

The Painswick Beacon

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New Drive planning appeal

An appeal has been made with the Secretary of State relating to the New Drive site following the planning refusal by the local Council for outline planning for eight houses. The inspector can adequately view the site from public land and planned to undertake an unaccompanied site visit. All comments made to the original application will be forwarded to the appeal inspectorate. The closing date for additional comments was 3rd March. The Village awaits the result with interest.



Painswick needs a Neighbourhood Plan

Stroud District Council has recently issued a Draft Local Plan which unfortunately has a number of policies based on outdated information which affect Painswick's future development. Whilst these issues have been challenged by both Painswick Parish Council and individuals, in the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan the Local Plan will dictate how Painswick and the surrounding settlements will develop in the future.

Painswick Parish Council will consider supporting a team in the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan should there be sufficient interest by the community. In addition, the Painswick Centre have agreed to provide a venue for meetings.

A Neighbourhood Plan would enable the community to develop a shared vision for Painswick and shape the type and location of growth within the area to best meet the needs of the community. Interest is sought from local interest groups, individuals and businesses with a wish to help in the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

As a first step a meeting will be held at the Painswick Centre in March and if you would like to offer some assistance or ideas please email painswickcentremanager@gmail.com for further details.

John Williamson

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

Information evening on Wednesday 25th March. Details inside on page 3

Dutchcombe Farm development

The Dutchcombe Farm site is overlooked by a large section of Painswick facing south so the proposed development may be of concern to some residents. For those interested in the details they should visit the Stroud District Council Planning portal and type in Dutchcombe Farm on the Search Planning Applications button. Ref: S19/2399/FUL.

Painswick man to row Atlantic Ocean Solo

Taking on 'The Worlds Toughest Challenge' for charity.

Local resident and adventurer Martyn Thornton is soon to undertake his second endurance challenge in 3 years by rowing the Atlantic Ocean solo. Martyn is undertaking the row as part of the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, a 3000 mile journey considered one of the world's most gruelling physical challenges.

Martyn is rowing to raise funds for Horseheard an equine based therapy charity helping to improve Emotional Health and Well Being of children, young people, service veterans and adults in need.

If you would like to sponsor his row contact him by email at www.atlanticsolo.co.uk follow on Instagram @atlanticsolo or call on 07785 350840.

Full story will appear in the April edition.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held on 5th and 9th of February by terry Parker

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting held Wednesday 5th February.
Present: Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Dawn Dart, Mike Fletcher, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Martin Slinger.

Apologies for absence

Were received from Cllrs James Cross and Ian James.

Matters of urgency

The Committee noted that an appeal against the District Council's decision to refuse development on Land adjoining Howbeg, Stamages Lane, had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

Matters requiring a decision.

The Committee agreed to support the following applications:

- a. S.19/2733/HHOLD, CHESSED, Slad Road, Slad.
- b. S. 2 0 / 0 0 5 4 / H H O L D , GREENSTEDE, Castle Close. Extension and alterations with associated landscape for dwelling.
- c. S.20/0033/FUL, Land between 15 and 16 UPPER WASHWELL. Demolition of 8 garages and creation of two 2 bed semi detached dwellings.
- d. S.19/2408/LBC, SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, Vicarage Street. Internal alteration to stairs.
- e. S20/0110/HHOLD, 22 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Erection of garage/carport and replacement shed.
- f. S. 2 0 / 0 1 1 1 / L B C , 2 2 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Erection of garage/carport and replacement shed.
- g. S. 2 0 / 0 1 1 2 / L B C , 2 2 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Various internal alterations, replacement

of most metal casements to windows

- h. S . 2 0 / 0 0 8 3 / H H O L D , SPRINGFIELD LODGE, Slad. Proposed greenhouse and vegetable garden.
- i. S.20/0161/HHOLD, 26 UPPER WASHWELL. Two storey & single storey rear extension.
- j. S.20/0130/TCA, THE OLD EXCHANGE, Stroud Road. Norway spruce (T1) fell because it is dying from the bottom up. Replant a replacement tree in the same place.

The Committee agreed to object to the following revised application. The Committee also agreed to request that the application be determined by the Development Control Committee of the District Council should the Planning Officer be minded to approve it.
S.19/2151/HHOLD, COOMBE HOUSE, Vicarage Street. Erection of garage and first floor extension.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Was held Wednesday 19th February
Present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Andy Cash and Mike Fletcher.

Apologies:

Cllrs James Cross, Ann Daniels, Dawn Dart, Ian James, Rob Lewis, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Abigail Smith.

In attendance:

District Councillors Nigel Cooper and Julie Job. County Councillor Keith Rippington had sent his apology. Two members of the public.

Public questions

There were no public questions but local resident Mr John Williamson who was present at the meeting referred to the response the Parish Council had made to the emerging District Council's Local Plan

Review and to the meeting held between the two authorities which he had attended. Cllr Slinger thanked Mr Williamson for his comments and said the matter would be discussed under agenda item 7.

Matters of urgency

The Council agreed the payment to Stroud Carpets of £522 for the replacement of damaged Vinyl at the Cemetery Lodge.

County Councillor's report

There was no report.

District Councillor's report

Cllr Cooper reported that the District Council had set its budget for 2020/21 at £14.7M, the largest item being Refuse and Recycling at £4.24M. The District Council's element of the Council Tax will rise by 2.41% on a Band D property. That is £5 per year to £212.52. The Police & Crime Commissioner had set its budget and this results in a Band D rate of £257.25 on a Band D property. The County Council tax increase of 3.99 equates to a Band D rate of £1345.32. He commented that the Parish precept equated to £59.73 on a Band D property, so the total of these 4 precepts was £1874.82.

Cllr Cooper said that the only other comment he would make was that the SDC had decided to widen its investment options to increase income. It always had surplus cash and returns in the money market were poor because of low interest rates. It had been decided to invest some funds in multi asset funds and property income funds. Whilst this was being done cautiously it concerned him as he well remembered the Icelandic bank debacle.

Referring to the Stroudwater Canal, Cllr Cooper said that the bid to the lottery fund for a second phase of the canal restoration was expected to be submitted in April. The SDC remained optimistic.

Stroud District Council Local Plan Review

The Deputy Clerk had circulated a report and a draft response to Stroud District Council prior to the meeting in regard to the classification of the tiers. Subject to a few minor amendments the Council agreed

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the response.

Meeting with The Croft School Council

Thirteen members of the School Council had met with members of the Parish Council where the children had raised a number of issues of concern to them. A number of the issues related to the Recreation Ground. They included the request for a special area for dogs, nets for the football goals, a covered area for when there was rain, the request for a bike track, an improved zip wire in a downward direction, more equipment for smaller children, improved exercise equipment, more benches/sitting areas for adults.

Elsewhere in the village the children said that they would like to see a big Christmas Tree where you could "sponsor a bauble to raise funds for charity". They said that it would be nice to make some of the lights on the Yew Trees coloured, not just white. The children asked that there should be more flowers and plants in the village to encourage bees and butterflies. The Councillors thanked the children for arranging the meeting and said that they would give consideration to the issues raised.

