

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## WI Centenary Baton Event

To commemorate the Centenary of the National Federation of Women's Institutes over 50 representatives of the four Painswick Group WIs paraded a Centenary Baton around St Mary's Churchyard. Led by a banner including the names of the local WI sector, a procession with lanterns wove its way through the famous yew trees to the sound of pealing bells. The baton was reaching the end of its journey, thousands of miles around every WI in the country, by tractor, boat, helicopter, horse and many other forms of transport. It has now been run by Celia Hargrave from WI House, Gloucester to Cheltenham Town Hall ready to be transferred to the Royal Albert Hall for the Centenary AGM in June. Members celebrated the occasion afterwards with drinks, canapes, cake and folk songs in the Church Rooms.

*Janet Jenkins*



## Easter Day at Painswick's churches

6.15am - Sunrise/Son-rise service at Pitchcombe Church

8.00am - B.C.P. Holy Communion. St. Mary's.

8.30am - Mass of the Resurrection. R.C. Church of Our Lady & St. Thérèse, Friday Street.

9.30am - Easter Sung Eucharist. St. Mary's.

10.30am - Meeting for Worship. Friends' Meeting House, Vicarage Street.



## Post Office Outreach Service

The Beacon understands that it is intended the post office service which will operate on Wednesday and Friday mornings in the Town Hall will commence on Wednesday 22nd April. The proviso is that the necessary cabling will have been successfully installed by that date.

## Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held in the Town Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th May. Everyone is welcome to the meeting with the opportunity to ask questions of the Parish Council members.

## Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Painswick Playgroup's Charity Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place on Easter Saturday, the 4th April 2015, in the grounds of St Mary's Churchyard Painswick.

30 Individually designed Children's Story Book eggs will be hidden around the Church Yard, for you and your little ones to find! All of the eggs have been sponsored and created by our local Painswick businesses, as well as The Croft School and the Playgroup.

Whilst you wander around our beautiful Cotswold village, you will be able to enjoy homemade cakes and teas, face painters, games and crafts, and St Mary's Church will lead their famous Teddy Bear parachute jumps from the Church Steeple, an event steeped in history! We will also be having the ever popular Easter Hat Parade, Chocolate Tombola, raffle and so much more....!

The event will take place between 12-4pm and maps will be available to buy in advance from The Painswick Library and The Falcon and on the day, £3 per family. Maps will also be available on the day in the Churchyard and will be £4.

All money raised goes directly back to Painswick Playgroup to help maintain our building and facilities. We are a charitable organisation run by our Community and have Ofsted Outstanding status.

Information will be updated on our website: please look at <http://www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk/> or call 07798 672227

We would like to apologise in advance for any disruption caused in the centre of the Village during our event.

*Lizzie Gordon*  
07881 611083



## New Tourist Office

The 1st of April we hope will have seen the New Tourist Office open in the Gravedigger's Hut (No, it is not an April Fool I hope) in St Mary's churchyard. Please call in and see us and if we can be of any help to you by selling tickets for events etc., we will be pleased to help.

Thank you to all who have given us such help and support over the last 18 months: it is very much appreciated.

*Anne Smith*

**A happy Easter to all our readers**

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 18th March by Terry Parker

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

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

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Apologies.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ben Nicholls, Abigail Smith and Caroline White.

**Matters requiring a decision.** The committee agreed to recommend that the following applications be given consent by the District Council.

**Olivers, Cheltenham Road.** Insertion of a conservation window.

**High clouds, Queens Mead.** Addition of dormer window to front elevation. Reduction of window width in dormer to rear elevation.

**Upper Cottage, Tibbiwell Lane.** Separation of annexe from existing property to create new dwelling.

**Theydon Cottage, Queens Mead.** Proposed single storey extension and internal alterations.

**Old Fleece, Bisley Street.** Change of use of the ground floor from A1 retail back to C3 residential. The committee agreed to recommend the refusal of this application.

**Sunnycroft, Hollyhock Lane.** Erection of 2 storey extension to rear and erection of a detached garage. Conversion of existing garage into study, utility room/WC. The site had been visited by committee members. They could see no planning reasons that would justify a recommendation for refusal. The members were of the opinion that there should be no further alterations to the roof. There would be a requirement to arrange suitable parking and to ensure pedestrian access was maintained. They also recommended that all building materials be kept on the site. With these conditions the members recommended that the application be given consent.

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### Public questions.

Terry Parker asked whether the Parish Council had plans to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, given that the Government had announced that there would be 3 days of celebration over the weekend of the 8th May. He said he understood that beacons were to be provided for use by borough councils. Councillor Rob Lewis supported lighting a beacon as had been done, for example, on the occasion of Her Majesty The Queen's Jubilee. It was agreed to contact Mr Amaury Blow who had arranged the positioning of the beacon on Painswick Manorship land in the past. Cllr Roey Parker asked whether there would be a similar event in August to celebrate the end of the Second World War in the Far East. Mr Parker said he could not answer that question.

**Apologies.** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ben Nicholls and Abigail Smith.

**Matters of urgency.** The Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, said that he wished to correct the statement made by Mr Leslie Brotherton in a TV interview where Mr Brotherton had referred to the number of co-opted councillors as opposed to elected members currently serving on Painswick Parish Council. Cllr Slinger said that 5 of the current members had been elected. Cllr Slinger reported that the Painswick Post Office Outreach Service in the Town Hall was planned to commence on Wednesday 22nd April.

**County Councillor's report.** Cllr Bullingham reported that the County Council had set its budget for 2015/16 with extra investment for rural transport, Wifi in libraries and the Highways local scheme. At the County Council meeting on 18th February the members agreed to set a budget of £420.03 million with £598,000 more targeted investment than originally recommended. In addition to the extra investments, it had been agreed to freeze council tax for the fifth year in a row. Responding to Cllr Lewis' question about the condition of roads, Cllr Bullingham said that roads were repaired within 28 days of the pothole being notified and that 80% of Gloucestershire's A Roads were in reasonable order.

**District Councillor's report.** Cllr Nigel Cooper said that there was to be no increase in Stroud District Council's council tax for the 2015/16 Financial Year. Cllr Cooper said that the District Council was providing a new waste depot for its contractors and also a new waste vehicle. He referred to the Boundary Review. If proposals were agreed it would mean that Upton St Leonards would form part of the Painswick Ward with the ward having three councillors. It was proposed that the number of District Councillors remain at 51.

**Councillor David Oxendale.** The Council had received Cllr Oxendale's resignation. The members expressed their considerable thanks to Cllr Oxendale for the commitment he had given to the Parish Council's work, in particular his contribution in helping secure the Post

Office Outreach service and the creation of the Love Painswick social media web site.

**Play Painswick.** Cllr Caroline White updated the Council on the recommendations of Play Painswick concerning the preferred supplier for the play equipment. The Council agreed that Proludic would act as the preferred supplier in order that funding could be sought. There was to be no contractual agreement until the funding had been achieved.

**Recreation Ground Tennis Courts.** Cllr Emma Smith asked the Parish Council to consider allowing the Recreation Ground tennis courts to be used as a multi-functional sports area. The Chairman read out an agreement which only referred to the Tennis and Bowls Pavilion. It was agreed to seek further information concerning the original agreement between the Parish Council and the Tennis Club in regard to the tennis courts.

**Finance and General Purposes Committee.** The Council agreed to the approval of a grant of £500 towards the provision of youth facilities in Painswick. The council also agreed to the committee's request that a grant of £500 be made to the Friday Club in recognition of the services provided by the Club to the older generation.

**Sheepscombe Village Hall Car Park.** The Council agreed to a grant of £1,000 towards the refurbishment of the car park. The grant was subject to the erection of a sign stating that the car park can be used by the community.

**St Mary's Street commercial units.** The Council approved a quotation from Moulton Haus Ltd to act as sole agents to market the leasing of the commercial units. The quotation included identifying and targeting occupiers and also drawing up and securing a lease in consultation with the Parish Council.

**Annual Parish Meeting. This would be held in the Town Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th May.**

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 15th April.



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# All Change At the Country Market

Our Annual Meeting on 24th February was an especially poignant affair, as we said farewell to Pamela Westcott (bottom left) who has retired from the Manager role at Painswick Country Market, having taken over from Doreen Boon many years ago. She will still be helping at the Market and for now has opted to prepare the coffees and teas and spend more time looking after the customers. Pamela is pictured holding a bouquet of spring flowers presented to her on behalf of her colleagues in the Market.

We also wished Stella Bavister (bottom right) well for the future on her retirement as a loyal helper. Customers will know her as the lady who peeped out from behind the preserves stall which lately seems to have towered above her. We will miss her dry wit and wry observations on market matters.

Pauline Topping has taken over the work of Market Manager. Pauline cooks delicious cakes and biscuits for Minchinhampton and Painswick markets and has wide experience of the Country Market business having served as an officer with Gloucestershire Country Markets Ltd.

Enquiries and orders for baking, preserves, gift hampers, etc. should be placed at the market with our Treasurer, Chris Campbell, or phoned through on tel. 812600 no later than Tuesday for collection on the following Friday.

