

The Painswick Beacon

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Tourist Office

The Tourism Office opened for the summer months in the former gravedigger's hut within St Mary's Churchyard on 1st April. The hut has been made available to the Tourism Group by the Parochial Church Council. Previously the Tourism Office was located in the Parish Council's outer office in the Town Hall and before that within the Painswick Library building. Our photo shows Tourism Office volunteer, Harold Wood, seated at the Tourism Office desk on the morning of the opening day in the new premises. It was appropriate that Harold should be the first volunteer on duty in the new building as Harold is by far the longest serving volunteer, having been with the Tourism Group for approximately fourteen years.



The Little Fleece grand opening



An abandoned Cotswold cottage has been transformed into an idyllic holiday spot to help fund conservation for some of the National Trust's outdoor sites.

The Little Fleece is a Grade II listed building and is situated in the tranquil Cotswold town of Painswick. It has been recently renovated to emphasise its beautiful historic features; it has three bedrooms which sleep up to five guests, two bathrooms, a spacious lounge with a large wood-burning stove and a dining room overlooking the enclosed Cotswold garden. Many of the furnishings have come from local manufacturers and all of the wood supplied for the stove is sourced from the local National Trust estate at Ebworth, near Stroud.

Money raised from this holiday cottage will be used to benefit the conservation and continued care of beautiful local sites, including Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons, Woodchester Park and Haresfield Beacon.

Jayne Smith, Holiday Cottage Area Supervisor, said: "In its previous life this cottage was used as a bookshop, before standing empty for five years. It has been wonderful to give The Little Fleece a new lease of life and now see it being used once again by guests enjoying this stunning Cotswold location."

National Trust Press release

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Post Office Opening – Wednesday 13th May

Location will be in the Town Hall, Painswick
Wednesdays 9.30-11.30
Fridays 9.30-11.30

We must use it or we will lose it

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 15th April 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

Chairman Rob Lewis opened the meeting with only 5 Councillors present. A sixth Councillor arrived during the course of the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Ian James and Ben Nicholls.

Cllr Lewis advised the meeting that the Court House Application was still outstanding and that the two recent applications for change of use from shop front premises to private residences were being "called in" by Stroud District Council.

Matters requiring a decision

There were three matters requiring a decision:

Painswick Mill, Ticklestone Lane. Reinstatement of external door and surround in South West elevation. Unanimous support.

Land adjoining Painswick Mill, Ticklestone Lane. Erection of Stables. Unanimous support.

Land at Ticklestone Lane. Restoration of existing derelict cottage (Ticklestone Cottage). After a detailed discussion the Council unanimously agreed not to support the application. There were three main areas of objection. The Environmental Assessment report required further clarification, new access to the cottage expanded into an ANOB and thirdly access could be detrimental to footpaths and the Council would like comments to be obtained from the Highways Dept.

PARISH COUNCIL

Prior to opening the Meeting, Chairman Martin Slinger was presented with a cheque for £725 from Rita Bishop and David Linsell, representing Community Lunches in Painswick. The donation was towards providing a Defibrillator for Painswick. On behalf of the Council and the village Cllr Slinger expressed his sincere thanks for the donation.

The meeting was then opened and apologies accepted from Cllrs Ian James and Ben Nicholls.

County Councillors Report

County Councillor Jason Bullingham had submitted a written report. The County Council are urging businesses to remember pedestrians when putting out A boards or furniture outside their premises. Concerns have been raised by shoppers, particularly those who are visually impaired, in Cotswold towns and the County Council will be working closely with shop owners to make sure items for sale are not blocking pavements. It will be easier to access the internet from libraries in the County. Wi-Fi is currently available in the Gloucester, Cheltenham

and Cirencester libraries and in the eight community libraries. Between April and the end of September this year, Wi-Fi will be extended to cover all libraries in the County. May will see Wi-Fi available in the library in Stroud.

District Councillors Report

As neither of the two District Councillors were present at the meeting there was no report.

To receive resignations

The Council had received letters of resignation from Cllr Caroline White and Charles Perkins, a member of the Rural Environment Committee. The Council accepted the letters of resignation and requested that the Clerk send letters to both Cllr White and Charles Perkins thanking them for their hard work and the positive contributions they had both made to the Council.

To receive an update on the Recreation Ground Tennis Courts

Chairman Martin Slinger advised the meeting that despite extensive searches and discussions with the Council's Solicitors no trace of a formal agreement between the Parish Council and the Tennis Club could be found. There are existing agreements in force between the Council and the Tennis/Bowls Club Pavilion and the Youth Club Pavilion.

The Council agreed to form a working party to draw up an agreement between the Council and the Tennis Club. In the meantime a letter would be sent to the Tennis Club confirming that they could continue to use the courts and advising them that a formal agreement was being drawn up for their signature.

To receive an update on Painswick Post Office

Chairman Martin Slinger advised the meeting that a letter had been received from Post Office Ltd confirming that due to delays in installing a BT line the Post Office Outreach service would now open on the 13th May. The opening hours would be from 9.30am to 11.30am weekly on a Wednesday and Friday. With firm support from the village it may be possible

to extend both the opening hours and the services offered.

To Receive an update on Policing in the Parish

Cllr Abigail Smith advised the meeting that a positive response had been received from the local Inspector following a letter from the Council in which had expressed concern at the lack of proactive policing in Painswick. Despite a follow up email by the Council in which an offer had been made to discuss the Council's concerns and follow up phone calls made no date has yet been provided by the Police.

A meeting with PCC Martin Surl, to which Parish Councils had been invited, has been postponed and no new date yet set for the meeting. Despite the return from sick leave of the local PCSO, concerns are still being voiced by residents about the lack of police resources in the area. Cllr Smith confirmed that the Council will continue to pursue this matter.

Responsible Financial Officers report

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, advised the Council that the National Association of Local Councils had recommended to all local Councils the need to comply with new financial regulations recently introduced by the Government. It was unanimously agreed by the Council to adopt the new regulations.

Ward Reports

Cllr Abigail Smith updated the Council on the 20mph zone. Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership have now been engaged to aid the further development of measures in Painswick to reduce traffic speeds. All the recent traffic data has been provided to them for detailed analysis. A site meeting is being arranged so they can help with the exact siting of the Vehicle Activated Signs and provide advice on other possible measures.

She then went on to raise the question of the fencing that has been erected along Golf Club Road. The Clerk advised the meeting that legal advice was being sought in an attempt to clarify the position.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm



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Cobblers, clinics and clouds

April was our members' research evening and we were treated to three very different presentations.

Barbara Blatchley talked about boot-scrappers, those small holes in the walls of 40 or more Painswick houses usually to the right of the entrance. Their purpose became largely redundant once roads were macadamed – Painswick's bath house, designed by Sydney Barnsley, is notable that scrappers were included in the design when roads were already improved. The boot connection was extended by David Archard into the subject of cobblers – notably Aaron Hopkins who worked from the house in New Street where his name can still be seen carved into a lintel and Charles White who acted as dentist in addition to being a cobbler. Lord Dickinson spoke about the lives of the Hyett Sisters Ida, Violet, Margaret and Lucy. Ida and Violet moved away from Painswick (living under their father's shadow – Francis was an intellectual, very much master of the household, a leading light on the Gloucestershire County Council – was perhaps too much) Ida teaching music in schools in Berlin and later South Africa, and Violet as headmistress in various schools in Hertfordshire. Lucy and Margaret remained in Painswick for the greater part of their lives though both were involved overseas during WWI. Margaret went to Serbia as an orderly in a VAD hospital where she became a prisoner of war when the Austrians over-ran the country before being repatriated. Lucy worked in respite homes for shell-shock victims in Ireland and India. In Painswick Margaret worked on many committees, ran a physiotherapy clinic in Gloucester and was a local magistrate to name but a few of her activities. Lucy is remembered above all for founding the Painswick Players.