Finance Officer's report

The Members agreed the payments in accordance with the budget.

Financial Checker's Internal Quarterly report

The Members received the report.

Internal Auditor for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2020.

The Members agreed the appointment of Mr Ian Crowe.

Ward reports

Cllr Cash referred to a productive meeting held with Slad residents. Subjects discussed included highways and parking matters. Cllr Slinger drew attention to the issue of cars parking without lights on the main road at Edge where there was a 50mph limit. This was an offence. Parking without lights was permitted within a 20mph or 30mph zone. The police had issued warning notices to offenders. He would discuss the problem with the Chairman of the Parish Council's Traffic committee.

Meeting closure. The meeting ended at 8.33pm.

Interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

It is election year for Painswick Parish Council with elections scheduled for Thursday 7th May 2020.

Painswick Parish Council is a Warded Council with 7 Councillors from the Painswick Ward, 1 from the Edge Ward and two each from the Sheepscombe and Slad Wards.

To become a Parish Councillor you must meet the following criteria:

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- be a UK or commonwealth citizen, or;
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or;
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union;
- be at least 18 years old.

To be eligible to stand for an election, you must:

- be an elector of the parish, or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish, or;
- during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work), or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months have lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.

Painswick Parish Council is a "Gold Accredited" Council under the Local Council Awards Scheme and prides itself on helping our local communities. It is often the parish council that is turned to for support. By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support.

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

Once elected, Parish Councillors term of office is for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be running an information evening on Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 7 pm in the Town Hall Painswick for anyone wishing to gain a greater insight on to the role of a Parish Councillor.

If you wish to attend please advise the Clerk, Roy Balgobin by email: clerk@painswick-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01452 812722, or please feel free to pop into the Parish Office in the Town Hall, Monday Wednesday or Friday for an informal chat.

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Police Report

Crime statistics for the Painswick area taken from the Gloucestershire Constabulary web site



November 2019

Greenhouse Lane	Damage/Arson	No suspect identified
Blakewell Mead	Theft	Ditto
New Street	Theft	Ditto
Victoria Street	Violence	Ditto
Stroud Road	Drugs	Under investigation
Vicarage Street	Anti Social Behaviour	
Canton Acre	Vehicle crime	No suspect identified
	2 *Violence	Unable to prosecute

December 2019

Cotswold Mead	ASB	
Blakewell Mead	Theft	No suspect identified
Gloucester Road	Burglary	Ditto
New Street	Shoplifting	Ditto
Victoria Street	Violence	Under investigation
Vicarage Street	ASB	

No suspect identified means also investigation completed
For Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) details never given.



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

Ross Jones of Canton Acre writes

Yet again, the refuse collection team have destroyed the green at Canton Acre, Painswick (please see picture below). This is not the first time this has happened, but it is definitely the worst, as the ground is wet and a trail of mud and turf has been left all over the road.

A team from the Council took the time to plant new grass seed there last month, but this area has since been completely destroyed, so there is absolutely no chance the grass will grow again.

This will continue to happen until the area is redeveloped to assist parking and to make the best use of the green. Would additional parking/children's play area be an option for the green? It would make the area smarter and more user friendly for the Canton Acre residents. Also ease up on cars parking on the green, and alleviate the problems mentioned above?



Nick Slader of Greenhouse Lane writes

I advise all householders who live on the south west, lower slopes, of Painswick to go online to the Stroud District Council planning portal and type in Dutchcombe Farm, Ref. S19/2399/FUL.

You will be surprised how the hillside opposite you at Dutchcombe may change with the construction of the new house. A sharp contrast to the quintessential Cotswold farmhouse that once existed on the site.

Gloucestershire's Religious History

with the Cotswold Naturalists

To their wide-ranging interests in natural history, the founders of the Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club added antiquities. In the next month, the Club is focusing on antiquities and local religious history.



We start on Friday 27th March with an afternoon 'Going Aloft at Gloucester Cathedral' to reach the Library and Archives, Tribune Gallery and Organ Loft. We shall have the opportunity of examining early manuscripts with the Cathedral Librarian and Archivist, as well as to see and hear a demonstration of the organ's capabilities. The Cathedral's organ, first built in 1666 by Thomas Harris, has the only complete 17th-century cathedral organ case surviving in England. Pre-book by contacting me.

'Pilgrims & Pilgrimages in Gloucestershire' is the subject of John Putley's talk on Wednesday 1st April at 2.30 pm. Religious pilgrimages were big business for medieval Abbeys and Priors, bringing in valuable revenue, particularly if Holy Relics were held on the premises. And the familiar saying 'As sure as God's in Gloucestershire' points to the number and riches of the religious houses in this county, said to be double in number and value to those founded in any other in England. What's more, John Putley always gives a lively presentation. We meet in the Painswick Centre and charge £1 for members, or £4 for visitors (waived on a first visit). The talk is preceded by a brief AGM at 2 pm. Contact me, tel. 813 228, for more details and a copy of our latest Newsletter.

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St. Mary's Church - Major re-ordering plans

Further to displaying the most recent plans for major changes in the church we have received feedback from the parishioners and general public.

The majority of people stated that they were very happy to see a kitchen area and toilets being installed in the church. This they felt was a necessity for all people who use the church for services, concerts, weddings, funerals etc.

Some people have great reservations about the removal of the pews and others are happy to see at least some of the them go. The majority of parishioners would like to see underfloor heating put in and new stone flooring laid throughout.

Others are worried that there may not be enough seating for large funerals, weddings and concerts etc if all of the pews are removed. There has been one piece of feedback stating that nothing should be done.

Can I put people's minds at rest with regards to the seating in the church. The PCC have made a directive to ensure that the pews in the centre of the church remain. This will allow for 120 seats in the pews, which will cover the majority of services held in the church. The pews will be renovated to be movable for flexible positioning if we wish to change the seating arrangement. The majority of time they will be located in the centre of the church as seen in the plans.

For larger services, weddings, funerals and concerts, chairs will be used. These will be stored in special storage units, when they are not being used, in the Tower Vestry. They will be moved into the church when required. We hope to be able to seat at least 280 people. We still have the option of putting a gallery in to provide for more seating as suggested in some of the feedback received. If this was put in it would provide a great space to listen to a concert or see a wedding from as well as providing extra seating.

The church office will be located in the Tower Vestry which will ensure that the church is manned during weekday mornings. The church will always be an open place to come and look round maybe have a cup of coffee or come and pray in St. Peter's Chapel if you require a quiet place. We of course would like our young people from PSALMS and Messy Church to come and use the space as much as they are able to.

I hope this explains a bit more of what we the Parochial Church Council are attempting to do. Jesus said 'Do not be afraid'. We wish to move St. Mary's church on to a new era where all are welcome to come in and enjoy it. We also have a duty to future generations just as the Victorians did when they reordered in 1885.