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new Post Office Outreach service which will introduce a new era in our fortunes. We will need to make adjustments in how market operates; however, we hope that the benefits to the community will be immense.

Breadmakers Wanted! We would welcome a supplier of home-made bread and other yeast products. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. To find out more, please contact me or call into the Market on Friday mornings in the Painswick Town Hall from 10 to 11 am.

*Jane Rowe, tel: 813228; email: info@painswickmarket.co.uk*



## Spring Outing

We are off to visit HMS Great Britain in Bristol on Friday 24th April. Our coach will leave Stamages Lane Car Park at 10am, the guided tour will take 2 hours and there will then be time for lunch and souvenir shopping. We will leave the Dockyard at 3pm and aim to arrive home at 4.30pm. If any visitors would like to join us the cost is £23.50. Please telephone Ann Williams on 812344 or Jane Robinson on 812590 to book a place.

**Friday Club**

## Parish of Painswick (Painswick Ward) Casual Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that due to the resignation of Cllr David Oxendale a vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Painswick (Painswick Ward).

The vacancy will be filled by election if any ten local government electors for the said electoral area submit a written request to that effect in the manner prescribed below, and if no such request is made the vacancy will be filled by the Parish Council.

Any request for an election to be held to fill the vacancy must be in writing and must reach the Returning Officer, Stroud District Council, Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Westward Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4UB not later than 14th April 2015.

If no such notice is received the Parish Council will advertise the vacancy to be filled by co-option immediately after. Any elector who would like to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council should inform the Clerk, in writing, giving a brief CV as soon as possible after the vacancy has been published and by no later than Noon on Friday 15th May 2015.

Dated this...Friday 27th March 2015  
*Roy Balgobin, Parish Clerk*



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# Another successful Village Quiz

This year's Village Quiz followed the usual 10 round format with an additional Picture Quiz for the interval with a separate prize. The question categories ranged from the more general "Travel and Geography" to the more specialized "Animals in literature".

The Picture round, consisting of well-known people in the news during the last year, produced four winners with 13 out of the 16 points. In the tie-break each of the four teams had selected one member to try to answer the question, the first with the correct answer was the winner. The winning team from the tie-break was the Pitchwicks.

The main quiz competition had the leaders swapping around most of the evening but eventually the "Ringmasters" came through as clear winners. For the second and third places a tie-break was necessary with the Slashers taking 2nd and the Oddcomers 3rd places.

Determining the award for the best Mascot was a difficult one but after much discussion the prize went to the "Couch Potatoes". Many thanks to Marion Sadler and her team who provided the refreshments, with some of the funds going to Stroud Mencap Homes.



## The Painswick Beacon

The Beacon Team members who are listed on the back page are all volunteers. If you are interested in being part of the team, why not contact one of the members. Experience in publishing a journal would be helpful though not essential. We would be particularly pleased to hear from anyone with a knowledge of desk top publishing.

## Barn Dance



Ceilidh (barn dance) to be held at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 18th April from 7pm. Cost £10 including a ploughman's supper. Our Vicar Mike Holloway will be the caller. Tickets available from Joan Warner (01452 812649), the Benefice Office or the Falcon Inn.

*Fiona Gill*



Pos	Team	Total
1	The Ringmasters	89
2	The Slashers	78
3	The Oddcomers	78
4	The Searchers	78
5	3 Glasses & etc.	76
6	Tired and Tested	75
7	Merlot's Mates	73
8	The Coasters	71
9	The Pitchwicks	68
10	The High Flyers	63
11	The Tibbidwellers	63
12	Fifty Shades of Grange	56
13	Bookworms	55
14	The Couch Potatoes	55
15	The Ding Dongs	53
16	Dead Ringers (team of 2)	42
17	High Jacks	41

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 Beacon Conservation Group  
 Patricia Kenshole and friends  
 History Society  
 Sandra Glass and family  
 Tina and friends  
 Mike Little and friends  
 Jolly Stompers Line Dance  
 Friends from Pitchcombe  
 Bird Club  
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## How to paint reflections at the Country Studio Art Club

The Country Studio will meet on Tuesday 14th April in the Church Rooms. Janet Whitton, the much admired Cranham artist will give a demonstration, followed by a workshop from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

There is room for a small number of visitors. She will demonstrate reflections using pastels. You may use any medium, bring your own materials. To book contact me, Jane Marsh, on 01453 752655. Cost of workshop £5.

The Country Studio meets each Tuesday in the Church Rooms.

## Acupuncture, headaches and migraines



The practice of acupuncture has come a long way since its initiation two thousand years ago in China. On the 24th February Adrian Lyster showed us how evidence and experience has recently given it a more scientific base and understanding of the mechanics involved. Now it has become part of the mainstream NHS treatments. He has worked for twenty five years in Gloucester and Cheltenham Hospitals specializing in the management of pain.

It became apparent that acupuncture is very effective with certain conditions and these include headaches, migraines, long-term back pain, nausea and vomiting and post-menopausal hot flushes. Some relief can also be gained for osteoarthritis, throat cancer and tennis elbow. Some WI members had experienced acupuncture personally, especially to alleviate migraines, and could testify to positive outcomes despite earlier scepticism.

The meeting on 28th April will be a talk by Merieen Watson on "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People".

*Janet Jenkins*

## Next Bishop of Gloucester

Her Majesty the Queen has appointed the Venerable Rachel Treweek, Archdeacon of Hackey in the Diocese of London, as the next Bishop of Gloucester. The announcement was made by the Prime Minister's office on 26th March. Rachel Treweek will be the first female Diocesan Bishop in the Church of England following legislation passed last year enabling women as Bishops.

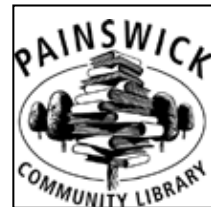
## Swishing – Organised Clothes Swap

by Sheepscombe Women's Institute,  
Sheepscombe Village Hall,  
Friday 17th April at 7.30pm

An eco friendly and ethical way to refresh your wardrobe by swapping clothes with friends and acquaintances in an organised setting. Bring along your unwanted clothes, men's women's and children's, shoes, bags, accessories, jewellery and unwanted gifts and exchange them for 5 tokens which will enable you to choose 5 other items to take home. Any remaining items at the end of the event will be donated to the Cotswold Care Hospice shop. Entry fee of £5 will include wine and nibbles. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

*Rosie Nash 814632*

## More Library Volunteers Needed!



As you know the Community Library is run entirely by local volunteers, and we find that we are two or three volunteers short to run the Library most effectively. So we are looking for people who can commit to two three-hour sessions a month. Being comfortable with computers is a necessary requirement, but we will give full training on the specific library systems. If you are interested in joining the team (currently around 25 strong, including the trustees), please contact Pat Francis on 813524 or ppafrancis@tiscali.co.uk

## World War 1 Exhibition in Library from April 27th

As part of the hundred-year anniversary of the years of the Great War, we are happy to host an exhibition of pictures and documents from WW1, which have been assembled by the Painswick History Society. It will show the story of how the war affected Painswick and the surrounding villages, and tells some of the stories of Painswick men and women who left the villages to serve.

## Books on Prescription – Dementia

Dementia is something that we may all have to face either in ourselves or for a loved one. The "Reading Well" organization ([www.reading-well.org.uk](http://www.reading-well.org.uk)) has produced a list of books and a leaflet giving much more on this topic. The books and the leaflet are available in the library. The recent Oscar-winning film "Still Alice", based on the book "Dear Alice" by Lisa Genova is on the recommended list.

## New books and Audio CD's for April

There have been over 50 additions in the last two months to our shelves. The complete list is available on the library counter, but they include in fiction: Mightier than the Sword by Jeffrey Archer; in non-fiction Growing Old Outrageously by Linstead and Davies; for juniors many books on Vikings and the Fire of London for school projects, and three Helen Moss mysteries. New Audio CD's include The Taxidermist's Daughter by Kate Mosse.

Many Thanks to Peter Rowe for running another popular and successful "Getting Started in Family History" course, which has now completed. Peter puts in a lot of (volunteer) effort into this, and we and the participants are very grateful.

*Ian Cridland*



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14th April – AGM – Cotswold Room 6.30 for 7pm  
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18th April – PSALMS Barn Dance – Beacon Hall  
– 7pm – Tickets £10

## Regular Activities

**Mondays** -Pilates, Kids Karate, Choir, Badminton  
**Tuesdays** -Zumba Gold, Ladies Badminton, Cupcakes for carers  
**Wednesdays** - PROBUS, Bridge, Table Tennis  
**Thursdays** - Yoga, Muddy Feet Fitness, Badminton, PADFAS

## News

As promised in our December Article, improvements! We have now had the secondary glazing fitted in the Beacon Hall, which we hope to make a great difference to both hirers and ourselves (when paying that fuel bill!!).

