

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## A46 Potholes – Watch out

Painswick residents driving to Stroud cannot fail to notice the sheer number of potholes between Pitchcombe and Salmon Springs on the A46. The issue was discussed at length at the recent Parish Council Meeting and concern expressed at the delay in filling the potholes and the potential injury to bicyclists/motorcyclists and damage to cars especially at night or in bad weather when the potholes are invisible.

Neil Carmichael (MP for Stroud) in reply to a resident's email maintains that he is aware of the situation and will continue to raise the issue with Gloucester County Council (GCC). Cllr Bullingham, our councillor to GCC, informed the Parish Council Meeting that the stretch of road between Salmon Springs and Pitchcombe is scheduled for resurfacing sometime



between 2017 and 2020, the delay being caused by two areas of landslip on the road in the same area which are currently being monitored as a decision may be needed to deal with the landslips before the resurfacing. Cllr Bullingham agreed that the delay on the resurfacing was unacceptable, and that he would be trying to bring the resurfacing date forward. Gloucestershire CC highways have told the Beacon that some patching will take place this year as well as the filling of all dangerous potholes on that stretch of road. See page 3 for details how GCC determine the various pothole categories for attention. Also at the Meeting the potholes on the Birdlip to Stroud road B4070 was raised as it was felt that these needed urgent attention also. There is a pothole hotline to GCC on 08000514514 or [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/reportit)

## Painswick Fire Station to close

Gloucestershire County Council's Cabinet met on 3rd February and resolved to:

“Authorise changes to service delivery in Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS), specifically:-

1. Reduce risk and deliver additional prevention and protection activities in Painswick and the surrounding communities through providing emergency response from Stroud and closing Painswick Fire Station.
2. Change staffing arrangements at Cirencester Fire Station to deliver prevention, protection and emergency response using the two fire engines based at the station.
3. Reallocate response resources in line with new technological solutions and delivery models in the future.
4. Create a Community Safety Advisor for the Painswick area”.

Following the Cabinet meeting, the County Council's Chief Executive received notification that six members wished to call in the decision made by the Cabinet for it to be reconsidered. The members were all from the Labour Group. The County Council is a Conservative-led administration. The reasons given by the members for the call-in were, in the main, related to the Public Consultation, where among other issues, concerns were raised about the accuracy of the data provided. The call-in procedure required the Cabinet's resolution to be considered by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. The meeting of the committee took place on 15th February when the proposal to have the Cabinet decision reconsidered was defeated.

### Painswick Post Office Closures

The Post Office at Upton St Leonards will be closed for refurbishment from March 14th to March 23rd inclusive. As this Post Office is linked to Painswick the Painswick Post Office will be closed...

Wednesday 16th March, Friday 18th March, Wednesday 23rd March and Good Friday 25th March, re-opening 30th March

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held February 17th 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.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

The meeting was opened by Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis. A member of the public, Mr Terry Parker, raised the following question. "Would the Chairman of the Planning Committee agree to recommend the introduction of a voluntary guideline for Committee members to indicate, when commenting on a planning application, whether they have visited the application site". Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis explained to the meeting that the District Council no longer forwarded paper plans to Parish Councils, applications were "on line" and Parish Councillors used their local knowledge when commenting on applications. Cllr Ann Daniels thought that it was useful for Cllrs to visit sites if they were uncertain about the application or they did not know the area. Cllr Ian James stated that as many of the Cllrs were in full time employment it was not always possible to visit sites. Also the District Councillors Planning Officers no longer visited sites, relying upon the internet plans.

The Chairman advised the meeting that he was always willing to accompany Cllrs on site visits and that such visits did not need to be formal. He would monitor the situation and if he felt the current system needed to be amended he would consult the Council.

The Meeting was then formally opened and apologies accepted from Cllr Roey Parker.

### Matters arising not on the Agenda

Planning Application S15/0167/UNBWK Pyle Barn House Sheepscombe. Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis advised the meeting that this application had been "called in".

To consider the draft statement for S.15/0747/FUL Land at Ticklestone Lane to be presented at the Development

## Control Committee

Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis advised the meeting that he was working closely with District Councillor Nigel Cooper and although the draft statement had been circulated to Cllrs it was not read out at the meeting. The draft statement was unanimously agreed by the Council.

### Matters requiring a decision

There were three matters requiring a decision.

- S.16/0162/HHOLD Holcombe House. Alterations to previously submitted pool pavilion, addition of two below ground gas tanks and additional fencing to entrance. Unanimous agreement to support the application
- S.16/0144/LBC Fiery Beacon, New Street. Retrospective application for the erection of single storey extension to rear and internal alterations.
- S.16/0130/TCA Rose Cottage, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe. Sycamore saplings - cut down and treat to kill and remove Sycamore. Unanimous agreement to support the applications.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger opened the meeting and explained that unfortunately the presentation from County Cllr Barry Kirby updating the Council on the position of the Painswick Fire Service had been cancelled. Mr John Rohrbeck, of the Painswick Fair Trade Group presented the Chairman with the new Fair Trade Certificate. Mr John Barrus, Editor of The Beacon, advised the Council that many letters and e-mails had been received by The Beacon, from members of the

community, expressing their concern over the number of potholes on the A46 - see front page for full report.

The meeting was then formally opened and apologies accepted from Cllr Roey Parker.

### Matters of Urgency

Clerk, Roy Balgobin, advised the meeting that Leighanne Mills had been appointed to fill the "Apprentice" vacancy, commencing on the 7th March for a period of 18 months during which time she would be studying for her NVQ Level 2 in Horticulture. As the appointment had been brought forward by a month there were budget implications - approximately an additional £300. The Council unanimously agreed to the additional expenditure.

Cllr Rob Lewis updated the meeting on the roll out of "FasterShire" - a joint Herefordshire and Gloucestershire project to provide faster Broadband. Although Sheepscombe is now "live" the delay in Painswick is due to identifying suitable sites for 3 street side cabinets, each over a meter high, to be sited.

### To receive the resignation of Cllr Emma Smith

Clerk, Roy Balgobin, confirmed that a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Emma Smith - personal reasons. Her resignation was accepted and several Cllrs placed on record their thanks for her hard work whilst she was a Councillor.

### County Councillors Report

Although County Councillor Jason Bullingham was present he did not submit a report. The majority of questions related to the numerous potholes on both the A46 and the B4070 and what action the County Council were taking to repair the potholes - see front page

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## District Councillors Report

Both District Councillors were present and Cllr Nigel Cooper had submitted a written report. Reference was made in the report to increases agreed for 2016/17 by the various precepting authorities. District Council 1.99%, County Council 1.99% + 2% additional for adult care services and Police Authority 1.24%. Cllr Nigel Cooper voted against the District Council increase because he felt that over the last 4 years the administration had still not addressed the real budgetary challenge, namely staff numbers. With over 70% of costs being payroll related, it is a nonsense that currently the number of employees (full time equivalent) stands at 352, which is two more than three years ago.

As from May this year Painswick Ward will include Upton-St-Leonards and gain an additional Councillor.

Fly tipping is an ongoing problem. Recently a road in Upton-St-Leonards was completely blocked. The Council takes all such incidences very seriously and will prosecute if possible. Residents can help by reporting any incidents to the District Council:

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## Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Review

Cllr Ann Daniels advised the meeting that she had attended a meeting of the County Councils Overview and Strategy Committee. The County Council's Cabinet decision to close Painswick Fire Station had been challenged and the decision had been "called in". The basis of the challenge was the scope and legitimacy of the fire service's three month public consultation. Members of the Committee looked again at the decision - making process and ruled that the consultation was sufficient. The "call in" failed with two votes for, seven against and one abstention. The Fire Station will be closed.

The Council will press for the appointment of a Community Fire Officer. County Cllr Jason Bullingham will obtain a copy of the job description and then discuss the role with the Council. The role will include help and support for the elderly. The position will in the first instance be offered to members of the

existing Painswick Brigade.

If the Fire Station is sold the Council will apply for "Community Payback". The Clerk Roy Balgobin will write officially to County Cllr Jason Bullingham.