More feedback is welcome and if you wish to speak with me personally for more information please email margaret.radway@tiscali.co.uk

Margaret Radway Churchwarden.



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News from St Mary's

Lent



At this time of year Christians everywhere are 'travelling' through Lent. For some this means giving up something- whether chocolate, alcohol or some other luxury. It is from this that we get the celebration of Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day as the last ingredients such as eggs and butter were eaten before the long

fast of Lent began. In doing so we are remembering Jesus's time in the desert where he fasted for 40 days.

Often more common today is to take up something that helps another person- perhaps doing a secret kind thing for someone each day, giving to a charity or helping someone in another way.

As a church St Mary's will be marking these events with Morning and Evening prayer- 8.30 and 5pm Monday to Thursday.

Mothering Sunday marks a brighter day in Lent when traditionally people returned to their local 'mother' church. This will be celebrated at St Mary's on the 22nd March with a Family Praise service at 9.30am where I believe posies will be presented.

Rev Janet Turville

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Mastermind Success

Painswick's Quiz Star into Semi-final

Dom Hewett, whose family live in Lower Washwell, stormed to success in his Mastermind appearance on 10th February. Taking his specialist subject as 'The Life and Poems of W.H. Auden', Dom scored a total of 21 points over the two rounds, five more than any of the other contestants.

He will now appear in the Semi-Final to be broadcast on Monday 30th March and is going for a total change of direction. This time his specialist subject will be New Zealand comedy duo, Flight of the Conchords.



Increasing recycling

Use Town Hall drop off point

- please feel free to use our drop off point behind the door in the Town Hall for wrappers from Biscuits, Cracker & Cakes. If this is successful then we will provide further receptacles for recycling chocolate & sweet wrappers, crisp and bread bags.

1. What we can accept, the flexible plastic wrappers from:

- Any brand of biscuit
- Any brand of cracker
- Any brand of cake
- Any brand of rice cakes
- Any brand of breakfast/cereal bars
- Any brand of Ryvita, Twiglet or cheese straws etc.
- Any brand of flapjacks, scones, brioche cakes, wafer biscuits, etc.
- Includes individual wrappers and multipack wrappers

2. What we can't recycle:

- Anything not biscuit/cake/cracker related
- Plastic trays
- Cardboard packaging
- Paper packaging (e.g. bakery cookies)
- Pastries (croissants, pain au chocolat etc.)
- Foil wrappers
- Protein bars and balls
- Cupcake paper cases

3. How to prepare your recycling

- Ensure packet is empty, shake crumbs out
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Book Club

We were delighted to host such a fantastic night in February, with over 120 of you coming to see the multi-award winning turn of Renee Zellweger in the biopic Judy. If you've never been to a Wick-Flix screening before, do come along by yourself or with some friends to enjoy a great night out in the heart of our village.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.45pm start. Tickets are £7 on the door (cash only) and include your first drink from the bar (where cards are accepted). Complimentary canapes are served on arrival and the bar reopens at the interval, when you can also purchase sweet and savoury snacks. We are proud to serve Marshfield Farm ice cream and Woodchester Valley wines at our screenings. Find us on Facebook to keep up to date.

Friday 6th March – The Good Liar (15)

Dame Helen Mirren and Sir Ian McKellen star in this crime thriller as a wealthy widow and a career con artist, with a plot full of twists, bluffs and double-bluffs. Director Bill Condon 'distills from the McKellen-Mirren team an energy that is devastating' (The Observer); 'they are an enormous pleasure to watch, individually and playing off each other on screen for the first time in their decades-long careers' (LA Times).

Friday 3rd April – Official Secrets (15)

Keira Knightly stars in this fact-based drama about a GCHQ (down the road!) whistle-blower who leaked information about an illegal operation to push the UN Security Council into sanctioning the 2003 invasion of Iraq. A very British story of espionage, journalistic and legal intrigue; 'a pacy, palm-clammying watch' (Time Out).

Friday 1st May – Knives Out (12A)

'A deliciously entertaining whodunnit' (The Guardian), Knives Out presents a stellar line up: Daniel Craig, Christopher Plummer, Jamie Lee Curtis, Chris Evans, Don Johnson and Toni Collette amongst others. This modern-day homage to Agatha Christie has a family celebration in a country pile at its heart, when the elderly patriarch dies in an apparent suicide. Thrills, twists and laughs ensue in this award-winning film.

Susie Andrews

The Club's February gathering was a very well attended Meet the Author session with local author Jan Turk Petrie. (Picture below)

Many people present had read several of Jan's books but were fascinated to hear about her inspiration and learn about her writing process. For Jan's most recently published novel, Towards The Vanishing Point, which was originally written as a radio play, her inspiration formed part of a creative writing module on translation and based on the transcript of a trial although the novel had to be unrecognisable from the original court case. Although this novel was set in the 1930s, Jan's first published books were a dream-inspired trilogy set fifty years in the future in a bleak, divided city-state. Jan's books sell internationally and are especially popular in the USA.

The next Book Club meeting is on Monday March 16th at 2pm when The Sealwoman's Gift by Sally Magnusson will be discussed. Please feel free to come along to the library even if you haven't read the book.

Croc-n-Roll

There will be a session of guitar-led songs for children from 6 months to 5 years of age on Wednesday March 11th from 2.30 till 3pm at £1 per child.

New Civica Spydus Library Management System

The new Gloucestershire-wide library IT system will be activated in early March. If you have signed up for email updates from the library you should receive a press release with important information in the next few days.

Although no libraries are able to purchase or add new stock in the transition period please be aware we will be ordering books again in early April. In the meantime if you would like to recommend new books for our community library stock please let the library know the details – thank you.

Happy Reading

Pat Pinnegar

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Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)

Membership

Following the retirement of John Morley as Chair, the Patient Group (PPG) has been restructured with new members bringing it up to strength and continuing to meet quarterly. The Chair's role is to alternate for the time being. Here are the names of the continuing members & phone numbers/email addresses:

Liz Burge 813177; Anthony Fisher 812130; Brett Hutton 813820;
Anita Morley 812853; David Perry david_perryluk@yahoo.co.uk

New members are: Angela Crossley; Jennifer Stark and Steve Tye

To ensure greater PPG effectivity the Practice has agreed, despite the current pressures on them, that a Doctor will attend every meeting. Patients on the group were pleased to hear that the Doctors are sometimes better informed about, eg Secondary Care issues as a result!

Waiting times

Waiting times for non-urgent appointments remain a problem and the Christmas period was particularly difficult. The Practice has examined this and have identified the availability of various NHS apps that other practices have found take some load off them. Members of the PPG are testing these for suitability.

Some have asked why Nurse appointments are not available for booking online. This is because the length of their appointments vary greatly depending on what treatment is wanted, which facilities are needed/available and other concerns.

Regular visits to care homes are now made by Doctors not to see people with immediate needs but to check on health maintenance strategies etc alongside visits to individuals.

