

The Painswick Beacon

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Coral Atkins and Gyde House

We are grateful to Graham Gyde now living in Aylesbury for drawing our attention to the notice of the death of Coral Atkins. Coral died on 9th December aged 80 years. Graham writes that "As a successful actress, during a visit to open a fete at a children's home she was moved by the children she met and announced her intention to set up her own children's home". Coral's obituary published in the Daily Telegraph recalls that in 1988 she "took charge of Gyde House, a 35-bedroom Edwardian property in Painswick in Gloucestershire which accommodated children aged between nine and eighteen. Assisted by a small but dedicated team of staff and a series of romantic partners, Coral Atkins eventually saw 37 children into adulthood – though the strain on her own mental health was considerable. She had also, she later admitted, been under-equipped at first to deal with the more extreme behaviour of her charges, several of whom were survivors of sexual abuse".



Gyde House.

The house was a legacy from local benefactor Edwin Gyde and first became a children's home in 1921 when it was administered by the Gyde House Trust. In the thirties it was leased to National Children's Homes (NCH) who ran it for some fifty years, during which period it gained a reputation as one of the leading children's homes in the country. NCH relinquished its tenancy in 1985 and the Coral Atkins Children's Homes took up residence in 1988 as a centre for specialist care for children. In December 1997 the Gyde House Trustees issued a statement to the effect that the Trust and Coral Atkins Children's Homes had sadly concluded that Gyde House "was far too large and inappropriate to cope with the modest concept of child care, and by mutual consent the tenancy was terminated". The house was subsequently put on the market and has become the residential property we know today. It was to everyone's credit that the conversion of this beautiful building was able to maintain its historic appearance.

Painswickian of the Year

Paula Woodcock is a remarkable lady and so say many of you. It is for her many quiet acts of kindness and her tireless fundraising efforts for the benefit of others that she has been voted Painswickian of the Year 2016. (continued on page 7)
(Paula pictured below)



Film Night

Friday 6th January

Doors open from 7pm. Screening starts 7.45 at the Painswick Centre

Florence Foster Jenkins with Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

Entry £6.00 including one drink. Payment on the door.



The Beacon Village Quiz

Saturday 4th March in the Painswick Centre

Teams of four could come from clubs or societies, local street or just a group of friends?

If you wish to reserve a table, then a quick email to John Barrus at barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk will prompt an acknowledgement or drop a note in the Beacon post box. The cost per team including light refreshments is £20

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Planning Committee meeting on December 7th 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

As there were three members of the public present who wished to make a presentation to the Council concerning Planning Application S.16/2623/FUL Land at Edge Hill Bungalow, The Green, Edge - Erection of a covered yard for livestock Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis immediately opened the Meeting. Cllr Martin Slinger declared an interest in this item and left the Meeting. The spokesman for the group explained that an e-mail had been sent to the Council explaining that although they did not object to the Application they were concerned about the strong odour which emanated from the site. They were seeking agreement that an "odour management policy" be incorporated into any decision to agree the Application. The Chairman explained that the applicant was aware of the strong stench of ammonia from the cattle's urine and the strong odour from the raw milk that was fed to suckling cattle. The applicant had agreed to change the cattle feed, which would eliminate the ammonia smell and to no longer rear suckling cattle thus eliminating the odour of raw milk. Subject to the incorporation of an "odour management policy" the Council unanimously agreed to support the Application.

Cllr Martin Slinger then rejoined the Meeting. The Clerk, Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs James Cross, John Clifford, Mike Fletcher and Steve Morris. The Council accepted the apologies.

Matters arising not on this Agenda

Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis advised the Meeting that an application for the Fire Station had just been received. The Council agreed to defer discussions on this matter until their next Meeting.

Matters requiring a decision

There were nine matters requiring a decision:

- S.16/2623/FUL Land at Edge Hill Bungalow, The Green, Edge - see comments above.
- S16/1923/VAR Painswick Library, Stroud Road (revised plans) Variation of condition 6 on planning application S.12/1633/FUL to allow windows on north elevation to be operated for ventilation, but controlled with a restrictor stay to maintain privacy. Unanimous support.
- S.16/2528/HHOLD Carters Cottage, Hammonds Farm.

Proposed construction of two storey extension, new garage block and alterations to existing porch. Unanimous support.

- S.16/2551/HHOLD Groves Close, Stroud Road, Edge. Extensions, alterations, new entrance porch, pool and detached garage. Unanimous support
- S.16/2582/HHOLD Magpie House, Lower Washwell Lane. Side extension, first floor extension and new dormer windows. Unanimous support.
- S.16/2123/LBC The Old House, Slad. Repairs and replacement of roof to the outbuilding/store within the boundary of the listed property. Rebuild roadside supporting wall as recently damaged and now listing. Unanimous support.
- S.16/2529/COU Hammonds Farm, Wick Street. Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings into dwelling. Unanimous support.
- S.16/2461/FUL Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane. Erection of one dwelling to replace the former fire damaged farmhouse. Unanimous support.
- S16/2243/HHOLD Knapp Farm, The Vatch, Slad. (Revised plan) Proposed new garage. Unanimous support.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Martin Slinger opened the meeting and asked Cllr Abigail Smith, Chair of the Traffic Committee to make a statement following the recent death of Alan Hudson. She told the Meeting that during the past three years Alan Hudson had greatly supported the Parish Council's Traffic Committee. He turned his concerns over speeding traffic into action and helped set up and ultimately lead the Community Speed Watch initiative which extended beyond the quarterly Speed Watch weeks to frequent use of our mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). He also proactively encouraged many other traffic related activities and was a great sounding board when implementing other initiatives such as the permanent VAS. However, this was just one element of Alan's significant contribution to the community. He was a positive crusader and will be sorely missed but the Traffic Committee will continue with their endeavours with Alan Hudson firmly in their memories. The Parish Council observed a period of silence to remember Alan Hudson.

Apologies for absence

The Clerk Roy Balgobin confirmed that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs James Cross, John Clifford, Mike Fletcher and Steve Morris. 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 advised the Meeting that although Stroud District Council considered that the new Waste Management Recycling had been successfully introduced there would be a negative impact on the Councils Budget. The costs of the new system were greater than anticipated. Several Cllrs disagreed saying that rural areas of the Parish were being significantly disadvantaged by the new collection schedules.

To adopt the Parish Plan as re freshed in November 2016

It was agreed to defer this adoption to the next Meeting.

To adopt the Risk Management Policy

After reviewing the proposals "on line" the Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Policy. Full details of the Risk Management Policy are available on the Councils new web site.

To adopt the Training Policy for Staff and Councillors

After again reviewing the proposals "on line" the Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Policy. Full details of the Training Policy for Staff and Councillors are available on the Councils new web site.

To receive an update on the Emergency Plan

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger advised the Meeting that the Working Party had created a new version of the Emergency Plan and had met with Nikki Humphreys, the Emergency Planning Officer of Stroud District Council. Clerk Roy Balgobin then advised the Meeting that there was a need for Emergency Plans to be prepared for each Ward. He would be contacting each Ward representative to discuss the matter further.

