

The Painswick Beacon

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The Oak – New Look

The Oak, as you may have noticed, is open again. With its new, fresh look, although different, it nevertheless retains its real character namely that of a genuine village pub.

The interior has been revitalised mainly by the removing of walls and partitions to present a fully open-plan bar area with just one bar instead of two. The result is a lighter, more spacious yet still cosy room which feels welcoming and comfortable. The lovely open fire remains in the centre with wooden tables and chairs and a new wood floor all completely in keeping with The Oak's original character. Part of the old oak bar has been retained and the kitchen has been completely refurbished.

Opening from 11.00am-11.00pm Monday-Saturday, and 11.00am-5.00pm on Sunday, food, which is simple, good pub grub, is served from 12.00-2.30 and 6.30-9.00pm. The courtyard will open, with new furniture, in early April.

Do go in and enjoy this traditional and historic village pub right in the very heart of Painswick.

Carol Maxwell

Please note..

That the May Beacon will be published a week early on the 29th of April. This is to enable us to carry details of the County Council candidates prior to the election on 4th May. Apologies for any inconvenience to our distributors.



Reminder

Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 15th April 12-4pm

St Mary's Churchyard, parking at the Recreation Ground

www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk/easter-egg-hunt



If you were lucky enough to be up early last Sunday morning you would have spotted this Stag before it trotted out of the Churchyard down Hale Lane no doubt to feed in local gardens off Kingsmill Lane.

Picture courtesy of Avril Foulshardy.

Painswick Constituency - Proposed changes

The Boundary Commission has been consulting on its plans to redraw the boundaries of Stroud parliamentary constituency as part of a major revision aimed at reducing the number of MPs from 650 to 600. Their plans would not affect Painswick, but would bring in voters from Quedgley, and move Nailsworth and Dursley out of the constituency. The proposals caused political controversy on Stroud Council, which responded to the Commission with an alternative plan that would keep Nailsworth in, but instead transfer out Painswick and Bisley. Painswick would then move to the Cotswold Constituency. Stroud Council recently voted to confirm its alternative plan. The vote split on party lines, and was carried by 24 votes to 22 (with Painswick's District Councillors voting against). If adopted it would affect only the parliamentary constituency and not the Stroud Council boundaries.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on March 15th by Mike Kerton

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

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and on-line at the Parish Council's web site.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, opened the Meeting. As there were no members of the public present he moved swiftly on to the Agenda.

Apologies for absence

Clerk Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ian James, Roey Parker and James Cross. The Council accepted these apologies.

Matters requiring a decision

There were six matters requiring a decision:

- S.17/0405/HHOLD 2 Woodbine Cottage, Slad Road, Slad. Extension to existing dwelling to form dining room and en suite bathroom. Unanimous support.
- S17/0502/LBC Coombe House, The Green, Sheepscombe. Two roof lights to rear slope and alteration of door hood. Unanimous support.
- S.17/0385/FUL Hazelhanger, Far End, Sheepscombe. Erection of two replacement dwellings with associated garages, parking and landscaping works. Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis drew the Meetings attention to an objection, on the District Councils web site, to the application. The objection was from the residents of Wool Farm. The farm overlooked the site and the residents stated that the pitched roofs of the garages would be visible from their property. After a discussion it was agreed to support the application subject to agreement from the Ward Councillors, neither of whom were present at the Meeting, and to draw the District Councils attention to the objection.

- S.17/0396/TCA Pear Tree Cottage, Vicarage Street. Felling, removal and replacement of various trees plus control of ivy. Unanimous Support
- S.17/0439/TCA Elm Cottage. Far End, Sheepscombe. Dismantle Ash tree to ground level due to advanced decay at base. Unanimous support.
- S.17/0439/TCA Court House, Hale Lane. Fell two Lime Trees. After a discussion it was agreed to support the application subject to the District Council inspecting the site and the planting of replacement trees.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Martin Slinger opened the Meeting and called for a minute's silence in memory of the late Bob Alder, a former Parish Councillor, who represented the Edge Ward in the 1980's and early 1990's.

Apologies for absence

The Clerk Roy Balgobin confirmed that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs James Cross, Ian James, Roey Parker and District Councillor Julie Job. The Council accepted these apologies.

County Councillors report

The local County Cllr was not present at the Meeting nor had a written report been submitted.

District Councillors Report

District Cllr Nigel Cooper updated the Meeting on the proposed changes recommended by the District Council to the Parliamentary Boundary Commission. The number of MP's was being reduced from the current 650 to 600. The recommendation, carried by a vote of 24 for and 22 against, was that the Wards of Painswick, Upton St Leonards and Bisley be transferred from the present Stroud Parliamentary Constituency to the

Cotswold Parliamentary Constituency. For local District Council elections the Wards will remain within Stroud District.

To agree to apply for "Gold Status" under the Local Council's Award Scheme

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, explained to the Meeting that there were three categories under the Award Scheme: Foundation, Quality and Gold. Currently the Council was a "Quality" Council but he was now recommending that the Council apply for "Gold Status". Currently in Gloucestershire only Lydney Town Council had been awarded "Gold Status". Cllrs unanimously agreed to apply for "Gold Award" Status.

To approve the recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes/ Personnel Committee, from their Meeting held on 1st March 2017

- It was agreed that Cllrs Martin Slinger, Ann Daniels, Ian James and the Officials would form a working party to review all staffing contracts and job descriptions. The last review was ten years ago.
- As The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) no longer provides cover for early retirement due to "ill health" the Council agreed to arrange "Ill Health" cover for the Council employees. It was anticipated that the cost would be covered by the savings in the contributions to the LGPS.

To approve the recommendations from the Land and Buildings Committee, from their Meeting held on the 22nd February 2017

The Council agreed:

- The quotes from Greenfields of £145 for permanent "Line Marking" in the Town Hall car park and £91 for a permanent

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“Do Not Park, Town Hall” sign were approved.

- A quote of £600 from Woodberry to purchase a picnic bench made from recycled plastic was approved. The bench will replace a badly damaged concrete bench in the Recreation Ground.

Works to Cemetery Lodge:

- The boiler system in the Lodge needs to be replaced. A quote of £5,886 from Shackleton and Wintle to replace the boiler system and associated works was approved.
- There was a need for a complete overhaul of the Lodge electrics plus additional electric work in the Cemetery Store. Quotes of £796 for the work in the Lodge and £480 for the Cemetery Store from Stroud Electrical Systems were approved.
- A need to refurbish the bathroom in the Lodge as a Wet Room had been identified. Quotations for the work were being obtained and would be referred to the Council for agreement.