Dementia Care

Plugging the gaps in dementia care, especially for those on the edge of needing it, is to be addressed by the PPG and anyone with thoughts or ideas on this is invited to contact Brett Hutton as above. We are also looking to restart the Carers Group which has been a victim of staff protracted illness. Volunteers to help with this please email painswickppg@gmail.com

PCN

As the Primary Care Network, outlined in previous Beacon notes, gains traction and with new GP contract specifications due in April you can expect to see gradual increases in the number of support people working with the Surgery such as social prescribers, physiotherapists and in due course, MAPs: medical associate professionals (formerly Physician Associates).

Citizens Jury

One member of the PPG attended the Citizens Jury held in January to consider the proposed reorganisation of Gloucester and Cheltenham Hospitals. You can see more about this including the questions put to the Jury here: <https://citizensjuries.org>.

Donate to the Surgery?

Have you thought of your fellow patients' needs when you attend to your will? Or are you revising your regular charitable giving? Or you're about to? The Surgery has an associated charitable trust which from time to time buys special equipment (eg an ECG machine) as needed. If you are considering this please phone the Practice Manager, Mike Mack-Smith on 01452 812545

David Perry, Group member

Changing Times.



Our February speaker, Mary Fenton gave us a small insight into the wonder of trees. We were particularly struck by the fact that some root systems go back thousands of years and though the above ground growth may look youthful, its origins could be ancient. A concept for us all to ponder in this age of Botox!

It has become increasingly apparent that our burgeoning membership is now rather outgrowing our Bowls Club venue, so with that in mind we have taken the decision to re-locate for all future meetings, to the Town Hall. We would like to thank the Bowls Club for hosting us for the last year and hope our gardening efforts in their grounds will be seen to better effect in the coming months. We also thank those of you who manfully assisted us on our working parties.

Our next speaker on Wednesday 11th March is Vicky Fox from Plantagogo, specialist Heuchera and Tiarella nursery. They have multiple Gold medals from all flower shows including Chelsea and hold the national collection for Tiarellas and will be bringing some treasures for sale, so don't miss this opportunity for a great evening.

We are very pleased to announce that we have finalised details for our trip to Kew Gardens. This will be on Wednesday 13th May by coach from Painswick. Tickets will be on sale at our March meeting and we would suggest getting your interest noted ASAP. The cost of coach and entry to include a behind the scene tour and talk from Kew's own representative will be £13.60 for members and £18. for non members.

I think you will agree this is fantastic value, so do bring your cheque books with you next time and remember we will be at the Town Hall.

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There's a lot coming up at The Painswick Centre in the next few months, from drawing and upholstery classes, films and gigs, to the return of our pop-up Fish & Chips nights. All details are on our website: www.painswickcentre.com, and you can keep up to date with us on Facebook and Instagram.

Coming up this month:

- Fri 6th Mar** Wick-Flix presents: *The Good Liar* (15)
Doors open at 7pm. See page 7 for more information.
- Sat 7th Mar** Drum Lampshade Making with Sew Vintage
Create your own 30cm drum lampshade; all materials provided except for your chosen fabric. 10am-1pm, £40pp. Contact Victoria & Sophie to book at sewvintage66@gmail.com, 07835 617 213 or 07766 114 940
- Sat 14th Mar** Variety Night
Dave's Grand Indoor Events comes to Painswick for the first time, with a spectacular evening including a fire eater, professional hoop artist, singing and dancing. There will be a raffle, the bar will be open, and there will be free squash and water for children. 7.15 – 10.15pm. Tickets £15pp, available from dgievents1@gmail.com or 07508 432591
- Fri 20th Mar** Megson
Four-times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the Spiral Earth Awards, Megson, aka Stu & Debbie Hanna, draw heavily on their Teesside heritage to create a truly unique brand of folk music.
Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets £15, available from Canton Acre Promotions: 07596 823 881 or cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com
- Sat 21st Mar** Fabric Wreaths for Easter with Sew Vintage
A workshop to create your own bespoke fabric wreath or heart using a fabric of your choice. Customise your creation with beautiful handmade charms and lovely ribbon. All materials and expert tuition provided, except 1.2m of your chosen fabric. 10am – 1pm, £29pp. Contact Sew Vintage as above.

Fish & Chip nights are back!

After an overwhelming response last year, we're delighted that Simpsons will be back in Painswick from April, serving their delicious, award-winning (and gluten free) fayre. You can take away or eat in at The Beacon Hall, where the bar will be open for drinks and ice creams. Cards and cash accepted. Second Wednesday of every month April – October, 5 – 8pm.

Aid roles at The Painswick Centre

With The Painswick Centre getting busier and holding more events, both public and private, ensuring the bars run smoothly is becoming a challenge for just one person. If you could help count stock once in a while, fill fridges and shelves, move bottles from one place to another and generally help keep the place running smoothly we'd love to hear from you. We also need ad hoc help with setting chairs and tables out for events. Please contact Lindsay at painswickcentremanager@gmail.com

Susie Andrews

Something for Everyone



Friday Club aims to provide a varied programme for members and visitors. The last

few meetings have amply demonstrated this philosophy and there is more to come. Can you draw and paint? Mark Kelland our speaker on January 24th inspired everyone to try, showing where to start and how to structure your work. Demonstrating how the least artistic of us can still produce a recognisable piece of art.

Two weeks later the visiting speaker was Steve Morton from the Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust. The quick quiz provided some interesting facts and figures about the prevalence of arthritis in the community also affecting younger people. It was fascinating to learn of the work of the Trust in funding research and training to combat this insidious disability.

In a last -minute change to the planned talk for February 21st, we were grateful to Peter Berry who abandoned his paint brush and transported us from wet and windy Painswick to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. It was a magical journey.

Looking ahead to other journeys, there are several outings planned for 2020 which will be open to non-members, so you might want to get these dates in your Diary:

On Thursday April 2nd there is trip on the Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway from Cheltenham to Broadway and then back by coach stopping for a pub lunch on the way. The keen gardeners amongst you may be interested in a visit to David Austin Roses which includes a guided tour and lunch, this will be on Wednesday 15th July.

Final costs will depend on numbers signing up, so if you are interested in either of the outings why not contact Ann Williams on 01452 812344 or come to one of our regular meetings.

The next meeting will be on Friday 6th March at 2.30. Look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Francis



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Cattle moved

The seven Dexters were moved back to Holcombe Farm the week before storm Dennis struck. They had been grazing the Beacon in two temporary paddocks since the

beginning of August and so have been doing their work for two months longer than in the past. Natural England have given us permission to graze further into the spring, but the two older cows were starting to lose condition. This was a result of two factors. Firstly, they were still suckling their calves and secondly their digestive systems were probably struggling to cope with the rougher vegetation available. They had been reared on lush lowland grass by the River Severn. The two calves and three steers, by contrast, were coping extremely well and could have stayed longer. However, the calves were not fully weaned, so we felt it better not to separate them from their mums until they were.

