

The Painswick Beacon

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Council tax increases for 2019/20

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Record year for St Mary's Church visitors

Entries from the Painswick St Mary's Church visitor book show increased tourists in the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018

There are 270 European entries all from different families on random days with quite a few surprises.

Austria 6, Belgium 10, Bulgaria 1, Croatia 2, Czech 2, Denmark 2, Eire 7, France 15, Finland 3, Germany 20, Greece 1, Hungary 14, Italy 29, Isle of Man 2, Jersey 2, Latvia 1, Moldova 1, Netherlands 16, Norway 7, Poland 11, Portugal 2, Romania 4, Spain 17, Slovakia 2, Sweden 12, Switzerland 5, Turkey 2,



The rest of the world has 229 entries mainly from 5 countries.

Argentina 5, Australia 52, Brazil 2, Canada 40, China 10, Chile 2, Colombia 1, UAE Dubai 2, Hong Kong 3, India 6, Indonesia 1, Japan 21, Malaya 2, New Zealand 15, Nigeria 1, Phillipines 1, Russia 4, Singapore 4, South Africa 5, Taiwan 3, Thailand 2, United States 103, Uruguay 1, Virgin Isles 1, West Papua 1.

There are 546 entries from the UK as well. If you consider that only about 1 in 10 people sign the book you will see we have an overall figure of about 10,000 + visitors in this 12 month period. For further information see page 5.



Mary Portas to judge ArtBurst's Open Art Competition.

Mary Portas, crowned by the British media as 'The Queen of shops' and who lives with her partner and son near Stroud, will be the celebrity judge of the Painswick ArtBurst 2019 'Character of the Cotswolds' Open Art Competition this August.

Along with Emma Falshaw, Director of the sponsor of the competition, Town & Country Financial Planning, she will be assessing over one hundred entries expected

for this year's festival which has prizes of £500, £250 and £100 for the very best on the theme the 'The Character of the Cotswolds'.

Emma Falshaw said "We are delighted to have Mary Portas as a judge as her interest in art, design and style is very apparent from her television programmes and retail consultancy work. Judging will be a challenge as we have opened the widest perspective for an artist to use whatever materials or forms they like in interpreting the Cotswold theme broadly".

All the entries will be displayed in the St. Mary's Church Rooms throughout the festival, judging and prizegiving will take place on Saturday 17th August, the opening day of the ten-day ArtBurst event. Applications to enter the "Character of the Cotswolds" competition are welcome now, entry forms can be found on our website at www.artburstpainswick.co.uk or requested from artburstpainswick1@gmail.com.



Jackie Herbert Jonathan Choat.

For more information please contact the above on artburstpainswick1@gmail.com choatjonathan@gmail.com 01452 812 805

The Village Quiz

Last chance to enter for the Beacon Village Quiz on Sat. 9th March.
Closing Date Tuesday 5th March

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Friday 1st March
Film showing "First Man"
See page 6 for details.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held on February 20th 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

With 7 members of the public present from the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society, Cllr Rob Lewis, Committee Chairman, asked if there were any questions relating to Planning issues. The Spokesperson, Mrs Carolyn Luke, said they wanted to discuss the letter they had sent to the Council regarding item 5 on the Agenda - "To consider a request from the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society, in regards to extending the Conservation Area." The Chairman explained that the Council needed to speak to the District Council's Officer responsible for Conservation Areas to find what steps needed to be taken to proceed/process the request. There would definitely need to be a period of Public Consultation before the Council could proceed. Mrs Luke advised the Meeting that the Society were prepared to offer any assistance to both the Parish and District Council. A map of the proposed extension will be circulated by the Clerk to all Cllrs. The Chairman then opened the Meeting.

To confirm the Minutes of the February Meeting

The minutes were approved.

Apologies for Absence

Clerk, Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that Cllrs Roey Parker, Dawn Dart, Rosie Nash and Ian James had sent their apologies.

Matters Arising not on this Agenda

None

To consider a request from the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society; in regards to extending the Conservation Area

See note on page 3

Matters requiring a decision

There were 3 Applications requiring a decision:

S.18/2711/HHOLD LANTERN, Kingsmead. Extensions and alterations: new porch, garden room, and extension to kitchen/dining room. New veranda and conservatory: replacement windows, window sills and rain water goods and re-rendering. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT, subject to confirmation of the colour of the re-rendering and the metal window frames.

S.19/0223/FUL EDGEcombe, Edge Road. Erection of detached dwelling, with associated works - amendments to extant permission S.15/1304/FUL UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT.

S.19/0213/HHOLD CEDAR HOUSE Stamages Lane. Timber car port and garage conversion for use by relatives. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT.

PARISH COUNCIL

There was one member of the public present, Mr David Allott, who raised his concern that the Parish Council had not given due consideration to the future housing needs for Painswick. Cllr Rob Lewis, Chair of the Council's Planning Committee, replied stating that a considerable amount of time and effort had been expended by the Council in preparing their written response to Stroud District Council's Emerging Local Plan. In the Council's opinion they had given fair and due consideration to the housing needs. The Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger then opened the Meeting.

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Declaration of Interest in Items on this Agenda

Cllr Martin Slinger declared an interest in Agenda item "Responsible Financial Officers Reports."

To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th February 2019

The minutes were approved.

Matters of Urgency

None

County Councillor's report

Clerk, Roy Balgobin, advised the Meeting that County Cllr Keith Rippington, who is currently unable to undertake his duties, had recently visited the Town Hall and hopes to return to full time duties on the 1st March.

District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Nigel Cooper was present and read highlights from his previously circulated report. The District Council were due to meet on the 21st February to set the tax rates for 2019/20. Based on a Band D property in Painswick, the total Council Tax to be paid will be £1810.27, an increase of 5.4% on the previous year total of £1717.13. The Police and Crime Commissioners budget has increased by 10.6%, County Council's by 4.99%, District Council's by 2.99%, Parish Council by 2.98% - the average increase for Parish and Town Councils in the District Council's area is 5.93% - all based on Band D.

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The plan is to turn the school into an "Eco School." The total cost of the project is £11,393. The school are seeking a grant of £1000, the request is supported by both of the Ward Councillors. As this is a Community Based project the balance will be raised by various local fund raising events. After a discussion the Council agreed in principle to provide the grant but deferred the decision on how to fund the grant until the next Meeting.

Responsible Financial Officer's Reports

Cllr Martin Slinger had declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussions.

a. The Council agreed payments in accordance with the report circulated by the Clerk.

b. The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Mr Ian Crowe FCA as the Councils Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2019.

Ward Reports

Cllr Abigail Smith spoke about the possible reduction in the speed limit in Catswood Lane, Elcombe to 20mph and the Council's support for the County Council's policies. There are two sorts of policies, technical and funding. Implementation of any work will only ever be permitted if the technical case is made. This ensures consistent application across the County. When the technical case has been made but is not considered to be high priority then alternative funding can be applied, such as 50:50 - local community and the County Council. Cllr Smith is not certain that the technical case to reduce the speed limit to

20mph in Catswood Lane has been proven and she will look into the current position.

