

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick Events over Easter



Good Friday Procession of Witness

The Vicar, Revd Mike Holloway, led the Procession which began with a hymn and a reading in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese, Friday Street, before processing to the Cross at the roadside by the Lychgate. Here the Vicar held a short Service with hymns, a reading and prayers. There were more than sixty parishioners in the procession which made its way along New Street, Bisley Street, Friday Street and St Mary's Street in fine weather before arriving at the St Mary's Church Rooms.



Easter Egg Hunt

...organised by the local Playgroup it attracted record crowds. 25 individually designed Easter eggs were hidden around the village



2014 Elections

Voting day Thursday 22nd May

Elections for the European Parliament and Stroud District Council are to be held on Thursday 22nd May 2014.

European Parliament

There are 754 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) with 73 United Kingdom representatives. The UK is divided into 12 regions. Each region has between 3 and 10 MEPs. Painswick lies in the South West region which has six members. MEPs are elected under a proportional representation system called the 'closed party list'. Each party puts forward a list of candidates and you vote once for a party or an independent candidate. The MEPs are then allocated to the parties and independent candidates based on their share of the votes. Elections to the European Parliament are held every five years.

Stroud District Council

The District Council has 51 seats of which one third retires in each of three years, but in the fourth year the County Council elections are contested. Painswick has two District Council seats. 2014 sees the election of a Councillor to one of the two seats. Unlike the European Elections, the District Council Elections are held under the 'First-past-the-post' system where a Councillor is elected by a simple majority.

The District Council has recently resolved that with effect from 2016 the Council will follow the County Council's procedure and elect all 51 Councillors at the same election.

Painswick Parish Council

There is no Parish Council Election this year. The Council was elected in 2012 for a four-year period. The next election will therefore coincide with that of the District Council in May 2016.

Details inside

STOP PRESS

The Croft School Governors have appointed a new Head Teacher to take up the position in September. Details will be made available in due course. This follows the resignation of the current Head Teacher, Ceris Towler, who is leaving at the end of the summer term to further her career.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 16th April 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

Matters arising from the meeting held 2nd April

District Council had confirmed that planning consent was not required for the Catbrain Quarry. Committee Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis, reported that the District Council had stated that planning consent was not required for the crane as it was regarded as a mobile construction.

Reseeding. Cllr Lewis said that no application had yet been received by the District Council for the reseeding of the quarry face.

Matters requiring decision

Court House, Hale Lane. Application for the demolition of existing garages and erection of 7 garages with store over. The Committee resolved to object to this application because the members believed that the height of the proposed storage areas above the garages would be out of keeping with the surrounding properties. Mandalay, Denbury and Rake Hill: land fronting Golf Course Road. Application for consent to carry out works on Common Land in accordance with the Commons Act 2006, Section 23. The members were opposed to the fencing of this land, one reason being the difficulties being experienced by vehicles seeking to pass now that the passing areas lay within the fenced area.

Application for the construction of a riding arena on land at Haines Green, Edge Road. Cllr Slinger said that the arena could not be seen from Painswick. The members agreed to support the application with the proviso that the arena was restricted to private use and that appropriately coloured materials were used.

PARISH COUNCIL

Public questions

David Allott asked what progress had been made with the implementation of the traffic speed monitoring scheme. Cllr Lewis responded that the responsibility for the monitoring now lay with the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership.

The County Council had stated that there was a requirement for the Parish Council to specify the locations where the portable sign was to be positioned. It was intended to have a site visit to identify the appropriate locations. Alan Hudson had been given permission by Cllr Lewis to ask the same question prior to the meeting of the Planning Committee.

Painswick Pavilion Project. The opening of the pavilion was planned for the 14th June.

Village Post Boxes. There was no progress to report. Cllr Bullingham said that the Member of Parliament had made a number of representations to Post Office Limited

The Post Office. The Clerk to the Council, Roy Balgobin, said that the Parish Council and the Painswick Centre were continuing to seek the provision of a Post Office Local.

County Councillor's report.

Cllr Bullingham said that the County Council was seeking to resolve the considerable inconvenience caused to older people and those with disabilities who were unable to use their concessionary bus passes before 9.30 in the morning. Cllr Bullingham said that he had asked for action to be taken to infill the deep pothole at the bottom of Gloucester Street. Cllr Slinger said that the pothole posed a particular problem for ambulance drivers where the stability of patients was a high priority.

District Councillor's report

Cllr Nigel Cooper reported that with effect from 2016 all District Councillors would be elected at the same election. Currently the Council elects one third of the Councillors in any one year during a four year period. County Council Elections are held in the fourth year. He said that he expected the Local Government Boundary Review to recommend a reduction in the number of District Councillors with changes to District Ward boundaries.

Painswick Pavilion.

A letter had been received from members of the Pavilion User Group asking that the name recently agreed by the Parish Council be changed from "Painswick Pavilion" to "Painswick Youth Pavilion". This prompted a lengthy discussion with some Councillors expressing the opinion that the use of the Pavilion should have a degree of flexibility which could allow its use by other, not necessarily, youth organisations. Several Councillors supported the User Group's proposal. The discussion concluded with a proposal by Cllr Ann Daniels that the name be changed to the "Painswick Youth and Community Centre". The Clerk explained that, because the Council had agreed the name "Painswick Pavilion" within the preceding six months, it would require Standing Orders to be suspended in order to consider changing the name. The members then resolved to suspend Standing Orders and Cllr Daniels' proposal was agreed by 6 votes to 3 with one abstention. The Chairman undertook to explain the Councillors' reasoning to the members of the Pavilion User Group.

The Clerk then referred to an email from a Stonehouse resident querying the status of the Painswick and Stroud Local Area Ministries (PSALMS) Painswick project. She stated that she had read in a booklet issued by PSALMS that they were developing a £150,000 Youth Project in Painswick. She requested details of the Parish Council's involvement with the project. The Clerk said that he had explained that the Parish Council had set up a management committee in which PSALMS, the Parish Council, the Painswick Football Club each had two representatives together with two "general" representatives. In answer to the question whether the Youth facility at the pavilion would be run in a secular manner in accordance with County Council regulations, the Clerk had replied that "the youth services in Painswick are open to any youth parishioner no matter what religion, colour, gender or disability".

St Mary's Churchyard maintenance

The Finance & General Purposes Committee had received a letter from the



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Parochial Church Council stating that because the churchyard was now considered "Closed", the PCC requested that in accordance with the Local Government Act of 1972 the maintenance of the churchyard become the responsibility of the Local Authority. The F&GP Committee mindful of the Act had considered three options. One was to allow the District Council to take over the maintenance of the churchyard. The second was for the Parish Council to assume responsibility for the maintenance and the third for the Parish Council to work with the PCC to find a resolution to the financial constraints encountered by the PCC.

The committee had discussed the options at length and, noting that the maintenance costs were in excess of £10k per annum, resolved to recommend the third option. The committee also agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the Parish Handyman assume responsibility for the grass cutting and that the PCC continue to pay for the remainder of the churchyard maintenance and that the Council withdrew its grant to the PCC. In order to allow the Handyman the time to work on the churchyard, the Wards' grass cutting would be undertaken by contractors. The proposal was to be subject to a time and motion study. The Parish Council approved the Committee's recommendations.

Ward reports.

Gloucester Street. Concern was expressed by Councillors about the deep holes at the bottom of the street.

New Street. Similar concern was expressed about the wobbly drain cover outside the Patchwork Mouse.

Slad. The Manorial Land at Slad was to be an agenda item at the May meeting.

Sheepscombe. Cllr James reported that several burglaries had occurred recently and that the police were to give a talk at the Village Hall on 29th April.

Arts Festival. The Clerk reported that the same terms regarding car parking on the Recreation Ground had been agreed with the Festival organisers.

Painswick 1914

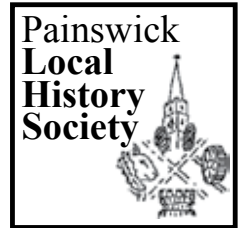
At the March research evening the society was treated to two excellent presentations.

To commemorate his birth Barbara Blatchley gave an illustrated talk about the filming of Laurie Lee's Cider With Rosie and a look at his character – while his daughter viewed him as 'a complicated character' Barbara thought of him in terms of a jester - comparable to Alexander Pope or Noel Coward - he could often be found 'holding court' in the Woolpack. We were reminded of things that fashioned his life; seeing and following two young children being taken to the workhouse; the schoolmistress rapping the desk with her ruler; his beloved Slad Valley which he overlooks from his final resting place in Slad Churchyard. We then heard a recording of Laurie reciting two of his poems and a third sung by Johnny Coppen.

