

The Painswick Beacon

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A4173 Pitchcombe to Gloucester.

This road will be closed between 10th April 2018 to 22nd May 2018.

This is to allow for resurfacing works by Amey working on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council.

Extra traffic will be coming through Painswick so expect delays. Further details see page 6

Another Road Closure

Lower Washwell Lane, Painswick

This road will be closed from 30th April 2018 to 10th May 2018. This is to allow for the installation of a new gas supply by Wales and West Utilities.

If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact the office on 08000 514514. Caroline Cogram Gloucestershire County Council Roadspace Co-ordinator (Stroud District Area)

Survey

- Traffic calming measures

The response figure as of 24th March was around 30% from residents which exceeds the minimum target figure of 20%.

The Parish Council will publish the results of the vote early in April both on the public notice board and the Parish Council web site.



The Future of the Painswick Centre

AGM Tuesday 24th April at 7.00pm at the Beacon Hall. All Welcome

There have been initiatives over the past few years to improve the facilities and promote the use of the Painswick Centre but there have been no fundamental changes. The Trustees need to maintain and continue to improve provision for the Painswick community against a background of increasing maintenance costs whilst revenue remains static.

The Trustees need to ensure that the Centre continues to cater for the ever-changing needs of the community and to produce a financially viable development plan for the future. The financial security of the Centre depends on increasing the use of the premises.

To this end the Trustees have a set of proposals as to how the Centre could be made more attractive to users and so encourage better use of the property. They hope that as many Painswick residents as possible attend the AGM to hear their ideas for the future, and to contribute to discussions as to where the Centre should be going.

Happy Easter to all our readers

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on March 21st 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

Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis opened the Meeting and as there were no public questions moved quickly on to the Agenda.

Apologies for absence

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Roey Parker, James Cross and Rosie Nash.

Matters Arising not on this Agenda

Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, advised the Meeting that Stroud District Council had "called in" the Planning Application for 4 Court Orchard, ref S.18/0217/FUL.

Matters requiring a decision

There were eight matters requiring a decision:

- S.18/0083/HHOLD STEPPING STONE COTTAGE, Kings Mill Lane. Revised plans. Erection of extensions and replacement garage. The revised plans were received by the Council on the 5th March with only 10 days to respond. As there no Planning Meeting scheduled the Council had not discussed the revised Application. After the expiry of the 10 days Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis contacted the District Council seeking an extension of time but was told that the Council had granted permission despite no comment being received from Painswick. Prior to the introduction of the new Planning Portal copies of the Officers recommendations on planning applications were shown on the web site. Since the introduction of the new portal this is no longer the case. The council agreed that a letter be sent to the District Council requesting that copies of the Officers' recommendations are attached to all Planning Applications.
- S.18/0240/FUL DILLAY FARM. Erection of detached outbuilding to accommodate self contained staff accommodation, covered parking and storage and associated earthworks. Unanimous support.
- S.18/0471/HHOLD THE GABLES, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe. Addition of two timber framed gables and associated alterations. Unanimous Support.
- S.18/0459/CPE THE OLD STABLES. Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp. Lawful Development Certificate for an existing dwelling at the Old Stables. Currently the Applicant is paying separate Council Tax on a Stable and a Farm House. They are to be combined into one unit. Unanimous support subject to the Application meeting any legal requirements.
- S.18/0213/FUL SEVENACRES, The Camp. Siting of six glamping cabins and new access track. The Council have previously supported a similar Application. Unanimous support subject to the necessary licensing requirements being met.
- S.18/0502/HHOLD THE WOOL BARN, Far End, Sheepscombe. Two storey extension to create a lower ground floor level store and a larger garage. Unanimous support.
- S.18/0516/LBC LOVEDAYS MILL, Beeches Lane. Proposal for a new Entrance porch to 19th century Mill extension, in addition to renewal of roof coverings, new external door opening to rear, replacement of existing Kitchen door and various repairs to building fabric. Unanimous support.
- S.18/0550/HHOLD EASTLEA, Back Lane, Edge. Single storey rear extension. Unanimous support.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger opened the Meeting and asked if there were any public questions.

Public Questions

Jason Bullingham requested details of the number of accidents involving vehicles and pedestrians over the last 20 years in the proposed traffic calming area of New Street and Gloucester Street. He considered speed cameras had a greater impact on reducing speed levels, with a potential for speeding fines. He was also concerned that the proposed measures would increase air and noise pollution, possibly cause damage to listed buildings and devalue properties in the area involved. Councils in other areas of the UK were now removing similar schemes due to increased pollution levels. Speeding was an issue for the Police.

Francis Roden was not present at the Meeting but had submitted the following written question:

"The survey has been framed in a way to obtain views of residents many of whom will not be directly affected by any possible traffic calming measures, so are you proposing a second survey from residents along the A46 ad B4073 who will be directly and potentially affected by increased vibration, pollution and noise from potential measures?"

Cllr Abigail Smith, Chair of the Traffic Committee, replied stating that the erection of Speed Cameras was being explored but due to the "nil" accident rate it would seem that one of the basic criteria for installation would not be met. The survey is a way of finding out local opinions on traffic calming schemes. However, she confirmed that all residents along the A46 and B4073, who would be directly affected, have been or will be individually visited by a Cllr to seek their views. Also, if any scheme is to be considered further public consultation will be conducted.

David Allott then read out a lengthy draft letter he was proposing to send to the County Council and Ameys (Highways

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Contractors) relating to the A46. He was concerned about the poor signage for the recent road works adjacent to the A4173 junction, drainage and the number of pot holes - he had counted over 60 pot holes! The Meeting agreed that County Cllr Keith Rippington would respond to the points raised.

Apologies for absence

The Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs James Cross, Roey Parker, Rosie Nash and Mike Fletcher.

County Councillors report

County Cllr Keith Rippington reminded the Meeting that any bids for money from his Highways Local Funding had to be submitted by the end of March. Similarly with the "Growing our Local Communities Fund" applications needed to be submitted by the end of April. He mentioned the proposed closing of the A4173 for resurfacing and the impact on Painswick - SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 6.

District Councillors Report

District Cllr Nigel Cooper confirmed that he was investigating continuing complaints about the "bin lorry" allegedly driving over the grassed traffic island in Canton Acre. This primarily due to the combination of a narrow road and on road parking. The grassed area was now a "mud bath". He was discussing the matter with County Cllr Keith Rippington.

To consider asking Gloucestershire County Council/Stroud District Council to install Public Electric Vehicle Charging Points in the Parish

Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger read out a letter that had been received from a local resident requesting that the Council consider erecting Electric Vehicle Charging Points around Painswick. This would encourage visitors with electric

cars to visit the area and recognise that increasing numbers of the public were purchasing electric vehicles. He drew the Councils attention to funding that was available from Central Government. After an interesting discussion it was agreed to refer this matter to the Traffic Committee with a recommendation that due to the narrow lanes and roads in the area that Stamages Lane Car Park seemed to be a suitable site. Also to seek advice from the County Council who are also considering this matter

To consider and approve a format for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 between 6 and 9pm

After a discussion the Council agreed to hold a "drop in" type session. Members of the Police, Fire Service, Neighbourhood Wardens, County and District Councillors and other key providers would be invited to "have a table".

Responsible Financial Officer Report

The Council agreed payments in accordance with the report circulated by the Clerk

Ward Reports

Cllr Abigail Smith warmly thanked the Speed Watch Team volunteers for their hard work during the past month. Speed checks had been carried out in both Painswick and Edge. She also expressed her appreciation to the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group for all their recent hard work clearing scrub.

Cllr Ann Daniels reported that the footpath along Pullens Road needs sweeping and the drains need clearing. Also, that despite the loose manhole cover in New Street being reported it had still not been repaired. Clerk, Roy Balgobin will action these points. In addition there was an increase in dog fouling around the village, particularly on the Recreation

Ground and Pullens road. Finally that she had notified the County Highways a leaning tree at the junction of Golf Course Road and the A46.