To receive reports from representatives on other bodies

Cllr James Cross reported that together with Cllrs Dawn Dart and Rosie Nash they had attended the Inaugural Business Breakfast Meeting held in the Rocco Gardens.

Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, reported the details of a well attended Edge Ward Meeting. Cllr Abigail Smith also attended. Also that he and the Vice Chairman Ann Daniels had attended the Annual Meeting of Stroud District Council.

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Proposed extension to Conservation Area

Raised at the Parish Council

The Painswick Valleys Conservation Society submitted a short report to request the support of the Parish Council in seeking to extend the Painswick Conservation Area to include the New Drive field as a valuable green space within the village. The proposed boundary would be the perimeter fence line of the field together with the entirety of the footpath, formerly the carriageway between Knapp Lane and Stamages Lane.

The Historic background

New Drive Field, formerly known as Hale Ground is shown on an estate map of Castle Hale dated 1694, as is the footpath across the site. Stamages Lane was the turnpike road to Stroud in the 18th century until it was superseded by the new road (A46). This historic footpath was a direct route from the village down to the mills along the Painswick Stream. A more recent footpath adjacent to the northern perimeter of the field was originally a carriage road built by the Rev Seddon c1908 to facilitate a level access from the Stroud Road to the then vicarage (now "The Painswick") along Kemps Lane. Both footpaths are designated as public rights of way.

Police Report

December 2018



B4073 nr Beacon

Cheltenham Rd
The Croft
Berry Close
Hambutts Drive
Vicarage Street

Theft	Under investigation
Violence	Unable to prosecute
Burglary	Under investigation
Burglary	Under investigation
Vehicle crime	No suspect identified
Burglary	Under investigation
3 cases of Anti Social Behaviour	

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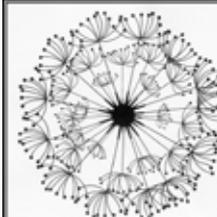
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Planning Meeting

Held Wednesday 6th
February in the Town Hall

Questions from the Public.

PA 1004/PS41 A representative of the residents from Washwell Fields expressed concern that the conclusion of the Parish Council was “ No significant objections.”, when objections had been lodged with Stroud District Council and concern expressed about the suitability of the extra traffic to Lower Washwell and the junction with the A46. The request was made for residents to meet with representatives from the Council to discuss their concerns. The Chairman agreed to this request.

Mrs Luke on behalf of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society requested the council to support their request to Stroud District Council to extend the Conservation area. The Chairman would add this to a future agenda.

S.19/0050/OUT Mr David Allott, representing the “Friends of New Drive” raised a whole list of concerns about the proposed development. They were disappointed that the quality of the application (173 pages long) was poor and full of errors. Access onto Stamages Lane remains of concern now that the plan is for 8 houses not the original one house. Also there are engineering and drainage difficulties with the site which would make it expensive to develop. Finally the New Drive Field is an important contribution to the character of Painswick and suggest that it is reclassified as part of the Conservation area and hopefully upgraded to Heritage Status. However on the positive side the group does agree that more houses are needed in Painswick but with 2/3 bedrooms on small sites, not 4/5 bedrooms as proposed, to reflect the need for more affordable houses in Painswick.

Matters requiring a decision:

S.19/0050/OUT LAND ADJOINING HOWBEG, Stamages Lane. Outline for erection of 8 dwellings.

Members had a lengthy discussion with regards to the application with Cllr



Abigail Smith expressing her concern over the access now with the proposed 8 houses. Gloucestershire Highways had agreed access with one house proposed but with 11 conditions to be met. Cllr Mike Fletcher added that from a totally unbiased viewpoint he did not think any access or ground condition issues would not necessarily be insurmountable by the developers but that the need for affordable and smaller housing in Painswick was an issue which this application did not address.

District Cllr Keith Pearson suggested that the Highways conditions were important and the need to make sure they are enforced. Also he reinforced the need for smaller units for downsizing residents as well as first time buyers. The Chairman summed up the general feeling to strongly oppose the application and a request for it to be called into the Development Control Committee.

b. S.19/0060/FUL LAND AT GREENBANK, Sheepscombe. Erection of single storey dwelling. Agreement to support

c. S.19/0011/LBC KINGS MILL HOUSE, Kings Mill Lane. Replacement of an existing ground floor level wooden doorframe and leaf with a wooden frame with vertically boarded outer leaf & a pair of inner glazed leaves. Agreement to support

d. S.18/2711/HHOLD LANTERN, Kingsmead Extensions and alterations: new porch, garden room, and extension to kitchen/dining room. New verandah and conservatory: replacement windows, window cills and rain water goods, and re-rendering. Decision to defer

e. S.18/2771/LBC COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane Retrospective application for the formation of a doorway in an internal wall and erection of a small section of external wall to form a bathroom.

f. S.18/2773/LBC COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane Restoration of King Charles bedroom.

For both e. and f. neither support or agree, No Comment

g. S.19/0135/HHOLD HORSESHOE COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane Replacement conservatory, two storey rear extension and alterations. Agreement to support

h. S.19/0166/HHOLD LOWER GREENHOUSE, Greenhouse Lane Demolition of garage, erection of extension, addition of dormer windows, alterations to fenestration, new boundary wall and revised landscaping. Agreement to support

i. S.19/0167/CPE PRICE DOWNWOOD MILL, The Camp. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the use of a building as a residential dwelling house. Resubmission of the application S.17/2859/CPE. Agreed to make No Comment

The following were agreed to support.

j. S.19/0064/TPO 6 COURT ORCHARD

1) 3 largest lime trees - Reduce crown spread towards your house. Crown raise all round to approximately 7m. Remove epicormic growths on the trunks up to the first branches. 2) Small lime tree at the left hand end – details as per 1)

k. S.19/0065/TPO TARN HOUSE,

Court Orchard 1) Lime tree to the left of side boundary - Completely remove the lowest 2 limbs / branches over the corner of the garden. 2) 2 smaller Limes adjacent to property: Reduce their crown spread towards house to leave it no longer than 2.0m. Crown raise all round to approximately 7.0m. Remove epicormic growths on the trunks up to the first branch.

l. S.19/0070/TCA SALUTATION, Far End, Sheepscombe Tree 1: Goat Willow - fell (excessive shading in garden) Tree 2: White Willow – fell.

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Painswick St Mary's Church visitor book entries

Following on from the front page article.

Visitors to the church and churchyard sometimes wish to make comments in our book, for which we are delighted. It is of considerable interest for us to see their countries of residence and particularly their comments on how well the church is maintained and kept open for them to view for long periods. The serenity of the place is the most noted comment & they also appreciate how well we try to keep the churchyard and yew trees in good order. The displayed flowers are often mentioned

. Quite a number of single entries represent a couple or a family so it impossible to be precise about this survey. For instance one France entry indicated it was a group of 6 signed by one person, The multiple language information boards are much appreciated and the Welsh generated the most favourable comments.

Painswick Church was doing VERY WELL in the Tourism Sector in 2018 ! More than ever previously recorded.

