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A46 road closure

A road closure is in place on the A46 at the Pincot Lane / Wragg Castle Lane junction, Painswick.

Report from Gloucestershire County Highways: "On 7th March 2024 a hole was found beneath the road. Technical inspections were carried out and the road was closed for safety reasons as cracks have also been found at this location. We are working to investigate the source of the problem and make the road safe again as soon as possible. Until we know more about the extent of the damage, we cannot estimate when the road will be reopened."

Using different investigation methods we have so far been able to determine that there do not appear to be any further significant voids, but that the ground is cracking significantly below the East carriageway towards Stroud. This cracking, the voiding, and the slight deformation of the embankment between the A46 and Pincot Lane suggests that the ground is moving and in need of stabilisation. An area of standing water in the field to the west of the A46 will be drained to enable us to inspect the stream culvert which flows under the A46 and Pincot Lane. We will be looking for damage or collapse of the culvert which may have led to the voiding in the verge and carriageway.

As more information becomes available updates will be shared on the site below <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/major-projects-list/a46-road-closure/>
See page 9 for additional information.



Two road accidents near Painswick on the same morning.
Report on page 9.



Funeral farewell to a hero of Ukraine in Slavutych.
Reports from Slavutych on page 8.

Local Elections Take place on Thursday 2nd May 2024

This year there are elections for the District Council and the Parish Council. As the closing date for the declarations of candidates has not passed the Beacon is unable to list the various candidates.

See page 3 for more information on the elections

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held on 20th March

PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 20th March.

Present:

Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman Cllr Andy Cash Cllr Ann Daniels Cllr Roey Parker Cllr Abigail Smith Also Present: County Cllr Sue Williams District Cllr Gary Luff PCSO Nicola Wood 2 Members of the Public.

PCSO Wood introduced herself to the Council and several police matters were discussed.

Public Questions

A member of the public, on behalf of the owner of a property in Vicarage Street, advised that the recently installed dropped kerb had all the appropriate permissions. He reported upon issues during its construction as members of the public and a Parish Councillor allegedly instructed the contractors to stop work resulting in additional costs to the project. Finally, he thanked District Cllr Gary Luff and the Deputy Clerk Irena Litton for their professional support during this difficult time.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs James Cross, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Ian Massey and Rosie Nash.

Reports

County Council.

Cllr Susan Williams sent in a written report, additionally Cllr Williams gave an update on the A46 Road Closure, see links below: <https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/uploads/county-cllr-reportmarch-2024>. County Cllr update on the A46 closure - <https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/uploads/a46-closure-update-by-county-cllr-susan-williams-march-2024>.

District Council

District Cllr Gary Luff sent in a written report and detailed the salient points. See link below: <https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/uploads/district-cllr-gary-luff-report-march2024>. Chairman.

The Chairman gave the following report: "Every year each of four Parishes have a

Parish (Ward) meeting where we invite members of the Parish to come and tell us their problems. It is a good way to meet the public without restrictions of a Parish Council meeting, but we do like to see you at Parish Council meetings as there is fifteen minutes before our meetings for the public to ask questions. The Painswick Parish (Ward) meeting will be a drop in evening on Wednesday May 1st.

Accounts

To approve the accounts for payment as per the list circulated prior to the meeting. The Council approved the accounts as presented.

To consider and approve a quotation to purchase and install a rebound goal system on the Recreation Ground

The Council agreed to approve a quote from Greenfield at a cost of £4,862.00 (Ex VAT) The Painswick Community Support Group have agreed to contribute £1,500.00 towards this project with the remainder of the funding coming from Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

Ward Reports

- Bulls Cross – Stone. Cllr Ann Daniels reported that the damaged stone has been repaired and will be repositioned in a better location.
- Damaged Sign. Cllr Roey Parker reported that a damaged sign located opposite the Bus Shelter in Sheepscombe has been removed but not replaced.
- Community Speedwatch. Cllr Abigail Smith reported that Community Speedwatch has been undertaken this week.
- Slad Ward Meeting. Cllr Andy Cash reported upon a recent well attended ward meeting where many traffic / highways related concerns were raised.
- Edge Ward Meeting. Cllr Martin Slinger reported upon a recent ward meeting, again most of the concerns raised were highways related, including flooding concerns.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th April 2024, at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 20th March at 7 pm

Present:

Cllr Andy Cash (Chairman) Cllr Ann Daniels Cllr Roey Parker Cllr Martin Slinger In attendance: District Cllr Gary Luff and 5 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllrs James Cross, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Ian Massey and Rosie Nash

Matters requiring a decision:

- S.24/0332/FUL Butchers Arms, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe Proposed stationing of two shepherd huts for use as holiday lets. The Committee agreed to support the application but would like the shepherd huts to be green in appearance to blend in with its surrounds.
- S.24/0366/HHOLD Abbey Barn, Slad Lane Replacement shed to store domestic & floristry items (retrospective) The Committee agreed to support this application.
- S.24/0429/HHOLD Edge Cottage, Edge Road Erection of a two storey and first floor extension. Replacement roof tiles The Committee agreed to Support this application.
- S.24/0468/HHOLD Little Acre, Kemps Lane Demolition of conservatory, construction of garden store & alterations to orangery The Committee agreed to support this application.
 - S.24/0413/TCA Stonecroft, Sheepscombe Field Maple (Acer campestre) - Fell. Rowan - Fell and replace it with Prunus Shizuka or similar. The Committee agreed to support this application.
 - S.24/0425/TCA Hill House, Far End, Sheepscombe Yew - Reduce all over by up to 20cm. The Committee agreed to support this application.

Date of the next Planning Committee meeting – Wednesday 17th April 2024

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Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections are to take place on the 2nd May 2024

Time Table for Elections:

- Nominations Open - 19th March, 10am
- Nominations Close - 5th April, 4pm
- Registration Deadline - 16th April
- Postal vote Deadline - 5pm, 17th April
- Proxy vote Deadline - 5pm, 24th April
- Voter Authority Certificate Deadline - 5pm, 24th April
- Polling day - Thursday, 2nd May 2024

For further information or just a friendly chat about the role - please contact The Clerk by email clerk@painswick-pc.gov.uk or ring 01452 812722 Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Volunteers required Back-up for distribution team

We are looking for a back-up (or back-ups – even better!) for our distribution team. 1000+ copies of the Beacon are delivered to Painswick on the Thursday evening before its publication date. On Friday morning they are distributed round the village to the 45 volunteers who deliver them to their neighbours. The round trip covers an area from Pitchcombe to Wyke Street, the centre of the village, Gyde House and then along to Beacon Close in Cheltenham Road. A total of approximately 18 miles.

One of the volunteers needs to be prepared to drive their own car (petrol expenses will be covered) and at least one other has to be happy to hop in and out the car over 40 times! If you think you could help, please contact us so we can explain in more detail what would be involved.