Carol Maxwell looked at the Belgian Refugees who came to Painswick during the First World War. From the outset of the war the language and visuals of propaganda could be seen in Punch Cartoons depicting 'the rape of Belgium', in sermons justifying the war and newspaper articles exhorting our men to enlist. The scale of devastation in Belgium left one million refugees of which a quarter came to Britain. Across the country committees were set up and Painswick had its own. We have some early reports but sadly little beyond the first eighteen months. Some refugees were put up with families while others were in houses on their own - details gleaned from the Girl's School admissions book. The committee saw also to the provision of a depot supplying food and clothing and arrangements for work. Notably a furniture making business was set up in Kings Mill along with a couple of tailors. A lasting memorial of the Belgian Refugees is the carved screen in St Mary's Church with the Roll of Honour and list of all those from Painswick who served during the war. The presentation concluded with a poignant look at photographs of some of the Painswick men who gave their lives.

The next meeting on 20th May is the annual outing, this year to Sharpness Docks, a coach is leaving Stamages Lane car park around 5pm. (Contact David Harley 813150 to check if there are spare seats)

Peter Jackson



Painswick Youth Centre - Official Reopening

The people of Painswick have been incredibly generous in giving time, money and much else to ensure that the new Painswick Youth Club is the fantastic facility it is today! We want to officially thank the key people who have made this dream a reality, showcase the various youth and sports groups in the village, and celebrate the Painswick community with a large, all-age fun day. On Saturday 14th June from 3pm we'll have an event on the recreation ground to officially open the building which will hopefully include sports, games such as splat the rat, human table football, bouncy castle, crafts, a guest celebrity and much, much more. It will be similar to the event we had to celebrate the Olympic torch coming through Painswick in 2012, so I do hope to see many of you there for another festival! Everyone is welcome to attend so please do put the date in your diary. If anyone would like to help man a stall or run a particular stand, or sports event I'd love to hear from you *Andy.harding@psalms.uk.net/07845460163.*

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Community Library News

You will recall in last month's "Beacon" that we announced our new opening hours. The new schedule is now in operation.



New Hours in Full

Monday	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday	10.00am – 1.00pm and 2.30 – 5.30 pm
Friday	10.00am – 1.00pm and 2.30 – 5.30 pm
Saturday	10am – 1.00pm

Laurie Lee Centenary

As part of the Centenary of Laurie Lee's birth, we are planning to put up a display next month relating to the Laurie Lee's work in the context of Painswick and the surrounding area. We have been collecting further copies of books both by and about him, and these are available to loan.

Also relating to Laurie Lee - a reminder of the writing project – "Portrait of Painswick", mentioned last month, which closes on 31st May. Leaflets and further details are available from the Library.

Courses

Thanks very much to two of our volunteers who have run courses recently - to Sylvia Steer for the Beginners Computer Course, and to Peter Rowe for the Family History course. Both courses were well attended and well received.

Ian Cridland

County Councillors Monthly Report

Concessionary Bus Pass - Review

Gloucestershire County Council recently renegotiated a concessionary fare agreement with Stagecoach. The arrangement allows elderly people, or people with a physical or learning disability, to travel for free on Stagecoach buses after 9:30am.

Members were told that time restraints had posed problems for some people when attending medical appointments or getting into work on time so the council has resolved to look into the issues that are affecting the elderly and disabled.

Following the full council meeting, held on Wednesday 19th March 2014, it was unanimously decided to review this arrangement.

Extra Funding - Gloucestershire Schools

GCC have warmly welcomed the Government announcement of extra funding for Gloucestershire schools. The announcement in the House of Commons will mean an extra £9.6m in funding for schools in our county, as part of a package of measures announced to boost cash for poorly funded areas. Gloucestershire County Council has been lobbying for many years for extra funding for county schools.

*Cllr. Jason Bullingham - Phone 01452 810958
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The Arts and Crafts Movement

The Arts and Crafts Movement flourished in Britain between 1860 and 1910. At the WI meeting on 25th March Dr. Frances Wilson-Copp showed us how this became one of the most influential, profound and far-reaching design movements of modern times. It stood for hand craftsmanship using simple forms and often medieval, romantic, gothic or folk styles of decoration. Taking three of the most active proponents of this style the speaker illustrated their work with colourful and striking slides.



Dante Gabriel Rossetti was an illustrator and his work was full of sensuality and medieval revivalism. This splendid colourist used pure reds and greens. Lizzie Siddall was his muse and model and eventually his wife. His powerful close up images of her and other models became stylized with distinctive large eyes, cupid bow lips, red flowing hair but with a strong jaw line.

Edward Burne-Jones became a friend of William Morris at Oxford and he was influenced by Rossetti's work. However, his golden colours were subtler and his women were more refined. The detailed cartoons drawn in preparation for his work on stained glass windows for churches have a strong design and are outstanding. In his later life he designed many tapestries.

In 1861 William Morris founded his decorative arts firm. He researched and executed everything for himself from weaving to furniture, architecture, wallpaper, fabrics and tapestries. He wanted things to be individual and affordable and his glowing designs using natural subjects are perpetuated today by Sanderson and Sons and Liberty of London.

The skill of Dr. Wilson-Copp in presenting this wide range of colour and design left the audience wishing to see and learn more about this very creative Arts and Crafts Movement and to explore the many excellent examples to be found locally.

At the WI meeting on the 27th May Brian Partridge will give a talk entitled "You Cannot be Serious".

Janet Jenkins

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Playgroup

Easter Egg hunt

The weather was kind to us this Easter and we were delighted that a record number of people turned out to join us for our new look Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt.

Historically held at Rococo, this year, with grateful thanks to the Church, the hunt took place in and around St Mary's Church Yard, and our beautiful village of Painswick. 25 individually designed eggs were hidden around the village and over 300 families took part. With new additions such as a Bouncy Castle, Sheepscombe Meats's Hog Roast, Vintage Pedal Cars and two sets by Cornish Folk Indie band Blue Horyzon, the event felt like our best ever.

Big thanks to the Parish Council who supported our new initiative and allowed us to vitally use the Recreation Ground for parking. The business community in Painswick were an invaluable help including Hamptons who funded our printing, The Falcon who sold maps and gave a gig to the band Saturday night, and Brand in a Box who tirelessly produced our graphics; we are endlessly grateful for this support which undeniably made the event what it was. "We are delighted with the overwhelming response from the local community and the resounding positive feed back for the new event. We are still totting up, but we think we have raised around £2,800, our most ever!" said Jules Rodgers, one of the organisers. The event was 4 months in the planning and kept the Playgroup volunteers incredibly busy during that time, but the end result and the incredible feedback from children, parents and guests alike, made it all worthwhile.

All money raised is going towards funds to build a new Playgroup building. The Playgroup is a parent run community Playgroup with Ofsted Outstanding status.

Lizzie Gordon



Forest of Dean



"On April 8th in the Town Hall at a joint meeting of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group and of the Club, Andrew Bluett of Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society talked proudly of the Forest of Dean, his birthplace, recounting the great saga at all levels from the bowels of the earth to hill heights beneath the green mantle over the centuries.

First the Romans dug for iron, then came stone recovery, latterly coal for 18-1900s ironworks. Undermining the Scots at Berwick had led to commoners' rights within the Royal Forest, then curtailed by enclosures leading to poverty and the Forest Riots. Rights and rites remain for foresters and free miners, thus the burgeoning Dilke – even tent labours! Deer and boar also remain but the 'hunt' is not now for the Royals but for nature lovers in mixed woodland – surprisedly peering through suspended stained glass before sighting pied flycatchers, redstarts, wood warblers and hawfinches at RSPB Nagshead or at height, spying peregrines or goshawks (GB's greatest concentration) This was a tiny fraction of his comprehensive account of the Forest – a fascinating flavour by way of introduction for the Club visit to the Woorgreens Nature Reserve - imminent at the time of writing.

