Dock Green, Bill & Ben (weeened!), Crackerjack! to name a few.

Next meeting Monday 8th May. Talk by Cherry Ann Knott - One Man's passion. Please join us 10.00 for 10.30am Painswick Church Rooms. Guests welcome at £3.

*delia Mason*

## Jottings

Spring is here, and summer hopefully will be soon. All the plants and trees are coming into life. Many of them though may be harmful to animals.

- **Yew** Common in gardens, some hedgerows and churchyards etc. Eating leaves and berries of a bush or tree can be deadly to horses and cattle, and may kill within a day. (1/2 kg can kill a horse)
- **Ragwort** Animals do not usually eat it, but if wilted or dry it becomes more palatable. The poison in the system becomes accumulative over time and destroys the liver; and if eaten in quantity over time it will kill them. All plants should be dug up or cut off at ground level and burnt, but if you do this please wear gloves.
- **Box Privet** If eaten small amounts can be fatal.
- **Creeping Buttercup** Widespread around here, but usually not eaten unless short of grazing. Large amounts can cause trouble in horses and cattle.
- **Acorns** Can lead to colic and poisoning in sheep and horses.
- **Deadly nightshade** Can be toxic if eaten by horses, cattle and sheep. (can make horses unconscious).
- **Clover** Eaten in large amounts can cause bloat and if not treated quickly may cause death.
- **Clover and wild garlic** If eaten in fair amounts, may taint cows' milk, which can be condemned by the dairy.

There are many more

*Martin Slinger*

## Singers at Easter - St. Matthew's Passion

J. S. Bach's St Matthew's Passion is a mighty choral work and the combined forces of The Painswick Singers with The Thameshead Singers performed it mightily well on Good Friday in St. Mary's Church. Gratifyingly it was to a packed audience with standing room taken up. They were accompanied splendidly by The Capriol Chamber Orchestra, leader Johnathan Trim: though these orchestra's forces might not have been able to paint the complete pictures in sound of the biblical scenes that Bach would have written into his score, nevertheless produced a fully creditable sound that was all the choir and soloists needed for a satisfactory performance in St. Mary's Church. The result was much appreciated and respected by a record attendance as an act of worship on Good Friday that Bach intended it to be.

The version of the work performed was written in 78 parts, of which 58 were selected to be sung. It requires two choirs and six soloists of which the central figure is the Evangelist who narrates the story of the Passion. This was sung impressively by tenor Matthew Sandy, a former Choral scholar of King's College Cambridge. The major part of Christus was equally impressively sung by the experienced bass, Chris Hall, who is embarking on a late second career in music. No less impressive were the four other soloists who represented the other people involved in St. Matthew's account: Jessi Pywell soprano, Charlotte Kitson, alto, Alexander Banfield, tenor, and Neil Balfour, bass, who is studying at the Royal Northern College of Music and is already making a name for himself on the operatic stage. However, the rather sparse programme details would have caused some difficulty for the audience in following the progress of the story because, as always when the acoustics are good for music, diction suffers.

The two Choruses, once settled into the first chorale, sang their choruses with conviction in good harmonious balance, all carefully mustered and expertly controlled by conductor Andrew Hopwood on whose shoulders the success of the whole enterprise of this major event rested. They must be well pleased with themselves.

*Maurice Maggs*

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## A Refuge Garden Painswick Designer at the Malvern Show

A garden inspired by the refugee crisis and designed by Painswick garden designer Sue Jollans, will be one of the show gardens at this year's RHS Malvern Spring Festival. Sue's garden at the 2008 show won an RHS Gold Medal as well as being awarded 'Best in Show', but this will be her first show garden since then. It aims to raise support and awareness for the charity Help Refugees UK (<http://www.helprefugees.org.uk/>), which is providing practical help to refugees, particularly at present those fleeing the turmoil in the Middle East.

"People often seem to forget the meaning of the word refugee", says Sue, so the garden will have a central refuge area where Cotswold stone walling and mostly native UK planting will create an area for communal gathering, where bread can be baked in a traditional bread oven. Other elements of the design will reflect traditional Islamic gardens, as well as the perilous journeys undertaken by many refugees. The hard landscaping for the garden is being built by local builders Don, Andy and Simon Juggins.



Sue with Chris Beardshaw in her prize-winning garden at the 2008 Malvern Show

Sue is hoping that it will be possible to rebuild the garden after the show close to a refugee centre, where it can continue to be of practical use long after most show gardens have been demolished. The RHS Malvern Spring Festival runs from 11th to 14th May at the Three Counties showground, Malvern.



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## Celebrating 20 Years at Your Service

It is twenty years since Dr Les Robinson set up his dental practice in Painswick. When Hoyland House was planned to accommodate Painswick's medical services the lower section was designed specifically for a dental practice to be incorporated and Les was instrumental in bringing this about.

Les, who had previously practised in Bristol, explains that it took about 18 months to establish the service to a full-time level but there was an evident need. Most patients were, and indeed still are, from Painswick and all the neighbouring local villages. Eventually, in 2008, the practice moved from Hoyland House to its current premises, Three Gables, on Cheltenham Road which has the advantage of being very visible and of providing complete independence for the practice.

Nowadays single-handed dental practices are declining in numbers and Three Gables is one of the few remaining. It is however in a strong position largely due to the fact that it has continuously evolved and adapted to changes in the market. Three Gables is more than a dental surgery. It is a multi-disciplinary clinic and therein lies its strength. Chloe has been working there as a beautician since 2010, Abi as an osteopath since 2016 and Kate as an acupuncturist also since 2016. All three have well-deserved reputations for excellence in their respective areas of work.



As Les points out, there are therapeutic links between all the functions operating at Three Gables. It is dynamic and effective and a very positive way forward. The team is strong. Apart from Les, Chloe, Abi and Kate, Michelle is the dental hygienist/therapist dealing with cleaning, fillings, cosmetic needs etc. There is Eve, now the practice manager originally a dental nurse and who has been a key member of the team since day one, and of course there are the dental nurses, Sylvi since 2004 and Alison since 2006. This is a service with much to offer therapeutically. Opening times are Monday to Friday with late night Tuesday, plus one Saturday morning per month. Painswick is certainly fortunate to have such a dynamic and effective independent clinical centre in its midst.

*Carol Maxwell*

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## Rural letter boxes under threat?

For some time the letter box at Wick Street Farm in Wick Street has been missing its white enamel plaque which gives the times of collection. Friends and neighbours have assumed this means that the box is out of use. I've persisted in using it - as it's just over a kilometre to walk there and back from ours, it is ideal for a brisk walk when you've got something to post. My efforts were rewarded when one of my visits to the box coincided with the visit from the "postie" who had come to empty it. Glen the postman informed me that the collection time on his list that day was 3:24 pm, and then off he went to empty two other rural pillar boxes in villages outside our area. He also told me that there is an early collection at about 7:30 am by the letter carrier. On Saturdays there is one collection at 12:30.

It seems to me that this is a case of "use it or lose it". It is worrying that the absence of the plaque was reported some time ago and the Post Office has done nothing about it. This reminds me of commercial organizations running down their branches prior to closing them down due to lack of trade. This box is an important community resource. It's also historic as it has "VR" on it and it probably marks the site of the cattle market in Wick Street, which is mentioned in parish documents.

