

The Painswick Beacon

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Martin retires from Parish Council

After over 25 years serving as a councillor and for 12 years as chairman of the council Martin Slinger will officially retire at the first meeting of the council after the May elections. The Beacon would like to thank him for the service he has given to our community over so many years.



A46 - County Council update

Temporary traffic lights were finally installed and operational on the morning of Thursday 18th April and will continue at least until the summer. The state of the road will be monitored for any further deterioration by the equipment that has been installed.



Once conditions have improved it is hoped to return in the summer months for further inspections of the culvert and to carry out investigative drilling works in the adjacent fields.

Once this has been done and a decision made on the required remedial works required it will be necessary to have a full closure of the road while the repairs are carried out.

Painswick Open Gardens Saturday 25th May 11am- 3pm

The popular Painswick Open Gardens event is back, this year on Saturday 25th May. Organised by Hamptons to raise money for charity, it last ran in 2022, when over £3,500 was raised for Cancer Research UK. This year it will be in aid of the Mental Health charity MIND, who work to ensure everyone with mental health problems can access appropriate care and support services.



The format will be similar to last time. Around fifteen to twenty generous home-owners will be opening their garden gates – some of the favourite gardens from two years ago, but also several new ones. Entry will be strictly ticket only, available on the day from the Painswick Centre, where there will be tea, coffee, cakes and a plant sale too. There will be parking on the Recreation Ground, accessed from Lower Washwell Lane. A map will show the gardens that are open and a possible route round, but feel free to choose your own route and which of the gardens to visit, remembering of course that Verlands in Vicarage Street will be hosting a refreshment tent.

Missed Appointments

The following has been extracted from the PPG report on page 18 as we felt it needed to be highlighted:

“Extraordinarily, we seem to have a huge increase in patients not turning up at the Surgery despite the Practice ringing patients if their appointment is delayed. The other problem we’re told is that patients turn up late, often beyond the end of their allocated time, and get very cross if they can’t still be seen. ‘It will only take a minute’ is the common refrain ...

To those of us who do what we can to help the NHS and who are aware of just how pressured it has been since the pandemic this is astonishing. Remember a no-show becoming a cancellation could be your next appointment! We want our Practice to be running efficiently for the good of all, not waiting for no-shows.”

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - from the meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2024

Planning Committee

Present: Cllr Andy Cash (Chairman)

Cllr Ann Daniels

Cllr Adrian Gyde

Cllr Sandra Hunkin

Cllr Ian Massey

Cllr Roey Parker

Cllr Martin Slinger

In attendance: District Cllr Gary Luff

Apologies Cllr Rosie Nash

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters requiring a decision:

a. 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).

The Committee agreed to Support this application.

b. S.24/0516/FUL General Purpose Building At Fletchers Farm, Catswood Lane

Retention of 1 No. agricultural general-purpose building.

The Committee agreed to Support this application.

Parish Council

Present: Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman

Cllr Andy Cash

Cllr James Cross

Cllr Ann Daniels

Cllr Adrian Gyde

Cllr Sandra Hunkin

Cllr Ian Massey

Cllr Roey Parker

Cllr Abigail Smith

Also Present: District Cllr Gary Luff
1 Member of the Public

Apologies: Rosie Nash

Reports:

Reports were received from CC Sue Williams and DC Gary Luff (These are available on the Councils website).

The Chairman gave the following report: "This is my last Chairman's report before retiring from the Parish Council after some 25 years, I will miss it. It has been my life for all those years.

The Parish Council needs some younger people to become Parish Councillors, so why not come to our meetings on the third week of every month, sit at the back and listen, then if you like the idea of becoming a councillor get in contact with the clerk.

The A46 will reopen on the 18th April. The bad weather has been very troublesome causing troubles with flooding on the roads and potholes appearing and blocked drains which the County Council will have to sort.

Our Parish Councillors wish to thank our

two clerks for the way they have guided us and the Parish through the last year."

Footpath Diversion

The Council agreed to support the diversion of public footpath MPA 95 at Trench Hill

Accounts

The Council approved the accounts, previously circulated for payment

Annual Drop in meeting

The Council noted the details of the annual Drop-in Meeting to be held on Wednesday 1st May 2024.

Reports from other bodies:

a. Painswick Community Support Group. Cllr Abigail Smith advised that the Group are trying to arrange a family event for August 2024.

b. Painswick Beacon Conservation Group. Cllr Ian Massey updated the Council on recent events including the moving of the cattle from Cud Hill to the Beacon.

c. Painswick Community Library. Cllr Roey Parker reported that the library signage on the front door of the Town Hall is being updated.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th May 2024, at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting and there was a round of applause in recognition of the service given to the Council and Community by Cllr Martin Slinger.

Beacon Distribution

Are you able to help?

We are still looking for volunteers to help distribute The Beacon. One car owner to drive and one person to do the distribution. If you read the plea for help in last month's Beacon you may have thought you had to be a couple to apply. That is not so. If you think you may be able to help in either capacity do please contact Celia on 01452 812624 or Email distribution@painswick.net.

Newark Park

Cranham Local History Society have their next meeting on Thursday May 23rd at 7.45 in Cranham Village Hall on the subject of Newark Park entitled 'Some unexpected history'. An illustrated talk by Helen Roberts who is a historian and volunteer at Newark Park.

All welcome to a meeting on May 23rd at 7.45 in Cranham Village Hall. Visitors £4, including refreshments.

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Abigail's challenge

Abigail Smith has been, and continues to be, a real source of achievement and strength for and on behalf of the community of Painswick. It is therefore fitting that we should recognise a situation which has arisen and which gives us an opportunity to reciprocate.

Four years ago Abigail's husband, Gary, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and, as a progressive illness, this has of course had a huge effect on each member of the family. Gary was a gardener, a job he could continue to do for a short time but which soon became impossible. This and the progressive physical limitations necessitated many changes for him and for Abigail and their small son, Torney. In Abigail's words, "To say it's been an interesting journey would be an understatement. As secondary progressive, it has quickly brought a number of challenges for him, myself and our five year old and dog – we are all travelling this path together, finding ways to overcome obstacles and still have fun as a family."

Notwithstanding this challenging situation, both Abigail and Gary have succeeded admirably in adopting a strong, practical and calm daily approach to their life. With Torney a pupil at The Croft School, Abigail has been fortunate in that her employer is happy for her to undertake her work in business development at home. This enables her to pursue her role as carer when necessary at the same time.

Abigail has lived in Painswick for 18 years. For the past ten years she has been a member of the Parish Council and her involvement as such is positively laudable. Her commitment, hard work and achievements on behalf of us all are outstanding. She is chairman of the traffic committee and she chairs the group organising Painswick Feast. She was largely responsible for establishing Painswick Community Support committee at the beginning of the Covid epidemic and which continues to be very active organising a wide range of events and projects all for the good of the community. She is keen to point out that the teams work well together and such team work is very fulfilling. It is of course we, the community who are the real beneficiaries.

And on the subject of MS? Abigail explains that the MS Trust has been a trusted resource for the family. She is keen to give a little back to support their valuable work and has therefore signed up for a big challenge in order to raise funds. Starting at 11.00pm on the night of 8th June she will be walking from the base of Snowden to the top of the mountain and back down again – an organised fund-raising project called Snowden by Night. "This is way out of my comfort zone," she says, "so I am both excited and terrified."

Abigail's sister will be accompanying her as a much valued support but also in order to help raise funds, and their father will be stationed at the base in order to drive them home – exhausted! This challenge is important and Abigail emphasises the significance of the help given by the Trust to families such as hers and for the continuing research into this life-changing condition which can befall anyone. Please consider making a donation to Abigail's fund raising Snowden challenge. She has done so much for Painswick. You can donate via her Just Giving page [Abigail Smith is fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis Trust \(MS Trust\) \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Abigail-Smith-is-fundraising-for-Multiple-Sclerosis-Trust-MS-Trust)

Carol Maxwell



Apologies from Pete

As his regular customers will have noticed Pete, the Friday morning fish man, has not been in his usual place in the Town Hall car park for the past month. For this he sends his apologies explaining that unfortunately his refrigerated van has had a problem which has not been quickly enough resolved. He will be back on Friday, 10th May.

