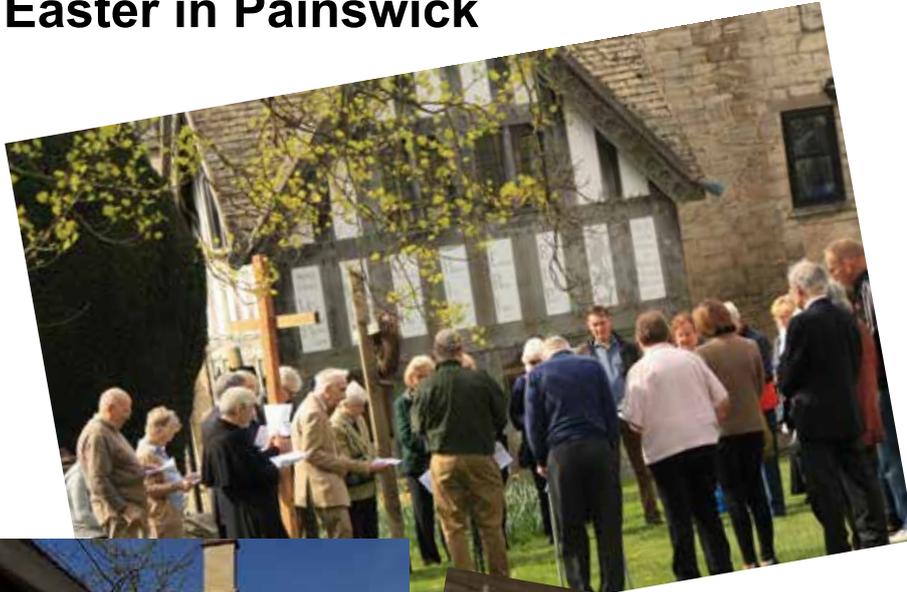


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Easter in Painswick



Traditional Easter activities in Painswick now include the Procession of Witness and the Easter Egg Hunt. This year there were visits from the Bishop of Tewkesbury and the Easter Bunny. All centred around the churchyard, and all in glorious sunshine!

More Easter Egg pictures on the back page



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held on April 17th by Mike Kerton

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

As there were no members of the public present Committee Chairman Rob Lewis opened the Meeting and quickly moved onto the Agenda.

Apologies for Absence

Clerk, Roy Balgobin, advised the Meeting that Cllrs Roey Parker, Dawn Dart, Abigail Smith and Edd Crownshaw had sent their apologies.

To confirm the Minutes of the 3rd April Meeting

The Minutes were approved. There were no Matters Arising not on the Agenda

To Receive any Updates with regards the Local Plan

The Chairman advised the Meeting that a letter had been received asking whether the Parish Council had contacted Stroud DC regarding extending the Conservation Area to include New Drive Field. Contact with SDC had been made. Their advice was that requests to extend Conservation Areas could only be made when SDC carry out a review of the existing Areas. In connection with this application the Chairman said that a "Drainage Report" was expected to be submitted in early May. It was also agreed that if the Planning Officers recommended acceptance of the Application then the Council would request the "Application be Called In."

Also there had been a Meeting with Residents from Lower Washwell who were concerned about the Emerging Local Plan and the possibility that building new properties was imminent. The Planning Committee had reassured the Residents that no plans for any development had been submitted and that they would keep the matter under review.

Matters requiring a decision

There were 10 Applications requiring a decision:

S.19/0570/FUL PAINSWICK ROCOCO

GARDEN, Gloucester Road. Construction of a new visitor centre, community and education room, function room, greenhouse, secured compound, with associated hard and soft landscaping. There was a detailed discussion regarding the importance of the Rococo Garden to Painswick - the number of visitors it brings to the area. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT.

S.19/0413/HHOLD THE CHUR, BISLEY STREET. Proposed dormer windows and rooflights. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT SUBJECT TO A CONDITION that a method statement be prepared covering access to the site and disposal of waste, and that the rooflights meet conservation standards.

S.19/0587/HHOLD LANTERN, Kingsmead. Alterations to extension permitted under S.18/2711/HHOLD. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT.

S.19/0687/HHOLD and S.19/0709/LBC SNOWS FARM, Slad. Erection of single storey extension to cottage. Replacement of windows with patio doors on front elevation of annexe. Addition of canopy oak porch over front door of main house together with false window to front gable of main dwelling. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT

S.19/0725/FULL HAMBUTTS ORCHARD, Edge Road. Erection of 4 bed dwelling. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO A DRAINAGE STATEMENT.

S.19/0752/HHOLD THE HOMESTEAD, Cheltenham Road. Replacement single storey side extension. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT.

S.19/0712/LBC ABBEY FARM, Slad Lane. Alterations to roof, new rainwater goods. Replacement windows in 1980's extension. Replacement door to adjacent privy. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT.

STREET TRADING LICENCE PAINSWICK CENTRE. Licence to trade Fish and Chips - 2nd Wednesday of each month between May - October. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT.

PARISH COUNCIL

As there were no members of the public present, Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger opened the Meeting moving swiftly onto the Agenda.

Apologies for absence

Clerk Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that Cllrs Roey Parker, Dawn Dart, Abigail Smith, Edd Crownshaw and Steve Tye had sent their apologies.

To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2019

The Minutes were approved.

Matters of Urgency

Chairman Martin Slinger advised the Meeting that a letter from the County's Highways Dept, dated 9th April, had just been received by the Council. The letter confirmed that the A46, from Painswick to Brockworth, would be closed to through traffic between the hours of 1900 to 0700 from the 23rd April until 3rd May. This would allow work to be undertaken to improve the condition of the carriageway. He expressed concern at the delay in notifying the Council. The Council have written to Highways Dept requesting that the work commence at 2000hrs instead of 1900hrs.

County Councillor's report

Although not officially returning to duties until 1st May, County Cllr Keith Rippington attended the Meeting. He stated that he had been advised by the Highways Dept that the repairs to the road outside Sheepscombe Village Hall had been completed. Ward Cllr Ian James said that within 24 hours of the work being completed the pot holes reappeared. This has happened on previous occasions. Villagers are convinced that there is an underground spring that is causing the continuing problems. The County Councillor will arrange for further investigations to be carried out.

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District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Nigel Cooper was present and read from his prepared report. At the end of the 2018/19 financial year pre-audit figures show a net surplus of £410k. To address the problem of homelessness, the District Council are purchasing a property previously owned by the Salvation Army. This will be converted into 6 units, and will be managed by a Charity. The Council have also agreed a Grant of £50k to Avon Mutual a new local mutual bank, one of 20 being set up. This reflects the Council's support for local wealth building. Avon intend to raise £20m, obtain a banking licence and set up 9 staffed branches plus 21 automated branches. They will provide finance for local companies.

The Subscription Rooms have finally been transferred to a Charitable Trust and will no longer be a drain on Council resources! Parking is now free in the Stamages Lane car park. Finally Cllr. Cooper had attended a Councillor Training Session on Good Decision Making - the difference between predetermining and being predisposed. Particularly relevant to Planning Decisions.