We have also had the first part of the new audio and visual system fitted. The new sound system is now in place, allowing you to, not only play CD's but to wirelessly 'Bluetooth' your music to the system from your device, anywhere in the hall! This also comes with a new set of hand held and lapel microphones. Another bonus with this system is that the whole system is connected directly to the 'loop' system, which means that if you are a hearing aid user, which has a T setting, you will now get a much better sound quality.

We have had some great new classes at the centre recently including a 2 part flower arranging course, put on by Freda Steed and the results were truly beautiful. Also 6 different workshops on food & fermentation running from 14th March through to 11th July and 6 Simplicity Parenting workshops running from April through to June, both run by 'Nourish Ways'. (Contact samantha@nourishways.com)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

*Jennie Barber, Painswick Centre Manager,  
jennie@painswickcentre.com or 01452 814567  
www.painswickcentre.com*

## Yew Tree Appeal 2015 Sponsorship Opportunities

Six years ago the Vicar of St Mary's Church Painswick asked for the support of the local community in preserving their historic Yew Trees and providing help with the maintenance of the church yard. Trees were numbered and offered for sponsorship over a three year period at £99. The offer was oversubscribed and all the trees found sponsors. In addition several generous gifts were received.

The offer was repeated 3 years ago when 70% of the original sponsors elected to renew their sponsorship. The remaining trees quickly found new sponsors.

The money raised has enabled St Mary's church to keep the trees and the grounds well groomed. The cost of maintaining the trees and cutting the grass is over £10000 per annum. The support of the village community was much appreciated. Your church is now seeking new sponsors for the next three year period commencing 1 May 2015. A list of the available trees together with application forms can be found in the church porch during April.

The key benefits of becoming a sponsor are:

- The satisfaction of sponsoring a tree in one of the most famous church yards in England
- Protecting the long term appearance of the tree
- Receipt of a certificate acknowledging your sponsorship
- Your name will be recorded in the leather bound sponsors book by a calligrapher. The book is kept in the church
- Make an important contribution that will ensure our Yew Trees are protected for future generations
- An invitation to attend a special sponsors' reception

The Painswick Parochial Church Council hopes you will be able to support their efforts to keep your church grounds in a manner that is a credit to Painswick. As a token of their appreciation Yew Tree sponsors will be invited to attend a reception in St Mary's Church rooms on May 21st at 8.00pm. Prior to the reception a concert has been arranged at 7.00pm in the church where Angharad James an exciting young Welsh Harpist, who has performed for Prince Charles, will be playing. She will be joined by local soprano Hannah Scott.

*Mike Holloway,  
Vicar*






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## Cup Cakes for Carers

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I joined Suffolk Carers thirteen years ago, and somehow the insoluble problem slowly evaporated as I made friends within that group. When we moved here to Painswick I phoned Pat Burrows, and was met with help and kindness. We have a drop-in tea party (free) in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre from 2-4.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Phone Pat on 813326 or Andrea on 812464.

*Bill Cochrane*

## Rococo Reflections

One of the highlights of the past two years at the Garden has been the Shakespeare plays performed by the HandleBards. This troupe consists of four lads who cycle across the UK performing at up to 70 locations. Everything for the production is carried on their bikes and bike trailers.

But what makes their performances so memorable is how they bring their own interpretation to what are well known plays. Last year's Macbeth had the audience laughing throughout at the speed and comical skill of the delivery from these four professionals. This year attention turns to Hamlet and we wait with anticipation to see this classic "HandleBarded".

The performance takes place on the Bowling Green on Monday 6th July and tickets are already on sale on our website or at the Garden. The play starts at 18.30 with the grounds opening at 17.45 for picnicking.

So bring your own seating, a basket of food and drink and a group of friends for what will be another memorable evening.

*Paul Moir*

## Stroud Choral Society

"Straudissimo" was a good way to describe an enjoyable evening of music, merriment and mirth: a Charity Concert presented by the Stroud Choral Society on 31st January. In addition to the Painswick singer members there were 3 tables of Painswick listeners enjoying Gershwin, Jazz, close harmony, Flanders and Swann and Sarah Conolly. And to top it all, there were 2 big auctions to fund a new Commission by Peter Ash of Roald Dahl's "The Giraffe, Pelly and Me" and the new Youth Choir which, including ticket receipts, fabulously raised about £10,000!

"Haydn's Creation" is a landmark in the choral repertoire, ranking close to Bach's B minor Mass, and Beethoven's Missa Solemnis. It is a long work - about 2 hours - but it does justice to the awesome subject, taking us through the creation of the world, land, sea, wind, birds, animal and whales to the arrival of Adam and Eve, a story in 3 parts told by angels.

In Gloucester Cathedral, the Society presented us on 7th March with a truly wonderful, joyful performance, chorus enjoying their singing and orchestra going flat out, exuberantly conducted by Huw Williams, with 3 soloists - soprano, tenor and bass - representing the archangels singing their hearts out.

*Ralph Kenber*

## Painswick Valleys Conservation Society

The Society's AGM will be held on Wednesday 29th April 2015 in St Mary's Church Rooms at 7pm for 7.30pm. The meeting will start with the short business items of the AGM. This will be followed by a presentation on the Restoration of Washbrook Farm (or Lower Mill), a property on the Cotswold Way just outside Painswick, towards Edge.

The speaker will be Nicky Marsh who will give a fascinating and detailed account of a major makeover which has sought to carry out a sympathetic restoration of the building. The aim throughout has been to recreate the character of the former mill which was lost during earlier renovations when the mill ceased to be part of a working farm in the mid-twentieth century. It will be an account that covers the merging of local history and modern conservation and will be very relevant for the many owners of historic buildings in and around Painswick. Wine and nibbles will be available.

Do come and join us - it's your conservation area!

We welcome non members for an entrance charge of £4 which entitles them to a year's membership - and the wine. Existing members are earnestly requested to bring their renewal subscription slips for the year starting 1st March 2015, this being a great help to our Treasurer, Leonard Chittenden, contactable on -814854.

*Barbara Tait, Chair.*



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A special event when on 5th March we had the pleasure of meeting Meurig Bowen, Cheltenham Music Festival Director since 2007. Brief history: Chorister in London, studied music in Cambridge, joined London Symphony Orchestra, was music agent, 6 years in Sydney with Australian Chamber Orchestra and 4 years with Lichfield Festival and sings bass in Gloucester Cathedral Choir.



This year is the 70th anniversary of the Festival. Meurig outlined the programme which begins end of June and will be revisiting 1945, music written in time of war and of new beginnings. Strauss, Britten, Messiaen, Copland, Shostakovich, Tippett, Howells and Finzi, and interspersed this with wonderful recordings of Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time, a religious work (Meurig was once Church Organist in Paris); Eric Whitacre's Water Night and ending with Strauss' Metamorphosen.

Dennis Morgan, one of our long-term members, gave an excellent presentation on 19th March to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Richard Strauss (1864 - 1949) last year. He followed a fascinating account of this musician's turbulent yet highly successful career both as a composer of symphonic poems, concertos, operas and songs and as international orchestral conductor, with recordings of his music. Outstanding were Violin Concerto, Horn Concerto no. 1 - flamboyant but highly demanding on the instrument - an elegant delight, and Metamorphosen - a tragic masterpiece composed late in his life for 23 solo strings.

*Ralph Kenber*

## Helene Hewett

Helene Hewett, who has lived in Painswick for the past 10 years, has recently left her GP partnership in Cirencester to fulfil a long held dream to open an independent bookshop, and on 28th February she opened The Suffolk Anthology in Suffolk Parade, Cheltenham. She has been a trustee of Painswick Community Library for several years and has helped organise story time there and run various events with authors.

She has been very encouraged by the support of friends and family as she launched this new venture. Helene would be very happy to order and deliver books to people in Painswick who may find it difficult to access the shop. She would also be delighted to have visitors to the shop where, as well as selling books and cards, she serves coffee and homemade cake. She can be contacted on 01242 361362 or suffolkanthology@gmail.com

*Carol Maxwell*

## Revive Beauty Charity Night

On Friday 27th February at 7pm a queue of Local Ladies & friends gathered outside the Three Gables Centre on Cheltenham Rd, Painswick for an evening of pampering in aid of Winston's Wish Children's charity.

There was wine, raffles (prizes donated by all local businesses)



Nail painting, Meggie's Home & Gift Shop (Painswick) and a very entertaining Facial demo by Lisa from Thalgo on a very brave model!

The Demo included a new anti ageing facial mask which all guests found very amusing as it's described as a bra for the face!

The huge turn out of support created a fabulous atmosphere which everyone described as a huge 'Buzz', we raised a wonderful £412 for Winston's Wish.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all my helpers on the night and to all of you fabulous locals who year after year support me & have helped me to support such a wonderful local charity.


*Chloe McCarthy, Revive Beauty Painswick*


## Sir Winston Churchill and the goldfish

The fiftieth anniversary of Sir Winston's death in January this year brought to mind a story about the former Prime Minister that had a Painswick connection. Eileen O'Sullivan who lived in Tibbiwell before moving to Resthaven, died in April 2011. In the tribute to Eileen at her funeral, held in St Mary's Church and conducted by Rev Andrew Leach, Mike Farmer her nephew, recalled the following story about Eileen which took place when his aunt was a secretary to Sir Winston.