Parish Council News cont.

To receive an update on the fire at the Cemetery Garage and consider replacement options

Clerk, Roy Balgobin, reported the details of the recent fire that destroyed the Cemetery Lodge Garage and the store area. Whilst confirmation had been received from the Councils Insurers that they would pay for a replacement single garage the Clerk asked the Council to consider replacing the single garage with a double garage at an additional cost of c£1,500, subject to planning. This would allow the Parish vehicle to be garaged overnight. After discussions the Council agreed, subject to planning permission being granted, to the additional expenditure.

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Responsible Financial Officers Report

- The Council agreed the payment of various invoices
- The Council agreed the Section 137 grants as recommended by the Finance Committee:

1. Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau	£500.00
2. County Air Ambulance	£50.00
3. Painswick Friday Club	£100.00
4. PSALMS (Rental Costs)	£200.00
5. Painswick Toddler Group	£100.00

TOTAL £950.00

- The Council agreed to set the budget for the Financial Year 2017/18 - see full details on Councils new web site.
- The Council agreed to set the Precept for the Financial Year 2017/18 at £95,000.00, an increase of 5% over the previous year. Full details on the Councils new web site.

- The Council agreed to increase the Deputy Clerk's working hours by one hour per week to cover the extra time needed to maintain the new web site and the increase in legislation.

Ward Reports

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger queried who was responsible for clearing debris from roads and verges following accidents. "Bumpers" and windscreens had recently been left at the scenes of accidents. The Clerk will investigate.

Cllr Roey Parker suggested extending the current arrangements for the Council to visit the Croft School in Painswick to the local school in Sheepscombe. The Clerk will discuss and agree the timing.

Cllr Abigail Smith mentioned that consideration was being given to "putting up" life-size Santa's with "20 is plenty" signs as part of the Councils ongoing Community Speed Watch endeavours. They will be placed within the 20mph zone for a couple of weeks over the festive period. The County Council and the Road Safety Hub are supportive of this initiative.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Planning request

has been submitted for the old fire station to be turned into two dwellings



Planning appeal

It has just been reported that the planning appeal on the land East of the A46 (S.15/1297) has been lost. The planning inspectors have turned down the appeal.

Barbara Tait

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Autumn migration

The migration recording period from the end of September through to the end of November was very busy indeed, with Summer visitors departing and Winter visitors arriving or passing through. Many thousands of swallows and house martins plus a few late swifts were seen as well as typical migrants like crossbill, hobby, meadow pipit and tree pipit spotted flycatcher and wheatear. Ring ouzels are one of the last visitors to depart, usually in October, and ten birds were seen in total. Fieldfares, common gulls, redwings and starlings were some of the first winter visitors to put in an appearance and were recorded flying over at times in large flocks. A Mediterranean gull turned up in one common gull flock. The theme continued with noteworthy numbers of skylarks, golden plovers, yellowhammers and various finches including, brambling, chaffinch, goldfinch, greenfinch, hawfinch, linnet and Siskin. Wood pigeon passage is a sight to behold and at least 200,000 in total passed through with smaller numbers of stock doves. The highest count was 91,000 on November 2nd. The resident buzzards are a common sight all around Painswick, but many migrant buzzards appear at this time of year together with other raptors such as sparrowhawk, hen harrier, goshawk, peregrine and red kite. The two species which appeared that I had not seen on the Beacon before were a kingfisher and two ring-necked parakeets, but it just goes to show what can turn up. Over 350,000 birds of 81 different species were recorded this Autumn, highlighting the area as an important route for migrating birds

John Fleming



Friday Club

At the end of another successful year forty members of the Friday Club enjoyed their Christmas Lunch at the Painswick Golf Club, excellent food and service provided by Hortons.

The Friday Club meets on alternative Fridays during the year. Meetings are held in the Town Hall and commence at 2.30pm. We have arranged a varied and interesting programme for 2017. In addition to various talks there will be four Outings including a visit to the Memorial Arboretum in Staffs and Highclere where Downton Abbey was filmed.

There is an annual membership of £7.50 plus a fee of £2.00 for each Meeting which includes tea and biscuits.

Our forthcoming speakers are Joyce Barrus on the 13th January talking about "Women Botanical Artists" and on the 27th January Margaret Daniels on "The Bard of Barnwood".

Why not make one of your New Year's resolutions to join the Friday Club? You will receive a very warm welcome and we can help with transport if needed.

We are looking forward to greeting both old and new members to our 2017 programme.

Mike Kerton



Police Report

Crime reported in Painswick from the Police web site

September

Hollyhock lane

Criminal damage. Investigation completed. No result.

Victoria Street. Theft by employee.

Cotswold Mead. Burglary. Investigation completed. No result.

Golf course road. 2 cases Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

October

Near Victoria Street. Criminal damage and arson. Also a case of damage to a building and vehicle.

St Mary's Mead. Violence and sexual offence.

Stamages Lane. ASB.

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Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

The cows have finally been removed after three months of grazing. The colder weather has slowed grass growth to the point where supplementary feed was needed to prevent them losing condition. This is not desirable for conservation as foreign seeds could be introduced. Also wetter weather softens the ground and poaching becomes a problem.

Unfortunately one of the cows escaped, under mysterious circumstances, and was on the loose for a week before being caught unharmed. We hope this will not deter Danny from loaning some more cows next year

Work parties are now a dozen + people a session. We have secured funding from the Butterfly Conservation Group (via the waste company Biffa) and this should secure our finances for the next 18 months. However this does mean that our work plan will be driven by butterfly needs.

Now for a moan or two!

1 We recently put up a number of discrete notices explaining the PBCG work. Unfortunately a number have been repeatedly removed by a person(s) unknown. I'm sure if the offender(s) were to contact us we could explain why our work is so important.

2 Dog Poo. Why do some dog owners think it acceptable to bag it and then throw it into the bushes where it hangs for all to see, or leave it on the ground? Perhaps they don't think at all.

3 Litter. There is a core of generous souls who regularly pick up others mess. Thank you, keep up the good work! I would urge all of us, who love the Beacon, to remove any litter we come across. It is a particular problem around the quarry car parks. Fly tipping should be reported to SDC at Ebley Mill and is generally removed in a few days.

Paul Baxter

Scrub clearance days

- on Juniper Hill and Bulls Cross

Juniper Hill Sunday 15th January

Bulls Cross Sunday 29th January

Why not come and work off the last of those mince pies with a few hours clearing scrub from the commons whilst enjoying fresh air and a big bonfire? We will be easy to find, just look for the smoke! Feel free to come along for the whole day or even just an hour or two.