Lydia Savage



## Citizens Advice – Stroud

As I expect you know, our nearest Citizens Advice service is based in Stroud. With continued cuts to public services and ongoing welfare reform, this free, confidential and independent advice service is needed more than ever. While every client comes with their particular problems, the overall complexity of these problems is increasing. Many of us will know what it feels like to be overwhelmed by having to deal with a multiplicity of issues at the same time. It should not surprise us therefore to learn that the service sees an increasing number of people with mental health issues struggling to manage their lives. For me, Citizens Advice is the 4th emergency service.

One thing that most people don't realise is that Citizens Advice is not funded by central government. "Citizens Advice – Stroud" is an independent and local charity – as are the many other Citizens Advice services across the country.

Each year our local Citizens Advice service typically helps 6,000 households in the Stroud and Cotswolds Districts including a number from Painswick. Advice that helps people manage their money and debts, that helps people with employment issues, with housing problems, with relationship issues, with consumer rights issues, and so on. The amount of help that can be given is limited by the funding (that can be found) and volunteer help given. Although Stroud and Cotswold District Councils provide some core funding for their respective districts, without which the service could not survive, other sources are needed too.

I am proud that Painswick has been generous to our local Citizens Advice service. A number of Painswick people directly support the service as volunteers or by donations. I am delighted to report that one of the charities supported by the Community Lunches this year is our local Citizens Advice service.

You have probably gathered that I am involved with "Citizens Advice – Stroud". I help with our local fundraising activities and this year we are organising an "Open Garden" at Ozleworth Park near Wotton-under-Edge (see article right).

Peter Rowe 01452 813228



## Open Garden at Ozleworth Park Sunday 18th June

Open Garden at Ozleworth Park, Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 7QU from 2pm – 5.30pm on Sunday 18th June to raise much-needed funds for Citizens Advice Stroud District.

These are beautiful gardens which have not been open to the public for some time. The afternoon will include the Nailsworth Silver Band, delicious teas, plants, raffle and tombola. Entrance is £5.00 Children under 16 Free. Guide dogs are the only dogs that can be admitted.

All proceeds will help to fund the support of our wonderful team of volunteers who help over 4,000 people a year across the Stroud District to resolve their problems, whatever they are.

June 18th marks two other occasions: it is Father's Day and it is also part of the weekend of 'The Great Get Together' when communities all over the country are being encouraged to join together on the anniversary of the tragic death of Jo Cox MP, to show that, whatever their views, they can still come together in harmony. We hope that many will come together with family, friends or neighbours on this day and enjoy these lovely gardens.

Sally Pickering



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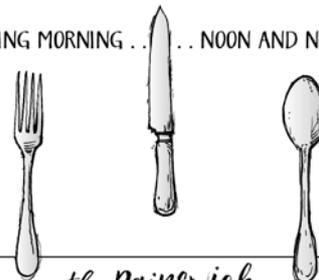
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# Easter Egg-stavaganza

Painswick Playgroup hosted a real egg-stavaganza over the Easter weekend when the annual Easter Egg hunt took place throughout the village. This year's film-themed event was even bigger than previous years and proved egg-cellent fun for all ages while raising an astounding £4,200 which will be used to buy some fantastic resources for the playgroup.

Hundreds of egg-hunters arrived at the start of the trail in the Churchyard and were treated to elaborate designs and clever clues all over the village. Despite the windy start to the day, the sun shone and much fun was had by all. Along with live music from Too Old For Toys, locals enjoyed a bouncy castle, cake stalls, party games and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Easter Bunny (Michael Bennett) made a popular appearance and readers will be pleased to know that no teddies were harmed in the traditional parachute jump from the church roof.

The event wouldn't have been such a success without the support of the many volunteers that helped in advance and on the day, baking, selling raffle tickets, and manning stalls. Of course a huge thank you also, needs to go to those generous businesses that donated some wonderful raffle prizes, covered printing costs, sold maps and of course sponsored an egg. A final thank you must be said to the villagers of Painswick for their continued support of the event ... here's looking forward to next year.

*Lizzie Bennett*



A rare photo of the Easter Bunny, normally very camera shy.

## Library Report

### Upcoming Events

As a result of a partnership between the Library and The Croft School, local author and illustrator Hannah Shaw (author of the Stan Stinky books) will be running drawing and writing workshops across the whole school on 24th May. We look forward to seeing the results!

### 5th Anniversary Events

We are running a number of events with "Gardens" as a common theme::

**Tuesday 6th June** – Author Victoria Summerley will give a talk on Great Gardens of London. This will be at 7.00pm in the Town Hall. Tickets from the library. See posters around the village soon!

**Wednesday 21st June** Tea Party in the Library. All welcome.

**Painswick Local History Society** will be displaying their new exhibition on "Gardens, for Fun, Food and Flowers" from the beginning of June until the Tea Party.

**The Knit and Natter Group** (meets in the Library Monday afternoons) have been hard at work, and their "Knitted Gardens" will be on display from the beginning of June throughout the summer. Don't miss both these displays

New Books for May include:

### Adult Non-Fiction:

Top 10 Copenhagen, (Eyewitness Guide); Helen Penrose, Marriages are made in Bond Street; Ana Sampson (Ed) Tyger, Tyger Burning Bright

### Adult Fiction:

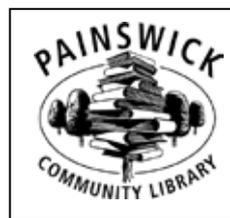
Len Deighton, The Ipress File; Chris Ould, Killing Bay; Rebecca Tope, Guilt in the Cotswolds

### Junior Fiction

Jeff Kinney, The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary

The full list of New Books is available at the Library Counter.

*Ian Cridland*



## Richmond Day

On Saturday 6th May between 10am and 4pm Richmond Painswick will once again be opening its doors to members of the public who are interested in finding out more about the range of facilities and services available at the award-winning retirement village. Although many residents of Painswick "know of" Richmond Painswick, not everybody is aware of all that is on offer.

As well as having the opportunity to view the facilities available visitors will be able to obtain advice from outside organisations on care fees – planning and investments as well as the legal aspect of property conveyancing and "How to make it Easy". For those who wish to banish winter blues, the Wellness Spa are also offering 30 minute taster sessions including express manicure, power breakfast facial and back/shoulder massage at £25 per session (booking essential).

Not only does Richmond Painswick have 24 en-suite nursing beds for both permanent nursing care as well as respite and convalescent care, it also has "Village Suites" which provide an excellent alternative to residential care. Each apartment has its own sitting room, kitchenette and en-suite bedroom with the benefit of all meals being provided and housekeeping and laundry being taken care of. Personal care can also be provided through the on-site domiciliary care team.

Visitors will also be able to view an independent living apartment, and a range of Village suites as well as the Wellness Spa (equipped with swimming pool, gymnasium, hair-dressing salon and treatment rooms) which has membership and Spa days which are open to non-residents. Staff will be on hand to talk about all aspects of village life, as well as the range of services and facilities available, including "Richmond Retreats" holidays with care.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day, however if you would like to join us for lunch in our restaurant or book a Wellness Spa taster session, please contact Sonia Harte on 01452 810203.