To Consider the Recommendations made by the Land and Buildings Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019

- To agree to set aside a sum of up to £6,290 to purchase 5 new wooden benches and a toddler play centrepiece for the Recreation Ground. The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, explained that the funds had been raised by donations and personal gifts. The cost would not impact on the Parish precept. APPROVED
- To agree a quote of £2,392 to replace carpets in the Cemetery Lodge. APPROVED
- To agree the quote of £165 to repaint the Internal Steps in the Town Hall. APPROVED
- To approve the installation of a bike rack opposite the Town Hall. APPROVED
- To confirm acceptance of a quote of c£120 to undertake works to the Cemetery Trees after inspection by the District Council's Tree Officer. APPROVED
- To agree to authorise up to £2,000 for the land registration process being undertaken by Cllr Stephen Tye. The Clerk explained that the Council owned 12 parcels of land that needed to be registered. In order to save legal costs Cllr Tye had volunteered

to undertake the necessary paperwork. The figure was for budget purposes only. APPROVED

Responsible Financial Officer's Reports

- a. The Council agreed payments in accordance with the report circulated by the Clerk.
- b. The Clerk circulated a draft of the Annual Governance Statement. After a brief discussion, the Council authorised the draft. The report was then signed by the Chairman and will be forwarded to the appropriate authority.

Ward Reports

- I. Cllr Ann Daniels reported that she is still working closely with the Plantation Manager over problems with the Lime Tree adjacent to the Cemetery Lodge
- II. Cllr Ian James reported that a third accident had recently occurred on the B4070. The edge of the road is subsiding and could be a contributing factor to the accidents. The Clerk will refer the matter to Highways.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Painswick Ball again a sell out!

Despite increased numbers and a larger marquee, tickets sold out within 10 minutes of going on general sale this year. The theme will be a 'Cruise to the Caribbean' and the Ball has had fabulous support from local businesses without whom the event would not be possible. Prime sponsors are The Falcon Inn, The Oak and Richmond Painswick. Secondary Sponsors include Oakwood Care Services, Price Davis and Cotswold Broking Services, with tickets and posters kindly supported by Hamptons estate agents. It has been great to see local businesses really support this event in addition to the numerous auction and raffle prizes also received. We are very excited to welcome back Halflight from 2017 and local Ibiza DJ DRP and other local guest performers who will be entertaining us on the evening. This is all in line with our aim to make this a local event wherever possible.

In 2017 we were delighted to have raised over £4,000 for Headway and this year's charitable fund raising will be for Longfield, another local charity. Preparations are well underway and we hope the recent hot weather over Easter will come back and join us for Midsummer's day, 21 June. We will continue to keep attendees informed of details via social media including our Facebook site as well as more traditional email and Beacon articles!

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Ball at Broadham Fields (Thank you again to Painswick RFC).

Painswick Ball Committee

Annual Parish Meeting 15th May, 6.30 - 8 pm, Town Hall

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will again be a "drop-in" session held in the Town Hall Painswick on Wednesday 15th May 2019 between 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm. There will be an opportunity to meet Parish Councillors as well as County and District Councillors and representatives of Fire, Police and the Neighbourhood Warden Service. Representatives of other community organisations such as the Library, Youth Club and Play Painswick are also expected to be present.

Painswick Community Archives

The evening will also see the first unveiling of Painswick Community Archives - a new facility based on the Parish Council's own records and files, which date back in some cases for over 100 years. Created with the help of the Painswick Local History Society, the archives will be open to everybody, and are expected to be a working resource for the Parish Council and the community in general, as well as important for researchers on local history and family history.

We intend to cover the Archives in more detail in the June edition of the Painswick Beacon.

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Probus Women The story of a family

Lynn Hilditch and her family story held our attention on 8th April. Her inspiration to investigate and to draw up an extremely complex family tree came from a family album owned by her grandmother dating back to 1860. She drew us all in to her extensive heritage scattered around the World - from Moscow to Shanghai and Yorkshire to Hong Kong.

We heard stories, such as of her great-uncle who HAD to emigrate. Shhhhhh! - rumour has it "he made the maid pregnant"; or of her maternal grandfather, Tom Woods who set out to work in China and married Alice, who could only speak Russian and French and Tom only spoke German and English! (Well ... has its advantages!). Poignant original letters by Private Robert Barwick written from the trenches in the First World War were read out describing being up to his neck in mud and freezing cold most of the time. He died in 1918.

And then ... the story of how Lynn's parents met as passengers on a ferry in 1937. They started chatting. Bob got hold of Diana's address and pursued her by letter. Lynn had the original letters and read out some of them. One from Bob said, "I have received letter number 35 but am still awaiting 31, 32, 33 and 34. Hopefully I will receive them soon". Bob proposed by letter. Diana accepted by letter, but they didn't actually meet again until eight years after their first encounter! As Vera Lynn sang... they did meet again.

Next meeting on May 13th: Speaker Angela Newman : Travels East of Bahrain. Please join us at the Painswick Church Rooms at 10.00am. Guest welcome, £3

delia Mason



Painswick Probus Sub-zero China

Peter Berry returned to Painswick Probus on 20th March 2019 to talk about his trip to China where they visited Inner Mongolia and the Gobi desert, when temperatures were typically around -20°C. The snow-covered terrain and the blue skies make a dramatic backdrop to the steam trains and the cold emphasises the engine exhaust, Peter's favourite topic.

The trip started with a few days in Beijing where they received their guide and a translator, ostensibly to ensure their safety but in reality to ensure they did not photograph what they shouldn't. They then travelled west on an overnight sleeper with a cosy 60 bunks per carriage. Peter's neighbour in second class was a Chinese farmer and his goat; third class apparently had a somewhat larger proportion of goats! Peter showed many spectacular photographs of locomotives in steam. He was clearly impressed by the ability of the local people to survive in such hostile environments with so few creature comforts and still be so cheerful.

On 4th April 2019 the Club held its AGM which marked the handover by President Basil Butler of the reins to Somerset Moore who became president of the Club for the next year.

Henry Hall

Yew Trees WI

The ladies of Yew Trees WI were delighted to welcome so many visitors to hear Ian Caskie give a fascinating talk entitled 'SS Great Britain from Launch to Re-launch'. We learnt how Brunel's innovative design changed nautical history forever. Prince Albert's presence at her launch in 1843 heralded the start of her life as the epitome of style and elegance as a trans-Atlantic liner. Passenger diaries record the luxury on board, likening the food to the best of hotels. However, there were also tales of extremes in temperature, dreadful sea-sickness and rat infestations. In 1852 she was refitted to accommodate 700 passengers to sail to Australia and around the world at incredibly fast speeds. England's cricket team of 1861 were among these passengers.

Ian described her fall from grace when in 1882 she became a cargo vessel carrying coal from Cardiff to South America until 1886 when she was sold to the Falkland Island Company. There she became a floating warehouse until ending up as a rotting hulk. Happily her story has a happy ending when after an 8,000 mile trip she returned to her home port of Bristol in July 1970. Now restored to her former glory and with the new Brunel Museum nearby, Ian's enthusiasm inspired his audience to make plans to visit this amazing ship.

On 28th May Mike Bottomley will talk about 'Gloucestershire's Queen. The life, loves and times of Katherine Parr'. The evening has been designed to complement an outing arranged for members to visit Sudeley Castle in June where Katherine lived and died.

Celia Lougher 812624



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Powerful shell shock performance Marks Mental Health Awareness Week

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, Spaniel in the Works Theatre Company is presenting a new hard-hitting performance, War in Mind, at the Painswick Centre at 8.00pm on Friday 10th May.