Cllr Ed Crownshaw reported that Steanbride Lane in Slad was crumbling in places probably caused by heavy works traffic. Clerk, Roy Balgobin to action.

Cllr Dawn Dart reported that she had met with Mr Ross Munro to discuss the Christmas Lights.

Cllr Rob Lewis reported that he was in the process of agreeing to move funds from Love Painswick to the Council to help funds and repairs to the Christmas Lights.

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm
MK 24/03/18

To all Beacon Contributors..

We always acknowledge receipt of articles sent to us. If you have not received an acknowledgement please email us to double-check.

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Hambutts Field

Walkers using Hambutts Field will have noticed that the overgrown hedge alongside the Cotswold Way in the lower half of the field has been lowered, opening up views to the east. Walkers on the Cotswold Way entering the field from the south are now greeted with a panoramic view across to Painswick church, with Longridge Woods in the background and Bulls Cross and Juniper Hill to the south.



The field is managed by a charity, Hambutts Field Trust, which carries out annual maintenance such as hedge and grass cutting, and other work on an as-needed basis. The income to cover this work comes primarily from donations. Anyone who enjoys using the field and would like to make a donation can do so addressed to Hambutts Field Trust at the Trust's registered office, the Town Hall.

Dylan Davies

Another enjoyable Village Quiz Night

The Beacon Quiz this year saw 15 teams battle it out on the 10th March for the Beacon Trophy. This year the questions ranged from quotations and animal groupings to transport and science with a music round of national anthems and a picture round of famous buildings and their architects. The competition produced a very close finish with, for the second year running, the team from the Library (Off The Shelf) winning by just one point. Second place was shared between the Local History Society (The Seekers) and Katherine Dawson's team (The fools on the hill).



Winning team, "Off the Shelf" From left to right Hywel James, Barbara Brown, Pat Wollaston, Ian Cridland

Full results

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| 1 | Off the shelf | 75 |
| 2= | The Seekers | 74 |
| 2= | The fools on the hill | 74 |
| 4= | The Slashers | 69 |
| 4= | Keep it simple | 69 |
| 6 | Tibbidwellers | 68.5 |
| 7= | Starbank Stars | 66 |
| 7= | Tried and Tested | 66 |
| 9 | Baftas | 64.5 |
| 10 | Dave Dozy Beck Tich | 62.5 |
| 11 | Bookends | 62 |
| 12= | Oscars | 60.5 |
| 12= | Trumps | 60.5 |
| 14 | Flying high | 56.5 |
| 15 | Bookworms | 51.5 |

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, Joy Edwards on 01452 812588.*

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News from the Surgery Patients' Group

Good news - changes are in progress to increase access times for appointments with a particular emphasis on Monday's - the peak day for the surgery. Make sure you have emailed painswickppg@gmail.com to hear news of this as it breaks. The new system will replace the current ChoicePlus scheme and is being led by the cluster of Stroud practices.

Volunteer drivers scheme

Your Patients' Group has been consulting with Minchinhampton PPG who have a well established scheme providing drivers to take people to surgery or hospital appointments. (From Painswick, hospital visits would cost around £10-12 - around a quarter of the cost of a taxi.) This supplements existing arrangements like the Non-Emergency Patient Transport Scheme. Many of their patients prefer this service to Arriva despite that being free of charge. As we consider setting up such a scheme locally, we need to hear from anyone who might be prepared to become a driver in the Painswick area without any commitment at this stage. Just drop an email to painswickppg@gmail.com. We will also need a fund of at least £500 to float the scheme (telephone line, liability insurance etc) and would like to invite local residents to consider a donation. Again, just email if you think you might donate.

See the light?!

In the surgery, lighting improvements are in hand using LEDs for economy and brighter light levels. Unfortunately, the provision of a lift between floors is proving much harder to achieve. The carpets in treatment rooms are another problem as they must be removed for hygiene reasons. It's surprising quite how out of date such a recent building has become.

John Morley, Patient Participation Group Chair.



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.

Stephen Aiano writes

We have been invited to answer yes / no to the question: "Would you support the installation of physical traffic calming measures (e.g. speed cushions, speed tables, pedestrian islands) in the 20mph zone along the A46 and B4073?"

These additional "traffic calming" measures should be rejected as currently proposed because: they will add to air pollution; they will add to noise pollution; they will decrease the heritage townscape value of Painswick; and there is no history of RTA injuries or fatalities that has to be addressed.

What Painswick does need is an integrated management plan for all aspects of vehicles, including the installation of on-street residential chargepoints and responding to the parking needs of the increasing number of both local and visitor cars, in parallel with townscape-sensitive traffic calming measures.

So, for me, the answer to the poll is "no". Instead, I am happy to contribute to the creation of a comprehensive Vehicle Management Plan for Painswick.

Pat Burrows from Castle Close writes

I have had quite a surprising response to my letter about fishing in our potholes and some people actually tremble with rage when thinking about them, particularly when they have suffered tyre damage. That is why Nailsworth's idea of planting flowers in their potholes might help cars to avoid them. However as a gardener I wonder if potatoes might do better especially as they would come up ready mashed.



Painswick Gardening Club:

All Systems Go

By the time you're reading this, the clocks will have changed; hoorah!

Ross Barbour illuminated and enlightened his March audience with a fun, fascinating and fact-filled talk about unusual bulbs and their connections to individuals who discovered and bred them. Beautiful close-up photos of gorgeous flowers set many of us scribbling down the names for future purchases!

We're delighted to have Val Bourne, a well known garden writer and lecturer, as our speaker on 11th April (Church Rooms, 7.30pm). Val's talk "Roses and Peonies - A Match Made in Heaven" encompasses the history of peony breeding and their use as a companion plant for roses. I'm looking forward to this one already! At the risk of repeating myself, if the topic interests you, come along (Visitors £4pp).

Our Plant Sale is on Friday 11th May (Church Rooms, 11.30am - 2pm). As before, we'll be selling plants from established local nurseries including Miserden and Hoo House and plants grown by Members.....and we'll be serving delicious refreshments. Please consider donating any surplus seedlings, plants and/or any unwanted tools, terracotta and houseplant pots and books. Any donations will be gratefully received - if you're unable to bring them to us, get in touch as I'm sure we can sort something out. All monies raised bolsters the Club's coffers for an extended schedule of great speakers so your support in any shape or form is much appreciated.

We're arranging a visit to Wortley House, a large "by appointment" NGS garden, w/c 11th June: exact date and details to follow.

Seeds to sow

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

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A4173 Resurfacing scheme – A46 to Whaddon

The County Council is preparing to resurface more than 5 miles of carriageway on the A4173, between the A46 and Whaddon. The Council will be using hard-wearing surfacing material with high skid resistance, to future-proof this essential route and make it safer for all who use it. The work will be carried out between Tuesday 10th April and Wednesday 23rd May.

The road will be closed from 7.30am to 17.30pm daily for the duration of the scheme (excluding weekends)

The work will be carried out in six sections. Access to property along the route will be available from one direction or the other for most of the scheme

A guide for local residents (see plan on right)

- Section 1 - A46 to Jenkins Lane.
10th-11th April & 24th -27th April
- Section 2 - Jenkins Lane to St John the Baptist Church
11th-12th April & 30th April- 2nd May
- Section 3 - St John the Baptist Church to Wynstones Dr.
13th-17th April & 24th April & 3rd-11th May
- Section 4 - Wynstones Dr. to St Swithen's Church
18th April & 14th-15th May
- Section 5 - St Swithen's Church to Wynstones School
19th-23rd April & 16th-22nd May
- Section 6 - Wynstones School to Whaddon (Grange Rd)
23rd April & 23rd May

The above schedule excludes weekends and may change depending on conditions such as weather or breakdowns. Visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/A4173 regularly for scheme updates.