*Sonia Harte*

# 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.

*David Allott writes from Stamages Lane:*  
Some of your readers may have spotted Alan Hudson and I clearing weeds from Cheltenham Road pavement, and trimming back tree growth blocking view of local road signs. Very sadly, Alan died, too young, last year. I am now looking for a new "workmate" - or several! I plan to take table space at the Parish Council's innovative annual meeting on Weds. 17th. May. I hope to recruit like minded activists, and think we may possibly create a Community Action Network (CAN) modelled on the one in Upton that their Parish Clerk, our own Roy Balgobin relies on to carry out limited, but valuable good works in the Parish. One new project I will propose involves putting bee-and-butterfly-friendly plants on the South facing slope of New Drive. You may suggest others? Interested? Even a tiny bit? Do talk to me on the 17th - or earlier (on 812624).

*Liz Butler of Cotswold Mead writes:*  
Recently when a gentleman fell in New Street and banged his head, I rang 999 for an ambulance. The 999 operator told me to get the defibrillator in case the paramedics needed it when they arrived. I was told the code number and my friend and I went to the Town Hall to collect it but this presented a problem. There was insufficient light to be able to read the numbers easily. After a couple of attempts we had hit the right numbers and the door opened. There is a small light on the defibrillator box and a street lamp but without a torch in the dark it's difficult. Perhaps better lighting should be considered?

*Jonathan Choat of New Street writes:*  
The Parish Council's Traffic Committee is to be congratulated on arousing a smidgeon of conscience with the County Council Traffic department with the proposed pedestrian safety measures, which evidently do not compromise their unconscionable policy of needing fatal accidents or at least maiming before they will do anything to prevent speeding in a 20mph area. Can we now expect leverage of this chink to include speed preventive measures in the rat run along New Street or are many years of traffic surveillance, statistical research, endless resident complaints and normal, daily observation

about an equally dangerous, narrowly paved section of road, beyond this moiety of the County Council's Traffic Committee's public bounty?

*Enrico Verdecchia from Castle Close writes:*

A planning application for one four bedroom detached house has been submitted to Stroud District Council. The dwelling is to be sited on Hale Ground, a 2 acre site south of New Drive between Kemp's Lane and Stamages Lane.

The proposal to build a single property is a strategy designed to address the problems of access by suggesting that there will be very limited vehicle movements. Once planning has been approved the obstacle of access has been overcome and it will just be a matter of time before planning will be applied for (and approved) on the remainder of the field.

If you would like to comment please quote ref. S.17/0792/OUT, Stroud District Council. The Case Officer is Mr. Mpezeni, telephone no. 01453 754283

## Police report (taken from their website)

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward following an attempted burglary at a house in Edge Road, Painswick.

Just before 4pm on Sunday 9th April, a householder returned home to find a man in his house about to steal a chainsaw from the porch. The householder challenged the offender and ripped his T-shirt. The offender dropped the chainsaw and ran off before getting into a white, old style Vauxhall Corsa car with a driver, who drove off turning left along Painswick High Street. The offender is described as white, about 5' 8" tall, thin, with bad teeth and grey hair.

When the incident occurred there was a dark blue Mercedes car with the roof down parked opposite the victim's house with four passengers, plus another car parked behind with a woman driver with long hair. We'd like to hear from these people who may have witnessed the incident and altercation between the householder and offender and can help police with their enquiries. Please call 101 quoting incident number 258 of 9 April.



This month we were delighted to welcome Painswick's recently re-opened St. Michael's Restaurant as a Wick-Flix Silver Sponsor. We have always served a selection of canapés prior to each screening and these have proved to be popular. However, with Matt and Magda on the case, we can now look forward to serving you a more creative and delicious choice. A big thank you to them for their support.

We have a great line-up of films scheduled over the next three months:

Friday 5th May A United Kingdom (Certificate 12A)  
A powerful story of love and politics set against the era of apartheid, starring David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike. In 1947, Seretse Khama, the King of Botswana, met Ruth Williams, a London office worker. They were deeply in love, yet their proposed marriage was challenged not only by their own families but by the British and South African governments.

Friday 2nd June Lion (Certificate PG13)  
Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman star in this true story of a 5-year-old Indian boy, who gets lost, finds himself on the streets, helpless and facing poverty and exploitation. Fortunate to be adopted by an Australian couple, he grows up yearning to trace his roots back to his home and family, but he has nothing to go on, apart from a vague memory of a water tower.

Friday 7th July LaLa Land (Certificate PG13) – see our website for details  
Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £6.00 (one price for all) including one free drink. Payment on the door. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity. As always up-to-date information on what's coming up can be found on the Wick-Flix page at [www.painswickcentre.com](http://www.painswickcentre.com)

David Chapman

# Gloucestershire County Council Elections

## Thursday 4th May

On Thursday we will be electing a single councillor to represent the Bisley and Painswick Division on Gloucestershire County Council. The Council has a large budget and a wide range of responsibilities including social services, education and roads. As well as Painswick and Bisley, the Division also covers Upton St. Leonards and Whiteshill and many other villages from Randwick across to Oakridge Lynch. The current County Councillor is Jason Bullingham.



P a i n s w i c k  
Village residents vote at the Town Hall, where the Polling Station will be open from 7 am to 10 pm. Three candidates, representing the Conservative, Green and Liberal Democrat parties have been nominated. The Beacon has asked each candidate to submit a statement of up to 300 words, which we print here as received. We hope the statements will help you to make up your mind.

The Beacon expresses no political preference, but we do urge you to use your vote.

## Statement from Alex Findlay - Liberal Democrats

I was asked to stand in the county council elections because the leaders of the local party, like many people, felt it was important that their candidate should be someone living in the division. Not only do I live in the Bisley-Painswick division (in Pitchcombe to be precise), but I've lived here for some years.

I have extensive experience of working in public services and have been committed to pursuing quality and value for money for the taxpayer. In achieving this, I know the importance of understanding clearly what the public priorities are and what people actually want and need from these services.

I ask people to vote for me because of what I will do. I will champion integration of health and social care services and press for more resources for both as well as improvements in mental health services. I will support the urgent repair of the county's roads and pavements and ensure greater council attention to the environment and economy. (Further details can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/LDBisleyPainswick/> or <http://www.gloslibdems.org.uk/>).

But I also hope people will vote for me because of how I will do it. I believe that County Councillors have a responsibility to represent the preferences of people who elect them and that they should put these preferences before those of their own political party. For too long the policies of our county council have been shaped by a party in London rather than the needs of the people of Gloucestershire. The Liberal Democrats are the only party with enough support in the county to replace the Conservatives and change this.

I hope you will decide to cast your vote for me and, should you do so, I promise you a new voice and a fresh start and that your vote will make a real difference.



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## Statement from Keith Rippington - Conservative

I am honoured to have been chosen by local people to stand as the Conservative candidate in the Bisley and Painswick Division for the Gloucestershire County Council Election on the 4th May.