The Council thanked everybody who had signed the Petition and Cllr Bullingham who although could not actively support - his brother is a retained Fireman - gave help and advice to the Council.

## To consider requesting for minor amendments to the Stroud District Council Local Plan

A working party, Cllrs Martin Slinger, Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis and Mike Fletcher had been reviewing the plan since 2013, it was adopted in November 2015. The Council were asked to approve the following points:

- At this stage there will not be a need for a "Neighbourhood Plan" as Painswick is within the ANOB and Conservation Area and are a Third Tier Settlement with "limited development".
- There appears to be limited "detailed maps" of Painswick and its individual wards. This will be covered once the "on-line" mapping facilities become available. A request for hard copy prints will be made.
- One of the key areas for future development will be

for Business and Tourism within Painswick Town Centre. It is proposed to seek the extension of the Town Centre boundaries to include Bisley St and extensions to the New St coverage.

- Correct two typing errors.

The plan can be viewed in its entirety on the District Council's Website.

## To consider the recommendation from the Land and Buildings Committee to purchase a grit bin for the junction of Bulls Cross/Yoke House Lane

Unanimously agreed.

## Responsible Financial Officers Report.

The Council agreed payment of the various invoices.

## Ward Reports

Cllr Ann Daniels stated that the door to the ladies toilet St Marys St had recently been painted. It was thought that this was the original door and needed regular maintenance. Due to the type of hinges it was possible to lift the door off the hinges. She recommended that a careful watch be kept on the door.

Cllr Steve Morris reported that a pedestrian had fallen in Slad due to flooding caused by a blocked drain.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

## Council procedures for fixing potholes

The A46 like all main roads is inspected monthly and any potholes checked out.

Cat 1. Safety defects identified and pothole marked with a white cross to get repaired within 24 hrs.

Cat 2 Defects likely to become a hazard are identified with a white circle and are repaired within 28 days

Cat 3 Are considered not dangerous but need monitoring.

The Meeting was told that national guidelines for depth are set at a limit of 40mm below which potholes are category 3. Any new potholes reported are inspected within 5 working days.

The Council has reduced its road maintenance backlog from an estimated £100m of work to around £86m

JAIMIE CAHLIL in PAINSWICK



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# PMAG

A record number of members and guests - 33 - came on 4th February to listen to Howard Allen's brilliant presentation of three famous "Premieres".

Each work is a masterpiece of musical composition - unique, before its time - and consequently presented a challenge to contemporaries - both performers and listeners alike.

Not surprisingly - each received historic/memorable receptions from the audiences present at their first performance. So we heard the story - with some musical illustrations - of the preparation and execution of the first performance.

First Berlioz' "Symphonie Fantastique", composed when he was 27, it represents romantic passion in musical terms. We heard Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the first 3 movements, and Sir Colin Davis the last two: March to the Scaffold and Witches Sabbath.

Next, Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" conducted first by himself and later by Pierre Boulez.

And finally Beethoven's great "Choral Symphony", with Sir Colin Davis, and then Herbert von Karajan conducting.

*Ralph Kenber*



# Yew trees W.I.

"you never know who you'll meet as a physiotherapist"



On the 26th January Ann Williams told members that there are about seventy eight words for pain used by patients to describe their discomfort. She has spent her working life as a physiotherapist interpreting the feelings and needs of her patients and using her expertise to alleviate their suffering caused by diseases and accidents.

Starting training in Liverpool as a student Ann had to demonstrate that her hands were suitable for the work and her shorts had to reach the floor when kneeling! From here she travelled the world working from London to East Berlin to South Africa and even with a famous sheik on a big yacht in the South of France.

Ann was rubbing shoulders with the rich and famous but also with patients from more modest backgrounds. However, each were treated as individuals according to their needs. The contacts and patients ranged from royalty to prominent politicians and footballers like Trevor Brooking to athletes such as Mary Rand and Mary Peters. From show business Ava Gardner, Eric Sykes, Dirk Bogarde and Jacqueline du Pre were treated and even Evel Knievel who jumped over a bus once too often!

All the time Ann was increasing her skills in the top London hospitals and she even worked on bionic implants on the hands and feet of stroke victims. In 1983 she became a "weekender" in Painswick and eventually ran a clinic in the room over her garage in Vicarage St for local patients.

Retiring seven years ago Ann has thrown her considerable energy into participating enthusiastically in Painswick community affairs. We all applauded her award as Painswickian of the Year as it is certainly well deserved.

The date of the next meeting is 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms when Celia Hargrave will speak on "Being a Magistrate". We have welcomed several new members and visitors to our meetings recently and hope that others will join us in future.

*Janet Jenkins*

# Sagar's happy day

Many people in Painswick will know Sagar Deshmukh, the pharmacist alongside Mike Powis in Painswick Pharmacy. In mid-February Sagar set off for Mumbai to be married on 28th February. He will be away for three weeks after which he will return with his new wife. Sagar has now been living and working in Painswick since 2010. He studied and gained his qualifications at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen. A familiar face in the shop, he is very highly thought of by customers and certainly liked and respected as a much valued colleague by all the staff in the Pharmacy. We wish the happy couple well and look forward to their return.

*Carol Maxwell*

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## PROBUS Women

talk on 8th February by Di Alexander  
The Mitford Family

Aristocratic, eccentric, privileged, controversial, wealthy, intelligent, witty, good looking, feisty, fascinating, confident. In fact, you name it - The Mitfords had it in spades! David Mitford and his Wife, Sydney had 7 children between 1904 & 1920. Nancy, Pamela, Tom, Diana, Unity, Jessica & Deborah. They grew up in country homes with numerous servants but emotionally distant parents although, unusual for the times, the Father was present at each birth. Tom was educated at Eton but his sisters at their various homes in relative isolation later achieving notoriety for their individualistic, non-conforming lifestyle as young people and for their public and controversial political divisions such as communism and fascism which, upon the outbreak of World War II, was well publicised and documented by the World's media of the day.

Our Speaker held our complete attention with tales of their escapades. Tom refusing to fight in Germany in case he had to kill German friends so volunteered for Far East where he was killed in 1945. Imprisonment for one sister during the War because of her association with Fascist Leader, Oswald Mosley. Another sister, besotted with Hitler, shot herself when War declared as she said she would. So many tales to tell. They certainly were the celebrities and 'stories' of their time. The last Mitford, Deborah, became Duchess of Devonshire and devoted her life to the restoration and running of the Chatsworth Estate and was much loved by staff and tenants. She died in 2014 aged 94 and much preferred Elvis to Politics!

There are many books written by and about the Sisters. One of them, written by our Speaker called 'The Other Mitford' is about Pamela who just loved simple country life. Gardening for Honey Bees by Alan Wells next on 14th March 10 for 10.30am. Guests £3

*delia Mason*

## Painswick Probus

Wildlife Art of Ancient Egypt –  
Jackie Garner.



On February 3rd Jackie Garner, a wildlife artist based in Randwick, came to Painswick Probus to talk about her latest project of interpreting the wildlife depicted in the art of ancient Egypt.

A chance meeting with ornithologist John Wyatt led to Jackie being asked to illustrate a book which would relate the actual species of animals, predominantly birds, to the depictions in the hieroglyphics found in the Egyptian tombs. John was not convinced that Egyptologists had, in all cases, correctly interpreted the paintings. Jackie's task would be to copy the tomb paintings and, with her extensive wildlife knowledge, to help John relate these to current species.

The Egyptians were obsessed with the after-life and it was believed that the depictions on your tomb were a representation of your future world and would ensure a happy re-incarnation. The paintings however were not individualistic or literal depictions of the animals but stylised hieroglyphics which required significant interpretation.

The work started with a six week tour of the tombs of Egypt, often involving perilous access through the tunnels dug by tomb robbers into unlit burial chambers. Photography was either not allowed or permits were prohibitively expensive, so Jackie would sketch the paintings for reproduction in the book where they could be compared to her accurate drawing of the real animal.