A further foray will be to Sherborne Water Meadows, guided by Martin Wright on Tuesday 13th May at 10.00am to observe summer visitors in various habitats (meet at NT car park on road from Sherborne to Clapton on the Hill : SP176155)"

Wendy Addy

ZERO SIX PAPA TWO (Painswick Fire Engine's Call Sign)

06P2 was called to a house fire on a sunny Sunday afternoon to assist crews from Stroud and Nailsworth. Painswick crew was instructed to take a 'command support role', setting up cordons and carrying out risk assessments to maintain an acceptable and managed level of safety at the scene. We were then involved providing welfare to the breathing apparatus crews who had been working in particularly hot and difficult conditions to extinguish the fire while other members of our crew also were checking for potential fire spread into the neighbouring property, using a thermal imaging camera. In this case the owners were out when the fire took hold and sadly the house was severely damaged by fire. Please ensure you turn all electrical appliances and portable heating appliances off when you leave home.

We were also called to a grass fire on the edge of Painswick Beacon. The crew arrived just as the fire had reached the edge of farmland. Thankfully here were no crops in the adjacent field. Please take care when disposing of cigarette stubs, matches etc. especially now we are approaching the drier time of year.

As part of our First Person On Scene (FPOS) advanced first aid training Chris Garbett and Mark Hancock completed their eventful 12 hour secondment to the South West Ambulance Service to work as paramedics' assistants. Mark Hancock also completed his two day structural firefighting course designed to assess the ability of firefighters to rescue casualties in a hot, smoke filled real fire environment. The course takes place in a series of interconnecting steel shipping containers in which fires have been lit and training casualties placed.

We are always looking for enthusiastic men and women from all walks of life to join our team. If you are available during the day and would like to train to be a firefighter, learn new skills and help protect your local community and in the process then please visit http://www.glosfire.gov.uk/recruit_ff_retff.html for more information. Alternatively, contact Mark Hancock at mark.hancock@glosfire.gov.uk or 07967 316038.



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Korngold

How is it possible that such an extraordinarily talented musician can have remained relatively little known or at any rate virtually forgotten in the world of serious music? Erudite and charming as always, Gordon Collins,

playing many lovely recordings on 3rd April, made his case: the man was a genius as Mahler had said reviewing Korngold's early works, supported by Richard Strauss and Puccini and other prominent musicians.

In the first half of his presentation, we heard classical orchestral and chamber music, "Lieder" and songs from his opera "Die tote Stadt". The film soundtracks in the second half showed Korngold's astonishing leap into the film world for which he wrote music scores that became mainstays of cinematic art. It is for this that he is mainly remembered nowadays.

To finish on a high note, we were treated to the supreme interpretation by Jascha Heifetz in the first movement of Korngold's Violin Concerto, a masterpiece which draws its material largely from his film scores and which, incidentally, can be heard in this year's Three Choirs Festival in Worcester as also the Piano Quintet.

An evening to remember!

The Proms

Next, Mike Kerton on 17th April tracing a cheerful history of The Proms, our great seasonal classical music festival at London's Royal Albert Hall –all about Henry Wood, famous conductors like Adrian Boult, Malcolm Sargent and Thomas Beecham, ups and downs especially in war time, financial worries and strong will ensuring enduring survival and popular acclaim. We heard classical recordings followed by the well known audience endings – Rule Britannia, Jerusalem, Pomp & Circumstances and Land of Hope and Glory - happy and quite sentimental!

Ralph Kenber

The Chamber Philharmonic of Europe on the 29 March.

The Chamber Philharmonic of Europe came to St Mary's Painswick on 29th March with a group of string players along with a trumpeter and gave us a concert in two parts: first music from the Baroque period and then three romantics to make a nicely balanced afternoon.

They began with a Vivaldi concerto followed by an Albinoni Trumpet Concerto whose deceptively subdued introduction hit us with its 'wow' factor of virtuoso playing by soloist Kirill Gusarov. Highlights after the interval were Holst's St Paul's Suite and Grieg's Holberg Suite with nice changes from the crisp opening Allegro via a suitably subdued Andante religioso to a humorous finale.

Then the pieces de resistance. First Krilli Gusarov's rollicking trumpet encore and then the whole group with an amazing collection of interwoven popular classics with changes every few bars to keep us on our toes: it brought the house down. A memorable afternoon.

Angela Hewitt on the 12th April

The second concert of the Painswick Music Society's season was given by the world-renowned Anglo-Canadian pianist, Angela Hewitt. First, Haydn's Andante and variations in F minor, a piece with masses of notes and the clarity of this performance let us hear every single one of them. This was followed by Beethoven's Sonata op 2 no2, and both were a masterclass for any pianist brave enough to take them on.

The second half began with Bach's English Suite in G minor played with great flair and precision: we expected an authoritative performance and were not disappointed. Then came this week's tour de force, Liszt's Dante Sonata. This got off to a rousing start and maintained it for over 15 minutes: a virtuoso piece to end all virtuoso pieces and in over 25 years of the society's concerts, I can remember no other performance which has so inspired the audience.

John Parfitt



"Show Garden Extravaganza"

"Members and visitors alike thoroughly enjoyed listening to Paul Hervey-Brookes share show garden facts, figures and anecdotes behind the incredibly hard work that goes into making a world class medal winning garden. A great evening where Paul even revealed details of his plans for his Main Avenue Chelsea garden this year - naturally, the evening was rounded off by wishes of good luck!

On the subject of Show Gardens, we are planning a trip to the Malvern Autumn Show on Sunday 28th September (£25 per person) and are keen for Members to register their interest with Muriel Mann (01452 813535) as soon as possible. Of course, the beauty of going by coach is the proximity of the coach park to the entrance....not walking half a mile across the field before even getting to the Show! But no time to relax just now - the weeds seem to growing faster than they can be pulled out - no prizes for guessing what I'm off to do now!

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

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Painswick's Walking Groups

Want to walk with other local people and enjoy the Painswick Valley's fantastic scenery? This brief summary outlines opportunities in Painswick and gives details of the new Thursday Health Walks.

Saturday Walking Group

Last September, Pippa Dickinson and Helene Hewitt announced that they were forming a small group of people to go walking on Saturday mornings once a month. Although aimed at working people, they welcome anyone who would like to join them on a brisk walk of about 2 hours' duration. They meet in Stamages Lane car park on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 am (check the Diary to confirm the date). Any questions contact Pippa (812965) or Helene (814112), evenings or weekends. They are happy to welcome well-behaved dogs on leads although dog owners should be aware that they may need to lift their dog over the more difficult stiles.

Monday Morning Walkers

The Monday Morning Walkers is a long-standing 'institution' which meets every Monday (except Christmas Day and Boxing Day) at 10 am in Stamages Lane Car Park. We walk for about 2 - 2½ hours (4 - 5 miles) depending upon weather and ground conditions. A few walkers who need to return home sooner than the main group, peel off to return to Painswick separately. New walkers are always welcome; contact either Jane Rowe (813228) or Hywel James (812419)

How They Work

The Monday and Saturday Morning Walking Groups have much in common: no membership, no subscription and no insurance. We ask that each participant accepts responsibility for their own safety. Pippa and Helene take turns to lead the monthly group. On the Monday walks, the leaders vary with Hywel James and Jane Rowe usually selecting routes, or in their absence, someone stepping in with an idea. There is no requirement to walk every week/month; simply fit them around other commitments. Both groups use the Parish's extensive footpath network, which means that stiles and hills, some steep, are inevitable. Walking boots or similar suitable footwear are recommended, especially in muddy conditions, plus clothing and waterproofs appropriate to the weather. Many walkers use one or two walking poles for stability.

One-hour Guided Health Walks

In last month's Beacon, I announced the first of the new weekly Health Walks in Painswick. Due to the original choice of day clashing with another commitment, I need to change the time and date of the new Health Walks. They will now begin at 2 pm on Tuesdays. I will be using mainly stile-free routes around the village, with the occasional hill. Please meet at Painswick Town Hall at 1.45 pm most Tuesday afternoons. For more information, please contact me on tel. 813228; otherwise, just turn up. Bring a waterproof in case of rain and a bottle of water, and please wear sturdy footwear.

Footpath Inspectors

Painswick Parish Council would welcome more volunteers to help share the work of inspecting the Parish footpath network and to report on any problems. The results of the Inspectors' work are discussed by the Council's Rural Environment Committee. For example, the Parish Council is asking the Footpath Inspectors to suggest paths that would benefit from dog friendly stiles. If interested in becoming a Footpath Inspector, please contact the Parish Clerk on 812722.