Pete has been selling his fish in Painswick and other villages for many years. This is his livelihood and his van is therefore critical. Our support is also critical. His fish is exceptional in that it is the product of small boat fishing from the previous day. It is also excellent value. When he returns, Friday mornings until 11.00am, Town Hall car park, do be sure to go and show your support. You will not be disappointed and we do not want to lose him.

Carol Maxwell

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Croft news – April 2024

The Spring term was a busy one at The Croft with lots of different activities going on across the school, and the summer term is proving to be just as busy already!



Sports

Having practised their skills with a visit from Gloucester Rugby Club players, 46 children from Key Stage 2 took part in a tag rugby tournament on 29th January. It was a great morning and all the children really enjoyed the experience, with 2 of our teams winning silver medals!

The children (and staff) across the whole school benefitted from some PE sessions with an external gymnastics coach. On 2nd February we took a group of 15 children from Key Stage 2 to a gymnastics competition at Stratford Park where they displayed their skills. They thoroughly enjoyed this experience and have to be congratulated for the effort they put into their preparations and performances.

We took a team of girls from Years 5 & 6 to a football tournament on 17th April in Stonehouse. The girls worked really well together as a team and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Visits

In March, the Y6 children were at Culmington Manor in Shropshire for their 5-day residential trip. Although the weather was rather variable, they had an exciting if tiring week completing lots of different adventurous activities and working together to enhance their teamwork skills.

At the end of term we welcomed 25 students and their teachers from Rakunan Junior High School, Kyoto City, Japan. The Japanese students led some activities with our Y4 and Y5 children including origami, calligraphy and a variety of different games.

Community & Charity Events

In February, our Year 6 children made and served soup at the Painswick community lunch. They clearly demonstrated our values of being responsible, compassionate citizens as their customers commented on how polite, attentive and professional the children were – well done Buzzard class!

We celebrated Number Day on 2nd February and raised £147 for the NSPCC. The children took part in a host of maths-related activities across the day and came to school dressed in number-themed outfits!

Our Reception children ran a bake sale on 20th March, selling penguin-shaped biscuits to their parents. The sale raised £46 and has been used to adopt a penguin from the World Wildlife Fund – well done Mole class!

The Arts

On 23 February, our choir participated in the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. They had worked hard to learn all the songs and were excited to join a choir of 5000 children at this annual event – the sound created was amazing!

In March, our Reception and Key Stage 1 children took part in an Easter art competition being run by Richmond Village. Their entries were displayed at a special exhibition which was enjoyed by the residents and member of the public. Three of our children were winners and congratulations go to JJ Wallace and Rupert Barnett Allard from our Reception class, and Willow Harris from Year 2 – well done!

During the Spring term, the whole school took part in the Gloucestershire Oracy Competition – “Look Who’s Talking”. Each class was represented in the school heats, with 3 children going forward to the district event. Congratulations to Effie Wheatley from Year 3 who won the Stroud district final for her age group and represented the area at the county final on 12th April at the Gloucester Guildhall. Effie did us proud, speaking with confidence and clarity about her chosen subject of famous scientists – well done!

A group of 30 very excited children from Key Stage 2 enjoyed a trip to the West End in London on 18th April to watch ‘Frozen the Musical’. We had a fantastic time watching the show with its amazing scenery, music and special effects! The children also thoroughly enjoyed watching the jugglers in Covent Garden whilst eating lunch and seeing the London sights on the way to and from the theatre!

As always, I would like to extend my thanks to all our staff and volunteers who make all these experiences possible for the children and help to create lifelong memories.

Rebecca Gore, Headteacher

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Friday Club

Following the Easter break we met on the 12th April when Malcolm Lewis gave us a talk about the incredible partnership of Rodgers and Hammerstein and played well known songs from their shows. Most Members were able to join in some of the songs Malcolm played and some had even been to their Broadway shows in London. Remember Oklahoma! Carousel, South Pacific, The King and I and The Sound of Music?



On 26th April, as "The Painswick Beacon" May edition goes to print, Ray Wilson will be discussing "Stroud Industries and World War 1. So we are unable to report this here, but hope many of you came to hear Ray's talk.

On May 8th we are on another Outing, this time to the Guide Dogs National Centre, to learn and observe how dogs are trained to help blind people.

Then on May 24th Peter Petrie is giving a talk on "A Ramble around Laterality". Is this going to be about the preference most humans show for one side of their body over the other? We will find out.

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 like minded Members. Meetings commence at 2.30pm in the ground floor room of the Town Hall. See you soon.

Mike Kerton

The Museum in the Park

We welcomed Kevin Ward to the History society meeting in April, to talk to us on 'The History and work of the Museum in the Park'



He started with an introduction as to how and when Museums came to be, with the first museums beginning in the Renaissance era, with the name coming from the Greek Muses. The Ashmolean in Oxford is thought to be the oldest in England dating from 1683. Later with the 'Grand Tours' around Europe there was a need to display finds and private collections grew. During the 19th century it became normal for cities and towns to have museums, being initially open for the public on Sundays. Stroud had an appeal and started raising subscriptions in 1887 for the Science and Arts School in Lansdown, with 2 rooms being dedicated to museum finds.

He introduced us to William Cowle, who left money in his will enabling the project to be completed, with the final opening to the public in 1930, when Charles Irving Gardiner was curator. The Cowle Trust still works with the Museum today. Over the next 50 years the collection grew to 5 rooms and a need to find alternative accommodation was commenced and in 2001 'The Museum in the Park' opened to the public and has had approx. 900,000 visitors to date.

We were then shown the changes that the Stratford Mansion has gone through over the years, including losing an entire floor! to leave what we see today.

Provision is now given to school trips, artist lead workshops, health and wellbeing activities, temporary exhibits, and community spaces, as well as the permanent displays. The museum works with many other charities and organisations to promote the history of the Stroud area, working with conservators and restorers to keep what we have.

We ended with a look at items in the collection relating to Painswick, ending with the Cockerel from the church spire of St Mary's which was taken down in 1895 after being shot! It is now the Museum emblem. We thanked Kevin for an informative and interesting talk that encouraged us all to go and visit the Museum in the Park in the near future.

May's meeting is the annual outing, this year to Hawkwood College.

Karen Goddard

Coming soon in June... *Celebration of creation!*

Friends keep asking me what people around here are like. So far I've discovered that people in the churches are friendly and really care about their villages and the wider communities here.

In fact, next month we are leading the way in asking people to think about this fantastic place we live in – this world that God loves so much – and join in with our month-long 'Celebration of creation' campaign.

Throughout the month of June we are praying for good weather and lots of time to enjoy and celebrate the environment: creation all around us. There will be picnics, woodland walks, flower festivals, open gardens, wild-flower counts and bug hunts, and even contemplative colouring-in and crafts based on the natural world... We also hope that lots of local businesses, clubs and groups that normally meet will also focus on the wonders of creation as they do so.

In Painswick you might like to celebrate creation through music: with a recital of Songs of the Sea, Earth, Air and Rain performed by baritone Andrew Hopwood and Julian Elloway on piano, at 3pm on Sunday 2nd June. Or keep your eyes peeled for the "Yew Trees and Cream Teas" event planned in conjunction with The Croft School for the Saturday of Father's Day weekend. Plans are also currently being drawn up with other local groups including Painswick Community Support.

News of events and activities should start to appear later this month on Facebook, Instagram and on posters around the villages, pop in to your nearest church to pick up a flyer for details, or see next month's magazine for more ideas on how you can join in with a celebration of creation.

We hope that everyone will be able to access and celebrate nature and its maker in one way or another. So I hope to see you literally 'out and about' in June!

Revd Sarah Haslam, Rector of the Beacon Benefice.

Access All Ages

Beacon Benefice Churches to Appoint 'All Ages Minister'

I am a firm believer in God who 'so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life'.



Whenever I read this verse in the bible I think in terms of all the people who aren't 'accessing' God – those who don't actually know what the invitation (faith in Jesus) is all about, and just how incredible this eternal life is that we are all invited to share in.

Even if people choose not to accept the invitation, as churches we have a very real responsibility to make sure everyone knows they are invited, wanted and welcome in the first place. And that's one of the reasons I was attracted to apply for the role here.

Just over a year ago I read the Beacon 'benefice profile' (prepared by parishes when seeking to appoint a rector), which stated the following key hopes and aims for our churches here:

1. To be open and accessible to all generations
2. To be more integrated and relevant to our communities
3. To be active in our schools
4. To reach new people and re-engage with people who had lost faith.