Jackie illustrated the talk with examples of her work and how she and John had related the images to the real animals.

The book is not yet published but there are more details on Jackie's website – [jackiegarner.co.uk](http://jackiegarner.co.uk) together with details of her other work. Jackie has a studio in Randwick and also exhibits her work at the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge.

*John Wylde*

## Painswick knit and natter group

W.I. Busy Bees have been knitting in Painswick for over 20 years. A group of knitters have been meeting once a month at someone's home to knit simple children's jumpers for Africa, blanket squares for the fire service and homeless or anything else that is needed. With increasing numbers of interested knitters we have decided to form a "knit and natter" group, meeting at Painswick Library once a month on a Monday morning, 10-12 noon, commencing on the 7th March.

We would welcome any donations of wool, preferably washable, for future projects. e.g. possibly knitting "The 12 Days of Christmas" figures for display by Christmas 2016. If you are interested in joining us please telephone or come and have a coffee and biscuit with us on Monday 7th.

*Ann 812344 Sue 810878 Lilian 812456*

## 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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## Painswick Players

### Charity event

The Painswick Players is holding a special 'words and music' event at the Church Rooms, Painswick, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 17th. The working title of the event is 'Women!' – with all the prose, poetry, music and songs written by women, as the charity is Target Ovarian Cancer which works to improve early diagnosis, fund life-saving research and provide much-needed support to women with Ovarian Cancer. The afternoon will reflect the joy and creativity of womanhood expressed by women writers.

*Swithin Fry*

## Friday Club

The Friday Club is one of the oldest Clubs in Painswick. The committee has changed little over the past 8-9 years and so more community minded volunteers are desperately needed to help keep this Club thriving. Up to date computer skills and enthusiasm would be valuable assets



Today the Club has around 45 members and is well known for its friendliness, exceptional talks and outings. Membership is for the over 50's and new members are always welcome. It is £5 a year to join, with a meeting attendance fee of £1.50. The new Town Hall loop system has made the talks so much easier for hearing aid users.

We meet twice a month on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm and committee meetings take place afterwards 3 times a year, the AGM at 1.45 – no late nights involved! All our meetings are advertised on the Diary Page and in the Library so please do come along and be assured of a warm welcome and a good speaker followed by tea. The meetings are generally over by 4pm. We look forward to meeting you.

*Jane Robinson 812590*

## Liberal Democrats

Coffee Morning & Book/DVD Sale. Saturday 12th March, 10am to 12.30pm.  
Painswick Town Hall. Everyone welcome.

*Terry Parker*



## Painswick Playgroup's

### Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 26 March!

Only a few weeks to go until the annual charity Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt, once again taking place around St Mary's Church Yard and village centre on Saturday March 26th, 12-4pm.

We will have 30 beautifully designed eggs hiding all around the village, for you and your little ones to find. Our theme this year is Children's TV favourites, and local companies, the playgroup, the Croft School, as well as some highly artistic mums have created some amazing eggs! There's even a grown up set of clues so a great family day out.

Attractions this year will include a bouncy castle, food stalls selling hot pork rolls, burgers and hot dogs, as well as a delicious homemade cake stall, tombolas, face painting and local band, Too Old for Toys, will be playing throughout the event.

We would also love as many entrants as possible to the newly created Easter Egg Poster Competition - we'll pick winners from Pre-School and School age groups. And don't forget to bring your favourite cuddly toy for the Teddy Bear Parachuting from the church spire between 2 and 3pm.

Maps to the event will be on sale from the Falcon Pub, Meggie's, the library and the playgroup, and will be £3 in advance and £4 on the day per child (under 2s are free). Parking will be available at The Rec and Stamages Car Park.

And new for this year: the Rococo Garden has kindly agreed a 'children go free' offer if you visit the garden during the Easter school holidays. All you need to do is present one of our maps on admission. This offer is available for the duration of the Easter holidays (see our website for more details). It's well worth a visit - a great place for all the family with plenty of space for the children to run around and a lovely café with delicious cakes to visit afterwards.

All money raised from the Easter Egg Hunt goes directly back to Painswick Playgroup to help maintain our building and facilities. We are a non-profit making charitable organisation run by parents and have recently retained our Ofsted Outstanding status.

For further information, visit [www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk/easter-egg-hunt](http://www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk/easter-egg-hunt) or see our page on Facebook [www.facebook.com/painswickeasteregg hunt](http://www.facebook.com/painswickeasteregg hunt)

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# Surgery News

## New Doctor joins.

We are thrilled to announce that Dr Samantha Kirkham is joining the Painswick Surgery as a full-time partner from the middle of April this year. Many will remember Dr Kirkham, who worked at the practice a few years ago as a GP Registrar. After almost 25 years, Dr Kevin Barraclough and Dr Jenny du Toit have decided that it is time for them to retire from the partnership. They will however continue to work at the practice, albeit in a reduced capacity. These are extremely difficult times for general practice and we continue to strive to provide personalised care for our patients.

## Flu Vaccinations still available

We do still have a small number of 'flu vaccines available. If you haven't had yours yet, please book your appointment as soon as you can. This immunisation is recommended by your doctor, especially if you are in an 'at risk' group. So, if you are diabetic, have asthma, heart, lung or kidney disease, are over the age of 65, or are immunocompromised, please do book in as soon as possible. Influenza can be fatal for vulnerable groups – please consider a vaccine to protect you this year.

## Patient Access

Patient Access is a new system that enables patients to order their repeat medication, book appointments and view aspects of their medical records online. Over the next year, Patient Access will be replacing the old online system that we have been using for the past few years. There will no longer be any need for patients to type in their medication – as soon as a patient is registered, they will see all their current repeat medication, and just have to tick the items required. A number of future appointments will also be available for booking online. Appointments can also be cancelled through this system. All patients over 16 years old can register. To do so, each patient must come in person to the surgery with two forms of ID, one of which must be photographic. You will have to fill out a form and then your registration details will be prepared for collection from the surgery within the next 48 hours. We would encourage all patients to register for this service. It really is good!

*Mike Mack-Smith*

# Stroud Hospital - A clarification

An article on the Stroud Hospital Minor Injuries and Illnesses Unit appeared in last month's Beacon. It is important to note that the 0300 421 8080 telephone number should be used only to enquire about opening times. For all other enquiries the number to dial is 111.



## What's On

12th March	Beacon Village Quiz
20th March	Britannia Tea Dance
14th April	Painswick Centre AGM 7pm
17th April	Britannia Tea Dance
23rd April	Male Voice Choir

## Regular Activities

Mondays	Pilates, Kids Karate, Choir, Badminton, Skittles
Tuesdays	Zumba Gold, Ladies Badminton, Cupcakes for Carers, Skittles
Wednesdays	PROBUS, Field Club, Bridge, Table-Tennis, Skittles
Thursdays	Yoga, Pilates, Badminton, PADFAS, SlimFit

## News

Watch this Space! – We have now got a new Theatre group called 'Up Stage, Down Stage', from the Stroud area, coming to work at the centre. They plan to be putting on plays every 5 weeks to 2 months! The first one will be in May. So again watch this space for more information.

## An invitation to become a Volunteer Trustee of the Painswick Centre

### What is the Painswick Centre?

The Painswick Centre, or Institute as it was formerly known, was gifted to the residents of Painswick in 1906 for community benefit. In order to fulfil that remit the current Trustees and Jennie Barber, the Centre Manager, try to ensure that events held at the Painswick Centre are open to as wide a group of Painswick residents as possible, and that the facilities are available for hire by as many different groups as possible. The income funds the day to day maintenance, and some improvements, to the building.

### Volunteering – Why should I do that?

Did you move to Painswick expecting to find a wonderful community with loads of activities for you to join in with? If you don't have children at school, this can often be a bit hit and miss but getting involved in something outside your comfort zone might be more interesting and fun than you think. Bear in mind that the people whose house you now live in might have been very involved in creating the 'community' feel in Painswick; every time someone moves away they take with them all the knowledge and labour, however all the new residents bring with them a whole new set of skills, enthusiasms and ideas. In common with many organisations or groups in the area the Painswick Centre is looking for volunteer Trustees and Friends. Our AGM is looming and as the majority of attendees are usually previous Trustees it makes it a bit tough to recruit new people. WE NEED YOUR HELP – please come along and find out more about this great building and how you can help!