Please wear warm comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and sturdy footwear. If you are planning to stay all day then you will need to bring lunch - hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. It is also advisable to bring waterproofs in case of light rain. If it rains heavily we may have to stop work early or cancel the task so if the weather is bad on the day it is advisable to ring the mobile number below to check the task is still on. All tools and work gloves will be supplied.

No need to book, just turn up on the day. For more information contact Kate Gamez at kate.gamez@naturalengland.org.uk / 07747 485136.

Kate Gamez
Reserve Manager Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve



PMAG

On 24th November, Michael Clark presented us with a survey of Sacred Music, from Hildegard in the 11th Century through Renaissance,

Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods to Saint-Saens in the 20th Century. He illustrated each period with many fascinating recordings, among them Byrd: Kyrie; Handel: Hallelujah; Mozart: Agnus Dei; Brahms: Requiem; Also "Party Pieces" like Schubert's and Mascagni's Ave Maria" and "Christmas Music" such as Corelli's Christmas Concerto.

Ralph Kenber



The Berkeleys of Berkeley Castle

The Berkeley family have been at Berkeley Castle since the 12th century and the castle is the oldest in the country to be continuously owned and occupied by the same family. It has a fascinating history including the murder of Edward II. David Smith, formerly chief archivist at Gloucester Record Office, is now archivist at Berkeley Castle and will give a presentation on the family and the castle at the January meeting of the Local History Society.

Tuesday, 17th January, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

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Painswick Probus – Cheltenham Festivals.

Louise Emerson, CEO of Cheltenham Festivals, described her charity which organises the four festivals of Music, Literature, Jazz and Science whose origins date from 1945.

Funding the festivals to ensure they attract the best names in their fields is clearly a major challenge: the Arts Council provides some, but most comes from around 200,000 ticket sales annually, and from corporate sponsors such as the Times and Sunday Times, and EDF Energy.

Many in the audience were surprised by the amount of work the organisation does in all four fields, by reaching out to schools and the wider community, in addition to the typically 32 days of public events.

During her talk Louise outlined some of the recent events and those planned with the names of those appearing which made the audience realise how fortunate we are to have such high quality festivals on our doorstep.

A more detailed report by John Wyldie is on the Painswick Probus Club website. Painswick Probus meets fortnightly and forthcoming events can be found in the Beacon diary.

The final talk for 2016 was presented by Richard Aylward who discussed some of the idiosyncrasies of our wonderful language and how, particularly when abroad or even in other parts of the UK, English can be misunderstood. A carefully worded vote of thanks, avoiding the pitfalls we had learned about, was delivered by Brian Rowlands.

Members rounded off the year with the traditional and excellent Christmas dinner at “The Hill” Stroud, where Paul Sparks coordinated the event with his usual panache. President Ian Breckels summarised the year’s activities in an entertaining address, and Dianna Breckels responded on behalf of the ladies and other guests who were present.

The Club met on Wed 4th Jan 2017 to learn about the Queen’s Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard.

Henry Hall

Painswickian of the Year

Paula Woodcock is known for her many years of fund-raising on behalf of Longfield, the charity for hospice care in the Cotswolds. She came to live in Painswick in 1997 having been recently widowed. Almost immediately she found herself involved in the charity Cotswold Care which became Longfield. From the outset she was active in fund-raising and has chaired the fund-raising committee for a number of years. This has involved organising many and various events such as fashion and antique road shows and talks – she even arranged for a Yeoman of the Guard to give a talk with supper to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday.

Since the year 2000 her committee has raised over £51000, rather impressive for a small group which she insists is more worthy of the accolade than she is. ‘It is such a supportive committee,’ she says ‘and we have fun doing it.’ However, the committee members are adamant that it is Paula’s enthusiasm and energy which is behind their success. They say that she has the ability to enthuse others, that she is efficient and often persuasive and unremittingly always tireless in her efforts. She is undoubtedly a sincere believer in the work of the charity which provides hospice care for people in their own homes.

This quiet, unassuming lady has in fact spent much of her life – and she will be 91 in January – serving and working for the good of others. Having lived in many places during her childhood the family eventually settled in Churchdown. She joined the Wrens during the war and was sent to work for Bletchley Park at the Ruislip depot which she describes as quite an experience! At the end of the war she helped dismantle the decoding machines and was then sent to Port Said and then on to Ceylon. Subsequently, she studied at a secretarial college, taking a comprehensive course including journalism and then worked for a psychoanalyst in Harley Street.

She married John who was in the Air force which meant they lived in a range of places including Rhodesia. She observes that her six children were born in a variety of locations, from Scotland to Cornwall. On settling again in Churchdown Paula ran a weekly nursery for 50 children a day in her own home in the 1960s and 1970s. At the same time she also wrote short stories and newspaper articles which were published.

For most people this would be more than enough, but for Paula charity work has always been an important feature of her life. During her 35 years in Churchdown she successfully managed the trading company for Cards for Good Causes and, with her husband, was heavily involved in the Home Farm Trust. She has also worked with the British Legion.

In Painswick, until recently, she was the editor of the parish magazine and she is also actively involved in the Flower Guild as its secretary. What is less known however, is the fact that Paula has always proved to be the kindest and most caring of friends when others are unwell or in need, visiting and helping on a regular basis. She is ‘gentle, quiet and caring’ and certainly dedicated and loyal in a quiet but consistent way. She cares about people, both those she knows individually and also those in need unknown to her. This extraordinary, modest and impressive lady is indeed worthy of the honour, Painswickian of the Year.

Carol Maxwell

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October 1986

Village Lottery

Painswick is preparing to launch its own village lottery. The idea has been given the blessing of the Parish Council. It is now up to village organizations or individuals to volunteer to help set up the scheme.

November 1986

All eyes on the trees

A proposal to carry out a major felling programme in the Plantation is currently under consideration. Local expert John Workman has inspected the trees and with the help of Nature Conservancy Council has marked those he thinks should be felled.

December 1986

Sheltered housing setback.

The developers of Hyatt Orchard site have decided not to proceed but to sell the site and the Department of the Environment Inspector has rejected the appeal for planning permission at the Croft.

October 1996

Construction at Broadham Fields under away

The building works for the development of a Clubhouse and Indoor sports Hall are now well under away with the foundations completed.

November 1996

The County Council Traffic Manager has given an update on the A46 situation. A recent survey has shown a small reduction in volume over the previous year. Since January 1993 there have been two injury accidents recorded, neither caused by speed or lorries.

December 1996

Winter comes early

A sudden snowfall and freezing conditions on November 19th caused treacherous conditions under foot and on many roads.

New building for the Croft School.

The sale of land added to the government and LEA monies provided a total in excess of £200,000. This means that we can look forward to the removal of all the temporary buildings and to the construction of new classrooms and a School Hall.

October 2006

Closure of the Bank

Lloyds TSB has announced the closure of its Painswick branch with immediate effect. This has come as a complete surprise as assurances had been given by senior regional management in Cirencester that there were no plans to close this branch.