Trevor Radway, 26 January 2019

The Road works that never happened

Severn Trent for some reason never carried out their planned road works at the junction Edge lane and the A46. Many residents had advised visitors to take diversions and even the local bus was cancelled for the duration. No doubt this work will have to be carried out at a future date to the inconvenience for all once again.



Passionate is a word I usually shy away from as it is used to excess by the media. However, it perfectly describes the intense emotion displayed by Chris O'Grady when he talked to the ladies of Yew Trees WI about "Fakes & Fortunes, Art & Antiques, Forgers & Dealers". Chris had his audience mesmerised as he shared wonderful stories of bargains that turned their unsuspecting owners into millionaires. Sadly, much more common was the tale of those who thought they had a masterpiece only to find that experts deemed it worthless! The theme that ran through his presentation was that many of us retain our ancestors basic instinct to be hunter-gatherers. He urged us to follow his example and revel in this pleasure; delve around in charity shops, purchase items

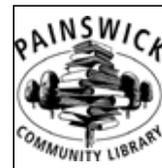
that bring us joy while not expecting to make a profit from them. Nevertheless, as attribution is everything, keep that bill of sale safe - who knows when some expert may surprise you!

A dark February evening was brightened by a skittles match against neighbouring Sheepscombe WI. The local derby was played in the friendliest of spirits. The least said about our skittles skills the better, but the food was good and great fun was had by all!

On Tuesday 26th March Ian Caskie will talk on SS Great Britain - from Launch to Re-Launch, this is an open meeting, all guests (male and female) are most welcome. Do come along to the Church Rooms at 7.30 pm for what should be a most interesting evening.

Celia Lougher 812624

Library News for March



Gloucester County Council's current Library Management System is unable to accept online reservations for books up to six months old added to our Painswick Community Library stock.

The reason we have them categorised as 'Painswick Only' is to ensure they are not used to satisfy reservations outside of Painswick but kept available for our borrowers. For example some popular new books have more than 70 reservations against them but if you pop into Painswick Library at the right moment you may just find the book sitting on our New Books section.

If the new book you have seen in The Beacon as added to stock is not on the shelf waiting for you, please ask one of our helpful volunteers to reserve it for you using our tried and tested manual system. Happy Reading

Painswick Community Library invites

pre-school children (and their adults) to a **FREE SESSION** of

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Wednesday 13th March, 2.30 till 3pm.

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The Painswick Centre - at the heart of Painswick

Our thriving community centre sits at the heart of the beautiful Cotswold's village of Painswick, being the hub of our societies and clubs and an ideal venue for all types of event including weddings, meetings, private functions, art and craft displays, concerts and theatre productions.

There's lots NEW at The Painswick Centre. Over the winter months we have been busy preparing for the new year. Last month we announced the appointment of Lindsay Wyles as our new Centre Manager and she is now settling into her new role. Wick-Flix, our community cinema has got off to a great start with the Murrays Gala Night and we are working on a programme of new events under our pop-up Painswick brand.

New Website (Copy alongside)

We are delighted to announce the launch of an all-new website. The website is designed to better showcase all that our amazing community centre has to offer from exhibitions to cinema, from weddings to room-hire, from food to music and drama from clubs and societies to skittles. Check out the new website at: www.painswickcentre.com You'll also find links to our FaceBook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. These are just some initial steps in our plans to make the Centre a fantastic facility that reaches out to all Painswick residents.

New Trustees

The Painswick Centre is embarking on an exciting project to develop the centre to ensure it remains relevant for many decades to come. To support this, we are now looking to complement our existing team of trustees with both a seasoned Finance Director and someone with a strong legal background. If you would like to bring your valuable experience to bear in helping us deliver this exciting community project, we would love to hear from you. Please contact painswickcentremanager@gmail.com to express interest.

The Painswick Centre is a unique and valuable community resource and the team of Trustees and Friends are dedicated to turning this into a self-sustaining centre of excellence. If you would like to volunteer your services or put forward ideas for new events or services please contact us at painswickcentremanager@gmail.com



Sadly we had to cancel our February screening due to the snow fall. We do apologise for any disappointment and we will try to reschedule "Swimming with Men" for later.

Friday 1st March First Man (12A)

Ryan Gosling and Claire Foy star in the wider story behind astronaut, Neil Armstrong, his family and the colleagues that supported his legendary space mission to become the first man to walk on the moon almost 50 years ago.

Friday 5th April Juliet, Naked (15) – to be confirmed

The film adaptation of Nick Hornby's romcom novel about a woman's unlikely transatlantic romance with a faded American singer-songwriter. Starring Ethan Hawke, Rose Byrne and Chris O'Dowd.

Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £7.00 (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. Come along and support your community cinema!

Putting local businesses in touch with each other

The first Painswick Business Breakfast took place last month, kindly hosted by Rococo Gardens in their Garden Café. It was a really well attended session, and gave local businesses a chance to meet, share ideas and resources, and help each other out. As a result of the first session a Facebook group has been set up for all local businesses: Painswick Business Community.

A new initiative set up by The Painswick Centre, these events are open to anyone running a business in or around our village. The next breakfast will be held later in March and will be hosted by The Painswick. If you would like to be on the mailing list please email us (including your name, business name and business type) at painswickcentremanager@gmail.com

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ACP Update

Since 2010 ACP has brought a quirky twist to Painswick's sometimes perceived conservative image with their wildly unexpected and flamboyant festivals. Since the last festival in 2016 the trustees have been exploring ways to find a sustainable way forward to engage people with the creative artform, WEARABLE ART. Excited by the collaboration with Create Gloucestershire and partners, they are working together to form a Creative Trade Route offering opportunities in design, technology, textiles, fashion, body painting and the performing arts, along a route from Stroud through to Gloucester, which inevitably includes Painswick.

ACP are inviting entries to this year's competition the themes for which are "Biomimicry" and "Robotics". Creative talent from the Dyson foundation, Gloucestershire University, Stroud College, and a plethora of highly respected artists, technicians and makers will be inspiring potential contestants through their workshops, running at various locations on the route. These will be advertised on the ACP website at www.canvasforcreativity.co.uk. This should be an amazing opportunity to learn some new skills from some talented artists. The competition will be judged in Gloucester Cathedral on June 14th, where visitors will have an opportunity to engage with the artists and vote for their favourite.

Following the competition a selection of the creations will tour the area with Painswick being one of the first stops.

After the summer months the creations will become the focus of an Extravaganza to be produced by students and artists involved in the performing arts and inspired and directed by local professionals. This will culminate in an extraordinary choreographed performance at a dramatic venue TBC, in early 2020. With the opportunity for smaller choreographed performances to tour the area,

ACP are extremely grateful for the involvement and energy of Create Gloucestershire, Stroud College, University of Gloucestershire, Gloucester Services, Glos Gateway Trust, Nelson Trust, The Dyson Foundation, The Malthouse Collective, Hawkwood College, Suffolk traders Association, Gloucester Culture Trust, Robinswood and Gloucester Academies, Culture Matson, Strike a light Festival, the Lord Lieutenants office and Robin Watkins Davies and Catriona Tyson who have pooled ideas and resources to make this happen. A special thank you to The Summerfield Trust whose investment in our outreach work have afforded ACP the ability to reach a diverse and often neglected group of young people from our local communities.