Longer Walks

Longer walks are offered by Stroud Rambling Club (01453 764490) and the South Cotswolds Group of the Ramblers Association - follow the link at <http://www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk>

Jane Rowe

Weather Extremes and Natural Hazards

We don't need reminding that last winter was the wettest on record. However, harsh weather in these islands is nothing new and the landscape around us still bears the marks of earlier extremes. At the Field Club's next talk, Alan Pilbeam, author and landscape historian will tell us more about 'The Legacy of Floods and Frosts'. The meeting, on Wednesday 7th May, starts at 2.30 am in the Painswick Centre and, as always, non-members are welcome to drop in and stay for tea afterwards.



Ahead of the Club's visit to Charlecote House and Gardens, Roger Turner will be talking to us about 'Tudor and Stuart Gardens' on Wednesday 4th June (7.00 for 7.30 pm) at our first evening meeting. We also have places available on the coach trip to Charlecote on Thursday 12th June (combined with Sezincote, near Moreton-in-Marsh, in the morning). Non-members are invited to join us, paying the same price of £29 as members, by contacting John Keyte (01453 873419) or myself.

In April, Philip Mugridge entertained members and visitors with his fabulous photographs of the birdlife and scenery of Iceland. Some of Iceland's summer breeding birds over-winter here in the UK. Compared to their drab winter colours, it was a pleasure to see them sporting vivid breeding plumage. Geologically, Iceland sits on a 'mantle plume' or hotspot on the mid-Atlantic sub-oceanic ridge, which accounts for its spectacular volcanic activity. Philip's photographs of the Eyjafjallajökull volcanic eruption in 2010 reminded the audience of another type of hazard, when the resulting ash cloud across European airspace caused massive disruption to air travel.

Jane Rowe (tel 813228)

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Wheely Good Shakespeare!

Four men, four bikes and this year two thousand miles. The HandleBards are back for 2014 and visiting 50 locations across the county including Painswick Rococo Garden. This travelling troupe of four actors will cycle around the UK before setting off for Europe. On just four bikes they will carry all the necessary set, props, costumes and camping gear to perform two of Shakespeare's greatest plays. Macbeth and The Comedy of Errors.

Paul Moir, at the Garden, is delighted to be able to welcome the four back. "Last year was their inaugural year, so we didn't quite know what to expect when they came to perform Twelfth Night. I think it is fair to say the audience was blown away by the fast pace and sheer brilliance of the performance. It didn't matter what age, the play had something for everyone, even some members of the audience got in on the act."



The HandleBards will be performing both of this year's plays at the Rococo Garden on consecutive nights. On Friday 6th June, The Comedy of Errors is guaranteed to be a night of hilarity whilst on 7th June, Macbeth, possibly Shakespeare's darkest play can be seen in a new and entertaining light. The performance starts at 6.30pm with the grounds opening at 5.45pm. Bring your own seating, a picnic and a group of friends for this memorable evening. Tickets are on sale from the Rococo Garden, £12 for adults, £10 for Over 60s and £6.00 for children.

Paul Moir

Join in the Laurie Lee Centenary

... by creating a unique piece of art celebrating the countryside he wrote about

This June will be filled with opportunities to celebrate the centenary of Laurie Lee's birth with a whole range of exciting events, performances and exhibitions – watch out for next month's Beacon for details of what's going on in Slad and around, and you can see more at www.laurielee.org.

Laurie wasn't just a writer, he was also an accomplished artist, and you will be able to see many of his works at an exhibition in Stroud Museum from 3rd June to 6th July. Local glass artist Amanda Lawrence has been inspired to follow his example by creating a whole range of glass artworks celebrating Slad Valley, work that will be shown in an exhibition called 'The Valley Under the Skin' at the Lansdown Gallery in Stroud in the second half of June. As part of this exhibition she is offering a series of half-day workshops for visitors to make their own unique piece of glass. These are Printing on Glass with Natural Objects (24th June), Create a Glass Landscape with drill engraving (2nd July), and Make a Map in Glass (4th July). No experience or artistic skill is needed, just enthusiasm. There is a cost of £35. To find out more, or to book your place please go to www.amandalawrenceglass.com, or phone her on 01453-762556. Places are limited to ensure everyone gets lots of individual attention so early booking is recommended.

Andrew Dickenson

The Painswick Fairtrade group

...sponsored a Fairtrade coffee tasting morning on Saturday March 1st at the Town Hall. We had the generous support of Julia Mundell and the local Guides to help us in serving coffees. Over 35 visitors enjoyed trying out different flavours and being



surprised at the number and variety of types of Fairtrade coffee available. A variety of coffee from Fairtrade farms in the Andes of Columbian, Rwanda, Kenya and Sumatra was served. All these coffees are available from your local supermarket. Mike from the Painswick Pharmacy supplied Fairtrade coffee, tea, biscuits etc for sale this day as well.

The Fairtrade movement ensures that growers receive a fair price, and the farmers also receive a Fairtrade premium to be invested to improve the quality of their produce, secure in the knowledge of a steady income and to improve their local schools. This is our economic support.

The Painswick Fairtrade group also meets to support CSW (Christian Solidarity Worldwide). This is an international Christian organisation working for religious freedom. We have used some of the money we raised to pay the postage on cards we sent to prisoners of conscience to assure them they were not forgotten. We are planning more tastings of Fairtrade produce in future and hope people will come along to try what a lot of delicious things are available.

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Sarah's special ceremonies

Special ceremonies should be exactly that – special. Whether it is a wedding, a renewal of vows, a civil partnership, baby-naming or whatever, it has a unique meaning for the people involved. Sarah Harper-Little specialises in providing a unique bespoke ceremony for each such occasion.



Sarah writes and conducts each ceremony to suit the exact requirements of the occasion and the people concerned. As she points out, this can cover a wide range of possibilities from solemn to funny, simple to complex, formal to informal. Sarah manages the ceremony incorporating whatever the client wants and making it essentially very personal. She emphasises the fact that she spends a good deal of time with them in order to make it absolutely right. "It's got to be about them. It's their big day so it must be special," she says. "I put a huge amount of time and effort into making sure all is as it should be."

The venue is usually organised by the client, though Sarah can do this too. Often people choose somewhere simple such as their own garden or a local hotel but she has also found herself conducting ceremonies on a private jet and the magnificent steam train in the Forest of Dean. Anywhere is possible!

Sarah's background experience equips her well for this job. Initially working in insurance, she was a volunteer for the charity Canine Partners (providing dogs for people with disabilities) for which she later became regional manager. Then she trained as a registrar and worked as Deputy Superintendent Registrar in Gloucestershire for over six years. Public speaking professionally was an essential part of both her Registrar and charity roles.

As she notes, the proceedings in official venues such as registry offices follow a standard order with no extras allowed. By including a celebration in a personal setting, (before or after any necessary legal procedure), Sarah can turn the occasion into something special and unique. Her business is Cotswold Ceremonies and she can be contacted by telephone on 07711.922973 or email at sarah@cotswoldceremonies.co.uk. The website is www.cotswoldceremonies.co.uk.

Carol Maxwell

Building projects – making the right decisions

Making changes to a building, whether great or small, is often an experience fraught with problems and unanticipated extras. Thankfully for most it is not a frequent undertaking, yet that in itself usually signifies a lack of knowledge and understanding of what is involved.



Edward Young's business, Buildinglab Ltd, can help to reduce the inevitable anxieties by providing knowledgeable guidance through the whole process.

This is an advice service with practical application, from help with complicated planning applications, keeping costs down by sourcing the best materials and companies, choosing the right trades people and assisting with design details. Edward takes a holistic approach, concentrating on the purpose of the building be it domestic or commercial, and with an understanding of the customer's individual needs and expectations. It is, in effect, a tailor-made service for each commission.

Achieving this however often means being confronted with an overwhelming number of technical and administrative details and choices which require important and often expensive decisions to be made. Edward's expertise in this field enables him to both assess what is possible and to help with the implementation avoiding pitfalls and dealing with the difficult details. Whether the job is renovation, an extension, new build or infrastructure, Buildinglab can offer help ranging from initial advice to full project management, as much or as little as required, making it as painless as possible.

Edward's civil engineering background and very considerable experience in building and engineering have resulted in an in-depth knowledge and understanding of methods and products. He is known in Painswick for renovating Verlands to its rightful glory when he and his family were resident there. His own training focussed essentially on problem-solving which of course is an invaluable skill in his business. "I like a challenge," he says, and emphasises the added interest of approaching each project on an individual basis.