Responsible Financial Officers Report

The Council agreed the payment of various invoices

Ward Reports

Cllr Rob Lewis referred again to the ongoing problem of dog fouling. Although the Dog Wardens had visited the worst affected areas and spray painted the warning sign “Pick up or Pay up” on various sites the problem still persisted. Dog owners were again reminded of the need to “clear up” any mess their dog may make and deposit the plastic bag in the clearly defined receptacle.

Cllr Mike Fletcher advised the Meeting that the light on the path from the A46 to the Surgery had now been repaired and

that the path was now clearly lit. He had also reported damage to two village signs to the Clerk. Roy Balgobin, the Clerk, confirmed that the damage had been reported to the appropriate authority.

Cllr Abigail Smith gave an update on the actions taken by the Traffic Committee: The Council are working closely with Gloucestershire County Council to pursue a number of pedestrian safety measures including a speed table as part of the imminent Gloucester Road resurfacing scheme, pedestrian islands on the A46 to the North of the traffic lights, and raising the kerbs on the Southern corner of Gloucester Street. All these are at the “proof of concept” stage, with a number of details to be further considered, not least funding. Thanks were due to Ross Munro for his pedestrian safety suggestions that reinvigorated these initiatives.

Cllr Martin Slinger reported that the drains in Edge have now been cleared.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Recognition

In last month’s Beacon we included a photograph of two young women in girl guide uniform and asked if anyone could identify them. Pauline Berry has contacted the Beacon to name the taller of the two, standing on the right, as Jean Hughes.

Pauline explains that girl guides from Painswick and Stroud were often invited to the dances held at the scout hut in Cranham and says they were fun occasions. This photograph was probably taken in about 1950. Pauline also says that after Jean was married she and her husband emigrated to Australia.

Carol Maxwell

Cotswold Way

- Update

Further to the report in last month’s Parish Council News, the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Martin Slinger, and the Clerk to the Council, Mr Roy Balgobin, met with members of the Painswick Manorship to discuss several issues relating to the maintenance of the Painswick Beacon Common: one of the issues being the condition of the Cotswold Way adjacent to Catbrain Quarry. The Manorship members agreed to look into the concerns raised by the Council and to issue a press release in due course. The Beacon will keep the situation under review.

Painswick Beacon bridleways

Next Wednesday evening the Parish Council’s Rural Environment Committee will be considering an application from the Painswick Manorship to divert part of the bridleway which runs along the 8th and 9th golf fairway. The proposal is to divert that section of MPA 135 onto MPA 133 which runs parallel to MPA 135 and is referred to locally as “Badger Lane”. MPA 133 is already a bridleway. Amey Highways state that the application which is made in conjunction with the Painswick Golf Club is in the interests of public safety as there is a ridge across the fairway which obscures walkers and riders from golfers and vice versa. The Rural Environment Committee will make its recommendation to the Parish Council which meets on April 19th. The Council’s recommendation will then be forwarded to the County Council who will determine the application.



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Beacon Quiz

Another successful quiz evening took place on Saturday 4th March. The number of teams was slightly down on previous years however the usual enthusiasm was present.

The winners this year were the Library Team followed very closely by 6 other teams which provided an exciting evening.



		Points
1st	Off the Shelf	93
2nd	Tibbidwellers	89
3rd	The High Flyers	88
4th	The Slashers	86
5th	The Diggers	84
6th	Dog Walkers	83
7th	Fools on the Hill	81
8th	The Jolly Folly Laners	71
9th	On the Edge	66
10th	Grand Slam	57
11th	Bookworms	55
12th	Mencap Marauders	52
13th	Moulton's Minions	42
14th	Quizerables	36

Probus Women

Stunning scenery: Spectacular sands: Castles, Forts and Churches: Storms: Shipwrecks: Myths and legends: History in abundance - and all along the fourteen mile Glamorgan Heritage Coast from Aberthaw to Newton - an area well known for natural beauty, wildlife and heritage.

Our Speaker on 13th March, Rose Hewlett, researched this coastline for many years and told us she never tires of it. With her photographs and excellent narrative, we were all transported along this beautiful coastline. This area, inhabited by human beings for around 2,000 years, has rock formations formed some 180 million years ago when Dinosaur's walked our earth. High tides and treacherous weather have eroded these impressive cliffs over years and the appearance of beaches and formations are constantly being transformed. Nature is relentless in its destruction.

Short detours inland finds quaint villages with ancient Churches and Inns. Some Inns boast tales of murder and skulduggery and The Blue Anchor, dating back to the 1300's, is still popular today and is purported to have a resident ghost! St Illtyd's Church is located at the site of the oldest college in the UK - Cor Tewdws, founded c.395AD and the forerunner of education.

There are hundreds of wrecks beneath waves along this coastline especially at Nash Point, mostly due to perilous seas, but many ships were lured to rocks and sure disaster by 'wreckers' who put lanterns onto sheep grazing on the cliffs so that sailors would mistake these lights as a signal to guide their ships to safety!

Dunraven Bay is where The Heritage Coast Centre is based and bursting with local information about Roman habitation, Iron Age Forts, Manors, Castles, where to look for fossils plus lots of local information. Looking down a steep drop and across the bay from here is Temple Bay. Part of this Bay is designated as a nudist beach should anyone fancy 'skinny dipping' (me neither!).

Penultimate stop: Ogmore-by-Sea, dating back to the Jurassic period and finally, Newton, with its extensive sands and the fourteenth mile completed.

At the end of Rose's captivating talk we could practically taste the sea and, oh! how that salt air beckoned!

Next meeting on Monday 10th April. Talk 'Those were the days - The Fab Fifties' by Virginia and David Adsett. Please join us at Painswick Church Rooms. 10.00 for 10.30am. Guests welcome £3.

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Painswick Gardening Club: April Abundance

The topic of our last talk was timely with days getting longer and everything bursting into life. Tom's passion for colour and form was evident from start to finish. He spoke honestly and openly about his incredible working life, his experience and some of the planting mistakes he'd made...and he brought plants for sale rounding off a lovely evening.

"Easter Inspiration" is our talk on 12th April (Church Rooms, 7.30pm). Ione Woodger-Smith (some will remember that she stepped in at 10 minutes notice to cover a no-show speaker) is a wedding florist and Chelsea exhibitor with vast experience. Ione will be demonstrating seasonal floral displays inspired by nature. This evening promises to be full of ideas, fun and laughter so if it appeals, come along (visitors £4).

The Committee have had a great idea which may help Members and possibly raise a little money for the Club. For information see the website, email us or talk to us at the next meeting. Basically, if you have unwanted bits of garden paraphernalia you can advertise it on the noticeboard 'The Dug Out'. This idea started at last month's meeting and one Member (thank you again) has already donated wooden seed trays. Leading me nicely on to.....