The ACP Team

News from Painswick Fairtrade Group

Driving in and out of the village and passing the Fairtrade signs each time we pass, many of us wonder what these Fairtrade signs mean.

- Firstly, Fairtrade really does make a lasting difference to the farmers who grow our crops in far flung places. It is the only scheme of its kind which guarantees a fair price to farmers, ensures safer working conditions, invests in farming communities and is the only scheme to have an experienced auditing and checking system. The Fairtrade organisation works with farmers continually not only to improve life for farmers.
- So what does Painswick do to merit its Fairtrade status? There are many businesses, churches, clubs and societies in Painswick who have been quietly buying or serving Fairtrade for many years.
- Fairtrade Logo for Beacon Directory and Facebook page. To highlight all this good stuff going on in the background we are coming up with a Fairtrade logo for entry in the Painswick Directory. So please do get in touch to let us know if you are serving or sourcing Fairtrade. It might be coffee, sugar, tea, chocolate, fruit, flowers or cotton towels and sheets or jewellery and giftware. Your entry in the Painswick Directory will include the Fairtrade Logo and a mention on the Fairtrade Facebook page.
- Fairtrade Coffee Morning Sunday 3rd March 10.30 am in St Mary's Church. This Fairtrade fortnight in February/March the emphasis is on Cocoa. So come along and enjoy some lovely chocolate cakes and biscuits. Most cocoa used for chocolate is grown on small farms in West Africa using bonded child labour. Fairtrade guarantees a happier model for cocoa production. So, look for Fairtrade when buying those yummy eggs and boxes of chocolates.



Painswick Fairtrade Group – www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Fairtrade-Painswick-233040254224459/

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	Day & Time	Leader	Venue	Contact
1	Monday. 5 sessions am or evening Starting 11 th March	Liz Burge Time flexible to suit the majority "Poetry is the language of faith"	Yew Tree House, Painswick,	Liz Burge 01452 813177 elizabethburge@icloud.com
2	Tuesday 6 sessions 2.30 – 4.30pm Starting 26 th February	Leaders: Anthea Glibbery Lindsay Gardiner "Aspects of Jesus' Character"	No. 8 Gyde House, Painswick	Anthea & John Glibbery 810702 Lindsay 814282 lindsay@sheephouse.com
3	Wednesday 5 sessions 2.00 – 3.30pm Starting 13 th March	Terry Parker "The Mystery of God"	Merrills Friday Street Painswick	Terry Parker 01452 812191 terence5545@btinternet.com

Messy Church

Thursday 14th March

3.30pm to 5pm

in the St Mary's Church Rooms,
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Messy Church is a family event, so all children should be accompanied by an adult.

Any queries please Email:
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Next Messy Church : Thursday
9th May at The Church Rooms, St. Mary's, Painswick

Sue Stick

PLEASE phone the number quoted to register your interest in joining a group

News from St Mary's for March



Lent begins on 6th March which is Ash Wednesday. The day before is Shrove Tuesday traditionally associated with feasting on pancakes before fasting during Lent. Lent is the season of penitence, prayer and preparation in readiness for Easter. During this season of 40 days which represents the 40 days which Jesus spent in the desert before his public ministry began, the liturgical colour is purple.

There are two special communion services on Ash Wednesday when there is a welcome for all. There is a morning service at Richmond village at 11am conducted by Revd. David Newell. An evening service at St Mary's will be led by Revd Andrew Leach at 6.30pm.

Last month I mentioned ecumenical house groups which would be meeting during Lent. Details of these groups appear in a separate article in this issue but anyone wishing to attend needs to sign up to a particular group. Please see the lists in the two main churches.

With Easter being late this year this affects the date of Mothering Sunday which will be celebrated on Sunday 31st March. The service at St Mary's at 9.30am will be conducted by Mike Campbell. It will be a "Painswick Praise" service and not a communion. All families are welcome.

An advance notice about a benefice prayer weekend for all our churches on the weekend 21st-23rd June. There will be opportunities to submit prayers, to give thanks for blessings received and to pray for families needing healing or guidance. Special services are being planned, quiet times for reflection and activities for children. Further details are available from Jenny Wilson – tel. 01452/8122147.

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Revisiting Long Quarry

We are still awaiting the renewal of our felling license from the Forestry Commission. It is not surprising that some government bodies get such a bad press; I have

been grappling with this issue for almost seven months now and there still is no clear idea of when we should get it. I have suspended felling in Victoria Quarry so we don't exceed the quantity of timber which can be cut in a calendar quarter without a license.

About six winters ago approximately 100+ trees were felled in Long Quarry by a contractor and the trunks taken away to be used as biofuel. Subsequently there has been a huge amount of regrowth because of the sunlight reaching the ground. Some grass is recovering, along with some orchids and cowslips but much of it is in danger of being swamped by invasive plants such as rosebay willow herb, hemp agrimony, winter heliotrope, dog wood and buddleia. Over the last few years PBCG have worked in the quarry tackling these problems so I plan to have several work parties this winter to continue the restoration effort. It is potentially a fantastic site. Its steep south facing slope, if planted with thyme and marjoram, is potential Large Blue butterfly habitat and its shadier north facing side, with cowslips, could be habitat for the Duke of Burgundy butterfly.

The work here will be made easier with the use of a new Stihl brush cutter bought with funds kindly donated from The Summerfield Charitable Trust. It's difficult work and sometimes it feels as if we are not making progress, but we are. The important thing is to keep chipping away and the results will come. In the long term it would be fantastic if we could get the cattle to graze the area every few years. This year we have seen the benefit of them grazing at Jackdaw Quarry and Madams Wood.

Why not come and give a hand to convert this old quarry into a fantastic asset to the wider Beacon habitat and learn more about limestone grassland habitats?

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Back from the Brink



Wildlife Surveys

As part of Back from the Brink's 'Limestone's Living Legacies' project here in the Cotswolds, volunteers are being sought to help with species surveys.

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and People's Postcode Lottery, Back from the Brink is one of the largest conservation schemes ever attempted. Bringing together seven species conservation organisations including Butterfly Conservation and Plantlife alongside Natural England, it aims to save some of England's rarest species.

Limestone's Living Legacies aims to restore and connect a network of limestone grassland sites and help conserve species such as the Adder, Duke of Burgundy butterfly, Pasqueflower and Rugged Oil Beetle.

To do this the project needs your help and is providing free training workshops on how to identify and survey for these species. To find out more and get involved, please contact Jennifer Gilbert at jgilbert@butterfly-conservation.org or 07483 039321.

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Scenes of Painswick during the recent snow



A big thank you to all those many helpers who cleared snow off the roads and pavements during the recent snow storm including young Max aged 8 at Gyde House.

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Jottings.

With the Farmland Bird count coming up it is time to see what we have flying around our valleys. We have a good mix of trees, tall, thick hedges and trimmed field hedges. Also dense bramble and bracken, where no agricultural vehicle can get and areas of peace and quiet where only the land owner will visit.