Phone Celia on 812624 or Email distribution@painswick.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

Additional information concerning the ongoing road closure

Bus Services diverted

Bus Services 66, 166 & C59X Disruption 11th March - 8th April

Due to an emergency road closure, Painswick is unable to be served by Services 66, 166 and C59X. These services are unable to serve any bus stops between Brockworth Painswick Road and the junction of the A46 and A4173 near Pitchcombe.

Service 66 will divert via the A4173 through Pitchcombe & Edge and then along Upton Lane and Winnycroft resuming the normal route at Matson Corncroft Lane.

Need for quick response

- this time round

Following on from the 2 year partial closure at Broadham Sue Williams, our County Council representative, has been meeting with the relevant County Council representatives expressing the urgency to resolve the problems. Her report is on the Parish Council Web Site. Sue has emphasized the need for temporary traffic lights as soon as possible once the nature of the repairs have been determined. Improved diversion signage was also requested to keep traffic off this part of the A46.

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Speedwatch Cameras

On the left is a summary of February's statistics from the police. As a reminder, there is a maximum number of letters that can be sent each week, so these figures don't represent all that were recorded exceeding the limit, just those that were written to etc, which represent the top repeat offenders (as sorted by greatest speed).

Anecdotally, a rise in pace cars has been noted, ie those setting the speed for those behind them. This might link to the residents who have told me that they are now more mindful of the cameras and therefore their speed. We are still optimising the operation of these cameras and I am happy to provide further statistics as we receive them.

I was also pleased to relaunch Community SpeedWatch within the 20mph using mobile cameras. This was initiated with thanks to those with concerns about speed in these particular areas stepping forward to participate. The 50+ registrations collected will also be provided to the police for warning letters to be issued. This additional visible action really helps build Painswick's reputation as being speed aware, hopefully imprinting on those regularly driving through our village.

Abigail Smith

Community Name - Painswick and Edge	
First warning letter sent	26
Second warning letter sent	1
No further action	1
Further action	1
Total processed	29

Driving Safely for Longer



On 29th Feb 2024, Nigel and Alexandra Lloyd-Jones presented "Driving Safely for Longer". Driving is vital for the independence of older people enabling them to sustain their mobility and encourage good mental health. Some 90% of accidents involve human error. A significant proportion of fatalities are pedestrians or cyclists.

A biannual eye test is important and mobility tests can be revealing, as reactions can be 22 times slower in old age. Of this audience only 4 had read the new Highway Code, where there is considerable emphasis on pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders all of whom now have priority over vehicle-drivers. Cyclists are allowed to ride 2 abreast, and drivers overtaking must give them a wide berth, temporarily crossing a double white line if necessary. When passing a horse the overtaking speed should be under 10 mph.

Vehicle maintenance is as important as ever, notwithstanding the low annual mileage of some senior drivers. Tyre checks, demisting function, screen-wash and battery charge all contribute to a safe journey.

Poor journey planning can lead to distraction while navigating. Weather is also an important factor so journey planning, is important to avoid floods and similar hazards.

Pedestrian injury is now down by 60 per cent in 20mph zones. The most dangerous manoeuvre is turning right at a "T" junction, where most collisions arise. 20-25 % of fatalities involve motorcyclists.

Finally, most fatalities occur within 5 miles of home, so concentration during driving is key, throughout every journey.
Mike Steed & Henry Hall



March was a very busy month for the Club. On the first day of March Peter Berry gave a fascinating illustrated talk on rail journeys taken in Cuba and Ukraine. The main difference was the weather. We saw wedding ceremonies in both countries with the Cuban bride throwing her bouquet over her shoulder and a tussle in the sand to catch it. The shivering Ukrainian bride also threw hers over her shoulder with the tussle this time in lying snow!

Then on the 15th Kate Peake, presented her own fascinating films on "Gloucestershire's Traditions & Festivals" including Gloucester Tall Ships Festival, Dragon Boat racing, the Bibury Village Duck Race and the Painswick Clypping ceremony. Several Members were surprised to see themselves on the screen! To crown it all she showed the famous Cheese Rolling. Watching the cheese bounce it way down Coopers Hill, being chased by eager members of the public, the majority of whom fell and also bounced their way down, certainly made members tightly grip their chairs!

On the 22nd we set off by Minibus to visit "Gloucestershire's Golden Daffodil Triangle." We took a scenic route to Kempley to visit St Mary's Church, built in 1162 with its amazing wall and ceiling paintings surrounded by a field of "wild" daffodils. We then headed to The Beauchamp Arms in Dymock where we all enjoyed a splendid lunch.

After the Easter break we meet again on the 12th April when Malcolm Lewis will be talking about the incredible partnership of Rodgers and Hammerstein and playing well known songs from their shows. On the 26th April Ray Wilson will be discussing "Stroud Industries and World War 1."

Why not venture forth and enjoy an afternoon with club members, rounded off with tea and biscuits and most important of all stimulating conversation with likeminded members. Meetings commence at 2.30pm in the ground floor room of the Town Hall. See you soon.
Mike Kerton

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Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)



News from the Painswick Practice

The Patient Group held its first meeting of the year in February, too late for an entry in the March Beacon, I'm afraid. As usual we received an update from the Practice's senior partner Dr Rhys Evans. But first we heard from Millie who told us about her role. She is a Health Care Assistant taking bloods, carrying out hypertension, blood pressure checks, ECGs, annual vaccinations and other annual checks. She also reviews people's exercise and alcohol intakes. If you find her looking after you, make her welcome!

Dr Evans reported a number of initiatives that have cut their energy overheads by 25%. There has also been a focus on using all staff to support hard-pressed doctors to the full to ensure the maximum number of appointments can be maintained. This has enabled them to deal with 60 patients in a daily triage when 25 is the expected maximum. (For more information on this see the PPG section of the Practice's website or our minutes in the Waiting Room.)

Two 'junior doctors' – qualified but still in further training – are due to join in August further boosting the Practice's capacity.

Some clarification on repeat prescriptions

The standard advice is to use the NHS app, but members reported this to be very unreliable, if so it is preferred that you email the Surgery. If you have requested a repeat prescription you should be able to collect from the Pharmacy, after 48 hrs, often much sooner.

Friends & Family test

All patients are encouraged to complete this NHS form after a consultation on paper, the Practice's website or even by text and the PPG reviewed the anonymised comments received over the last six months. It was noted that all but one were very positive and that the other had been responded to by the Practice.

Pharmacy First

Painswick Pharmacy is underway with this scheme now – another attempt to reduce pressure on Surgeries. Record sharing between the two is expected to be implemented in due course. The Pharmacist is authorised to treat earache, impetigo, shingles, insect bites, sinusitis, sore throat and uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women.