"I am indebted to Jonathan Mirsky for this story. Churchill surprisingly had a veritable menagerie around him at No 10. There was a budgerigar that chewed state papers, a pug with extremely bad breath and a very disagreeable poodle. There was also a large tank of many tropical fish, and one of Eileen's tasks, in addition to helping run the most secret actions of the war, was to look after this tank of fish. She had to net the fish, put them into a bucket, empty and clean the tank, fill it again and replace the fish in the tank .... Voila! Job done. Unfortunately one of the blighters got away and by the time she had found it, it was rather dead. Eileen was also capable of thinking rapidly on her feet and the dead fish was quietly dispatched down the loo and nobody thought too much of it - Churchill continued to feed the remainder of the fish every day, tapping on the glass to let them know that dinner was served. Some time later, when Eileen moved on, she was presented with a signed photograph of the great man and publicly complimented by him on how well she had done - and his last words to her were "And now Miss O'Sullivan, would you like to say goodbye to the remainder of the fish?"

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## Financial Matters – Pension Reform

The biggest changes to Pensions in some time will come into force right around the time that this edition of the Beacon hits your doormat.

As of April 6th 2015, members of non-final salary Pension Schemes are intended to have complete flexibility as to how they access their savings once they reach the Scheme retirement age. As we have seen in the national press this new flexibility has been met with both positivity and also a sense of nervousness as to what exactly this might mean.

The previous rules meant that, after taking a tax-free lump sum, funds were either directed to an annuity which would provide a guaranteed income for life or to a drawdown arrangement that provided flexibility on when the funds were taken but in many cases capped the amount that could be accessed at any one time.

The new rules still allow for the provision of a tax free lump sum but there will no-longer be a cap on the amount of income that can be taken. Annuities will remain an option for those looking for a guaranteed income. This has widely been publicised as turning Pension pots into bank accounts although at this stage it is unlikely that Pension Scheme administrators will offer that level of flexibility.

Final Salary Schemes will continue to pay the benefits which are defined within them and individuals will only be able to access the new flexibilities if they first transfer their funds out of the scheme and only after receiving professional financial advice

In addition to how a Pension pot can be taken there are also changes being made to the way in which remaining amounts are taxed on death. Although there is not enough room here to layout the new rules in any detail it is clear that Pension Savings may, in many cases, provide an efficient way to pass on wealth to the next generation.

Our finances always require careful planning and this is certainly no less true with the changes described. Having full flexibility to when we can access money sounds excellent on the face of it but does of course increase the chance that we run out. Each individual case will be different but it will be key to assess how much we have, how much we need and how long we might need it for.

Understanding that these changes may be disconcerting to some the government has put into place a Guidance Guarantee. Although not fully rolled out the Pension Wise website is up and running ([www.pensionwise.gov.uk](http://www.pensionwise.gov.uk)) and provides a useful resource for those needing further detail on how they should approach their retirement finances.

Only time will tell us the impact that the reforms have had and who knows we may have new rules after the election in May. In the meantime I will be keeping a careful eye in Painswick for any increase in the number of Lamborghinis.

*Nik Marsh on behalf of Ashlea Financial Planning.*

## Jottings for March

Why do we bring our cows in, in the winter? In the autumn when the grass stops growing, what is available is very poor in nutrition, can be overgrazed and churned up in wet conditions. So we take the cows off and feed them with hay and silage; and perhaps pellets with extra nutrients. We want them to continue to build up weight for sale.

We may plough in some grazing land and replant for the next year and for hay.

If a field is under Higher Level Stewardship (HLS), we cannot cut it before the second half of July when the herbs in it have set seed. The grazing and



hay includes herb plants which give cows a good, varied diet. "Meadows" are defined as places where grass and flowers grow for hay, the winter fodder for livestock. Six million acres were ploughed in to grow cereals during the Second World War and now lowland meadows have declined by 97%. It is ironic that this man-made habitat now needs conserving!

Moles have been busy in the fields making long runs and pushing up clayey soil in their hunt for food and mates. The wet weather has brought the worms to the surface. Foxes and badgers have a feast. So do hedgehogs, which have been woken by the promise of spring. Unfortunately, the badgers find them; and are able to unroll them and eat the flesh leaving the spiny skin behind. The buzzards have been circling, meowing and coming too, for the worms. Wrens are making the most noise, in the hedgerows which are white with blackthorn flower.

*Martin Slinger*

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## History in street art

At the March meeting of the Society Jenny Williams gave a clearly illustrated presentation on Gloucester's street art, explaining its historic significance for the county and the city.

Behind the cathedral stands the imposing Bishop Hooper's statue. Having Protestant leanings, this bishop was found guilty of treason on largely trumped up charges under Mary Tudor's reign and his statue now stands on the site of his execution. Another statue, that of Robert Raikes, a man of national significance, stands in Gloucester Park. A statue of Charles II stands forlornly in Three Cocks Lane having been lost in the 18th century to be found in 1945 in a garden many miles away.

The city is blessed with many mosaics, some designed by children, depicting the industries which have been important locally. These include iron, bell making (Rudhall's were here until 1835 and their bells are to be found all over the world), tailors, innkeepers, market traders, dyers, weavers, apothecaries, cordwainers and pin making. There are also six mosaics on the wall of Shire Hall representing the departments within. These are, however, somewhat obscured from view by a tree.

A bronze marks the importance of the aviation industry, in the Docks the huge Candle is dedicated to Ivor Gurney and the Emperor Nerva AD 96-98 in Southgate Street was placed there because an excavation revealed remains believed to be of him. The Baker's Clock in Southgate Street appeared with the construction of the building in 1904, the Lion and Serpent are at the New Inn and in Three Cocks Lane are the delightful Booth Hall Cherubs.

The Flowing Wall behind Southgate Street represents the Severn as does the modern stone sculpture at The Cross, and various murals depict Gloucester's history from Roman times to the Civil War. 26 Westgate is considered to be one of the finest 15th century buildings and is depicted by a mosaic. In Cathedral Green is a memorial statue to the Gloucestershire Hussars Yeomanry, and the Kyneburg Tower recalls the story of a Saxon girl killed by her employer's wife and thrown down a well.

Perhaps rather neglected is the delightful Storytellers Bench in the churchyard of St Mary de Crypt and sadly more recently some artistic graffiti has now all been removed from Greyfriars. It is easy to pass through Gloucester and not be aware of its rich history. Members were certainly alerted to the fact that this visual art form is there in abundance.

At the next meeting three members will talk about their research into the Hyett sisters, boot scrapers and the glass slides of Reeds Mill. Tuesday, 21st April, Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

### ... and a query

Shortly after the end of the First World War Painswick was invited to select a gun from a collection of captured German guns held in Gloucester. Apparently one was chosen and stood in front of the Institute, now Painswick Centre, for some time then possibly was taken to the Recreation ground. Does anyone remember the gun, and does anyone have a photograph of it?

Please contact me if you do as I am in the process of producing a book about Painswick and the Great War and this would be very appropriate. If you have photographs of any of the Painswick men or women who served in any capacity during the war and are happy for them to be included in the book I should love to hear from you. Tel. 813387 or email [carolmaxwell@talktalk.net](mailto:carolmaxwell@talktalk.net)

### ... and finally

A small exhibition about Painswick and the Great War, organised by the Local History Society, will be on display in the Community Library in the Town Hall from 27th April.



## Flailing not failing

We have been successfully flailing in the 'Wildlife Corridor'



that joins Painswick Beacon (Painswick Parish) to Cud Hill Common (in Upton St Leonards Parish). The flail attachment replaces the unsuccessful mowing attachment that came with our Italian mountain mower. It makes a great job of taking brambles and weeds like Hemp Agrimony and Rosebay Willowherb right down to ground level. Many plants find it hard to recover from this, especially if second and third cuts occur as the 'weed' tries to grow back.

The Wildlife Corridor is nearly half a mile long, and when successful it will be full of flowers, butterflies and bees. The intention is to encourage Cud Hill flowers and insects to emigrate (legally, UKIP approved, no visa needed!) to Painswick Beacon/Common, and vice versa. We have only begun, it will take a number of work sessions using flail, brushcutters, chainsaws, loppers etc to achieve success. We will have to flail till we prevail!

A good example of a successful work party was Saturday 21st March with 5 power tools and fifteen determined volunteers. Thank you to Polly, Rita, Lilla, Jane, newcomer Di, Roger, Bill, Charlie, Simon, Wes, Ian, Paul and the three Davids.

A successful training course for chainsawing was completed in March, too. George Hodder, PBCG members David Little and Paul Baxter, and Cotswold Warden Saunders are now qualified to use chainsaws. With the four who were trained in February, there are now eight (plus two more Wardens) able to begin work improving access and productive growth in the Beacon's many woodland areas.

One final work party remains this Spring, on Saturday 11th April from 9 a.m.