Carol Maxwell took us through a delightful and varied slide show taken from some of the 250 glass negative slides given to the society by the descendants of Edward Warmington Reed. The family had once owned and lived at Reeds Mill (now Painswick Mill). The slides, dating from around 1900-1920, were of the family, their own home and other houses in Painswick from the Edwardian period, along with their gardens and other magnificent views of Wells Cathedral, the Bournemouth area coastline, individual flowers and, a personal interest, clouds. Edward W Reed was an amateur photographer but his shots were truly of professional standard.

Next month the Society's annual outing will be to see the Purton Hulks Graveyard. Tuesday, 19th May at 6.00pm. Please phone Pat Harper for information and details of the outing 01453 757412.

Peter Jackson

General Election Thursday 7th May

Check your Poling Card for voting station and times

Candidates for the Stroud Constituency are....

Neil Carmichael	Conservative Party Candidate
David Elliott Drew	Labour and Co-operative Party
Sarah Lunnon	Green Party
David Michael	Free Public Transport Party
Caroline Ann Stephens	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
Adrian Anthony Walker-Smith	Liberal Democrats
Rich Wilson	Independent

The Stroud Constituency is considered a marginal seat so your vote will matter. The Turn-out last time for Stroud was 74% against a UK average of 64%



Netball match v Shurdington

Daisy, Eniola, Flo, Emily, Matilda, Layla, Mollie, Isabelle, Belle, Lily, Lucy, Lola and Kate, represented The Croft School in a netball match against Shurdington School. In our first quarter Matilda scored our first triumphant goal (in the first 10 seconds). From then on we knew we had a good shot at winning.

The whole team co-operated well together. As a result of this, Shurdington scored 0 in the first quarter and Croft 6. In our 2nd quarter Croft scored 1 and Shurdington 2. After our opposing team had scored more than us, we worked even harder to win. In our next quarter Croft scored 3 and Shurdington scored 1. In our final quarter 7 and Shurdington 4. The final score was 16-4 to us. We then played a second match which we won 5-4

Kevin Howle



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Easter Egg Hunt Record Numbers and Money Raised

The Painswick Playgroup Charity Easter Egg Hunt took place on a rather chilly day on Easter Saturday. Luckily, the Easter Bunny was looking out for us, and the day ended in blue skies and record crowds. The theme this year was Children's Story books and 30 sponsored eggs were hidden around the Churchyard and village, to the delight of the record number of children who arrived eager to find 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' or 'The Gruffalo'.

The Easter Egg Hunt has become an annual event and is our main fundraiser, essential to the continuation and development of Playgroup, a Community, Parent-led group, which has continued to have OTSTED Outstanding status.

We held the event in the Churchyard of St Mary's, who again very kindly hosted our fundraiser. It is such a beautiful backdrop and a wonderful way to show off our beautiful village. The Church also held their ever-popular Teddy Bear Parachuting, which helps to raise funds for the Church as well as offering a generous donation to the Playgroup.

This year, we managed to achieve a record amount of funds – almost £3,300. We are continuing to raise money for IT equipment for Playgroup, which is extremely beneficial and essential to the children at Pre-School level. We are not quite there yet, but we are on our way to reaching it.

We are as always, incredibly grateful to our main sponsors who have continued their support this year, so thank-you to Brand In A Box, Morris Orman Hearle Solicitors, Hamptons and Richmond Village. Of course, lots of small businesses in the village made a much-needed contribution by sponsoring an Egg or donating a raffle Prize – so thank you very much!

Unfortunately, due to the lack of parent volunteers, and the imminent departure of the current 'Good Egg Committee', the event is in serious jeopardy. We hope this is not the last year the Playgroup manages to put on this wonderful event, but unless the team spirit of the past returns, sadly it's looking more likely.

Lizzie Gordon, Parent



Pictures attributed to Anne-Marie Randall

Jottings for April

The weather warming, grass and corn growing fast for next winter's foodstuff for our animals, and this brings people out into the Countryside. When you are out and about with your children or grandchildren and an unknown dog comes up to the children, you grab the child for their protection: this is exactly what a cow does when you get between a cow and her baby calf, when you get too close.

Children play together, so when your dog runs up to a group of young cattle, they may think that we have a new playmate and start playing about. This upsets the owner, who then tries to retrieve the dog: a bad thing to do, just leave the dog. But if the dog comes running back to you, followed by the cattle before you get to safety you could be in trouble, so it's best to keep your dog under complete control when out in the fields at all times when near to any animals.

If cattle take a liking to your dog which is on a lead whilst you are out walking, let the dog go, it can usually run faster than you and get you out of trouble. The cattle are more likely to follow the dog. Cattle are like humans in many ways. Some are quiet and watch life go by, some are nervous and sometimes bullied, some bad tempered and uptight, and so on. If people are nervous around animals, they can pick this up and they will play on this fact. You may not think so but they can. You lose control of your animals, they will play on that fact and ruin your life.

We work with animals all the time, so we manage the situation as we come across it, even being aggressive with our voices to get them to do as we wish. Animals do not like groups of people shouting and calling out near them. Neither do they like people dressed in the modern brightly coloured plastic clothes that runners wear.

Martin Slinger

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Community Lunches 2014-2015

Our season's lunches finished near the end of March – raising an excellent total of £1450 – a significant increase on previous years' totals. David Linsell, our Treasurer, has handed over £725 to each of the 2 chosen local recipients.

The Wednesday Ashwell Group is run by volunteers who bring elderly local folk to Ashwell for the day – providing much-appreciated food and companionship – with occasional outings – e.g. Newent daffodils, or a canal boat trip. The second recipient is the Painswick Defibrillator which Roy Balgobin, our Parish Clerk, is organising and hopes to set up soon.

Very many thanks to ALL the 20 clubs, societies and groups who have hosted the lunches – and to ALL the folk who supported by coming to the Ashwell centre every Monday lunch from October to March to enjoy the home-made vegetable soups, fresh bread, butter & cheese.

Our new season for 2015/16 begins on Monday October 5th this year – 12noon to 1.15pm at Ashwell – open to EVERYONE. If you have any suggestions for recipients of next year's money, do please contact us!

Rita Bishop, Coordinator – (814205)
David Linsell, Treasurer – (812464)



Reducing speeds in Painswick

– more tools at our disposal...

Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign

With the successful establishment of the Community Speed Watch team, a number of this team have also signed up to support the use of a new, yet old, tool as our disposal...

Many years ago Painswick Parish Council, in conjunction with Bisley, bought a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign which flashes up the speed of oncoming vehicles, advising them to slow down if they are exceeding the speed limit. This device has been fished out of storage, serviced by the manufacturers and is now up and running again! Thanks to the enthusiasm of the volunteers, this is now being used on rotation at various locations within Painswick as a further reminder to drivers to stick to the speed limit. Whilst it has an immediate impact on drivers, it is also being used to collect data to demonstrate the proportion of speeding traffic to the Police and County Council.

Be a "Pace" Car

Everyone can play a role in helping to reduce traffic speeds. All drivers can act as "pace cars" – if you are sticking to the speed limit so will the vehicles behind you. This is a simple, yet effective role that everyone can play whilst going about their everyday lives to improve the road safety of the whole community.

Abigail Smith

LovePainswick

The LovePainswick group continues at a pace behind the scenes! We have now established MailChimp as a means to both communicate with the full membership, but most critically to democratically seek their support for the investment in specific initiatives.

We have since used MailChimp for our first full membership vote to seek support for the development of a new website that will act as a marketing gateway to business and community group websites in Painswick. Thank you to all those who took part in this vote.