I moved to the area a few years ago with my wife Kate having spent most of my life in the Thames Valley, where I was employed as a Managing Director for various international engineering and manufacturing companies. In addition to my active working career I have been a School Governor and more recently Vice Chairman of Cainscross Parish Council until I moved into Painswick last year. I have just become a member of the Standing Liaison Group for Richmond Retirement Village and Painswick. In my spare time I enjoy walking our dog Alfie around the fantastic countryside which we live in, continuing to explore the many local beautiful villages and hamlets that we are close to and meeting more people.

If I am fortunate enough to be elected my initial priorities will be as follows:

- 1) To focus on improving local roads – not just by replacing potholes in a more timely manner but also looking to resurface some of the worst areas of road including the A46.
- 2) To address speeding concerns – I have been made aware by many residents of Painswick about their worries with regard to excessive speeding, both on the approaches into the village but also on some of the roads in the village itself.
- 3) To look for as many opportunities as possible to further improve the existing community spirit here in Painswick.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to have further debate locally, liaising with both the Parish and District Councils to make a positive difference to our community.



## Statement from Alan Mossman - The Green Party

I moved to Stroud in 1988. My work was in business consultancy and since 2002 in construction project planning and improvement in the UK and abroad. My expertise is in helping projects finish on time, on budget, with minimal waste and risk of injury to workers and the public. In 1995 I initiated the Stroud Community Planning Conferences that resulted in the Cinema and Farmers Market among other things. Now semi-retired I have time to return to community action. I have already attended 8 of the 10 Parish councils in the Division to hear the range of needs across the area. I've heard others while canvassing.

I joined the Green Party because I believe it is the party with the best ideas for the future of my adult children. They agree. Locally the Green Party has a great track record working together across boundaries as well as for creatively challenging austerity budgets. I am proud to be standing as a Green.

If elected I will work to:

- Stop the wasteful Javelin Park incinerator contract;
- Open highways, social care and other contracts so that we can all see how our money is being spent;
- Join-up primary care, social care, healthcare and mental-healthcare to provide better care for all free at the point of need;
- Improve education – oppose proposals for:
- cuts to local school budgets
- expansion of grammar & free schools
- Replace the secretive cabinet system of government with an open committee system.

I believe that by working together we can secure and protect our families and the vibrant communities and natural beauty in which we live. Greens came second in 2013 and again in 2016. Vote Mossman for a greener Gloucestershire. 07968 485627 <http://bit.ly/bp-alan>



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# Cotswold Hare Trail

Parishioners and visitors will have seen this striking sculptured hare outside The Falcon and wondered why it was there. The Cotswold Life reports that for six months from March 25th until September 10th, the Cotswolds will abound with 80 five-foot hare sculptures, sponsored by local businesses and decorated by a mix of professional, amateur and celebrity artists. This unique trail will cover over 20 towns and villages, ranging from Chipping Sodbury in the south to Broadway in the north: from Woodstock in the east to Cheltenham in the west. Each town and village will have at least one large hare putting them firmly on the Trail. The signed up towns will then be able to put on linked hare themed events to display the coveted leverets (small 18" high).

The theme for the trail is 'celebrating the culture, history and heritage of the Cotswolds' and promises to have a range of spectacular designs. The hares will go to auction in October with net profits going to charity. This year the main charity will be National Star, but the Cotswold Hare Trust will also support local historical projects in Cotswold towns such as some of its museums.

The Cotswold March Hare Festival organiser, Florence Beetlestone, pointed out that "there are many wonderful collections in the Cotswolds running on a shoestring that will benefit enormously from even a small injection of funds".

The Painswick hare, sponsored by local pubs The Falcon and The Oak, is named Hartley. The artist responsible for the hare's beautiful decoration is Kerry-Jane Page. Kerry has the gift and lifestyle shop situated to the rear the Falcon.



Hartley features a falcon surrounded by oak leaves, designed and painted by Kerry-Jane Page

# Magnificent May



A slightly snappier article this month as much information and only limited print space!

For those who didn't make it to our April talk; you missed a thoroughly lovely evening! Ione treated us to a really inspirational, practical and amusing demonstration of natural Spring themed arrangements and then she kindly donated both works of art to the raffle - they were snaffled up instantly!

On 10th May (Church Rooms 7.30pm) we welcome back Paul Green to talk about "Choice and Unusual Plants for Late Spring". Judging by his last talk, it will be a great evening with wonderful plants for sale afterwards.

....And more plants are for sale on 27th May (Church Rooms from 11am). The Gardening Club will be selling plants from local nurseries (Shady Plants, Miserden and Hoo House) and from Garden Club Members. If you have excess seedlings or plants you've divided, we'd love any donations. We're also planning to have a table selling other garden "stuff" like old tools etc that has either been kindly donated or we will try to sell for Members (for a small commission). Needless to say, we'll be serving tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes too. All are welcome; it will be a lovely lively event!

Dates for the diary - 12th July - a group visit to Eastleach House, near Cirencester (large private garden open by appointment for the NGS). 15th and 16th July Debbie (Chairman of Gardening Club) opens her beautiful garden for the NGS. More details will follow.

May is a gorgeous month; enjoy!

*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*

# Jane Garbett - Open Studio

Jane Garbett is opening her studio in Vicarage Street during the first two weekends in May - the 6th - 7th and the 13th -14th.

Jane's studio is part of the Stroud Valley Arts festival and readers will be interested to know that she is one of 102 artists opening their studio doors throughout the Stroud Valleys. Brochures entitled SITE Festival 2017 describing the artists locations and work will be available from Jane's studio and in other businesses throughout Painswick and the surrounding area. Jane will be delighted to show you her latest work entitled 'COLOUR GESTURE TEXTURE' as well as advice on other artists taking part. It is a fun day out and a rare opportunity to see artists in their own space. Jane is very much looking forward to meeting friends old and new.



Jane in her studio in Vicarage Street

# Spring delights at the Rococo Garden

To our delight, our popularity continued in March, with our visitors for that month just over a third up on last year. We've been recruiting for a Head Gardener (more news next month, hopefully) and our greenhouses are gradually being emptied of plants as hundreds of seedlings are planted out in the Kitchen Garden.



One of the delights of the Rococo Garden is its unparalleled capacity to delight in every season. In May we turn towards the longer summer days, with plenty of colour in the Garden. The final bluebells should be flowering, and you might catch the last tulips. The wisteria on the Coach House has promising buds at the time of writing and should be out some time this month. The 250th Anniversary Maze is looking good – the green and golden hedges have been trimmed and provide one of the most popular delights for both younger and older visitors alike. When did you last get to all three maze centres?

We've a new supplier of high quality plants for sale which have been very popular since they arrived... it's always a good sign to see our staff and volunteers buying them! In the Cafe we're now stocking Winstone's ice cream and have a new range of cakes. It's the perfect place to meet for coffee, lunch or afternoon tea and parking is so easy - and you don't have to visit the garden to pop in.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to be welcoming back the Handlebards. This year we host the ladies first, who bring two nights of unique and engaging productions of Shakespeare. This charmingly chaotic and extremely energetic bicycle-powered travelling theatre company are performing As You Like It on 30th June and 1st July. Tickets are selling well so do get your tickets booked early (visit the events page of [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk)) to ensure you experience Shakespeare as you've never seen it before. Picnics, dogs and children are welcome! Remember that by becoming a Friend you get a season ticket enabling multiple entry to the garden for you and your family. See our website for more details. We hope to see you soon.