Fantastic, I thought, these followers of Jesus want everyone to have access to God, too, irrespective of age or experience of faith. Since then, as part of my response to the churches' vision, I have been working hard with our church treasurers and a focussed senior team to think about ways that we can work to achieve this.

This month I'm delighted to tell you that through careful prayer and accounting, we are now hoping to appoint someone to the part-time position of Beacon All Ages (BAA) Minister. This is an exciting new role that is a benefice-wide collaboration. The new post will be administered by Sheepscombe PCC and have its operation base at Painswick, but the minister will be expected to get stuck in to the communities across our benefice (the villages of Painswick, Sheepscombe, Cranham, Pitchcombe, Edge and Harescombe with Brookthorpe).

Key activities of the position will include building existing relationships with children and their adults, running parenting courses in our benefice alongside other activities, crafts, games and events coordinated to engage children at the same time, and identifying opportunities for increased partnership with our schools, council, Sportily, CTAP and other key community stakeholders and local groups in the area.

It is really important to me that this is a homegrown, grass roots project so I very much hope that the successful candidate(s) will already live or work in our benefice. The post has already been advertised on village emails and social media around the benefice, as well as through the diocesan's bulletin emails that are sent out weekly. Interviews are scheduled to take place later this month.

Revd Sarah Haslam.

News from St Marys

On Thursday May 9th there will be a service of Holy Communion at 12 noon because it is Ascension Day. 40 days after Easter, it is the day on which Christians celebrate Jesus ascending to heaven. His instruction to his disciples was to wait and pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit - which is what Pentecost is all about. During this period of waiting and praying, churches from around the world pray as hard as they can 'Thy Kingdom Come'! We shall be praying this at our Beacon Family worship service on Sunday 12th May, too (refreshments served before worship begins at 11am, special activities for children to join in with).

There will then be a service of Holy Communion on Pentecost itself at St Marys at 11am, and the following Sunday, known as Trinity Sunday, there will be a Beacon Praise contemporary worship service again at 11am. All people are warmly invited to come along to every service.

Throughout the month meanwhile, our Youth Alpha group will continue to meet on Monday evenings at the Vicarage and our St Marys Mums baby and toddler group will be meeting on Thursday mornings at the Church Rooms.

Revd Sarah Haslam.

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Painswick Playgroup - Sky Diamond Raffle

We are very egg-cited to announce that we have been donated a SKY DIAMOND to raise funds for Painswick Playgroup (Registered Charity Number 900465) as part of our Annual Easter Egg Hunt fundraiser. Alice Huggins, of Painswick Jewellery Workshop, has very kindly offered a free design consultation with the winner!!

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Debbie Hull, Chair of Painswick Playgroup Committee

Thanks to Painswick Community

Yuliia Marusych and the family would like to thank friends from Painswick for your support following the death of Valentine Marusych, a loving husband, a doting father and grandfather, and a true friend.

Our sincere gratitude for your condolences. No words can express how thankful we are for your prayers and the love you have given to our family during this difficult time of grief.

Bless you for your sympathy and kindness. We truly appreciate what wonderful friends we have in Painswick.

With Love,

Yuliia Marusych and the family.

The church garden

Volunteers required

We hope you have enjoyed walking through St Mary's Churchyard garden this Spring, (when weather has permitted), whilst it has been looking so beautiful. From the earliest of snowdrops through to the last tulips it has looked amazing and brought a smile to many faces. Late Spring and early Summer blooms are now ready to burst forth so watch this space!

Did you know that all this is achieved by a small but hardy group of Painswick volunteers who look after their own little patch in their own time and for as long as they are able. There is no pressure and support is there if needed. Tools and water etc are available close by so there is no good reason not to stop for short periods while passing by!

We really would benefit from a few more volunteers now Summer is coming. Do you think you could help by giving a little of your time, simply as and when it suits you? If you think you would like to help please contact Joan Warner on 07970 448 426 or email her at joanwells@hotmail.com. Your support will be much appreciated.

We are a friendly bunch and you will be warmly welcomed.

Thank you

Joan Warner and the Church Garden Committee



Yuliia Marusych (one of our Ukrainian guests), with Joan Warner, planting a lilac bush in the Church Garden as a 'thank you' to the Painswick community for their support.



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Is Conservation Still Relevant

This was the title of Paul Baxter's talk at the March meeting of Yew Trees WI. What a fascinating and thought provoking subject it proved to be. It soon became clear that there was subject matter for several more talks all hidden in this title. Conservation work is labour intensive and needs constant attention. Should you just let nature take over? Some people worry that rewilding means that there will be insufficient land on which to grow food to feed the nation. Conservation and climate change is another vast subject. So many questions – do we have the answers?



The majority of Paul's large audience probably thought they knew a lot about Painswick Beacon and were aware of the superb work done by the Painswick Conservation Group. Their work is coordinated by Natural England in order to protect and conserve this magnificent natural asset and the wildlife it is home to. Here again nothing is straightforward. Different species prefer different lengths of grass in order to thrive. Happily this is where the Dexter cows which now graze on The Beacon come in to their own. They tear the grass leaving a variety of sward heights that different species can take advantage of.

We all rush to watch David Attenborough's programmes but equally amazing are the insects on The Beacon. The life cycle of the Large Blue Butterfly and its reliance on wild thyme and red ants was intriguing but the Rugged Oil Beetle proved my favourite. Having laid its eggs in a burrow, when hatched the larvae climb to the top of the nearest flower and wait for a Solitary bee to arrive, they then hook their feet on to the bee and catch a ride to the bees home where they will consume the bee eggs and nectar store. They over winter in the bee burrow. What a cheek!

On Thursday 28th May Mike Bottomley will talk on "Jack in the Green: Revival of Old Glos May Day Tradition". 7.30 pm in The Church Rooms. Ladies do come and join us.

Come and try our cream tea in the Church Rooms – Monday May 6th

Have you ever felt that the arrival of yet another Bank Holiday should be filled with something special? Well, this year Yew Trees WI is holding just such an event. Last year we held a very successful cream tea to celebrate the King's Coronation and May 6th is the first anniversary, so we have decided to do it again! The Church Rooms will be open from 2.30pm until 4.30pm and everyone is invited to come and join us. The cost is £4.00 per person which will include two scones, jam and cream and we are taking cash only. The WI has a reputation for good 'home cooking' so come and enjoy our scrumptious scones and jam. What more could you want? See you there!

Vicky Aspinall

Theatre trip to Cardiff Bay – last-minute ticket available for 'Nye'

Yew Trees WI has arranged a visit on Thursday 30th May to the Wales Millennium Centre Theatre to see an afternoon performance of the play 'Nye', which brings to life Aneurin Bevan's battle to create the NHS, and stars Michael Sheen in the title role.

As a result of a cancellation, we have a spare Stalls ticket available (cost £50). The coach leaves Stamages Car Park at 9.30am and we will arrive with time to enjoy lunch before the show. If you are interested in joining our group of WI members, partners, and friends, for a good day out to Cardiff Bay, please contact me for more details.

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At Cranham Scout Group, we provide a nurturing environment where our 72 young individuals from Cranham, Painswick, Sheepscombe, Birdlip, Bisley and Slad can learn, grow, and thrive. Our programmes are designed to instil essential life skills, foster teamwork, and promote a sense of responsibility and community service. However, none of this would be possible without the invaluable support of our volunteers.

We are seeking enthusiastic individuals, willing to dedicate their time, and talents to our cause. Not all roles are uniformed and reliant on availability at set times. Whether you have a specific skillset to share or simply a passion for making a difference, there are countless ways for you to get involved:

1. Section team members: (Uniformed leaders) The Section Team plans, delivers, and runs high-quality programmes safely. They make sure all young people can take part in the programme and gain skills for life. They also help young people work towards their top awards. With a brilliant programme, each young person can make a positive impact in society as they step up, speak up, and find their place in the world.

2. Committee members: The committee is a team of volunteers who work together, to make sure the Scout group is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. Effective governance helps our volunteers deliver fantastic programmes that give young people skills for life

3. Administrative Support: Help with administrative tasks such as communication, record-keeping, and logistics coordination. Your behind-the-scenes efforts will keep our operations running smoothly and efficiently.

4. Group Leadership Team: The Group Leadership Team helps volunteers across all Sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) to work well together and feel motivated. They make sure the Group is respected and supported in their local community

5. Specialised Skills: If you have a particular skill or hobby that you're passionate about, we welcome your expertise! Whether it's arts and crafts, outdoor survival skills, or STEM activities, your unique talents can enrich our programmes and inspire our Scouts.