New Community Diagnostic Centre open at Gloucester Quays

See here for more details as 81,000 more scans a year are made available: tinyurl.com/Quays-Diagnostic-Centre

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED – if you would like to help the liaison between patients and their surgery and could attend just three to six meetings a year please email painswickPPG@gmail.com to find out more about the work of the PPG.

Also, longer versions of these bulletins are available if you join our mailing list – to do so use the address above.

David Perry. PPG Chair

Foodbank

We have received a summary from the Stroud Foodbank to let us know that the Beacon Benefice area donated 1198.56KG of food and £800 in donations in 2023. This will have made a significant difference to the lives of those who are struggling in our communities. Thank you!

Our next collection will on Wednesday 10th April. Volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12 noon. Please may we ask for some of the following:

Peanut butter, Marmite, laundry detergent, gluten free products, nappies sizes 4, 5, 6 or 7, dairy free products, coffee/tea, chocolate spread, chocolate bars, Fray Bentos pies, squash, fruit juice, toilet rolls, biscuits, custard, rice pudding and jam.

As always, if you prefer to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details: Stroud District Foodbank CIO Sort code: 09-01-29 Account: 21994911 Thank you!

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A new gate and steps, but does it lead to the Playground?

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Dimitri Shostakovich and Gustav Holst



Dimitri Shostakovich walked a tightrope in Stalinist Soviet Union. Awarded the highest state honours he yet lived under the constant threat of annihilation.

John Herbert presented a selection of excerpts which spanned the dark days of the Leningrad Symphony to the witty and tuneful Jazz and Gaddy Suites. Chamber music referenced the Piano Quintet,

Piano Trio and the String Quartets and he did not ignore the operas, difficult for many of us, particular Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk which nearly transported Dimitri to Siberia or worse. One wonders why he did not defect to the West as did his son Maxim (a noted conductor): perhaps the safety of his family particularly his daughter Galina was a factor. He survived Stalin which is more than did his compatriot Prokofiev who died on the same day in 1953 as the dictator!

On March 14th Laura Kinnear of the Holst Victorian House ensured we celebrated in style the 150th anniversary of Cheltenham born Gustavus Theodore Von Holst. It is sad that the music establishment often posthumously ignores great composers and Holst is a case in point. There has been very little concert scheduling at the Henry Wood Proms and sadly the Three Choirs Festival. There is some attempt at rectifying this situation in 2024 but over the years there have mainly been spasmodic performances of The Planets and the St Paul Suite. The Holst Birth Museum skilfully countered this inertia by re-imagining the Cheltenham address and Laura now presides over the Holst Victorian House with emphasis on the tenure of the Von Holst family in the 1870s displaying artefacts relating to the composer including artwork by his uncle Theodore, a romantic painter.

Laura's emphasis was on the life of Gustav and she provided some rare extracts of his music. Altogether a wonderfully detailed and reassuring presentation.

Next meetings 2:30 PM in the Town Hall:

April 11th Mozart's later Piano Concerti (including DVD) – Howard Allen
 April 25th Stravinsky's Ballet Scores – Dr David Lucas

Michael Grey

Painswick Educational Trust

The Trust will soon be meeting again to deal with applications from young people resident in the Painswick area for financial help with their studies and apprenticeships. Previous successful applications have been made for money towards books, computers, catering equipment, course fees and educational trips. If you are interested in finding out more, please email our Clerk, Antonia Wright, for an application form at painswickeducationalfoundation@gmail.com. You can also contact me, Joy Edwards at joyattheplough@gmail.com. Joy Edwards - Chair



Friday 12th April
 The Painswick Centre



Doors and bar open from 7.00pm. Screening starts 7.45pm



Based on a true story that made national news about pensioner Bernard Jordan. In the summer of 2014, Bernard Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines. He had staged a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades at the D-Day Landings 70th anniversary.

It was a story that captured the imagination of the world as Bernie embodied the defiant, "can-do" spirit of a generation that was fast disappearing. But of course, it wasn't the whole story. It was an inspirational but sanitised retelling of one man's need to come to terms with the lasting trauma of war.

Bernie's adventure, spanning a mere 48 hours, also marked the culmination of his 60-year marriage to Rene (Glenda Jackson) – THE GREAT ESCAPER celebrates their enduring love but always with an eye to the lessons we might learn from the Greatest Generation.

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Painswick Music Society



Painswick Music Society opened their 78th season of concerts at St Mary's on Saturday 16th March with a first PMS recital featuring a harp, delivered by the pre-eminent Welsh harpist Catrin Finch and the leading Irish violinist Aoife Ni Bhrian.

A 200 strong audience was soon immersed in the distinctive and beautiful sound world created by these two virtuosi. The classically familiar sound of a JS Bach violin partita was underpinned by warm bass notes of the harp which then enchanted the ear with its bell like clarity in the upper registers. However, this was not Bach as we know it. St Mary's was taken on a journey of adaptation and development that provided an exciting opening to the concert.

The programme continued based on the duo's award-winning collection of

compositions "Double You". The audience was treated to pieces founded in both Irish and Welsh folk music traditions but taken on a unique journey by the compositional skills of these two musicians who were clearly enjoying their music as much as the audience.

Irish and Welsh melodies (Galway Bay, Give Me Your Hand, The Ash Tree) were recognised but it was the distinctive rhythms of these folk traditions that gave the music its enervating character including the folk rhythms of Brittany and Canada.

Aoife delighted the audience with a description of her personal musical journey and then discussed and displayed her exquisite Norwegian fiddle decorated with mother of pearl and delicate ornamentation. 4 top strings and a further set below allow her to create the reverberated sound exhibited in several of the compositions. Catrin then explained the workings of her magnificent harp with its 47 strings and 7 pedals which create the chromaticism that gives the instrument its extraordinary range and tone.

A happy bond between audience and musicians continued to the final works. These exhibited the duo's ability to improvise in the gypsy like pieces of enervating excitement and the weaving of melancholy with euphoria within the complex multi layered composition "Why".

Called back by the thunderous applause, a final and lovely quiet song was delivered to close a memorable afternoon.

More live music at St Mary's is available soon.

On Saturday 13th April at 3pm Hannah Roper and Adrian Partington's programme includes "The Lark Ascending" and works by Holst and Coleridge-Taylor. On Saturday 11th May the exciting Meliora Collective visit Painswick for the first time. Their fascinating programme includes a wonderful Serenade by Brahms for 5 wind and 4 string instruments and Ligeti's setting of Old Hungarian Ballroom Dances which will have us all wanting to twirl!

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Life in war time Ukraine

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has been ongoing for two years, drastically altering the lives of Ukrainians. Life in Slavutyich, located on the border with Belarus and well away from the front line, has also undergone significant changes. There are days when sirens sound up to 9 times a day. In such situations, everyone heads to shelters where daily routines continue - school classes, work meetings, cultural events and concerts, children's nap time, and heartfelt discussions about the future of Ukraine.