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# News from St. Mary's

We are well into Lent now and will be celebrating Holy Week and Easter in a few weeks time. Ecumenical Lent groups which were mentioned in the last issue have been formed and are meeting. A variety of subjects are being considered. One group is studying a series on the Old Testament; another is using the Diocesan Lent Book entitled "Dust to Glory". This book has been written by David Runcorn and is recommended by Bishop Rachel as a Lent study. A third group is looking at the status of women in the Middle East in a study called "Embrace".

As you would expect there are several special services taking place during Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday 20th March. Each morning from Monday to Saturday inclusive Canon Michael will lead Morning Prayer at 8.30am. On Maundy Thursday, 24th March there is a special service at Gloucester Cathedral at 11am for clergy to renew their ordination vows. This is always a moving service and is open for all to attend in support of their clergy. Readers also renew their licensing commitment and the sacred oils used by the church throughout the year are blessed,

On Good Friday there is the annual procession of witness around the village led by St Mary's this year. The procession starts from the Roman Catholic Church in Friday Street at 10.30am and after walking round the village ends at the church rooms where we enjoy a cup of coffee and a Good Friday bun. This is a good opportunity for Christians of all denominations to make a joint declaration of their Christian Faith.

Easter Sunday is on 27th March – the greatest day in the Christian calendar when we proclaim the glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ, prefiguring our own resurrection. The day begins very early at 6.30am with a dawn eucharist on Cranham Common. There is something very special about celebrating the Resurrection as the sun rises. For those who do not aspire to be larks our main Easter Day communion service will be in the church at 9.30am led by Andrew Leach. Do not miss this special occasion in the church's year.

*David Newell*

# Eastertide at Painswick's churches



## Good Friday March 25th

10.30am Procession of Witness starting at the RC church, Friday St, then to the cross at the Lychgate, and round the centre of the village back to the Church Rooms for hot cross buns & coffee.

## Easter Day March 27th

6.30am Dawn Eucharist on Cranham Common  
 8.30am Mass of the Resurrection. R.C.Church of Our Lady & St. Thérèse, Friday Street.  
 9.30am Easter Eucharist. St. Mary's.  
 10.30am Meeting for Worship. Friends' Meeting House, Vicarage Street.

*Rita Bishop*



## Dog Training Classes

Regular dog training classes - Puppy, Intermediate and Advanced classes take place in the Church Rooms on Thursday mornings from 9 - 12 pm. Mike Vines teaches pet obedience, stay, walk quietly on the lead and recall. Some of the working dog types go on to work in a shooting environment; or agility. New Members are always welcome,

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# Peregrine Falcons of Gloucestershire



At Painswick Town Hall on February 2nd, came Steve Watson to confess his falcon fascination from the age of 5 years and to recount his species observations since then, including those of some thousand hunts at Symonds Yat! Just as radar-aided fighters gained the height advantage in WW2, peregrines launching themselves into a 200mph dive would seem difficult to evade but diminishing manoeuvrability, perhaps explains a surprisingly low 20% hunt-success rate, higher perhaps for the one third lighter tiercel? Fascinating was the anatomical and physiological detail described, from their nasal cone baffles to twin-foveal eyes of telescopic acuity, from tail brake and wing feather subtleties to ratcheting claws – and the tomial tooth to disarticulate a prey's cervical spine with chilling ease.

Stills showed these magnificent creatures in delicious detail, eclipsed only by amazing video sequences illuminating the antics of courtship and the sometime clinical accuracy of catch and kill. Seemingly too, local peregrines seek the spiritual heights (!) habiting lofty churches and are thus rewarded it seems, with the highest reproduction rates in the land. So then at Painswick, with many GRNG members also present, the audience enjoyed a truly great presentation.

*Wendy Addy*

# The Cotswold Way – a real walk through history

At the February meeting of the Society Dr Steven Blake gave a truly eye-opening presentation on the wealth of interest along the Cotswold Way. Taking a thematic approach he covered the rich heritage of ancient monuments to be seen such as Belas Knap, four and a half thousand years old and still retaining some original stonework, and Hetty Peglars Tump at Uley. Then on to those representing the Iron Age hillforts, such as Crickley Hill and Old Sodbury, and on to the Roman occupation represented by villas and large farmsteads, Witcombe Villa being a superb example.



Winchcombe was a very important town in Mercia during the Anglo-Saxon period. Its magnificent Benedictine abbey has gone but together with Hailes Abbey was probably on the route trodden by medieval pilgrims. Some wonderful smaller medieval churches such as that close to Hailes are by contrast in excellent condition. In fact, the church, especially from the 12th and the 16th centuries is a continuous feature along the Way as is the manor, for example that at Stanway. The two are often juxtaposed, perhaps the most spectacular example being at Dyrham.

The Black Death, the Reformation, the Civil War etc are evident in one form or another along the 100 mile route as are famous men and women often represented by monuments such as Broadway Tower, Tyndale monument at North Nibley and Sudeley Castle (the Tudors). Closer in time, the agricultural and industrial revolutions are evident especially in the Stroud area with its mills and railway. And finally, there are many WW2 features and the nuclear bunkers at Broadway. Three seasonal events not to be missed along the Way – Clipping at Painswick, Cheese Rolling on Coopers Hill and the Cotswold Olympic Games at Camden.

Members agreed – a walk along the Cotswold Way will be a richer visual experience from now on!

At next month's meeting Chris Witts will give a talk entitled My Life on the Severn. Tuesday, 15th March, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*

# Rococo News



With the advent of March, we say a final farewell to the snowdrops which have bloomed and brought such pleasure since early January and say hello to spring properly. As the days draw out, hellebores and bright cyclamen are joined by daffodils. With the trees still bare of leaves the architecture and contours of the site are prominent, with dramatic views both into and out of the Garden.

Easter is early this year – the weekend of 25th to 29th March – and there will be a special Easter trail around the Garden with chocolate prizes. Between now and then we have a new Picture Quiz for children, introducing families to the fascinating features of the Garden by matching pictures to places.

Later this month work will start on the reconstruction of the Hermitage in the Snowdrop Grove. This is an intriguing lost feature of the Garden which will be rebuilt - as the original may have been - from wood, willow and other organic materials, as illustrated in the sketch below.

The clocks go forward on 26th March so we will have lighter evenings in which to enjoy the Garden. You may like to take advantage of the peace and tranquility of this later time as you can enter as late as 5pm and leave by 6pm. Our cafe is of course always open when the Garden is open and you can eat there whether or not you are visiting the Garden. With easy parking, it is a well-known meeting place for coffees, teas, homemade light lunches and our delicious range of home-baked cakes!



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# Sports reports *assembled by John Barrus*

## Cricket

### Painswick CC Victorious in Stroud Indoor league

In only their second season of participating in the Stroud Indoor Cricket League, Painswick under the guidance and organisational brilliance of young Reece Morris managed to win both their semi and final games to claim the title of Stroud Indoor Cricket Champions 2015.

#### Some highlights and details;

In the semi final Painswick beat Slimbridge, heroics by Martin Wilkins with two run outs and good bowling by Tom Hayward and Reece pinned Slimbridge down to a total of 61 runs. Strong batting by Ben Spyvee (25 Retired) and Julian Telling (13) made it easy for Reece Morris (22 Not out) and Chris Marment (5 Not out) to see Painswick over the line and into the final!

The final involved Painswick and Chalford. Chalford who did look very strong, batted first, however Wilkins, Hayward and Morris excelled with the ball and were supported by the ever lively wicket keeping of Julian Telling. This ensured that Chalford were restricted to 71 runs and gave Painswick the sense of victory. In reply there was an early set back as Telling was out cheaply, nerves began to rise to fever pitch, however help was at hand and Spyvee (19) and Morris (25 retired) steadied the ship and calmly steered Painswick to within 10 runs of victory with 2 overs to go. In the end it was left to Hayward to hit the winning runs to seal the victory for Painswick CC and much celebration.