This powerful play looks at the real lives of people affected by shell shock in the First World War: Driver William Charles Phillips, a Tetbury man, never actively fought at the front, but died in Gloucester Asylum from paralysis in 1917. Doctor Harold Hills, later to be a Stroud doctor, worked with sufferers at the Front and prevented many men being shot for desertion through his testimonies. Violet Hall, a wife and mother from a Gloucestershire village, lost her three sons and was then shunned by the local community. Based on archive records and detailed research, War in Mind looks at the treatment for sufferers, the problems for families and the stigma attached to what is now known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

“The impetus for the project came when we discovered the records of supply driver William Phillips who died in Gloucester asylum from paralysis” said Director John Bassett. “What he witnessed led to the mental condition which ultimately killed him”.

Spaniel in the Works Theatre Company was awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the War in Mind project, which has included archive and print workshops for school and community groups. Mental Health Awareness Week is organised by the Mental Health Foundation. The performance starts at 8.00pm and lasts one hour. Tickets are £10 and available from www.spanielworks.co.uk. Suitable for Ages 10+.

Hannah



Edgelarks at the Painswick Centre Friday 17th May, 7.30 pm

Canton Acre Promotions presents EDGELARKS on Friday 17th May 2019 at 7.30pm at The Painswick Centre. Tickets £14.00. For ticket information Telephone: 07596 823 881 or e-mail : cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com Facebook: Canton Acre Promotions Twitter: @cantonacreprom1

In 2018, Edgelarks retreated to a remote Cumbrian cottage to write. With world rhythms, folk roots, and a very big sound for only two people, "Feather", the album that emerged is an upbeat celebration, an incitement to hope. Join them as they celebrate the launch of "Feather" with a UK tour. .

Mark Greenway

Painswick Library Book Club Next meeting 20th May, 2.30 - 3.30 pm

The new book club in Painswick Library held its first meeting last month: many thanks to everyone who came and made it a great success! The titles discussed ranged from 'Transcription' by Kate Atkinson to 'The Ginger Tree' by Oswald Wynd, and included many others such as 'An Unremarkable Body' by local author Elisa Lodato and 'Elizabeth is Missing' by Emma Healey. All of these books can be borrowed from Painswick library, although it may be advisable to reserve them online to be sure that a copy is available for you to collect. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the library book club meetings to discuss the chosen book, even if you didn't manage to come to the previous meeting. If you're not able to commit to coming each month, then please just come to those meetings you can!



The book for discussion on 20th May is: 'Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet' by Jamie Ford. For further information, please ring Carole on 077 1234 2636 or email: painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com Or better still, come along and join us in the Library!

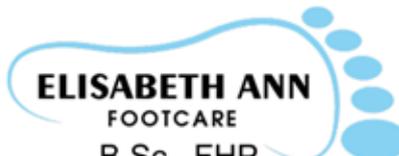
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Spring into Summer with the Cotteswold Naturalists



We will be welcoming George Eycott to our final Spring meeting to talk on the 'Restoration of Claverton Pumping Station' on the Kennet and Avon Canal. Powered by the adjacent River Avon, the pumping station lifts water up 48ft into the canal above. Burning no fuel and making no waste, it is the ultimate in environmentally friendly technology, yet it was completed as long ago as 1813 to a John Rennie design. This meeting will be held at the Hub, Minchinhampton on Tuesday, 21st May at 2.30 pm with tea to follow.

We have some places still available for non-members on our next excursions: the first, to Bristol on 22nd May. We visit the Victorian Arnos Vale Garden Cemetery, now a wildlife haven, for coffee and a tour. After lunch, we travel to Bristol's Botanic Gardens. Contact organiser Joyce Barrus 812942 to book, basic price £25 including coach leaving Stamages Lane Car Park at 8.50am.

The second is a two-day visit on 2nd - 3rd July to Hampshire by coach staying one night at a Premier Inn in Petersfield. We will explore Jane Austen's House and her connection with nearby Chawton House, visit the Petersfield Physic Garden, and The Wakes, Selborne, the home of the naturalist Gilbert White. Our final stop will be the gardens at The Vyne near Reading. Now that the priority booking period for members has expired, non-members may also book. Contact me for further details.

Jane Rowe 813228



Claverton Pumping Station

Community Lunches Thankyous

Thank you to everyone who either hosted or supported the Community Lunches, Autumn 2018/ Spring 2019. We are delighted to announce that it was another successful season and £1,350 was raised. This money has been divided equally between two local charities. The Family Haven and Psalms Painswick.

Janet Jenkins for The Family Haven writes: The Family Haven is a Day Centre in Spa Road, Gloucester, catering for the needs of families that are homeless or disadvantaged with children under five. This generous cheque from Painswick Community Lunches will go a long way towards meeting the running costs of the Nursery, essential midday meals and supportive courses for parents. Thank you for this very important help for those who need it most.



And Ian Marsh for Psalms Painswick: Thank you for considering Psalms, it is much appreciated. Psalms are continuing to try to connect the worlds of sport and faith in the Beacon Area. One way we do this is through our Youth Club where around 20 teenagers meet every Monday night. Many of them have journeyed with us through their lives, starting whilst attending local primary schools. Connections are made through ACTIVE RE and lunchtime sports clubs in The Croft, Cranham and Sheepscombe Schools, with "The Pulse Games" a summer event bringing together over 100 local children for a morning of Olympic themed sport.

We do hope that you will support Community Lunches next season so that we can continue our support of local charities.

Mary Sparks, coordinator; David Linsell, treasurer and Charles Garstang



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We had another good turnout for our screening in April of 'Juliet, Naked' and we hope the forthcoming films we have scheduled will not disappoint. We strive to provide first class movies in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

REMINDER Friday 3rd May – Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)

Friday 7th June – Mary Queen of Scots (15)

"Mary Queen of Scots" explores the turbulent life of the charismatic Mary Stuart. Queen of France at 16 and widowed at 18, Mary defies pressure to remarry. Instead, she returns to her native Scotland to reclaim her rightful throne and challenge the sovereignty of Elizabeth I. Directed by Josie Rourke and starring Saoirse Ronan and Margot Robbie.

Friday 5th July – A Private War (15)

A moving biographical drama, celebrating the life of war correspondent Marie Colvin. Directed by Matthew Heineman and starring Rosamund Pike, Greg Wise, Tom Hollander and Jamie Dornan.

Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £7.00 (one price for all) including one free drink. Payment on the door. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity.

Up-to-date information on future screenings can be found at www.painswickcentre.com/wickflix or on Facebook at @WickFlix. Come along and support your community cinema!

Alison Smith

Annual Exhibition Painswick Art Club

The Annual Painswick Art Club exhibition takes place at the Church Rooms on May 25th, 26th and 27th from 10am until 5pm each day. Over 40 Club member paintings created in the past year will be on view, covering all media from oil and watercolour to acrylics and pastels. Entry is free and the tea and coffee bar, which has proved to be very popular with visitors, will be open throughout the day. A chance to relax and chat with Club members about their work. There's also the opportunity to win an original oil painting.