Whatever the scope and extent of a project Buildinglab can help. Edward can be contacted on 01452 260046 or email contact@buildinglab.co.uk. There is a website -www.buildinglab.co.uk.

Carol Maxwell



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District Council Elections Thursday May 22nd

Peter Adams (Green Party)

The Green Party believes that the biggest problem facing the people of Painswick, and of the whole planet, is not immigration, nor the economy, nor terrorism, but climate change. The green response to climate change will also help to solve some of those other problems

Firstly, immigration will increasingly be caused by climate change, as poorer nations will be affected most, and their populations will be forced to move to places less affected. Reducing climate change will reduce this pressure on immigration

Secondly, there is no economy without ecology! Our economy depends on natural resources. And the greening of our economy can be a source of sustainable economic development, rather than a hindrance to it. And finally, terrorism has increased as a reaction to our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – and these wars were really about access to natural resources, especially oil. So maintaining our fossil-fuel-based lifestyles contributes to terrorism.

It is only the Green Party that is making a realistic response to this overriding environmental problem.

Richard Ford (UKIP)

The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) has selected Richard Ford to fight the Painswick Ward in the forthcoming election to Stroud District Council. Richard originates from East Yorkshire and has lived in Painswick since 1992. He is an Honours Graduate in Law of the University of Durham.

His programme is to ensure your money is spent wisely as close to you, the council tax payer as possible; to hold regular surgeries in order to provide the best possible service, advice and support for you, the council tax payer; to bring pressure onto Gloucestershire Highways to improve the quality of road surfaces and to reduce the speed and volume of traffic traveling through Painswick on the A46; to encourage and promote tourism in Painswick; and to do everything possible to ensure that Painswick regains a Post Office

A Public Meeting will take place in the Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre on Tuesday 13th May at 6 pm for 6.30 pm ahead of the poll for the Stroud District Council and European Parliamentary Elections on 22nd May. Main speaker is Caroline Stephens the UKIP Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Stroud. All are welcome.

Julie Job (Conservative Party)

I have lived in Cranham for 28 years, previously living in Painswick, also for 28 years! I am married to David and we have two grown up children. In January 1986 my husband and I took over the Black Horse Inn at Cranham, where we ran a successful business for nearly 25 years. I am currently Chairman of Cranham Cricket Club and have served as a Parish Councillor and School Governor, so I am not unfamiliar with the requisites of Council office.

I enjoy helping out within the Community and, should I be elected, look forward to representing the Ward, in which I have lived for over 50 years. I will strive to do my utmost to ensure that our Community continues to be an even better place in which to live and work.

Thomas Lydon (Labour)

Thomas has lived in Stroud district for eleven years, attending Marling School in Stroud, then Leeds University. He joined the Labour Party aged 16 and has been active ever since. For two years, Thomas was Chair of Stroud District Youth Council, the voice for 12,500 11-18 year olds, representing them on the District Climate Change Panel and Local Strategic Partnership, alongside business leaders in and around Stroud.

Young people need local services provided by professionals: cuts by our Tory county council left parish councils and community groups picking up the pieces. We need a mix of affordable housing - so young people can stay in our villages, and older people can downsize - plus rural employment opportunities. We must fight the creeping privatisation of our NHS.

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Have Your Say meets David Drew

Last Monday, 31st March, David Drew visited our Monday night church group, Have Your Say (HYS). For those who aren't yet aware, David Drew was the former MP for Stroud District and is the standing Labour candidate for next year's parliamentary elections. David gave some news and advice on local issues including the local MenCap society, Painswick post office (North Nibley solution) and the proposed incinerator development (now in the hands of Eric Pickles).

Moving onto other topics, David has fears for democracy itself. Even as nations around the world struggle to become more democratic, he expressed concerns over potential threats to our own democracy. Speaking personally, David shared why he became a politician and what keeps him going. In short, his core values are derived from a deep Christian faith. Principled, ethical standards in politics, in recent years, have been replaced by a secular professionalism, governed only by the morality of the market place. We would like to take this opportunity to thank David for his visit with us, and of course, he's more than welcome to return.

HYS meets Monday's, 7:30 to 9.30 at Cotswolds 88 hotel. We cordially invite you to join with us.

Brian Nimblette for HYS

Jonas and Matthias – progress update

As at Easter weekend Jonas and Matthias had almost reached Switzerland. Having left Stroud on Saturday, 29th March with a grand send-off in the presence of a crowd and the Mayor, John Marjoram, they have kept to their planned schedule. Throughout France they have met with much kindness and generosity; for example, a family who fed them allowed them to erect their tent in the garden for the night, and on another occasion they slept in a school gym!

Support in Painswick continues to thrive and on Saturday, 12th April June Gardiner and her marvellous team raised £605 in two and a half hours at their coffee and cake and more event in the Town Hall.

We shall continue to chart their progress and if you want to follow them or indeed donate to their sterling cause you can do so at www.crossingcountriesforcancer.com

Carol Maxwell

A new map for Painswick

Painswick is to have a new map to replace the 1997 version. There have been many changes in the detail in the intervening years and, as with all maps, this one needs updating every other year or so.

David Haslam has been working on the changes, adapting the original which he produced in 1997. "It is primarily for tourists, hopefully to keep them here a little longer," he says. However, it should also prove useful for local residents who may be unaware of some of the detailed information it contains. The original was one-sided, just Painswick, but the new version has a larger area map on the reverse including Sheepscombe, Cranham, Edge, Pitchcombe and Slad. It also contains useful detailed information such as footpaths.

David is a professional cartographer, as is his wife, Jan. He trained with the Ministry of Defence for whom he worked for six years and after which he worked for a copper mining company in Zambia. On his return to England he worked for various publishers including Bartholomews in Cheltenham and later worked freelance producing visitor maps of major tourist towns.

David's new map will be available in the latter half of May in Painswick and Stroud Tourist Information Centres and in various other retail outlets.

Carol Maxwell

Normandy 44



On 6th June it will be the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings. To commemorate this, The Painswick Centre is putting on a Special event. All ticket profits will be going to "Combat Stress".

The Event will be wholly themed in the 40's era! This will include the food, the band, the decoration and of course the dress code!

So get those old uniforms and Tea dresses out and support "Combat Stress" and The Painswick Centre. 7pm – midnight, £20 a ticket. Ticket price includes live 5 piece swing band "Fat Boy Swing" Your Ration style food! And your 1 Rationed Drink.

If anyone has any old Memorabilia from WW2 or that era at all that they would be willing to lend to the Centre for our "Memory lane" displays, they would be well looked after and on display on the night.

Jennie Barber Centre Manager 01452 814567

Winter rainfall figures for this winter

Mr Kilpatrick has provided The Beacon with the rainfall figures covering last Winter taken at his home in Painswick.

December Average rainfall 2002-12 was 88.05mm
This December 2013 was 110.87mm of which 105mm fell in the last 12 days.

January Average rainfall 2002-12 was 78.56mm
January rainfall 2014 was 184.50

February Average rainfall 2002-12 was 42.95mm
February rainfall 2014 was 159.75mm

For the period 18/12/13 - 28/2/14 rainfall was 449.25 (17.6 inches)

Mr Kilpatrick

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Painswick Bowling Club

Painswick Bowling Club celebrated its centenary in 2012 and has a long history of being a friendly club. Located on Bisley Street next to the Painswick Centre, it is set in a lovely location with expansive views across the valley looking out towards Longridge. With an excellent green, colourful spring borders and a great clubhouse, members enjoy the surroundings whilst bowling.

The Club has just held a successful 'opening of the green' which starts the outdoor bowls season which runs until late September. During this time the members can play mixed matches each weekend and seniors' matches during the week against clubs in the local area i.e. Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham areas. For the more serious players Painswick Club plays in the Stroud League on Tuesday evenings. A club night takes place on Friday evenings and social events are held throughout the year. During the winter months there is also short mat bowling in the clubhouse.

Our main aim is to run a happy successful club for all members to play in a relaxed atmosphere. The Club warmly welcomes new members. If you are interested in joining arrangements can be made for you to try the game before you make a decision, bowls will be available on the day. Contact Ken Quick, the Club Secretary on 01452 728516 who will arrange a suitable day.