Reece Morris (Captain) Ben Spyvee, Martin Wilkins, Julian Telling, Chris Marment, Tom Hayward, Nathan Evans, Adam Brown & Pete Richter.

All at Painswick CC would like to thank and congratulate the whole squad on its notable victory and especially thank Reece for his Herculean efforts organising the team and driving this form of the game forward.

#### Looking ahead to the summer of 2016

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

Ian Hogg (Chairman) – [straight.spinner@hotmail.com](mailto:straight.spinner@hotmail.com) and Andy Edwards (1st XI Captain) – [andrewedwardsy2k@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewedwardsy2k@hotmail.com)

We are based at Broadham Fields (co-located with the rugby and tennis clubs), have four Saturday sides plus a mid week team and can cater for all levels of the game. We also have a large junior section who train on Fridays, please contact Dominic Barnard for further details. Dom Barnard (Junior Co-Ordinator) - [domrolle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:domrolle@yahoo.co.uk)

Net practice started on Sunday 28th February and will continue every Sunday between 1700 and 1900 until the end of March. The Nets are indoors at St Peter's School, Gloucester

*Stephen Pegram*

## Table Tennis

We play from 7.00 till 9.00p.m. each Wednesday evening from September to April in the Painswick Centre. The cost is £5, but only when you play. We normally have about 8 or 10 playing with a membership of approximately 12. Last winter we raised just over £1000 which was passed on to the Painswick Centre.

*David Linsell*



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# Painswick Golf Club's 125th anniversary

This year, Painswick Golf Club will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary with a Summer Ball and a golf competition open to all.

The club was formed on 8th October 1891, with annual subscription rates of One Pound for Gentlemen, and Ten Shillings for Ladies. David Brown, the 1868 Open Champion, laid out a nine hole course, starting with the original first and last hole near the Royal William, which served as the clubhouse until 1915.

From the onset, golfers have had to navigate their way round (and over) Bronze and Iron Age forts 3000 years old, a large Bronze Age Well which swallows up errant drives from both the 11th and 6th tees, and Middle Age quarries from which the stones for Gloucester Cathedral were mined.

By 1892, membership had risen to 32, and a Mr Herbert donated the "Herbert Cup", which is still competed for today. Other competitions were introduced around that time, with only 2 scores of less than 100 recorded, and the highest score of 179 from a Miss Fawcett (I think we can all sympathise with her!)

Between 1906 and 1907, the course was extended to 18 holes, and the clubhouse moved to the Cemetery Lodge. The first real club house, a small wooden building, was opened in 1921 (see picture above), and extended over the years, when a bar was added in the late 1940's. In 1982 the decision was taken to build a new clubhouse, which was extended in 1994 to make the current clubhouse, to include changing rooms, restaurant, bar, office, professional shop, and a splendid balcony overlooking the 18th green. These excellent facilities have enabled the club to hold a variety of events, from tribute nights to dinner and dances, and also to offer them out for hire for weddings, parties and other functions.

Anyone who plays at Painswick Golf Club will find themselves distracted by the stunning views on a fine day, and the raw splendour of the scenery on wilder days! Boredom is not an option, with 18 unique holes presenting totally different challenges, depending on the time of year and weather.

In a book entitled "Britain's 100 Extraordinary Golf Holes", the 5th hole was ranked 7th, with mentions also give to the 10th, 11 and 16th. The book also describes Painswick as 'England's foremost hidden masterpiece.' The 6th hole has been rated as one of the best par 3's in England by many golfing greats, Peter McEvoy and Henry Longhurst amongst them.

Many people are put off from playing golf because of the time involved in playing 18 holes. At Painswick Golf Club we have a recognised 9 hole course, enabling handicaps to be obtained and maintained – ideal for those whose time is at a premium or find 18 holes a bit too much to manage!

The members of Painswick Golf Club are very proud of the history, friendliness and uniqueness of their course, and would like to share their 125th Anniversary Summer Ball celebration being held on Friday 1st July (£23.50 per ticket) with everyone, not just members and guests. Visitors are also welcome to enter our 125th Anniversary Golf Competition on Saturday 2nd July. For more details, visit our web site: [www.painswickgolf.com](http://www.painswickgolf.com) or ring 01452 812180.

We are also offering "Taster Sessions" for £5 as an introduction to golf – open to all – men, ladies, boys and girls, with the opportunity to take up one of our many membership packages on offer. Contact Ann Smith on 01452 380279 for details.

A warm Painswick welcome awaits.

*Angie Woodward*



## Skittles

### - at the Painswick Centre

Three Painswick teams play regularly every other week. On Mondays it is the Farmers, Tuesdays the Wickians and on Wednesdays the Painswick Rugby Football Club. The Alley is available for hire for private parties with a bar. The Alley was originally built as a firing range hence the rather original shape.

*Jenny Barber*



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## Rugby Football - Gloucester Rugby returns to Painswick

Painswick RFC's Minis and Juniors enjoyed a fantastic morning hosting players from Gloucester Rugby. Nicky Thomas, Henry Trinder, Tom Lindsay and Billy Burns spent the morning working with all age groups from U6's to U15's.

Martin Lewis, head coach and coaching coordinator said, "We are really proud to be part of the community work Gloucester Rugby does, offering players to the clubs. It's really important for the professional players to show the young players the pathway between playing on a Sunday and the professional game."

The players joined in with the minis, showing ball handling skills, long passing and joined with tag rugby sessions. With the older groups, they worked on the more technical aspects of the game giving some professional insights that noticeably increased the skills of the players.

Henry Trinder said, "It's my first time I've been here to coach and help in any way with some basic skills such as passing or giving some tips and getting involved in the session. It's really good to see so many people playing rugby."

Painswick RFC is the oldest village rugby club in England - a fact commemorated in the Museum of Rugby at Twickenham. Early games were played in white or work clothes making it difficult for the players to distinguish who was the opposition. So the Painswick vicar at the time persuaded his wife to cut up her red curtains for sashes for the home team and the 'Cherry and Whites' name was born. Painswick still proudly wear the colours today.

The story goes that Painswick lent Gloucester a set of shirts at their inception, but the Cherry and Whites from Kingsholm never returned them. To commemorate Painswick's 130th anniversary, and to return the favour done by the village side all those years ago, in 2012, Gloucester presented Painswick with the full set of set of Zurich championship winning shirts as worn at Twickenham.

Painswick RFC is proud of its long history of providing rugby in the village and surrounding districts. Started by a senior side all those years ago playing in their work shirts and now providing rugby on a Sunday morning to some 260 mini and junior players.



## EU Referendum Debate

11.30 am, Saturday 19th March, at Sheepscombe Village Hall

Speaking for STAYING in the EU: Neil Carmichael MP – Member for Stroud

Speaking for LEAVING the EU: Patrick Nicolls – MP for Teignbridge 1983 – 2001

Each speaker will have 15 mins to present their case followed by a Q and A session from the Audience.

All are welcome to attend this important debate and engage in the Q and A session.


*Organised by Sheepscombe and Slad Conservatives.*

## Painswick Theatre Club

On Saturday 19th March we will be going to the matinee performance of "Stones in his Pockets" at the Everyman, Cheltenham. Performed by just two actors; a quiet Irish village community is turned upside down with the arrival of a Hollywood film crew. A pair of extras, Charlie and Jake, watch with amazement, envy and delight as cultures clash, divas strop, and everyone fights over the last portion of lemon meringue pie! Will you join us? Members and non-members are welcome. Tickets, to include transport are available from Judith Munro: 812575.