November 2006

Library update

The County Library Service undertook a new risk assessment and decided that they could reduce to single manning when open. This would mean that the duty librarian would not have time to discuss specific customer needs or enquiries. Maybe volunteers would come forward to satisfy the routine needs of the library.

December 2006

Resurfacing of Upton Hill

Gloucestershire Highways will be closing the Painswick Gloucester road at Upton Hill for essential repairs. The work is expected to start on December 4th with the road closed for five days.

The Painswick Valleys Conservation Society in 2016

The Society aims to conserve the special character of Painswick, its surrounding villages and the landscape. The Society has made a significant contribution to the new Stroud Local Plan to highlight the need to protect our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. To this end, in 2016 we objected to housing developments in The Park and in Stamages Lane, Painswick as they fall outside the Local Plan development boundary.

We have played a key role in seeking to protect the local commons from enclosure and in reducing the scale of residential and agricultural developments, which impact upon the landscape.

We also enable improvements in our area. We have funded the restoration of the lettering at Painswick parish church's lychgate, and commissioned other similar environmental projects. We are now looking for future projects. Any suggestions would be most welcome.

The Society visited Rousham, Oxfordshire this year, a fine 18th C house and garden by William Kent. We hope to arrange a visit in 2017 to another historic property not usually open to the public.

Carolyn Luke

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News from St Mary's

We are still celebrating the season of Christmas which lasts for 12 days. The liturgical colour has changed from purple to white indicating a season of rejoicing. The Christmas season is followed by Epiphany which starts on 6th January and lasts for four weeks. Epiphany is associated with the visit of the Magi to see the infant Jesus. During Epiphany

we celebrate the revealing of the divine nature. Epiphany concludes with Candlemass when we commemorate the presentation of Christ in the temple. The official date of Candlemass is 2nd February but we will be celebrating Candlemass at St Mary's on the nearest Sunday which is 29th January. Appropriately this is a fifth Sunday so there will be a benefice service commencing at 10am. This will be the only service in the benefice on that day.

During January we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is from 18th to 25th January. This is a week of prayer supported by all the major Christian denominations. This week of prayer has fostered a growing cooperation and respect for each other among the denominations. In a world which is dominated by religious sectarian violence this cooperation and working together is more vital than ever as are prayers for peace.

Churches Together around Painswick (CTAP) have organised a number of events on behalf of the Christian denominations in Painswick. At the beginning of the week CTAP are hosting the Community Lunch at Ashwell from 12 noon to 1.15pm to which all are invited. On Wednesday 19th January there will be a united meeting and tea in the Church Rooms at 2.30pm. This again will be an open meeting which will be addressed by Revd. Dr Alison Evans who is the County Ecumenical Officer. The usual Agape meal at the Bistro to close the week will be on Monday 23rd January at 7pm. Obviously numbers for this are limited because of the space available. Tickets are obtainable from Terry Parker, Chairman of CTAP priced at £12-50.

A happy and peaceful New Year to everyone

David Newell



Week of Christian Unity January 16th - 23rd 2017

Each January, CTAP arranges events to encourage people from all sections of the Christian faith (or none) to come together to share fellowship. EVERYONE is welcomed to each and all events.

Monday 16th January CTAP hosts the Community Lunch.
12 - 1.15pm. Ashwell Centre

Thursday 19th January Afternoon Tea with the speaker,
Rev. Dr. Alison Evans, Secretary to Gloucestershire Churches
Together - & URC minister. 2.30pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms

Monday 23rd January Agape at The Bistro - 7pm
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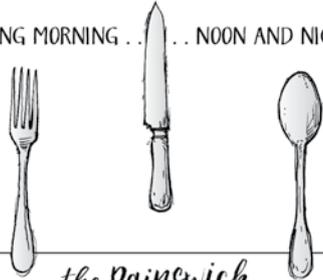
 

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New Diary

- 9th January - Skittles
- 16th January - Pizza Making!
- 23rd January - Tubing Trip
- 30th January - 40 Chocolate Drop
- 6th February - In the Dark.
- 13th February - HALF TERM
- 20th February - Painswick Safari
- 27th February - Pancakes!
- 6th March - Games, Games, Games
- 13th March - Scavenger Hunt
- 20th March - Karaoke & Disco
- 27th March - Free the Leader!
- 7th April - Sleepover
- 10th April - EASTER
- 17th April - EASTER
- 24th April - PLA Celebration

For more information please contact: Harry Bennett: 07460830494

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Yew Trees Women's Institute Gifford's Circus

W.C.Field's show business adage "Never work with children or animals" has been followed by many entertainers, for children and animals can behave unpredictably on stage. However, Nancy Trotter and Tessa Carnegie showed us on November 22nd how Gifford's Circus had ignored this advice.

Gifford's Circus is a magical, musical, village green circus that tours Gloucestershire and the South West in the summer months. Every year there is a different programme with varied acts and new costumes. Gifford's employees own and train domestic animals. Horses in particular feature in the shows such as the Shire Horses and Eriskay pack ponies and also terrier dogs and even a rooster had a starring role in 2016.

Twedy the clown had inspired Nancy with physical comedy and encouraged her to study with Jacques Lecoq in Paris. Her enthusiasm for the circus life was infectious. Nell and Toti Gifford, the owners, organise and produce these quirky performances and I am sure that future generations of children will revel in watching and taking part in Gifford's Circus.

This talk was followed by the Annual General Meeting. Jane Burt, the treasurer, reported that a healthy sum was carried forward at this year's end. Naomi Dunn gave the annual report on a very successful programme and activities for 2016. After her presidential address thanking everyone for their support, Vicky Aspinall was re-elected as President for 2017. The current committee members were also re-elected.

New members and interested visitors will be welcome at the next meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms when Tore Fauske will talk on "Growing up in Norway under German occupation".

Janet Jenkins



Snowdrops at Colesbourne Park – Guided Walk

The Cotteswold Naturalists' first outing of 2017 will be a gentle guided walk around Colesbourne Park on Thursday 16th February. Set in the beautiful Churn valley in the heart of the Cotswolds, Colesbourne Park has been the home of the Elwes family since 1789. The historic snowdrop collection, started by Henry John Elwes with the discovery of Galanthus elwesii in Turkey in 1874, has been greatly developed by Sir Henry and Lady Elwes in the past 25 years. We will enjoy a guided walk led by Sir Henry and Lady Elwes and their new gardener Arthur Coles through the ten acre garden with its woodland and lakeside paths, alongside drifts of cyclamen and hellebores, as well as the famous snowdrops.

The surrounding park, arboretum and nearby church will also be open for those who wish to explore these independently. Plants will be available for sale. This outing will be by car and I hope to accommodate all those without access to transport by offers of lifts from other members. The cost is £16. Our trip will conclude with an optional lunch at the Colesbourne Inn. Non-members also welcome. For further details tel. 01452 813228.