Our plant sale on 27th May (Church Rooms, 11am). If you would like to donate a few plants or you fancy helping on the day, we'd love to hear from you.

Must go; I've run out of print space...!

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)



Join the Bird Club now

The Bird Club has a small Committee, and we want to increase numbers to take the Club forward. If you would like to consider joining 'The High Flyers' and become a committee member, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 4th April, in Painswick Town Hall, starting at 7:30. Andrew Bluett will be giving us an illustrated talk on his research into the Raptors of Gloucestershire. At our last meeting on Tuesday 7th March, Jackie Garner, a Professional Wild Life Artist, showed us her wonderful wild life paintings of birds and other animals from the British Isles and the Falklands.

Recently, a lot of buzzards and a couple of peregrines have been seen migrating across over Painswick Beacon. Meadow pipits have arrived and been giving courtship displays, so they will be nesting soon in the grass.

Bill Boydell, Chairman Tel 01452 813094 or c-boydell@sky.com

Jottings for March

Pot Holes

How many patches does it take to mend a road? The A4173 near to the Edgemoor Inn has twenty one patches along the centre line extending about four feet wide and twenty metres long. Can anyone do better? The pot holes are not easy to keep on top of: Water gets down into spaces and freezes, expanding and lifting the tarmac. Oil, petrol and worst of all, diesel, loosen the stones so the holes get larger.

Harvesting corn.

The old "combines" - combined threshing machine and the old bagger - used to clean the seed as they worked across the field. All seed harvested was passed through a revolving screen. Then the first bag along the line was for weed seeds etc; the second bag was for smaller seeds and bigger weed seeds (this was usually kept for feeding your poultry) and the last two bags were for the best corn. These two bags made up about 98% of the crop, a very good sample that could be kept or sold.

With the modern combine, everything goes into a big bin on the machine, then into a trailer and the back to the silo at your buildings. Then it is up to the farmer to put the corn through a seed cleaner to remove debris before selling it on. The seed must be below 15 % moisture content to store at home and your buyer may not buy it if it is over that figure. Sometimes a buyer may still think the sample is not clean enough and reject the load. It is up to you to take it back home, with all the transport costs and try again.

You may be selling wheat for milling into flour or other products to be used in the food industry. Your sample might be rejected because the individual seeds in the sample are too small or the constituents are not good enough. So your product may end up as what is known as feed wheat, mostly as animal feed. The difference between milling wheat and feed wheat could be as much as £8 a ton or more. That could become a large amount of money at the end of the season.

The blackthorn is now in flower so we will be getting sloes later in the year. Hawthorn leaves are coming out, the flowers will appear later, in May. Buds on the horse chestnuts are breaking open. The cattle are eating less silage so the grass must be starting to grow.

Martin Slinger

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Painswick Centre Trustees will be held at The Painswick Centre, Bisley Street, Painswick on Tuesday, 25th April 2017 at 7pm.

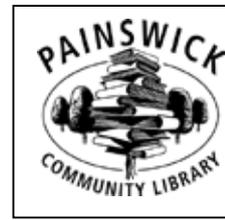
Final date to receive nominations will be 3rd April 2017.

All welcome, we do hope you can join us.

Enquiries to any existing Trustee or Jennie Barber, Centre Manager 01452 814567

In accordance with regulations we are delighted to notify the people of Painswick of our AGM. This is an opportunity for you to visit the Painswick Centre, have a look around and find out about how it is managed and what happens in this great community space. Last year we sent out a postcard to every household asking that you express your interest in what happens locally by joining us for this short meeting and refreshments at the conclusion. Last year's improved attendance led to the amazing Wick-Flix which I hope many of you have enjoyed. If you have a great idea and would like the space and support to make it happen please come and see us and meet up with like-minded, community aware folk and perhaps this time next year we could be talking about your fantastic idea brought to life!

Dawn Tyson



Advance notice 5th Anniversary Events June 2017

Please note the following dates for events to celebrate

our 5th Anniversary:

Tuesday 6th June – Author Victoria Summerley will give a talk on Great Gardens of London, in line with our chosen theme of gardens in literature. This will be an evening event in the Town Hall, more details to come.

Wednesday 21st June Afternoon tea in the Library. All welcome.

We will also be having an exhibition of photos on the garden theme.

Watch this space and village posters for further details, and for other events, including a children's competition.

New Trustee Needed!

We are looking for someone with enthusiasm for the Library to join us on the trustees board – help us to run our Community Library, and to make it even better! If you are interested, even just to find out more, please contact David Glass on davidglass20@gmail.com or Ian Cridland on iancriidland@btinternet.com

New Books for April include:

Adult Non-Fiction:

Nigel. My Family and other dogs by Monty Don; Daughter of Empire by Pamela Hicks; (daughter of Lord Mountbatten). A House full of Daughters by Julia Nicholson, and two new travel guides to Dubai and Stockholm.

Adult Fiction:

Days without End, Sebastian Barry; Cold Earth, Ann Cleves; SS-GB Len Deighton; A Secret Garden, Katie Fforde; The Bone Field, Simon Kernick; City of Friends, Joanna Trollope

The full list of New Books is available at the Library Counter.

Ian Cridland

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News from St Mary's

This month we celebrate Easter, the premier festival of the Christian year. On Good Friday we remember the crucifixion of Jesus; on Easter Day we celebrate His resurrection from the dead, a resurrection which is a foretaste of our own resurrection, Easter is preceded by Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday, 9th April. Our main service on that day is a communion service commencing at 9.30am and led by Revd Andrew Leach. During Holy Week there are a number of reflective services in various parts of the benefice. On Monday 10th April for instance Canon Michael Irving will lead us through Stations of the Cross in a reflective service at St Mary's beginning at 6.30pm. On Tuesday 11th April the Vicar is leading a reflective service at Cranham church at 6.30pm based on Iona worship. The Wednesday service at 6.30pm is at Edge church and will include reflective worship based on poetry and music and led by Liz Burge and Ann Kennett. All these reflective services are open to all.

On Maundy Thursday 13th April there is a special service for the Diocese at Gloucester Cathedral at 11am. This service is being led by Bishop Rachel who invites all clergy and Readers to attend to renew their vows. The service also includes blessing of the oils which will subsequently be used throughout the diocese for anointing. All are invited to attend this service in support of their clergy and Readers.

On Good Friday there will be the Procession of Witness in Painswick to remind us all of the meaning of this solemn day. The procession will start from the Catholic Church at 10.30am and end at the Church Rooms with coffee and a bun. On Good Friday afternoon Canon Michael will lead an hour's devotion in St Mary's church at 2pm.