Over these two years, people in Slavutyich have become accustomed to the war, and our lives continue. Schools operate with consideration for safety requirements. With help from allies worldwide, Slavutyich ensures resilience by installing large generators and equipment for continuous water and electricity supply. The entire community keeps up with news from the front and supports the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Whenever Slavutyich locals are lost in the war, everyone gathers for their funerals to honor them as Heroes of Ukraine.

Slavutyich stands strong, with our resilient people standing united against the challenges of war. We appreciate the support of the residents of Painswick - Slavutyich's friend. Glory to Ukraine! Thank you, Great Britain!

Aryna Starovoitova, Slavutyich (Ukraine)



Could you give a Ukrainian family a safe home?

The second anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine has arrived, and with it an urgent need for continued support. Stroud Stands with Ukraine (SSWU) and knows first hand how painful a reminder the anniversary is for people who have had to leave behind a beloved country, family, friends, homes and jobs.

We are looking for people who can sponsor a single Ukrainian or Ukrainian family desperate to flee the war. We are constantly being asked for sponsors in and around Stroud so if you have a spare room or an annexe, please contact team@stroudukraine.org.uk

Richard Baker

St Mary's



I've just finished giving the study a Spring Clean, which really means a good tidy up. I can now see parts of my desk which have remained hidden for some time.

Spring, which for us began on Wednesday the 20th of March, brings a sense of change and renewal. Clocks have gone forward, so we see more of the day and the light it brings, as the days gradually lengthen. Many who find the dark days depressing and difficult to cope with will be feeling much better as the light seems to shut out the darkness. Right at the beginning of John's gospel, talking about Jesus, we read that 'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it'. Spring is a reminder that ultimately light is better than darkness.

Spring also brings with it a sense of the triumph of life over death. We see, in the garden, with dormant plants suddenly bursting into life again. In the church calendar we have just had Easter, and the story of the crucifixion, followed by the great celebration of Easter day when we acknowledge that Jesus has, in fact, overcome death by coming back to life.

The other thing for me about Spring is that it brings a ray of hope. For many of us the coming of Spring invokes feelings of joy and hope that the weather will be better, we can get out more in the evenings, and the grey damp and sunless days will be over. Indeed, if you suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder Spring is very much a time of hope that things will be better. For those of us who follow Jesus, whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in, there is always the triumph of hope over despair.

I love Spring because it can be a time of light, life, and hope, so I wish you God's blessing as we begin to enjoy Spring.

Mike Campbell.

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Temporary closures on the A46

Early morning on Wednesday 6th March a red car travelling south by Broadham managed to flip onto its roof blocking the road. The driver was reported uninjured and no other vehicles were involved. Meanwhile half an hour earlier another accident had taken place at the Pitchcombe corner with the A4173 where a silver car was in collision with a motorcyclist leading again to road closure and emergency services attended.



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Mark Dodd - Neighbourhood Warden

Just a reminder

I aim to visit at least once a week and attend the community café on Friday mornings every fortnight, giving me time to research and help in any way I can, be it directly or signposting to another department.

Details of my work responsibilities are on the SDC website under 'Communities and Living' but for those without Digital access my main community support role includes helping with and resolving:

- Careline installation and faults
- Supporting vulnerable people
- Fly-tipping/posting
- Antisocial behaviour
- Abandoned/untaxed vehicles
- Support of residents and partners

Should you need to contact me my number is 07876405833 or if required mark.dodd@stroud.gov.uk



Where do I begin? I am lost for words, happily not a problem ever faced by Chris Evans from Dundry Nurseries, the speaker at Yew Trees WI February meeting.

Chris's story begins in 1947 when his grandfather started Dundry nurseries, Chris being the 3rd generation to run this traditional nursery and garden centre. Chris's passion for potatoes is well known to local gardeners as he offers 100 varieties of loose seed potatoes. He now has a new love: tomatoes and is a member of the International Tomato Growers Club where he recently encountered a navy blue tomato! Chris's inability to say 'no' is luckily so infectious that everyone he comes into contact with appears to

be similarly infected, enabling him to achieve the seemingly impossible! This goes some way to explain the success of The Butterfly Garden. It came into being in 2002 when six young autistic students visited the nursery, met Chris, and showed an interest in gardening. Thanks to Chris's deep belief that everyone should have the opportunity to live their life to the full and to integrate as much as possible with the real world, he suggested he might spare them a little time each week to help them pick up a few basic skills. From there the project unwittingly just grew and grew.

Today the Butterfly Garden is an educational recreational and therapeutic project for people dealing with issues they find disabling irrespective of their age or condition. It is visited by more than 150 students every week, and although initially the project was just about gardening, the activities have become very diverse and include woodwork, cookery, drama and dance. A recycling centre has been established and new opportunities are always welcomed. It is a profoundly moving story leaving Chris's audience with the highest admiration for his amazing achievements and of his zest for and love of life.

Gloucestershire Federation of WIs and although they scored well they were frustrated to just miss getting through to the next round. Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 23rd at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms when Spring will be celebrated by a colour themed quiz accompanied by drinks and nibbles.

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Spring is in the Air.

At last, there is some apricity in the weather. I learned this word recently and thought it rather interesting! Despite snowdrops having already flowered, I always think primroses and violets herald the start of spring. I love looking along the edges of scrub, we have cleared this winter, to find them flowering for the first time, having been released from dense shade. Similarly, cowslips. I spotted one in a sheltered sunny hollow, in flower, in the last week of March.

We have had another very wet, mild winter, continuing evidence of changing weather patterns. At this year's annual Large Blue meeting I saw data, collected over 13 years, showing the average ground temperature at one of the sites in Somerset had risen by nearly 2 degC. Evidence for climate change is plentiful and now much talked about, but meaningful action still seems in short supply. One of the consequences of so much rain is the continuing degradation of some of the paths on the Beacon. Increasing footfall causes more soil compaction, resulting in water running off rather than soaking in. This removes fine soil and deposits it as silt where the water gathers, creating gloopy mud no one wants to walk in. People then walk on the edges creating more compaction and run off, exacerbating the problem.

This year I will try to solve the problem in three or four of the worst areas by coordinating the main interested parties; PBCG, PGC, NE and the landowner. Everyone stands to benefit from resolving this problem.

The cows have now been moved to Cud Hill common for three or four weeks for which we receive a grazing payment from the Parish Council, very welcome funding for our group. After, the plan is to return them to the Beacon and graze them in smaller paddocks of specie poor grassland throughout the summer. If we can achieve this, it will be the first-time grazing has occurred all year round for probably a hundred years.

We have now finished our program of winter work parties, and I would like to publicly thank all who have turned out, often in awful weather, and worked so hard. The improvements would not be possible without them. Starting sessions on a Tuesday part way through the winter, means we have done nearly 1,200hrs work, a HUGE increase on last year.