*Tim Toghill, volunteer & trustee*

## Spring delights on Painswick Beacon



On Friday 31st March we had a site meeting with Natural England and the Butterfly Conservation Group on The Beacon. They were very impressed with the progress made this year and it was certainly good to know we have interpreted the conservation objective accurately.

We have had some beautiful spring weather last month and flowers are coming out. Violets have appeared in areas recently cleared of scrub and cowslips planted last year have survived and seem to be flourishing. Orchid leaves can be seen pushing up through the grass. I have also spotted a large patch of lily of the valley in one of the wooded areas.

In the woods opposite the golf clubhouse we cleared some areas two winters ago when I did my chainsaw course. Now there are large patches of dog's mercury growing where extra light is reaching the ground. This is interesting because this plant is an indicator of old woodland and although the trees in this area are not very old, presumably the area in the past was wooded for a long period.

The last two work parties have concentrated on the slopes directly above where the quarry road meets the Gloucester B4073. We have taken out some large pines and used the tree poppers to remove ash saplings. Brambles have been grubbed out and any which reshoot later in the year will be treated with a selective weed killer.

Normally slash and burn stops at Easter, but this year I will organise extra sessions to take out more pines, tackle some brambles and invasive weeds. This needs to be done with extreme care to avoid disturbing nesting birds and damaging important vegetation. If anyone would like to help please call me on 07971 633 242.

*Paul Baxter*

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## Rococo Garden AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Painswick Rococo Garden will take place on Wednesday May 3rd at 6.30pm in the Coach House at the Rococo Garden. All Friends are welcome to attend and drinks and canapes will be served before the meeting. To help with catering please contact either Dominic Hamilton or Vicky Aspinnall on 01452 813204 or email [friends@rococogarden.org.uk](mailto:friends@rococogarden.org.uk). If anyone would like to volunteer to be on the committee please contact Dominic or Vicky.

*Vicky Aspinnall*

## Fly tipping on the Beacon

There is considerable concern about the amount and frequency of fly tipping on Painswick Beacon. If you have any information leading to the prosecution of anyone carrying out such illegal tipping, Selina Blow who owns the Beacon Common has offered to give a financial reward. Message to – [Selina@selinablowl.com](mailto:Selina@selinablowl.com)

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# News from St Mary's

We are well into the Easter season now which lasts from Easter Day until Pentecost (Whitsun). Throughout this season the liturgical colour is white.

During this month we celebrate Christian Aid Week which is from Sunday 14th May to Saturday 20th May. The week starts with a Christian Aid service which is at Sheepscombe Church on 14th May at 6.30pm. During the week there will be a house to house collection for Christian Aid funds; other activities will be taking place in Painswick. There will be a Salmon Supper in the Church Rooms on Thursday 18th May at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 and include a complimentary glass of wine. They are available from the benefice office or phone 812966. On Friday 19th and Saturday 20th other various activities will be staged in the Church Rooms. There will be Ploughman's Platter lunches from 12 to 2 pm and afternoon teas from 2 to 4pm on both days. Christian Aid is pledged to help the world's poor so please give generously.

There are two other events on 20th May. Messy Church are having a fun day at the Recreation Ground which includes games and a barbecue. This starts at 10.30am. In the evening Psalms are organising a fund raising Ceilidh in the Painswick Centre (see article alongside). Sunday 21st May is Rogation Sunday. There will be a parish walk in the afternoon from Painswick to Sheepscombe. The walk starts from St Mary's at 2.30pm.

Ascension Day is on Thursday 25th May. This will be marked with a benefice service at Cranham church at 12 noon. Pentecost, when the liturgical colour changes to red is on Sunday 4th June. There will be the normal Sunday services at each church in the benefice.

*David Newell*

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# Ceilidh (Barn Dance)

on Saturday 20th May at the Painswick Centre 7.00pm with folk dancing to Gordon the Hedgehog, and the caller is Mike Holloway our vicar. Just a few tickets still available at £12.50 including a ploughman's supper.

Tickets will be available from: The Lychgate, The Falcon and The Royal Oak and Joan Warner: email: [joan.wells@hotmail.com](mailto:joan.wells@hotmail.com) Telephone: 01452 812649. A fundraising event to support the work of Psalms.



# Good Friday

Rev Andrew Leach led the Procession of Witness through the village on Good Friday. The procession assembled at the Catholic Church in Friday Street and made its way across St Mary's Churchyard where, close to the Lychgate, a brief service was held before the Cross on which a Crown of Thorns had been placed. After the service the procession continued along New Street, Bisley Street and St Mary's Street, ending at the Church Rooms where hot cross buns and coffee were provided.



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# An Evening with Phil Beer at the Painswick Centre

Tuesday May 9th at 7.30pm. Tickets £12. [cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com](mailto:cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com) or Tel: 07596 823881 An evening of songs and tunes from one of the acoustic music world's finest multi-instrumentalists. Having recently played a fifth sell-out gig at The Royal Albert Hall with Show of Hands and touring with "The Phil Beer Band", popular acoustic/roots music ambassador Phil Beer is coming to Painswick to do one of his excellent solo shows.

Phil plays many instruments including slide, Spanish and tenor guitar, mandocello, viola, mandolin and South American cuatro. He is also regarded as one of the finest fiddle players on the folk/acoustic circuit. Add in Phil's rich vocals, a few quips and anecdotes and a magical evening will unfold. This is a great opportunity for the people of Painswick to see an internationally renowned musician on our own doorstep.

*Mike Greenway 812896*

# Painswick's Criminal Past

Historically Painswick residents were brought before the courts many, many times and for offences ranging widely from attempted murder to swearing in public. The following are just three appearing in the month of May. It is perhaps noteworthy that two of them received harsh punishments and the third was dealt with more leniently in view of the fact that the offender was an 'old' man.

From Stroud Journal 19 May 1911 and headed 'Furious Bicycle Riding' – 'Alfred Watts, mill-hand, of Painswick, was summoned for riding down High-Street, Stroud, at a furious pace, on the 13th May. P.C. Ashton stated the facts, and Supt. Biggs remarked that cyclists had been repeatedly cautioned as it was a great danger to the public when cyclists rode down hills at such high speeds. Fined 10/-.'

From Gloucester Journal 24 May 1879 – 'John Whiting an old man of Painswick was convicted of stealing three broccoli heads from an allotment garden, the property of William Bridgeman. It was stated that this was not the first offence of the kind, but in consideration of him being seventy years of age, he was fined 2/6 and costs instead of being sent to prison.'