There will be a sacred concert on Good Friday evening in St Mary's commencing at 7pm. It will feature St Matthew's Passion and will be led by the Thames Head Singers and Painswick Singers. The choirs will be accompanied by the Capriol Chamber Orchestra and supported by solo artists. Tickets at £10 each are available from the Patchwork Mouse.

Easter Day begins very early with a Dawn Eucharist at Harescombe church at 5.45am led by the Vicar. The main service at St Mary's will be Sung Eucharist at 9.30am again led by the Vicar.

The Lent Study groups will have finished by Easter but after Easter the Vicar is leading a group entitled "This Risen Life" enquiring into what resurrection means. The first meeting is on Sunday afternoon 23rd April in the Church Rooms from 3 to 4.30pm and will include refreshments.

There are a few Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) in the benefice still to take place. The Cranham meeting is on 6th April at 7.30pm; Edge is on 18th April at 7.30pm and Harescombe is on 28th April at 7.30pm.

David Newell

Painswick Music Society - Concerts

Painswick Music Society are staging two concerts during the month at St Mary's. The first is on 8th April at 3pm featuring the Carducci Quartet with Julian Bliss and Friends. The second is on 29th April at 3pm with the Fibonacci Sequence Piano Trio. Tickets for both these events are £18 each and are obtainable from the Pharmacy or on line – www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk.

Churches Together Around Painswick



Eastertide at Painswick's Churches 2017
For more information please phone 01452 814082

Good Friday April 14th Procession of Witness

10.30 am There will be a procession from the Roman Catholic Church in Friday Street to the road-side cross by the Lychgate, for a short service before processing up New Street, down Bisley Street, and back to the Church Rooms, where there will be Hot Cross Buns and tea and coffee!

Easter Day April 16th

5.45am Dawn Eucharist at Harescombe Church,
8.30am Mass of the Resurrection at R.C. Church of Our Lady and St. Thérèse, Friday Street.
9.30am Easter Family Communion at St. Mary's Church
10.30am Meeting for Worship at Friends' Meeting House, Vicarage Street.

We do hope YOU will join us at some (or all) of the services

Sue Stick

Messy Saturday



Fun Day

SATURDAY 20th MAY 10.30am to 12.30pm

in the PAINSWICK YOUTH CENTRE
on the Recreation Field

Join us for a morning of fun activity for all the family, so much to do:

Bouncy Castle
Face Painting
BBQ
Games
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No more Police reports!

The Beacon has made contact with Debbie Collicott (PCSO Stroud Local Policing Area) and received the following reply by email. "As you are probably aware I have indeed taken over coverage of Colin's separate parishes which span an enormous area. To write reports for all these areas you will agree is not where my time is best utilized. The Public, not to mention our Sergeants want us out on high visibility"

She has suggested we continue to take the rather broad brush statistics off the Police website. To this end below are the stats for December 2016 and January 2017.

December 2016

Vehicle theft	Cotswold Mead	
Public order offence	Berry Close	Closed, unable to prosecute.
Assault	Cheltenham Rd	No suspect identified
Theft	New Street	No suspect identified

January 2017

Theft	Blakewell Mead
Anti Social Behaviour	Stamages Lane



Two cars managed to crash at the cross roads on Golf Course Road. Photograph sent in to the Beacon



Painswick Probus Club

We were entertained in March by 2 excellent speakers. First, David Lemon returned to share his extensive knowledge of Africa, having lived and worked there, and his passion for African elephants which continue to decline in numbers due to the market for their ivory. David gave advice for how best to survive an attack by an elephant, citing his experience of facing just that. He also gave examples of the elephant's incredible memory, whispering that the reason for the pronounced forehead of the male was to protect the brain which is larger than that of the fairer sex!

Secondly, William Reddaway described his 2700 mile ride on the appropriately named Strider, to raise funds for 2 charities namely. The pair were warmly welcomed at 30 cathedrals around England and accommodated by generous strangers along the way. Strider is now taking a well-earned rest while William has already raised £80,000 towards his goal of £250,000 for charities – see <http://www.riderroundengland.org/>.

If you missed these talks, summaries may be found on the Club's website. The Club meets at fortnightly intervals to enjoy coffee and a chat, followed by a guest speaker. Details, including the future programme of events, are on the website <http://painswickprobus.org.uk/>

Henry Hall

Pedestrian Hit by Car

Reported in the Stroud journal dated 22nd March : An elderly women was hit by a car in Painswick. The car, pulling out of the Falcon Inn onto the A46, hit the women who suffered injuries.

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Community Lunches 2016-2017

Our season's lunches finished in mid-March—raising an excellent total of just over £1500—even better than last year! David Linsell, our Treasurer will be handing over the money to the local recipients during April—not all of whom have as yet been told!

Very many thanks to ALL the clubs, societies and groups who have hosted the lunches. We do need one more group to volunteer, as there was a gap left in the list which was temporarily filled by David and Rita and friends!

Thanks; too, to ALL the folk who supported by coming to the Ashwell centre each Monday lunch from October to March to enjoy the homemade vegetable soups, fresh bread, butter & cheese.

As Rita is leaving Painswick new coordinators were needed—and we are very grateful for 2 volunteers who have come forward.

Our new season for 2017/18 will hopefully begin on Monday October 9th 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)

The Croft Primary School

OFSTED Inspection

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I can report the outcome of the recent OFSTED inspection held on February 23rd. The Croft remains a 'Good' school.

In addition to the comments in the letter, the Inspector stated that a 'Good' rating in 2017 is not the same as a 'Good' rating in 2013. This means that the school has made good progress (while maintaining proper safeguarding procedures) despite the fact that in the last three years The Croft has had four different Head teachers. For me, this reflects dedication and professionalism of the staff ensuring progress through all the transitions. Other statements made by the Inspector include: we are a 'securely good school'; we have a strong culture of safeguarding; we have made good progress in the overall quality of education we offer. The 'Good' rating could not have happened without the leadership of Mrs. Gore, which she provides with the support of all staff.

Ian Cridland Chair of Governors

We have had a really busy time at The Croft with sporting events recently. Our newly formed girls football team showed great commitment and determination and as a result just missed out on a place in the county cup semi-finals after extra-time and penalties. The boys football team have managed to secure a place in the county cup finals to be played at the GPSFA home ground at Longlevens. We also sent a team of 6 year six pupils to the Quicksticks hockey tournament at Oxstalls. They played some fantastic hockey and were rewarded with becoming champions and gaining a place to represent the school in the finals next month at Cheltenham College. Well done to everyone involved in sport at The Croft!