Paul Baxter.



Rising and Falling

At its March meeting, Painswick Local History Society heard from Chas Townley, who talked about 'The rise and fall of the Bisley Path'. This is an ancient route from Gloucester to Cirencester through Bisley, and also through Painswick. So 'rise and fall' is an accurate description of the route, coming up to Painswick Beacon, down Gloucester Road, Bisley Street and Tibbiwell, up to Bulls Cross, down into the Slad valley, up again and so on all the way to Cirencester. It originally came into Cirencester through what is now Cirencester Park, recently and controversially subject to an entry charge for the first time in over 300 years of ownership by the Bathurst family. The exact route is unknown for some sections of the path, although in many places it is clear from the existence of hollow ways and in other sections from aerial photography. In the eighteenth century a small part of it was turnpiked.

But 'rise and fall' applies figuratively too, as the path gradually fell into disuse. The growth of Stroud and Cheltenham led to an increase in traffic on north / south routes along the valleys, rather than across them. In Painswick that led to New Street and the A46 replacing Gloucester Road and Bisley Street as the most important route through the village.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Tuesday 16th April when Kevin Ward, manager of the Stroud Museum in the Park will talk about the story of the Museum with a particular emphasis on some of its Painswick items and connections. 7.30pm at the Croft School.

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Painswick Rococo Garden

Since Easter is fairly early, it feels like spring is getting off to a particularly energetic start here at the Garden. During April the Garden is open Wednesday until Sunday from 10-5pm with last admission at 4pm. If you're looking for a lovely local activity to do during the final few days of the school Easter holidays, we are delighted to be welcoming the Cotswold Dragon Preservation Society back to the Garden. Since their first visit last year, more dragon eggs have been laid and we

think there may be some different species for eager dragonologists to discover! The Family Easter Trail runs daily through to Sunday 7th April and you can find out more at rococogarden.org.uk. We recommend booking in advance at weekends and bank holidays but otherwise you're welcome simply to turn up.

Our daffodils have been looking amazing and there are likely to be plenty still in bloom by the time you read this due to March's colder weather. A number of local companies have donated time in recent years through employee volunteering days to help us plant 100,000 bulbs. In different locations around the Garden are eye-catching varieties including "Ice Follies", "White Lion" "Red Devon" and "Beauvallon".

Events in the garden are always a delight! Our summer programme has now been published - highlights include a second wine tasting event with jazz on Friday 7th June. Three nights of The Handlebards performing The Comedy of Errors Thursday 4th to 6th July. Wild Opera's outdoor evening of music on Fri 19th July will be very popular. The Little Mermaid will entertain younger visitors on August Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August. Again for all details and booking take a look at rococogarden.org.uk. I enjoy hosting events: entertaining and delighting visitors just as would have happened in the 18th century. A surprising, beautiful Gloucestershire thing to enjoy on your doorstep.

See you in the garden soon!

Tim Toghill, volunteer

News from the Library

We offer a warm welcome to all our customers, and a thank you. Our volunteers (a team of around 26) are very grateful for all your visits! Another reminder that we are open until 6.30pm on Wednesdays, and now the clocks have changed, we look forward to seeing more of you there.

Advance notice – Longfield presentation

On Wednesday 8th May at 4.30pm we will be hosting a presentation by Louise Wilson from Longfield, about all the services that they can offer. In short they are:

Hospice at Home, Wellbeing Centre, Counselling and Bereavement Support.

All of Longfield's services are free of charge.

New Books

New Books are now being added to stock and you will see them on the new books display right in front of you as you enter the Library. Some are very popular, and have long waiting lists on the County System. Our new books are 'non-reservable' on the County System for 6 months, but if one of our customers has the book, you can reserve it at the desk and we will call you when it is returned.

Please find the full list either at the Library or on the website: <https://painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk>

Ian Cridland

Jottings

Across most of our five valleys we have streams running down to the Severn Estuary. Have you ever thought of what may be living under and around the stones as the water runs downhill to the bottom, getting deeper as it goes.

We have small fresh water shrimp living mostly on vegetable matter. They can be spotted wriggling about if you carefully lift up stones from the bottom of a stream. Caddisfly larvae make and shelter in tubes of sand on the stream bed. They develop into Caddisfly. Blackfly lay eggs on the stones where the larvae hatch and then crawl into the water and attach themselves to plants. They grow and pupate into Blackfly.

Riffle beetles live their entire lives crawling around underwater but cannot swim. Mosquito larvae hang under the water surface by their tails then develop into the pupae stage and into the mosquito we know.

The British Cray fish have mostly gone now but for a few colonies. They can grow to about four inches long, large enough to eat, though otters get there first.

There is a lot of wildlife in our streams and a lot more dependent on them for food, shelter and a place to breed. We also have some rare plants and mosses.

Martin Slinger

Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club is on Monday 8th April, 1.30 - 2.30pm. We will be discussing The Prison Book Club by Ann Walmsley., not Pachinko as I advertised in the Beacon, last month. Following that we meet on Monday 13th May, again 1.30 - 2.30pm and we will then discuss Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. Apologies for any confusion or inconvenience caused to our members.

We welcome new members or the return of former members, so please do come along and join us if you enjoy a good read and discussion and the chance to meet new people.

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Are you looking for a way to bring more joy, laughter, and community into your life? Look no further than the Painswick Bowling Club part of the Painswick Centre, a secret gem hidden behind the Beacon Hall, right at the heart of our village! Our community bowls club offers a welcoming environment for everyone, whether you're



a seasoned player or a complete novice.

Why Join? Joining the bowls club isn't just about playing a game – it's about building friendships, strengthening our community bonds, staying active, and having a great time with family and friends. From the moment you step onto the green, you'll be greeted with warmth and camaraderie that will make you feel right at home.

The Painswick Bowling Club was gifted to the residents of Painswick over 100 years ago by Mrs Williams, the heiress of Lea Perrins, specifically for that purpose. So, mark your calendars for this year's opening of our green, a family affair happening on Saturday the 13th April. It's the perfect opportunity to experience the excitement of bowls firsthand, whether you're a curious beginner or a seasoned pro. Bring your loved ones along for a day filled with fun, games, and hopefully plenty of sunshine.

Membership Made Easy. To make it even easier for new members to join the fun, we've introduced a reduced membership fee of just £20 for the first year. This special offer is our way of encouraging more people to discover the joys of bowls and become part of our vibrant community.

All Are Welcome. At our bowls club, there are no age limits or skill requirements – everyone is welcome to join in the fun! Whether you're looking to improve your game, make new friends, or simply enjoy the fresh air, you'll find a place for yourself at our club.