The Club has built up a reputation for the high quality of the work produced and continues to attract new members to the painting sessions which take place at the Church Rooms most Tuesdays throughout the year. Anyone interested in joining the Painswick Art Club or learning more about our activities will be very welcome to visit us at any of these Tuesday meetings from 9.30am to 12.30 or contact the Secretary, Peter Jenkins at 01452 812724.

Keith Harris

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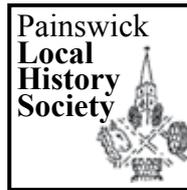
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Victorian Villains and Victims

Our latest speaker was David Smith, a professional archivist of some 50 years standing. He took us through several cases that highlighted the inability of legislation to counter determined and persistent offenders



Starting locally, he cited John Brown of Painswick. He was initially convicted by Magistrates of taking game for which he was fined £4 or ordered to serve 2 months in the Horsley House of Correction. Within 3 months he was convicted of hedgebreaking (damaging a boundary hedge), which was quickly followed by convictions for assaults and apple stealing. (This was far from unique in Painswick's past crime scene. There is comprehensive coverage in an article in Painswick Chronicle No. 19. It shows that Painswick was not always the peaceful, crime-free place we think).

Moving further afield within the county, cases showed that despite many changes in preventative legislation they had only limited success. The most effective action stemmed from a decision made by Mr Lloyd Baker of Hardwick, who in 1841 without the backing of statutory authority converted one of the barns on his estate into a residential training unit for dealing with persistent young offenders, aimed at turning them into good citizens.

Whilst this was not the complete answer, it was a big step forward and within five years legislation was introduced to create Remand Homes nationally. They were to be run on similar lines to those adopted at Hardwick. This change provided the courts with an important alternative form of remedial punishment.

The Society's next meeting will be a visit to Highnam Court on Tuesday 21st May at 2.00pm. Numbers are limited, but if you would like to join us, please contact the Programme Secretary, David Harley on 813150.

Harold Clark

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Moving Pictures, moving music

On 4th April Dennis Morgan presented his long awaited "Moving Pictures Part 2".



We watched the Chinese National Orchestra perform in Beijing and then moved on to the splendid Mainz Cathedral where Renee Fleming was in Concert, singing Schubert's Ave Maria and Franck's Panis Angelicus. After the interval we saw Maria Callas at the Paris Opera House. A wonderful voice, particularly when she sang Casta Diva from Bellini's opera, Norma. To round the evening off we saw Queen perform Bohemian Rhapsody and the ever popular Ravel's Bolero. You could feel the warm glow of appreciation from Members for such an excellent presentation.

Unfortunately our Meeting on the 18th April started on a sad note with Lynn Steer paying tribute to long-time Member David Simpson who had recently passed away. David was renowned for his individualistic presentations to the Club - the last being in November on the Life and Music of Brahms. In his memory the Club listened to the slow movement from Brahms second piano concerto. Then Howard Allen gave an excellent presentation entitled "An Unexpected Voyage of Musical Discovery". This recalled his days as a young National Serviceman when he was based in Bavaria. We relaxed and listened to extracts from several composers including Mozart's Magic Flute, Stravinsky's Firebird and Mahler's Titan Symphony. A very enjoyable evening that was not only rich musically but stimulated memories.

May sees the end of our season. We will have our AGM on the 2nd when we will enjoy "wine and nibbles" and listen to Members' own musical choice. Our new season starts in September with another stimulating programme of musical entertainment.

Mike Kerton

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News from St Mary's

The Easter season lasts from Easter Sunday until Ascension Day which is on 30th May. During this time the liturgical colour is white.



Painswick Music Society are staging two more concerts this month. On 4th May there is a performance by the Carducci Quartet. On 11th May there will be a concert by Julian Bliss (clarinet) and Robert Bottrill (piano). Both of these events will commence at 3 pm.

Christian Aid Week is from 12th – 18th May. A number of events are being organised during the week. On Sunday 12th May there will be a Christian Aid service at Harescombe Church to start the week off. During the week there will be a house-to-house collection and a Salmon Supper. The supper is on Thursday 16th May at 7 pm in the church rooms. Tickets for the supper are £16 each and are obtainable from the benefice office or from Dylan Davies (tel. 812966). Please give generously towards this very worthy cause.

St Mary's provides a monthly communion service at each of the care homes in the benefice. These include Richmond Village, Resthaven and Brookthorpe Hall. Usually the Richmond service is on the first Wednesday of the month, Resthaven on the second Monday and Brookthorpe the second Thursday.

There will be a benefice communion service on Ascension Day 30th May. This will be held at Pitchcombe Church at 6.30 pm and will be led by Revd. Andrew Leach. Pitchcombe extend a warm welcome to the whole benefice to attend this service. There is plenty of car parking space available.

David Newell





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Messy Church

Thursday 9th May, 3.30 to 5.00 pm in the St Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick.



Messy Church is a family event, so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries please Email: beaconmessychurch@outlook.com

Next Messy Church : Thursday 13th June at Pitchcombe

Sue Shaw

Beacon Benefice Prayer Weekend 21st - 23rd June

Exciting news! Our Benefice will be hosting a prayer weekend in all six parishes i.e., Painswick, Sheepscombe, Cranham, Edge, Pitchcombe and Harescombe for people of all denominations and none on the weekend of the 21st – 23rd June 2019.



It will be a special time giving everyone a chance to submit prayers, to give thanks for blessings received, or else prayers for family and friends needing healing or guidance. We hope to have special services, quiet times for reflection, children's activities etc. More details of the different events will be published later.

Jenny Wilson 07547873513

Linking Sport and Faith

We at PSALMS are continuing to link sport and faith together in our local community, and on the 8-9th April ran a sports camp in the Croft School which saw 15 children from the local area enjoy a brilliant couple of days playing loads of different sports, creating vibrant Team Chants, acting in Dramas, and drawing artistic pictures of the story of Moses from the Bible. It was great to offer something for local children to get involved with during their school holidays, and we will be looking to run future sports camps so keep your eyes peeled!



PSALMS also continues to run a tennis session for all local KS2 children every Friday at the Painswick Rec Courts, so please do head along, whatever their ability at 3:45-4:45pm each week where we will develop our Tennis skills, whilst giving children the chance to question and explore faith. Parents can come and watch whilst enjoying Hot Drinks and Biscuits!

If you want to get involved, or ask any questions then please do contact Nathan Youlton on Nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net.

We at PSALMS, are passionate about the church still being relevant in this community, and hopefully sport will continue to be a good way for those not involved in church to question, discuss and challenge each other in the big questions of life.

Nathan Youlton, Sports Minister

Easter Service

The Rt Reverend Bishop of Tewkesbury (Bishop Robert) celebrated Easter at St. Mary's. A large congregation came to the Easter Service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to renew our Baptism Vows.

The photograph on the front page is of Bishop Robert, Churchwardens Sue Welbourn and Margaret Radway, Deacon Mary Sparks and Lead Chorister John Dickinson.



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Voces8 sing in Painswick

The first concert of Painswick Music Society's season featured a very welcome return of the celebrated vocal ensemble VOCES8, and local tenor Sam Dressel, a former Wycliffe College music scholar, was given an especially warm welcome. Their programme, illustrating their trademark versatility, spanned 5 centuries from Renaissance William Byrd and John Mundy to Van Morrison, Simon and Garfunkel and Duke Ellington. They established an easy rapport with the audience from the outset and their performance throughout demonstrated their evident joy in the music and a faultless balance of the different voices.