*David Allott 812624*

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# Kenilworth Castle & Elizabethan Gardens

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club's excursion programme is booking up fast, with a waiting list for the June visit to Ashdown House and a tour of some Lambourn Racing Stables, and, at the time of writing, only four places left on the trip in May to Historic Coventry.

So we can now look forward to our visit on 16th July to Kenilworth Castle (pictured, courtesy of Joyce Barrus). As the only surviving house of Robert Dudley (d 1588), Earl of Leicester, Kenilworth Castle offers a unique window on the Elizabethan court. Queen Elizabeth I and her courtiers enjoyed a lengthy stay at Kenilworth in 1575 and, in anticipation of the royal visit, the Earl created an extensive garden to beguile and seduce his Queen in the misplaced hope that she would marry him. Like many Elizabethan gardens, it was later lost to the new fashion for the 'English Landscape' garden.



However, English Heritage has recreated the garden based on an eye-witness account of 1575. The trip includes guided tours of the castle and gardens

highlighting their history and significance. Non-members are welcome to join us. Contact me or my colleague Peter Wilson for details (01453 834486).

This month, we also have a special interest guided walk at Cleeve Hill on 29th April. Joe Angseesing, formerly a teacher of biological, earth and environmental sciences in higher education, will lead us on a walk to examine the landscape and geology of Cleeve Common. There will be a choice of morning and afternoon walks, with optional lunch at the Rising Sun Hotel or picnic. Please

pre-book; I shall be happy to send you full details of this walk and our programme for 2015.

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# Probus Women



Her recollections of numerous tales from high fashion in the 50's fascinated and transfixed us all at our meeting on 9th March when Guest Speaker, Gillian Wimperis, fondly recalled her fabulous career when working in the Haut Couture Department of Fortnum and Mason, London's luxurious and iconic West End Store. Gillian started work as a general assistant in January 1953 on £3 a week. Her boss was Mademoiselle Angele Delanghe who designed and produced exquisite designs for the Store. The East End girls in the workrooms were very talented, feisty and spirited and proved to be a real source of education on life for Gill!

High Fashion in the 50's didn't come much higher. Clients included famous actresses and wives of famous husbands. They were from the British aristocracy, Royalty from foreign climes and even our young Queen Elizabeth's Ladies-in-Waiting. The Department worked on Coronation robes for titled ladies and on many ball gowns for Debutante clients who were 'coming out' after the Coronation. Eventually the House Model post was offered to Gillian who accepted gladly, not only delighted to wear the beautiful clothes but to see her wages soar to £9 week. Pattern designs and fabrics were also sold to outside high class fashion establishments. A lady called Miss Powell who had four such dress shops up North was a regular buyer. Gillian modelled clothes for her consideration. On viewing outfits during one visit (not forgetting Gillian had a 23" waist) we were told that Miss Powell, who was of generous proportions, said in a lovely Northern lilt "Aye, very nice but us women up North yer know 'av 3 things in way - bust, belly and bum"!

Truly a remarkable and unique career experience which we all enjoyed hearing about.

Next meeting 13th April 10 for 10.30. Guests welcome £3. Talk by Keith Mitchell, Chairman of the Trustees of Paignton Zoo.

Delia Mason

# An old orchard comes back to life

From the number of passers-by who stop for a chat, I know that a lot of people in Painswick are interested in what's happening to the old orchard on the left as you go down Tibbiwell. It's been derelict, probably for the best part of half a century, but is now slowly coming back to life. So far we've cut back a lot of the brambles and ivy that have colonised the site, cleared an astonishing amount of rubbish that's been dumped there over the years, and given a first pruning to several of the old apple trees. Unfortunately a few weeks ago the bank started falling into the road at the bottom of the field and we had to remove what was left of the hedge there and pull back the bank. We've now replanted a new hedge in this section and further up the field too. We'll tidy up the wall and it will gradually green up again.

Longer term we want to reinstate the pond that we believe used to be there, and perhaps extend this using the water that runs through the site.

Alastair Jollans

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# Letters



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## Javelin Park Incinerator

*Pauline Kenny of Gyleen, Edge Road writes:*  
Work could start soon on the Javelin Park Incinerator, located beside the M5 near Haresfield, less than five miles west of Painswick. It will process up to 190,000 tonnes of municipal, commercial and industrial waste per year producing potentially toxic emissions and CO2 which contributes to climate change.

I am most concerned about the emissions from the 230 foot (70 metre) stack which has the greatest impact within a five mile radius. A government report on the safety of incinerator emissions was due last year but has been delayed. Other European countries are moving away from incineration because of the health and environmental concerns.

Over half of household black bag rubbish could be recycled, but instead this will be burnt. Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT), which sorts the trash, extracting the recyclable, compostable and reusable material, is a more environmentally friendly alternative.

There is information on the GlosVAIN website at <http://www.glosvain.info/>.

## Yew Trees sponsorship

*Stephen Friar writes from Gyde House:*  
Several of us have received requests to renew our sponsorship of the yew trees in Painswick churchyard. Painswick is endowed with what has been described as '...the finest collection of table and pedestal tombs in Britain'. All are recorded as Listed Buildings and should be afforded the protection their unique status deserves. Indeed, I seem to recall that some years ago the parish was invited to subscribe to their repair and restoration.

In recent years, the churchyard has been used for a number of entirely inappropriate purposes, notably in connection with events organised by Art Couture.

That the public is now encouraged to scramble among these tombs, and to allow their children to clamber over them, is intolerable. I shall not be renewing my sponsorship, therefore.



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So, now that we are able to concentrate on continuing to provide you with exemplary service, we can also focus on sharing with you our plans to officially relaunch the Painswick Hairdressers and Barbers.

This relaunch now includes the opening of the Chrysalis Beauty Room: we have exciting news in that we are delighted to announce the appointment of Loretta Orefice as our Beauty specialist/Manager. Loretta will be providing all the aspects of beauty therapies for ladies as well as men. She will be introducing herself to you when you next visit us. We also have the services of Jilly Newham who is a Natural health specialist and amongst other things, gives a fabulous massage! She will be available on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1.30.

We have been out and about assisting in several charity events; Friday 13th saw us doing the hair and makeup for Westonbirt girls high school ACP fashion show; on Friday 20th we sponsored a frog race at the rugby club fund raiser, and on April 4th you can look for our Rapunzel during the village Easter Egg hunt.

When you next visit us, we will ask if you could complete a simple survey and would really appreciate your input. Your custom is important to us as we try to better understand your needs.

*Gilly Hill*

This month Club Pulse had our own 'British Bake Off' with some excellent entries. As you can see from the picture, the PSALMS leaders, Andy and Ben were enjoying sampling the food while the young people eagerly waited for their verdict. Many thanks to Karen Goddard for organising such a fun evening. Club Pulse runs term-time 6-7.30pm Mondays at the Painswick Centre Youth Pavilion. Contact Fiona Gill for more details. [fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net](mailto:fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net)



## PSALMS activities and services with young people in mind

**Painswick Praise** - 9.30am, fourth Sundays, St Mary's. Next 26th April. An informal service for everyone, whatever their age: child friendly, but adult friendly too! Children's corner, refreshments.

**PSALMS Prayer and Praise** - 11am, second Sundays, St James, Cranham. Next 12th April. A service, especially for children and young people, led by the PSALMS youth team. Followed by 'drink and doughnuts'.


**Messy Church** - 3.30-5.30pm Thursdays, Church Rooms. Next 7th May. For children and their parents/carers; a session of activities, crafts, games, stories and worship, ending with tea.



**Club Pulse** - 6-7.30pm Mondays Y7-Y9. Church Rooms. Run by the PSALMS youth team with games, activities and fun.

**Drama with Pulse** - 5.30-6.30pm Thursdays Y5-Y7, Church Rooms. Run by the PSALMS team with lots of Drama fun.

Details from: *Fiona Gill* 0777 151 3382, [fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net](mailto:fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net) or  
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## Bird Club Safari



Talking on March 3rd, Club member Mike Robinson related his diverse club safari experiences of "Wildlife in Britain." So well illustrated was the marvellous miscellany from the recalled black and white whirr and blur of countless Exe avocets to the odd rarity. Then were the Brent geese, sadly hundreds rather than the previous thousands. From thence to little owls head butting on the Camel Estuary to rare grey shrikes at the Observatory, gathered predators at Porton Down and lately, breeding great white egrets on the Somerset Levels where again bitterns boom!

At last from the red kite in mid-Wales, to the hawfinch of the Forest of Dean and back to the geese and great crested grebe of Frampton Court Lake. This was an avian extravaganza indeed!