No matter your background or experience level, there's a place for you in our Scout group. The Scout Association provide training and support for all volunteers. Volunteering with us is not only a rewarding experience with opportunities to learn and experience new skills but a chance to make a lasting impact on the lives of young people in our community.



If you're ready to join us we would love to hear from you! Please contact Charlie Overs on 07977509848 to learn more about volunteering opportunities with Cranham Scout Group or come and see us in action on Wednesday 22nd May at our presentation and AGM evening at Cranham Scout HQ from 5:45.

Together, we can make a difference and create a brighter future for our youth.

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Fabulous carvings

Natasha Houseago's two Sunday workshops on 24th March were a joy to behold. Those participating in both the morning and afternoon sessions were very definite in their praise for Natasha's guidance and tuition and they also expressed their feelings of fulfilment and pleasure derived from the experience. 'Loving it,' said one happy carver; 'It's so rewarding,' said another.



Natasha is the artist in residence at the Rococo and her wood sculptures are stunning creations. The opportunity to develop such skills and to produce a wood sculpture of one's own design was enjoyed by a group of both men and women. The workshop was open to all regardless of previous woodworking experience, and with Natasha's expert and focused tuition everyone felt very pleased with the results. The owl on the left was the result of one novice carver's attendance.

There will be two more similar workshops at the Rococo, one on 23rd June and the other on 29th September. To find more information and to book a place contact www.wtscollective.co.uk. Why not seize this wonderful opportunity to learn a set of invaluable skills working with beautiful wood and create your own piece of artwork, taught by an exceptional teacher in the fresh air of the Rococo.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Valley Probus Club report

On Wednesday 10th Apr 2024 Chris Witts gave Probus Club members an extraordinary account of his life while working on the Severn on a variety of vessels carrying cargoes mostly of grain, oil, coal, or petrol. A report on the talk may be found at [this page](#) of the Club website.



The next meeting will be on Wed 8th May at 1100 at Painswick Centre when Martin Gower, who served as a board member of 2 NHS trusts between 2009 and 2020, will be giving a talk titled 'The NHS - A Jewel in the Crown or a Patient in need of Therapy?'

Meetings are now hosted by a member with something to celebrate, so a glass of white wine follows every talk to stimulate discussion and encourage friendship between all members and potential newcomers. New members are always welcome. Subjects of talks later this year range from the WW2 Nuremberg war crimes trials to the iPhone for oldies and a talk by a royal photographer.

Lady membership of Probus surges

Painswick Valley Probus Club has welcomed the surge in membership of ladies all of whom attended recently an excellent talk about how to avoid falls as we all grow older.

Three Counties Show Trip

Plans are now at an advanced stage for a trip to the Three Counties show in Malvern on Fri 14th June with a coach leaving Stamages car park at 09.00 am. We have a number of spare seats on our coach which the Club is pleased to offer to others at a cost of £40 each for adults and £20 for children to include travel and entry. Contact Michael.Houghton@dellfarm.co.uk or 01452 813382.

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Painswick Gardening Club

The first question Timothy Walker asked when he came to Painswick Gardening Club last month was: "Have you planted your potatoes yet?" Coming from Oxford he has heavy clay and with all the rain this year it has been impossible to plant anything. But he came to us to talk about pruning and gave us a comprehensive overview of how to tackle anything in our gardens. Some plants should not be cut back and many were better left alone. But, of course, some needed controlling or else they would take over. Timothy brought a selection of tools and reassured us that if a plant died because of our pruning, this provided us with a great opportunity to buy a new plant!



On May 8th we have Reg Moule coming to host a "Question and Answer Session". He is BBC Hereford and Worcester's gardening expert so this is a great opportunity to bring and share your gardening problems. Perhaps you have a plant which is struggling. Bring a specimen of it.

On May 25th we are supporting Hamptons with their Charity Plant Sale and Open Gardens in aid of MIND and Cancer charities. Please can you contribute plants and/or cakes.

On June 12th we are visiting Cerney House Gardens. We need to know numbers to arrange transport so please let Mary Parsons (07500 820205) know if you want to come. There will be details at our meeting on May 8th.

Have you too many seedlings? Please bring them to the next meeting, on May 8th along with your questions. We start with refreshments and chat from 7 pm, in Painswick Town Hall. The Talk starts at 7:30 pm and Visitors are always welcome. Come and share your interest in plants and gardening.

Joyce Barrus

Jottings

The weather has been causing a lot of problems when it comes to growing our foodstuff. Hot and dry last summer and now wet; cold one minute then hot in the sun, blown in the wind. The fields are flooding, the soil so wet that you cannot get on to it to plant anything.

Take wheat, a staple food for humans and animals. Last autumn you could not get on the ground to harvest it. When you finally did, the corn was so moist the seeds had started spouting in the ears. We are being recommended to plant winter wheat at the end of January and spring wheat at the end of March. This has been hard to achieve this year and the later you plant it the lower the yield.

Vegetable and cereal roots have been rotting in the ground with the damp and flood conditions. Because of the heat last summer, and the lack of water, potato and carrot harvests were poor with the individual vegetables being smaller in size.

With this cold, wet spring, bees and other insects have not been as active pollinating our blossoms so there will probably be a lack of fruit in the autumn. We, in this country, only produce some 52% of our vegetables and only 16% of our fruit. We need to produce more ourselves, because, with all the problems around the world we could find shortages in our main foods and prices getting higher. One way of coping is growing more in controlled systems in greenhouses which gets expensive.

Then another problem sticks its head up: With warmer winters there are no cold snaps to kill off the pests and diseases.

Martin Slinger

AGM and summer plans

With the Painswick lecture series over for this year, there is one talk remaining at Box Village Hall (GL69HE) on 21st May at 2.30pm. Given by Dr Kathy Meakin of 'Evidence Nature' a local independent Ecologist living in the Cotswolds, the talk is entitled 'Is nature conservation dead? Wilding and nature recovery' Please park on the Common and walk if possible. All welcome at our lectures -£5 visitors, £2 members- includes light refreshments.



Our AGM was very well attended, with special thanks going to Robert Mann (for around 15 years of service) and Joe Angseesing (Editor of the Proceedings for almost 20 years) both sadly retiring and to David Thackray, President for the last four years. If you would like to read the President's report it can be found here <https://www.cotsnatsfield.club/p/agm-april-2024.html> The Club needs volunteers to continue to offer a full program of events. If you can help, please get in touch.

Looking forward, the planned excursion to Ledbury has been postponed for now due to uncertainty around the re-opening of the A46, but arrangements for the September excursion to Norfolk/Sandringham are developing well, with a draft itinerary now available from the organisers Denise Magauran (01452 814570 denisemagauran@aol.com) or Lynne O'Farrell (01242 437754 Lynneof053@btinternet.com). Confirmed dates 23rd to 27th September.

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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The Painswick Centre continues to develop and has recently seen a number of successful events including a wedding reception which was recently held in the Beacon Hall. In other news:

New artist in residence

We are pleased to announce that there is a new artist who has moved in to one of the studios. Nadia Ryzhakova (nadiaryzhakova.com). She moved in to her studio two months ago and is loving the community centre.

Volunteers

We continue to seek volunteers to help with some jobs around the centre. We need your help as an army of fabulous volunteers to make a difference and keep your community centre thriving. Our next step with the volunteer programme is to ask for your help either on a one off or at a dedicated time on a regular basis, we have lots of different tasks that need to be addressed, if you have time to give back to the community we'd be grateful. Please contact kim.brockett@painswickcentre.com or mahboob.hussain@painswickcentre.com

The centre is putting on defibrillator training on 14th May 2024 at 7pm. The Parish Council are funding the training and so there is no charge. If you are interested in attending then please contact Kim Brockett via email: kim.brockett@painswickcentre.com

Painswick Centre - Events and Operations Administrator

Over recent months we have been fortunate to have Dawn Tyson acting as the temporary Painswick Centre administrator. Dawn agreed to step in and undertake the role on a temporary basis and now the time has come for the Centre to appoint to a more permanent arrangement.

We are looking for an events and operations administrator to help lead and evolve our Events & Experiences programs. This is a part time role of 3-4 hours every weekday morning and is £15/hour.