Rebecca Gore



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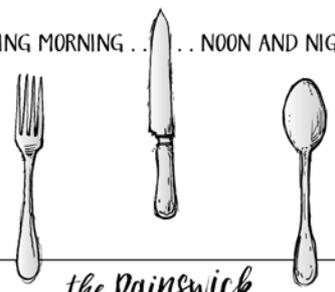
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Yew Trees Women's Institute

“Objects of interest”

What is it? What is it made of? When was it made? What was its function? These were the questions that members asked as they tried to identify the twenty “ Objects of Interest”, that Sandra Ashenford brought to the meeting on 28th February. We handled the very tactile objects and pieced together the evidence revealed and then entered them on a chart, with varying success. Most people identified the posser or wash tub dolly (1920-1940) and the ice cream “penny lick”, outlawed in 1950, but the items that defeated most people were the Victorian, pewter hand warmer and the 1920, German, massage roller with rubber suction pads. They would have had little use for them in modern times! Working jointly on the detective work was great fun. Sandra Ashenford had considerable expertise as she had worked as a reporter, museum education officer and history teacher and she posed some interesting questions on the validity of historical evidence.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 25th at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Rooms when there will be a Spring Event.

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Concert at Croft School Painswick on 3rd March 2017

The Carducci Quartet started the afternoon started with part of the Joke quartet by Haydn. The challenge was not to applaud until the music actually ended. Mostly the children got it right.

In order to show how the quartet managed to play in time together, some were invited to help by conducting whilst the quartet played music by Beethoven. Whether the conducting helped the musicians to play together is debatable.

Then the members of the quartet demonstrated how Beethoven's music passed from one instrument to the other. Four children were selected, one to stand behind each musician. Hats were produced to be worn by the musicians only when they were playing. Confusion reigned as hats were taken off and replaced with great and hilarious rapidity.

At this point the oboist Jennie Lee Keetley was introduced, and she produced the oboe and demonstrated how some music was sad and some happy. The musical part of the afternoon was closed by music for the oboe by Mozart and Bax.

At the end of the afternoon members of the quartet answered a number of interesting questions from the children.

Alan Price Painswick Music Society



Quaint and Quirky

At the March meeting of the society Angela Panruka presented just 'a small selection' of the many quaint and quirky features to be found in Gloucestershire. This highly entertaining and lively presentation covered a breathtaking range of curiosities, both old

and more recent and often to be found in unusual situations.

Starting with animals, such as the Compton Abdale crocodile and the Hartpurp beehive, she moved on to the original mediaeval stone wall pew now in Great Barrington churchyard, the wonderful Bisley wells, other wells at Clearwell and Hempstead and the rather concealed well near Flaxley still believed by some to have curative powers. The pagan green man appears in over 40 places including many churches, but the maypole, once a common feature, is now rare. Slightly hidden from view are lock-ups at Northleach, Bibury and Bisley and St Briavels Castle still has a torture chamber – beware you youth hostellers!

Unusual trade signs, village signs, pillar boxes, milestones and fingerposts are numerous as are standing stones, posts and structures bearing legends. Red rose blobs are to be found on walls above doors in the churches of plague villages and stained glass windows often tell a local story. With wonderfully clear pictures these were just a few of the features Angela showed. She was unaware of witch marks (apotropaic marks), many of which are to be found in Painswick, and these will undoubtedly feature in her future presentations to the delight of other audiences.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 25th April when Neil Holbrooke, an excellent speaker, will talk about recent exciting finds now in Cirencester Museum. Croft School, 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell



News

The highlight of March was undoubtedly the Outing to Malvern

Priory. On the 10th March over 30 people travelled by coach to Malvern for a conducted tour of the Priory. Amongst the many things we discovered was that the Priory has the largest amount of 15th Century stained glass of any Church in England. Spectacular would be an understatement! The day got even better with an excellent light lunch at the Malvern Theatre and to round the day off Ann Williams persuaded the coach driver to take a scenic route home so that we could see the wild daffodils. We drove along the top of the Malvern Hills and then through the narrow Herefordshire country lanes. The coach was full of "oohs and aahs" as we viewed hedgerows full of wild daffodils.

On the 7th April we have an interesting talk by Tore Fauske on "Growing up in Norway during the German Occupation". On Wednesday the 19th April there is another outing, this time to Highclere where the famous ITV series Downton Abbey was filmed. We had to book 2 years in advance for this visit and as good luck will have it we have managed to obtain extra admission tickets. So if you would like to join us on the 19th please contact Sue Kerton on 810878. The coach will be leaving from Stamages Lane car park at 11.00am and we anticipate arriving back at about 4.30pm The cost to non members will be £27.00 which will include a ticket to visit both the Castle and Gardens. There is a tea room for light lunches, teas and coffee etc. So if you would like to follow in the footsteps of Lord Grantham and his family why not join us on the 19th!

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Next Painswick expressions pop up
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With our busiest ever snowdrops season behind us, spring is creeping into the Garden, with life and colour all around. For a week or so the snowdrops were joined by daffodils and cyclamen, but after just a few mornings of warm sunshine, the snowdrops were very quickly over. Now the team are hard at work, sowing seeds and nurturing seedlings for the Kitchen Garden, and readying the beds in the Exedra Garden for the new season's growth. And starting the season's mowing - no mean task here!

We recently said farewell to Steve, our Head Gardener, who's been with us for four years and overseen little short of a transformation in the Garden in his time. His are big shoes to fill - but our recruitment drive is well under way and we're looking forward to seeing who comes forward to take the Garden on to the next stage of its development.

Visitors can enjoy the longer warmer days by exploring some of the new features at Rococo. Outside, our new woodland swing is proving a hit with visitors whilst inside, there's new season stock arriving in the shop. In our cafe, we've recently launched our spring menu, which now includes breakfast. A full English is a sizzling £4.95, bacon and eggs a cracking £3.50 and we even do pancakes and maple syrup for a sweet £4.25. A hearty breakfast and a walk around the garden on a sunny morning is a pretty idyllic start to any day, we reckon.

Easter is neither too early nor too late this year – it's slap bang in the middle of April and we'll be marking the occasion with our self-guided Easter Trail from Good Friday (14th April) to Easter Monday (17th April). Have some family Easter fun and win a yummy chocolate prize!

The garden in April is bursting with life, with tulips, fritillaries, lilac and fruit blossom to catch the eye. As the trees gain their soft green leaves, the Garden's skeleton is gradually reclothed and the buildings nestle back into the greenery. Our frequent visitors say that they love spotting the gradual turn of the season and the progress we make - if you're not already a season ticket holder, why not join as a Friend and visit as often as you like? We hope to see you soon

Tim Toghill, volunteer & trustee



Talks & tastings put a Spring in our Step with the Cotteswold Naturalists

The Cotteswold Naturalists are holding their last two lecture meetings, both in the Painswick Centre, before the summer break.