From Stroud News and Gloucester Advertiser 31 May 1889 and headed 'A Cheap Ride' – 'Elizabeth Powell, a native of Painswick, was charged in custody with being drunk in Church Street, Stroud, on Saturday night. Sergt. Browning found her lying at full length and surrounded by a crowd of men, women and children. She was taken to the station in a wheel-barrow. Prisoner, who said she would as soon be in prison as anywhere else, was sentenced to seven days hard labour.' Elizabeth Powell appears literally dozens of times in the court records over many years and was clearly a troubled lady.

*Carol Maxwell*

# The arrival of Spring

Spring seems to have arrived. The first swallows appeared in March and since then have



been moving through slowly together with some house martins and sand martins. Other birds which have been recorded are blackcap, chiffchaff, willow warbler, ring ouzel, meadow pipit and wheatear.

March saw the winter visitors and passage migrants returning east, especially common gulls, golden plovers, jackdaws and rooks, plus siskins, redwings, fieldfares, chaffinches and a few bramblings. Birds of prey also featured largely and good numbers of buzzards passed through towards the end together with red kites, sparrowhawks, kestrels and a hen harrier.

Little egrets are becoming regular visitors to the Painswick area and five birds flew over south eastwards in the middle of March. A hawfinch and two crossbills have been seen recently and the swifts shouldn't be too long before they thrill us with their high pitched screams. When that happens, then I feel Spring has truly arrived.

Andrew Bluett gave an excellent summary of the status of Raptors in Gloucestershire at our last meeting, which includes Little Owls and Kestrels. Andrew is investigating why these two species are declining. A lot of information is available on the [gloraptors.co.uk](http://gloraptors.co.uk) site.

Our next meeting is a guided walk led by Martin Wright, an expert on birdsong, to Coombe Hill Canal and Meadow Field. This is on Monday May 8th, starting at 10.00 am at grid ref: SO 886274. for further details contact Helen Richardson on 01452 812951

*John Fleming*

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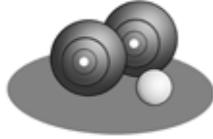
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# Sports reports

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## Painswick Bowls Club

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We are holding an open day on 14th May, why not come along? You'll find us at the top of Painswick Centre car park in Bisley Street. just wear flat-soled shoes, we'll provide the woods (and delicious tea and cakes afterwards).

Alternatively, ring 01452 812464 ( David Linsell) and we will arrange an alternative taster session for you. We are a friendly, sociable crowd who look forward to meeting you.

*Helen Kilmister*

## Long distance swimming



Congratulations to Isabella Weatherall of Painswick, who was awarded the Elise Brook Encouragement and Perseverance Trophy by the British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) on 11th March 2017 at their annual awards dinner in Yorkshire. Isabella is working her way through the Lake District lakes swimming Coniston Waters (5.5 miles) in 2015 when only 13 years old and last year Lake Ullswater (9 miles), when 14. This August she hopes to swim Lake Windermere which is the largest natural lake in England (11 miles), and in September a junior Channel Relay.

Isabella who swims at 6.30am has to also do acclimatisation training as the BLDSA rules don't allow wet suits, so regularly swims in water temperatures of 14 degrees.

## Painswick Golf Club

I think I must be going soft! My golf improves in the drier warmer weather and goes to pieces in the cold and wet. So it is with some hope and expectation that I venture onto the Beacon at this time of year. And if the golf is not so good, one can still enjoy the views and flora - the first orchids of the year are now to be seen.

In the Seniors section, the Winter Pairs competition has been completed. This competition is played in pairs (with the better score on each hole counting) over six rounds with one round in each month from October to March. The worst round of the six is then discarded. This year it was very closely fought, with the three top teams just one point apart. The winners with an aggregate score of 224 points were John Bentley and Peter Sibley. The first Trophy competition of the summer season was the Arthur Paget Trophy which was won by George Paton with a stableford score of 42 points. And the April Stableford competition was won by Mike Little with the superb score of 47 points. Congratulations to all the winners.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visiting golfers to the course and members of the public to the club house for meals and refreshments. Visiting golfers are requested to pay the summer green fee of £15 (weekdays) or £20 (weekends) or £10 (if playing with a Member) in the club house before starting the round. For more details about the golf or meals/refreshments, please call 01452 812180.

*Peter Rowe*

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# Cricket



Winter has been a busy time for Painswick Cricket Club as it prepares for the 2017 season. The club would like to thank all those friends, supporters and local sponsors for their support during the build up to the summer campaign. So after last year's successes the club are looking to build and progress once again. Our current playing aims include a strong focus around our youth as well as maintaining a strong and competitive level for our senior sides: promotions would be nice! The club would like to wish all our captains well, especially Alex Jennings our new first team skipper for 2017. All our teams benefit from our youth policy. Indeed last season saw the first team boast 5-6 players aged under 21 who had progressed through our youth structure. The future looks bright as the junior section of the club develops under the tutorship of Dom Barnard and his coaching team.

If you are interested in playing or taking part in anyway and at any level the club would be delighted to hear from you. Recommended tip top contacts are the Club's Chairman Ian Hogg on 07972405209 or [straight.spinner@hotmail.com](mailto:straight.spinner@hotmail.com) or our Junior Welfare Officer Dom Barnard [domrolle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:domrolle@yahoo.co.uk). For more information about the club and other contacts, please visit our web site at <http://www.painswickcc.co.uk>.

Broadham's Saturday league home fixtures for May are as follows, starting at 1pm. All spectators are very welcome.

6th May. Painswick 1sts vs Cheltenham 2nds  
13th May. Painswick 2nds vs Kings Stanley  
20th May. Painswick 1sts vs A.I.W. 1sts  
27th May. Painswick 2nds vs Haresfield Gladiators

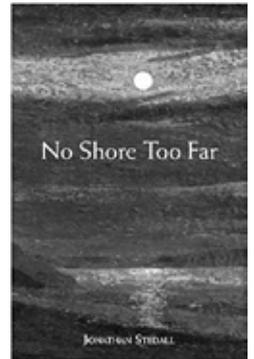
Happy summer days to all.

*Steve Pegram, Secretary of Painswick CC*

## No Shore too far New book by local author

Local author Jonathan Stedall has always been interested in what is sometimes called 'a bigger picture'. As a documentary film director at the BBC for many years, he was able to pursue this quest, not just out of his own interest, but also on behalf of many others whom he sensed were not always satisfied with either the conventional religious approach, or with the theories of mainstream science. Six years ago he wrote a book called 'Where on Earth is Heaven?', drawing largely on his encounters and experiences as a film maker.

Jonathan, with his wife Jackie and their family, lived in Painswick for three years before moving to Sheepscombe in 1993. Jackie died just over two years ago and Jonathan turned to writing poetry, partly in an attempt to understand and cope with his loss and sadness. The result is a new book, 'No Shore Too Far', a collection of poetry and meditations on the themes of death, bereavement and hope. The book will be launched at Lansdown Hall in Stroud on Friday, May 12th, 7 for 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.



**Letting go** by Jonathan Stedall

*Letting go  
of all the clutter in our lives,  
I can imagine brings relief  
and peace of mind –  
a tranquil place to be.*

*And when I do the same at death,  
and let my body go –  
thus letting go of facts I know,  
but not of who I am –  
will those who weep  
not start to see  
that I who did the letting go  
am still around  
to take new steps,  
with them not far behind?*

## Tennis



### League results

In the Stroud Winter League the A team will be 3rd in division 1. The B team won division 2 and the C team won division 3. Both will be promoted. The D team were joint 2nd in division 4.