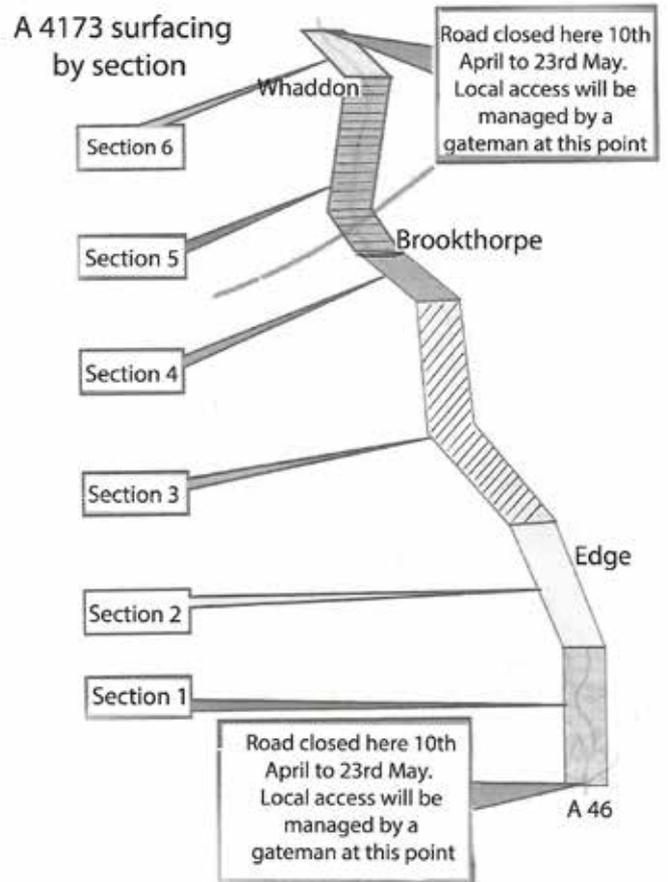
I don't know about you, but I'm starting to feel distinctly spring like! Gone (hopefully!) are the snows of winter, the days are lengthening and the trees in the garden have a green sheen as their leaves appear. The school holidays are upon us

and our very popular Easter Trail is under way. Designed by local illustrator and author Hannah Shaw, a family of specially-commissioned and beautifully-drawn characters will guide children around as they explore the Garden. Add to this our extended play area and the ever-popular maze, there are many delights for children - and of course parents and grandparents!

One of the most iconic areas of the Rococo Garden is the Exedra, that white-arched structure framed by colourful flower beds and borders. During the winter, Head Gardener Roger and his team have started a thorough makeover of the Exedra Garden, removing old plants and repairing the skeleton of paths, edging boards and fencing. This would have been the horticultural high point of the Garden back in the 1740s: a place where the Hyetts would likely have entertained guests with a view to impress. Having taken advice from conservation experts, our team are recreating how this area looked back then. As part of the work, the Exedra will be repainted - all ready for the height of summer warmth in June.

Up in our Café, our spring menu is proving popular. It's the perfect place for coffee with cake, a delicious lunch or tea and freshly-baked scones. There's easy free parking which makes it a popular meeting place - and don't forget you can visit without paying to go into the Garden.

Tim Toghill, Trustee & volunteer



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Probus Club Report



On 28th Feb 2018 we were privileged to welcome Dame Janet Trotter who is the Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. Supported by 30 deputy lieutenants distributed evenly throughout the region, Dame Janet summed up her role as "to uphold the dignity of the crown".

Dame Janet reflected on her activities in 4 main areas during her 8 year term of office:

- Royal Visits – assisting event organisers with planning and with Palace and Police liaison
- Supporting Excellence – recommending Queens Awards for voluntary service, export etc
- Armed Forces – currently gearing up for the commemoration of the end of WW1
- Building up Civil Society – special interest in foster carers, Age UK, and the Nelson Trust which is a centre of excellence for the treatment of addiction

Mike Bottomley, an admirer of Katherine Parr, came to talk to Painswick Probus on March 14th about her life, achievements and her connection to Gloucestershire. Dressed as Miles Coverdale who, for a time, served as her almoner and spiritual guide at Sudeley Castle, Mike presented a portrait of the most interesting of Henry's queens. He also enlivened his talk with videos he had created using costumed actors at Sudeley castle. Mike summarised Katherine Parr's legacy as being:

- Henry VIII's favourite wife
- The first published female author
- Responsible for the first church service in English
- Involved in the formative years of one of our greatest monarchs
- The only queen buried in Gloucestershire.

Henry Hall

Peter Knight's Gigspanner

Thursday May 3rd at The Painswick Centre at 7:30pm (doors open 7pm)

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In the wake of his departure from Steeleye Span, multi award winning fiddle player Peter Knight has turned his full attention to his trio Gigspanner, and in the process established their reputation as one of the most genuinely ground-breaking forces on the British folk scene, inspiring Maverick magazine to write "Gigspanner are pushing at the boundaries, expanding the possibilities and in the process making some of the most beautiful music the genre has to offer"

Mark Greenway

The Golden Fleece of the Cotswolds with the Cotteswold Naturalists'



On Wednesday 4th April, we welcome Richard Martin, owner of Filkins, the Cotswold Woollen Weavers. He will describe the importance to England's economy of the 'Golden Fleece' produced by Cotswold sheep, for example, by providing uniforms for Roman legions, bankrolling the Crusades and clothing 18th century Europe with English broadcloth. Today it is still made into splendid block-weave rugs. We meet at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre, and visitors are welcome, £4 including tea and biscuits.

Our AGM is fast-approaching and we have an earlier start at 2pm for just 30 minutes of business on Wednesday 2nd May in the Painswick Centre. Then our speaker Bjorn Watson will give us a taste of maritime archaeology when he describes the 'First & last voyage of the Vasa'. The secrets of this Swedish warship were unravelled when it was re-discovered and salvaged, virtually intact, in the 1950's.

We have some last-minute places, single and double/twin rooms (£413 and £393 per head), on our 3-night, 4-day coach excursion with DB&B at the Palace Hotel Buxton visiting some of Derbyshire's finest country houses, gardens and sights. Contact me for further details.

Finally, we have two local guided walks, the first at Crickley Hill Country Park for geology and landscape on Friday 13th April, at 10 am. The second will be an afternoon 'May Day' walk on Tuesday 1st May, looking at the natural history of Woodchester Valley. This will be a 3-mile linear walk, catching the bus one-way.

Jane Rowe 813228

Community Lunches 2017/2018

The season's lunches finished in mid March raising a total of £1460.00. The money raised will be handed over to local charities, as yet not decided upon.

Thank you to all the groups who have hosted the lunches, some new this season and many who have been loyal supporters for several years. The soups served, always vegetable based have been varied, minestrone, mushroom, carrot and coriander to name but a few, served with crusty bread, butter and cheese.

Many thanks to all who supported us by coming to Ashwell, without you the community Lunches would cease. Please join us again in October, encourage others to come, everyone is welcome and it is a chance to meet new friends. If you have never been why not put the date 8th October in your diary? We would appreciate seeing some new faces.

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News From St Mary's

At the beginning of April we celebrate Easter Day, the premier festival of the Christian year. It is the day when we remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ the Son of God from the dead, an event which changed the course of human history. The liturgical colour is white and the following six Sundays are all named after Easter before we celebrate Ascension and then Whitsun.

On 4th April there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Richmond Village at 11am. This provides a good opportunity to attend a communion service during Easter week if you are not able to attend Communion on Easter Day.

Painswick Music Society is staging two concerts this month. The first is on 14th April featuring Raphael Wallfisch and John York. The second is on 28th April when the Heath Quartet will be performing. Both concerts are at 3pm and tickets are available from the Painswick Pharmacy or the church door on the day.