There were many wonderful moments: the seamless blending of the parts in Rachmaninov's Bogoroditse Devo, the very different soundworld of Jonathan Dove with an endlessly repeated chant to words from the Navaho tradition, the dark beauty and complexity of Britten's Choral Dances from Gloriana and the use of the singers' voices as instruments in Demetrio and Ruiz's Sway. In all their singing, there was stunning clarity, balance, and above all, great communication. Yet again, the audience was treated to a quite remarkable performance and we hope to see them again soon. Visit YouTube to hear their music and visit voces8.com for more information about the group and also their extensive educational outreach.

Sue Pack



Piano Recital by Stephen Hough

The second of Painswick Music Society's series of Spring concerts, held on Saturday, April 13th, was a sublime piano recital by one of the world's finest pianists, Stephen Hough.

Stephen began his recital with the stately opening theme of the Bach Violin Chaconne, transcribed for piano by Busoni, and proceeded to lead a rapt audience through twenty-nine variations of wondrously changing colour and mood.

Chopin's Funeral-March Sonata was one of several pieces on the programme which touched upon the theme of death. After the first two movements, in which driving chords and octaves were interspersed with beautifully-projected, melodic writing, Stephen gave one of the finest performances of the Funeral March one could ever hope to hear. Many pianists play it too slowly, allowing the drama to sag, but, on this occasion, it was a proper march - taut, with layer upon layer of emotion.

After the interval, we were treated to a performance of Stephen's own 4th Piano Sonata, Vida Breve, a work of concentrated musical fragments. Building to a sudden and passionate quotation from the song, En Avril a Paris, the work finally dissolved into an anarchic and headlong conclusion of six, irate, bass octaves. After a powerful and dramatic performance of Liszt's Funérailles, we heard the two Mephisto Waltzes by Liszt. In a tumult of cackling trills, seductive tunes and hurtling arpeggios, Stephen let loose the Devil, ending with a keyboard frenzy which stretched pianistic bravura beyond belief.

The enthusiastic audience clapped and stamped and was treated to an encore, a serene rendition of Bach's Prelude in C, adapted by Stephen from the original, and projected with aching tenderness by this very great musician.

Reg Wrathmell

Grave Matters

On the 5th April members welcomed Malcolm Watkins from Heritage Matters to talk about the "Birdlip Grave Group". Before retiring and founding Heritage Matters, he had worked for Gloucester City Council for over 40 years, as the City's Strategic Cultural Manager and had been responsible for the City's archaeology collections, including the famous Birdlip Grave Group. In 1879 workmen discovered three skeletons in a quarry between Crickley and Birdlip, overlooking the Vale of Gloucester. With the bones were some amazing Iron Age artefacts the most important of which was a handheld bronze mirror. The front was originally highly polished for reflections but the rear is decorated with flowing patterns worked into the metal. It is one of the finest items of Celtic art to survive in Britain. There were fine brass bowls and bracelets. Also an exotic stone from possibly as far away as China. The Group had attempted to reconstruct the head and face of one of the skeletons - members were shown the face of a possible ancient ancestor!



On 10th May, Emma Kate Jenkins from the Deaf Association will be talking to us about the latest devices to make life easier for the hard of hearing. Then on the 24th May we set off on our first outing of 2019 - to Longleat Safari Park - where Lions roar, Tigers stalk and Monkeys swing. There will also be an opportunity to visit the House. Luckily there are still a few places available so if you would like to join us please contact Ann Williams on 01452 812344. The cost will be £37 per person. The coach will be leaving Stamages Lane Car Park at 9.10am and arriving back in Painswick at approximately 4.30pm. We look forward to seeing YOU at the Friday Club.

Mike Kerton

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From small beginnings ...

Fourteen years ago Frances Watson began a conversation in her dining room about a subject she cared deeply about. Working within the NHS as a speech therapist for people with learning disabilities, Frances had been aware for some time that many of the people with whom she worked, needed friendship and personal engagement rather than just help and being looked after. From this initial conversation she, together with Brian Worth and Andrzej Rozwadowski, began to form a project which has blossomed into a very important charity.



Building Circles is now a well established and justifiably respected community service. At the beginning the plan was to recruit volunteers as friends, carefully training and matching them to enable the people with learning disabilities to experience more fulfilling lives. This continues to be a very important aspect of the charity and has in fact led to over 60 longstanding friendships. However, it soon became apparent that there was a need too for a wider set of interactions. The scheme developed and now encompasses a vast range of activities. Every two months, social events such as music, disco, bingo, skittles and dancing afternoons take place, termly workshops on topics such as cooking, arts and crafts and seasonal decoration making are held and there are outings. Staff and volunteers often suggest new activities and hobbies such as a choir recently formed in Quedgeley and the acquisition of an allotment plot as a great place to work productively together. These group activities provide opportunities for meeting others and forming friendships..

Building Circles achieved independent charity status in 2007. From modest beginnings it has grown and blossomed and now involves around 80 volunteers, ten trustees and six amazing part-time staff. Four

years ago, social services asked the charity to organise training sessions to help people with learning disabilities to understand sexual abuse and this has continued across the county, together with sex education, and training in financial and on-line abuse. The charity is also involved in education about learning disabilities in schools and helping all children understand how bullying can affect the victims.

Building Circles is currently limited to Gloucestershire, but is already looking to expand further afield. Frances points out that the benefits are countless and that everyone involved is totally committed and very enthusiastic. She explains that over the years there have been many generous financial donations from the Painswick community and local people have frequently helped with events. Now that the charity is so well established, Frances says her own role is more as background support, though quite clearly she is very committed and very involved.

Her modesty conceals the fact that this year Frances was nominated for a major national award. She was runner-up for the 2018 Directory of Social Change award for individuals 'who have made a major impact on their organisation/community and have devoted their time and energy to achieving sustained positive change over the span of their working life'. Her work with vulnerable and marginalised adults was described as outstanding.

No-one should be left to feel isolated, lonely and without dignity. Building Circles has been a remarkable success in this regard and Frances has always been at the heart of the organisation. More volunteers are needed to help with a wide range of activities. If you would like to be part of this very positive charity, please contact Frances on 812071.

Carol Maxwell

New Drive

There is still little new to report on the outline planning application for eight houses on the field below New Drive. There are now over 100 letters of objection on the planning website as well as a vast number of pages of reports submitted both by the agent for the applicant and by the 'Friends of New Drive Field'. No date has been set for a decision and there is no meeting of Stroud Council's Development Control Committee until 4th June.

One issue much commented on is the practical suitability of the land for building, given potential problems with drainage and natural springs that could have knock-on effects on nearby sites. These issues have been brought into focus by the recent appearance of a large sinkhole caused by drainage problems, between the buildings at Richmond Village and those in Cotswold Mead.

Meanwhile, one happy result of the increased interest in this area has been the community replanting of the bank at the top of New Drive. Our photo shows volunteer Pete Burke working on the bank.





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Rococo Garden New Visitor Centre

Plans for a new Visitor Centre at the Rococo Garden that have already generated some controversy in our correspondence columns, have now been formally submitted and are available to be viewed and commented on at the planning website for Stroud District Council (www.stroud.gov.uk). The application reference is S.19/0570/FUL. The plans cover a café, shop, community and education room, function room, greenhouse and secured compound, with associated hard and soft landscaping.