Our events programme plays a key role in enabling and building our revenue and success and is instrumental to the village and part of the wider community. The programme may include conferences, community events, fitness classes, cinema nights, sports events, children's interests, pop ups, food trucks, private social events and celebrations.

We are looking for someone who:

- Ideally has a sales or marketing background
- Is highly organised and calm under pressure
- Has great communication skills and ability to build relationships
- An ability to be creative in marketing the resources as an opportunity for all types of events
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Fifty years later, it's 1988 and Nicky lives haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England; always blaming himself for not doing more. It's not until a live BBC television show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children – now adults – that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades.

For any Wick-Flix queries please contact the team directly at wick-flix-@outlook.com

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Our next collection will on Wednesday 8th May. Volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12 noon. Please may we ask for some of the following: Milk (UHT/powdered), fruit juice (UHT), fruit squash, Fray Bentos pies, tinned hot dogs, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, rice, shampoo/conditioner, shower gel, soap, washing up liquid and laundry liquid.

As always, if you prefer to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:

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Thank you!

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Library News

Bank holiday closing

On Monday 6th and Monday 27th May we will be closed due to the bank holidays



Do you like statistics?

All libraries in Gloucestershire send their visitor numbers back to the county library service every month, and the computer system records total book issues. So we get a picture of how each library, including all the other seven community-run libraries are doing. Of course, libraries offer more than simply book lending, with computer availability, warm spaces, newspapers, and events, especially for young children.

I'd thought you'd like to see how we are doing, especially since our evening opening started in January.

Comparing the first quarter of 2024 with the same period last year:

Painswick:	Visits up 17%,	Issues up 9%
All Community Libraries:	Visits up 13%,	Issues up 7%
County Libraries:	Visits up 9%,	Issues down 3%

I think you can agree we are top of the pile on these measures, at least! If you would like more information, including how we are doing since the Covid break, please let me know on painswicklibrary@btconnect.com

Ian Cridland



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Pharmacy services

The problems within the NHS are well known and the pressure on our GP's seem to be never ending. As a consequence getting to see the doctor is much harder than it used to be and the way that we access their advice and care is evolving.

I wonder if sufficient thought is given however to the services that support our doctors such as the superb service that the Painswick Pharmacy provides?

Without fuss they provide a speedy and cheerful response to every demand. The Pharmacist and his staff should surely be publicly commended for the way they fulfil this vital service to the community. Were it possible I would propose them for the Painswickian of the Year award.

Graham Lilley, Lower Bumps, Edge

Library Book Club

In May, the Library Book Club will meet on Monday 13th, from 1.30 - 2.30pm and we will be discussing Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. We will meet again on Monday June 10th at the same time and will be discussing Ceremony of Innocence by Madeline Bunting.



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

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Onwards with Painswick's Longfield

Our charity shop, Longfield, in Bisley Street is a little gem. Our continued support is essential and it is good to report therefore that the new manager, Vanda, explains that trade is beginning to pick up again now the A46 is back to normal - the effects of the road diversions were noticeable. Vanda took over the role of manager in February when the previous manager, Val, retired after several years of successfully running the shop.



Vanda's previous work experience had been working in a charity shop but she had stopped in order to care for her sick mother. Now back as Painswick's Longfield manager she is keen to ensure the shop is successful. Essentially it is much as before but she has introduced a few changes particularly regarding layout. Clothing, bric a brac, books, puzzles, shoes, toys, jewellery and household linen are the key items and with a frequent turnover it is always worth popping in to find 'new' things.

Working with Vanda is a new assistant manager, Kate, who lives in Painswick. She too has previous relevant experience as she formerly worked for a charity for young carers. There is also a volunteer, Roberta, who works in the shop on Saturdays. Vanda is in the shop on four days each week and Kate for three days.

Vanda's key priority is the charity. She believes steadfastly in the wonderful work which Longfield does locally in caring for people at the end of life. With regard to the shop, she emphasises that for her 'the cause' is always number one. She points out that also of great importance is the increasingly recognised need for recycling and what better way of combining these two priorities

than donating to and buying from the charity shop. 'Think of us when you're having a sort out,' she urges. There are real bargains and a real range of certainly very affordable goods on sale in Painswick's Longfield shop.

And Vanda's verdict after her first few weeks in the Painswick shop? 'The people here are lovely,' she says. Do go in to say hello and do continue to donate and to buy. You will not be disappointed. Longfield needs your support.

Carol Maxwell

Women Composers and Wolfgang Amadeus

Ann Williams chose around a dozen women composers to represent a total estimate of around 5000. Expertly she found recorded examples of their work beginning with the sublime Hildegard of Bingen, a German nun of the 12th century, and ended with Imogen, daughter of Gustav Holst in the 20th century. Needless to say they were completely different in style. On the way she illustrated rather remarkable similarities in compositions of Felix and his elder sister Fanny Mendelssohn and Mr and Mrs Schumann (Clara): the women were largely forced to keep their lights under a bushel whilst their men lived. Alice Mary Smith, Dame Ethel Smyth, Rebecca Clarke, the Americans Florence Price and Amy Beech and the French Lily Boulanger also demonstrated that neglect is international. A fascinating and well researched talk with endless possibilities for further exploration.



Later in April Howard Allen delighted us with Mozart's later Piano Concerti ending with a DVD performance of No 23 played by the Milanese born Maurizio Pollini and the Vienna Philharmonic conducted by Karl Bohm in the Musikverein (of New Years Concert fame). This much celebrated live performance from the late 1970s represented one of the few Mozart concerti Pollini ever put on record and also commemorated his recent passing, still performing in his 80s.

Mozart wrote 27 piano concertos and 41 symphonies as well as Requiems, operas and chamber music. Howard demonstrated this huge range with 3 further movements from 3 further late concerti performed by the now retired Czech born (living in Dorset) Alfred Brendel KBE including the chart topping adagio from the 21st piano concerto that consolidated its fame as a film soundtrack. A delightful afternoon.

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St.Mary's Mums

We thought we'd give you a little update on our St.Mary's Mums Toddler group now we've been running for two terms. At our last meeting before Easter we had 15 adults and 15 children in a variety of family groups enjoying hot cross buns and Easter cakes made by one of the Grandmas. The children enjoyed playing with the toys, sharing snacks and then we always end the session with some singing. The adults enjoy hot drinks made by our fab team of helpers and spend time getting to know each other, sharing baby, toddler and family dilemmas and joys – and having a good laugh and sometimes a cry! We realise that St. Mary's Mums has become an important part of their support network as you can see from some of the comments below made by some of the mums:

“Being able to attend this group has been a highlight of my maternity leave. There are hardly any activities based in Painswick so this has made such a difference to the village - I have been attending since the group started in September and we are always met with a warm welcome, a hot cup of tea and lovely cake. The support of the volunteers who give up their time has been amazing - from holding my baby to playing with my older daughter. It has been a fantastic way to meet other parents who live nearby and to support each other. My preschool daughter loves going and has become more confident through playing with other adults and children.”

“What a wonderful group like no other! The first week I walked in, not knowing anyone, and immediately felt welcomed and offered a cup of tea and a croissant! It's lovely to have a 'no-pressure' group where you can turn up whenever you can, doesn't need booking and is free within the village. It's given me an opportunity to meet people I wouldn't have necessarily met otherwise and actually have the chance to speak to them and build a friendship. It's been a joy to come along each week, thank you to everyone who makes it so special.”

“Being new to the village with a brand new baby, this has been an invaluable resource helping me to settle in and get to know people in the community. I can't imagine a more welcoming group who openly share their kindness with each other, and the little ones we bring.”

We would like to expand our collection of toys and equipment so if you feel called to donate financially we would love to hear from you. For more information please contact Bea at beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com or Vics Soutar 07900451248.

Victoria Soutar

Local businesses collaborate in summer pop-up shop!

Handmade In- Painswick, Rococo Garden and Exedra Nursery are launching a collaborative pop-up shop. This new venture brings together three established businesses, each with a unique but complementary offering. Handmade in Painswick will continue in their aim to support local artists and artisans by showcasing and selling their work. They will have a range of products available including pottery, glassware, textiles, jewellery, prints and paintings. All items on display are handmade within the Five Valleys area and represent the rich cultural and creative seam within our district. Rococo Garden will sell a range of jams, chutneys and juices made from their productive vegetable and fruit gardens, as well as honey from their own bees. In addition, they will have bespoke items created by artists, which reflect the stunning landscape and unusual features that make Rococo Garden one of the jewels in Painswick's crown. The ever fabulous Exedra Nursery will offer a range of indoor and outdoor plants and gardening related items.