We have eleven commons in the Painswick Parish with the longer grass suitable for the ground nesting birds. Edge common for skylarks in great numbers, then last month while fencing in the valley bottom I counted twelve jays which came out of the trees to pick about on the floor. One day we had sixteen long-tailed tits on our bird table followed on another day by ten blue tits all at once.

The jackdaws out hunting for holes in trees and buildings etc to nest, now suddenly flocks of crows, which will increase as the young come into the flock. The other night to hear a tawny owl or the other morning to hear a greater spotted woodpecker tapping away.

Buzzards are about flying around, the kestrel looking for some where to nest and the sparrow hawk on the prowl, and with large numbers of garden and yard birds about at this time, plus just waiting for the birds to arrive for the summer.

Most years we get a small flock of peewits stop of for a few days, they must be using us for a stop-over and rest. Then when making hay and silage for the last few years we have had a visit from a couple of red kites who spend their time looking for mice etc, and then we have the pheasants and partridge around for most of the time.

Martin Slinger



As Winter Ends Spring Begins...

Our guest speaker this month was Julie Ritchie from Hoo House Nursery, near Tewksbury. Hoo House is one of a select group of good Nurseries in Gloucestershire run by Julie and her husband specialising in a wide range of alpines and perennials. Goodness, we were treated to a plethora of plants suited to every garden from a list of 86 recommendations! Some amazing colour combinations, plants with interesting foliage, grasses, ferns and many with memorable names for example Huechera 'Sugar Plum', Galanthus 'Nothing special' and Erodium 'Julie Ritchie'. A truly wonderful choice of plants to lead us through dark winter days into spring. As Julie says 'Nature does it best'.

This month, March 13th, we are delighted to welcome Timothy Walker, botanist and very popular speaker. Horti Praefectus of the Oxford Botanic Gardens until 2014 and BBC presenter. His talk is titled "Bordering on Insanity" - definitely not to be missed! Visitors always welcome.

Lone Woodger-Smith, Committee Member



Travels by Water and Steam with the Cotteswold Naturalists

The next Cotteswold Naturalists' talk is linked to the 'canal' theme of some of this summer's excursions. We will travel by boat on the Kennet & Avon Canal in June and on the Brecon Canal, South Wales, in August. So it is timely to welcome back Tony Conder, former curator of the Gloucester Waterways Museum, to our next meeting on Wednesday 6th March at 2.30 pm. Tony's talk will be on the subject of 'Watercolour - Canals through Artists' Eyes'. Visitors are very welcome to attend our meetings which are held in the Painswick Centre - £4 non-members, £1 members.

On Sunday 14th April, our members will travel on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway to Broadway station. There, we will catch the coach into town where we can find lunch and enjoy visits to the Gordon Russell Design Museum and the Broadway Museum & Art Gallery. Our coach leaves Stamages Lane car park at 8 a.m. and the cost is £45 for coach, train travel and Museum entrances. Non-members will be welcome to book, so please contact me for further details. Next month, I shall include details of Joyce Barrus' excursion to the Bristol Botanical Gardens and the Victorian Arnos Vale Cemetery, now a haven for wildlife.

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Letters



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Rusty and Victoria Elvidge from Painswick House write

Readers will have seen in January's Beacon the proposal to erect a building within Grade 2* listed parkland adjacent to the Gardens.

This is because the lease on the buildings where the ticket office / tea rooms are currently located is not being extended by the owners of the Stables.

The Rococo Gardens want to build here rather than in the huge plant area / car park. The proposal is not in keeping with either the Basevi designed listed lodge building, or the listed Stables and Grade 1 Painswick House. It is plain, functional and far larger than it need be to sell tickets and meals.

As its nearest neighbours we support the Rococo Gardens, but not when they are applying to destroy the landscape (which will never be reinstated). A housing estate on this parkland wouldn't be supported: why then is the village being asked to accept a modern block, when an alternative location is so plainly visible?

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Friday Club

FRIDAY CLUB Severn Railway bridge disaster

At our last Meeting in January Chris Witts talked to us about the Severn Railway Bridge disaster when in 1960 two tanker barges collided, in heavy fog near Sharpness on the River Severn. At that time Chris Witts was a "Cabin Boy" on one of the sister ships of the two tankers involved in the disaster. The barges got caught by the fast running tide, the second fastest in the world, collided lost control and smashed into one of the bridge pillars. The bridge partially collapsed and one of the tankers, which was carrying petrol, caught fire and exploded. The other tanker, which was carrying a cargo of black oil, also ignited and burnt for several hours. Despite the combined efforts of the Emergency Services and of the crews of other vessels five crew members lost their lives. Today it is still possible, at low tide, to see the wrecks of both vessels.

Then on the 8th February, Stuntman Dick Sheppard both thrilled and entertained his audience with tales about the many stunts he had been involved in. On his stunt bike he raced on the "Wall of Death", smashed through plate glass windows and also raced on ice! He appeared in many films including Helldrivers with Stanley Baker, The Italian Job with Michael Caine and Diamonds are Forever with Sean Connery as James Bond. For 25 years he was Resident Stuntman at the BBC. Members were spellbound when Dick showed a short film of his exploits whilst driving and rolling over and over in cars. He said that during his career he walked away from some 2000 car crashes!

What about March? On the 8th Collette Kilminster from the Charity "Canine Partners," hopefully accompanied by her canine Partner Jennie, will be talking to us about this important charity. They raise money to train puppies to help people with disabilities ie in wheelchairs. Then on the 22nd we will see the return of popular George Yiend, who on this occasion will be describing "Painting African Wildlife." Come and join us at 2.30 pm in the Town Hall.

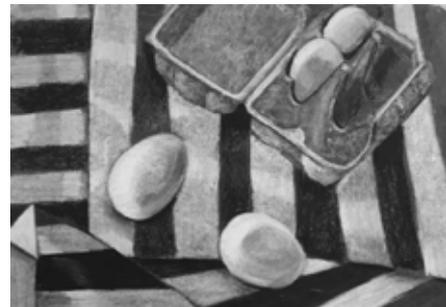
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Womens probus The life and work of Rudyard Kipling



The Probud women's group were entertained by Mike Bottomley last Monday. Joseph Rudyard Kipling was born in 1865, and spent a lot of time in India. He was with his parents in Bombay, where his father ran an art school, until he was five. He was then sent to England to be educated. He was cruelly treated by the woman he was lodged with and when this was discovered by an aunt, he was taken to school in Westwood Ho and spent many happy years at the "United Services College".

He was not very sporty, but enjoyed swimming in the sea. His passion for writing was apparent at school and he was made editor of the school magazine.

When he was 16 he returned to India, this time to Lahore, where his parents had relocated. He became assistant editor at 16 to the "Civil and Military Gazette". He always worked hard, and because his editor suffered ill health, almost ran the newspaper himself. It was very hot, and sleeping was difficult, so he would often wander the streets, observing the night time culture, which he would then include in his stories. He made friends with soldiers and engineers, who were not treated well, and he wrote poems and stories about them.