All those who responded were in support and the website development is now well underway. It is hoped to start testing the website by uploading a few business/ community group details by the end of the month. The website will showcase the new brand that has been developed for Painswick and include an events calendar.

Watch out for the launch of the website in all communication channels – social media and paper-based publications! Specifically, it will also be the subject of a further MailChimp communication to our LovePainswick members, letting them know how to provide information and links for their business/community group. If you would like to become a member of LovePainswick, please provide your email address to Peter Rowe (petermrowe2014@gmail.com) with a note of which business / community group you represent.

Note: The establishment of the LovePainswick Group was reported on page eight in the February issue of The Painswick Beacon, and has the support of local business and community groups at its heart. The Management Group currently comprises the following members: Rob Lewis, Abigail Smith, David Oxendale, Joyce Barrus, Peter Rowe, Martin Slinger and John Clifford.

Abigail Smith



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Police Report for March

Under the Painswick Parish including Sheepscombe, Edge and Slad Districts there were four substantiated crimes recorded for the month of March 2015.

The recorded crimes included 2 offences of criminal damage to motor vehicles on the early morning of Sunday March 15th 2015 in PAINSWICK and two burglary non dwellings (shed breaks) during the latter part of the month where garden tools were stolen.

With the longer days and improving weather residents are asked to be vigilant particularly with regard to leaving doors and ground floor windows open when they are out or sleeping as this is an open invitation for opportunist thieves.

There was also a theft from a charity box in St. MARYS Church, PAINSWICK on the morning of Thursday April 2nd. Anyone who may have seen a suspicious white male aged 30-40 years, of medium to large build, with a tidy trimmed goatee beard and moustache, rectangular framed glasses, a dark padded jacket, dark top, blue jeans and grey cap visiting the church in the days beforehand possibly to identify any potential targets, is asked to contact PC 1008 David WOOD at STROUD Police Station quoting Crime Number 7928/15.

On a final positive note PCSO Colin DREWETT has returned to duty after his period of recuperation and is back on patrol.

PC. David Wood



What's On

Now – 11th June – Food fermentation workshops – Contact – Samantha@nourishways.com or 07803561063

30th April on going - New Pilates Class on Thursdays Contact – Nicola on nmarshes@hotmail.com or 07870953159

25th May – 31st May – Fossway Artists exhibition in Cotswold & Green rooms.

News

AGM – 14th April – All minutes for The Painswick Centre's trustees meetings are held at the Library and the AGM minutes for this meeting will be also be there shortly. However, just to point out one or two things from the meeting this year!

It is with much regret and sorrow that we will be saying goodbye to our current Chairperson David Linsell. Although David is stepping down from the board of trustees, he and his wife are very happy to remain friends and helpers of the Centre (and I shall be sure to take full advantage of that!!).

We are now running with only 6 trustees! PLEASE if you think that you or someone you know may be interested or just able to lend a hand or have and ideas for events, contact us and we can tell you a little more! We must have the trustees to keep the Centre going.

The audio visual system is now fully fitted and up and running! If you would like to come and see what we have to offer, please do contact me and I will be more than happy to show you around (bookings permitting).

The PSALMS Beacon Management Group put on a wonderful Ceilidh barn dance on 18th April in the Beacon Hall. There was much joy and dancing to be had! We at the Centre feel almost obliged to put on a similar evening in the future as it was so popular! If you were at the PSALMS evening or wish you had been and would like to see this again at the Centre, Please let us know!

Again we are always looking to find things for the residents of Painswick here at the Centre, so please do let us know as we cannot do it otherwise!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Jennie Barber Painswick Centre Manager
jennie@painswickcentre.com or 01452 814567
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Cup Cakes for Carers

Harking back to last month's note in the Beacon, I have reason to be grateful for more of the help and kindness which welcomed me to Cup Cakes last year.

A jumble of appointments meant that I missed the April carers' meeting; but the meeting was the usual, pleasurable mix of cakes and conversation.

We have a basic group who manage to come most months and several people who are welcome to drop in from time to time. There is room for two or three more if you would like a short break from looking after a family member or friend.

We have a drop-in tea party (free) in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre from 2.00-4.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Phone *Pat* on 813326 or *Andrea* 812464.




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Mon 25th May – Surgery Closed
Tues 26th May – open as usual from 8.30 am

Change of Personnel

Nicola, our Practice Manager, will be leaving us at the end of April after 15 years' service. How time has flown!! She is relocating to Cornwall to run three surgeries there and I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well for her future.

Nicola is being replaced by Mike Mack-Smith who comes to us from Leeds (albeit with local family connections, so he knows the area well). Mike has a background in Primary Care and we are sure he will settle in nicely.

Are you a 'Carer'?

Do you provide help and support on a regular basis to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour? Is this person frail, have physical or mental illness, a disability or issues with substance misuse? Then you are a carer. As a carer, who cares for you? Taking on a caring role can cause physical, emotional and financial strains which can lead to many issues including illness, depression, isolation and money problems.

Three in five people will be carers at some point in their lives in the UK. Carers can be any age, male or female, and they can come from any culture or background.

If you think you might be a carer then let us know at the surgery – we can take your needs as a carer into account. Also, think about contacting "Carers Gloucestershire" or take a look at their website (www.carersgloucestershire.org.uk) – they are a charity that support the practical and emotional needs that arise from caring roles. They offer a diverse range of services and support and this is delivered by a team of fully trained and committed staff.

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- Hospital admission and discharge
- 'Training' courses providing skills to support carers in their caring role
- Counselling services
- Support for parents looking after a child with long-term illness or disability

'Carers Gloucestershire' can be contacted at Messenger House, 35 St Michaels Square, Gloucester, GL1 1HX. Phone 0300 111 9000

Email mail@carersgloucestershire.org.uk

Immunisations for your holidays abroad

Most immunisations that you may need for exotic destinations can be provided by the surgery free of charge. These would be such vaccinations such as Typhoid, Hepatitis A, Tetanus etc. We are a Registered Yellow Fever Centre and can provide this vaccine but unfortunately, Yellow Fever, together with Japanese B Encephalitis and Rabies vaccinations are currently not available on the NHS and so we have to charge patients for the cost of the vaccine itself. An outline of our charges can be found near the reception desk, but if you need more information, do please ask.

If you are going on holiday and think you may need some vaccinations, we do in the first instance ask patients to book a telephone consultation with the Practice Nurse. This is so the Nurse can discuss what immunisations you have had before and what you might need for this particular trip. There is also an excellent website which will give you a great deal of information – www.fitfortravel.co.uk - this includes vaccinations, malaria prophylaxis advice, information about healthy eating while abroad etc.

New legislation regarding driving when taking certain medications

There is new legislation in place from 2nd March 2015 which places limits on the amounts of certain drugs that you have in your blood stream whilst driving. There is a 'medical defence' for those who are taking medicines in line with GP advice, provided that their driving is not impaired. If your driving IS impaired through drugs, regardless of whether you are taking them legitimately, you may still be prosecuted.

Keep suitable evidence with you when driving to show that you are taking your medicine as prescribed and supplied by a doctor. An example would be your repeat prescription slip. Best advice: You MUST NOT drive if you feel sleepy, dizzy, are unable to concentrate or make decisions, have slowed thinking, or if you experience sight problems.

If the medicine is one that could affect your driving ability, you should NOT drive until you know how the medication affects you, particularly when starting a new medication or following a dose change.

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Painswick Music Concert

Review of concert 28th March

The first concert of the Painswick Music Society's 2015 season was given on 28th March by the international star Sarah Connolly with pianist Eugene Asti at St Mary's Church.