April is the month for Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM's). St Mary's meeting will be on 12th April at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. This is an opportunity for all church members and parishioners to be updated on the state of the church and to share a vision for the future. All are welcome at this meeting and refreshments will be served.

The Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Reverend Rachel Treweek is honouring us with a visit to the benefice on Sunday 15th April. She will preside at the only service in the benefice on that day which will be a communion service at Edge starting at 10am. We look forward to a good turnout to welcome our Bishop.

David Newell

Nostalgia with the Theatre Club

Maybe some were expecting to see a peroxide blonde with panda eyes but instead we had a story with 3 characters from 3 generations. Together they find their way to Soho and a coffee shop previously a record shop, the haunt of the Preacher Man. There they find his son ... the son of a preacher man! At last ... the theatre club first outing of 2018 was to see the musical *The Son of Preacher Man* featuring great musical hits of Dusty Springfield. This was not Dusty's story, which could well be the subject of a musical in its own right, but a sometimes bizarre tale linked by her songs. The cast brought the songs to life, some with poignancy, but not as we expected to hear them, in that famous breathy sensual mezzo-soprano style. A bit slow in the first half, for me, the show took off after the interval with a full rock interpretation of Spooky and finally brought the house together with *Son of a Preacher Man* when members of the Painswick Theatre Club led the audience to dance in the aisles ... ah, nostalgia!

Coming visits are to see *Art*, starring Nigel Havers, Denis Lawson and Stephen Tompkins, *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Curtain*, starring Robert Powell and Lizza Goddard and *Macbeth*, Christopher Eccleston's RSC debut.

Ross Munro



PMAG

Unfortunately, like many other organisations, we suffered at the hands of "The Beast from the East". To the great disappointment of our Members we had to postpone Tim Brain's presentation on the life and works of Ralph Vaughan-Williams. This has now been re-arranged for the 25th October, a date for our diaries!

On the 15th March Dennis Morgan presented a "first" for the Club, a selection of opera, ballet and orchestral music, all on DVD, displayed on the large screen in the Town Hall. With dimmed lights you could almost imagine that you were in a Concert Hall! We watched Darcy Bussell dance extracts from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* and Delibes' *Sylvia*. The most poignant moment was watching - in black and white - Jacqueline Du Pre play the final movement of Elgar's famous Cello Concerto, conducted by her husband Daniel Barenboim. We rounded the evening off with extracts from Rossini's comic opera *Le Comte Ory*. A great success which undoubtedly will be followed by other presenters.

April sees our last Concert Outing of the season - on the 12th we are off to the Colston Hall in Bristol for an evening with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, conductor Robert Trevino. Included in the programme will be works by Debussy, Mendelssohn and Berlioz. Then on the 26th one of our regular contributors, Gordon Collins, will be talking to us about "The Art of the Accompanist". He will uncover the many problems of both the amateur and professional piano accompanist. Intrigued? Come along, join in and enjoy the resolving the problems of an Accompanist!

Mike Kerton

News from the Grave Diggers Hut

The winter months have been put to good use, and the result is a re-decorated Tourist Office, with new lighting, and heating to welcome our visitors and keep our volunteers warm. If you haven't yet explored what happens in the G.D.H. pop in and see us. We have lots of info on what is happening locally and further afield. Looking to take days out without the worry of where to park, come and see the excellent programme of Day Excursions, all bookable at the Tourist Office, or independently, all collecting and returning to Painswick. Or maybe looking for that little something different to leave in guest rooms, or for your visitors, packable, we have a selection of local cards, pictures, The Painswick tea towel, mugs, bookmarks etc. Or maybe you would like to be part of our happy team of volunteers, for a regular slot or on a reserve list to cover for holidays, illness etc. a most interesting way of meeting some of the 4,000 visitors who come to Painswick.

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Library News

Thank you for all knitted hearts gratefully received by Clare Young at the Library's last Knit and Natter session. The next session is on Monday 9th April from 10 am to 12. If you are still knitting hearts and would like them included in the Work of Heart Garden please bring them along on April 9th and we'll make sure they get there. There are also two boxes of various knitting patterns in the library available for anyone to borrow.

We have application forms for the Reading Agency's children's competition 'The Great Library Orienteering Challenge' with the prize being a new book by Natasha Farrant - 'The Children of Castle Rock'. The questions can be answered by doing an orienteering challenge around the library and are all based on classic children's books by authors including C.S. Lewis and Arthur Ransome. The competition is open to anyone under 13 years old and the closing date is 26th April.

Recent additions include:

ADULT NON-FICTION

Jenni Murray – A History of Britain in 21 Women
Mary Beard – Women and Power
Simon Jenkins – Britain's 100 Best Railway Stations

ADULT FICTION

Imogen Hermes Gowar – The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock

Joseph Kanon – Defections

Joanna Trollope – City of Friends

Jennifer Ryan – The Chilbury Ladies Choir

JUNIOR NON-FICTION

Kate Pankhurst – Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World

Rebecca Langston George – For the Right to Learn

JUNIOR FICTION

Alexander McCall Smith – Hari and his Electric Feet
Kes Gray and Jim Field – Oi Cat!

A full list of recent additions is available at the Library Desk.

Happy Reading -

Pat Pinnegar



Talks on "High Street Histories" and "Being a Magistrate"

On the 23rd of February Philip Wilkin gave a fascinating talk on "High Street Histories", outlining the development of our shopping habits from 15th Century stalls in village and small town market places to today's plethora of shopping facilities.

Although many shopkeepers were content to service their local area there were two early entrepreneurs whose businesses today are household names. In 1792 Henry Walton Smith opened a news vendor business in London and in 1849 John Boot opened a "Herbal Medicine" shop in Nottingham although both men developed successful businesses it was the second generation that recognised the need to expand and open shops in neighbouring towns. The rest is history - Boots the Chemist and W H Smith (name of HW Smith's son) are now household names. A great example of "mighty oaks from acorns grow!"

Then on the 9th March Celia Hargrave spoke to us about "Being a Magistrate". She clearly explained the important role of Magistrates - all criminal cases originate in the Magistrates Court - the necessary training they undertake and that they always sit as a panel of three. She pointed to various members of the Club, requested that they stand and then, to the amusement of Club members, asked them to account for various "crimes" they were alleged to have been involved in. A serious but entertaining afternoon.

What's in store for April? On the 6th Kathy Butterworth will be talking to us about

"10 Things I would save in a Fire" and on the 20th Chris O'Grady will be asking the intriguing question "Fakes or Fortunes!" Interested? Why not come along and enjoy a friendly Meeting with interesting speakers.

Mike Kerton



Painswick Bird Club ceases to fly

Following the March AGM, without a new committee and with a dwindling membership, the closure of Painswick Bird Club was, unfortunately, unavoidable.

The Club emerged in 1999 following an enthusiastic public meeting, and was a welcome addition to Painswick's long list of clubs and societies. The Club went from strength to strength with Dulcie Brotherton, Malcolm Watts, Pamela Warren-Smith, Joan and Malcolm Cooper and Joy Elworthy as early committee members. Evening speakers with their eye-watering photography took the Club membership 'around the world' to the five continents and the many seas between, illustrating the huge range of bird species and bird behaviour and habitats. Expert guides on our field trips explored major reserves such as Slimbridge as well as working farms and remote Cotswold valleys. Further afield, residential field trips included the Dovey Estuary in Wales, the Somerset Levels and the Dorset Coast.

For many years the Club entered the Painswick Quiz as 'the High Flyers' as well as supporting the Ashwell Community lunches.

Our thanks are due to other clubs and societies in Painswick and beyond with whom we have held successful joint meetings, the media including the 'Beacon', for publicising our events and the many informative and enthusiastic speakers and guides. Club members do have the opportunity to continue their birding interest with other organisations in Gloucestershire including, locally, the Field Club, which proposes to widen its programme to continue the good work of the Bird Club.