We hope to find a suitable "retirement home" for the two older mums to be put out to grass and replace them for next winter with a couple more steers.

The cows have done a fantastic job despite the horrendous wet weather and being small cattle have not poached the ground too much. It has been generally mild and the grass continued to grow slowly. Consequently we have only given some supplementary feed in the latter few weeks before they were moved.

The Back from the Brink project have just paid to have two new water standpipes put in. This will mean we may target the grazing more accurately depending on the conservation needs. It is especially exciting that we will be able to graze areas recently cleared above the Gloucester Road near Madams Wood.

The constant wet weather combined with a huge increase in footfall has taken its toll on the Beacon. Paths have been reduced to liquid mud in places and often they are getting wider as people try to avoid the worst of the mud by walking on the edges.

Finally, may I repeat our appeal for funds. We recently estimated our annual running costs at £1800 and without a major grant this takes some finding. If you enjoy the Beacon and care about the conservation effort, then please think about giving a donation or setting up an annual direct debit to our group.

Paul Baxter 07971 633 242



Crafty Ladies

Crafts have been very much in the minds of the ladies of Yew Trees WI. At their February meeting textile designer and tutor Clare Walsh shared her passion for traditional Indian block printing; the earliest method of creating printed textiles, going back hundreds of years. The boom time being the seventeenth century, when Jaipur was its centre and every village had its own designs, paisley being one of many. Sprigged muslin, imported from India, was very fashionable in Regency time. Clare brought some of her collection of authentic, intricately carved, Indian wood blocks as well as examples of textiles adorned with beautiful patterns made from them.

Everyone was full of amazement at the immense skill, patience and steadiness of hand required to produce this exacting, precise, very beautiful work. After her talk Clare allowed her audience to experiment with some blocks and dyes. This taster made many eager to experiment further, possibly by attending workshops in the future.

A workshop run by the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs resulted in two members proudly returning with a new lampshade each. The ladies had a really enjoyable and instructive day, all materials, as well as expert tuition, having been organised for them.

On March 24th John Butterworth, a former newspaper editor, is giving a talk entitled "Hotel with a Famous Guest List" - Dickens and Disraeli being two on it. It is a special open meeting when we give a warm welcome to visitors both male and female, so gentlemen do please come and join us. 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms £4 each.

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Spring in the offing

Well, we're pretty pleased to have February behind us. It brought us two very big storms which didn't do any good to our hoggin paths, our visitor numbers or even our snowdrops, which took a bit of a battering. However on the brighter side, our ancient trees didn't suffer any serious damage and the Garden is showing lots of spring promise as the days lengthen.

So all eyes here are now focused on our imminent display of spring bulbs. Last September the Garden team, plus some of our Friends and our regular team of volunteers planted 20,000 daffodils through the Red House Wilderness. We also added several thousand more hellebores to our spring display in this area, which has been the subject of restoration work recently. These were all planted in clumps and will give a slightly different look to the orchard, where we planted 25,000 daffodils and crocus in drifts in 2018. And following them, there will be over 8,000 tulips coming up in the Exedra Garden... plenty of reasons to come and visit regularly!

We've also been busy finalising plans for our programme of events, which this year includes "regulars" such as outdoor theatre, bat walks and photography workshops alongside "newcomers" such as meditation, dog training and speed painting. Have a look at our website for more details - in the meantime, you might like to know that there's an early bird discount at the moment for Handlebards tickets. The Handlebards travel the length of the country by bike, performing Shakespeare, and have made the Garden a popular stop-off for a good few years now. The Gents will be bringing us "A Comedy of Errors" on Thu 25 June and the Ladies perform "Macbeth" on Fri 3 July. As I say, visit rococogarden.org.uk for more information.

Don't forget that you don't need to visit the Garden to visit our cosy café – it's open every day, 10.30-4.30 so do make us a meeting place for coffee or lunch. I hope to see you at the Garden soon.

Tim Toghill, volunteer & trustee



Artburst Needs You!

"Very inspiring." "It's great to have workshops in Painswick." "I'm really enjoying it." "Very good for the village." These were just some of the feedback from Artburst visitors. Did you enjoy Artburst in 2019 or in previous years? Perhaps you visited an artist's exhibition or open studio, or participated in a workshop, enjoyed a talk or simply savoured the energy that Artburst brought to the village.

Artburst is unique to us here in Painswick. It is the last festival we do that brings the community together, and indeed brings visitors to our beautiful village. It would be a shame if we could not put Artburst on, but the fact is we are down to just two committee members.

Notwithstanding we have plenty of ideas about how Artburst can evolve, and with this in mind we are holding an open day at the Nest (behind the Falcon Inn) on Saturday, 14th March 2020, 11am - 4pm. Please do come along. We'd love to share our ideas and hear your suggestions for the art provision you'd like to see in Painswick in the future. If you'd like to join us on the committee, to put exciting plans into action, even better! If you cannot make that date but are still interested, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Anthony Lewis Churchill on lewisAnthony108@gmail.com.



PMAG:

On 6th February Mike Ward spoke with authority and enthusiasm on the vast canvas of the

life and composition of the Austrian composer Joseph Haydn. His talk was based on much thorough research and his long-term affection for Haydn's music.

Mike had selected a wide range of musical excerpts that illustrated admirably the genius of the composer. These ranged from his 1st Symphony (1757), the famous Trumpet Concerto (1762), the Symphony No 102 (1794), the Sunrise Quartet (1797) and not least, his masterpiece – the Creation (1798).

In sum, Mike had presented a memorable session that provided much pleasure for the membership.

On 20th February in a rearranged programme in part one Ann Williams showed Ken Russell's classic film on the life of Elgar (1962). This is a remarkable film and in part, one with very many poignant moments. Ann completed her programme with a stiff test to the membership on the identification of each of three recordings of Elgar's cello concerto.

In part two Howard Allen gave the members a taste of a Schubertiade. He spoke of Schubert's gift for composing melodious music for the voice with the selection of the songs 'To Music', 'Serenade' and 'The Carrier Pigeon' and for chamber groups with excerpts from the 'Trout' Piano Quintet and the Octet.

On 5 March Lynn Steer will be presenting a programme on music from his homeland – 'Music from Wales'. This promises to be a fascinating evening and it is to be hoped that Lynn's theme will draw support from our membership and from a wider audience.

Howard Allen.

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Brian Jubb

So many in Painswick have expressed their sadness at the death of Brian – he was much loved. This is not surprising as, for Brian, friendship was very precious and once he had befriended you he was the best. At his funeral in February the chapel was full to overflowing with friends who had come from far and wide.

Although he had lived in Bristol for several years Brian never forgot his ties to Painswick and came back frequently. It was here that he first experienced some stability in his life. Born in London in 1939, Brian and his brothers and sister were evacuated to South Wales in 1941 when his father died. As a two-year-old this was of course a truly unnerving event compounded by the fact that for the next five years life for the Jubb children was exceptionally unpleasant. Theirs was not a happy evacuation.