The Parish Council was unanimous in its support for the development at its Planning Committee meeting in April (see our report on page 2), citing the importance of the Rococo Garden to the village. Some near neighbours are however less enthusiastic, with concerns regarding issues such as possible increased traffic and noise.



A visualisation of the interior of the new Visitor Centre (above) and a drawing of the proposed south elevation (left)

Controlling invasive plants on Painswick Stream Project aims to eradicate Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed

The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is establishing a project to manage invasive non-native species in the Painswick Valley for the benefit of our native plants and animals. It is looking for help from local residents with the aim of eradicating Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed from the river banks in the valley.

The River Frome catchment is currently failing to achieve good ecological status due in part to riparian habitat degradation and invasive species. Once Himalayan Balsam has taken a hold it forms dense stands, which crowds out native plants from growing. Furthermore, it has nectar-rich flowers which tempt bees away from native wild flowers, so these are less likely to be pollinated and set less seed. Many native riverside plants have strong roots that remain through winter, binding banks together and resisting erosion. In contrast, Himalayan Balsam dies off completely in winter, leaving banks open to being worn away by water. The removal of stands of invasive Himalayan Balsam and the eradication of injurious Giant Hogweed (by stem injection) along the Painswick Stream, will improve the diversity and connectivity of native marginal vegetation along the stream.



Photo of Himalayan Balsam by Amy Lewis

On Wednesday 15th May the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is holding a workshop in Stroud Stratford Park from 10.30-12.30pm to raise local awareness about invasive species that threaten our native wildlife within the Frome catchment. Staff will identify Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed and explain what can be done to improve river habitats for the benefit of both people and wildlife. Over spring and summer, the Trust will be running local volunteer work parties in the Painswick Valley, to help control Himalayan Balsam. If you wish to join their volunteer parties, please contact Donna Cavill, the Volunteer Coordinator at donna.cavill@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk or call 01452 383333. For more information about the work that Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust undertake, please visit their website at: www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

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Jottings

Many fields around us are permanent pasture that is grassland that has never been ploughed. But it is important to be able to grow and store hay and silage for feeding stock during the winter when the grass stops growing and what is available has no nutritious value. We have to take stock off because pasture can get churned up and the grass takes time to recover in the spring.

Sometimes it is better to plough and re-seed to produce better winter feed: you can get grass seed mixtures to reseed for many different situations. For hay, mixtures are made up of rye and timothy grasses, fescues and clovers. These can also be used for silage and grazing. A more specific mix for silage is made up mostly of rye grasses which are fast growing and make high quality feed. Mixtures made up for dry conditions include clover and there is also a herbal grazing ley which has some twenty plant varieties, all of these having deep rooting plants. There are mixtures for long term cropping, which continue to produce good quality grass for years to come. Others are especially useful for harsh upland conditions. For horses there are mixtures which produce a product with less sugar content and are particularly suitable for horses that suffer from laminitis. Recreational areas such as racecourses, polo pitches, and sports arenas need very durable turf but you might prefer a finer grass that can be close cut to give a smooth lawn.

Government Stewardship Schemes are encouraging planting for birds, pollinators and insects. There are wild flower seed mixtures for all the different areas of the Country – lowlands, uplands, wetlands, limestone grassland and brash, etc. Suggested mixtures can include up to seven species of grass and twenty-one herbs. Such a seed mixture could cost up to £350 an acre. It is now possible to buy roll-out turf of these mixes for conservation areas but that is very expensive.

Flower seeds are expensive to buy, up to £895 a kilogram for cowslip seed. The grass verge along the A417 Birdlip to Cirencester road is now looking good with all the flowering cowslips. Did they appear naturally or was seed planted?

Martin Slinger

Fish & chip nights are back!

Following the incredible popularity of last year's trial events, The Painswick Centre is delighted to announce that Simpsons will be BACK on the 8th May, selling their delicious (gluten free) fish & chips. They will be popping up at the Centre on the second Wednesday of each month May – October, serving from 5.15pm until 8pm. As always the bar will be open, the music will be playing, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Susie Andrews

Painswick Fairtrade Group

We have been celebrating the arrival of our new Fairtrade certificate from the Fairtrade Foundation with Parish Cllr. Rosie Nash and Clerk, Roy Balbogin. We are very grateful to the Parish Council, businesses and organisations in Painswick who have been supporting Fairtrade since 2008.

A huge well done to all those who have contributed to our certification renewal process and especially to those who have been arranging events or stocking the products with the Fairtrade label. If you would like to get your own business or organisation involved with Fairtrade, please do contact us. To get in touch tel. 812879 or through our representatives on the Parish Council – Rosie Nash and Dawn Dart.

Iris McCormick, Painswick Fairtrade group.

Painswick Surgery Patient Participation Group

The Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group – the body responsible for most NHS expenditure in the County – is conducting a survey on its future plans for healthcare in this area. The outlines are fairly superficial and some on the PPG are concerned that the questions asked in the survey are of the 'motherhood and apple pie' variety. Nevertheless you are encouraged to make a response of your own. A booklet 'Developing our local NHS Long Term Plan' has been available in Painswick Pharmacy for some time and includes the survey questionnaire on paper with a Freepost address to send it to. Alternatively, you can find both the outline plans and the survey for online completion here: www.onegloucestershire.net/yoursay/ Responses are due by 19th May 2019.

Our surgery uses the EMIS IT system and their app for connecting patients to the surgery is called Patient Access. We encourage patients to sign-up to this service which allows for repeat prescription ordering, online access to your medical records etc. It is not hard to sign-up to, but you will need to visit the surgery for the necessary forms. The good news about us as patients is that our surgery has very few missed appointments – these cost a great deal and make running the practice even harder in these pressing times. So keep up the good work!

John Morley, Painswick PPG Chair



Rosie Nash holds up the certificate, with members of the Fairtrade Group

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May Blossoms?

Paul Green from Green Leaves nursery in Newent made a return trip to us last month. In front of tables packed with his beautifully grown plants, he introduced us to new varieties, old favourites and his worthy list of 'good doers'. He was keen to emphasise the importance of a good and timely pruning regime to get the best out of our borders and not be put off by labels which can give misleading information on height and spread. The audience was certainly energised and encouraged by his enthusiasm and much banter and humour was evident, with many plants leaving with new owners.



On Wednesday May 8th at 7.30pm Jack Willgross will talk on Hardy perennials and scented violas, an insight into their history, best varieties and planting ideas. He too will be bringing plants for sale.

The Club have now had three sessions working on the Bowls Club borders and the results are already very encouraging. It was lovely to work along with fellow members, a great sense of community, so if you would like to come along, our next working party will be on Tuesday 14th May from 12- 2pm

Another date to put in your diaries is Sunday 26th May. With huge thanks to Paul Hervey-Brookes and his sponsors, we have again been given all of the plants from his Chelsea Show Garden to sell for the benefit of our club. It will be held at 'Lorforde' in Tetbury, so do come along and support us and take home your own bit of Chelsea.

Catherine Bond (committee member)

Local Traders at Decorative Fair Malthouse Collective, Sunday 12th May

Several local traders will be taking part in a Decorative Fair at the Malthouse Collective at Salmon Springs from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday 12th May. The business, run by Painswick's Lindsey Butcher, is home to over 70 antiques dealers and designer makers.