Golf Club

At last it feels as if summer is coming. The club's finances have been put on a stable footing and golf in this warm spring weather is a delight. The course and greens were in an excellent state when I played last week – though my play did not match the state of the course! Perhaps a lesson is needed from our professional Marc Cottrell (01452 812615). Visitors are very welcome – green fees are payable at the club house.

In the Seniors Section, the first major competition – the Arthur Paget Trophy – was won by Phil Taylor with an impressive 45 stableford points. And the April medal (played as a stableford) was won by Seniors' captain Mike Carter. Congratulations to both winners.

This year's Seniors' Open is scheduled for 14th May. The competition is open to all Senior (ie over 55) golfers and will be a four ball better ball competition like last year. The cost is £12 per person. There may still be a few places available by the time you read this – please contact Vern Watkin (01452 611778) for further details.

Members and visitors are welcome at the clubhouse for meals and refreshments. For details, please contact Michael or Tom Horton on 01452 812180.

Rugby

Painswick finish season on winning high

Glos Premier
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Painswick ended their Glos Premier league campaign with a comprehensive victory against Bristol side Southmead on Saturday 12th April. Southmead had no answers to the pace of Painswick's three quarter line-up who had an average age of 18.

With Painswick's forwards fronting up against an abrasive homeside eight, they provided ample possession for the youngsters in the backline to show their pace. Painswick scored nine tries with skipper Jake Saunders leading the way with a brace.



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Badminton

The Painswick Badminton Club held their annual tournament on Thursday 10th April in the Beacon Hall.

This was a mixed event with a round robin series of matches to determine the pairings for the final.

In the final Nicola Robinson and Roy Woodward narrowly defeated Julia Richardson and Ron Bridgman by two sets to one.

The Badminton Golf tournament took place on Tuesday 15th April and the winner of the John Reynolds Trophy was Roy Woodward, second was Martin Taylor, and the nearest to the pin went to Judith Courts

The Club plays at the Beacon Hall on Mondays and Thursdays and membership is available to players of all abilities. Anyone interested should ring *John Wylde* on 814349.



Tennis

Painswick Tennis Club Open Day

Saturday 10th May 2-5 pm.

Come and join Painswick Tennis Club at Broadham Fields for an afternoon of fun and to meet new people. Learn to play tennis or refresh old skills, whatever your standard or age, you will be very welcome. The club will also be attempting to beat the longest tennis match played at Wimbledon of over 11 hours!

The club now has just resurfaced two of the courts so can offer 8 courts in total including two in the centre of the village

The summer season is about to commence. Fourteen teams have been entered (7 ladies and 7 men's teams) in the Gloucestershire Dunlop League ranging from Premier league to Division 5. Club nights are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and are well attended and offer a wide range of playing abilities.

Dust down your racquets and come and join us!

Football

Once again the Yr3/4 and Yr5/6 teams have been in action at the end of last term.

The Yr5/6s played in the Gloucester Primary Schools Small Schools finals. They were up against Huntley Primary School, who they had previously won and lost against.

The opposition started brightly and were quickly 2-0 ahead but determined defending and some good shots on target steadied the team. After a half-time talk The Croft played some great football with one of their many attacks resulting in a penalty being awarded. Walter Lovell slotted the ball past the keeper and the score was 2-1. In the remaining minutes both teams had chances to add to the score, however it was Huntley who were successful making the final score 3-1.

Well done to all the players for an excellent effort and thanks to the team of supporters. Thank you also to Anne Haworth who as team manager has organised the team and fixtures.

The Yr3/4 team played their final 2 matches in their league beating Haresfield 5-0 and King's Stanley 3-1. Well done to the whole team who played very well on an extremely cold and wet afternoon. Thank you also to James Jefferies who has coached them and refereed the match.



London Marathon

Jamie and Tim Morgan write to report that they successfully completed the London Marathon and wish to thank everyone for their kindness in sponsoring them. The money raised will be given to The Epilepsy Society.



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Beacon Conservation Group



Long Quarry. The return of large numbers of flowers and butterflies to Long Quarry is now assured! Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (PBCG) volunteers, with considerable help from a band of Cotswold Wardens and three chainsaws, worked three long sessions in Long Quarry during April. Huge quantities of tree

tops were cut up and burned. Usable firewood logs were stacked ready for removal to storage and seasoning. As the photographs show, the whole valley has been opened up to the sun. We now expect a return of the flowers and butterflies for which it was renowned. Of course it won't happen in one year; meanwhile we shall be creating the scrapes and sowing the juniper seeds as part of the deal with No. 3 London Gin, who contributed £1,000 and started the whole project last autumn.



(Before)



(After)

Water. Pipeline Logistics are installing permanent water supplies to the grazing paddocks on the Beacon. You may have already seen their trenches and 'moleing'. The project is being managed by Mike Hoey, President of Painswick Golf Club, who has put in many volunteer hours and has accumulated a heap of bureaucratic paperwork for his pains. It is financed partly from private donations but mostly from the public purse. The bulk of the money comes from a Biffa grant (recycling Landfill Taxes) with another chunk from Natural England (DEFRA money). When completed it will be largely unseen, apart from a water trough in the paddock currently being grazed. Eliminating the need for regular trips with bowser or camper's water bottles will be greatly welcomed by the Golf Club and PBCG who are currently watering the Paddock 4 trough.

The PBCG had a jolly evening of skittles and reminiscences at the end of March. Unexpected skills were discovered and these could lead to more skittles and to challenges to other clubs and societies. You have been warned!

David Allott.

Beacon Clear-up - Can you help?

Painswick Beacon is one of the great open spaces close to Painswick. It is enjoyed by walkers, golfers, horse riders, bird watchers, those interested in the ancient hill fort and lots of others. But it is defiled by those who cannot be bothered to take away their litter.

Like last year, under the aegis of the Parish Council, I am happy to organise the Beacon Clear Up. Gloves, litter pickers and plastic bags (for the rubbish) will be provided.

It will be held from 2.00 – 3.00 pm on Sunday 11 May. Those willing to help should meet (as in previous years) at the car park on the road across the golf course near Catbrain Quarry. If you have not taken part before and would like further details, please give me a call or just turn up on the day. Your help will be much appreciated and help keep the Beacon as one of the jewels of Painswick.

On behalf of the community, I would like to thank all those who pick up litter during the year. But litter is blown or tossed into numerous small quarries – particularly around Catbrain – and this is where we will focus our efforts.

Peter Rowe (Tel 813228)

Spring on the Farm

The grass in the fields is starting to grow and we've added fertilizer, so it's now time to let the cows out from the barns. It has been hard work bringing hay in to feed them twice a day every day through the winter but we don't want to put them out too soon. If the grass is not growing, they will just eat all that's there. So we need to be sure, as we say, that "the grass is growing behind them".

The cattle get very frisky, charging around, tails up when they are put out but we have to watch that they do not react to the sudden change of diet. Changing from hay to lush green grass may cause grass staggers (magnesium deficiency) or bloat (too much clover). If any show symptoms we have only a couple of hours to get treatment to them, or they may die.

We have finished chain harrowing to rake out the old grass and leveling the lumps and rolling to flatten the bumps and push in the stones. Dock is a problem weed. One plant can produce 60,000 seeds a year which can remain in the ground for up to four years before germinating. The plant takes up a litre of water a day, causes havoc in hay and silage, goes straight through a cow's digestive system and has a very low feed value. So we will have to spray the worst affected fields.

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Maggie's in Cheltenham



For any of you who have had contact with cancer either directly or indirectly, I would like to tell you about Maggie's in Cheltenham. There are Maggie Centres all over the country, they are designed by well known architects and they are really beautiful. As soon as you walk through the door of the one in Cheltenham you can't help but feel you've come to a special place. It's relaxing and homely, open weekdays from 9am – 5pm and you can drop in at any point if you'd like a coffee and a chat, and that goes for carers as well. I have to say the homemade cakes are wonderful too!

Initially when you go in, you will be welcomed by a Cancer Support Specialist and they will talk you through your concerns and what they can do to help. If, however, you are booked in for treatment at Oncology and are waiting your turn, which may take a while, you can always tell Oncology Reception that you're popping into Maggie's and ask them to contact Maggie's direct, when they are ready for you. This can be very useful if you use public or hospital transport and have arrived early. It also works for carer's. If as a carer, you are waiting at Maggie's while the person you care for is having treatment, and because the treatment can often take longer than expected, Oncology can phone through to tell you when they are ready. You just need to tell the Reception Desk first.