In 1946 the children were brought to the Gyde Orphanage here in Painswick and for the next few years Brian's life was settled and good at last. He made many friends at school here as well as life-long friends in the home. He adored his house mother, Sister Mary, and never forgot the kindness and love he knew in Painswick. He did know more pain however when some of his Gyde friends were sent to Australia in the early 1950s 'for a better life' so called but which later was recognised to have been disastrous for many of those who were sent.

Brian organised several reunions in Painswick which saw old school and Gyde friends happily reunited. These were the happiest and indeed very successful occasions remembered fondly still by many. This was an exceptional man. Despite, or maybe because of, his early difficult years, Brian valued his many friends and of course his wife Janet (in the picture) and son Tom to an exceptional degree. He was kind, caring, thoughtful, generous-hearted, had a wonderful sense of humour and was very, very loyal. He will be greatly missed.

Carol Maxwell



Greg's Painswick yews on display

Greg Thatcher is now a familiar annual sight as he sits under a selected yew tree in the churchyard every summer. For 28 years he has come back to Painswick from his home in America in order to produce another exquisite piece of artwork featuring the yews.

His drawings have won international acclaim both for their outstanding technical skill and for their sheer artistic beauty. Des Moines is the state capital of Iowa and it is there in the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden that Greg's Painswick Yew artworks are currently on display. The website for this garden features a piece under 'programs' about Greg's work.

Greg will be back in the summer. Happy for people to stop and look and talk about his work here as he sits drawing in the churchyard every day, he has developed a real love for and dedication to Painswick and the yews. 'Please let the trees know that I miss them and will be coming home soon' he writes. Meanwhile, in his turn Greg has taken Painswick and the yews across the ocean to be proudly on show in the US.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Probus Club

– William Richard Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield (1877-1963)

On the 5th of February John Macartney, a former Jaguar employee and car enthusiast, returned to present the life of William Morris, Viscount Nuffield. William Morris was one of the 20th century's great industrialists and philanthropists.

Starting a bicycle repair business at the age of 15 and expanding into motorcycles and then into selling motor cars from his Morris Garages showroom, he built his first car in 1913 on a site bought from the Oxford Military College which later grew into the Morris Cowley works. Ultimately Morris Motors merged with its rival Austin Motor Company in 1952, forming the British Motor Corporation. He was always a firm believer that workers gave their best if they were secure and healthy. The Morris Motor Company had employee benefits which would have been the envy of many modern companies - free health, eye and dental care (this is before the NHS), a pension scheme with widow benefits and so on.

Becoming Viscount Nuffield in 1934 he founded various charities, notably the Nuffield Trust with the aim of improving health care, and the Nuffield Foundation to advance education and social welfare.

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Exciting ideas from the Business Breakfasts

Painswick Business Breakfasts were started last year as a way for local businesses (big, small, individuals, and those who work from home) to come together. They have proven very popular as an opportunity to meet others, find out what is happening locally, and identify ways we might be able to work together. We're working on bringing some guest speakers to future events in 2020, so if you're interested please email susieandrews101@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

The latest Breakfast took place in February at The Waypoint, where we were made very welcome with coffee and croissants and enjoyed the incredible views across the valley. The focus was to present two ideas to Painswick which have been developed out of discussions at previous Breakfast events, about how we can better promote Painswick and bring together all the wonderful things we have to offer.

The first idea is an 'open event' for the village along the lines of a wedding fayre. Its aim would be to showcase Painswick as the perfect place for a wedding or big celebration. It would allow visitors to see venues dressed up with all of the trimmings, along with entertainment, drinks and food (all provided by local suppliers), giving them a real sense of what a party here could be. All the specialist event suppliers involved would make a financial contribution to this marketing event to cover the costs of production. Becks Brooks, who lives in the village and works for Tarren Production (which delivers the Cheltenham Festivals), has been developing this idea along with others. If you are interested in taking part, please contact becks@tarrenproduction.co.uk

The second idea is to establish social media platforms to 'sell' Painswick to a new external audience. The platforms would bring together everything that happens in the village and make it easy for visitors to know what to do, where to eat, and where to stay while they're here - essentially how to spend their time and money. It would use photos and video, along with monthly 'What's On' summaries, to promote Painswick as a place to visit and to boost footfall to our local amenities and attractions. Again, local businesses who want to be a part of this would contribute monthly to fund its delivery. If you are interested in finding out more or being involved, please email susieandrews101@gmail.com

Both of these ideas can neatly be brought together under the existing Love Painswick brand. To find out more please find the Instagram account [@lpteststest](https://www.instagram.com/lpteststest) (all lower case) and request to follow.

Susie Andrews



Building Regency Cheltenham

At its meeting on 18th February, the Local History Society heard a fascinating talk about the building of Regency Cheltenham by Dr. Steven Blake, a leading expert on the subject, who worked for thirty years at the Cheltenham Museum.

When his story began around 1780, Cheltenham was a village with a population of around 2,000 people, about the same size as Painswick, but by 1850 it was the largest town in Gloucestershire with a population over 35,000. Its reputation had been made by the visit of King George III to take the waters in 1788 and it became one of the most fashionable towns in Britain. But for much of that period from 1780 to 1850 it was effectively a massive building site. As the town grew, fortunes were made and lost, with several of the main developers ending up with huge debts.

Intriguingly, some of the most uniform terraces in the town were built piecemeal, one house at a time and by different builders, spread over periods of many years. Luckily many of them have survived and there has been a lot of restoration recently, although as in all towns, some have been lost in the name of progress.

The society's next meeting will be a talk on 17th March by Pat Harper on the life of Narrowboat women and their children on local canals (7.30pm at the Croft School).

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Painswick Golf Club

The very wet weather has been impacting on other courses – with many closed or water-logged. But the Painswick course, lying on well drained limestone over the top of the hills, is much better off in that regard. So a number of golfers from other courses can be seen playing the unique course.

But the poor weather has taken its toll on golf, with a number of competitions being postponed or adversely affected. Despite the weather, the monthly Midweek stableford competition took place on 6th February and was won by Jim Eva with an excellent score of 42 stableford points. And a joint Seniors and Ladies Texas Scramble took place on 19th February. The winning team was Angie Woodward, George Paton, David Butler and Mike Sanderson who had a net score of 53.75. David Butler won 'nearest the pin' on the 18th hole. Congratulations to the winners.

A number of members volunteered to help with a 'Club and Course Maintenance Morning' on 22nd February. This included addressing a number of things that needed doing in and around the clubhouse and on the course. (Pictured: clearing leaves from 15th green)

The club welcomes visitors whether for a round of golf or to enjoy the hospitality in the clubhouse. As well as Sunday lunches, the caterers (Waypoint) offer lunches and other refreshments (except Mondays) and are happy to cater for anniversaries or other special occasions, wakes and other celebrations. Please call 01452 812180 for further details and to book.