On Wednesday 5th April at 2.30 pm, we welcome David Fletcher who will be talking about the Antarctic where he works with 'Students on Ice' after a long career of exploration with the British Antarctic Survey. The talk will be preceded by our AGM at 2.00 pm. On Wednesday 3rd May, also at 2.30 pm, the subject matter will be closer to home; Prof. Jennifer Tann will explore the history of the Gloucestershire woollen industry seen through artists' eyes.

We have two other events in April, firstly, a further opportunity on Thursday 20th to join members for a wine-tasting and talk by Fiona Shiner and Simon Taylor of Woodchester Valley Vineyard. Fiona will describe how each season's growing conditions produce subtle changes and will discuss the importance of working with nature to develop the best wines each year. We shall taste a selection of mainly 2015 wines, including Bacchus, one of the UK's most widely planted grapes. This sociable event will take place in the Octagon Lounge, Woodchester Valley Village, Inchbrook GL5 5HE, starting at 5.15 pm. Please contact the CNFC organiser Peter Wilson tel. 01453 834486 to book a place at £9 per head. Subject to availability, the evening will conclude with an optional pre-bookable supper at 7.00 pm for £12.00 extra; menu also available from Peter.

Finally, I've arranged a guided walk on 26th April around the North Meadow National Nature Reserve at Cricklade. This is an old lammas hay meadow with common-land grazing rights, home to the largest UK population of Snakes Head Fritillaries. Our knowledgeable guide will be the Way Warden for Cricklade Manorial Court, Anita Barrett.

Please contact me for further details of this year's programme of activities.

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Painswick Art Club

Invitation to join watercolour workshop with artist Mark Kelland.

Anyone interested in painting or keen to start, could have the unique opportunity to join members of the Painswick Art Club on May 9th in a watercolour workshop session with artist Mark Kelland.

Mark is a talented artist and has the reputation of being an inspirational tutor. He has run many classes and workshops over the last 15 years and is known for his free approach to painting and drawing. He likes to have fun with colour and to experiment with techniques.

Starting with a demonstration and followed by a guided session, the workshop is suitable for all abilities. It will take place in the Painswick Church Rooms on May 9th from 9.30am until 12.00pm and cost £10 per person. To reserve your place contact Peter Jenkins on 01452 812724.

Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Any visitor joining the session who would like to join the Painswick Art club will have the £10 session fee deducted from the club's annual membership fee.

Keith Harris

Fun, Food and Flowers

The Gloucestershire Local History Association annual history day took place on Saturday, 18th March at Churchdown Community Centre and Painswick Local History Society was one of many county history societies present.

The theme was gardens for food, flowers and fun in history and societies were invited to present displays,

competitively, on this theme as it related to their communities. The subject was not an easy one to put together in exhibition form but we decided to focus on wealthy to poor, wartime, burgrave plots, other uses and local plantsmen and gardeners. Our display was judged as runner up which was a splendid achievement and especially as we were told later that the decision had been a close call.

The display will be in the community library from late May. Next year's theme has already been chosen – Between the Wars – so if you have any interesting, relevant information or pictures please do get in touch.

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The nights are drawing out and the first shoots of spring are beginning to be seen. A time of optimism and looking forward to better times ahead!

At this time, though, we should also consider those who are suffering isolation and loss in our communities and who perhaps are not looking forward with such optimism.

We all know that in our villages transport is something of an issue especially for those no longer able to drive. Simply not being able to get out to see the snowdrops or bluebells can be a trigger for depression. Can you help to take a neighbour for a drive to see the blossoming countryside or simply to make their life easier to take them shopping or to a doctor's appointment? Do you attend a class which would also benefit a neighbour who can't get there under their own steam?

We are lucky in the villages to have active village halls and going further afield into Stroud, Painswick and Gloucester community facilities for us all to use to meet people, enjoy art, or have the chance to get together. Volunteering can be a way to meet people and forge a new place in a community as your own circumstances change. We all have skills and feel better when those skills are put to use helping others. Lansdown Hall and Gallery in Stroud (lansdownhall.org) and the Painswick Centre (painswickcentre.com) are always looking for volunteers for a whole range of exciting activities. Do look in your own villages for classes and activities but also consider Lansdown Hall and the Painswick Centre when planning starting new activities. All our community facilities need our support in these times of financial uncertainty.

A change is as good as a rest. Being a carer, especially of those with mental health issues is tiring and can sap both your spirit and energy. I would draw your attention to the charity Lifting the Blues which holds sessions of music and companionship in Stroud on a monthly basis – liftingtheblues.com

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

Finally from my colleagues in the fire service as part of the Fire Kills campaign, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging parents and carers to make any kitchen activities a chance for children to learn about cooking safety.

The Fire Kills campaign's top tips for staying safe in the kitchen are:

- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking. Take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk.
- If a pan catches fire, don't take any risks – Get Out, Stay Out, and Call 999.
- Double check the hob is off when you've finished cooking.
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing – this can easily catch fire.
- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- Take care with electrics - keep leads and appliances away from water and place grills and toasters away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep your equipment clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.
- Don't cook after drinking alcohol.
- Hot oil can catch fire easily - be careful that it doesn't overheat.
- Never throw water on a chip pan fire.
- In the event of a fire, have an escape plan in place.
- Don't take risks by tackling a fire. Get out, stay out and call 999.
- Make sure you have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home and test them monthly.

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Sports reports

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Painswick Golf Club

The Golf Club holds its AGM in early March, and at this meeting chooses a new Club Captain for the coming year. This year, Simon Overthrow was unanimously elected and warm congratulations were given.

The winter season is nearing its end, and golfers can start looking forward to warmer if not drier days ahead.

In the Seniors section, there have been several competitions over the last month. A social stableford competition at the end of February was won by Norman Pullin with 38 points, and the March Stableford was won by Brian Lee with 44 points.

Members of the public are welcome at Painswick Golf Club. Golfers are invited to try out our unique course, and non-golfers are welcome at the clubhouse for meals and refreshments. For more details, please call 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe



Falcon Bowls Club



The outdoor season is about to start. This is an ideal time for anyone interested in trying their hand at bowls to visit the Club which plays on the green behind the Falcon Inn. The Club has its own car park next to the green

Opening of the green

The season starts with the opening of the green at 2.30pm on Saturday 22nd April. New members would be welcome. Woods and coaching will be available. The only requirement is to wear flat footwear.