The AGM ended with a champagne celebration toasting a successful community club over its 19 years, followed by a toast for all Club members and those many visitors who supported our events.

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Workshop/Concert at Croft School - At Painswick on 20th February 2018

Another year has passed and once again the annual visit of the Carducci Quartet has provided a musical experience for the pupils of the Croft School.

The morning started with a short extract from a Haydn Quartet. Then the children were involved in an exercise introducing them to the necessity of good timing and coordination in music. First a simple clapping rhythm, then a more complicated sequence that all the quartet and those present joined in. It was enjoyed by everyone and by the end the complicated clapping sequence was pretty well together. A short piece of music for the dance was then played to show how these rhythms were incorporated into music.

The additional instrument for the day was introduced, the French horn played by Jocelyn Lightfoot. She then explained that the sound from this instrument came in quite a different way from the stringed instruments of the quartet.

She then demonstrated how you get sound of this quite different instrument by blowing into the mouthpiece. Nothing happened! Why was that she asked. You did not blow hard enough said one pupil. So she blew harder. Still nothing happened. Then it was all made clear, you have to blow in a special way with pursed lips. A series of sounds then came from the instrument some musical, and some just loud to amuse the pupils.

At this point she joined the quartet to play a movement from a Mozart horn quartet, which was beautifully done.

When this part of the workshop was over a selection of pupils was assembled together with their musical instruments, comprising violins, guitars, recorders, and a piano, probably about twenty all together, all to form an impromptu orchestra. The object was to play a short piece of music under the direction of members of the quartet. Everyone then joined in to make music with considerable enthusiasm, under the skilled and sympathetic direction of all the members of the quartet, as well as the horn player Jocelyn Lightfoot. All applauded at the end of this session which was thoroughly enjoyed by every body present.

Alan Price Painswick Music Society

Police Report

The crime statistics for the Painswick area from the Gloucestershire Constabulary web site.

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| December 2017 | | |
| Tibbiwell | Vehicle crime | Under investigation |
| Canton Acre | ASB | |
| Gyde Road | Other theft | No suspect identified |
| Golf Course Road | ASB | |
| January 2018 | | |
| New Street | Burglary | No suspect identified |
| New street | Vehicle crime | Under investigation |
| Stamages CP | Vehicle crime | Under investigation |
| Tibbiwell | ASB | |
| Tibbiwell | Vehicle crime | Under investigation |
| Near the Rec. | Vehicle crime | Under investigation |
| Canton Acre | Other theft | Under investigation |



Yew Trees

Loads of snow
and a no-show!

You may remember that the recent snow started during the afternoon of Tuesday February 27th. We had two stiff blizzards which were enough to lay the foundations for the deep drifts which incapacitated us for the next few days. Unfortunately, that evening was the day of our monthly meeting and our speaker, who was coming from Frampton to talk about Village Life in mid-Victorian Times decided that she was unable to travel as far as Painswick. She made the decision at 6pm leaving us no time to organise an alternative entertainment but, nothing daunted, our President decided to hold the meeting anyway.

There was a great deal of WI business to discuss, a very successful raffle of unwanted Christmas presents which resulted in almost everyone winning a prize and of course a great deal of village news to talk about. We also welcomed two new members who we hope will accept that this meeting was very different from our usual fare! The only thing that was missing was a glass of wine but thinking about it, it was probably a good thing that we were entirely sober as we walked home through the penetrating cold.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30 and is entitled 'Ladies who Lunch at the Top of the World'. Angela Follows and Carole Holland will describe their recent trip to Nepal. This is an Open Meeting and all are very welcome.

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ACP Seeks new home for 2019 festival.

We are very grateful to the people of Painswick for their support and forbearance over the last 8 years of the festival, judging by the constant stream of enquiries we have had, we are only too aware that the enthusiasm for this unique and wildly creative event, together with the opportunities it affords remains undented.

However in order for the Festival to be sustainable, we are seeking to secure a local magical venue in or close to Painswick that is both ticketable and can accommodate a capacity of around 2,000 people. Despite our very best efforts to secure such a venue we have been unable to navigate the process in sufficient time to produce an

event worthy of the amazing creations on show. Should you have any suggestions can you please get in touch via our e mail below.

It is with a very heavy heart that we have to postpone this year's ACP festival to 2019.

The Trustees and Partners are committed to producing a Festival to remember, predicated on finding the ideal location and hope to have a plan outlined in Autumn 2018.

ACP continues to champion excellence in the arts and will be supporting some local schools with their wearable art curriculum this Spring. Could we ask that any potential entrants keep the themes and any creations they may have started on hold and check in with us through our website or social media. The charity will continue to reward creativity through work placements and prize giving and looks forward to coming back with a bang in 2019!

Thank you for your understanding, and although the gallery is now closed please do contact us on galleryacp@gmail.com if you have queries or concerns or would like to get involved .

The ACP Team

Painswick Valleys Conservation Society.



We will be holding our AGM on Thursday April 19th at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start in The Church Rooms.

Our speaker will be Mark Bowden - senior investigator at Historic England, who will be speaking on the recent archaeological research at the famous World Heritage site of Stonehenge.

The talk is free to members or £4.00 for non-members. This does include light refreshments.

If you would like to, you can become a member on the night (£4.00 for single membership, or £6 for double membership) Briefly - the aim of the society is to ensure the conservation and management of our local environment and listed buildings and common land etc. and, that any future development would not spoil the character and landscape of our beautiful A.O.N.B.

Do come and support this important society. Do hope to see you on the 19th April.

Barbara Tait. (Chairman).

Ashwell Volunteer helpers needed.

Every Wednesday at Ashwell House we help a friendly, appreciative group of elderly citizens who come in to us from around Painswick, sharing time in companionship and stimulation through various activities - exercises, singing, art and craft, board games, occasional outings and more.

The day runs from 10am to 3pm with members enjoying a lunch. At present we have reached our maximum of 12 and are dependent on extra volunteers. Anyone who can offer 3 hours in a morning or afternoon (even once a month) would be most welcome. Volunteering is rewarding and satisfying. The members really look forward to their Wednesday Group. Please consider joining us and making a difference.

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The Croft School meeting with the Parish Council

The Parish Council has written to The Croft School with the answers to a number of questions raised by the children at their meeting with the Parish Councillors earlier this year. Also in attendance at the meeting were Josie Oaks, Stroud District Council Dog Warden and Andy Beamish, Stroud District Council Neighbourhood Warden. In her letter to the school, the Deputy Clerk Mrs Irena Litton said that those attending the meeting had remarked how well behaved the children were. They had been impressed with the agenda put forward by the children and the manner in which they expressed their points of view and their understanding of the complexity of the issues.

In her letter the Deputy Clerk reported that in the Recreation Ground, "the slide has been fixed with a rubber strip which will hopefully 'earth' the slide. We have found issues with the base of the Zip Wire, so we are investigating the best way to repair and improve the experience. The swings have been untwisted, oiled and we have ordered some fittings to prevent the swings being thrown over the bars. Our apprentice, Lucas, has carried out a litter pick. Elsewhere, Andy Beamish carried out a litter pick on the road to Sheepscombe and with regard to dog mess we have ordered a stencil so we can mark the pavement with the 'pick up or pay' motif". Among other issues raised were speeding traffic within the 20mph zone, potholes, traffic light sequence failure and the need for better signage that dogs were required to be kept on leads in the Recreation Ground.

Mrs Litton concluded her letter with thanks to the school for arranging this productive meeting with the Parish Council which is held each year.

Childhood Memories – a wonderful display

It was impossible not to be moved by each and every piece of art work on display at Richmond Retirement Village on Friday, 16th March. This was the finale of the Richmond Inter-Art Competition, Painswick Richmond being this year's host.