Peter Rowe



Falcon News

The new season is fast approaching at Falcon. Grass is being cut, benches being varnished and grounds are being tended in preparation for the start of the season in April. Quite a few of our members have been keeping "their hands in" by playing indoors at either Cotswold, Midglos or GL1, but you "can't beat outdoors". Like most sports clubs Falcon relies on a small band of volunteers to do all the things that need doing. Without these "unsung heroes" we wouldn't exist. Our first fixture of the season is a new one away to Cinderford on the 11th. Then on the 18th we have our Play Bowls Open Day when people can visit Falcon, and have a bowl, cup of tea and a slice of cake

This season Falcon continues its campaign to get people active through playing bowls. We're working with organisations such as Age UK and U3A to promote the benefits of playing throughout people's lives. We did a study last year which showed in an average game a player walks 2.5 miles so a fair chunk of your daily quota I would say?

Last season we also had a piece of our history return to the club as Painswick's very own Rob Goddard joined the club. Rob joined Falcon because his grandfather Tom was a member here from the 1930's. Tom represented England on several occasions so must have also been a top bowler locally for this to happen. The piece of history is that Rob is using Tom's old woods which must be the best part of a hundred years old. There must be some magic in them or there's something in the genes because Rob's already proved he's a more than handy bowler himself in his first season. He's already made appearances in the Men's league side and played in numerous friendlies so maybe another star is born?

For more info on Falcon, to find out more about our FREE summer taster sessions and our play bowls open day contact:
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Rugby

Painswick Rugby Club are currently 5th out of 9 in the Gloucestershire Div 2 North League
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Saturday 21st March v Bream

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Harsh Punishment?

It's interesting how attitudes to punishment evolve through time. Consider this case from March 1830. Benjamin Cook of Painswick, aged 53, a weaver and described as 5ft.7ins. tall, hair sandy, eyes grey, scar on forehead, long face, large nose, 3rd and 4th fingers on both hands crooked, was found guilty of stealing four young apple trees, value £2, the property of Thomas Jones Howell of Prinknash Park. The sentence - transportation for 7 years.

And in March 1850 John Francis Weston, aged 15, hook and eye maker, described as 4ft.8ins. tall, hair brown, eyes brown, visage round, complexion fresh, ruptured on right side, father and mother dead, was found guilty of stealing a bottle of scent, the property of Thomas Hart [Painswick's pharmacist]. He was sentenced to 14 days hard labour – and it really was hard labour – in the penitentiary.

Ten years later in March 1860 Stroud Journal reported that Joseph Brotheridge, Alfred Matthews, Mary Ann Golding, Elizabeth Niblett and Charlotte Hodges, 'unfortunates', were charged with having been found at 1.15am all sleeping in a stable opposite the police station. Pleading guilty, they were sentenced to 10 days imprisonment at the Gloucester penitentiary.

Carol Maxwell

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Peter and Jane Rowe

Pitchcombe – Our Village

As part of Pitchcombe church's bicentenary celebrations, Pitchcombe Parochial Parish Council has commissioned a professional publisher to update Pitchcombe – Our Village. The book is a new version of Pitchcombe resident Corinne Jones' 1982 loose-leaved book with additional material and a new chapter, bringing the book up to date. The text pages are illustrated with many new full-colour photographs, some of Corinne's original photographs, interesting historic photographs, maps, illustrations and prints. The book is likely to become a highly prized, rare collectors' item. The book is a "Subscribers' Limited Edition" and will not be available in bookshops or online but copies will be available directly from the publisher later in 2020. Contact: Nick Darien-Jones – Tel: 01452 812550 – Email: nick@darien-jones.co.uk

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Council Tax increases for 2020/21

District Cllr. Nigel Cooper announced to the recent Parish Council Meeting the increases on tax rates for 2020/21. The District Council increase will be 2.41%. The County Council increase will be 3.99% and the Parish council charge will go up by 2%. For example a band D property will have a total bill for 20/21 of £ 1874.32 including the Crime commissioner charge. See Page 2 for further details. .

PROPERTY REPORT by Beacon Staff

Right in the centre of the village, 1 George Court (Murrays, £375,000) on the corner of Victoria Street just below the Town Hall, used to be a Bakery, but is now an attractive 3 bed cottage. Just down the road, Wayside in Victoria Street was briefly on the market this month through the same agent, but went under offer almost immediately. A sale has also been agreed on 8 Hyett Orchard, through James Pyle, but if you missed out on that, 6 Hyett Orchard, a 2 bedroom retirement property, is now on the market (Murrays, £210,000).

Hamptons have had a busy month with 14 Canton Acre and Lovedays Cottage in St. Mary's Street going under offer, also 3 Wordings Mount in Sheepscombe, which sold rapidly, and Sunnybank House in Slad. Murrays too have had Vermont in Cranham and Edgewood in Sheepscombe going under offer. Hamptons report that contracts have been exchanged on Highfield House in Gloucester Street, 2 Vicarage Street and Ermine Cottage in Birdlip.

But there are still properties available, including in Painswick, 18 Upper Washwell (Hamptons, £400,000) and up towards the Royal William, Windrush in Beacon Close (Murrays, £550,000), a detached 3 bedroom house with far-reaching views. In Edge, Commodious Chapel (Murrays, £595,000) is a distinctive property right on the Green, with 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, while Sweetbriar in Cranham (Hamptons, £625,000) is a modern detached 4 bedroom house. James Pyle report that the Old Stores in Cranham, a 4 bedroom semi-detached house, is also about to come on the market.

Over towards Sheepscombe, Cockshoot House (Hamptons, £750,000) is a detached period house with views over the valley, and in Sheepscombe itself, Brooklands Cottage (Hamptons, £1.1 million) is an extended and detached 5 bed family house in a large plot. Back in Painswick and coming soon, is Harebell House, a detached 4 bedroom house in Kemps Lane (Hamptons, £1.1 million).

Social media is gradually gaining in prominence. Murrays report one property going under offer through Facebook this month and Hamptons are investing in artificial intelligence technology aiming for more precise targeting of individuals actively looking for local property.