Affordable Refreshments. After a thrilling game on the green, why not relax and unwind at our club's cheap bar? We offer a range of refreshments at prices that won't break the bank, so you can toast to your victories or commiserate your losses with your fellow members. And that's not all – our club hosts monthly BBQs where members can come together to enjoy delicious food, drinks, and good company. It's the perfect opportunity to socialise with other members, swap stories, and create lasting memories. So why wait? Come and be a part of something special at your local bowls club. Join us for a game and a laugh. We can't wait to welcome you to the green and let the good times roll!

For more information please contact:

Heather Loach 07979 088059 heatherloach@yahoo.co.uk John Williamson 01452 813315 johnxwilliamson@gmail.com

Tennis Club



The team practices for men and ladies are underway, and hopefully now the weather will be kinder for the morning and evening club sessions.

The club has 8 courts, 2 of which are artificial clay. New members are most welcome and those interested in joining should initially contact Ruth Smith on ruthandtreavor@btinternet.com 07919 246386 and for Junior coaching Charlie Ferrett on charlietennis101@gmail.com 07871 628773.

Pickleball is coming to Painswick

An exciting new sport sweeping the U.K.

Painswick Tennis club are marking out two courts on the Recreation Ground courts during April and taster sessions will be arranged towards the end of April.

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Painswick Cricket Club - An exciting season ahead!!

So as the slightly warmer days are upon us and with the odd dry day thrown in we can begin to think of playing cricket at Broadham fields. Obviously the wet weather hasn't helped with our ground preparations but we aim to have everything in place come the first weekend of May. Winter Nets have been held at the all new and excellent '22 Yards Cricket Centre' which provides top class coaching, a great surface to bat on and space in which to practice fielding and bowling.

The coming season sees Painswick CC once again venture forth into the heady heights of the West of England Premier League (WEPL). The firsts will be entertaining cricket power houses such as Cheltenham, Chippenham and Thornbury this season. We wish Jack Hobbs and his team all our best wishes for the tough but no doubt thrilling campaign ahead. Our seconds will continue their battle in Div 7 of the Gloucestershire County League under the leadership of new skipper Matt Curtis and our third team will be in Stroud District Div 2 under the guidance of that old campaigner Mr Noel French.

Once again our youth section will be holding training sessions on Friday evenings with matches taking place for all our age groups throughout the season. We will look to start mid to late April but this is very dependent on the weather. We will update our websites and social media with details. Dom Barnard is our star man for youth cricket, his contact details are below.

Following the successful formation of the Painswick Girls team in 2022, we are looking forward to another new season. Girls only training for ages 11 to 15 up to year 11 will be on Mondays and there are games lined up for May. We are also looking to start a ladies team this year. All abilities and levels of experience are welcome. The aim is the more the merrier and to make the game fun and enjoyable for all. Again please use Dom as your initial contact for Girls and Ladies cricket.

If you are interested in playing/supporting/volunteering at the cricket club then please do make contact with any of the following;
Club Chairman: Andy Barnard glosandy@hotmail.co.uk
Senior Club Coach Luke Woolway 07376195234 or use Lwoolway@gmail.com
Youth Lead Dom Barnard 07952738954 or domrolle@yahoo.co.uk
Our Club website is <https://painswick.play-cricket.com/home>
Finally, we look forward to seeing you at Broadham fields during the season and we will be providing further updates in the Beacon throughout 2024,

Steve Pegram

Painswick Golf Club



Painswick Golf Club held its AGM on 8th March. George Paton, who was standing down after five years as chairman, was thanked for his very substantial contribution and leadership during a challenging time for the club. Mike Archer reported on the financial

position. The actions taken to severely curtail electricity use (following the huge increase in the electricity price) had led to much reduced catering but meant the club had survived. Cash flow would remain tight over the next few years, but then should improve when the mortgage on the clubhouse will have been repaid.

The Club Captain is elected each year. Harry Burke, was warmly thanked for leadership over the past year, and welcomed this year's Club Captain, Chris Tatner. Despite the heavy and repeated rain over recent weeks, the golf course has remained open, unlike many other local courses which have been closed because of surface water. As a result, the club has welcomed many golfers playing Painswick from other clubs. The green-fee income from such players is an important source of income. The winter competitions will be coming to a close at the end of March, and the results will be reported next time. But there have been many social competitions, including a trip to the Ashbury Golf complex near Okehampton where 16 Painswick Seniors (see picture) had an enjoyable three days playing 3 rounds of golf on 3 albeit very wet courses.



Seniors from other clubs are welcome to play in the Painswick Seniors Open on Wednesday 22nd May. Entries can be made, and tee times reserved, via the 'Opens' section of HowDidIDo. Any questions to Robin Hare on 07881 803065. The Painswick golf course is unique, making use of all the contours of the land and playing through an iron-age hill fort. Everyone should play it at least once in their lives! To book a tee-time, please call 01452 812615 or visit the website www.painswickgolf.com.

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On Wednesday 8th May we have arranged "An Evening with Reg Moule: Question and Answer Session". Reg trained at Pershore and has had a long career in horticulture. He is one of Worcestershire's best known gardening figures with over 50 years of gardening experience. He has been a regular broadcaster on BBC Hereford and Worcester radio. This will be a great opportunity to get his personal advice on a number of garden issues. Members are welcome to bring along their problem plants.

These talks will be held at Painswick Town Hall. Do come along for refreshments from 7 pm with the talks starting at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Philippa Miller



Georgian Travel improvements and an Orchard Visit.

CNFC's next talk, about road improvements, feels entirely apposite given the emergency closure of the A46 to the south of Painswick. Local historian, Nicholas Herbert will be throwing the spotlight on 'Road Travel and Transport in Georgian Gloucestershire: The Turnpikes and the Improvement of the Roads' at 2.30pm, on Wednesday 1st May in the Painswick Centre. A past Editor of the Victoria County History of Gloucestershire, Nick's talk will trace the work of the Turnpike Trusts from the ancient lanes and sunken holloways to a network of professionally engineered roads! Visitors are very welcome at our lectures - £5 visitors, £2 members. The Poolway Turnpike on the approach to Coleford - pictured - has long disappeared from our road network.



POOLWAY TURNPIKE, OCT. 31, 1888.

In view of the A46 closure, our plans for a coach trip to the historic town of Ledbury in May, are paused until the results of the Highways' investigations are available. In the meantime, we have a visit to an old perry pear orchard at Henley Bank, Brockworth, the latest acquisition of the Gloucestershire Orchard Trust, provisionally arranged for Wednesday 24th April. (More details from Jane Rowe, 813228). This will follow-up a talk by Martin Hayes about GOT's work championing the county's orchard heritage, on Tuesday 16th April at 2.30 pm in Box Village Hall.

The Field Club needs more volunteers to ensure its future viability. Would you be prepared to organise a one-off trip or activity (with support from existing volunteers)? Or perhaps you would consider taking a role on The Council? For an informal chat please contact David Thackray (01453 873262) or talk to any of our existing volunteers.