His poems, articles and stories became very popular. He married his American agent's sister and lived in Vermont; they had three children. Sophie the eldest was most like him.

He fell out with his brother-in-law and then moved to England to Rottingdean. Sadly here his daughter Sophie died, which was devastating for him. By this time he was very famous and was plagued by the general public, so he bought a large, quite dilapidated property, called Batemans.

He used the £10,000 awarded to him as the Nobel prize winner for literature, to restore the house and gardens. His widow bequeathed the house to the National Trust.

His only son, John was enlisted into the Irish Guards at the start of WW1 and was sent to France. He was wounded and died just after his 18th birthday and his body was never recovered.

Kipling was very involved in creating the Imperial War Graves Commission, and a lot of his sayings are still imprinted at these sites. After the war, he became quite reclusive, he settled down, with his wife and daughter Elsie, he wrote lots of speeches for the King and was very interested in cars, namely owning a Rolls Royce.

Mike Bottomley, interspersed his talk by reading some of Kipling's poems, which were also set to music.

Our next meeting is on March 11th, a talk titled "Tudor Medicine", given by Cherry Hubbard.

Visitors are welcome, we meet in the Church rooms at 10.00.

Sarah Taylor

Probus Club Majic & Mystery of Glenn Miller

On 23rd Jan 2019 Bill King addressed Painswick Probus Club on "The Magic & Mystery of Glenn Miller". This talk was mostly about Miller's musical career using a unique combination of trombone and clarinet over the saxophone in a swing style. Performing at "speakeasy's" during the prohibition era and surviving the Wall Street Crash, Miller went on to gain a recording contract with RCA, becoming a millionaire in 1938. When the USA entered WWII Miller volunteered to run the Army Air Force Band to raise war-bonds and to entertain the troops.

Miller was due to fly from the United Kingdom to Paris on December 15, 1944, to arrange the band's move there, but his aircraft disappeared over the English Channel. One view is that the cause was carburettor icing but there are other possibilities and conspiracy theories. Until the wreckage is found no-one can be sure of what happened.

(Post meeting note: the BBC reported on 14 Jan 2019 that the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery was considering the case for conducting a new search of the seabed off Portland Bill)

On 6th Feb 2019 John Macartney presented his talk entitled "Turn Left at the Pacific". Having been caught up as a civilian at the start of the Iran/Iraq war. Consequently, he suffered from undiagnosed post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) for many years until he was given treatment to help him cope with the effects. A classic car enthusiast, John was keen to repay the people who had helped him, so he devised a charity drive.

A group of enthusiasts in the US provided an immaculately restored 1972 Triumph Stag. Escorted by a relay of fellow enthusiasts and PTSD sufferers, he set off from Florida, around the US and Canada, and ending up in San Francisco within his 90 day-visa limit. He covered 18,000 miles with just one breakdown - a fuel pump failure.

The trip and subsequent activities have raised an impressive £160,000 for far, which has been evenly divided between PTSD-related charities in US, UK and Canada.

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What's happening at Falcon?

With the new season fast approaching our small band of “unsung heroes” are doing the jobs that need doing to get the club ready. Benches are being varnished, patches in the green reseeded, boilers fixed, and spring cleaning done so everything's in place for when we open in April.

One of these ways is making Falcon as accessible as we can to the local community. The only way you can really play bowls regularly is to join a club but to help people find out what bowls is all about we offer free taster sessions on Monday evenings and Friday afternoons throughout the summer. Our fully qualified coaches give help and advice at these sessions in the warm, friendly atmosphere of our idyllic setting. The only thing you'll need is flat footwear, we'll provide everything else.

We also offer our “Taster Season” where people can join for just £30 and still enjoy all the benefits of full membership. This again gives people who are new to bowls or who used to play and would like to start again the chance to find out if bowls is for them without breaking the bank. Bowls is for everyone and is probably the most inclusive

Did you know?

Falcon is said to be the second oldest surviving bowls club in the world, the oldest being Southampton Old Bowling Green, which saw its first match take place in 1299.

Fifteen times world champion Tony Allcock MBE is a former member of Falcon. He is now Chief Executive of Bowls England the sport's governing body.

Six Falcon players have represented England at international level.

Each season Falcon plays against 32 other clubs. In total we have 66 matches. We play against clubs from Bristol, Wiltshire and all-round Gloucestershire.

Falcon had 75 members last season (31 ladies and 44 men), who each season take part in various national and county competitions or just play in the leagues and friendly matches. For more info on Falcon contact: davidglass20@gmail.com 01452 814186.

Jon Ellis



Painswick Golf Club

Occasionally golf has to stop! This happened last month when snow fell and the first fairway became a snow slope for sledgers, ski-boarders and others out to enjoy themselves. The clubhouse was still open to welcome guests (Pictured above)– whether with a mulled wine or other refreshments. Fortunately – for golfers – the course was back to normal in a few days.



The monthly stableford competition run by the Seniors section was held on 12th February and opened to all in the club who wished to play. Despite the course being a little on the muddy side, there were some good scores. John Barrus was overall winner with 42 stableford points, and George Paton and Peter Rowe were winners in other handicap bands. A Texas scramble competition took place on 19th February – jointly between the Ladies and Seniors. The winning team was Duncan Toase, John Hitchcock and Stewart Price. Congratulations to all the winners.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors – whether golfers wishing to test their skills on our unique course, or others looking for refreshments or meals at the clubhouse. For more details, please call: 01452 812180.

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Painswick Local History Society:



For our February meeting we were given an excellent talk on the Industrial Heritage of Gloucestershire, by Dr Ray Wilson.

Despite the beautiful Cotswold image, Gloucestershire has embraced industry for thousands of years. Starting with the mining of iron and coal, moving on to the woollen industry, silk manufacture, agriculture, fishing, stone quarrying; all generating a need for improved transportation. Brewing embraced all ages. There are modern industries of horse training and racing and tourism.

All these industries feed into the local economy, the attendant wealth creating the magnificent building of houses, churches, villages and towns with which we are all familiar, with the interconnecting roads and canals for transporting and travelling between the locations of industry and ports or centres of large populations.

Agriculture introduced the enclosure of fields, removal of forests (for pit props and building) and the increased field sizes to meet the economies of farming.

Transport led to tracks and trails being improved and replaced by turnpike roads with associated Toll Houses and Coaching inns. As industry increased so the demands for transport required better methods of moving the goods and expand the use of rivers to the building of canals for carrying goods in and out of the area, particularly to the major ports and London.

Then came the railways with locks and bridges and magnificent viaducts where railways, roads and canals all crossed.

Finally, the transport system reached its modern provision of airports serving both civil and military use.

The evidence of our industrial heritage is still to be seen in the mines, quarries, farms, corn and cloth mills, (Blockley silk industry and Postlip mill for 'special paper'). There was a brief involvement in the tobacco industry and continually in the brewing industry. Some of the old mills, malthouses and workhouses have been converted into offices or residential accommodation.