What follows is our Cleeve Common field trip to catch summer visitors on Tuesday 28th April at 10.30am, led by Keith White and meeting at Whitehall car park (SP010236) On the following evening, April 29th at 7.30pm, we hold a joint meeting with Stroud Valleys Project at The Exchange, Brick Row, Stroud on the fascinating topic, "Camouflage and Mimicry." There is much anticipation of the return of Dr Timothy Sellar. Booking ESSENTIAL, lifts available. Contact (01452 812951) *Wendy Addy*

## Gloucestershire Bus Service Survey

Gloucestershire County Council is currently undertaking a bus survey. Its Integrated Transport Unit (ITU) seeks to maintain then public transport network in such a way that it enables people to maintain independence and access employment, education, medical care and essential shopping, whilst working within a budget. In 2011, Gloucestershire County Council undertook a major review of its subsidised bus network, which resulted in a complete redesign of many services. The County Council now wants to understand how public transport is working for people and how well people's essential transport needs are met.

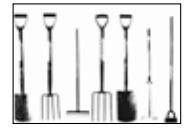
'Thinktravel' travel advisors have been issuing surveys across Gloucestershire to both bus users and non-bus users. The aim of this public transport engagement is to collect qualitative and quantitative data which will help to understand the success of the existing network. Feedback obtained from the 2014 Local Transport Plan stakeholder groups sessions will also be taken into account.

During March community organisations have been being asked for further comment on subsidised bus services across Gloucestershire and in particular the services which are of most use to their local community. The link to the survey is: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bus\\_survey\\_GCC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bus_survey_GCC)

The deadline for completion has been extended to 24th April 2015.

If you have any queries regarding the survey or the process, please contact either: Victoria Powell [victoria.powell@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.powell@gloucestershire.gov.uk) 01452 427081 or, Lucy Richardson [lucy@harrisethical.co.uk](mailto:lucy@harrisethical.co.uk) 07980013834

## Plants a Plenty



Well, it may still be a bit fresh at both ends of the day but Spring is definitely springing - every day is different with the buds breaking into leaf, more propagator seedlings appearing and, of course, the forests of weed seedlings! I'm revelling in the longer days and counting down to when I can change the clocks and then it's full steam ahead to get potting on and planting; can't wait!

And what better motivation to consider planting a few new specimens than listening to our March speaker, Paul Green, who runs Green Leaves Nursery. A packed hall feasted on the fabulous array of unusual plants that Paul used for his talk....and yes, they were all for sale afterwards. I'm sure I wasn't the only one who couldn't take my eyes off the fantastic hellebores; dark sultry flowers; absolutely beautiful. It was a treat to listen to a passionate plantsman who used his plants as props and engaged with his audience by passing plants around to be touched and sniffed....and no screen or slides were necessary! He was so enthusiastic and full of practical hints and tips about all things gardening I could have listened to him for much, much longer.

Just a reminder to Members and Visitors alike that we are pleased to have Helen Picton from Old Court Nurseries (specialist aster breeders and growers) as our speaker on 8th April (Church Rooms at 7.30pm). I've been fortunate enough to hear Helen speak before so I know that her 'Daisy Days' talk will delight; a well known specialist plantswoman who exudes enthusiasm and practical knowledge and, I guess, will have asters and perennial daisies for sale.

As mentioned in a previous article, 13 Members met up a few weeks ago for a Saturday morning willow weaving workshop with Norah Kennedy. We had a fantastic time making predominantly wigwams; every one different. Norah was a great tutor spending time with everyone and providing encouragement and ideas on how to personalise each piece. A lot of laughs, coffee, cake, the odd sandwich and very tired hands made for a super morning. With this success under our belt we are hoping to book Norah for a morning in late November to make willow wreaths, angels and much, much more so watch this space, check the website (<http://www.thepainswickgardeningclub.com/>) or see the information board at our monthly meetings.

I'm off now to replace the broad bean seeds that some pesky mice have been snacking on.....

*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*

## Letter from El Contador

Here's a tip for the Painswick Gardening Club. At my local bar, enjoying a coffee, I was intrigued to see a scruffy little man dismount from a battered bicycle and creep furtively into the bar carrying a filthy carrier bag. He and Marciano, the bar owner moved to a corner of the bar and started an intense whispered discussion. This was an aspect of Spanish rural life that was new to me. Conversations are normally carried out at megaphone level. After a minute or two a small amount of money changed hands and the bag handed over to Marciano who disappeared for a moment and then returned with the bag full of something, which he gave back to the cyclist who went on his way. I was almost afraid to ask. "Oh that," said Marciano, "used coffee grounds from the machine, no-one must know, they're for his roses, he grows the finest in the village .....

*Christopher Piper-Short*



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# Croft School



At school we try really hard to learn about causes and things going on in the world. Our older classes get a great newspaper called First News which keeps us up to date with current affairs and every class talks about world events. We then have regular events and activities that we use to learn about issues or problems and look at ways that we can help other people. For some charities we hold non-uniform days or cake sales so that we can raise money to go to good causes but we also spend time thinking about what the money is going towards. We also try to work with organisations or charities who do lots of work with people around the world.

We also like to get the School Council and everyone involved in coming up with reasons to for supporting causes or appeals. A group of five of our Year 4 children – Ted, Daniel, Sophie, Tabitha, Isla-May and Ollie have been organising a whole series of Friday afternoon used book sales to raise money for Comic Relief. So far after just two sales they have raised over £75 and three of our Year 2 children, Clara, Hannah C-W and Hannah H organised a Guess The Name of The Teddy competition to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

Year 5 and 6 have been talking about Random Acts of Kindness in their assemblies this term and thinking about small things that they can do for each other, their families and other people. We are really proud of the things that we have done so far this year, remember that there are only 142 of us in the school and all of our families and friends. So far this year we have been involved in lots of fundraising campaigns, and more importantly, learning about the following;

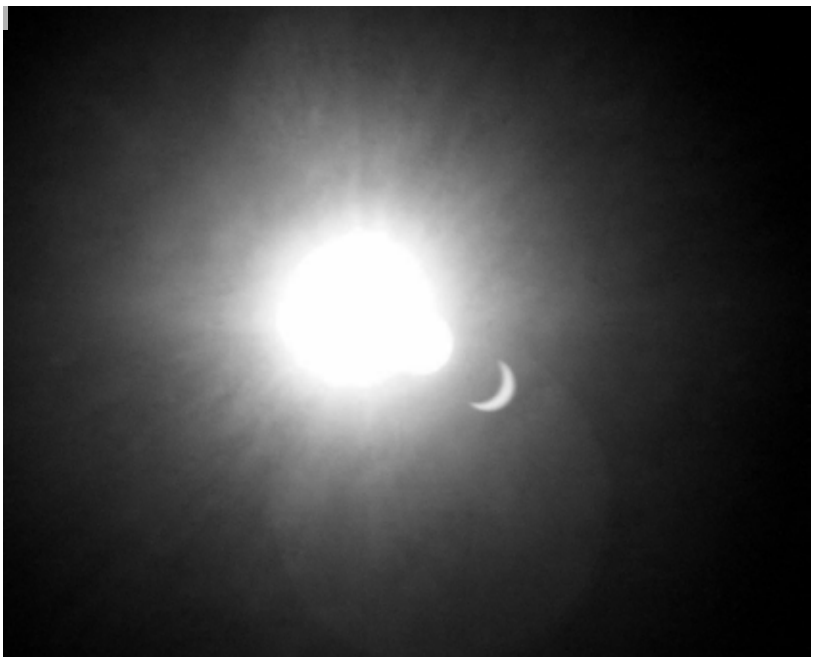
- Children in Need - £316
- Rotary Club Stroud 71 Shoeboxes and £78.78
- Food Bank 135.9kg of food
- Poppy Appeal - £130.08
- Macmillan Cancer - £401.35
- RSPCA - £50
- Painswick Defibrillator Appeal - £191.72
- Fairtrade Fortnight /Water Aid – £389
- British Heart Foundation - £256
- Comic Relief (so far) - £241

## Fairtrade Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 3rd March Year 5 helped organise a fair-trade coffee morning to raise money for Water Aid. Altogether we raised a whopping £389. Every class in the school had their own slot for them to have a cake and a refreshing drink. The coffee morning lasted about two hours. All the cakes were kindly donated by parents and children of The Croft. When we talked to Mrs Bent she said “There was a buzz of conversation in the hall and a great community atmosphere” Grandparents and the community came as well instead of just parents of the children. It all started with a bang and every-one was delighted to be there. Year 5 were running it and we were in groups. One group served drinks and treats, one of the groups greeted people who came and the other group were tidying after the children and parents. Also, there was a group who were giving cakes and yummy biscuits to the children. Lexie, Alex and Kate (Year 5)

## Solar Eclipse

Many Painswickians were fortunate to have been able to witness the 90% eclipse of the sun as the moon passed between it and the earth on Friday 20th March just after 9.30am. A large number of people gathered on Painswick Beacon and were rewarded as the clouds parted to give them an excellent view of the event. Maggie de Havilland-Hall of Stamages Lane told the Beacon that she had been amazed at the quality of the photos which she had taken by pointing the camera around the curtain. Our thanks to her for the photo.



## Comic Relief

For Comic Relief we dressed in non-uniform and had a whacky hair day. We were also lucky to win a visit by Colin Dymond who came and did a brilliant magic and ventriloquist show for us all.