On 30th January 32 of us went to Malvern to see "Rehearsal for Murder", a classic whodunit. On a single set a group of actors met for rehearsals for a new play exactly one year after their last performance, following which their leading lady committed suicide; or was she pushed. As the rehearsal progressed we discovered that the actors were acting as actors. Or were they actors acting as actors? An ingenious plot with unexpected drama. The group witnessed extra drama when our leader had difficulty counting up to 32 to check all were back on the bus. And this enthusiast raised anxiety level on arrival by leaving his ticket on the bus that had driven away to park. This club is not dull.

*David Allott.*




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# Letters



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*Barbara Blatchley of Friday Street writes*

So, Stroud District Council are going to collect rubbish every two weeks. Guess what will happen. Rubbish will appear in every lane and lay-by such as Wades Lane. The SDC will then have to collect and dispose of said rubbish and that will cost money.

*Jonathan Choat of New Street again writes*

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## Painswick successfully renews its Fairtrade status

Painswick has successfully renewed Fairtrade status for two years, following its ongoing commitment to promoting Fairtrade principles. Painswick celebrated the achievement at a Chocolate Tasting event in the Town Hall on February 6th. Pictured below is local Fairtrade organiser John Rohrbeck presenting the renewal certificate to Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger.

Painswick was first awarded the Fairtrade status in 2007 in recognition of the strong support for Fairtrade within the town, and the achievement of five quali-



ifying goals, such as a wide availability of Fairtrade products in local shops and catering outlets, high levels of support from local people, businesses, the Parish Council, faith groups and The Croft Primary School

*John Rohrbeck*

## Beacon Subscriptions

Doesn't it come round quickly – Yes it's Beacon subscription time! Just a reminder that the new subscription year starts in April and I am asking for new (any household that receives the Beacon but has not recently subscribed) and the renewal of existing subscriptions. Printing costs have increased slightly, but we are still asking for a minimum contribution of £7 per household for all households within the Painswick civil boundary. Costs for Pitchcombe, Edge and postal deliveries vary and they are notified separately.

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## A new service at Three Gables

Three Gables on Cheltenham Road is already a thriving centre for health and well-being offering a range of dental services and holistic and beauty therapies. Now it offers in addition an osteopathic service. Abigail Smithson, M.Ost. (Master of Osteopathy), is a fully qualified registered osteopath running her own business, Stepping-Stones Osteopathy. She practises in Barnwood, is an associate in Cheltenham and will now be part of the Three Gables team on Mondays all day and Fridays 8.00-2.00.

The service Abigail offers is comprehensive, covering many conditions including back pain, neck pain, arthritic and rheumatic pain, sciatica, muscle spasms, muscle tension and minor sports injuries. As she points out, osteopathic treatments can help prevent further episodes and complications, give pain relief and pain reduction, promote healing and improve health and well-being.

Abigail's approach is based on offering a high standard of medical care. Her four-year university course gave her a thorough training in both knowledge and application. She does feel it is important to give plenty of time to each patient in order to be able to offer the best possible treatment. At the first meeting she focuses on assessing the patient's individual medical situation and needs and includes the start of treatment appropriate to that patient. It is very much about individually tailored treatment and advice. It is available to people of all ages.

This very articulate and sociable young woman is clearly committed to what she does. "I like people and always wanted to work in a care-related occupation," she says, and it was in fact a personal injury in her teens which motivated her into choosing osteopathy. With her professional approach and very up-to-date training, Abigail is indeed a valuable addition to the Three Gables team. She can be contacted at Three Gables or by email at [stepping-stones-osteopathy@outlook.com](mailto:stepping-stones-osteopathy@outlook.com) or tel. 07505 701699 and there is a website [www.abigailsmithson.wix.com/stepping-stones](http://www.abigailsmithson.wix.com/stepping-stones).



Carol Maxwell

## Jottings

The Buzzards are back - I saw all five of them, just gliding around, on a warm and fine day a couple of weeks ago. As the weather gets warmer they will start to look to nest.

How on earth the trees have managed to stay upright in the high winds and rain amazes me sometimes; it's a good job they have not got any leaves on them. If you have a tree on your property remember that you are responsible for keeping it safe (you can tell whether it's yours by seeing if the roots are within your boundary).

We have about twenty pheasants strutting around the yard at the moment. You might therefore think that, come the summer, there should be plenty of baby ones around. But this probably isn't the case! They are kind of daft when comes to their own safety: when we are out and about in the Spring with our machinery they do not even consider getting out of the way until the very last second, that's if you've not already spotted them. And when it comes to nesting time they sit on their eggs, and don't leave until it is too late, by which time the fox has smelt them out and he has a field day whilst mother is away! So at the end of the summer we may have just a couple of pheasants left, and those young ones that remain are then vulnerable to birds of prey which try to grab them.

China has just started building a 100,000-cow dairy unit in the north-east of the country in order to supply the Russians with milk and cheese. It is the world's largest farm of its kind. Feed and forage stocks needed to supply the year-round housed animals will be grown on 100,000 hectares (247,000 acres) of land, most of which is in Russia. My mind boggles with the size of it all! I think it is just too big.

Martin Slinger

## The Croft School News

We started the year with successes in both netball and football; the netball team winning all their matches so far and the football team getting to the finals of the small schools Tournament at GL1 in Gloucester. Just beaten in the finals by a 'golden goal' the boys could commiserate by getting so far in the competition!

Year Two had a wonderful day at Rocco Gardens taking photos of the spring flowers. These may be viewed on our website blog.

Years 5 and 6 went to sing in Birmingham at The Young Voices Festival with thousands of other pupils. A wonderful evening and an experience to be remembered.

Looking to the future we have an Easter Bonnet parade in St Mary's Church in March at the end of term. Do come along. More details nearer the time on our website.

We break up for Easter on Thursday 24th March at 2pm.

Barbara O'Dwyer Head teacher

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## New Greengrocer -Small, but oh so welcome

It is some years since Painswick had its own greengrocery shop, so the opening of Harry Clifford's new shop is welcome indeed. Well-stocked with lovely fresh fruit and vegetables – there is a delivery daily – the display offers real choice. What is truly amazing however, is the tiny space into which this extensive range is packed. "I was a bit hesitant initially," says Harry on the subject of the room which was formerly the single male toilet in St Mary's Street, "but as you can see it has been completely renovated. It is probably the smallest greengrocers in the world!" Harry is just 18 years of age but notwithstanding his youth he is very conscious of the need to provide his customers with high quality produce, in season and, as far as possible, locally sourced. Thus, his eggs and most vegetables and fruit have been obtained within a 20-mile radius. He is happy to take orders for produce not on display, to be available the next day, and also offers a free delivery service within the immediate Painswick area.

The shop opened on 1st February. Previously Harry had been an apprentice barber but knew he wanted to do something different. He recognised the need in Painswick, where he has lived for the past five years, for a fresh food outlet and decided to take the plunge. He has taken on the premises on a five-year lease so sees this as a reasonably long-term enterprise. As yet there is no proper signage but Harry hopes to rectify this situation soon. Tiny as it might be however, the shop is noticeable and of course very central.

Open Monday-Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm and Saturday 9.00am to 2.00pm, and always well-stocked with fresh produce, Harry's shop – Painswick Greengrocers – is a welcome new asset for Painswick. This young man's enterprise is definitely worth everyone's support.

*Carol Maxwell*



## VILLAGE Agents

I can't believe it – here I am writing my second newsletter article. A month has flown by and what a month it has been. So much to assimilate! We are not perfect, here in Gloucestershire

but it is truly amazing to discover the depth and breadth of services provided by statutory and voluntary organisations to assist people to remain safe and confident in their own homes or to bring them together with others. We have a very special community here.

Also how wonderful it has been to meet so many people who are working to make it a pleasure to live here in Gloucestershire for all of our lives no matter what our limitations have become.

No two days are the same for a village agent. As just a taste of what I have been doing in the last month:-

A house has been reviewed and made safe with the help of the local police giving a lady with impaired mobility the confidence to remain in her own home.

Grab rails and bathroom equipment have been installed to assist an ex military gentleman return and continue to be independent in addition to linking him with ex service organisations and leading to the renewing of old acquaintances.

I have been able to link farming charities with a farmer to recruit staff and volunteers to permit the ongoing running of a family farm.