Ray Wilson will be giving our next talk on Wednesday 1st February at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre. He will be describing the changing fortunes of the Sharpness Docks – Past, Present and Future. (Our original speaker, David Fletcher will still be in the Antarctic, so his talk has been postponed until April 5th.)

Jane E Rowe



Painswick Rococo Garden is famed for having one of the largest collections of naturalised snowdrops in the country.

Each year, around five million snowdrops bloom in the Garden, heralding the approach of a new spring.

Thousands of visitors visit the Garden during late January and February, attracted by the glorious carpet of white flowers which runs through the woodland areas. With the backdrop of the Cotswold countryside and the Garden's beautiful buildings, it's a popular spot for a stroll and some warming homemade food and drink at the Cafe.

The Rococo Garden is famous particularly for being home to Galanthus 'Atkinsii', first discovered in Painswick by estate worker James Atkins in the 1800s. It's a distinctively tall and handsome snowdrop, and is found in abundance throughout the Garden.

The Garden is open 10.30am-5pm daily from 10th January. Check the Garden's website www.rococogarden.org.uk for details of when the snowdrops are out. This will depend on the weather - and particularly the temperature - in January

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The new Exercise equipment.

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The project is part of Play Painswick, a group of volunteers who are raising funds to improve the facilities on the Recreation Ground. The funding for the exercise equipment was given as a grant via the Gloucestershire County Council "Active Together Grant." The equipment is for use by those 14+. There are various pieces of equipment which are for low impact exercise. They are arranged in a line to encourage a circuit type training pattern.

The Zip wire is now in working order and the Play Painswick Group have also organised funds for the zip wire, bucket swing and a table tennis table, thanks to the Community Lunches and the Painswick Playgroup for donations. If anyone wishes to volunteer to be part of Play Painswick please can they contact me as we are moving to phase two which is the fund raising for a toddlers area and equipment



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The Royal Oak

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Although there are 2 fully Licensed Hotels, the only ordinary "Pub" left here is the "Royal Oak".

More than 2 centuries ago in 1781 there were 17 Licensed Premises recorded, but these were for the whole Parish.

In a Vestry Meeting of 1786 there were complaints about 13 "Pubs" in the small town and they thought that only 5 should be licensed for the next year, but there is no evidence that this happened. In 1838, Report on the Handloom Weavers, it was recorded for the whole parish that there were 8 Fully Licensed Public Houses and 26 Beer Houses. This was the largest number ever found recorded as since that time the numbers have gone down.

The earliest date found recorded for the Royal Oak was in 1856 in the Gloucester Journal of Feb. 16th when "Jesse Bishop - Hallier Innkeeper of the Royal Oak in Painswick" was in Stroud Court charged with having stolen wood which was the property of George Neale, Grocer of Stroud.

It is probably that the "Royal Oak" existed much earlier, as in March that same year it was advertised for sale along with Dorey's Mill and much more property which was owned by Nathaniel Samuel Marlin, so as it was part of a large estate for which the owner was paying the rates, that may explain why it was not mentioned earlier. In that same year 1856, Jesse Bishop, the innkeeper, was in trouble again, being charged by Gloucester City Police for cruelty to his horse on the 3rd May in Northgate Street, working it with a raw shoulder, and he was fined 30s and costs. Evidently he was not much longer at the Royal Oak as in 1858 Chas. White was recorded as landlord and at that time the Royal Oak had "Outbuildings, Club Room and Malthouse", and Chas. White was still recorded there in 1863.

In 1870 Ebenezer Mitchell was Innkeeper, then in 1879 Richard Jones was there and was still there as a tenant in 1914. The owner in 1885 was T.T. Gardner, but in 1891 Holmes, Harper & Co. were recorded as owners and Richard Jones was paying them £14 a year, rent. That same year the Red Lion, which was by the junction of Vicarage Street and St Mary's Street closed down, and some of its property was taken over by the Royal Oak, but what it was, is not made clear, but in any case the Royal Oak must have benefited by the closure of another inn only a few yards away from it.

In 1903 Nailsworth Brewery owned the Royal Oak when it was recorded as a "beerhouse". In 1923 H. Howell was tenant, then by 1927 Walter Smith was tenant and was still there in 1939 when the Cheltenham Original Brewery was the owner. In 1959 Mr Alfred Hale became Landlord, and in 1962 the Royal Oak was recorded First in a competition for the "Best Kept Inn" of the 800 or so which were the property of West Country Breweries.

In 1984 Alfred Hale left the Royal Oak and David Morris became the Landlord.

Colleen Haine



David Morris retired in November 2001 to be followed by a series of Landlords regrettably not lasting too long. Now Charlie and Lucy John have taken the pub over we wish them well.

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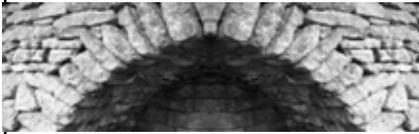
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Looking back at 2016

March 2016

Painswick Fire Station to close

Gloucestershire County Council announced on the 3rd February the Closure of Painswick Fire Station. This followed despite a petition signed by 1,354 people presented to Shire Hall in late January.

On the 29th March members of Painswick's retained fire fighting team, past and present, met at the station in Pullens Road to mark the sad end of the service in Painswick

April

Superfast Broadband

Superfast Broadband is on its way. There's evidence of that in the bright new green telecom cabinets that have started appearing around Painswick. However towards the end of August there was confusion when contractors came to install a box in St Mary's Street despite a commitment from BT for a new location. After the problem was referred to the Parish Council the new location was agreed.

June

The Queen's 90th Birthday

The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations over the weekend of 11th/12th June were the occasion for a celebratory tea party in St Mary's Churchyard on the Sunday afternoon. Also Butt Green and Gloucester Street held their own street party despite rain in the morning and late afternoon for the most part it was dry and both events were enjoyed by all.



July

The ACP Festival.

Another successful Festival was held on the Weekend 16th/17th July. The Festival encompasses creativity while blurring the lines between art and fashion in the form of innovative wearable art and vibrant body painting. Exquisite creativity, fabulous entertainment, smiling faces and all in glorious sunshine, the Festival was certainly a day to remember.

September

Tour of Britain

Large crowds turned out to see the Tour of Britain Cycle race as it passed through Pitchcombe and Edge on the A4173 on the 8th September. The race was accompanied by an impressive cavalcade of motorcyclists, flashing lights, police escorts, support cars and spare bikes.



Jottings

Lightning strike at Jenkins Farm

Eight thirty in the morning of 28th June, 1963, a large lightning bolt hit the chimney of Jenkins Farm, Edge. The lightning went down the television wire, stripping off the roof as it went. Because there is a 12 ft thick wall under the chimney, the house just sat there and took it, blowing smoke out of the windows. Window glass was later found as far away as 100 yds.

In the storeroom next door were turkey eggs in incubators. The insurance company sent out a person to see the damage because they could not believe the claim forms. The insurance spokesman said the eggs looked as if they had been hard-boiled. The old fuse boxes were embedded in the oak beams, electric wires as well. In places, especially round corners, the metal wire had come out of its insulation. Wires that were under the floor had forced the boards up and plaster was blown off the walls. Small fires everywhere.