Maggie's is a charity and all their services are free. Their programme is provided by a team of Cancer Support Specialists and the following is a guide to what you will find on offer - Benefits Advice, Stress Reduction and Relaxation, Managing Hair Loss, Tai Chi, Yoga, Nutrition Advice and even a Creative Writing afternoon.

Maggie's also offer a range of courses and classes ranging from practical help with benefits, or how to cope with hair loss; emotional support through bereavement group or one to one sessions, Tai Chi, self-help imagery exercises and social support by providing a very warm and welcoming place to meet and chat.

As well as all this, there are networking and support groups which include breast care, head and neck, lymphoma and brain tumour groups. You may even feel that a group should be set up on another type of cancer - this is all possible.

What makes Maggie's so special is its relaxing and homely atmosphere, it's a lovely place to go and sit, look through the library, or just somewhere which is quiet.

Maggie's address is: The Lodge, College Baths Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7QB. It is just a 2 to 3 minute walk from the Oncology Centre along College Bath Road. You can't miss it. For more information ring Maggie's: 01242 250611

As you know, my role in the community is to help senior people living in my parishes to access information, support or referrals. A common difficulty I come across is how to help a person feel less isolated in these stunningly beautiful villages and hamlets we are living in. In order to try and make sure that all the information I have is up to date, I would like to hear from anyone who is involved in running a group which might be of interest to someone "of more mature age". I can then pass on this information to the In Touch project that supports any health or social related activity for older people in Gloucestershire and keeps a database of all the clubs in the county. Like the Village Agent scheme, In Touch is managed by GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council).

Many thanks for all the great work you do in supporting my role in the community; I couldn't do it without you all.
Mobile: 07776 245767. Email: lou@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

Lou Kemp 07776 245 767

The Patchwork Mouse bicycle.

That bicycle standing outside the Patchwork Mouse has certainly become something of a Painswick icon. Sadly however, it has come to the end of its days even as a well-recognised static symbol and due to its current state of deterioration it has to go.

Craig and David are therefore looking for a replacement – after all, that space would not be the same without the presence of a bike. If you have a suitable replacement which you no longer require or indeed use/need, they would love to hear from you. They can be contacted at the Patchwork Mouse, or by telephone 812560, or email thepatchworkmouse@gmail.com.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Community Choir

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Exciting new project at the Rococo Garden

Nettie Edwards has recently embarked on an exciting project based in the Bothy at the Rococo Garden. Funded by the Arts Council for a year, she will be experimenting with a photographic art technique called anthotypes. This involves using plant dyes, sunlight and photographic images.

Nettie has been a frequent visitor to the Garden for many years and is pleased to have a project which makes use of all aspects of the site. Interested in historic photographic techniques she is keen to explore ways to produce prints using alternative and historic processes. Anthotypes is one such, invented in 1842 by John Herschel. Plant matter is pulped to produce a dye which is transferred to paper. A photographic image on acetate is placed on top of the paper and exposed to the sun to produce the print in varying shades of the single dye.

This is a very 'green' technique which has a limited life-span. The resulting pictures however, are lovely, very subtle and slightly ethereal. As Nettie says, the process is definitely experimental and a little unpredictable but often with beautiful results. Her intention is to produce pictures of the Garden, which she will send out worldwide, and to work collaboratively with Steve, the head gardener, to discuss which plants are immediately available throughout the seasons - an element of spontaneity alongside the predictable. Trained as a theatrical designer, Nettie worked for 25 years for the BBC, the Royal Court and the National Theatre. She then started her own community creative practice working with traveller families and her photographs featured in several major exhibitions. She taught herself digital art, explored the creative possibilities and was one of the first to have her work displayed at the famous Fox-Talbot Museum. She takes commissions, teaches, and sells and exhibits her work worldwide.

Nettie will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Rococo Garden with the last Monday of each month being open studio when visitors are welcome to observe the work in progress.

Carol Maxwell



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Reducing Speeding in Painswick

In 2009 the average vehicle speed in Gloucester Street was 21.8 mph. In 2013 the average was 24 mph. Clearly vehicle speeds have increased since the introduction of the 20 mph zone. Would restoring the 30 mph limit reduce traffic speeds? There would certainly be a reduction in speeding offences. Currently 4 out of every 5 motorists exceed the 20 mph limit. Restoring the limit to 30 mph would reduce this to less than one in 10, a reduction in offending rates of over 70%! A reduction on this scale is something Gloucestershire County Council and the Highway Authority could be truly proud.

Ross Munro

PROPERTY REPORT for April from Murrays

Spring has sprung, the weather is looking better, the flowers are now out and the activity in the property market continues to be on the increase! At Murrays in Painswick we have had our best first 4 months of the year for the last 6 years and the trend is carrying on so there is little doubt that the recovery in the housing market is now fully established with activity levels picking up and house prices recording their fifteenth successive monthly increase in March.

The Nationwide have said that UK house prices increased by 0.4% in March and were 9.5% higher than March 2013 which means that prices nationally are now 3% behind the 2007 peak and prices in the South West in particular are now 5% the 2007 peak. Record low mortgage rates, improved availability of credit and the brighter economic outlook are all leading to increased demand for housing. London house prices were up 18% year on year in, taking the price of a typical home in the capital to £362,699! Prices in the South West however are not rising as quickly, what we are seeing more is that people are prepared to pay more i.e closer to the asking price for the property therefore allowing the average price to rise.

After a bit of a slow start to new property coming on in the area we have now fully made up for it taking on many more lovely properties. These include Merrills, a beautifully presented 4 bed house right in the centre of Painswick (already under offer), Rack Hill a substantial 5 bed house with beautiful gardens and views in The Highlands, 15 Hyett Orchard a 2 bed, 2 bath retirement cottage also in the centre of Painswick, Verland Cottage a pretty 2 bed Cotswold Cottage on Vicarage Street with lovely views, Sangria, an impressive 5 bed modern detached family home in Upton St Leonards (already under offer), Clovelley, a pretty 3 bed Cotswold stone cottage also in Upton St Leonards, Oak End House a fascinating detached listed half timber 16th Century family house in Elmore, The Old Weavers a lovely 6 bed detached Cotswold family house in Pitchcombe and Hunters Rest a detached 4 bed with lovely garden in Brimpsfield.

Properties that we now have under offer are Merrills on Friday Street, Painswick, Smalls Mill, Pincot Lane, Pitchcombe, Sangria in Upton St Leonards and 1 Wellersley Cottages in Bisley. Properties that have now sold are Highfield on Edge Road, 18 Upper Washwell, Painswick, Firlie on Blakewell Mead, Painswick, 2 Hambutts Cottages on Edge Road, Lynton in Paradise, Shetlands on Far End, Sheepscombe and Highcroft in Brimpsfield.

James C Murrays (Partner)

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MAY				
Sat	3	Painswick Music Society Concert: Steven Isserlis - Cello & Sam Haywood - Piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
		Black Adder: Tickets £10	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Sun	4	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	8.00am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Evensong (BCP)	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Mon	5	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627)	Town Hall	10.30am
		Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	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	6	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £5 pp Tuesdays	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Friday Club late Spring outing to Toddington Railway & Cream Tea	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
		Health Walk (One Hour) Enq. 813228 - Tuesdays	Town Hall	1.45 for 2.00pm
		Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	7	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Legacy of Frosts & Floods - Alan Pilbeam. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
		Horticultural Society: Bookings close for trip 3 - Stourhead		
Thu	8	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
		T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
		Dog Training Club (Thursdays)	Church Rooms	9.30 to 12.00noon
		Theatre Club outing to The Watermill Theatre, Newbury	Stamages Car Park	10.30am
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	9	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	10	Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
		Messy Church	Youth Centre	10.00am to 12 noon
		Painswick Music Society Concert: Castalian Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
		Hortons Spectacular Curry Night: info. contact 812180	Painswick Golf Club	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	11	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	8.00am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Family Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Painswick Beacon Clear-up: meet at the car park near Catbrain Quarry	Painswick Beacon	2.00pm
		Christian Aid Service	Edge Church	6.30pm
Mon	12	Probus Women: Artisan Cheese Making - Godsell's Cheese	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	13	Bird Club Field Trip: Sherborne Water Meadow - meet at NT Car Park ref. SP176155	NT Car Park	10.00am
		Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	14	Horticultural Society trip 1 - Elgar Museum & Spetchley Park	Stamages Car Park	tba
		Probus: An Old Man's Adventures on a Bicycle (John O'Groats - Land's End) - Mick Ponting	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	15	Christian Aid Salmon Supper	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
		Music Appreciation Group: AGM & Members' Night	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	16	Christian Aid Cold Buffet Lunches & Shop	Church Rooms	12.00noon to 2.00pm
Sat	17	Saturday Market: Produce, Art & Craft - various stalls	Town Hall. Lower Room	10.00am to 4.00pm
		Christian Aid Lunches, Cream Teas & Shop	Church Rooms	12.00noon to 4.00pm
		Wine tasting evening with delicate tapas: contact 812180	Painswick Golf Club	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	18	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	8.00am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tue	20	Local History Society Outing to Sharpness Docks - Dr Ray Wilson		6.00pm