### New Members

Now is the best time to join the Club. Come down any Tuesday for club night at 7.30 and speak to the committee member on duty or contact Ruth Smith on 01452 813693 or email [ruthandtreavor@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthandtreavor@btinternet.com)

Asksal is again this year offering a large range of tennis clothing and footwear on Thursday 27th April from 11am to 8pm. This is also the Club Spring Social evening.

## Goodbye Gloucester Street

Michael Carson writes from Hope Cottage that his favourite poem is 'Home from Abroad' by Laurie Lee. He says that he loved it at school even before he left to work overseas. So it was with delight that he found a cottage in Painswick to provide respite from working in London. "Walking over the hill to Slad, it is as if time has stood still". He continues, "Every time that I return to the village, at whatever time of day or season, the beauty of the hills and of the village lifts my spirit and refreshes me. I am sad to be leaving but will cherish the memories of my time here. My best memories will be of the people. At the recent funeral of Penelope Fowler, the minister said 'well done' to the residents of the village for having done their best to care for her in her declining years. I can honestly echo those sentiments but add 'thank you' too for the kindnesses of so many neighbours. I have never experienced such exceptional generosity and community. I shall miss you all.

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# Shostakovich and Rachmaninov



On 30th March Ann Williams gave an exciting presentation of the extremely varied work of Dmitri Shostakovich, the greatest composer that Russia produced in the 20th century. A child prodigy, his musical education combined composition with training to be a concert pianist. Composing took over and whilst writing in the traditional classical music form, his style never looked back.

He produced the most scintillating variety of kinds of music and Ann's recordings included piano trio, string quartet, cello and piano, symphonies no. 1, 7, 10 and 15 as well as Jewish folk music, cantata, jazz suite, opera and theatre music – such versatility, especially considering the effect of the Stalinist era in which most of it was composed.

On 6th April some of us went to Birmingham to listen to The Symphony Orchestra playing Rachmaninov's brilliantly orchestrated Third Symphony, following on Copland's jazzy Clarinet Concerto. A super afternoon! And on 13th April something quite new for many of us: "transcriptions and arrangements", with Gordon Collins playing recordings that demonstrated how musicians have transcribed other composers' music – some to vary instrumentation, to enhance popularity and some to impose their own stamp. Much of it is piano music transcribed by pianists: we heard Earl Wild improvising Bach and Gershwin, Ashkenazy Bach, Schubert and Rachmaninov's transcription of "Liebesfreud", Fredrik Ullen 3 versions of Chopin Minute Waltz and Horowitz playing Carmen Variations, just to name some. Very educational and joyful.

*Ralph Kenber*

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*Jacek Wolowiec - Subscriptions*

## PROPERTY REPORT from Hampton's International

With Easter behind us, blossom on the trees and the birds nesting, it's true to say Spring is now in full swing! I previously reported strong activity in January but this has continued to give us a very solid start to 2017 with our sales levels being higher than for the same period last year – no small achievement when you remember that we had a glut of activity at the start of last year in advance of the introduction of the levy on Stamp Duty for those who owned more than one property.

As I have said in the past, our approach is to offer realistic advice backed by evidence of actual sale prices achieved on comparable properties. This is a part of what has contributed to Hamptons having sold more houses locally priced at £300,000 or over than our nearest three competitors combined so far this year according to Rightmove\*.

At this point, I would normally say that if you wish to benefit from our experience and proven track record, the first step is to give us a call to book an appraisal. However, on this occasion, there's an added benefit: here at Hamptons we are committed to getting people moving – and that doesn't just mean moving house! We are continuing our partnership with Micro Scooter and offering

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With good activity in the market locally and the Office for Budget Responsibility increasing its forecasts for GDP and property transactions in 2017 significantly, we could be led to believe that its plain sailing in the property market. However, we may yet have stormy waters ahead in the shape of the Brexit negotiations and, as I write this article, our Government has just voted for a snap General Election which will have taken place before I write again and will no doubt throw up a few more challenges and uncertainties for us.

I often feel that success wouldn't be so rewarding if it was easily achieved but I think this may be particularly pertinent in the property market in the coming months!

*Guy Tabony, Branch Manager*

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**APRIL**

Sat	<b>29</b>	Music Society Concert: Fibonacci Sequence Piano Trio	St. Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	<b>30</b>	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Benefice Holy Communion	St. Mary's Church	10.00am
		Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30pm

**MAY**

Mon	<b>1</b>	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am and 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Church Rooms	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	<b>2</b>	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Gentle Pilates for all - Tuesdays: contact Vicky at abcPilates@btinternet.com or 07934977171 Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Guided Health Walk (one hour) Tuesdays. Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Church Rooms Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Ashwell House	9.30am 9.30 to 10.30am 10.00am 2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	<b>3</b>	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 Cotteswold Naturalists' Lecture: Glos. Woollen Industry thru' Artists' Eyes - Prof Jennifer Tann. Enq: 813228 Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am Afternoons 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.00am to 10.00pm
Thu	<b>4</b>	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 Tai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30am to 11.00am Afternoons 2.30pm 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	<b>5</b>	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Toddler Group - Fridays (Recreation Ground) Friday Club: Nepal - Carol Holland Wick-Flix screening: A United Kingdom. £6 at door to include 1 drink	Town Hall Youth Pavilion Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.30am 10.00 to 11.30am 2.30pm 7.00 for 7.45pm
Sun	<b>7</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Mon	<b>8</b>	Knit & Natter Group Bird Club: Coombe Hill Canal & Meadow Field trip with Martin Wright. (near Swan Pub on A38. SO 886274) Probus Women: One Man's Passion - Cherry Ann Knott	Library Meet at The Wharf car park Church Rooms	10.00am 10.00am 10.00 for 10.30am
Tue	<b>9</b>	An Evening with Phil Beer: Songs & Tunes from acoustic music world's multi-instrumentalist. £12 - Tel: 07596 823881	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Wed	<b>10</b>	Probus: Whispers of Eternity - Life of Edith Cavell - Peter Petrie Holy Communion Gardening Club: Choice & Unusual Plants for Late Spring - Paul Green	Painswick Centre St. Mary's Church Church Rooms	10.00am 12.00noon 7.30pm
Thu	<b>11</b>	Music Appreciation Group: AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	<b>13</b>	Painswick Music Society Concert: The Sixteen (choir) with Harry Christophers, Conductor ACP: Bollywood Evening: £20 per person	St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre	3.00pm 7.00pm