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cvasp.26@gmail.com

Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm	
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm	
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm	
	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	
	Sheepscombe baby and toddler group - every Monday except holidays. £ 4.00 for first child, £1.00 others	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30am	
	Upholstery classes. For information contact Victoria or Sophie on 07835617213 or 07766114940 or www.sew-vintage.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.00am or 6.30pm	
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
	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 in term time.		Rococo Gardens	10.00am	
Nia Holistic Fitness		Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm	
Artspace Painswick		The Falcon's Nest	4.00 - 6.00pm	
Morning /evening prayer		St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
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
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons	
	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm	
	Table Tennis from Jan 8th to March 25th	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 9.00pm	
	Morning /evening prayer	St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
	Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
		T'ai chi. Contact Jeff on 07970 303694	Town Hall	9.30am
		Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
		Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact 01453 752480		Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm	
Jolly Stompers as above: Experienced beginners.		Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm	
Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com		Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm	
Stroud and District Philatelic Soc. 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month throughout the winter. Contact 813440		Church Rooms	7.30pm	
Morning /evening prayer		St Mary's Church	8.30am/5.00pm	
Fridays		Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris 812600	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am	
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	The Falcon's Nest	2.00 - 3.30 pm	
Sundays	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am	
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am	
March	Sun 1 Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am	
	Mon 2 Community Lunch provided by Beacon Conservation Group	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm	
	2 Knit and Natter	Library	10.00 - 12.00pm	



Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists: English Civil War in the Cotswolds - Dr John Paddock. Enq. 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	4	Painswick Probus: The Wonder of Bees - Richard Rickitt	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	4	Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am
Fri	6	Beacon published		
	6	Wick-flix: The Good Liar (15)	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	6	Friday Club: Votes for Women - Sue Jones	Town Hall	2.30pm
	5	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Lynn Steer - Music from Wales	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	7	Beacon Village Quiz. Entries to barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
	7	Drum lampshade workshop - contact Sophie or Victoria on 07835617213 or 077766114940 or www.sew-vintage.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Sun	8	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	9	Community Lunch provided by Local History Society	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	11	Gardening Club: A Passion for Heucheras - Vicky Fox (Plantagogo)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	12	Messy Church	3.30pm	Church Rooms
Sun	15	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	16	Library Bookclub	Library	2.00pm
Tues	17	Cotteswold Naturalists: Buying and selling antiques, beautiful to bizarre - Bev Dennison. Enq 01453 873262	The Hub Minchinhampton	2.30pm
	17	Local History Society: Narrow Boat Women and their children - Pat Harper	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	18	Painswick Probus: Encounters with the Muslim World - John Blenkinsopp	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	18	Midday Prayer	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
	18	Parish Council meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	19	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Peter Grainger - Why Wagner?	Town Hall	7.30am
Fri	20	Friday Club: Boil a mouse in urine - Malcolm Watkins	Town Hall	2.30pm
	20	Canton Acre Promotions: Megson. Tickets 15.00 from cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	21	Fabric Wreath Workshop - contact Sophie or Victoria on 07835617213 or 077766114940 or www.sew-vintage.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Sun	22	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	22	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
Tues	24	Yew Trees WI: Hotel with a famous guest - John Butterworth. Open meeting. £ 4.00 for visitors	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	27	PSALMS Prayer Group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
April				
Wed	1	Painswick Probus Club AGM	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
	1	Cotteswold Naturalists: AGM + Pilgrims and Pilgrimages in Gloucestershire - John Putley. Enq 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.00pm
Thurs	2	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Life and Music of Arthur Sullivan	Town Hall	7.30pm
	2	Friday Club: Outing on a train		
Sat	4	Beacon published		
Tues	7	Painswick Valley Conservation Society AGM	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	8	Painswick Gardening Club: Auriculas and Primulas - Ingrid Millington (Plants for Sale)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	15	Parish Council meetings	Town Hall	7.30pm
	15	Painswick Probus Club: Twelve people who put Gloucester on the map - Richard Trelfa	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Sun	19	Deadline for Beacon copy		
Tues	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: Church Font - Michael Hemming. Enq 01453 873262	The Hub, Minchinhampton	2.30pm
	21	Local History Society: People of the Stroud Valleys in old photographs	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	22	Harbottle and Jonas. Tickets 12.00 available from 07596823881 or cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com		

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Vicky Aspinall at: cvasp.26@gmail.com**

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

- S.20/0110/HHOLD
2 GLOUCESTER ROAD
Erection of garage / carport and replacement shed.
- S.20/0111/LBC 22 GLOUCESTER ROAD
Erection of garage / carport and replacement shed.
- S.20/0112/LBC 22 GLOUCESTER ROAD
Various internal alterations, replacement of most metal casements to windows.
- S.20/0083/HHOLD
SPRINGFIELD LODGE, Slad
Proposed greenhouse and vegetable garden.
- S.20/0161/HHOLD 25 UPPER WASHWELL
Two storey & single storey rear extension.
- S.20/0130/TCA THE OLD EXCHANGE, Stroud Road
Norway spruce (T1) fell because it is dying from the bottom up. Replant a replacement tree in the same place.
- S.20/0162/HH
OLDWYCHWOOD, Wick Street
Erection of an extension & re-modelling of existing dwelling.
- S.20/0186/HHOLD
THE COTTAGE, Vicarage Street
Insertion of velux windows and erection of larch cladding.
- S.20/0210/HHOLD
MICHAELMAS COTTAGE, Vicarage Street
Replacement conservatory.
- S.20/0230/LBC WASHBROOK FARM, Edge Road
Removal of internal stud wall to create an open-plan space.
- S.20/0295/HHOLD GREENLEAS, Longridge Sheepscombe
Rear loft extension, Atrium and Annexe.
- S.20/0308/HHOLD WORGANS BARN, Folly Lane
Remove store and two storey extension.



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S.20/0084/LBC OLD BATH HOUSE, St Marys Street

Re-roofing of rear slopes of the house, replacing defective stone tile roof with reconstituted stone tiles.

S.20/0352/FUL STONE HOUSE / WEAVERS HOUSE, St Marys Street
Change of use from office to two dwellings.

S.20/0353/LBC STONE HOUSE / WEAVERS HOUSE, St Marys Street
Change of use from office to two dwellings

CONSENT

S.19/2417/LBC OLIVERS, Cheltenham Road

Erection of single storey extension to north elevation following demolition of existing extension; excavation north of the house to create wine cellar, elevational alterations and internal alterations.

S.19/2408/LBC SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, Vicarage Street
Internal alteration to stairs.

S.19/2541/LBC HAMFIELD, Edge Road

Single storey extension to the rear elevation. Removal of section of internal and external walls.

S.19/2540/HHOLD HAMFIELD, Edge Road

Single storey extension to the rear elevation.

S.19/2577/HHOLD OLD STAR HOUSE, Gloucester Street

Erection of replacement garage and associated works.

S.19/2585/LBC OLD BAKERY, New Street

Alteration at ground level to create shower room and alter to cellar.

S.19/2588/HHOLD LYNWOOD, Slad Road

Removal of existing single storey porch and formation of single storey kitchen/dining room extension. Garden alterations to suit including retaining structures.

WITHDRAWN

S.19/2151/HHOLD COOMBE HOUSE, Vicarage Street

Erection of garage and first floor extension.

S.19/2453/HHOLD HILLVIEW, Cockshoot, Sheepscombe

Proposed two-storey extension, alterations to existing and new garage.

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Condolences

To the family and friends of JOHN BAILEY of Randalls Field, who died peacefully on 31st January, aged 89 years. A funeral service was held at St. John's Church in Pitchcombe on 20th February.

To the family and friends of BARBARA DAVIS who died peacefully at home with her daughter on January 29th aged 94 years. A funeral service was held on 19th February at Cheltenham Crematorium.

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.

Birth announcements

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Any queries please Email: beaconmessychurch@outlook.com

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Sue Stick

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