Wed	21	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Guided Walk: Flowers on Selsley common: Pre-book on 813228		2.30pm
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	23	Friday Club: Waltz Music - Mike Kerton	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Local Piano Bar Star - Pete Butler; info. Hortons 812180	Painswick Golf Club	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat	24	Copy Date for June Beacon		
Sun	25	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	8.00am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Benefice Rogation Walk & Service (Painswick to Edge)	St Mary's Church	2.30pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: You Cannot be Serious - Brian Partridge	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	28	Probus: Building Society Industry - Past, Present & Future - John Parker	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Guided Walk: Ancient Woodland at Lineover Woods. Pre-book on 813228		10.00am
Fri	30	Hortons Thai Menu Night: contact 812180	Painswick Golf Club	7.00 for 7.30pm
JUNE				
Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Tudor & Stuart Gardens - Roger Turner Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
		Bird Club field Trip: River Frome; meet at public car park opposite Waitrose	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
		Horticultural Society AGM & Local Speaker	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	6	Friday Club: Great Losers in History - Mike Stares	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	7	June Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	9	Probus Women: Tour of Rodmarton Manor & Gardens	Rodmarton	10.30am
Tue	10	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Walk: Flowers & Butterflies on Swift's Hill, and Laurie Lee Wood: pre-book on 813228		10.30am
		Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	11	Probus: The Story of the Royal Flying Corps - David Sweet	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Horticultural Society Trip 2: Waterperry Gardens	Stamages Car Park	tba
Thu	12	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Visit to Sezincote House & Gardens, & Charlcote House: enq. 01453 873419	Stamages Car Park	8.50am
		Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30 to 5.30pm
Sat	14	Saturday Market: Produce, Art & Craft - various stalls	Town Hall. Lower Room	10.00am to 4.00pm
Tue	17	Local History Society AGM & Film: A Day Out in Painswick	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club: President's Tea Party	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Wentworth Wooden Puzzles - Sarah Watson	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	27	Paradise House Summer Fayre: for further details contact Anne Mansfield 01453 837551	Paradise House	4.00 to 10.00pm
JULY				
Wed	2	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Eels in Crisis - Andrew Kerr Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	4	Local Talented Singer - Emily Jane Mew and her Trio perform from 8.00pm: for info tel. 812180	Painswick Golf Club	from 8.00pm
Sat	5	Victorian Costume Ball. For info. Tel. 01453 833150	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 11.00pm
Wed	9	Horticultural Society Trip 3: Stourhead	Stamages Car Park	tba
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Coach trip to Downside Abbey & Kilver Court Designer Village & Gardens: Tel. 814570	Stamages Car Park	8.35am
Sat	12	Friday Club Summer Outing: Boat trip - Tewkesbury to Worcester		
Mon	14	Probus Women: My Friends the Refugees - Angela Lerwill	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	15	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Walk: Cotswold Buildings, South Woodchester: pre-book on 813228		5.30pm
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Friday Club: Teckells Animal Sanctuary - Sean McGough	Town Hall	2.30pm

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

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

HOLCOMBE HOUSE

Internal alterations to bedroom

COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane

Demolition of existing garages and erection of 7 garages with store over.

LAND AT HAINES GREEN, Edge Road

Construction of a riding arena.

BEACON HEIGHTS, Cheltenham Road

Proposed development of five dwellings to include one affordable dwelling.

BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street

Works comprising; Repairs to masonry, upgrading insulation & internal finishes, Installing new passenger lift, new orangery extension, new landscaping.

HOLCOME HOUSE

New fencing to existing tennis court. New fencing to site. New bat roost. New shed to house water tank. New pool pavilion. CCTV cameras.

BLAKEWELL FARM, Edge Road

Proposed repair and conversion of barn into residential property.

BONDSGROVE, Slad Road, Slad.

Side extension, minor alterations and internal reconfiguration.

PARK COTTAGE, Butt Green

Detached garage.

GREENHOUSE COURT LODGE,

Greenhouse Lane

Remove internal walls to latterly added modern extension to form larger Kitchen/Dining Room area.

CONSENT

3 VATCH COTTAGES, Catswood Lane

Erection of single storey and first floor extensions on rear elevation.

21 CHURCHILL WAY

Extension and partial garage conversion to form new utility room and ground floor study.

CASTLE LODGE, Cheltenham Road

Construction of new stone garage

CHURCH END, Paul Mead, Edge

Demolition of utility room and erection of a kitchen extension

SCHOOLHOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe

Secondary glazing on 7 windows

SCHOOLHOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe

Replacement of a wooden single glazed window with a steel double glazed window

SCHOOL HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe

Replacement of current kitchen window with a double glazed window

HILLWORTH COTTAGE, Gloucester Street

Internal alterations

15 CANTON ACRE

2 storey extension to rear of property.

Installation of 'velux' type window

to east side of property. Removal of existing wooden garage and rebuild

on existing footprint using block and render – single storey.

LYNTON, Paradise

Erection of two storey and single storey extension

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The Personal Column

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

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, presents, children's drawings and apologies that I received for my retirement. I've been overwhelmed with everyone's kindness. It was wonderful seeing so many faces. Special thanks to Painswick Playgroup staff, committee, parents and children old and new and Croft School for my surprise I'm truly going to miss you all. Many thanks Beaty Bell x

Beaty Bell

Comments of appreciation on her retirement

Beaty Bell retired as playgroup leader in April and many who have encountered her in this role have expressed their feelings of regret at her leaving and their admiration of her work over the past 20 years. Here are just a few comments.

Beaty will be missed by children, parents and colleagues alike. Painswick Playgroup will not be the same without her. Beaty's experience, confidence, help, support, friendship and fun will leave a huge hole in the Playgroup. Things move on but it won't be the same without her. We will all miss her very much.

Beaty is a wonderful, warm, fun filled lady who I have had the pleasure to work with for 9 years. I will miss her very much.

Beaty is one in a million. A wonderfully kind, special person. We will all miss her loads.

Beaty is so much more than a child carer and colleague. She is a true friend and surrogate 'mum' whose enthusiasm and caring nature has earned her so much love and respect within the community.

Beaty is well loved by all. She is an excellent care giver and children become very attached to her. Beaty has an infectious smile and is a treasured colleague and friend.

Welcome

to JENNY and GERRY WILSON who have moved into Otter Pool, Kingsmill Lane. They have come from South Africa.

Golden Wedding

ANNE and RALPH KENBER celebrate their Golden Wedding on Friday 2nd May

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of JOAN HARRIS who has died recently.

Forthcoming Events

Messy Saturday fun

On Saturday May 10th 10.30am to 12.30pm at the refurbished Painswick Youth Centre on the Recreation Field. A morning of fun for all the family with various games and activities.

This is a PSALMS family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult

Any queries: please contact Andy Harding 07845 460163; andy.harding@psalms.uk.net

Lunch in aid of Hospices of Hope

On Wednesday 7th May

To be held at the Bistro at Cardynham House Tibbiwell. £25 per person including welcome drink, 2 course lunch with wine and coffee. Tickets from Anna Perolls 01959 525110

Giffords Circus

Minchinhampton Common 7 Aug-18 Aug
Frampton Village Green 31 July-4 Aug

Volunteering Opportunity

: Urgently needed, a Toddler Group Helper at the Painswick Children's Centre at the Croft School in Painswick. Volunteer times are Wednesday mornings 10:30 am - 12:00 pm to help organize and participate in the activities of this weekly group. This involves setting up and tidying away, reading, singing and playing with toddlers. You would need a Disclosure and Barring Service check and ideally be available for at least 12 sessions a year. For more details contact Tracey Maitland on 07860779786

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