It was really funny especially his dragon called Nigel (Sir Nigel of Trelawny – SNOT). He did lots of magic tricks like making water disappear and reappear, and Oscar did a trick with some ‘linking magic rings’. One of his puppets was a dog called Robbie who was naughty because he kept eating Colin’s handkerchiefs before making some handkerchiefs magically appear in a glass.

His show lasted for nearly an hour and everyone laughed and shouted so much – even the grown-ups! It was a brilliant way to start our Comic Relief day. Ellie and Dani (Year 6)

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# Sports reports assembled by John Barrus

## Junior Rugby



19 clubs, 46 teams, 200 players from all corners of Gloucestershire descended on Broadham Fields on Sunday 22nd March to take part in the annual GRFU County u7s Funday: a tournament designed to introduce young players in to the wonderful world of rugby. At this stage we are non-competitive with the emphasis on fun in a framework of ream play. We're always looking for new boys and girls to join our teams at all ages. If you're a parent looking for somewhere your child can grow in confidence within a fun environment, please email [nottinghamdavid@yahoo.com](mailto:nottinghamdavid@yahoo.com).

*David Nottingham*

*Picture by Michael Hall*



## Golf Club



The Painswick Golf Club AGM was held on 5 March. The club's officers reported on a much better financial year, turning a loss in the previous year into a surplus last year, and putting the club's finances onto a sound footing. Of particular note were the success of the Horton's catering team and the changes made under the Greens Secretary, Harry Burke. Thanks were expressed to Mike Hoey and other members of the management team for their work during the year. The club elected and welcomed its new Captain, David Walker. (pictured).

This time of year sees the end of the winter season and the start of the summer programme of events. A joint Ladies/Seniors texas scramble on 24 February was won by the team of Angie Woodward, Henry Hall, Norman Pullin and Peter Rowe with a score of 55.1. In the Seniors section, the winner of an Aggregate Pairs social competition held on 19 February was Nigel Barnett and Henry Hall with 72 points. And the monthly stableford held on 12 March was won by Jim Eva. On 19 March, in his first match as Seniors' Captain, Terry Coleman led his team to a good win over Minchinhampton Old Course. Congratulations to all the winners.

The club is offering a special annual membership deal for new members costing less than £1 per day - for details please contact Ann Smith (380279). The Golf Club welcomes visitors both to the course and to the clubhouse. Mike, Tom and Cheryl Horton provide meals and refreshments to members and visitors. Please contact the Hortons for details and opening times (812180).

*Peter Rowe*





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Let's start this month with something really special: Oxtalls Tennis in Gloucester have been running a series of dementia friendly tennis sessions. Our body uses muscle memory for actions which we might think we've forgotten but our body hasn't! How brilliant is that? The next sessions are on Tuesdays 14th and 28th of April. They only cost £2.50 per player and if you would like to know more about these sessions, call Jane or Jeni at The Alzheimer's Association on 01452 525222.

Did you know that all dogs MUST be micro chipped from April 6th 2016? The benefit of having a dog chipped is that if a stray is found, it can be checked by any animal shelter or veterinary clinic and reunited with its owner within hours. Recently I visited an elderly lady who was distraught because her 16 year old dog had gone out the previous evening and not returned. The dog had been behaving unusually for a couple of days and her owner was fairly convinced that the dog had taken itself off die. She was micro chipped so I was able to alert the dog wardens in case her body was discovered and her owner could be notified. If you are in receipt of certain benefits such as pension credit you can get help with the costs at the RSPCA surgery in Stroud and at Teckels.

Today I decided to drop in on a 90 year old lady I know, who lives on her own. I'd been contacted by a concerned friend who felt that this lady had been showing signs of having increasing memory difficulties. There was no answer from her when I rang the bell and none of her lights were on even though it was getting dark. Looking through her letter box, I was able to see her lying at the bottom of her stairs. Fortunately she was conscious but

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unable to move. Would you like to hear the good news or the bad? The good was that previously, I'd arranged for her to have a personal alarm and a Key safe both which I always recommend for anyone living on their own. The personal alarm is worn either around your neck or as a bracelet. The key safe is a steel box outside the property which has a combination lock. This code is accessible to the emergency services so they can gain access without having to break down the door.

So here comes the "bad" news Ringing Care Line, they were able to give me the code but when I opened the box there was only the Chubb key; the door had a Yale and a Chubb lock! Additionally, both keys were in the locks on the inside of the door, so the police had to smash the door to get access to the lady. Was she wearing her Care Line? Like many other people, she didn't like to wear it in bed and put it on when she got dressed. That morning she'd gone to get her post before dressing, fell, and had been lying there all day. Fortunately she was found in time and her injuries don't seem too severe but the outcome could have so much worse. Please check that the correct keys are in key safes, keys aren't left in locks and personal alarms are worn and not left in a "safe" place. No one ever expects to have an accident which is defined as "an unfortunate incident that happens unexpectedly and unintentionally, typically resulting in damage or injury"

Please call me if you need any further information or to arrange a home visit.

*Lou Kemp 07776 245767*

## PROPERTY REPORT for March from Hamptons International

Activity levels in the housing market continue to improve but still sit somewhat below the long run trends we were used to before the crash. Mortgage approvals have been on the increase recently and the changes to Stamp Duty are making it cheaper for most people to move house. Even with interest rates having been static at 0.5% for some six years now, we are again seeing mortgage rates falling reflecting the market expectation that rates will remain low for longer than previously anticipated or could even fall again. However, higher house prices, slow earnings growth and rising utility prices were all factors contributing to the 2% deterioration in affordability during 2014 identified in the Hamptons Ability to Buy Index. However on a positive note, affordability is now 53% better than at the peak of the market.

Hamptons International is currently working with 20th Century Fox to promote Home the new animated film by DreamWorks with characters voiced by Steve Martin, Rihanna and Jennifer Lopez amongst others. As a part of this, we ran a "Draw Your Perfect Home" competition with the children of The Croft Primary School. We had a lot of fun looking through the entries and it was no easy decision to select just one, however, Eloise Little was awarded the Home "Goody Bag" as overall winner. Moving on, it is now time to give the grown-ups a chance to win! Instruct Hamptons to sell your property before 13 April 2015 and you will be entered into a competition to win the Ultimate Electrical Bundle for your home. See [www.hamptons.co.uk](http://www.hamptons.co.uk) for details.


Our Old Chapel office has now been refurbished and we

are very pleased with the results. We invited you all to submit photographs of the local area that we could display on our walls and we were knocked over by the quantity, quality and variety of offerings. I am very pleased to be able to announce that Peter Llewellyn and Bethan Garlick will both be receiving Fortnum & Mason hampers to acknowledge their successful entries.

We have recently taken instructions on the following in Painswick: The Croft, a spacious 5-bedroom family house; Askrigg House, a detached house in 1/4 acre plot; 9 Hyett Orchard, a 2-bedroom townhouse in an over-55s development; The Barn, a particularly substantial character property with 2 acres of woodland; and Horseshoe Cottage, a chocolate-box pretty 3-bedroom cottage with parking and gardens. In the surrounding villages, instructions include: 1 Coldstream Cottages, a charming Grade II Listed cottage and Greycot, a period 4-bedroom house with wonderful views, both in Sheepscombe; Pen-Y-Bryn, a 4-bedroom Cotswold stone house in Slad; High Hedges, a 3-bedroom detached house in Brookthorpe; and Lyndale, an extended 4-bedroom house in Upton St. Leonards.

Sales agreed since last writing include: Green Ridges, Cambrai and Askrigg House in Painswick, Paul Camp in Edge, Redwell House on Robinswood Hill and The Granary and Lyndale in Upton St. Leonards. Recent completions include: Elmer Lodge, Sherwood House, Yew Tree Court, Badger House, Garden House, Field Lodge, Forge Cottage and Redwell House.