For more information about membership (£25 pa for an individual/ £40 for two or more at the same address) contact Clare Woodman on CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com

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Learning a new skill is without doubt always a rewarding experience and on Monday mornings in Painswick there is an opportunity to do just that. Sophie Cater and Victoria Withers, two local sisters whose business is Sew Vintage, are highly qualified instructors in the skills involved in traditional upholstery and their Monday morning sessions are a wonderful exercise in learning the techniques involved. Moreover, this is also a golden opportunity to give new life to that beloved piece of upholstered furniture in need of renovation.



Sophie and Victoria run five-week courses in the Church rooms on Mondays from 10.00am until 1.00pm. They are both highly qualified in art, textiles and upholstery and have extensive experience in both practice and teaching. The classes have been very popular with Painswick residents and also with others from further afield. In many cases people have worked at reupholstering much loved pieces of antique furniture and some have also learnt associated cane work skills. Essentially it is about developing creative traditional expertise and with the satisfying bonus at the end of taking home a beautiful piece of furniture of which you can be rightly proud.

In addition to these five week sessions Sophie and Victoria are offering two single new workshops in May. The first is focussed on making a lovely canvas tote bag using your own design and the second is for making a drum lampshade also using your own design. These workshops will take place in the Church rooms from 10.00am until 1.00pm on Monday, 13th May and Monday, 20th May. This is a wonderful opportunity to create something both beautiful and useful in a single morning session.

Sophie and Victoria both clearly love what they do and the atmosphere in the workshop classes is unmistakably positive, creative and friendly with a clear emphasis on individual needs. 'Excellent tuition, excellent outcome; I couldn't have asked for more,' says one happy student. 'Each person's work is individually catered for and there is very knowledgeable advice and information about materials, equipment and the skills involved,' says another.

If you would like to join either of the one-day workshops or enrol for a five week Monday morning course email sophiecater@hotmail.co.uk or via the website at Sewvintag66@gmail.com The website has a registration for all workshops and classes www.sew-vintage.co.uk This is definitely your opportunity to develop an exceptionally creative and rewarding set of skills and expertise.

Carol Maxwell

Can you help? Greg's summer return in question

Summer among the churchyard yews would not be quite right if our erstwhile visiting artist Greg Thatcher was not to be encountered working on his latest drawing. Greg and his wife Jan have been spending every summer, Covid years excepting, here since 1991 and Greg's work, based on his Painswick yews, has a well deserved reputation in the international art world. Greg creates amazing pieces of art work inspired particularly by the inner features of the trees. 'This is my life's work,' he says and explains how important Painswick has become to him in this respect. He is extremely appreciative of the warm welcome he and Jan always receive each summer and of the continuous support and interest in his work shown by so many local residents. As he sits working under the trees every day many people stop to talk and have discussions about his drawings which are notably fascinating in their detail and execution.



This year should be no exception. There is, however, a problem. Greg and Jan need to spend a number of weeks here in order to achieve maximum benefit regarding the art work and this year they are desperately needing an offer or offers of accommodation. All they ask is a bed, a bathroom and cooking facilities and nothing more. Can anyone help for either all or part of their stay here? They would be willing to stay in more than one place if necessary. Ideally they would like to be in Painswick for the summer which could mean any time between June and September depending on availability of accommodation. They can be flexible timewise.

Greg's potential absence here this year is almost unthinkable. His annual presence in the churchyard is one of Painswick's significant attractions and regular features. He would certainly be missed. If you can help with accommodation please contact him by email thatch34@gmail.com

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.24/0366/HHOLD Abbey Barn, Slad Lane
Replacement shed to store domestic & floristry items (retrospective)
S.24/0429/HHOLD Edge Cottage, Edge Road
Erection of a two storey and first floor extension. Replacement roof tiles
S.24/0468/HHOLD Little Acre, Kemps Lane
Demolition of conservatory, construction of garden store & alterations to orangery
S.24/0528/CPE Beechwood, Cheltenham Road
Change of use of land from agricultural to residential for a period in excess of 10 years (Resubmission of S.23/1730/CPE)
S.24/0516/FUL General Purpose Building At Fletchers Farm, Catswood Lane

Retention of 1 No agricultural general purpose building

CONSENT

S.23/1777/LBC Southfield House, Vicarage Street
Retrospective application for internal alterations to provide improved staircase and open up hallway. Modifications to main rear and utility entrance doorways including provision of internal w.c.
S.23/2034/FUL Edgehill Farm, Bungalow, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge
Change of use of field from agricultural to commercial/leisure (dog walking - Sui Generis).
S.23/2158/LBC Hazelbury House, New Street
Installation of replacement dormer window (like for like) on top floor of the property.
S.23/2327/HHOLD Farm View House, Longridge, Sheepscombe
Erection of a single storey rear and side extension & associated landscaping works.

S.24/0102/HHOLD 5 Pullens Road
Erection of porch extension, alterations to fenestration to rear.
S.24/0159/HHOLD 1 Rosebank Cottages, Slad Road, Slad
Erection of single storey side extension.
S.24/0160/LBC 1 Rosebank Cottages, Slad Road, Slad
Erection of single storey side extension.
SS.24/0310/TCA Hillworth House, Gloucester Street Fell - Fir tree.

REFUSED

S.24/0107/FUL Horsepools Piece, Paul Mead, Edge
Erection of replacement dwelling, detached garage/carport (following refused application S.23/0649/FUL).
S.24/0170/HHOLD Horsepools Piece, Paul Mead, Edge
Alterations to existing bungalow to erect a second storey and a detached garage and carport

WITHDRAWN

S.24/0306/HHOLD Bentley Cottage, Vicarage Street
Erection of a two storey extension

Property Report

The largest and perhaps the most impressive property coming to the market in early April is Greenhouse Court on Yokehouse Lane, a 5 bed country house with 5 bed cottage, coach house, stables, outbuildings, around 16 acres of land and views across to Painswick (Murrays, £3.75 million). Just a bit smaller though is Wragg Castle Farm on Wragg Castle Lane, a renovated and spacious 4 bed farmhouse with paddocks of 5.5 acres (Murrays, £2.25 million). Close to the centre of Painswick is Greenacres on Cheltenham Road, a substantial family home standing in a 1/3 acre plot (Hamptons, £1.45 million), already under offer, and in Pitchcombe, Old Weavers is another sizeable detached family house with a large garden (Murrays, £1.45 million). Over towards Sheepscombe at Painswick Court, the Granary is part of a cluster of barns converted to residential around 20 years ago (Hamptons, £1.25 million).