Of the Richmond Villages nationwide, six – Painswick, Witney, Northampton, Aston, Letcombe Regis and Bede - were represented in the competition. Residents and staff were invited to submit pieces of art and craft work based on a theme and then each community selected two pieces from each of the five categories to go forward for the final judging in Painswick. This year the theme chosen was Childhood Memories and the categories were drawing, textile art, 3-D art/collage, painting and creative art.

What might have been a fairly pedestrian exercise, that is the judging, in fact turned out to be exceedingly difficult not least because every single entry was a masterpiece of evocation. It was obvious that many hours of thought and work had gone into each one and indeed each one was a worthy winner. Judging ultimately was not based on technical skill, although all were cleverly and carefully produced. The real value came across in abundance in the very personal feelings and fond memories evoked.

Each piece was unique despite the common theme which made judging even more difficult as they were not comparable. The criteria ultimately used focussed mainly on evocation of childhood through representative details – holidays, wartime, play, flowers, gardening, television programmes etc. There was a painting depicting an attic containing various childhood toys, another showing the backs of a grandfather and child looking across a gate, a very realistic clay model of an allotment plot with many tiny vegetables growing, a model of a maypole, a cushion cube with a different memory pictured in coloured cloth on each of its six sides, and so many more of course.

A winner was eventually chosen from each category. There was also an overall winner and this year it was a truly entrancing small book of 26 pages, one for each letter of the alphabet. On each page was a simple picture representing a memory; under W, for example, was a picture of wasps. Named Alphabet of Memories this little book was beautifully thought out and beautifully executed.

This competition was open to all residents. Such projects are, says Kay the Painswick activities manager, extremely beneficial in so many ways: socially through discussion, mentally through focused thinking, imaginatively and of course manually through the production of the works. The result was a stunning set of clear memories beautifully presented, evocative, picturesque and with truly sensitive detail. All involved should definitely be congratulated.

Carol Maxwell

Open Day at Richmond Village care home

Richmond Village Care Home in Painswick is taking part in the Care Home Open day on 21st April 2018.

The idea behind the day is to encourage local people to visit care homes in their community and to work together to develop better relationships.

This important connection is something that Richmond has nurtured since opening in 2007 and the home is already acting as a community hub, including hosting monthly Stroke Group meetings and a new Parkinson's Group. Full details of the activities we provide are on our website www.richmond-villages.com/retirement-villages/painswick/

As part of the Care Home Open Day 2018, Richmond is hosting a Choir performance at 2pm, Lollipop Ponies (miniature Shetlands) visit at 3pm – 4pm followed by an afternoon tea 4pm – 5pm.

Bev Ingram, Village Manager at the home, said: "This is a great way to show the excellent services on offer and the fantastic work that goes on at Richmond. Some people still have misconceptions about care homes so we are keen to dispel any myths and for people to come and have a look around, meet the staff and our residents."

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Painswick Golf Club

The winter season is coming to a close, though it did not seem like it with the snowfall at the start of March and the flurries two weeks later. Fortunately snow quickly disappeared and the course was playable within a few days.

In the Seniors section, the main winter competition – the winter pairs competition is drawing to a close and I will announce the winners next month. The monthly stableford took place on 8th March and was won by George Paton with an excellent score of 42 points. And the first match of the season, led by Mike Horton, resulted in a win for Painswick against Minchinhampton Old. Congratulations to the winners.

Visitors are always welcome at Painswick Golf Club. Last month the club's caterers, Hortons, hosted a Medieval Banquet. (Pictured above). It was good to see some 80 diners from around Painswick and beyond who were treated to some excellent food and entertainment by the Thames Head Singers. For more details of golf or catering, please phone 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe



Falcon Bowling Club

At Falcon Bowls Club we're always looking for new recruits, especially from the local community. Falcon is without a doubt Painswick's "hidden gem", having an idyllic setting for bowls, nestled in behind The Falcon Inn. You'll receive a warm welcome, and plenty of encouragement as you learn the game here. Playing bowls is a great way to stay active throughout your life, and at the same time make new friends, socialise, and have fun, so why not give it a go?

At Falcon next season (which starts in April) we offer:

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Rob Ellis, our club captain at Falcon next season, is currently involved in a study of the beneficial effects of playing bowls. Rob, with his Fitbit has been monitoring how many steps he takes per game, and what this equates to in miles. Bowls matches usually consist of 18 or 21 ends, so a game of 21 ends will contribute roughly 3,000 steps (1.5 miles) towards your daily target, if you have one of course? □

Jon Ellis

Cheltenham Croquet Club

Cheltenham Croquet Club, based at Old Bath Rd Cheltenham, is one of the largest and oldest in the country. There are 11 full size lawns and a practice area. The members are of all ages and both sexes, ranging from complete beginners to players of county and international standard.

There are two taster days in 2018, Sunday 8th April and Sunday 13th May. Email to book a place at: croquetcheltenham@gmail.com or to arrange another time subject to availability. New members are very welcome. Free taster days are organised throughout the summer.

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Painswick Bowls Club

It has been a long winter, but we have kept ourselves busy with skittles evenings, a Beetle Drive, Hoy and short mat in the clubhouse. Some members have been to Eastcombe in the Autumn and to Dorset this March for a social getaway.

Now spring has hopefully arrived! Here at the bowls club, at the top of the Painswick Centre car park, members have been preparing the green and clubhouse ready for the opening of the green on 14th April and our first friendly match the following day.

If you are looking for an enjoyable challenge, plus new friends, why not give lawn bowls a try?

We will be having an open day on Sunday 13th May but anyone is very welcome to introduce themselves before then. Ring Dave Glover on 01453 452369 or Brian Sinden on 01453791441 and they will happily arrange an introduction to the game, or look out for us in action on the green.

If we can do it so can you!!

Helen Kilminster



Tennis

New season starts

Prospective new members are welcome to come to the

Tuesday evening club nights at 7.30 when a committee member will be on duty to welcome people. Alternatively there will be an Open Day on Sunday 13th May 11am to 3pm for anyone wanting to try out a game of tennis and there will be tennis coaches present. Should additional information be required please contact Ruth Smith on 01452 813693 or email ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com.

Painswick RFC calls for female Inner Warriors

Painswick RFC is hosting an Inner Warrior Camp for women and girls from 11 years upwards on Sunday 29th April from 2.00 – 4.00pm. The event aims to encourage more women and girls to play contact rugby, teaching participant's key introductory skills and drills for rugby within a social and fun environment.

The afternoon is a fun-packed, commitment-free way for women and girls to get outside and experience the dynamic, exhilarating sport of rugby for the first time. With plenty of help on hand, coaching experts from Painswick and England Rugby will demonstrate the basics of women's rugby.

Since England Rugby launched the initiative last year, over 10,500 women have attended Warrior Camps across the country; and of those women, 3,500 had never picked up a rugby ball before.

Martin Lewis, head coach for Painswick Sirens says, "We want to encourage women to pick up a rugby ball and experience the sense of belonging, camaraderie and sportsmanship that comes with playing for their local rugby team. The Painswick Warrior Camp provides the opportunity to try rugby without any commitment and most importantly, have fun."

For further information contact Martin Lewis on 07535 643 063 or elmarto@sky.com



Anne-Marie Randall
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Painswick 1st XV Rugby

On the 10th of March Painswick secured a convincing victory over bottom of the table Gloucester All Blues to keep their promotion hopes alive. The following Saturday they met Fairford and achieved another good win which was followed on the 24th March with a another convincing victory this time against Kingswood by 36 to 7. So with just one more match against Norton on April 7th at Home, promotion is now possible.



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Amazing Yews



I have always liked yews, but only recently realised just what amazing trees they are. They thrive on very low light conditions and can photosynthesise down to -8 deg. C. All parts are toxic apart from the red fruit which is highly nutritious and a valuable food for birds. The toxic seed passes through the bird and is dispersed. Yew is deadly to cattle and horses, but native deer browse young shoots which act as a natural worming agent. Hence for yew saplings to survive they need to grow amongst dense vegetation to be protected from deer.