After five songs by Gustave Mahler, where she showed us her full range of expressive contrast, we were treated to a tour de force Schumann's tuneful *Frauenlieben und leben* cycle, the eight-part story of a woman's life from courtship to motherhood and finally widowhood: its range of emotions made us want to cheer her all the way! One of the great things about the Painswick Concerts is that they often are in effect master-classes for any aspiring musicians in the audience and this was no exception. Edge-of-seat stuff and we loved it.

The second half continued in like vein: two energetic songs by the little-known French composer Albert Roussel and then songs by Britten and the Gloucestershire composer Ivor Gurney, beautifully clear and tuneful. Then, finally, a complete change of mood with Sir Richard Rodney Bennett's "History of The Dansant" – an uproariously three-part take off of "jazz-music-you-can-dance-to", which brought the house down. We didn't want to let her and her sparking pianist, Eugene Asti go so they kindly gave us two encores, to a standing ovation.

Review of concert 11th April

The Painswick Music Society's second concert of the season was given by the Carducci String Quartet on 11th April. We began with Haydn's Quartet in E flat No. 2. Just right for a warm-up and also a wake-up! Not for nothing is this one known as the "Joke". It began with a spirited attack in the first movement followed by some notable contrasts in the middle movements before the final movement which suddenly stops in mid-flight and takes a four bar rest. Four bars is a long time in string quartets and as some began to clap the music started again . . . and again. Loud cheers as we reached the real end . . . but we had been warned by the programme notes!

Then Shostakovich's 1964 quartet, No. 9, after a helpful talk from the quartet's Leader, Matthew Denton. Like much Soviet-era music it was influenced by the whims of Russia's leaders who gave composers a chance not just of being sacked by their patrons but being locked up too. Tricky and it shows in the music which is almost impossible to describe on paper. Five movements run together, wild changes of mood, lots of over lapping and they gave it their all: Bright start, gloom in the second, an excited middle fortissimo, more gloom and last an overwhelming final movement with lots of pizzicato as the instruments sometimes seem to be playing four solos rather than a quartet. Breathtaking. They are performing all the Shostakovich quartets at the Cheltenham Festival. Give it a try . . .

Lastly, Beethoven's Quartet in F, Op 18 No. 1. Right in our comfort zone. Loud and prolonged cheers!

John Parfitt.

Painswick Singers do it again

I have sat in many a church on Good Friday over the years and heard all the familiar repertoire to assist me in my meditation upon the crucifixion. There is comfort in the familiar. This year, the Painswick Singers presented something less familiar, with works by Ariel Ramirez and Karl Jenkins.

The mood was set with the Kyrie from the *Missa Criolla* by Ramirez. This South American piece evokes a strong sense of the call for God's mercy and our English choir conveyed this with a conviction worthy of performers from Argentina. Strong choral rhythms were felt as the tenor voice of Adrian Bressington soared and floated above, pleading upwards to the calvary rood scene above the chancel arch.

Then came the *Stabat Mater* of Karl Jenkins and again my eye was driven upwards to the rood scene, with the sorrowful Mary standing at the side of her dying son. There is tremendous variety in this work which the Singers delivered with undoubted commitment and full blooded volume, in appealing to the Virgin in the *Sancta Mater*. Leading all of this were our two soloists, who lifted their hearts and their voices to the wide vocal and emotional range of Jenkins' demanding melodies; we were treated to classical aria and native wailing, all filled with deep emotion. Both singers committed themselves to this difficult task with musical energy and remarkable sensitivity. Jessie Pywell is well known to the choir and many of the audience, who will not have been disappointed in the professionalism she brought to this challenge. A special treat for us all was to witness the debut, as soloist, of Lucinda Harrison; she delivered the soprano solos with aplomb and I doubt that it would have been evident to anyone that she was not an experienced solo performer. The commitment and professionalism of all the singers was evident in the burst of applause at the close.

None of this would have been possible without the conducting skill of Andrew Hopwood; something the Painswick audience know to expect, together with the exciting accompaniment of the excellent pianist, John Wright. Thank you one and all.

Gordon Owen

The Great War exhibition

From 27th April there will be a small exhibition in the library entitled Painswick and the Great War. This will be a scaled-down version of the very extensive display which was held in the Town Hall last August to commemorate the centenary of the beginning of World War 1. It is intended to show a range of ways in which Painswick was affected for the duration of the war and represents much research into previously unexplored and forgotten aspects of life in Painswick at the time.

The exhibition will be on display in the library throughout May.

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"How come they have been elected all this time?" was felt by most of a full audience listening to Gordon Collins - who has been

visiting us for some 11 years now - exploring music that ought to be better known. Most of his recordings were of piano music and female singers in action. Outstanding: Von Sauer's Piano Concerto, Anatol Liadov's Barcarolle, L'arlesiana opera, Morton Gould's Boogie-Woogie Etude, Melancolie Music by Korngold and Grand Valse de Concert by Glaznov.

"Stimulating and inspirational" was how Mike Kerton described music for Military Bands he presented on 16th April. It regulated a soldiers's day and regimental marches were based on county folk songs. Napoleon adapted a mach tempo which is faster than that of British marches. The 2 main composers are Alford who composed "Colonel Bogey" and Sousa, the American March King, composer of "Stars and Stripes forever", now the national march of the USA. In addition to these, we heard recordings of "Dambusters", "British Grenadiers" and "Old Comrades" as well as several other old favourites. Great stuff.

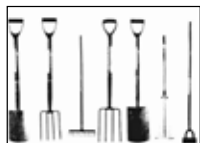
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New Meeting Room for Painswick Available for Hire

Painswick Golf Club have just completed the refurbishment of a Meeting room which is now available for hire on an hourly/daily/weekly or permanent basis. The room can comfortably seat 15 people and coffee/tea or lunches are available upstairs at "Hortons". The location, with outstanding views over the Painswick Valley, has ample car parking and WiFi.

The facility would offer itself ideally as an office space for a small business or for activities providing health treatments such as massage, beautician, physiotherapy, or keep fit sessions with available showers and changing facilities.

If you are interested please contact *Mike Hoey on 812549*



"Painswick Gardening Club - Delightful Daisy Days"

With the beautiful weather and the longer days, seedlings are sprouting faster than I can pot them on so just a short piece from me this month as "time is few".

A slightly smaller but no less enthusiastic audience greeted our April speaker, Helen Picton from the Picton Gardens and Old Court Nurseries at Colwall. Clearly an expert and accomplished speaker, she treated us to over an hour of history, practical tips, facts about Asters (they have been reclassified and most have a horribly long unpronounceable name so I'll stick to calling them Asters) and amusing anecdotes - Helen was inspiring and obviously lives and breathes Asters! I'm sure I'm not the only one who thought that I must grow more!

Our speaker for May 13th (Church Rooms at 7.30pm) is very local and timely - John Mason from Highfield Garden Centre - as he will be giving tips and ideas for the best plants for our containers and hanging baskets. We love to welcome visitors to the Club so pop along if you fancy listening to John (just a minimal visitors charge payable).

Don't forget that the coach for the trip to the Malvern Spring Show on Saturday 9th May will be leaving from Stamages Car Park at 10am

Some people who love visiting NGS Yellow Book gardens may not be aware that the Chairman of the Gardening Club, Debbie, is opening her garden for the 2nd year. Debbie has been a little 'shy' about mentioning her delightful garden but you can find her in the Yellow Book under Slad Valley House so pop along on 6th or 7th June (12noon to 4pm) to see established and mature borders alongside new projects (it is a bit steep in places), enjoy tea and a variety of homemade cakes and raise money for charities - a great way to spend a couple of hours.

And just to finish off - we are planning to open a couple of Member's gardens (to Members only) in July or August and more details will follow in the coming months.

Now I'm off to spend the day outside pricking out seedlings, sowing more seed....and a spot of weeding....bliss!?"