And much, much more.....

I need your help though linking me with those who have a need with the variety of help available.

The Village Agent scheme is county wide, helping over 50's with information and support. Please call me to arrange a home visit or email me and I will be in touch [gcannon@villageagent.grcc.org.uk](mailto:gcannon@villageagent.grcc.org.uk). 07776 245767

*Gill Cannon*



## Cup Cakes for Carers

Roll on Cup Cakes in March. We have a drop-in tea party (free), usually in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre from 2.00-4.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Phone Pat on 813326.

## Tourist Information Centre (TIC)

The TIC will open on Monday 7th March for the 2016 season.

## Kemps Lane closure

The road will be closed on the 7th and 8th of March 2016. This is to allow for carriageway repairs by Amey working on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council.

*Caroline Cogram,*  
Roadspace Co-ordinator (Stroud District)



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## Painswick Gardening Club : Spring; the Season of Promise

I've never really been too fussed by flowers in the house and artistic I am not but I was inspired to think again following Julie Ritchie's February talk about plants and shrubs for beautiful cut displays. I've since 'plonked' together a couple of rather lovely Spring posies....and if I can do it, anyone can! Julie passed on lots of practical tips and advice - including the fact that cut hellebore flowers do well in lemonade (not diet!) - and she rounded off her super talk with the chance to chat to her about the plant 'treats' she had for sale; a lovely afternoon.

Don't forget that we return to talks at 7.30pm from March onwards. Natalie Mignotte will be speaking about 'Seasonal Colours in the Garden' on 9th March (Church Rooms). A former lecturer, Natalie's interest lies in how sociological and religious symbolism has influenced the evolution of gardens. As always, we love to welcome visitors (nominal charge) so come along if you fancy an interesting evening.

Members who came to the February meeting will already know that a private group visit has been organised to The Laskett Garden (belonging to Sir Roy Strong) on the afternoon of 26th May at a cost of £12 pp. To assist our plans to organise car shares, early expressions of interest in the visit would be welcomed so please email us (thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com), speak to a Committee Member or sign up on the board at the March meeting.

Just a reminder to keep Saturday 28th May free as our plant sale in the Church Rooms kicks off at 1pm. We will be selling plants from Hoo House Nursery in Tewkesbury and Painswick's Shady Plants Nursery together (hopefully!) with surplus seedlings and young plants donated by Members....and, of course, tea, coffee and homemade cake! As I said in my February article, we'd love to hear from you if you'd like to get involved in some way.

Lastly, the Club has a few 70 inch (178cms) tables for sale (£20 each) as they are surplus to requirements so email (as above) for more details or to express an interest....first come, first served!!

Another beautiful Spring day; time to swap the keyboard for a dibber!

*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*

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## PROPERTY REPORT for February from Murrays


Murrays Estate Agents have yet again had a very successful few months with a record amount of properties exchanging and completing before the Christmas period alone. However despite some lovely new properties coming to the market since December we are still in need of new properties to sell, we have an ever growing list of new applicants registering everyday that are frustrated by the lack of properties coming to the market. This year has started very well but with a lot of our property either under offer or sold we are in need of more stock, the demand for property is still outstripping the supply. House price growth remained steady in January. Nationwide have said that property prices rose again by 0.3% and that annual house price growth remained broadly stable at 4.4%. If you would like some free professional advice from your friendly and experienced family firm then please either pop in and see us or give us ring on 01452814655. Spring is an excellent time of year to put your property on the market.

Our London Mayfair office is keen to promote our Painswick and Cotswold properties as there has been a large increase in people from London and abroad looking in our area, a lot of this is do with our extensive range of good schools throughout our region. Spring is always a popular time for families who are looking for property to secure places for their children before the new school year in September. Myself and staff from throughout our branches will be showcasing all of our properties in our Mayfair Office on Thursday the 3rd March an ideal time for us to attract the London buyers. We at Murrays offer a unique service with our Mayfair Office, we are the only local agent who can provide a constant London office which will be actively promoting and marketing your property everyday, details of your property will be in the office and available to all that walk through the door.

The properties that we have taken on over the January/February period are Clattergrove House, a modern detached 4 bed family house set in half an acre with lovely views and backing onto the Painswick Golf Course, 1 Cheltenham Road, a Grade II Listed substantial property that is currently divided into a large office downstairs and spacious 3 bed apartment full of character upstairs on Cheltenham Road in Painswick, Black Horse Cottage, a beautifully presented and spacious Grade II Listed 3 bed apartment with lovely village views and parking above the Painswick Hairdressers right in the centre of the village, Flat 2 Yew Tree House, a quiet unique 2 bed split level apartment with views over the church and beyond again right in the centre of the village and The Malt House, a lovely detached 3 bed period family home with stunning gardens set right in the centre of Bisley.

Properties that we currently have under offer are St Andrews on New Street in Painswick, Pear Tree Cottage on Vicarage Street, Painswick, Mount Pleasant Cottage on Vicarage Street in Painswick and Sunnybank on Halfway Pitch in Pitchcombe. Properties that have now sold are 6 Stamages Lane in Painswick, Columbus Cottage on Cheltenham Road, Painswick, Nation House, George Street, Bisley and 7 Haresfield Court in Haresfield.

*James C Murray - Partner*



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**MARCH**

Sat	<b>5</b>	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 01452 520524	meet at Cemetery car park at 8.45am	9.00am to 12noon
Sun	<b>6</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Mothering Sunday Family Communion	St. Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 10.00am
Mon	<b>7</b>	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623  Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (Off Churchill Way) Community Choir Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall  Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall  Ashwell Centre  Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.50 to 11.30am  10.30am 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 12.00 to 1.15pm 7.00 to 8.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	<b>8</b>	Make & Cake Group  Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays	Youth & Community Pavilion Painswick Centre  Town Hall P. Centre Green Room  Ashwell House	10.00am to 12 noon 10.00am  1.45 for 2.00pm 2.00 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	<b>9</b>	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays Holy Communion Table Tennis - Wednesdays Gardening Club: Seasonal Colours in the Garden - Nathalie Mignotte	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL  Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Croft School  St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm  9.30 to 11.00am 10.30am to 12noon 12.00 noon 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	<b>10</b>	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com Messy Church	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall  Town Hall Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm  12.30 to 1.30pm 3.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	<b>11</b>	Country Market: Coffee Available Music Appreciation Group concert outing to Colston Hall	Church Rooms Town Hall Stamages Car Park	9.30 to 11.00am 4.00pm
Sat	<b>12</b>	Beacon Village Quiz	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	<b>13</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	<b>14</b>	Probus Women: Gardening for Honey Bees - Alan Wells Community Lunch: Hosts - Park Residents (Off Churchill Way)	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.00am 12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	<b>15</b>	Local History Society: My Life on the Severn - Chris Witts	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	<b>16</b>	Probus: My Life as a Greek Travel Rep. 1980-1987 - Kathy Butterworth (joint meeting with ladies & buffet lunch)  Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre  St Mary's Church Town Hall	10.00am  6.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	<b>17</b>	Music Appreciation Group: Tchaikovsky - David Simpson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	<b>18</b>	Friday Club: Easter Flower Demonstration - Jayne Morris On Fire: Music, Prayer, Praise, Participation & Pizza	Town Hall Church Rooms	2.30pm 7.00 to 8.30pm



Sat	<b>19 Copy Date for April Beacon</b>	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 01452 520524 E.U. Referendum Debate Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham: Stones in his Pockets Painswick Music Society Concert: Chamber Philharmonic of Europe	meet at Cemetery car park at 8.45am Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Stamages Car Park St. Mary's Church	9.00am to 12noon 11.30am 1.00pm 3.00pm
Sun	<b>20</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	<b>21</b>	Last Community Choir this Session	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	<b>22</b>	Yew Trees W.I.: Being a Magistrate - Celia Hargrave	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	<b>24</b>	Country Market - Coffee available	Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
Fri	<b>25</b>	No Country Market (see Thur 24th) Procession of Witness	Town Hall Catholic Church	10.30am
Sat	<b>26</b>	Easter Egg Hunt	Around Painswick	12noon to 4.00pm
Sun	<b>27</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Family Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Wed	<b>30</b>	Probus: Sailing Excursion to Svalbard - Peter Jenkins	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	<b>31</b>	Music Appreciation Group: Gilbert & Sullivan - Mike Kerton Painswick Players Play Reading. Contact Sue L-B 676723	Town Hall	7.30pm