Lightning then struck the outbuildings. In the 100ft long cattle shed it knocked my father and the cattle out. Whilst he was on the floor the fuse boxes whistled past him and hit the wall the far end. Fortunately he and the cows survived. Later, seven calves were born without hair, to mothers who had been struck.

The storm moved towards Edge and a lightning strike demolished a transformer in the field below the building that is now the Edgemoor Inn.

My mother had just left on the school run, so could see what had happened and sent my sister to raise the alarm. The Painswick Fire Engine was first on site followed by two engines from Stroud, Police and a doctor. The doctor did not seem to know anything of the possible damage lightning could do to the human body. After up to twenty fires had been put out, the building was declared safe. The Painswick Brigade remained to cover the roof with large sheets. They fed and let out the cattle after the vet had given them the once over. Then they washed out the cowshed with the powerful water jets from their engine before leaving.

It took the Midlands Electricity Board 24 hrs solid work to rewire enough to make the farmhouse safe and enable us to milk the cows which needs 3-phase electricity. The telephone line had been destroyed as far as the Painswick Telephone Exchange. Overall it was nearly 12 months before all was back normal

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Gardening Club

New Year; New Plans...

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

I'm writing this a couple of days before Christmas but I'm already thinking about NY Resolutions - I don't normally make any but this year I'm determined - to visit more NGS gardens, to be ruthless with those plants that aren't really earning their keep, to plant with bees in mind; the list could go on and on!

Unfortunately I wasn't able to join the raucous festive merriment (aka the quiz) but many have assured me that I missed a cracker of an evening! A huge "thank you" to everyone who contributed and participated; a lovely way to share and celebrate with family, friends and neighbours. The coveted trophies moved to new homes for the next 12 months to be admired....and polished!

Don't forget that the talk on 11th January (Church Rooms) starts at 7.30pm. Roger Umpelby will be sharing his passion for plants and nature with his talk "Close Up View of Cotswold Countryside".

I'm off to snuggle up by the fire with tea, a mince pie and a much loved gardening book; heaven!

As predicted in last month's article, our festive drop-in was fun and proved to be very popular. We're thinking of arranging one for Easter so watch this space for details.

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

Community Lunches

We are very pleased to report that the 10 Lunches held this Autumn have raised over £740 so far for local worthy causes this session. Many thanks to all in the community who have contributed so far – by providing soup and service – and by coming as customers – as this mid-way total has matched last year's which was the highest ever.

The Lunches start again on MONDAY 9th January – 12noon until 1.15pm at Ashwell Centre, off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way. Please put the date in your new diary – and come and enjoy homemade vegetable soups, fresh bread and cheese – costing £3.00 – with 50p for tea or coffee if you want it.

Rita Bishop and David Linsell.

Community Lunch dates

Jan 9th ...hosts Painswick Centre Trustees

Jan 16th hosts: Churches Together Around Painswick

Jan 23rd ..Yew Trees W.I.

Jan 30th Painswick Golf Club

Monday February 6th - when the hosts are Falcon Bowling

Rita Bishop – coordinator for Community Lunches



The Croft News

The netball team have continued their winning streak with a win over Beech Green last week. The football team have also done very well with an amazing, hard-fought win over Coney Hill. I am reliably informed that this was the first game Coney Hill have lost so far this year! Well done to all involved in both teams and a huge thank-you to Mrs Bent who gives up a lot of her time to organise these fixtures.

Thank-you to everyone who was involved in the activities for Children in Need. As a school we raised a massive £493! Particular thanks must go to the staff and children in reception and the year six children who organised the raffle.

I had the pleasure of showing many prospective new reception parents around this week, some of whom were familiar faces. It was lovely to hear the very positive comments about the school and our children that these parents made.

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Sports reports

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Badminton

The Painswick Badminton Club held their annual mixed doubles tournament on 27th October and after a series of round robin matches Dagmar Godden and John Wylde narrowly defeated Julia Richardson and Mahboob (Boo) Hussein in the final. The trophy was awarded at the club's recent Christmas Fun & Games evening.

The Club meets on Monday and Thursday evenings and if you fancy playing social badminton ring John Wylde on 814349 or Nicola Robinson on 699693.

John Wylde



Painswick Golf Club



Painswick Golf course was mentioned in the December issue of the National Club Golfer magazine. The 12th hole was identified as one of the "100 Great British holes of 2017". The editor also wrote "Stumbling across unexpected treasures has to be the thing I most love about golf. Over the past 12 months I've discovered a couple of new favourites.... One was Painswick, not far from Gloucester. After a horrific opening hole that involves dragging yourself up something close to a cliff face, you find yourself amid an extraordinary lunar landscape. Several holes are inside the remains of an old grass fort that dates back a thousand years. To say that it has character is an understatement. Painswick is not, I suspect, for everyone. But if you enjoy playing unique holes then I can assure you that you won't be disappointed."

If you have not yet tried Painswick or would like to refresh your memories, the club welcomes visitors to both the course and clubhouse. For more details, please call 01452 812180.

Congratulations to Sarah Taylor, (pictured on the left) who has been elected Ladies Captain for the coming year.

In the Seniors' section, the December medal was won by Don Merrylees with a stableford score of 34 points. A social bowmaker, held at the end of November and played in teams of three, was won by Jim Eva, Mike Little and Peter Rowe with 102 points. And the Christmas competition was won by Nigel Cooper with 42 points. Congratulations to all the winners.

Peter Rowe

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Stephen Friar of Gyde House writes
We cannot allow the sad demise of the Painswick Players to pass without expressing our gratitude to Andrew Leach for his outstanding service both to the Players and, through them, to the Painswick community.

Since 1980 he has held the office of Treasurer for no fewer than twenty-eight years, often combining the role with that of Chairman. On and off the stage, Andrew has played his part in bringing a great deal of joy to many people's lives: surely there can be no greater accolade than this?

El Contador

A message from Spain.

Without warning, Speed Bumps appeared almost overnight, seemingly a Christmas gift from the Town Council and are very sneakily sited. No more than an inch or so high and 6" wide, seemingly very benign until you hit them at more than 15 mph, loosening your fillings and jarring your spine.

The first is sited about 400 yards from the village and then 100 yards later there are two, only a wheel's diameter apart - which will reduce you to a snail's pace. A sigh of relief, but suddenly surprise surprise, you are on top of the fourth only 25 yards further on at the entrance to the village square.

Well, that's slowed everyone down here and given the local speedsters and occasional visitors a jolt (pun intended). Especially in the snow when the bumps are invisible.

Christopher & Geraldine Piper-Short.

Bistro at St Michaels



St Michael's restaurant, next to the Town Hall looked very festive over Christmas. By the tree were hampers of chocolate and tea based regional products such as tea from Cornwall. Bread making ingredients and local and regional ciders and beer, were for sale, too.