Other properties at a more modest price can still impress. 7 White Horse Lane is a 3 bed end of terrace house with a large garden and outbuildings that has been in the same family since 1977 (Murrays, £399,950). Nearby, the Malt House in Vicarage Street has 3 beds, a good-sized garden, garage and parking (Murrays, £745,000). In Queens Mead, off Stamages Lane, High Clouds is a detached chalet bungalow with parking and garaging (Hamptons, £950,000).

There are also two properties available just off Edge Lane. Hambutts Edge is a modern 3 bed detached Cotswold stone house built in 2011 (Murrays, £800,000) and Outside Edge is a chalet style 3 bed family house in Blakewell Mead with far reaching views (Murrays, £775,000).

Properties going under offer last month include Greenacres and Stonewyck in Cheltenham Road, Beaconsfield House in New Street and Springbank Cottage in Pitchcombe (all Hamptons) as well as the Glebe in Pullens Road, 1 Painswick Heights on Yokehouse Lane and Cherry Tree Glamping through Murrays. 1 Hillview Cottages in Gloucester Street and Brambles at The Park have both completed.

Open Garden Event

On 25th May Hampton are again organising their successful Open Garden Event to raise funds for charity. Put the date in your diary and contact them for more information if you would like to get involved.

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Village Diary

Please let Vicky Aspinall know your club and society dates
for the diary on cvasp.26@gmail.com

April				
Fri	5	Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	7	Easter Dragon Trail ends	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 4.00pm
Mon	8	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Wed	10	Gardening Club: The subtle art and exact science of pruning - Tim Walker	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
	10	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
	10	Cotteswold Naturalists: Visit to Textile Conservation Studio. Pre- book 07767 014957	Paintworks, Bristol	
	10	Probus: Life on the Severn - Chris Witts	Painswick Centre	11.00am
Thurs	11	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Mozart Piano Concertos - Howard Allen	Town Hall	2.30pm
	11	The Arts Society: A Nice Dilemma - Gilbert and Sullivan - Ms Sarah Lenton	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 11.00am
		Friday Club: Rogers and Hammerstein - Malcolm Lewis Enq	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	12	812344		
	12	Wickflix: The Great Escaper	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sun	14	Family Worship	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	16	Painswick History Society: Painswick items in the Stroud	Croft School	7.30pm
	16	Cotteswold Naturalists: The Gloucestershire Orchard Trust - Martin Hayes. Enq 07767 014957	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
Thurs	18	Stroud and District Philatelic Society	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Sat	20	Painswick Music Society: Voces8 - Twenty!	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Sun	21	Copy deadline for Beacon		
	21	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	23	Yew Trees WI: Spring Event	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed	24	Painswick Valleys Conservation Society AGM followed by a talk on the role of bee-keeping in nature conservation by a local bee- keeper.	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm start
	24	Cotteswold Naturalist: afternoon visit to Perry Pear Orchard, Henley Bank - time to be advised. Enq 813228	Mill Lane, Brockworth	
Thurs	25	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Stravinsky's Ballet Scores - Dr David Lucas	Town Hall	2.30pm
	25	Probus: Gloucestershire's Master of Magic and Mystery - Andy Meller	Painswick Centre	11.00am
Fri	26	Friday Club: Stroud Industries and World War I - Dr Ray Wilson Enq 812344	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	28	Beacon Praise (followed by APCM)	St Mary's Church	11.00am
	28	Cotteswold Naturalists: visit to Frocester Court and medieval estate barn. Prebook 01453 823286	Frocester Court	3.00pm
May				
	1	Wed Cotteswold Naturalists: Road travel in Georgian Gloucestershire - turnpikes and the improvement of roads - Nicholas Herbert. Enq 7472 014957	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	3	Painswick Beacon published		

Regular Village Activities. Please contact Vicky Aspinall on cvasp.26@gmail.com

Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers . Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	7.30pm
	Painswick Bootcamp. Details contact Becca Meadows 01452 451505 or info@beccameadowsnutrition.co.uk	Broadham Field Rugby Pitch	7.30 - 8.30pm
	Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre
Zumba with Martina 07891 194396		Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
Painswick Art Club		Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
Wednesdays	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 11.00am
	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms	7.00pm
	Table tennis. Contact David Harris on 07453 027766.	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.00pm
	Yoga with Kate. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.30 - 11.30am
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. www.lovelifeladies.co.uk	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm
	St Mary's Mums - for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers. Contact 07833 727701	Church Rooms	9.15 - 10.45 am
	After school art classes. Email classes@painswickcentre.com . Term time only	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm
	Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre
Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com		Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@cloud.com		Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45am
Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782		Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com		Painswick Rugby Club	10.00 - 12.00pm
Qi Gong Classic Exercise - contact Jeff Docherty on jeffdocherty@yahoo.com		Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk		Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm
Takeaway Food Night		Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre and simultaneous zoom	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgswain:btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Church Rooms	11.00 - 12.00pm
	Tea, cake & watercolours art course starts April 14th for 6 weeks	Painswick Centre	2.00pm
	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Sundays	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am



Personal Column

Congratulations

To SOPHIE ALLEN and EDOUARD LENEVEU on the birth of their son, Xavier, on March 23rd in Portugal. A first grandchild for John and Delyth Allen.

Also to EMMA AND SAM, now Mr & Mrs Brookes, who were married in February and held their reception party at the Beacon Hall in Painswick pictured below. Both of them and many of their friends are professional musicians so the evening was filled with amazing music, and Simpson's Fish and Chips provided the evening food and with the Painswick Centre bar providing very attractively priced drinks a wonderful evening was had by all. Emma and Sam decorated the Beacon Hall exactly as they wanted with bunting and a bridal arch to reenact their vows for friends and family who weren't able to attend the ceremony. Thanks to them and Simon Whitehead for the photos.



The Beacon is always willing to publish in the Personal Column, news of births, weddings, significant birthdays or anniversaries, new arrivals in Painswick, people leaving the village to live elsewhere, or of deaths. There is no charge for this service.

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We can't wait to see you all there - for what promises to be another epic event!

The Painswick Ball Committee

Vicki Compton

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Easter Egg hunt and activities in the Churchyard organised by the Painswick Playgroup



Pictured on the left. The Procession of the Witnesses held on Good Friday .

Painswick Community Support - Community Lunches

A big thank you to all the clubs, societies and community groups who ably hosted the community lunches this year which ran from November till March at the Town Hall. A special thank you to the Croft School Year 6 class who, together with their teacher, Mrs. Heywood, hosted 2 consecutive lunches preparing, cooking and serving the soup on the day! They even designed menus and thank you notes! (See pictures above).

The money raised this year will be going towards funding a new football goal at the Recreation Ground, something which was requested by The Croft School Council at a joint meeting with the Parish Council in January. Thanks to all the hosts, supporters and donations, we've been able to keep this tradition of community lunches going in Painswick and look forward to running it again this Autumn/ Winter with your continued support.

If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956 203087, email: painswickcommunity@gmail.com). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