Sun	<b>14</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sharing in One Bread - Holy Communion Meeting for Worship Painswick Bowling Club Open Day - all welcome	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House Painswick Bowls Club	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30pm 11.00am to 4.00pm
Wed	<b>17</b>	NGS Open Garden: Downton House - entrance in Hollyhock Lane Evening Prayer Annual Parish Council Meeting	Downton House St. Mary's Church Town Hall	1.30 to 5.00pm 5.00pm 7.00pm
Thu	<b>18</b>	Christian Aid Salmon Supper	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	<b>19</b>	Christian Aid Garden Shop, Ploughman's Lunches & Afternoon Teas. Also on Saturday 20th. Friday Club: People of the Stroud Valleys through old photographs: Howard Beard	Church Rooms Richmond	11.00am to 4.00pm 2.30pm
Sat	<b>20</b>	Messy Church Fun Day Arts & Crafts Market Ceilidh (Barn Dance) in aid of Psalms; £12.50 (including supper) Tel. Joan Warner, 812649	Recreation Ground Town Hall Painswick Centre	10.00am to 12.30pm 10.00am to 2.00pm 7.00pm
Sun	<b>21</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30pm
Mon	<b>22</b>	<b>Copy Date for June Beacon</b> Local History Society visit to Frampton-on-Severn. £2 Yew Trees W.I.: Ifakara Bakery Project - Eugene & Margaret Schellenberg	Outside Bell Inn Church Rooms	7.00pm 7.30pm
Wed	<b>24</b>	Probus: I was an Olympic Volunteer - Twice! - Mike Cooper		
Sun	<b>28</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30pm
<b>JUNE</b>				
Fri	<b>2</b>	Friday Club: Angel Voices - Matthew Gacek Wick-Flix Screening: Lion. £6 at door, to include 1 drink	Town Hall Painswick Centre	2.330pm 7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	<b>3</b>	<b>June Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Mon	<b>5</b>	Knit & Natter Group	Library	10.00am
Tue	<b>6</b>	Library Illustrated Lecture: Great Gardens of London - Victoria Summerley	Town Hall	7.00pm
Fri	<b>9</b>	Cotteswold Naturalists': Coach Trip to Holst Birthplace Museum, Winchcombe & Stanway House: Enq 01453 834486	Stamages Car Park	
Mon	<b>12</b>	Probus Women: Behind the Scenes. (Gardener's World) - Julie Dolphin Cotteswold Naturalists' Guided Walk at GWT Roundhouse Nature Reserve, Pre-book: 813228	Church Rooms Lechlade	10.00 for 10.30am 10.00am
Tue	<b>13</b>	Bird Club: Field trip & guided walk - Woorgreens Nature Reserve (SO628125)	Kensley Lodge car park	10.30am
Thu	<b>15</b>	Friday Club Outing to Frampton Court		
Thu	<b>22</b>	Cotteswold Naturalists' Mid-summer Supper & Talk on Craft Gin-making. Enq: 01453 834486	Thistledown Farm Café	6.00pm
Sat	<b>24</b>	Art Exhibition (also Sun. 25th)	Shires Room, Falcon	daily

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# PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.17/0598/TCA MARCH COTTAGE,  
Tibbiwell Lane

Fell Lawson Cypress tree.

S.17/0620/OUT WESTMORLAND  
HOUSE, Kingsmead

Erection of dwelling, access included at  
this stage. All other matters reserved.

S.17/0792/OUT LAND TO THE EAST  
OF STAMAGES LANE

Single four bedroom detached dwelling.

S.17/0759/HHOLD WORGANS  
BARN, Folly Lane

Removal of existing lean-to outbuilding,  
construction of two storey extension and  
alteration. The installation of new sewage  
treatment plant.

S.17/0722/COU ANNEXE, Downton  
House, Gloucester Street

Change of use from an office to a unit used  
for counselling and therapeutic massage  
sessions (Retrospective).

S.17/0691/VAR HAMMONDS FARM,  
Wick Street

Removal of condition 4 for planning  
permission S.16/2529/FUL.

S.17/0724/CPE WORKSHOP TO  
NORTH OF HILL FARM

Use as a builder's and carpenter's  
workshop.

S.17/0872/HHOLD & S.17/0873/LBC  
CLISSOLD FARM, Sheepscombe

Interior and exterior alterations including  
erection of a rear extension.

S.17/0874/HHOLD EDEN

COTTAGE, Cheltenham Road

Erection of lean-to entrance lobby and  
cloakroom. Demolition of existing.

S.17/0890/LBC WICK STREET FARM,  
Wick Street

Addendum to Listed Building Consent  
reference S.16/1165/LBC

S.17/0894/TCA SOUTHFIELD

HOUSE, Vicarage Street

Copper Beech tree in the rear garden.  
Remove the lowest 6 or 7 branches to raise  
the canopy to approximately 6.5m to let  
more light into the garden beneath.

## CONSENT

S.17/0050/HHOLD TARN

HOUSE, Court Orchard

Remove existing utility room and replace  
it with a larger building to form a kitchen  
extension.

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

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

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

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

S.17/0161/HHOLD BARLEY

MOW, Slad Road, Slad

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

S.17/0307/HHOLD B R O O K  
HOUSE, Kings Mill Lane

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

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

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

S.17/0312/FUL PROSPECT COACH  
HOUSE, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe

Change of use and redevelopment of  
existing building for use ancillary to  
Prospect Coach House.

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

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

S.17/0405/HHOLD 2 WOODBINE  
COTTAGE, Slad Road, Slad

Extension to existing dwelling to form  
dining room and ensuite bathroom.

S.17/0396/TCA PEAR TREE

COTTAGE, Vicarage Street

T1: Fell H2: Trim to A-shape. T3: Remove  
and replant smaller tree/trees. T4: Remove  
and replant smaller tree/trees. T5: Remove.  
T6: Reduce crown. G7: Keep ivy severed  
and control elders. T8: Remove ring of ivy  
ground level to 1m height.

S.17/0439/TCA ELM COTTAGE, Far  
End, Sheepscombe

Ash T1 – Dismantle to ground level,  
advanced decay at the base.

S.17/0496/TCA COURT HOUSE, Hale  
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# The Personal Column

## Congratulations

To JOAN WOOD who reached her 100th birthday on 7th April.



To MARY and MARTIN SLINGER who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 1st. Mary and Martin met at a Young Farmers' Dance held at the Westonbirt Hotel and started their married life on a smallholding in Breadstone, before eventually moving to Jenkins Farm, Edge. They have two children, both of whom farm in the county, and five grandchildren. Martin is Chairman of Painswick Parish Council as well as writing the regular 'Jottings' articles on farming life, in the Beacon.



Mary and Martin Slinger

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## Thank you

From Will Curtis of Brookhouse Mill to all the RESIDENTS OF NEW STREET who attended to my elderly parents after Dad tripped and fell, hitting his head. Dad was apparently unconscious for several minutes and Mum was cold and shocked. Neighbours immediately came to help and ensured that Dad made it safely to A&E in an ambulance - fortunately he was not seriously hurt. Thank you for looking after them and reminding us of the kindness of strangers when we most needed it.

From JOAN WOOD to her friends and relations for all the lovely cards she received and the many messages of congratulation on her birthday.

## Condolences

To the family and friends of Dr. ANN ROSEMARY BAILEY of Pitchcombe who died peacefully at home on March 28th, aged 82 years. Dr. Bailey was a consultant psychiatrist in Gloucestershire and was the beloved wife of Martin and much loved mother of Sylvia, Judith, Caroline and Martin.

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

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