Fixtures

The Club will be fielding teams in the Gloucestershire County League and the South Cotswold League this season and has a full fixture list of friendly games played during the week and at weekends

Club bowling

From the start of the season Club afternoons will be held every Friday from 2pm. Potential new members can come along to give the game a try by having 4 free sessions including coaching. In addition a Club evening will start on Mondays in May from 6.30 pm

Subscriptions for new bowlers are limited to £30 for the first year. This allows full use of the green and eligibility to play in all club games

To join or to find out more about Falcon contact David Glass (01452 814186 or davidglass20@gmail.com)

Golf Club - Ladies Section

Ladies' Section Annual Presentation Evening.

On 7th March the new Golf Club Captain, Simon Overthrow presented the prizes to the 2016 Ladies and Mixed Competition winners. The Ladies' Club Championship Rose Bowl was presented to the present Lady Captain, Sarah Taylor. (Pictured right)

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Badminton Club's 40th Anniversary

Painswick Badminton Club celebrated its 40th anniversary in style on the 10th March

The dinner was interspersed with quizzes and ending with dancing, all themed to the mid 1970's, Chicken Maryland and the butter-scotch Angel Delight certainly brought back fond memories!

The club continues to thrive, and will always welcome new members. Not only is there badminton twice a week but an active social scene with monthly events. The junior section was restarted last year, with coaching on Monday nights.

If you are interested in coming along contact John Wylde on 814349 or Rachel Bolt on 812439 for the juniors

Roy Woodward



Beaufort Hunt at Hilles House. Photo courtesy of Peter Llewellyn

Heineken Race to the Tower

– Cotswold Way event

Heineken Race to the Tower is a public participation event that is taking place on 10th and 11th June.

Between 700 – 1000 participants are expected to take part in the 53 mile ultra marathon along the Cotswold Way, starting from Bird in Hand Farm in Whiteshill and finishing at Broadway Tower. Many people will be raising money for good causes including the event's official charity partner, mental health charity Mind.

Participants are expected to be passing through the Painswick area between 8:30am – 12pm on Saturday 10th June. They will be passing through the area in small groups and should cause minimal disruption.

The route through Painswick passes along New Street and Gloucester Road before re-joining the Cotswold Way through Painswick Golf Course.

For more information, please visit www.racetothetower.com or contact the event organiser at info@racetothetower.com



Scrub clearance

March has seen a record number of helpers at a work party. 18 turned up on the 11th. It's fantastic to see so many and the results of recent clearing work are evident for all to see. Work parties are starting to fall into a rhythm with certain people preferring different tasks; tending the bonfire, dragging branches cutting and dabbing or pulling saplings up with the roots. I still love using my chainsaw!

One helper has had a basic lesson in using a scythe. This is a skill that can be used later in the year for clearing weeds, cutting green hay for reseeding and cutting areas which can't be grazed. If anyone fancies a go please call me on 07971 633 242 and I can arrange some lessons.

Spring is well under way now, sap is rising in the trees so we have stopped using glyphosate because it is less effective. We will now concentrate on clearing some larger trees, pulling up saplings by hand or with a "popper" and knocking back bramble with a sickle or scythe.

There are some beautiful clumps of violets growing on the bank of the 15th fairway where the PGC have recently cleared undergrowth, clear evidence of what can happen when light is allowed to reach the ground. In contrast I know a bank which last year had plentiful violets, but none this year because they have been crowded out by ivy growing over the ground as a result of shading. This shows how quickly grass can be lost to scrub.

Finally, The Guardian reported a man has been successfully prosecuted for collecting and killing large butterflies on a local nature reserve. It is gratifying to see that wildlife protection laws do work and it is to be hoped this selfish person will be handed a harsh penalty.

Paul Baxter

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“Dr. Tim Brain, chairman of the Three Choirs Festival, (on the right in the picture) gave a first class presentation on 2nd March on the life and music of Handel, one of his favourite composers, with excellent visual images, well spiced with anecdote and humour, and recordings of music both familiar and less so: instrumental, e.g. concerti grosso, oratorios

and operas.

A memorable evening with a promise to return in 2017/18 to talk about the life and music of Ralph Vaughan-Williams.

Next to Frederic Chopin, the “poet of the piano”, with David Simpson telling us on 16th March about Chopin's life – mainly in Warsaw, Paris and Nohant, but also Vienna and London from 1810 to 1849 – his love of sopranos and opera and his love/hate relationship with Franz Liszt, and playing recordings from his 240 piano compositions: waltzes, polonaises, nocturnes, impromptu, concertos and etudes.

Note: The last meeting in April will be about German Opera, not Folk Music.



PROPERTY REPORT for March from Moulton Haus

Hello from Moulton Haus! We are very excited to be writing our first property report for Painswick Beacon readers! No doubt you've spotted us on the high street over the last few years and seen our boards up around the village. We've had the pleasure of meeting some amazing clients whilst selling and letting some beautiful homes.

Our year is off to a flying start! Following a little uncertainty last year post Brexit the market locally has picked up very well indeed, and we currently have the highest volume of property on the market since our opening with several new instructions waiting in the wings. So who's who at MH.

Hugo Moulton, Director: Started Moulton Haus just over 5 years ago and has worked in the property industry for over a decade. He grew up in Painswick and his passion for the local area is unrivaled and infectious. Selling property is what he does best.

Lucy Bekarian, Negotiator: Lucy moved to Edge 5 years ago and now lives in Pitchcombe with her twin daughters who attend The Croft Primary School. Joining MH two years ago Lucy has a background in property development and is Moulton Haus' answer to Kirsty Allsop. There's nothing she doesn't know about knocking walls down and getting the most from a property. Freddie Unwin, Negotiator: The newest member of the gang, Freddie is Painswick born and bred. His local knowledge is a real asset to the team. A graduate in Zoology, he has worked in many sectors before returning to sell what he knows best – the property in the area he loves.

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APRIL

Sun	2	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House Library Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 10.00am 10.30am and 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Mon	3	Knit & Natter Group Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623 Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Church Rooms	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	4	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Gentle Pilates for all - Tuesdays: contact Vicky at abcPilates@btinternet.com or 07934977171 Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Guided Health Walk (one hour) Tuesdays. Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays Bird Club: Raptors of Gloucestershire - illustrated talk by Andrew Bluett	Church Rooms Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Ashwell House Town Hall	9.30am 9.30 to 10.30am 10.00am 2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Wed	5	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 Cotteswold Naturalists AGM & Lecture: The Antarctic - David Fletcher: Enq. 813228 (note earlier start) Table Tennis - Wednesdays	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am Afternoons 2.00pm 7.00 to 9.00pm 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings 11.30am Afternoons
Thu	6	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Music Appreciation Group concert outing to Symphony Hall, Birmingham Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Stamages Car Park Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings 11.30am Afternoons 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Toddler Group - Fridays (Recreation Ground) Friday Club: Growing up in Norway during German Occupation - Tore Fauske	Town Hall Youth Pavilion Town Hall	9.30 to 11.30am 10.00 to 11.30am 2.30pm
Sat	8	3 Course Mexican Feast £20 a head: to book tel: 812180 Painswick Beacon Conservation Group working party: 813734 for location details Painswick Music Society Concert: Carducci Quartet, with Julian Bliss (Clarinet) & Friends	Painswick Golf Club Tel. Painswick Beacon St. Mary's Church	7.00pm 9.00am to 12noon 3.00pm