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**APRIL**

Fri	<b>3</b>	Painswick Singers Concert: Stabat Mater by Karl Jenkins * excerpts from Misa Criola by Ariel Ramirez	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
Sat	<b>4</b>	Easter Egg Hunt	St. Mary's Churchyard	12.00noon to 4.00pm
Sun	<b>5</b>	Easter Dawn Service Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Family Communion	Pitchcombe Church St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	6.15am 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	<b>6</b>	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Club Pulse: for Yr 7 to Yr 9 Children (Mondays) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall Town Hall Youth Pavilion, Rec. Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.50 to 11.30am 10.30am 6.00 to 7.30pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	<b>7</b>	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890	Painswick Centre Town Hall P. Centre Green Room	10.00am 1.45 for 2.00pm 2.00 to 4.30pm
Wed	<b>8</b>	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays Gardening Club: "Daisy Days" - Helen Picton (Old Court Nurseries, Colwall)	Ashwell House Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Croft School Church Rooms	6.30 to 9.00pm 9.30 to 11.00am 10.30am to 12noon 7.30pm
Thu	<b>9</b>	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays Drama with a Pulse (for Yr 5 to Yr 7 children) - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 5.30 to 6.30pm
Fri	<b>10</b>	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Friday Club: One Man - 100 Homes - Michael Fitt Race Night: Tickets £5 including Hot Dogs & Chips. Tel: 812180 Food & Fermentation Workshop: Fermentation Basics & Traditional Sauerkraut	Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Golf Club Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm 7.00pm 7.00pm
Sat	<b>11</b>	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734 or 814205 Painswick Music Society Concert: The Carducci Quartet	Painswick Beacon St Mary's Church St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	9.00am to 1.00pm 3.00pm 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Sun	<b>12</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	<b>13</b>	Probus Women: Keith Mitchell - Chairman of the Trustees of Paignton Zoo	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	<b>14</b>	Demonstration & Workshop: How to paint Reflections - Janet Whitton: to book Tel. 01453 752655 Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326 Painswick Centre AGM: All Welcome	Church Rooms P. Centre Green Room P. Centre Cots. Room	9.30am to 12.30pm 2.00 to 4.30pm 6.30 for 7.00pm start
Wed	<b>15</b>	Probus AGM Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	<b>16</b>	Music Appreciation Group: Military Music	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	<b>18</b>	<b>Copy Date for May Beacon</b> Theatre Club outing to Newbury - Far From the Madding Crowd Ceilidh (barn dance) in aid of Psalms. £10 which includes a Ploughman's Supper - Enq. 812649.	Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre	10.30am 7.00pm



		Food & Fermentation Workshop: Fermented Condiments: Ketchup	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Sun	19	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St. Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	21	Local History Society: Members' Research Evening Simplicity Parenting Workshop	Croft School Painswick Centre	7.30pm 10.00am
Wed	22	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Annual Lunch: Enq. 01242 890374	Minch. New Golf Club	12.00noon for 1.00pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: Early Spring Outing to SS Great Britain- Bristol		
		Gloucester String Ukulele experience. Tickets £5 with ploughman's: Tel: 812180	Painswick Golf Club	7.00pm
Sat	25	Painswick Music Society Concert: Antara Flute and Harp Duo	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	26	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	28	Bird Club: Cleeve Common field trip: guided walk by Keith White. Enq. 812951 - Grid ref. SP010236 Yew Trees W.I.: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Merleen Weston & H D Grace	Whitehall Car Park Church Rooms	10.30am 7.30pm
Wed	29	Probus: The Bloodhound SSC Engineering Adventure - Allan Reid Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Guided Walk: Cleeve Hill for Landscape & Geology. Pre-book: 813228 Painswick Valleys Conservation Soc. AGM & Talk Bird Club: Camouflage & Mimicry: Dr Timothy Seller. Joint meeting with Stroud Valleys Project. Booking essential 01452 812951 At The Exchange, Brick Row, Stroud	Painswick Centre Church Rooms Stroud	10.00am 10 for 10.30am or 2pm 7.00 for 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	30	Music Appreciation Group: Ludwig van Beethoven	Town Hall	7.30pm
<b>MAY</b>				
Sat	2	<b>May Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Covent Garden Voices Concert	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
Wed	6	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club visit by Coach to Historic Coventry (Priory, Cathedral, Guildhall) Enq. 01453 836618	Stamages Car Park	
		Simplicity Parenting Workshop Annual Parish Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: Podiatry - Anna van Weegan	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Coffee Morning in aid of Catholic Church Roof Replacement	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00noon
Mon	11	Painswick Music Society Concert: Jennifer Pike, Violin Bird Club: Cotswold Water Park Field Trip: Guided walk by Martin Wright (Grid ref: SU 018947. Enq. 812951	St Mary's Church Neigh Bridge car park	3.00pm 9.30am
Wed	13	Probus Women: Giving Children a Chance - Joan Nash Probus: SS Great Britain, From Launch to Re-launch - Ian Caskie Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Gloucester Docks, Then & Now - Tony Condor. Enq: 813228 Gardening Club: Plants for Baskets & Containers - John Mason (Highfield Nursery)	Church Rooms Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Church Rooms	10.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	14	Music Appreciation Group AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	16	Food & Fermentation Workshops: Spice it up: Fermented Salsas & Hot Sauces	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Tue	19	Simplicity Parenting Workshop Local History society Annual Outing	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Wed	20	Parish council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: Tropical Seashells - Angela Cresswell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I.: The Land Girls - Fiona Warin: Open Meeting	Church Rooms	7.30pm

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Eddie Buttrey at: [mikeandeddie@thebuttreys.com](mailto:mikeandeddie@thebuttreys.com)**



# PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.15/0478/LBC SHETLANDS, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Alterations and extensions.  
S.15/0460/LBC OLIVERS, Cheltenham Road  
Insertion of a conservation window.  
S.15/0525/HHOLD  
HIGHCLOUDS, Queens Mead  
Addition of dormer window to front elevation. Reduction of window width in dormer to rear elevation.  
S.15/0336/HHOLD  
SUNNYCROFT, Hollyhock Lane  
Erection of 2 storey extension to rear and erection of a detached garage. Conversion of existing garage into study garage into study, utility room / w/c.  
S.15/0556/FUL UPPER COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane.  
Separation of annexe from existing property to create new dwelling.  
S.15/0557/LBC UPPER COTTAGE Tibbiwell Lane  
Separation of annexe from existing property.  
S.15/0558/COU OLD FLEECE, Bisley Street.  
Change of use of the ground floor from A1 retail back to C3 residential.  
S.15/0565/HHOLD THEYDON COTTAGE, Queens Mead.  
Proposed single storey extension and internal alterations.  
S.15/0479/ADV BLACK HORSE COTTAGE, St Marys Street  
Signage; Cotswold Stone with incur setting coloured in with Pantone warm grey. Woodend Boarding in Pantone warm grey and some white.  
S.15/0621/LBC BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street  
Alteration to 3 doorways in the Ballroom.  
S.15/0498/HHOLD HEDGEROW, Slad  
Erection of a timber-framed porch and bay window extension.

## CONSENT

S.14/2733/FUL BLAKEWELL FARM, Edge Road  
Demolition of existing outbuildings to be replaced with garage and store.  
S.14/2902/FUL BEACON HEIGHTS, Cheltenham Road  
Erection of a replacement dwelling.  
S.14/2819/FUL LAND AT ARIES, Hambutts Drive  
Eco-friendly single storey dwelling accessed

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S.14/2945/LBC & S.14/2944/HHOLD COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane  
Erection of swimming pool changing room annexe (demolition of part dry stone wall)  
4 COURT ORCHARD  
Erection of a bungalow (revised design following approval S.14/2189/FUL)  
HYETT ORCHARD, Hyett Close  
Item 1 – Sycamore – reduce height and spread by approx 30% (2-3m spread). Item 2 Pollarded Lime – re-pollard to near previous.  
S.15/0138/HHOLD & S.15/0189/LBC MERRILS, Friday Street  
Creation of 2 parking spaces. Re-building of stone wall / arch in the back garden and retaining wall in the front garden.

## LICENCE APPLICATION

15/00280/LAPRNW - COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane

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# The Personal Column

## Condolences

Our sincere condolences are sent to the family and friends of CHRISTOPHER BARCLAY (KIT) who died peacefully at home on Friday March 20th. The family wish to express their thanks for the wonderful care and attention given by his carers Colleen Chandler and Feather Bed Care Ltd, and for the support of Dr. Evans and all at the Painswick Surgery. Funeral details will be confirmed later.

Condolences are sent to Vicky Barron and her family after the tragic death, following a riding accident, of her husband CHRIS BARRON at Southmead Hospital on Monday March 9th. Chris and Vicky ran a riding stables at the Camp near Bisley. The funeral was held at St Mary's, Painswick on Monday March 23rd.

Condolences are also sent to the family of ANDREW KENNETT, a popular teacher from Edge who died on February 7th from Huntingdon's disease at the age of 69. Mr Kennett was born in Dursley and had taught in several primary schools in the area.

Condolences also to the family of Anne (Annie) Curtoys of Painswick who died peacefully on March 21st. A thanksgiving service for her life was held at St Mary's Church On Wednesday April 1st at 11.15am.

## Beacon Subscriptions

The evenings are growing longer, the grass is getting greener, the lambs are frolicking in the fields – yes, it's that time again – Beacon Subscription Time!

First of all let me thank the more than two hundred, who sent their subscriptions immediately without any reminder in The Beacon, a number of you who didn't even wait for the envelope!

I am new to this role, but one thing I am asked regularly is "How much is the subscription?", for addresses in Painswick (within the Painswick Parish Civil boundaries) there is no fixed amount, but let me put it another way, the cost of producing The Beacon is over 60 pence per copy, so I would ask for a minimum of £7 per household per year. For Pitchcombe, Edge and postal deliveries the amount varies and they are notified separately.

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

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## Engagements

MARTYN AND HELENE HEWETT of The Red House, Painswick are very pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter ROSANNA to DANIEL JHEETA from Yorkshire. They are planning to marry in St Mary's in April 2016.

## Change of address

Welcome to MARK AND JEMIMA TAYLOR who have moved into Greenleas, Painswick with their daughters Maddy and Imogen.

*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.*

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