During the day there will be cookery demonstrations on a firepit by local cook and writer Kathryn Minchew, food tasting with a chocolatier, wild flower arranging and makers demonstrations from Painswick-based sisters, Sophie and Victoria of Sew Vintage. There will be a hog roast from The Malthouse Bar and Kitchen and ice cream from Yoke House, also Painswick-based, who have recently launched their icecream product, which uses milk and eggs from Stroud Micro Dairy on Wick Street. We will have plants from Edge-based Shady Plants and the best quality second-hand garden tools from Vintage Pastimes.

Lindsey Butcher

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Summer sculpture installation. Opening this month.

This month we are looking forward to the opening of our major event of this season which starts on 26th May and runs through until 8th September. Art Unbound is an exhibition of gorgeous, handcrafted sculpture featuring 18 top class sculptors from around the country and over 100 artworks. What is fascinating is that many have been specifically conceived for their particular position in our hidden valley. The artists have worked with the rococo spirit in mind – there will be handcrafted sculptures in wood, metal, ceramics, glass – and beauty and fun are the order of the day. The earlier you get to see us the better, as all of the sculptures are also for sale, though all will stay in situ until the end of the exhibition. Please note that to enable Art Unbound to be launched, the Garden will be closed to the public all day on Saturday 25th May. For more info about the exhibition, visit www.rococogarden.org.uk/artunbound



Alongside the exhibition will be a programme of workshops and courses run by creative experts. The series starts, aptly enough, with a Stone Carving Taster Day on the opening day of the exhibition, Sunday 26th May. The aim of the day is to have fun and learn a bit. If you have children, the May Half Term will include a very popular hands-on Stone Shaping and Polishing workshop on Thursday 30th, suitable for children aged 8 to 12. Beyond that there are opportunities to learn to paint, to draw and others: so if you fancy developing a new skill, have a look at the Courses page of our website www.rococogarden.org.uk.

We are delighted to be nominated as Gloucestershire's Cultural Venue of the Year in the annual SoGlos Awards. By the time you read this, the votes will be in - we're delighted to have been nominated and hopefully we're in with a good chance of winning!

Tim Toghill, Volunteer & trustee

Sports reports *assembled by John Barrus*

Painswick Golf Club

Last month I mentioned that Painswick Golf Club has cut its annual membership fee to £425 and is offering new members vouchers worth £75 to spend behind the club bar.



Recognising that the initial costs can deter those wishing to try golf, the club is now offering a "Try Before You Buy" option. This gives prospective members more time before they commit. For £50, you get 6 rounds (to be played within 3 months), a £5 voucher to spend behind the club bar, and will allow you to submit 3 cards so that you can get an unofficial handicap that turns into an official one when you become a member. If you are interested, please contact the club secretary (tel: 01452 380279 or email: secretary@painswickgolf.com) or myself for further details

The closing date for entries in the Painswick Seniors Golf Open is 7th May. This is a pairs (better ball) competition and takes place on Wednesday 22nd May. It is open to any golfer aged 55 or over with a qualifying handicap. If you are interested, please visit the website (www.painswickgolf.com) or contact Phil Jennings (07561 108358) for more details and to book a place.

In the Seniors section, the main competition over the winter months – the Winter Pairs Shield – was won by John Hitchcock and Peter Rowe with a score of 244 Stableford points. This is played over six rounds – one per calendar month – with the best five scores counting. The April Stableford competition resulted in a three way tie on 37 points; Nigel Barnett emerged overall winner with a better back nine from Brendan Nunan and Peter Rowe. Congratulations to all.

Whether you are looking for a game of golf or just some refreshments, you are welcome at Painswick Golf Club. For more details please call: 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe 813228

Badminton



Painswick Badminton Club held their annual end-of-season tournament recently. After several rounds of mixed round robin play, two ladies and two men contested the final.

Dagmar Godden and Steve Pratt (with trophy) emerged victorious over Jacki Sanderson and Roy Woodward.

Anyone interested in playing badminton can contact John Wylde on 814349. Although it's the end of the regular season, play does continue on an ad hoc basis through the summer. The club also has a junior section and anyone interested can contact Rachel Bolt on 812439.



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Painswick Cricket Club 2019!

Having won promotion from Gloucestershire County League Division One last season, the first team now ventures forth into the more challenging West of England Premier League (Gloucestershire Section). The team will now be facing some formidable opponents such as Gloucester City, Rockhampton, Hatherley and Reddings, providing some exciting cricket for all our supporters to enjoy.



Our second team will be competing in the County League Division 7 and our third team will be in Stroud Division Two, where development of our youth will be the main aim. Other cricket club matters for 2019 include...

Girls cricket and Five Valley girls

The club, in partnership with Frampton CC is looking to establish a new Girls team led by our very own Daisy Hewitt. Daisy is a qualified ECB Level two coach. The team name is the Five Valley girls, so please email fivevalleyscc@gmail.com if this is of interest. All girls are welcome and you do not have to have any cricket experience.

Youth

Our popular Youth cricket training is on Friday evenings and we anticipate they will continue every Friday through to late July. In addition, the Under 11s, U13s and U15s have been entered into Stroud Cricket youth leagues. If you are interested in youth cricket please contact Junior Welfare Officer Dom Barnard domrolle@yahoo.co.uk or 07952 738904. Please note ages are from 7 years old through to 16 years old for all boys and girls. Dom has also very kindly offered to run our All Stars Programme.

Replacement Net Bays

The club is putting together a plan to deliver a new Net Bay project to replace our rather old and tired Nets. There will be further news on this project throughout the year.

Contacts

For more information about the club please visit our website at <http://www.painswickcc.co.uk> If you are interested in playing or taking part in any way and at any level, the club would be delighted to hear from you. Top contacts are the Club's Chairman Ian Hogg on 07972 405209 or at straight.spinner@hotmail.com and steviep483@gmail.com.

Saturday home matches, 12.30 start for 1st team games and 13.00 for 2nds:

- 4 May = Painswick 1sts vs Rockhampton 1sts (WEPL)
- 11 May = 2nds vs Ruardean Hill CC 1st XI (COUNTY 7)
- 18 May = Painswick 1sts vs Frocester 2nds (WEPL)
- 25 May = 2nds vs Westbury On Severn 2nds (COUNTY 7)

The thirds will be playing at Marling school and fixtures are available on the club website.

Steve Pegram, Painswick CC

Tennis Open Day

Painswick Tennis Club will be holding an Open Day on the 19th May between 11am and 3pm at their tennis courts at Broadham. Anyone interested in playing tennis is welcome to come along and have a go, with advice available from club coaches. All ages invited and anyone joining the club on the day has the opportunity of a reduced subscription.



Just turn up, no commitment, or for further information contact Ruth Smith on 01452 813693 or email ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com.

Painswick Bowling Club

Painswick Bowling Club started off their 107th season on a very chilly Sunday with a home match against Gloucester Spa Bowling club, the first match in a busy 2019 season. The club, playing on their historic green situated behind the Painswick



Centre in the centre of the village, fielded five teams consisting of four players per team but disappointedly came away with a loss against a very strong Gloucester Spa side.