Yew wood made the best longbows and in Medieval times a thriving import business of bow blanks decimated the European stock of trees. The shortage forced Elizabeth I to convert the army to muskets but it was a hundred years before the superior rate of fire, distance and accuracy of long bows was surpassed.

Britain has some of the best ancient yews in the world, often more than a thousand years old. They can regenerate by coppicing, suckering and layering. Plants can be male or female or both and can even change from one to the other! In Britain yews are often associated with church yards (St Marys is well blessed with them) and across the world wide they have a deep cultural significance. The Beacon has plenty of yews and although they have to be removed from the grazing some will be kept to become ancient trees in the future.

Work parties have continued to be well attended despite some awful wet and cold weather. We will soon stop cutting mainly not to disturb nesting birds and sprouting flora, but it is also much easier to deal with felled trees if they are not in leaf. However there are plenty of pines which need felling and I plan to continue doing this through the summer where it is safe to do so.

Back from the Brink is running free training days to survey the rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly on Rodborough Common

5th May 10.30 – 3.00 Identify the Duke and its' habitat.

16th June 10.30 – 2.30 Spot larval feeding on cowslip leaves.

Contact Jennifer Gilbert on jjgilbert@butterfly-conservation.org to book. It would be great if we could get people looking on the Beacon so we can determine how successful our efforts are.

Paul Baxter 07971 633 242

PROPERTY REPORT Now written by Beacon Staff

Amongst the larger properties coming onto the market recently are Byfield House in Bisley Street, dating back to Tudor times (offered by Moulton Haus at £1,250,000) and Honeysuckle Lodge, a beautifully renovated family home in Knapp Lane (Murrays at £995,000). Hamptons are offering Long Finals, a modern detached Cotswold stone house in Stamages Lane, well worth a view at the new price of £925,000, and Moulton Haus have Norbreck House, a substantial 1950s house in Cotswold Mead at £765,000. New agent James Pyle (based underneath the surgery at Hoyland House) are offering the Bull House in Wick Street, which comes with 9 acres of land and a separate one bedroom cottage, for £1,475,000.

Both Whitehall Bank in Stamages Lane (Murrays £695,000) and Spring Cottage in Ticklestone Lane (Hamptons £750,000) are former mill cottages, extended and renovated to form modern family accommodation. And there's a former 18th Century coaching inn on offer at Old Star House in Gloucester Street (Murrays £535,000).

Smaller period properties coming to the market recently include Horseshoe Cottage in Tibbiwell Gardens (Hamptons £499,950), Lychgate Cottage (Hamptons £300,000), Southview in Vicarage Street (Murrays £345,000), 3 Gyde House (Murrays £550,000), Croome House in Bisley Street (Moulton Haus £550,000) and Yew Tree Barn in New Street (Moulton Haus £295,000). A more modern property at 8 The Croft went almost immediately under offer through Murrays.

Recent sales (in some cases subject to contract) have included Park Lodge in Butt Green and 24 Upper Washwell (Hamptons), the Watch House in New Street (Moulton Haus) and two cottages in Vicarage Street (1 Rock Cottages and Bentley Cottage) by Murrays. If you live near to any of these, why not welcome your new neighbours.

Painswick has a highly competitive property market. The comparison used to be whether there were more pubs than churches, but both are now outnumbered. And Moulton Haus, having established themselves in the Painswick market are opening a new office in Nailsworth. All the agents are involved in the community. Just this weekend you'll find Hamptons and James Pyle at the Painswick Easter Egg Hunt as sponsors, and Murrays as Gold Sponsor at the Friday evening Wick-Flix.

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| Sun | 1 | Mass Holy Communion Meeting for Worship | Catholic Church 8.30am St. Mary's Church 9.30am Quaker Meeting Hou: 10.30am |
| Tues | 3 | Painswick Art Club - every Tuesday Gentle Pilates for all - every Tuesday. Contact Vicky at abcPilates@btinternet.com or 07934977171 Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors £6.50 pp every Tuesday 07766 101790 Bingo - every Tuesday Nia Holistic Fitness - every Tuesday | Church Rooms 9.30am Painswick Centre 9.30 - 10.30am Painswick Centre 10.00am Ashwell House 6.30 - 9.00pm Town Hall 6.00- 7.00pm |
| Wed | 4 | Cotteswold Naturalists' lecture:Cotswold Woollen Weavers - Richard Martin. Enq. 01453 873262 Botanical Illustration classes - every Wednesday - mornings or afternoons. Prebook 07810 725772 or via website Yoga - Wednesdays - contact Kim 812623 Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays contact Jane 812176 Table Tennis | Painswick Centre 2.30pm Painswick Golf Club 9.30 - 11.00am & GL6 6TL 1.00 - 3.30pm Sheepscombe 9.30 - 11.00am & Village hall 1.00 - 3.30pm Afternoons Painswick Centre 7.00 - 9.00pm |
| Thur | 5 | Yoga - all abilities every Thursday. Cotswold Room T'ai Chi every Thursday contact 812344 Dog training club - every Thursday Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays contact Jane 812176 Art Class (watercolours) - Thursdays contact Jane 812176 Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Beginners - Thursdays contact Julie 01453 752480 Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced Beginners - Thursdays contact Julie 01453 752480 New Pilates Class - every Thursday contact Nicola 07870953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com | Painswick Centre 9.30 - 11.00am Town Hall 9.30am Church Rooms 9.30 - 12.00pm Mornings Afternoons Town Hall 12.00 - 1.00pm Town Hall 12.30 - 1.30pm Painswick Centre |
| Fri | 6 | Friday Club: Fake or Fortunes - Chris O'Grady Wick Flix Screening: Murder on the Orient Express. £7 to include 1 drink Country Market - coffee available - Fridays | Town Hall 2.30pm Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.45pm Town Hall 9.30 - 11.00am |
| Sat | 7 | Painswick Beacon Conservation Group working party: Tel. 07971 633242 for location details | Painswick Beacon 9.00am to 12noon |
| Mon | 9 | Probus Women: Air Traffic - Woman in a Man's World - Lynn Gremian Knit and Natter group Short Mat Bowls - every Monday (812464) Yoga - every Monday - contact Kim 812623 Painswick Community Choir - every Monday. Enq Sophie 01453 298138 Have Your Say Church Group - every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 536325 Painswick Singers Choir - every Monday - contact Jean Jones 813545 | Church Rooms 10.00 for 10.30am Library 10.00am Town Hall 10.30am & 2.00pm Sheepscombe 6.30pm - 8.00pm and 8.15pm - Village hall Painswick Centre 7.00 - 8.30pm Church Rooms 7.30 - 9.30pm Richmond Village 7.30 - 9.30pm |
| Wed | 11 | Painswick Probus Club:AGM Gardening Club: Roses and Peonies - a match made in heaven. Val Bourne | Church Rooms 7.30pm |
| Thu | 12 | Music Appreciation Group Concert outing to Colston Hall, Bristol Annual Parochial Church meeting. | Church Rooms 7.30pm |