All are still very visible, if we look for them, and are there to demonstrate the huge industrial heritage associated with Gloucestershire. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th March at Croft School 7.30 pm, with a talk by John Putley on "Mediaeval Builders, their Techniques and Tools".

All are welcome.

David Harley

Gambling in Painswick!

Nineteenth century Painswick was, can you believe, rife with crime and on Saturday nights most of it happened in the pubs of which there were very many. This case from March 1879 as reported in the Gloucester Journal is typical.

'John Bradshaw of Painswick, Landlord of the Golden Heart, was summoned for allowing gambling on his premises. P.C. Clarke said that on Saturday the 15th a little before eleven at night he saw raffling going on in the kitchen. Some men were playing skittles in the alley and the landlord was demanding 3d a "rub" from a man. Mr Jackson who appeared for the defendant said skittles were allowed in large towns and he did not see why they should not be allowed in Painswick. The bench said the defendant had been cautioned before and as he still continued to carry it on they fined him £5 and 15/6 costs.'

Next time you feel inclined to indulge in raffles and skittles ... just be warned.

Earlier in the century detailed descriptions were usually given of those on trial such as the following in March 1849. 'Sarah Thomas, age 30, 5ft 1inch. Hair dark rough. Eyes dark hazel. Visage oval. Complexion brown. Badly marked with smallpox, cut on left forefinger, an upper front tooth gone. Trade: labourer. Charged with feloniously stealing at Painswick a child's robe the property of Stephen Trow. Guilty. Sentence: 3 calendar months hard labour in the Penitentiary [Gloucester Gaol].'

And of course hard labour really was hard labour then.

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PMAG

Our Meeting on the 24th January started on a sad note. Life President, Alex Nichols, paid a warm heartfelt tribute to Ralph Kenber, a long time member, who had recently passed away. He remembered meeting Ralph for the first time in 1993 when they were both studying a history course at what is now Gloucestershire University. They quickly discovered they shared a common interest in Classical Music and became friends. Ralph was well known for his sense of humour and had been a keen supporter of PMAG - he had at one time regularly written PMAG articles for the Beacon. Berlioz was Ralph's favourite composer and in his memory Alex played a fitting extract from Berlioz's L'Enfance du Christ, The Shepherds Farewell. Our thoughts are with his family.

Duncan Richardson then intrigued members with an excellently prepared talk entitled "Nature in Music." After explaining what he meant by nature - the Birds and the Bees! - he played music by famous composers to illustrate for instance Insects - Mussorgsky's Song of the Flea sung by Oscar Natzka, Water - Chopin's Raindrop Prelude, Clouds and Storms - Strauss's Alpine Symphony and Heavenly Bodies - Uranus from Holst Planet Suite. Even our coffee break was aptly heralded by Bach's Coffee Cantata! And to close the Meeting, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. An afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all Members.

On the 7th February John Winfield spoke to us about "The discovery of Music during my Life." His natural curiosity to discover composers and their music started when he was about 5/6 years old playing classical records on his Grandmother's wind up gramophone. These included Schubert's Rosamunde Overture and Sibelius's Finlandia which have become firm favourites. He then went on to explain how this foundation had influenced his appreciation of Classical Music - not always agreeing with his elder brother. During the evening we listened to music by amongst others Vivaldi, Brahms, Mozart and Barber. A very relaxing evening.

What does March hold in store for the Club? On the 7th yours truly will be talking about and playing music composed by Leonard Bernstein specifically for his very successful Broadway Shows. Then on the 21st yet another Winfield, this time Rod Winfield, the older brother of John, who will be presenting the "Life and Music of Debussy." Not to be missed!

Mike Kerton

PROPERTY REPORT Written by Beacon Staff

There's something to suit a range of budgets this month with new properties on the market priced from £260,000 to well over a million. 'Greenacres' on Cheltenham Road is an impressive detached house with 7 bedrooms in a third of an acre garden, offered though Hamptons for £1,250,000. Halfpenny Cottage in Tibbiwell is a bit smaller, but even more central (Murrays, £900,000) and 4 Court Orchard has both 5 bedrooms and ¾ acre of garden (Murrays / Moulton Haus, £850,000). Facing onto St Mary's churchyard, Love-days Cottage on St. Mary's Street has 3 bedrooms and lots of period charm (Hamptons, £700,000).

But you can still get a 2 bedroom Cotswold Stone cottage with a 150ft garden for half that price. 3 Hillview Cottages in Gloucester Street is available through James Pyle at a guide price of £350,000. And just off Vicarage Street, Moulton Haus have 4 White Horse Lane coming to the market soon at £260,000. Star Cottage at the bottom of Hollyhock Lane is hidden away right in the heart of the village. With 3 bedrooms and a garage, it's available for £400,000 though Hamptons, who are also offering 13 Gyde House for £450,000. There have been several sales, with Hamptons reporting a third of their stock sold in January, including Dover House in Vicarage Street, Croome House in Bisley Street and Courtside in Hale Lane. For Murrays, Mullions in the Highlands has gone under offer, as have two properties in Sheepscombe. Elm Tree House in Pitchcombe has been sold by Moulton Haus.

Hamptons are looking forward to the Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt for which they are gold sponsors, and Murrays are sponsoring the next Wick-Flix cinema night ('First man' on 1st March). Meanwhile James Pyle have been appointed agent for the Guild of Property Professionals in the area.

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Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm	
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village H	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm	
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm	
	Have your Say - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 536325	Church Rooms	7.30 - 9.30pm	
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm	
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15- 11.30am	
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm	
	Community lunches - 10 Mondays from January 7th	Ashwell House	12.00 - 1.15pm	
	Lent group - starting on Monday March 11th - 5 sessions morning or evening. Liz Burge 01452 813177 elizabethburge@icloud.com	Yew tree House, Painswick	TBA	
	Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171		Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am	
Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790		Painswick Centre	10.00am	
Bingo		Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm	
Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers - during term time		Rococo Gardens	10.00am	
Nia Holistic Fitness		Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm	
Table Tennis		Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm	
Lent group - starting on February 26th - 6 sessions. Anthea and John Glibbery 01452 810702/Lindsay Gardiner 814282. lindsay@sheephouse.com		No. 8 Gyde House, Painswick	2.30-4.30pm	
Wednesdays		Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
		Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm Afternoons
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm	
	Painswick Bootcamp	Merrills, Friday Street, Painswick	2.00 - 3.30pm	
	Lent group - starting on March 13th - 5 sessions. Terry Parker 01452 812191 terence5545@btinternet.com	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am	
	Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Town Hall	9.30am
T'ai chi. Contact 812344		Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm	
Dog training club.			Mornings	
Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176			Afternoons	
Art class (watercolours) - contact Jane 812176		Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm	
Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480		Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm	
Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480		Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm	
Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com		Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am	
Fridays		Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris Campbell 01452 812600	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
		Baby and toddler group - term time only	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Adult ballet class	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm	
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick			