#### APRIL

Sat	<b>2</b>	<b>April Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Wed	<b>6</b>	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club AGM & Lecture. 813228 (note earlier start)	Enq. Painswick Centre	2.00pm
Fri	<b>8</b>	Friday Club: Piping - Iain Wilcox	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	<b>9</b>	Painswick Singers Concert: Misa Criolla by Ramirez & Charpentier's Te Deum; Enq 621151	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
Mon	<b>11</b>	Probus Women: Sacred Springs and Holy Wells - Amy Woolacott	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	<b>12</b>	Make & Cake Group	Youth & Community Pavilion	10.00am to 12 noon
Wed	<b>13</b>	Probus: AGM Gardening Club: The Scented Garden - Gail Plant	Painswick Centre Church Rooms	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	<b>14</b>	Painswick Centre AGM Music Appreciation Group: We need to talk about Alex - Robert Nichols	P. Centre, Cots. Room Town Hall	7.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	<b>15</b>	On Fire: Music, Prayer, Praise, Participation & Pizza	Church Rooms	7.00 to 8.30pm
Sat	<b>16</b>	Painswick Music Society Concert: Endellion Quartet	St. Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	<b>19</b>	Local History Society	Croft School	7.30pm
Fri	<b>22</b>	Friday Club: Pen & Polishing (Mitford Housekeeper) - Diana Alexander	<b>Richmond</b>	2.30pm
Sat	<b>23</b>	Painswick Music Society Concert: Voces 8 vocal ensemble	St. Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	<b>26</b>	Yew Trees W.I.: Spring Event	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	<b>27</b>	Probus: The role of the County Council - Peter Bungard, Chief Executive, Glos. County Council	Painswick Centre	10.00am

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.16/0130/TCA ROSE COTTAGE, Damsells Mills Lane, Sheepscombe T1 Sycamore Saplings – Cut down and treat to kill. T2 Sycamore – Remove. S.16/0144/LBC FIERY BEACON, New Street

Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey extension to rear and internal alterations.

S.16/0215/HHOLD

BONDSGROVE, Slad Road, Slad

Erection of a two storey extension (demolition of the existing single storey section).

S.16/0260/HHOLD

GREENAWAY HOUSE, Lower Washwell Lane

Single storey extension.

## CONSENT

S.15/2501/FUL W A S H W E L L COTTAGE, Lower Washwell Lane Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings with garage.

S.15/0710/FUL & S.15/0711/LBC

NORTH WEST STABLE, Brownshill Court

Convert disused stable building into groom's accommodation with reinstated store building.

S.15/1162/FUL LAND PARCEL TO NORTH OF HILL FARM

Erection of an agricultural building.

S.15/2725/OUT TAMARIN, Longridge, Sheepscombe

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling.

S.15/2746/LBC & S.15/2745/HHOLD

ROSEBANK COTTAGES, Slad Road, Slad

Demolition of 1960s lean-to to allow construction of single storey extension.

Conversion to lean-to to relocate wc.

S.15/2845/FUL THE FRITH, Slad Road, Slad

Subdivision of a property, raised front extension with storage underneath, flue, terrace and balustrading and single storey rear extension.

S.15/2887/FUL DILLAY FARM, Slad Road

Replacement agricultural barn.

S.15/2819/HHOLD CARSEBRECK, Kings Mill Lane

New porch, balcony with access stair and sundry alterations.

S.15/2904/LBC OLD EBWORTH FARMHOUSE, The Camp

Removal of the insulated infill panels and internal doorset and replace with two new glazed screens. The west screen will

have a door. Installation of oak bi-fold doors to be hung on the existing fixings (externally).

S.16/0053/TPO BUTT GREEN HOUSE, Butt Green

Beech – Reduce crown to 7m height, prune spread on 'house side' by 2.5m and remaining spread to 2.5m-3m, cutting back to secondary growth, shape & balance.

S.16/0076/TCA CROFT ORCHARD, Gloucester Street

3 x Birch Trees (5,6 & 7) – Remove.

## REFUSED

S.15/2549/OUT LAND AT SUMMER STREET, Stroud

Residential development for up to 20 dwellings (including a minimum of 30% affordable housing), demolition of stables, planting and landscaping, informal open space, surface water attenuation, a vehicle access point from Summer Street and association ancillary works with association open space and landscaping with all matters reserved, with the exception of the main site access.

S.15/2493/FUL MOBILE HOME, LYNCOMBE FARM, Cheltenham Road Retrospective application for siting of mobile home with terrace and small decking area for temporary period of three years.

## MINI-ADS

**Sofa Bed (double).** Almost new. Recently purchased, not now required. No wear, immaculate condition. Upholstered with stone coloured material, tweed effect. Cost £280. Price £150 o.n.o. Buyer to collect. 813128

**Large cream leather sofa** and matching armchairs £95 812293

**Three drawer grey metal filing cabinet** £50 812293

**Dark brown wooden hall table,** one foot wide, with three drawers £30 812293

**Antique Edwardian Mahogany** Sutherland Table Good Condition £40 07496503124

**For sale Tumble Dryer.** 6kg capacity. old but works well. £35 or near offer. Buyer to collect 814360

**Hardwood Garden seat.** 5 feet long, good condition. £35 or near offer. Buyer to collect 814360

## BUSINESS

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**Clean hardcore wanted.** No whole breeze blocks or plasterboard. Stone and brick etc only. 07768068880

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# The Personal Column

## Congratulations

To SAGAR DESHMUKH AND RADHIKA who were married in India on February 28th. Sagar is one of the pharmacists who works in the Painswick Pharmacy. ( see page 4)  
 To EDWARD ANDREW AND LUCY WESTERN on the birth of their son Noah James, born on February 1st. A brother for Poppy May, a fourth grandchild for Colin and Mandy Western and a second grandchild for Pat and Malcolm Andrew. Thank you to all those friends and family for their congratulations and gifts.  
 To DORIS WOODWARD who celebrated her 90th birthday on February 19th. Roy and Angela Woodward and all her family and friends send their best wishes.

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who put my name forward for Painswickian of the Year. I was certainly taken aback when I got the news. I have been overwhelmed by all the people who have congratulated me, including all the men who bowed in the street! Thank you so much. I have fortunately been brought down to earth by Dr Jim Hoyland who told me I was now "potty" or POTY (the initials of Painswickian of the year). I would also like to thank Ralph Kenber for his kind letter – he must have done his exercises after all.

*Ann Williams*

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*You could help Vicky Aspinall, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.*

## A Tribute to Peggy Cowburn (1925-2015)

Peggy Cowburn who died late last year was a true Painswickian. She and her family owned Byfield House in Bisley Street, Painswick from 1935-1976 and ran it as an eleven bedroom guesthouse called the Byfield. She was wonderful, kind and gentle, with a heart of gold.

Peggy was born in May 1925. Her parents owned a guesthouse on the Bath Road at Woodchester. In the early 1930s they raised a mortgage and purchased Byfield House which had been previously owned by a doctor. The Byfield became popular for country holidays with some rooms let on a permanent basis and during World War II they took in several evacuee families. In the late 50's and 60's, the guesthouse became very popular with the thespian community, including the playwright Harold Pinter, whilst they were on stage in Cheltenham. Peggy was a superb cook, gardener and hostess and the homely atmosphere where guests were treated like her own family did much to make the Byfield special. She had two brothers, Tom and Ted, who helped her run everything after her parents died. In 1976, they sold the house and moved next door to The Chur, remaining very much part of the Painswick community. She will be missed greatly by all her friends.

*Contributed by Jill & Brett Hutton*

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