The shop will open at The Old Fleece on Bisley Street on the 9th May and will run throughout the summer months. This collaboration brings together three businesses who have much in common, each seeking in their own way to contribute to and develop the distinct rural and cultural life of Painswick. This venture offers a new synergy bringing an interesting and diverse addition to our village and a valuable new destination for both locals and visitors. Please pay us a visit, a warm welcome awaits!

Sandie Randle



Local Elections

The following wards for the Painswick Parish Council were all uncontested and accordingly the following are deemed elected unopposed:

Painswick Ward:

James Cross
Ann Daniels
Adrian Gyde
Gary Luff
Ian Massey
Rosie Nash
Abigail Smith

Sheepscombe Ward:

Sandra Hunkin

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Andy Cash

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A celebration of English Music on Stanford's centenary

On Saturday 13th April in St Mary's an audience of 200 enjoyed an intelligently structured programme by the brilliant young violinist Hannah Roper. The five composers represented in the recital were all born within four years 1872-1876 and four of them were pupils of Charles Stanford at the Royal College of Music and the fifth was contemporary at the Royal Academy of Music.

The recital opened with an engaging set of four sketches by William Hurlston which were characteristic of the time and place at the dawn of the 20th century in England. Gustav Holst's 'Song of the Night' followed, and showed the greater robustness sometimes associated with this famous composer. Later, his 'Invocation', arranged by Hannah from Holst's Cello composition featured unusual colours and a shimmering calm.



Between the Holst pieces came, for this reviewer, a revelation. Ethel Barnes, co-founder of the Society of Women Musicians and later professor at The Royal Academy of Music was represented by the virtuoso 'Dance Characteristic' and the beautiful 'Valse Caprice'. At times this might have been Elgar himself.

Vaughan Williams followed, with Hannah producing a glorious performance of 'The Lark Ascending', drawing its final pianissimo exquisitely up into the high beams of St Marys. The last piece on the programme was as revelatory as Ethel Barnes; Coleridge-Taylor's 'Violin Sonata op28'. The opening Allegro was a feast of virtuoso playing as the American style motifs appeared and re-appeared. The final Allegro movement brought the concert to a close with a flourish. However, the slow movement between these energising displays was the most enchanting music which also had the hint of Elgar in its beauty.

In response to the enthusiastic reception from the audience, Hannah then played a solo composition of her own. Appropriately the English dance of three British dances based on regional folk melodies. A fine piece based on a Black Country folk tune and played magnificently.

Charles Stanford's influence was subtly present in all this beautiful music. Hannah's excellent playing ably supported at the piano by Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral, Adrian Partington, paid tribute to these wonderful composers from the dawn of the 20th Century and to their great teacher.

Voces 8 at St Mary's

On Saturday 20th April Voces 8 returned to a Sold-Out St Mary's. The famous 'a capella' ensemble did not disappoint the audience of 300 who were treated to an extraordinarily varied programme.

Starting in the 16th Century with Orlando Gibbons's famous anthem 'O clap your hands', 'the group moved effortlessly to the beginning of the 20th Century with the Rachmaminoff liturgical setting 'Bogoroditse Devo' and then segued effortlessly to contemporary USA with Jake Runestad's beautiful 'Let my Love be heard'.

Great favourites followed with Nat King Cole's 'Straighten Up and Fly Right' and Voces 8 fan Paul Simon's 'The Sound of Silence'.

A move back to 16th Century England with Thomas Tallis and then his Venetian contemporary Giovanni Croce. Between these two polyphonic masters was 'Stardust' a lovely piece by Taylor Scott Davis, currently a composer of church and other music in Texas who works with Voces 8 composing and arranging.

Underlining the eclectic nature of the programme, Monteverdi was followed by folk music 'Underneath the Stars' from the album by Yorkshire folk singer Kate Rusby., Mumford & Son's Timshel and a tribute to Van Gogh 'Vincent' by American rock/folk composer Don McLean.

Called back by the enthusiastic audience after 'Come Fly With Me' (to the Moon), Voces 8 closed with Tallis's most loved 'If you Love Me' a fitting end to a memorable afternoon.

More wonderful music at St Mary's on Saturday 11th May at 3pm when the exciting Meliora Collective debut at Painswick. The programme includes the wonderful Brahms Serenade and Ligeti's Old Hungarian Ballroom Dances which should have us all twirling in the aisles.

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A Quiet Time of the Year

Having finished the major work parties for the year it is difficult to find much to write about!

I have mentioned before that we plan to start a long-term vegetation monitoring survey to check the progress of the ecological health of the Beacon. This will involve monitoring the presence of some key species of plants on predetermined sections of the site and recording them on a layered map system.

Also, the juniper bush population does seem to be increasing, but hasn't been recorded for approximately 15 yrs. and needs to be done again. Both projects are very worthwhile and are a fantastic way of getting to know the Beacon better and learning more about our wildlife. No experience is needed, so, if you fancy helping, please get in touch with me on pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com.

I have given much thought to solving the problem of damage caused by increasing footfall. New paths form and older ones get wider. The compaction changes the composition of the plants present, favouring the ones which can survive in the harder soil, e.g. daisies, plantains, dandelions and docks and even the grasses don't grow as tall. Rather than soaking into the vegetation, rain runs off, eroding soil and depositing it where puddles form. This starts a vicious cycle of compaction, erosion, deposition. It is a problem well known to hill walkers and all the wardens of our local commons and woods.

PBCG have managed to restore a significant area of scrub back to grass and the return of the cows for summer grazing will help maintain and improve these areas. However, I suspect we may only just be keeping pace with the rate of degradation of path margins. Perhaps there is a summer project for someone to quantify this?

There would seem to be two stages to solve this problem.

1. Repair the path surfaces and install gully drains to take run off away from the path into an adjacent quarry hollow.
2. Slit the path margins (and heavily compacted golf fairways) in the autumn to aerate the soil and aid drainage.

This isn't going to be an easy fix, but we have to solve the problem as the increasing number of visitors, from all the new housing around Gloucester and Cheltenham, will only exacerbate the issue. I think all would agree that the resurfacing of a section of the Cotswold Way, last year, was an enormous success and more of the same can only be a good thing.

Paul Baxter



Warmer days and longer evenings in a hidden valley

Summer is definitely on the way with warmer days and longer evenings. This is the perfect time to get booking for one of our summer outdoor events which are now on sale. We start the season with an improvised whodunnit, "LocoMotive for Murder" on Friday 31st May at 6.30pm, in which the audience will help solve the crime! Really popular for their first visit last year, don't miss it this time around. See rococogarden.org.uk for details of how to book.

A huge success last summer, we are holding a second wine tasting in partnership with Stroud Wine Company on Friday 7th June. This year the theme is natural and organic wine, with 35 different wines to sample from around the globe. There will also be jazz from local trio ThreeBop. I can think of nowhere lovelier than to enjoy fine wine than here at Rococo! Tickets are available now from rococogarden.org.uk.

Looking ahead in our busy diary, we celebrate the return of The Handlebards who travel the length of the country by bike, performing Shakespeare. They will be bringing "The Comedy of Errors" on Thursday 4th, Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July. Nothing can be better than a show in the open air with the Rococo Garden as the backdrop. It is truly magical. For more detail about each performance, again visit rococogarden.org.uk.

May is the perfect time for a relaxed daytime visit, too. The Garden is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am until 5pm. We are also open both Bank Holiday Mondays and all of the May half term. No advance booking is needed – just turn up - but if you want to guarantee admission then you can. It is one of my favourite times in the Garden, especially in the colourful Kitchen Garden, as we experience new life all around. Leaves are on trees and the first proper warmth from the sun (fingers crossed).

I hope to see you in the garden soon.

Tim Toghill, volunteer



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Painswick Surgery Patient Group



Local News

Covid Booster Vaccinations

Vaccination plans are now in place, qualifying patients will have been called in by the Practice for a May appointment. If you are over 75 or severely immunocompromised and haven't been called, please ring the Surgery to book.