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| Fri | 13 | Cotteswold Naturalists' Guided Geological Walk - Crickley Hill. Pre-book 813228 | Visitors Centre | 10.00am |
| Sat | 14 | Painswick Music Society Concert: Raphael Wallfisch (Cello) & John York (Piano) | St. Mary's Church | 3.00pm |
| Tues | 17 | Local History Soc. Georgian Cirencester. Nicholas Herbert | Croft School | 7.30pm |
| | | Friends of Rococo Garden: AGM | Coach House, Rococo Garden | 6.00 for 6.30pm |
| | | Cotteswold Naturalists talk and tea: Botanical Illustrations - Joyce Barrus. Enq 01453 873262 | Painswick Centre | 2.30pm |
| Thu | 19 | Painswick Valleys Conservation Society AGM. Members free; non-members 4.00. Refreshments included | Church Rooms | 7.00 for 7.30pm |
| Fri | 20 | Friday Club: 10 Things I would save in a fire - Kathy Butterworth | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| | | Painswick Beacon Distributors Party: A party to thank all distributors | Church Rooms | 6.30 to 8.00pm |
| Sat | 21 | Painswick Beacon Conservation Group working party: Tel. 07971 633242 for location details | Painswick Beacon | 9.00am to 12noon |
| Mon | 23 | Copy date for May Beacon | | |
| Tue | 24 | Yew Trees WI: Ladies who Lunch at the Top of the World. Angela Follows/ Carole Holland. Open Meeting | Church Rooms | 7.30pm |
| Wed | 25 | Painswick Probus Club: Sandra Ashenford. Forgotten Objects of Yesteryear | | |
| | | Last table tennis session | Painswick Centre | 7.00 - 9.00pm |
| Thu | 26 | Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The Art of the Accompanist. Gordon Collins | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Sat | 28 | Painswick Music Society Concert: Heath Quartet | St Mary's Church | 3.00pm |

MAY

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| Tues | 1 | Cotteswold Naturalists Guided May Day Walk - Woodchester Valley. Pre-book/info 813228 | | |
| Wed | 2 | Cotteswold Naturalists AGM & First and Last Voyage of the vasa: Bjorn Watson 01453 873262 | Painswick Centre | 2.00pm |
| Fri | 4 | Friday Club: Jean-Shefalie Hollis. Barnados | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Sat | 5 | May Beacon published | | |
| Wed | 9 | Gardening Club - Irises in the Natural Garden - Jill and Alun Whitehead. | Church Rooms | 7.30pm |

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.18/0416/HHOLD 9 THE CROFT
Proposed single storey front extension.

S.18/0272/TPO THE OLD EXCHANGE, Stroud Road
Fell x2 Pine.

S.18/0276/TCA THE SPINDLES, Far End, Sheepscombe
Works to trees.

S.18/0240/FUL DILLAY FARM
Erection of detached outbuilding to accommodate self contained staff accommodation, covered parking and storage and associated earth works.

S.18/0471/HHOLD THE GABLES, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe
Addition of two timber framed gables and associated alterations.

S.18/0459/CPE THE OLD STABLES, Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp
Lawful Development Certificate for an existing dwelling at The Old Stables.

S.18/0213/FUL SEVENACRES, The Camp
Siting of six glamping cabins and new access track.

S.18/0502/HHOLD THE WOOL BARN, Far End, Sheepscombe
Two storey extension to create a lower ground level store and a larger garage.

S.18/0516/LBC LOVEDAYS MILL, Beech Lane
Proposal for new Entrance porch to 19th century Mill extension, in addition to renewal of roof coverings, new external door opening to rear, replacement of existing Kitchen door, and various repairs to building fabric.

S.18/0550/HHOLD EASTLEA, Back Edge Lane, Edge
Single storey rear extension.

S.18/0615/HHOLD & S.0616/LBC TRILLGATE, Slad
New external boiler and housing.
Revision to approved scheme S.16/2215/HHOLD & S.16/2216/LBC

CONSENT

S.17/2772/LBC & S.17/2771/HHOLD SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, Jacks Green
Erection of a Conservatory.

S.17/2674/LBC BROOK HOUSE, Greenhouse Lane
Replacement roof on outbuilding.



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S.17/2777/VAR LULLINGWORTH, Stroud Road
Variation of condition 2 for S.17/1687/FUL.

S.18/0025/HHOLD PARK BANK, The Park
Single storey extension including alterations to external surfaces.

S.17/2696/LBC NEW HALL, Bisley Street
Replacement of windows, pedestrian & internal alterations to bathroom.

S.18/0083/HHOLD STEPPING STONE COTTAGE, King Mill Lane
Erection of extensions and replacement garage.

S.17/2879/HHOLD THE GREEN HOUSE, The Green, Edge
Extension to rear of house.

S.18/0188/TCA PACKERS, New Street
T1 Beech tree; crown raise to a height of 5 metres by removing secondary branches, reduce lateral limbs by 3 metres.

S.18/0216/TCA WESTHAYVEN HOUSE, New Street
Trees in a Conservation Area Description: Eucalyptus (T1) Fell Box Tree (T2) to remove 1 x lower branch that is currently pressing down on the wall.

S.18/0272/TPO THE OLD EXCHANGE, Stroud Road
Fell x2 Pine.

REFUSED

S.17/2859/CPE PRICE, Downwood Mill, The Camp
Use of building as a residential dwelling.

WITHDRAWN

S.17/2864/COU BLAKEWELL FARM, Edge Road
Change of use from part orchard to residential garden.

Neil Carmichael not to stand again

Neil Carmichael, who was the former Conservative MP for Stroud, has decided not to contest the seat at the next general election. In the last general election he lost out to Labour's David Drew by a narrow majority. In a statement issued by Neil Carmichael he expressed the view that the general election last year was unnecessary, badly thought through, and fought in a reckless fashion.

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The Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and many friends, old and new, of ALICE PINCHARD who passed away peacefully at Cheltenham General Hospital after a short intense struggle with cancer. This extraordinary woman will be sorely missed. Until settling in Painswick Alice had had an itinerant life but was happy and contented to finally put down roots and call Painswick "home". Thank you to all who welcomed her in.

To the family and friends of JOHN WATKIN, son of the late Bob and Peggy Watkin, formerly of Vicarage Street, Painswick who died peacefully on March 4th. A memorial service was held on March 28th at St Mary's Church, Painswick.

Also to the family and friends of SALLY HUSSAIN who sadly passed away recently.

Thank you

To the kind person and her dog, who found my car keys in the churchyard and brought them to the Fairtrade Wine Tasting last Saturday! Having lost the keys ten days earlier and searched everywhere I was just about to replace them. An expensive business! Please can you contact me, Frances Watson, on 812071 so I can thank you in person?

WARNING !!

Rosanna Falconer, born and bred in Painswick, is marrying at St Mary's on Saturday 21st April. Her parents Richard and Virginia (St David's, Kemps Lane) would like to warn Painswickians that the village will be full of their guests from the evening before until lunchtime the day after. There will be music, which will stop at 12.30am. No fireworks. We apologise for the disturbance. Dogwalkers also please note that Hambutts Field will be used for parking from Friday 20th evening until Sunday lunchtime 22nd (by kind permission of the Trust).

Looking for Relatives...

of the late George Henry Green and Elizabeth Soullars who were married on June 16, 1872. They were the parents of William Francis Green and his brother Thomas Green who along with Thomas wife Mary Ann Elizabeth (Hopkins) Berry emigrated to Canada. My understanding is they were a members of a family of 12 children and resided in or around Painswick England. I would appreciate any one who could supply any information on the above to contact Gary Green at greenfish@sympatico.ca or call 1 705 368-2538 and leave a message which I will return.



Our sincere apologies to all for cancelling the March screening of Dunkirk due to the snow. We will now screen Dunkirk in May. We had a great response to our annual questionnaire, which was handed out at the February screening of Victoria & Abdul, so thank you to all that took part. We will be posting more detailed feedback on our website in due course, but we were encouraged by the 99% that rated Wick-Flix as a "good" community initiative.

Period dramas were the most popular genre, followed in order by true stories/biopics, comedies and thrillers. This is really helpful to us when it comes to deciding what films to screen. The awards season throws up a lot of suggestions and we do our best to choose not only the blockbusters, but also some great films that pass under the radar. We have the following two blockbusters coming up:

Friday 6th April Murder on the Orient Express (12A)
A star-studded cast, led by Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot, adds class to this remake of the classic Agatha Christie "whodunit".

Friday 4th May Dunkirk (12A)
Last year's Summer blockbuster sees Director Christopher Nolan bring to life the disaster and triumph of Dunkirk.

Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £7.00 (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. Come along and support your community cinema!

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