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)



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Probus Women

(meeting held on 13th April)

Whoever thought running a Zoo was simply a case of acquiring wild animals, placing them on show and letting in the public, soon had their eyes opened and views changed after listening to Speaker Keith Mitchell, Chair of Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust and The Trustees of Paignton Zoo.

Paignton Zoo was started in 1923 by eccentric millionaire Herbert Whitley. In 1924 he closed it! Government was claiming entertainment tax. Herbert Whitley was adamant it was educational and, eventually, the Government relented and the Zoo re-opened. In 1964 the Charitable Trust was formed. The Committee and their sub-committees ensure all aspects are covered to orchestrate the smooth running of a large and successful as well as financially viable Zoo. The Zoo has its own Vet and specialists attend for eyes and teeth. Keith did mention that a lion who had a bad foot actually had acupuncture! (brave Acupuncturist!)

Paignton has earned Worldwide respect for conservational education, for its involvement with preservation and protection of Rhinos in Africa, for work related to reintroduction of wildlife into natural habitats such as our Cornish Choughs, water voles and dormice and is involved with animal breeding programmes and disease control around the World. It accepts animals seized by Customs & Excise and neglected ones via the RSPCA. Most Zoos look after their old animals once retired from the breeding programme and ensure they are cared for. Pat, the pensioner penguin aged 37, has a toy boy penguin aged 13. (Pat !!!?) Zoos have changed a lot over the years and Keith's passion for animal welfare, education, conservation and the continuity of all species on our ever-changing planet for generations to enjoy was very evident and also, most reassuring.

Next meeting 11th May. Speaker Joan Nash on Giving children another chance. 10.00am for 10.30. Guests welcome £3.

delia Mason

Painswick Midsummer Ball - a sell out!

There has been a tremendous response and interest in the Summer Ball across the village and within Slad, Edge and Pitchcombe. In particular there also been very kind and generous support received from local organisations within Painswick: The Falcon, Richmond Painswick, Hamptons, BPL Global Logistics and Painswick RFC, have all played a key role in supporting the ball. We have also some excellent Donations for the Charity Auction from Anne Marie Randall photography, Olivas, Painswick Hairdressers, Hamptons and Andy Lovell. These should really help in supporting The Door Project in Stroud. Tickets have now sold out but please contact painswickball@yahoo.co.uk in case of any last minute cancellations or amendments or visit painswicksummerball.co.uk for further information. Thank you to everyone for their support so far, let's hope the sun is shining on 26th June.

David Nottingham

Our young people

Stephanie's contribution

Stephanie Poole has been working as a PSALMS intern since last August and she loves what she's doing. The benefits to the children and young people involved are so obvious it makes her role immensely satisfying.

Graduating from drama school in 2010 Stephanie spent the next few years acting in various capacities though more latterly in film work. She was married in October to a PSALMS minister. Her internship lasts for one year but she hopes to continue for three, probably in a voluntary capacity within the community using her passion for drama.

Although her internship is part-time (24 hours per week) it covers several areas. PSALMS started initially as a sport-based activity but quickly expanded to cover many other activities. Stephanie's strengths are obviously in the field of drama which she is passionate about and she has already set up and now runs a thriving drama group for years 5-7 (ages 10-12) in the Church Rooms on Thursdays from 5.30-6.30pm. One of the aims is to integrate children from that age group regardless of which school they attend. "It is an opportunity for them to explore ideas creatively," she says, and hopes to present a small-scale production in the summer. Gratifyingly, it is already very well supported by local volunteers and the school.

In Painswick Stephanie also helps to staff the lunch clubs running at the school this year – a simple format involving a range of activities including books, drama, games and crafts. She is responsible for the drama activities. She is involved with Messy Church after school once a month on Thursdays and attends staff meetings which are held in Painswick.

She is also engaged in activities further afield in the Stroud area and in particular talks about her mentoring role in Stonehouse. This often involves young people with complex and difficult lives. For her this is challenging but can be especially rewarding when she feels they gradually connect and begin to respond positively. Stephanie received mentoring training for this aspect of her work but even though relatively young herself she is surprisingly understanding, concerned and knowledgeable about the anguished state such young people have to contend with.

Stephanie regards her role as one which offers plenty of exciting opportunities to initiate creative projects to bring young people together in a safe, nurturing environment for a positive and developing experience. She believes in the sound principals of mutual respect and moral behaviour upon which PSALMS is based and sees it as a way towards ensuring a more connected and cohesive society in the future. This enthusiastic, sincere and very personable young woman is without doubt a great asset to Painswick's youth groups, and our children and young people are indeed lucky to have her working on their behalf.

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Paul and the Rococo Garden

Painswick is so fortunate to have what is effectively a national gem on its doorstep – the Rococo Garden. Since the start of the massive project to reinstate it to its original glory in 1984 it has continually evolved into something very special and is indeed unique.

As garden director since 1988, Paul Moir has overseen all of the changes and developments in the garden and in the shop and restaurant. At the end of this year Paul intends to retire and the trustees are therefore looking for someone to replace him. His wife, Claire, who has been involved with running the restaurant for many years, will also be leaving. They will still be living in Painswick.

With a degree in economics Paul had worked in sales and marketing, but, as he says, "I've always been an outdoor person," so when the job as garden director in the early stages of the restoration arose, he jumped at the opportunity. In the first few years he worked entirely in the garden, even planting the bushes for the maze himself, but as the charity grew the management aspects of the role became more demanding of his time. Now the role necessitates a wide range of managerial skills because the organisation has become quite complex.

The garden is now labour-intensive, requiring a team of skilled gardeners and volunteers. Paul has responsibility for managing this team plus the restaurant, the shop, the finances and all the projects which take place. Exhibitions, art classes, artists in residence and theatrical productions (the wonderful Handlebars are due back in July) continue to be accommodated in the grounds and buildings on a regular basis. The organisation is growing and developing all the time and Paul is at the heart of all the new initiatives. The new director will take on the challenge to develop the next stage of the garden's future. It is certainly not a stagnant job, with constant involvement and new directions. It offers huge potential in a relatively small space. As Paul explains, the visiting public has higher expectations and demands nowadays and with social media and advanced technology the operation is now very sophisticated. Reputation must be without flaws for all parts of the business. Over the years Paul has done much to establish the superb reputation the Rococo enjoys in all respects.

Painswick Rococo Garden offers the visitor so much – horticultural significance, social, historical and cultural interest, art and performance, excellent food. As a centre of tourism it is a vital element of the local economy. The Garden Trustees will soon be advertising the post. For more information or if you know of someone who may be interested please email info@rococogarden.org.uk. This is a golden opportunity to work in a very special place.

Carol Maxwell



Pilates with Heidi

Painswick is fortunate indeed to have an outstanding pilates teacher in the person of Heidi Hardy. Heidi takes two classes on Monday mornings at the Painswick Centre, a fitting way to start the week.

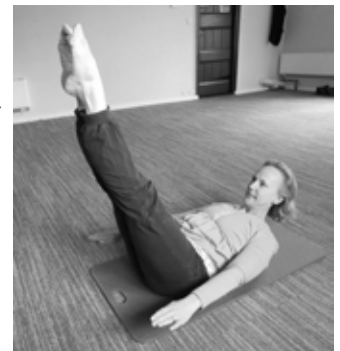
So why pilates? Overall it is a very effective form of controlled exercise which is medically approved – it has a notable presence on the NHS website. It is an excellent method for building core strength together with balance, coordination, stamina and control. Movement combined with controlled breathing and good alignment, taught properly, leads to improved concentration, better posture and relaxation. It is very much about strength and control and works for everyone regardless of fitness level.