Right Care – First Time

Under this heading the Practice continue to work towards the most efficient use of all staff – in particular focusing Doctors on matters that really need their attention. Last month's Beacon bulletin illustrated the benefits of this that are already being seen. What does this mean for patients? Under this approach you may find you ask for a GP appointment but are offered an appointment with a nurse, an in-house pharmacist, or be referred to the local pharmacy for example. Or perhaps asked to attend a Minor Injuries Unit. It's all in the interests of good use of professionals' time.

Friends and Family test, reminder

We have to admit that this nationwide system we mentioned last month is not brilliant but it's all we've got! After an appointment at the Surgery, forms taking just a moment to complete are on the reception desk. Please complete one as you leave as this is your opportunity for direct feedback to the Practice and contributes to the County-wide and NHSE analyses. More about the test here: <https://tinyurl.com/2s49ha6h>. Or fill in the form here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2hu9bve>.

Rising number of missed appointments

Extraordinarily, we seem to have a huge increase in patients not turning up at the Surgery despite the Practice ringing patients if their appointment is delayed. The other problem we're told is that patients turn up late, often beyond the end of their allocated time, and get very cross if they can't still be seen. 'It will only take a minute' is the common refrain ...

To those of us who do what we can to help the NHS and who are aware of just how pressured it has been since the pandemic this is astonishing. Remember a no-show becoming a cancellation could be your next appointment! We want our Practice to be running efficiently for the good of all, not waiting for no-shows.

National News

Martha's Rule

The first phase of the introduction of Martha's Rule in hospitals was implemented in NHS England last month. Once fully implemented, patients, families, carers and staff will have round-the-clock access to a rapid review from a separate care team if they are worried about a person's condition.

NHS England is committed to implement Martha's Rule to ensure that the concerns of the patient and those who know the patient best are listened to and acted upon. Read more [here](#).

Childhood Vaccinations

A new campaign to drive up childhood vaccinations has been launched across England with an 'urgent call to action' to parents to catch up on their children's missed vaccination requirements.

Another chance to make your opinions known

The Integrated Care Board, responsible for NHS England services throughout Gloucestershire has created an 'online participation space' where you can share your views, experiences and ideas about local health and care services. It can be found at <https://getinvolved.glos.nhs.uk>. It includes a 3 minute video on why people join Patient Groups (PPGs), just add /ppg-network to the web address. Perhaps this would convince you to help us by joining the Painswick group? If so just email me at PainswickPPG@gmail.com. We're very conscious we could do more but that needs more people!

NHSE patient data - update

This activists' newsletter (<https://tinyurl.com/2ky2vayr>) gives more information about NHS plans for sharing or selling our health data than is easily found elsewhere. Clicking on their link 'Values Sharing Framework', it seems quite alarming.

Finally

More information & advice on end-of-life & palliative care is here: <https://tinyurl.com/Palliative-Care-Info>. And help for those who find all these digital links difficult is here: <https://yourdigibus.com/>. Subscribers to newsletters on painswickppg@gmail.com can just click on links!

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Tennis

Painswick Tennis club is now in full swing with 4 Mens and 4 Ladies teams in the Gloucestershire summer league and a selection of morning and evening club sessions.

Rusty players are going strong every Thursday at Broadham at 7 pm.

Email nessfair1@gmail.com to reserve your place.



New members are most welcome and those interested in joining should initially contact Ruth Smith at ruthandtreavor@btinternet.com and for juniors Charlie Ferrett at charlietennis101@gmail.com for further information.

Pickleball is still coming to Painswick

Slight delay with the marking out of the courts due to the wet and cold weather.

Painswick Tennis club are marking out two courts on the Recreation courts as soon as the weather permits and taster sessions will then be arranged. Come along and see what is involved, no commitment, equipment provided. Open to all, no need to be a tennis player.

Express your interest by emailing Ruth Smith at ruthandtreavor@btinternet.com

Painswick Golf club

The winter golf competitions played over six months have now been completed with the singles won by Ian Broderick and the pairs by Finlay Mclean and Robin Hare

The senior matches are now underway with 2 wins and 2 losses so far.

Painswick Seniors Open

To be held on Wednesday the 22nd May has around 140 entries. Best to avoid walking on the Beacon that day as many entries are from other clubs unfamiliar with our course.

Visitors are welcome to play the course so to book a tee-time, please call 01452 812615 or visit the website www.painswickgolf.com.



Join Us for the Big Bowls Bash!



Mark your calendars for the 27th of May at 2:00 PM as we kick off the Big Bowls Bash at The Painswick Bowls Club, nestled behind The Painswick Centre, right at the heart of our community. The Big Bowls Bash promises an afternoon of fast-paced, exhilarating fun that perfectly fits into your busy schedule. This innovative event is making waves nationwide, capturing attention and earning well-deserved publicity. And that's not all – don't forget to indulge in our mouthwatering BBQ and enjoy refreshments from our inexpensive bar. No need for fancy equipment or attire – just grab your flat shoes and join in the excitement.

The more, the merrier!

After the resounding success of last season's Coronation Street Bowls Competition, by popular demand, we're pleased to announce that this year's street event will follow the thrilling Big Bowls Bash format. So street teams are cordially invited to attend on the 27th and get in some early practice on the new format before the competition starts.

So, come one, come all, and let the good times roll at the Big Bowls Bash!

Please contact michael.houghton@dellfarm.co.uk for further information re street teams.

John Williamson



Painswick Cricket Club

And away we go with 2024!

Friendly opener to proceedings!!

Painswick CC travelled to Congresbury cricket club for a friendly on Saturday 20th April losing by 54 runs in a high scoring and enjoyable match. Congresbury who play in the Bristol/Somerset League scored 306 and Painswick chased hard with 254, highlights for Painswick were Keegan Van Rensburg 99 runs, Luke Woolway 78 and Reece Morris 35. Bowling wise, Dan Wilson, Nathan Fagg and Van Rensburg all collected 2 wickets each.

And then off to Wales for 20/20!

The following day the club took part in a T20 competition at Usk in Wales between Usk CC, Cardiff University CC and Painswick CC. Painswick beat Cardiff in the first match with Morris top scoring with 66 and Jack Hobbs claiming 3 wickets for only 9 runs from his four overs. Painswick then also beat the hosts Usk with several outstanding performances including Matt Connelly and newcomer Tristan Maree. A great start to the season from the squad and the club.

Future matches

Here are our league home fixtures for May and early June, the club would welcome any spectators/supporters to pop down to visit us at Broadham and enjoy an afternoon's cricket, weather permitting of course.

4 May, 2nds versus Tetbury 2nds
11 May 1sts versus Avebury 1sts
18 May 2nds versus Hatherley and Reddings 3rds
25 May 1sts versus Hatherley and Reddings 1sts
1 June 2nds versus Haresfield 1sts
8 June 1sts versus Goatacre 1sts.

For further information on the club and other fixtures please visit <https://painswick.play-cricket.com/home>.

Many thanks

Steve Pegram

Thomas and Noël Dyer-Edwardes

Prinknash owner and his daughter who sailed on the Titanic

The top corner of Prinknash Park is just outside the Painswick Parish boundary. It then tumbles down the hill towards Upton and Brockworth and might be thought of as part of those areas. But it's in Painswick and Upton Ward and it feels to belong more to the hills than the valley. So the few residents there are surely Painswickians. From the 13th to the 16th century Prinknash was owned by the Abbots of Gloucester, but after the Dissolution of the Monasteries it passed to a succession of aristocratic owners for use as a hunting park and stately home. The last of those, who bought the house and park in 1888, was Thomas Dyer-Edwardes with his wife Clementina and their daughter Noël (born on Christmas Day 1878). They also acquired the nearby Tocknells Court estate.



They had a house in London too, but the family used Prinknash as their country home and set about making substantial improvements to the property. That included building entrance lodges on both the A46 and the Portway, together with drives and avenues of trees, making a sunken garden and improving the stables. In the local area, Thomas became a magistrate and in 1895, High Sheriff of Gloucestershire. He was also a major donor to Cranham Church.

In 1900, at the age of 21, Noël married Norman Evelyn Leslie, the 19th Earl of Rothes, making her the Countess of Rothes. In the 1911 census the couple were recorded as living in London in some style, with one son and 10 servants. They had a family seat in Scotland too. But Noël must have stayed close to her parents and no doubt spent time at Prinknash, because in 1912 she and her parents boarded the Titanic for its maiden voyage from Southampton. Thomas and Clementina left the ship in Cherbourg, but Noël, with a friend continued the voyage. When it sank, she took the tiller of a lifeboat and helped to row survivors to the rescue ship. That gained her some fame at the time and later portrayals in several films including James Cameron's 'Titanic'.