March

Fri	1	Wick-flix: First Man	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	1	World Day of Prayer	Catholic Church	11.00am
Sat	2	Beacon published		
	2	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearing	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
	2	Open House: Assisted Living Suites	Richmond Village	10.00am
Sun	3	Parish Communion	St Marys Church	9.30am
Mon	4	Knit and Natter	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm
	4	Community Lunch: Painswick Beacon Conservation Group	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	6	Cotteswold Naturalists: Watercolour - canals through artists' eyes: Tony Conder Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	6	Yew Trees WI theatre trip: Glengarry Glenross	Everyman Cheltenham	7.30pm
	6	Probus Club: Rose Hewlett: James Clifford - entrepreneur	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	6	Ash Wednesday: Richmond Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am
Thur	7	Painswick Music Appreciation Group : Mike Kerton - Leonard Bernstein, composer and conductor	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: Canine Partners - Collette and Jenny	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Village quiz	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun	10	Holy Communion	St Marys Church	9.30am
Mon	11	Community Lunch: Local History Society	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Thur	14	Messy Church	St Marys Church	3.30pm
Sat	16	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearing	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
	16	Stroud Choral Society with Regency Sinfonia: Tickets £16 Enq. Stroud Sub. Rooms 01453 760900	Cirencester Parish Church	7.00pm
Sun	17	Parish Communion	St Marys Church	9.30am
Mon	18	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
Tues	19	Local History Society: Medieval builders, techniques and tools: John Putley	Croft School	7.30pm
	19	Richmond Quiz evening: kay.james@richmond-villages.com or 01452 810203.	Richmond Village	5.00pm - 6.00pm
	19	Cotteswold Naturalists: Wood Carving and Wood Sculpture :Neil Gow Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Wed	20	Probus Club: Sub zero China - Peter Berry	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	20	Midday Prayer	St Marys Church	12.00pm
Thur	21	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Rod Winfield - Life and Music of Debussy	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: Painting African wildlife - George Yiend	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tues	26	Yew Trees WI: SS Great Britain, from launch to re-launch: Ian Caskie. Open Meeting - all welcome.	Church hall	7.30pm
Thur	28	Painswick Theatre Club: The Mirror Crack'd. Details 01452 812575	Cardiff	
Fri	29	PSALMS prayer group	St Marys Church	9.00am
Sat	30	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearing	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
	30	Painswick Music Society: Voces8 - a programme of Choral Dances. Memberships and tickets from Painswick Pharmacy or Edward Bowron 01452 740322 or pmsglen@gmail.com	St Marys Church	3.00pm

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Vicky Aspinall at: rgrasp@tiscali.co.uk**

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.19/0135/HHOLD
HORSESHOE COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane
Replacement conservatory, two storey rear extension and alterations.
S.19/0166/HHOLD LOWER GREENHOUSE, Greenhouse Lane
Demolition of garage, erection of extension, addition of dormer windows, alterations to fenestration, new boundary wall and revised landscaping.
S.19/0167/CPE PRICE DOWNWOOD MILL, The Camp
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the use of a building as a residential dwelling house.
Resubmission of the application S.17/2859/CPE.S.19/0223/
FULEGECOMBE, Edge Road
Erection of detached dwelling, with associated works - amendments to extant permission S.15/1304/FUL.
S.19/0213/HHOLD CEDAR HOUSE, Stamages Lane
Timber car port and garage conversion for use by relatives.
S.19/0263/HHOLD TRILLGATE, Slad
Erection of a garage and playroom (revised application following approval of application S.17/0584/HHOLD.

CONSENT

S.18/2669/LBC FLAT 18, Gyde House, Gyde Road
The proposal is to add a mullioned window to the west wall of the 1990's drawing room extension.
S.18/2716/TCA ST JOHNS CHURCH, Sheepscombe
Lawson Cypress in the churchyard extension - Fell to near ground level.
S.18/2771/LBC COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane
Retrospective application for the formation of a doorway in an internal wall and erection of a small section of external wall to form a bathroom.

S.18/2773/LBC COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane
Restoration of King Charles bedroom.
S.19/0070/TCA SALUTATION, Far End, Sheepscombe
Tree 1: Goat Willow - fell (excessive shading in garden) Tree 2: White Willow - fell (dangerously leaning tree).
S.18/2518/LBC & S.18/2519/HHOLD PARK LODGE, Butt Green
Installation of a single window on rear elevation adjacent to existing bathroom window.

REFUSED

S.18/2482/FUL JUBILATE, Blakewell Mead
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WITHDRAWN

S.18/2160/HHOLD RUDGE HILL HOUSE, Edge Lane, Edge
Erection of a two-bay garage with first floor office

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Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of JOYCE TRANTER who passed away at the Cotswold Care Home on January 22nd aged 89 years. Joyce was the beloved wife of the late Gordon and the much loved mother of Michael and Martin. She was Painswickian of the Year in 2002. The funeral was held at St John the Baptist Church, Edge on February 25th.

To the family and friends of HELEN BRIGGS who passed away on January 29th aged 89 years. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. A private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service was held at St Mary's Church on February 13th.

To the family and friends of RITA JEFFRIES who died on January 24th aged 98. Formerly of Painswick, Rita was a retired infant school teacher and was widow of the late John Jeffries. Her funeral was held at Our Lady and St Therese in Painswick on February 21st.

To the family and friends of EDITH MARFELL formerly of Orchard Mead who died peacefully on February 5th aged 95. Her funeral will take place on Monday March 4th at 10.15am at Cheltenham Crematorium.

To the family and friends of LOIS MACKENZIE who died in Gloucester Hospital on February 14th after a very short illness. Lois lived in Uplands, Cheltenham Road before moving to Richmond Village in 2014.

Congratulations

To RICHARD AND LAURA WOOF on the birth of their son Toby Stewart on 21 November 2018. A brother for Isabella and Evie, and a fourth grandchild for Mike and Jackie Woof.

To ROS & BRIAN GWINNELL, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 14th February. Ros & Brian grew up in Sharpness & Berkeley, moved to Madams Wood over 55 years ago & have been involved with many aspects of village life ever since. A family gathering was held at The Whitminster Hotel to mark their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

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

Gyde Almshouse vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for an Almshouse at GYDE Road Painswick
For information on how to qualify and to receive and application form please Contact Mrs S Baker – Clerk to the Trustees 14 Green Close, Uley, Dursley, Glos, GL11 5TH Tele: 01453 860379
Closing Date for Applications: 31st March 2019
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Madama Butterfly for People Living with Cancer

On Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7:30pm, Italian Opera comes to Gloucestershire for an intimate performance of Puccini's beloved masterpiece Madama Butterfly in Aid of Macmillan Cancer Support in the Parabola Arts Centre, Cheltenham to help raise vital money for people living with cancer.

Appearing is Zarah Hible a local Painswick girl who used to sell programmes for the Painswick Music Society concert series. Zarah followed her dream of studying opera singing in Italy. She returns home with Villa inCanto to honour the memory of her grandmother by raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support with this charity performance of Madama Butterfly.

If you need support, please visit Macmillan's website www.macmillan.org.uk or call Macmillan's Support Line for free on 0808 808 00 00, Monday - Friday 9am - 8pm.

Tickets: eventbrite.co.uk
Event: Madama Butterfly, Italian Production in Aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Zarah Hible

Birth announcements

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