Pilates is suitable for both men and women of all ages. Of course it is essential to be taught by someone with a deep understanding of how the body works and what it is capable of. Heidi is exceptionally well qualified in this respect. She is both a highly trained teacher of ballet and also a fully qualified pilates teacher with several years experience of teaching locally. She trained with the largest professional pilates education provider organisation outside the USA. The upshot is that she ensures that her students work safely and effectively in order to gain the full benefits of pilates.

Heidi's classes are satisfyingly energising, combining exercise, concentration and achievement. As a teacher she is attentive to detail and to each individual in the class. She also has a warm and lively personality which helps create a welcome atmosphere each Monday morning.

The classes are held in the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre at 9.00am and 10.15am, each lasting 1¼ hours. Everyone is welcome. For further information Heidi can be contacted on 01453 731806.

Carol Maxwell



Rococo Reflections

April has seen us say goodbye to the amazing mosaic sculptures by Victoria Harrison, which have adorned the Garden during the snowdrop season. Along side the normal garden jobs, this month we have finished and opened the newly created Bluebell Walk and with the help of our Friends Organisation completely rebuilt the willow Queens Lodge. Also visitor numbers have been very good both in the Garden and restaurant, all making for a busy spring, which is just how we like it!

Looking forward we have 25 wedding ceremonies booked throughout the summer and have also arranged for a unique outdoor production to be held on August Bank Holiday Sunday. More details on this are on our website.

We are very reliant on a wonderful team of volunteers here both hands on in the Garden and manning the entrance desk. However for understandable reason it has always been very difficult to cover the entrance on Sundays and so on this day we employ someone to fulfill that role. A vacancy has now arisen and we are looking for a replacement who can cover every Sunday. The hours are 11.00 – 17.00 and would suit a student well. If anyone is interested then please do contact us on 01452 813204.

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Road repairs

Douglas Robinson of Hazelbury Cottage writes

CLlr Bullingham has said in a Parish Council meeting that “roads were repaired within 28 days of the pothole being notified and that 80% of Gloucestershire’s A roads were in reasonable order”. With no reflection on the Councillor, I simply don’t believe the first statistic. On the second, what is defined as “reasonable”? This is quite meaningless.

The real point, surely, is that it is the other 20% that is causing the problem and, sometimes, the damage as well.

Thank You

The Vicar and Churchwardens of St Mary’s church express

Their grateful thanks to everyone who has sponsored a Yew Tree for this year’s appeal. This is the third occasion when all the trees have been sponsored for a three year period. Sponsors are reminded that there will be a celebratory reception on the 21 May at 8.15 pm. As a prelude to the reception a concert lasting one hour has been arranged in the church commencing at 7.00 pm. Angharad James, harpist, will be joined by local soprano Hannah Scott.



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The following Messy Church is on Saturday 6th June at the Youth Club on the Recreation Field from 10.30 am to 12.30. There will be outdoor games and a barbecue

Messy Church is a family event, so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries; please contact Fiona Gill 0777 151 3382 Fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net



‘Messy Church had a particular focus on mothers last time. The children produced some amazing designs on the plant pots they painted for their mothers. They also made large prayer flowers where they wrote what made their mother special. It was an excellent afternoon, and a particular ‘thank you’ goes to the cooks who amazingly produced enough food to feed everyone!’

Fiona Gill

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This month I want to give you some very important information about "The Care Act 2014" which represents the biggest reformation of care and support in 60 years.

It is divided into three main parts. This means that some changes will have been introduced in April 2015 and others in April 2016.

In April 2015 the following was introduced:

- * a new national level of care and support needs, making care and support more consistent across the country
- * new support for carers* deferred payment agreements for care costs

As part of the 2016 changes, there will also be more financial help for those who need it and people with modest means will benefit too. There will also be a new form of protection from unlimited care costs

The Act will put a limit on the amount those receiving care will have to pay towards the costs of their care, with a cap on care costs beginning in April 2016. No one will have to pay more than £72,000 towards the care element of the costs of meeting their eligible needs in their lifetime, and many people will pay much less. This applies to people funding their own care and support, as well as those helped by the council.

From April 2015, decisions made about the help you receive will consider your wellbeing and what is important to you and your family. All councils will use the same national level of care and support needs to assess what help they can give you. This may result in you being eligible for care and support, and will make it easier for you to plan for the future. It will also give everyone peace of mind that wherever you live in the country, or plan to move within England, if your needs meet the threshold you will be eligible for support.

Anyone receiving care and support will be informed how much it will cost to meet their needs and how much the council will contribute towards the cost. You will have more control over how that money is spent. Whatever your level of need, be it physical, mental or emotional, your council will be able to put you in touch with the right organisation to support your wellbeing and help you remain independent for longer.

Alongside the cap on care costs, extended financial support will ensure that more people are eligible for help with care and support costs. The council will assess your finances and may be able to offer



extra help if you cannot afford to pay. Most people will still have to contribute something towards the cost of their care and support.

As part of the 2016 changes, the council will provide more financial help for those who need it and people with modest means will benefit too. Currently, only people with less than £23,250 in assets and low incomes can get help with their care and support costs. The changes will mean that people with £118,000 worth of assets or less, could be eligible to receive financial support if they need to move to a care home.

From April 2015, changes to the way care and support is provided in England mean carers may be able to get more help so that they can carry on caring and look after their own wellbeing. From April 2015, all carers will be entitled to an assessment of their own needs, irrespective of whether the person they care for has eligible needs.

A carer's physical, mental and emotional wellbeing will be at the heart of the assessment, which could result in practical support such as respite care, a direct payment to spend on the things that make it a little easier to carry on caring, or information about local support groups.

From April 2015 deferred payment agreements will be available across the whole of England

A deferred payment agreement is an arrangement with the council enabling some people to use the value of their home to fund care home costs without having to sell their home in their lifetime. If you are eligible, the council will help to pay the care home bills on your behalf, and you can delay repaying them until you choose to sell your home, or until after your death.

A deferred payment agreement is only one way to pay for care. You can speak to a financial adviser or seek advice from an independent organisation to find out more about the options available to you.

As you can imagine, there is far more involved than this article can cover so if you would like more information call Healthwatch Gloucestershire 01452 504989, or look at their website www.healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk/The_Care_Act.

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

Wanted! Volunteer Walk Leaders

Are you interested in becoming a Walking for Health volunteer walk leader? A one-day training course for Volunteer Walk Leaders is taking place on Wednesday 20th May between 10.00am and 3.00pm at the Stroud District Council Offices. The training is aimed at anyone willing and able to lead walks in the community. It is a day of practical advice and includes practice in leading a walk and information on keeping people motivated. First Aid training can also be provided.

After the training, the scheme coordinator at Stroud District Council will help arrange for you to start leading walks with the support of more experienced leaders who already volunteer with your local scheme. Once confident of what's required, you might want to help as an assistant walks leader or as a 'back marker' or go onto to be a volunteer walks leader in your own right. You can find out where walks take place across Stroud district by visiting the website www.strollinginstrouddistrict.org and clicking on 'latest programme'.

Want to know more? Please contact Hannah Drew, Sports Development Officer, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB or email her at hannah.drew@stroud.gov.uk for an application form. Alternatively, try a Walking for Health walk, by joining me and other walkers on the one-hour Painswick Health Walk gathering at 1.45 pm on most Tuesdays for a 2.00 pm start outside the Town Hall.

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Junior Rugby

Painswick u/7, u/8, u/9 embarked on their first rugby tour at the start of the Easter holidays with a weekend away in Somerset.

On the Saturday morning Weston Super Mare RFC hosted a tournament across age groups including 500 players and families who had travelled from Farnham RFC, which is double the size of our entire membership. On a blustery damp day, the U/9 in particular played superbly, winning all five matches against teams from Cardiff, Weston and Fareham. Following the obligatory hot dog lunches, the children then had an amazing afternoon on Weston pier finishing with extremely competitive lads, girls and Dads bumper car rides.