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Sun	9	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Holy Communion Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30pm
Mon	10	Morning Prayer - each morning until Saturday 15th Probus Women: Those Were the Days - The Fab 50s -Virginia & David Adsett	St. Mary's Church Church Rooms	9.00am 10.00 for 10.30am
Wed	12	Probus AGM Gardening Club: Easter Inspiration - Ione Woodger-Smith Music Appreciation Group: Transcriptions & Arrangements	Painswick Centre Church Rooms Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	14	No Toddler Group today Wick Flix: Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them: £6 at door to include 1 drink Painswick Singers Concert - J S Bach's St. Matthew's Passion with members of Capriol Chamber Orchestra. Tickets £10 in advance fro Patchwork Mouse, or £12 at door	Painswick Centre St. Mary's Church	7.00 for 7.45pm 7.00pm
Sat	15	Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt	St. Mary's Churchyard	12noon to 4.00pm
Sun	16	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Family Communion Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30pm
Wed	19	Friday Club Outing to Highclere Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	20	Cotteswold Naturalists Social - Wine-growing, Tasting & Supper. Enq. 01453 834486	Woodchester Valley Village	5.15pm
Fri	21	No Toddler Group today		
Sat	22	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group working party: 813734 for location details	Tel. Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon
Sun	23	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30pm
Mon	24	Copy Date for May Beacon		
Tue	25	AGM: Painswick Centre Trustees; final date for nominations - 3rd April Yew Trees W.I.: Spring Event Local History Society: Cirencester Museum - The Saxon Tomb: Neil Holbrook	Painswick Centre Church Rooms Croft School	7.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	26	Probus: Exploring our Churches; or Church Crawling around England - Philip Wilkinson Cotteswold Naturalists' Guided Walk at North Meadow NNR. Pre-book: 813228 Last Table Tennis session of the season	Painswick Centre Cricklade Painswick Centre	10.00am 10.00am 7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	27	Theatre Club trip to Malvern - Fracked: starring James Bolam & Anne Reid Music Appreciation Group: Folk Music & the Great Composers Conservation Society AGM	Stamages Car Park Town Hall Church Rooms	7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	28	Toddler Group - Fridays (Recreation Ground)	Youth Pavilion	10.00 to 11.30am
Sat	29	Music Society Concert: Fibonacci Sequence Piano Trio	St. Mary's Church	3.00pm

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.17/0405/HHOLD 2
WOODBINE COTTAGE, Slad Road, Slad
Extension to existing dwelling to form dining room and ensuite bathroom.
S.17/0502/LBC COOMBE HOUSE, The Green, Sheepscombe
Two roof lights to rear slope and alteration of door hood.
S.17/0385/FUL HAZELHANGER, Far End, Sheepscombe
Erection of two replacement dwellings with associated garages, parking and landscaping works.
S.17/0396/TCA PEAR TREE COTTAGE, Vicarage Street
T1: Fell H2: Trim to A-shape. T3: Remove and replant smaller tree/trees. T4: Remove and replant smaller tree/trees. T5: Remove. T6: Reduce crown. G7: Keep ivy severed and control elders. T8: Remove ring of ivy ground level to 1m height.
S.17/0439/TCA ELM COTTAGE, Far End, Sheepscombe
Ash T1 – Dismantle to ground level, advanced decay at the base.
S.17/0496/TCA COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane Fell two Lime pollards.
S.17/0568/LBC THE OLD STABLE, St Mary's Street.
Conservatory with wet room.
S.17/0584/HHOLD TRILLGATE, Slad.
Erection of a garage and playroom.
S.17/0586/VAR MEISTER MASONRY LTD, Catbrain Quarry
Variation of permission S.11/0369/OUT.
Replace wooden fencing with Cotswold stone walls and alter landscaping.

CONSENT

S.16/2814/LBC LOVEDAYS HOUSE, St Marys Street
Internal and external alterations.
S.16/2833/HHOLD THE OLD STABLE St Marys Street
Conservatory with wet room.
S.16/2832/HHOLD LONG MYND, The Highlands
Front and side extension to provide new entrance, utility, ground floor w/c and family room.
S.17/0152/HHOLD & S.15/0153/LBC HAZELBURY COTTAGE, Edge Road
Rebuild section of wall.
S.17/0239/TCA WEST HAYES, Far End, Sheepscombe
Silver Birch – fell and replace with fruit tree.

Congratulations

To VICTORIA WOOF and ALEX SALISBURY on the birth of their daughter Claudia Rose on February 23rd, in Truro. A third grand-daughter for Mike and Jackie Woof of Slad.

Get well wishes

To STELLA BAVISTER (formerly of Gyde House) who is currently in hospital, from all her many friends in Painswick.

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. We are always willing to announce births, deaths and marriages, as well as people moving to, or leaving, the village, but we can only report what we are told.

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It was a full flight with seat-belts securely fastened for our March screening of "Sully". Thank you to everyone for your continued support of this initiative. We have an exciting programme lined up for you over the next few months

Friday 14th April Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (Certificate 12A)

Our Easter Special with Eddie Redmayne starring in JK Rowling's latest foray in to the wizarding world. A Harry Potter film it is not. Set in 1926 New York, this is an altogether darker magical world that dwells on more grown up themes of bigotry and intolerance. Children 12 and above only with an adult.

Friday 5th May A United Kingdom (Certificate 12A)

A touching love story set against the era of apartheid, starring David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike. In 1947, Seretse Khama, the King of Botswana, met Ruth Williams, a London office worker. They were a perfect match, yet their proposed marriage was challenged not only by their families but also by the British and South African governments.

Friday 2nd June Lion (Certificate PG13) – see our website for details
 Friday 7th July LaLa Land (Certificate PG13) – see our website for details

Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £6.00 (one price for all) including one free drink. Payment on the door. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity.

As always up-to-date information on what's coming up can be found on the Wick-Flix page at www.painswickcentre.com

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Fairtrade Breakfast

Many thanks to the forty plus people who came to the Fairtrade Breakfast (see above) in early March. The event was well received with a number of residents asking when the next breakfast was to be held. The profits from the day will, in the main, be used to send Easter Cards to Prisoners of Conscience.

Frances Watson