Thomas Dyer-Edwardes owned Prinknash until the end of his life, but in 1924 he converted to Catholicism, and with his only daughter already well provided for, he offered Prinknash to a group of Benedictine monks, then living at Caldey Island, off the coast of Pembrokeshire. He arranged to transfer the property to them by a Deed of Covenant, but in early 1926 died in Italy, invalidating the Deed. Noël's husband died around the same time and the property passed by law to her son, the 20th Earl of Rothes. Fortunately for the monks, he agreed to sign a new Deed of Transfer, although not before stripping out many of the valuables to cover Death Duties. The history of Prinknash since then is another story, but there are still Benedictine monks there now.



Thomas was also a major donor in Australia, where he had lived for part of his life and where the family had made much of their wealth. In 1889, perhaps inspired by the bell-ringing tradition in Painswick, he donated a peal of 13 bells to St. Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne and in 1924 donated 34 acres of land on the edge of the same city for a park, which became the Edwardes Lake Park. After his death, his widow moved further into Painswick, living at Greenacres on the Cheltenham Road until her death in 1947.

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	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 in a block of six lessons. Info from Hannah Dyson at www.hannahjdyson.co.uk or dyson_hannah@hotmail.com
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
Thursdays	Table tennis. Contact David Harris on 07453 027766. £5.00/person/session	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
	After school art classes. Email classes@painswickcentre.com . Term time only	Painswick Centre 3.45 - 5.15pm
	Morning Market	Painswick Centre 7.45 - 9.45am
	St Mary's Mums - for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers. Contact 07833 727701. Term time only	Church Rooms 9.15 - 10.45am
	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
Fridays	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Painswick Rugby Club 9.30 - 12.30pm
	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
	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 11.00am and simultaneous zoom
	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 cgsivain@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
Sundays	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion 9.30 - 11.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church 8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House 10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre 8.30 - 11.00am

Village Diary

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

May

Fri	3	Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	6	Bank Holiday		
		Yew Trees WI Cream Tea - cash only	Church Rooms	2.30 - 4.30pm
Wed	8	Painswick Probus: The NHS - a jewel in the crown or a patient in need of therapy - Martin Gower	Painswick Centre	11.00am
	8	Friday Club: Outing to the Guide Dogs Centre, nr Leamington Spa. Prebook 812344	Stamages car park	
		Gardening Club: An evening with Reg Moule - question and answer session	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
	8	Longfield Services - presented by Louise Wilson	Library	4.30pm
Thurs	9	The Arts Society: Truth to Nature - the pre- Raphaelite Landscape - Julian Halsby	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 11.00am
Thurs	9	Ascension day - Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
	9	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: End of season party. Bring a disc.	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	10	Wickflix: One Life	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	11	Painswick Music Society: Meliora Collective. Tickets and membership from tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk or Edward Bowron 07789 006006	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	12	Family Worship	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	13	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
	13	Sew Vintage: Tote bag workshop. email sophiecater@hotmail.co.uk or Sewvintage66@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00am - 1.00pm
Tues	14	Christian Aid Salmon Supper - Tickets 20.00. advance booking required - call 812966 or 810935	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	16	Christian Aid Garden Shop. Ploughmans Lunches (12.00 - 2.00pm) Cream teas (12.00 - 4.00pm)	Church Rooms	11.00am - 4.00pm
	16	Stroud and District Philatelic Society	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Sat	18	Rococo Garden: Cotswold Cats and Dog Show. All welcome	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 3.00pm
Sun	19	Christian Aid cream teas	Church Rooms	2.00 - 5.00pm
	19	Copy Deadline for Beacon		
	19	Pentecost - Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	20	Sew Vintage: drum lampshade workshop. email sophiecater@hotmail.co.uk or Sewvintage66@gmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00am - 1.00pm
Tues	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: Nature Conservation - Dr Kathy Meakin Enq 07767 014957	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
	21	History Society: Annual outing - Tour and afternoon tea at Hawkwood	Hawkwood	2.15pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: A ramble around laterality - Peter Petrie. Enq 812942	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	25	Painswick Open Gardens - sponsored by Hamptons		
Sun	26	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	27	Bank Holiday		
Tues	28	Yew Trees WI: Jack in the Green - revival of Old Glos May day Traditions - Mike Bottomley	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	31	Rococo Garden: Locomotive for Murder by Pinch Punch Theatre. See website for details rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	6.00pm onwards

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.24/0542/HHOLD

South Gables, Cotswold Mead
Erection of two-storey rear extension with single storey element.

S.24/0597/VAR

The Byre, The Park
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.23/0084/HHOLD - alterations to the design of the two storey extension.

S.24/0600/LBC

West Hayes, Far End, Sheepscombe
Replacement of five wooden windows and replacement of one Crittall window.

S.24/0603/TPO

Castle Godwyn, Paradise
T1. Dead Perry Pear - Remove. T2 + T3 Ash Dieback - Fell. T4 Ash Dieback - Fell.

S.24/0604/TCA

Ashton House, Gloucester Street
T1. Holm Oak - Reduce height by 50%.

S.24/0639/HHOLD

Matlock House, Greenhouse Lane
Erection of a porch, single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration. Erection of a detached car port and office.

S.24/0613/FUL

Hoggs Orchard, Gloucester Road, Edge
Erection of an agricultural storage building, erection of two goat sheds & a chicken shed. Installation of an enlarged farm track & an open-air storage area with associated turning areas. (Retrospective).

S.24/0684/FUL

Londis Store, St Marys Street
Installation of refrigeration compressor. (Retrospective)

S.24/0686/LBC

Court House, Hale Lane
Alterations to the internal layout and fenestration.

S.24/0703/HHOLD

Gyde Barn Cheltenham Road
Replacement garage doors and erection of a garden store/ building

S.24/0704/LBC

Gyde Barn, Cheltenham Road
Replacement garage doors

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S.24/0126/HHOLD

Hammonds Barn, Wick Street
Alterations to fenestration.

S.24/0319/HHOLD

Meadow House, Slad
Erection of a single storey extension. Extension of external deck/balcony

S.24/0413/TCA

Stonecroft, Sheepscombe
Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) - Fell. Rowan - Fell and replace with *Prunus Shizuka* or similar.

S.24/0425/TCA

Hill House, Far End, Sheepscombe
Yew - Reduce all over by up to 20cm.

Property Report

The Bakery, Kingsley House and Kingsley Cottage, offered together by Murrays at £2.5 million, are probably better known to many as the former Shetland Shop in St. Mary's Street with 'Approche' alongside – or for those with longer memories, the old Chancellor's café. Quite a surprising building if you have only seen the shop fronts. Extensively modernised inside, with a total of nine bedrooms, courtyard garden and off-street parking.

None of the other new properties this month can quite match that for scale, but they each have their own charms. Perivale (Murrays, £725,000) is a three bedroom detached house in Stamages Lane with a south-facing garden and off-road parking, while 1a Upper Washwell is a semi-detached two bedroom property with a corner position and versatile accommodation (Hamptons, £365,000).

Across the valley from Painswick and tucked away by the woods, is Cockshoot House (Hamptons, £775,000), in an elevated position with fine views. And there are three houses in Cranham. 12 Church Close (Hamptons, £650,000) is a three bedroom semi-detached house overlooking playing fields, the Old Stores in the village centre (Murrays, £600,000) has 4/5 bedrooms with gardens and parking. Bramley, just next door (Murrays, £450,000) is a detached bungalow in need of some modernisation.

Properties going under offer this month include Ludloes in Gloucester Street, Outside Edge in Blakewell Mead, 7 White Horse Lane and Wragg Castle Farm (all Murrays), as well as 6 Hyett Close, Hillside in Paradise, The Old Chapel in Slad and 4 Ivy Lodge Barns in Birdlip (all Hamptons). Contracts have been exchanged on Beaconsfield House in New Street and Bramble Cottage in Vicarage Street, while Rose Cottage in Pitchcombe has completed.



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Friday Street Closed to Traffic

Over the weekend of 14-15 April a number of houses were impacted by no access to electricity. National Grid came out at 1 o'clock in the morning of the 14th and did Repair work up until 6 am. The electricity has been reconnected. Not sure at this time when the road repair will occur.



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