Overnight the South West was hit by a massive storm and we all travelled to Old Bristolians near Clifton for the next tournament. Unfortunately due to waterlogged pitches. The matches had to be cancelled but all who attended enjoyed their first rugby trip away from home.

Elsewhere on the same day Painswick u/10 were in the County Finals and put in a superb performance to finish as finalists in the plate competition. In the u/15 age group, there was even more success with this age group winning the County plate competition, a great achievement. The season closes 26th April with Presentation Day at Broadham Fields where this and other highlights of the season will be recorded and the player of the year awards.

Pictured the successful Painswick U/9 team - winners of Weston Super Mare RFC tournament.



David Nottingham

Football -New senior team



We set up the team this season in order to establish a team for our oldest juniors (U16) to have an outlet for the following year. This year has been a team pulled together by manager Jason Radford consisting of some coaches, ex junior players like Tom Davis and even myself as Chairman making the occasional cameo role along with Dave Bullingham our former retired head coach being the oldest member of the squad. We kicked off in Division 7, Stroud League

We had a little bit of a tricky start as we gelled as a team with some occasional good performances and then a stumble. One of our best results was to beat top of the table Saintbridge away from home with a 5:3 victory. We have certainly got better as the season has progressed and finished the season with an impressive unbeaten run of 8 matches. The last game of the season was a draw at home to Minchinhampton which ended 3:3 but where Painswick led for most of the game. With a few teams still left to fulfill their fixtures we are currently sitting in fourth place and will certainly not finish any lower than fifth. We are very pleased with the season as a whole especially as the key objective was to establish a team for next season.

We now welcome new players for next year and with this in mind we are offering adult 5 a side on a Tuesday evening from 6:15 / 6:30pm start. To play senior football, you need to have turned 16 *Howard Davis*



Golf Club

The recent warmer weather has made the golf much more enjoyable. And to encourage new members, the club is offering a special introductory deal of £300 (plus £19 CGU fee) for full membership to 31 March 2016. For details please contact Ann Smith (812180).

In the Seniors's section, the main competition over the winter months is the Winter Fourball. In this competition, each team of two has to play one round each calendar month from October to March and then choose the best five scores. John Courts and Gerry Wilson won the competition with an excellent score of 247 points. The summer season started with the Arthur Paget (stableford) competition, which was won by Peter Rowe with 42 points. Congratulations to all the winners.

The club welcomes visitors both to the course and to the clubhouse. The course traverses an iron-age hill fort with stunning views across the Severn valley. It is a unique course taking advantage of the contours of the land. Mike, Tom and Cheryl Horton will welcome you at the clubhouse for meals and refreshments after a round of golf, or if you just are passing through. Please contact the Hortons on 812180 for opening times. *Peter Rowe*

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The club also offers a comprehensive coaching programme that endeavours to cater for all sections of the club from mini tennis through to adults and from beginners up to and including team standard play, either individually or in groups.

If you want to learn more about the game, have some fun and meet new people then come along to Broadham on Saturday 16th May between 2-6pm All will be welcome

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The next workshop is on 16 May, 7-9:30pm, Fermented Salsas and Hot Sauces. To book a place contact Samantha at samantha@nourishways.com, or phone 07803 561063.

Samantha Peel

Tennis

Ken Morton Lloyd - End of an era

Ken (Pictured below) was a long serving member of Painswick Tennis Club, acted as treasurer for many years and then was the auditor, he was also a Life Member.

He played in the league and was a keen club member till his late 80's always to be seen on club evenings berating himself when making mistakes and encouraging others for their good play.

All those who knew Ken well will remember a kind, thoughtful, lovely gentleman.

Ruth Smith



Painswick Feast

Sunday 20th September – Celebrating our village.

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Gloucester's Historic Docks - With the Field Club

In anticipation of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club's visit to Gloucester Docks in August, we have invited Tony

Conder to provide a talk on 'Gloucester Docks, Then and Now' on Wednesday 13th May, at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre. Please note that this monthly lecture meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month because the year's first coach outing to Historic Coventry falls on the first Wednesday, 6th May.

The Club's visit to Gloucester's Historic Docks on Thursday 11th August is organised by Denise Magauran, who will be happy to provide more details and take bookings (tel. 814570).

In the morning, we shall divide into small groups for guided tours of the historic Gloucester Docks, including the Mariners Chapel. Lunch will be served on board the boat King Arthur during a two hour cruise with commentary on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal. The Canal, which opened in 1827 to bypass a treacherous stretch of the River Severn, was once the broadest and deepest in the world. Even today, it stands out from other navigations because of its sheer scale and impressive engineering. In the afternoon, there will be an opportunity to visit the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum (awarded a Certificate of Excellence last year by TripAdvisor). Alternatively, investigate the Waterways Museum, browse the Gloucester Designer Outlets or just relax over tea. Non-members are welcome to join this trip.



In conjunction with the Club's residential excursion to London from 3rd to 7th September, Dr Marion Harney will be talking at our June 3rd meeting about the work of Horace Walpole who designed the gothic house and gardens at Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, launching the new English style of landscape design. Visitors are very welcome at our meetings and the charge of £3 includes tea and biscuits after the talk. We also still have some places available on the London trip (tel. 01453 834486).

For further details of the Club's programme, please contact me.

Jane Rowe, tel. 813228

PROPERTY REPORT for April from Murrays

Murrays Estate Agents are continuing to thrive in the recent property market with sales, applicant numbers registering and viewings again increasing with a marked increase in buyers coming from London and abroad. We have also finally seen more property coming to the market in the last couple of months, no doubt partly to do with the better Spring weather (long may this continue).

The prospects for the coming summer selling season are looking bright despite the upcoming general election which historically causes some uncertainty and therefore has an impact on slowing down the property market. It is usual that when there is a general election that the housing market cools down for a period until we all know who is in power and what changes could possibly be made. Luckily the Cotswolds have not seemed to have had this issue and business continues to be on the rise. However the Nationwide house price index indicated that house prices in the UK have only nudged up slightly by 0.1% in March and the annual pace of growth slowed to 5.1% from 5.7% in February so perhaps as a nation the market has slowed down a little as the election approaches. We have taken on lots of lovely new properties recently including St Marys cottage on Victoria Street, Painswick a charming detached 3 bed cottage full of character (thought to be one of the only detached cottages right in the centre of Painswick), 2 The New House, a contemporary 1 bed apartment right in the centre of the village, The Mill House, a substantial 5 bed detached Cotswold stone historic family house with separate cottage in the middle of Pitchcombe village, The Wool Barn, a beautifully presented 3 bedroom detached period house with 1 bed annexe on Far End in Sheepscombe, Chestnut Cottage in Harescombe, a spacious extended detached 4 bedroom house with 2 acre small holding, stables and stunning views, College House, a detached 3 bed house with 1 bed cottage attached with beautiful garden and lovely views and Jasmine Cottage, a 3 bed cottage in need of modernisation with building plot with permission for a 4 bed house with lovely views in Ruscombe.

Properties that we currently have under offer are Carsebreck on Kingsmill Lane, Painswick, Yew Tree Cottage on New Street, Painswick, 6a Canton Acre in Painswick, The Eagle on Cheltenham Road, Pitchcombe, Meadow House in Slad, Hunters Rest in Brimpsfield, Lypiatt Cottage in Miserden and 7 Haresfield Court in Haresfield.

Properties and land that have now sold are 4 The Croft, Painswick, The plot of land at Corvara on Cotswold Mead, Painswick Millfield in Cranham, The Frith in Slad, West Tythe in Bisley and Barnwood House in Whiteway.