A warm fire and atmosphere greets you as you enter the restaurant. Owners Magda and Matt Reekie-Black have reopened the Bistro section, having completed a total renovation of the building.

They have started with a Bistro serving breakfast, brunches, lunches and teas from 8:00 am in the morning until 3:30 / 4:00 pm. In the early to mid- summer

they plan to offer evening dinners on Fridays and Saturdays. This to be on the basis of a five-course set meal and wine; with modifications to cater for special dietary requirements. On the basis of bookings only, this will enable chef Matt to produce home cooked, cordon-bleu courses using locally produced ingredients of top quality.

The building has 5 letting rooms, each en suite with individually themed décor. These will be bookable on line early in the New Year. Having opened and given us a taste of what they can offer, Magda and Matt are now taking a break in Czechoslovakia, returning to reopen on 8th January, 2017.

Joyce Barrus



Library News

Hamper draw - the Lucky Winners!

The winners of the two Christmas draws held on 10th December were:

for the Hamper - Ron Wallace
for the Stocking - Imogen Taylor
We all hope they both enjoyed the contents !

Library opening hours

These will be as normal from the 4th January, i.e.

Mondays 2.30 - 5.30, Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00 - 1.00 and 2.30 - 5.30, and Saturdays 10.00 - 1.00

On Wednesday and Friday mornings until 11.30 we overlap with the Post Office opening, so come and visit us both!

Volunteers

Thanks to those who responded to our plea last month - 3 new volunteers are starting in January, so we are now up to a full compliment.

5 years a Community Library!

In the summer we will be celebrating 5 years as a Community Library, and will be marking the event in a number of ways. If you have ideas, for events or projects to enhance the use of all the facilities we have, please let us know - speak to a volunteers on the desk or write in the suggestions book.

Ian Cridland

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Painswick Singers- Carol Concert 2016

Carol concerts most often feature one of the many classical choral works from the great composers the likes of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms, with a selection of traditional Christmas carols and readings. This year the Painswick Singers departed from that pattern by featuring a modern work, written three years ago by a musician from within our midst, Christopher Boodle, who is most often heard in Painswick playing St. Mary's organ for these concerts. Called The Midnight Clear and described as a Christmas Cantata in American Style, it told the Christmas story in a text also by Christopher Boodle. This was a refreshing change to hear; the American style was not especially obvious or dominant, being largely expressed in echos of Black American spiritualist text and rhythms which drove the Christmas story forward looking towards the Easter climax ahead.

The Singers clearly enjoyed their performance, presenting a well balanced chorus that did them credit; soloists Jessi Pywell, soprano and Matt Spillett, tenor, added a professional touch, though his lower register was somewhat under powered. The remainder of the concert followed the usual practice of traditional carols by the choir and by the audience in good voice joining them with gusto. Readings by Chris Woolley in Yorkshire lass mode about nativity plays there, produced chuckles from the audience, as did John Dickinson declaiming an extract from his book The Battle for Sally Jones, about the exploits of the ever so experienced Angel Windleberry, the one who reduced Handel to tears over writing the Hallelujah chorus and who was now to become the guardian angel of the young Sally Jones. Howard Williams played the organ and piano and Andrew Hopwood conducted with his usual distinguished aplomb.

The Painswick Singers next Concert will be on Good Friday 14th April which will be a joint concert with The Thameshead Singers performing Bach's St. Mathew's Passion with orchestra accompaniment and conducted by Andrew Hopwood. The Singers are always ready to welcome new members, contact 01452621151 or painswicksingers@gmx.com .

Maurice Maggs

Painswick Conservatives

Painswick Conservatives will be holding a quiz with a hot supper on Saturday January 28th in The Church rooms starting at 7.00pm. Teams of up to 6, - but come along on your own and join a team!

Tickets are £10 per person (to include the meal), and can be purchased, or places booked from Julie Job (tel: 814791), or Barbara Tait (tel: 812743)

Do come along and have a fun evening!

Barbara Tait

PROPERTY REPORT for December from Murrays

Firstly, all the staff at Murrays Estate Agents would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and good wishes and hope that you had a lovely Christmas and festive period.

We had a very busy end to 2016 with new properties coming to the market the week before Christmas and more going under offer than usual at this time of year. The reason for this is that Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day are the busiest days of the year for people looking for property on Rightmove! As you can imagine everybody is on holiday (almost) you may be full of turkey and escaping the family (possibly) by looking through Rightmove and planning the next year ahead! As I keep saying to people who are thinking of putting their properties on the market there is no right or wrong time to do so, sometimes putting your property on the market when no one else has increases the chance of it selling quickly and for a better price as there are not many other properties coming on to the market to compete against.

We have again taken on lots of lovely new properties over the past month or so including Yew Tree Cottage a charming detached cottage with lovely views on Stepping Stone Lane in Painswick, Sweetbriar, a beautifully presented modern 4 bed property in the centre of Cranham, Peace Cottage, a large detached 4 bed family house with 3 acres and stunning views set high above Witcombe and Haresfield Farm, a 5/6 bed farmhouse with extensive outbuildings and annexe in Haresfield.

Properties that we currently have under offer are The Chur in Bisley Street, Painswick, 2 Washwell Cottages on the Cheltenham Road in Painswick, Tansley on Halfway Pitch, Pitchcombe, Tunley in Sheepscome and The Gables in Cranham.

Properties and land that have now sold are the lane on Ticklestone Lane and the land on Yokehouse Lane both in Painswick and West Tythe in Bisley.

We are continuously looking for new property both to sell and rent in Painswick now that the new year has started so please give us a call on 01452814655 for your free valuation – we have a waiting list of people looking to buy and rent now!

James C Murray (Director)

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JANUARY

Fri	6	Wick-Flix Film: Florence Foster Jenkins, starring Meryl Streep & Hugh Grant: £6 at door, to include 1 drink	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sun	8	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	9	Probus Women: Looking at Pictures - Simon Trapnell Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Community Lunch: Hosts Painswick Centre Trustees (Off Churchill Way) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Church Rooms Library Town Hall Ashwell Centre	10.00 for 10.30am 10.00am to 12.00noon 10.30am and 2.00pm 12.00 to 1.15pm
		Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Church Rooms	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	10	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Guided Health Walk (one hour) Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Church Rooms Painswick Centre	9.30am 10.00am
Wed	11	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Holy Communion Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 Table Tennis - Wednesdays Gardening Club: Close up view of Cotswold Countryside - Roger Umpelby	Town Hall Ashwell House Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL	2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm
Thu	12	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall St. Mary's Church	9.30 to 11.00am 12.00noon Afternoons
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com Messy Church Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Symphony Hall, Birmingham	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon
Fri	13	Friday Club: Women Botanical Artists - Joyce Barrus	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Sun	15	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Mon	16	Community Lunch: Hosts Churches Together around Painswick (Off Churchill Way)	Church Rooms Stamages Car Park	3.30 to 5.30pm 4.00pm
			Town Hall St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	2.30pm 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
			Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm

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Tue	17	No Guided Health Walk today Cotteswold Naturalists Talk & Tea: Batty about Bats - Gemma Waters. Enq. 01453 836618 Local History Society: The Berkeleys of Berkeley Castle - David Croft School Smith		2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	18	Probus: Vergeltunswaffen - Retaliation Weapons or V Bombs - Bill Affleck Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre St. Mary's Church Town Hall	10.00am 5.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	19	Music Appreciation Group: A Baltic Cruise	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	20	Country Market re-opens: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	9.30 to 11.30am
Sun	22	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	23	Copy Date for February Beacon Community Lunch: Hosts Yew Trees W.I. (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	24	Guided Health Walk (one hour) Enq. 813228	Town Hall	2.15 for 2.30pm
Fri	27	Friday Club: The Bard of Barnwood - Margaret Daniels	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	28	Conservative Quiz and Supper: £10 per person	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Sun	29	Mass Benefice Holy Communion	Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.30am 10.00am
Mon	30	Community Lunch: Hosts Painswick Golf Club (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	31	Guided Health Walk (one hour) Enq. 813228	Town Hall	2.15 for 2.30pm

FEBRUARY

Wed	1	Probus: Signature Tunes - Malcolm Lewis Cotteswold Naturalists Lecture: The Antarctic - David Fletcher. (T.B.C.) Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
Thu	2	Music Appreciation Group: In a Lighter Vein	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	3	Wick-Flix Film: Bridget Jones's Baby: Starring Renee Zellweger & Colin Firth. £6 at door, to include 1 drink	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	4	February Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	6	Community Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling Club - (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	8	Joint meeting: Bird Club / Gardening Club; Wildlife in His Garden - David Priddy	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club: Dead Sea to Damascus - Peter Berry	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	11	Theatre Club visit: The Miser - Theatre Royal, Bath	Stamages Car Park	
Mon	13	Probus Women: History of Stroud - Ian Mackintosh Community Lunch: Hosts - Friday Club - (Off Churchill Way)	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.00 for 10.30am 12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	15	Probus: From Medicine to Movies and Back - Dr Tom Shannon	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	16	Cotteswold Naturalists: Snowdrops at Colesbourne Park - Guided Walk Music Appreciation Group: More from an eccentric collector	Colesbourne Park Town Hall	10.45 for 11.00am 2.30pm
Mon	20	Community Lunch: Hosts - Richmond Village - (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	21	Cotteswold Naturalists Talk & Tea: Decorative Stones in Glos, - Dr Dennis Jackson. Enq. 01453 836618 Local History Society: Anglo Saxon Gloucestershire -Carolyn Heighway		2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: 'Katherine Parr' - Matthew Bailey	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	27	Community Lunch: Hosts - Bird Club (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00to 1.15pm

MARCH

Wed	1	Probus: African Elephants - David Lemon Cotteswold Naturalists Lecture: National Memorial Arboretum - Jim Brown. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
Mon	6	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Beacon Conservation	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm

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

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.16/2617/FUL FIRE STATION,
Pullens Road

Conversion of former fire station into two dwelling houses, including required demolition and extension.

S.16/2750/HHOLD ROSE
COTTAGE, Catswood Lane

Construction of first-floor extension (resubmission of application S.16/2001/HHOLD)

S.16/2821/HHOLD & S.16/2822/LBC
THE GRANGE, Sheepscombe

Conversion of coach house to create ancillary accommodation.

S.16/2814/LBC L O V E D A Y S
HOUSE, St Marys Street

Internal and external alterations.

CONSENT

S.16/2308/HHOLD

BLAKEWELL FARM, Edge

Dormer window in northern side elevation (retrospective).

S.16/2306/FUL LAND AT BEECH
LANE

Construction of an open riding arena.

S.16/2042/HHOLD BAY TREE
HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe.

To extend to the rear and raise the height of the roof to the central link.

S.16/2225/HHOLD V I N E R S
WOOD HOUSE, Wick Street.

Proposed lantern and roof covering to open courtyard.

S.16/2215/HHOLD & S.16/2216/LBC
TRILLGATE, Slad.

Internal and external alterations and extensions.

S.16/2243/HHOLD K N A P P
FARM, The Vatch.

Proposed new garage.

S.16/2028/LBC DEAN RISE, Stroud
Road

Replacement of 5 x aluminium double glazed windows, 1 x aluminium entrance door & 1x set of aluminium double glazed sliding patio doors to rear of main building with machined, painted timber flush casement windows, entrance door & french doors.

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The Personal Column

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Congratulations

To RICHARD AND EMMA POLHILL on the birth of their son George Simon on November 3rd in Henley-on-Thames. A first grandchild for John and Maureen Polhill.

Condolences

To the family and friends of ALAN HUDSON of Butt Green who passed away on the 1st December at Leckhampton Court Hospice. (see below)

Alan Hudson

Alan moved to Painswick 30 years ago and soon became heavily involved in the Painswick community.

He was a stalwart of the cricketing umpiring fraternity never delighting more than when giving one of his friends "out". He enjoyed the camaraderie both on the cricket square and in the clubhouse. Also a long time member of the Badminton Club serving on the committee for many years and was Chairman for three years in the 1990's. Other sporting interest included membership of the Painswick Tennis Club and more recently the Painswick Golf Club.

And then there was Probus, President in 2013/14, where he brought his own sense of humour and fun to the proceedings. He was totally reliable such that when one of our speakers failed to turn up Alan came to the rescue – off home he went to get his tea talk notes and delivered it to much appreciation. It was very good – mind you he was practiced at delivering it. Nearly every WI in the County and beyond has heard it. He loved having these ladies eating out of his hand.

He was keen on his car parking role at the Painswick Centre both for Probus and generally. This extended latterly to traffic monitoring in the village – radar gun in hand. I went through very slowly one day – under 20 mph with the window open – and he knew it was me and I heard him say to his assistant, with a big smile on his face, 45 mph !!

Butt Green will not be the same without him helping to organise their social activities and dinners. He was keen on his village causes – when the Post Office closed he worked tirelessly to get a replacement post box with a wide opening for large letters. But it was his lighter and generous side we saw more often. He was always first to the bar. Always full of amusing stories, anecdotes, and the occasional monologue. Latterly he found his soul mate with Jean. They holidayed together and attended many functions and events locally. She was with him to the end and was absolutely wonderful in her support to him over these last few months. Alan will be sorely missed by his many friends in and around Painswick.

John Courts

Thank You

Alan Hudson

Jean Gardener would like to take this opportunity to thank all Alan's friends in Painswick for all the support they have shown during the last few months. As for the neighbours in Butt Green they have been magnificent. They have showered us with emotional and practical support during this awful time.

I cannot thank everyone enough for all their help. I will never forget all the happy memories from the time spent with you all.

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