James C Murray - Partner

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Sat	2	Covent Garden Voices Concert	St Mary's Church 6.30pm
Sun	3	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church 8.00am Catholic Church 8.30am St Mary's Church 9.30am
Mon	4	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Club Pulse: for Yr 7 to Yr 9 Children (Mondays) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall 9.50 to 11.30am Town Hall 10.30am Youth Pavilion, Rec. 6.00 to 7.30pm 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	5	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890	Painswick Centre 10.00am Town Hall 1.45 for 2.00pm Ashwell House 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	6	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club visit by Coach to Historic Coventry (Priory, Cathedral, Guildhall) Enq. 01453 836618 Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Simplicity Parenting Workshop Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays	Stamages Car Park Sheepscombe Vill. Hall 9.30 to 11.00am Painswick Centre 10.00am Croft School 10.30am to 12noon
Thu	7	Annual Parish Meeting Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays Drama with a Pulse (for Yr 5 to Yr 7 children) - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Town Hall 7.30pm Painswick Centre 9.30 to 11.00am Town Hall 9.30am Church Rooms 9.30 to 12.00noon Town Hall 12.00 to 1.00pm Town Hall 12.30 to 1.30pm Church Rooms 5.30 to 6.30pm Painswick Centre
Fri	8	Country Market: Coffee available Friday Club: Podiatry - Anna van Weegan	Town Hall 10.00 to 11.00am Town Hall 2.30pm
Sat	9	Coffee Morning in aid of Catholic Church Roof Replacement	Town Hall 9.30am to 12.00noon
Sun	10	Painswick Music Society Concert: Jennifer Pike, Violin Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 3.00pm St Mary's Church 8.00am Catholic Church 8.30am St Mary's Church 9.30am
Mon	11	Bird Club: Cotswold Water Park Field Trip: Guided walk by Martin Wright (Grid ref: SU 018947. Enq. 812951 Probus Women: Giving Children a Chance - Joan Nash	Neigh Bridge car park 9.30am Church Rooms 10.00am
Tue	12	Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326	P. Centre Green Room 2.00 to 4.30pm
Wed	13	Probus: SS Great Britain, From Launch to Re-launch - Ian Caskie Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Gloucester Docks, Then & Now - Tony Condor. Enq: 813228 Gardening Club: Plants for Baskets & Containers - John Mason (Highfield Nursery)	Painswick Centre 10.00am Painswick Centre 2.30pm Church Rooms 7.30pm
Thu	14	Christian Aid Salmon Supper Music Appreciation Group AGM	Church Rooms 7.00 for 7.30pm Town Hall 7.30pm
Fri	15	Country Market: Coffee available: Fridays: note new opening time Christian Aid Garden Shop, Ploughman's Lunches & Afternoon Teas	Town Hall 9.30 to 11.00am Church Rooms 11.00am to 4.00pm



Sat	16	Christian Aid Week Tower Tours Christian Aid Garden Shop, Ploughman's Lunches & Afternoon Teas Food & Fermentation Workshops: Spice it up: Fermented Salsas & Hot Sauces: £40	St Mary's Church Church Rooms Painswick Centre	Morning 11.00am to 4.00pm 7.00pm
Sun	17	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St. Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	19	Simplicity Parenting Workshop Local History Society Annual Outing to Purton Hulks	Painswick Centre Purton	10.00am 6.00pm
Wed	20	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: Tropical Seashells - Angela Cresswell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	23	Copy Date for June Beacon		
Sun	24	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	25	Fossway Artists Exhibition (Cotswold & Green Rooms) daily until 31st May	Painswick Centre	daily
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I.: The Land Girls - Fiona Warin: Open Meeting	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	27	Probus: Vince Williams - A Personal Pilgrimage to K2 Theatre Club Outing to the Everyman, Cheltenham Concert by Angharad James (Harp) & Hannah Scott (Soprano)	Painswick Centre Stamages Car Park St Mary's Church	10.00am 6.30pm 7.00 to 8.15pm
Thu	28	Painswick Players Playreading contact Jill 01452 810888		
Sat	30	Coffee & Gateaux Morning in aid of Stroud & District Mencap	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 12.30pm
Sun	31	Mass Benefice Holy Communion	Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.30am 11.00am

JUNE

Tue	2	Simplicity Parenting Workshop	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Wed	3	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Place-making for the Imagination: Horace Walpole & Strawberry Hill - Dr. Marion Harney. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	5	Friday Club Late Spring Outing		
Sat	6	June Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Food & Fermentation Workshops: Kraut 3 Ways: Various Delicious Varieties: £40	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Mon	8	Probus Women: Visit to Gloucester Airport, Staverton & Light Lunch at The Aviator	Staverton	11.00am
Tue	9	Bird Club: River Frome field trip - an evening walk with Frances Meredith. Meet in public car park opposite Waitrose	Stroud	7.00pm
Wed	10	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club coach trip to Lambourn Racing Stables & Ashdown House. Enq 01453 298732 Probus: Climate Change - Crisis or Opportunity: Mark Kenber Gardening Club: AGM & Talk by Steve Quinton about the Rococo Garden	Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre Church Rooms	 10.00am 7.30pm

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.15/0629/HHOLD

BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street
Landscaping works to include new terrace, gravel approach, low level stone retaining wall and re-grading of grass banks.

S.15/0713/TCA HALFPENNY COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane

Fell 2 Leylandi and 1 Apple tree.

S.15/0745/FUL LAND ADJOINING PAINSWICK MILL, Ticklestone Lane
Erection of Stables.

S.15/0761/LBC PAINSWICK MILL, Ticklestone Lane

Reinstatement of external door and surround in South West elevation.

S.15/0801/HHOLD

GREENLEAS, Stroud Road

Proposed extension and alterations to Greenleas

S.15/0764/LBC 4 COLDSTREAM COTTAGES

Removal of partition wall in the sitting room

S.15/0791/HHOLD ORCHARD COTTAGE, Blakewell Mead

Enlargement of existing garage.

S.15/0843/OUT GRANGE FIELDS, Wick Street

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CONSENT

S.15/0275/HHOLD TALL TREES, Cotswold Mead

Remove east side dormer and replace with larger dormer catslide roof. Erect front porch. Garage conversion to habitable room. Render outer skin of property.

S.15/0241/HHOLD TERRENO, Longridge, Sheepscombe

Demolition of existing conservatory construction of new two storey extension to provide bedroom and en suite accommodation together with associated works.

Cont.

S.15/0387/HHOLD & S.15/0388/LBC HOLCOMBE HOUSE

New single-storey enclosed walkway to the rear entrance.

S.15/0238/ADV OLD EBWORTH FARMHOUSE, The Camp

Erection of two signs.

S.15/0336/HHOLD SUNNYCROFT, Hollyhock Lane

Erection of two storey extension to rear and erection of a detached garage. Conversion of existing garage into study, utility room and wc.

S.15/0478/LBC SHETLANDS, Far End, Sheepscombe

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The Personal Column

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the family of NORA REGAN who died peacefully at home on April 9th after a fight with cancer. Nora served on Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council for 15 years and is known for saving Stroud Grammar Schools. Thanks to Hoyland House Surgery for their wonderful care in making her passing peaceful and to the district nurses, especially Becky for her support to Nora's daughter Margaret de Havilland-Hall and her care for Nora. A requiem mass was held at Prinknash Abbey on April 24th.

Condolences are also sent to the family of JOHN KENRICK MORTON LLOYD (KEN) who died peacefully in Gloucester hospital on April 7th aged 92. A thanksgiving service was held on April 27th at St Mary's Church

Happy birthday

Happy Birthday to Joan Wood who celebrated her 98th birthday on April 7th.

Births

Congratulations to BROCK and TIFFANY KENNEDY of Star Cottage, Hollyhock Lane on the birth of their son, THOREN JOHN, at the end of March.

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

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