The club 2019 calendar (April – September) is packed, with 53 scheduled friendly matches against 28 bowling teams from all over Gloucestershire, plus 10 competitive South Cotswold Bowls League matches.

The Painswick Bowling club is always on the lookout for new members. Would you like to try your hand at bowling? If so please get in contact with the club President Brian Sinden at the club website: <https://www.hugofox.com/community/painswick-bowls-club-8716/home/>

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Ash Dieback on the Beacon

Ash trees in Britain are under a threat which will be as devastating as Dutch Elm Disease was. The disease is caused by spore infection from a fungus called *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*. It has been present in Europe for some 25 years, but only came into this country in a consignment of infected ash saplings about 13 years ago. It has now spread through the whole of Britain. Infection is usually through the growing shoots (it is also thought it may infect through the hair roots) and manifests itself by the bark turning from grey/green to brown and the shoots failing to come out in the spring. The spores erupt from small fruiting bodies which grow on fallen leaves in the autumn. Once a branch is infected the fungus mycelium grow down through the wood fibers infecting more and more of the stem. The disease is well named as it kills the tree from tip down. The spores tend to be densest below about five meters above ground level and so stands of ash saplings tend to be heavily infected. In a weird sort of way this helps us with grassland regeneration but now there are guidelines as to how to deal with the problem in the wider landscape. It is believed that about 2% of trees will have some natural resistance and so trees showing less than 25% infection in the crown should be allowed to seed in the hope that resistant saplings may result from the cross fertilization with other trees. Sometimes when we are clearing ash saplings that are heavily infected, there is the odd one that looks healthy. I think we should leave these to see if they maintain a resistance. If they do, then they become a future resistant gene pool.



Large scale work parties have now finished for the Summer but there are still things to do. I'll put out appeals for help as and when needed. Easter weekend was stunning. The heat brought out some butterflies early. Karol and I have seen; peacocks, brimstones, tortoiseshells, green hairstreaks, speckled woods, whites (unsure which type), lots of orange tips and plenty of holly blues near the cemetery. I do hope we will see the D of B again this year.

The cowslips planted out last autumn have had a better than 80% survival rate and many are now in full flower. They should seed and spread further.

Paul Baxter

PROPERTY REPORT Written by Beacon Staff

New on the market this month are Cherry Trees in Orchard Mead, a modern detached 4 bedroom house (Hamptons, £600,000) and two properties in Upper Washwell. No.18 is a 3 bedroom end-of-terrace property with versatile family accommodation (Hamptons, £450,000) and No. 8 is a 2 bedroom house with delightful gardens (Moulton Haus, £240,000). In terms of period cottages, Murrays have Southview in Vicarage Street (£345,000), Moulton Haus offer Stonechat Cottage, tucked away in New Street (£325,000), and James Pyle have 3 Hillview Cottages on Gloucester Street (£335,000).

Further afield, Honeysuckle Cottage in Sheepscombe (Murrays, £750,000) is on the market for the first time, having been in the same family for 150 years. The same agent has Surmang, a 4 bedroom house by the Common in the heart of Cranham (£625,000). Hamptons are offering Marlowe, a modern house in Back Edge Lane, with views back to Painswick (£825,000) and on the Harescombe side of Edge, Woodbine Cottage (£980,000) has views to the Severn Estuary and two income-generating opportunities.

Properties sold now include Lovedays Cottage in St. Mary's Street, Spring Cottage in Ticklestone Lane and Knapp Corner House in Woodborough Close (all Hamptons). Murrays have sold Mullions in the Highlands and report that The Old Star in Gloucester Street, Chestnut Cottage in the Park and 10 Gyde House have all gone under offer.

Hamptons are planning a charity event for the summer to raise funds for Cancer Research UK and the Murrays team will be doing a 10 mile walk in aid of Horsfall House Respite Care. Call in to their office for more details or to contribute.

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Regular Village Activities If the times of your regular activities have changed please let Vicky Aspinall know

Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Have your Say - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 536325	Church Rooms	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15- 11.30am
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers - during term time	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Nia Holistic Fitness	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
	Table Tennis	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wednesdays	Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
	Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
Thursdays	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Yoga - all abilities	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	T'ai chi. Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
	Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced beginners	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm	
Fridays	Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris Campbell 01452 812600	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
	Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm
Sundays	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am

May

Fri	3	Wick-flix: Bohemian Rhapsody	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45 pm
Sat	4	Painswick Music Society: Carducci Quartet. Tickets from Pharmacy or Edward Bowron 01452 740322 or pmsglen@gmail.com	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	5	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Thurs	9	Making Sense of Inheritance Tax: Gary Stoker from Octopus Inv's. Hosted by Marson Wealth Mgt.	Richmond Village	11.00 - 12.15pm
Weds	8	Parish Council meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
	8	Cotteswold Naturalists: In defence of the Drift - Paul Barnett.Enq. 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	8	Painswick Gardening Club: Hardy Perennials and Scented Violas - Jack Willgross. Plants for sale	Falcon Bowls Club	7.30pm
	8	Pop-up Fish & Chips	Painswick Centre	5.15 - 8.00 pm
Fri	10	Friday Club: Deaf Association - Emma Kate Jenkins	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	11	Painswick Music Society: Julian Bliss and Robert Bottriell. Tickets as for 4 May concert	St Mary's Church	3.00pm

Sun	12	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	13	Painswick Probus Women: Travels East of Bahrain - Angela Newman	Church Rooms	10.00 for 10.30am
Weds	15	Painswick Probus Club: The huggable history of the teddy bear. - Gill White. Joint meeting with Ladies Probus inc. buffet lunch	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	15	Annual Parish meeting	Town Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm
	15	Midday prayer	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
	15	Cotteswold Naturalists Guided Walk for Iron Age Fort and Geology. Enq 813228	Crickley Hill Visitor Centre	10.00am
Thurs	16	Christian Aid Salmon Supper - tickets in advance 812966	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	17	Edgelarks in Concert. Tickets 07596823881 or cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com £14.00	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
	17	Christian Aid garden shop, ploughman's lunch, cakes and tea	Church Rooms	11.00 - 4.00pm
Sat	18	Christian Aid garden shop, ploughman's lunch, afternoon cream teas	Church Rooms	11.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	19	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	20	Deadline for Beacon copy		
	20	Painswick Library Book Club	Library	2.30 - 3.30pm
Tues	21	Local History Society: Annual outing	Highnam Court	2.00pm
	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: Restoration of Claverton pumping stations, Kennet and Avon Canal - George Eycott. Enq: 01453 873262	Hub Minchinhampton	2.30pm
Wed	22	Cotteswold Naturalists: Coach trip Arnos Vale Cemetery and Bristol Bot. Gardens. Enq: 812942	Stamages Lane car park	
	22	Parkinson's Cafe (a friendly get together). Further information - Maggie Daley 01452 676855	Richmond Village	2.00 - 4.00pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: Outing to Longleat		
Sat	25	Painswick Art Club Annual Exhibition (Sat. to Mon.)	Church Rooms	10.00 - 5.00pm
Sun	26	Rococo Garden: Art Unbound - outdoor sculpture exhibition opens. Runs until Sept 8th.	Rococo Garden	10.30am
	26	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	28	Yew Trees WI: Gloucestershire's Queen . The life and times of Katherine Parr - Mike Bottomley	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	29	Painswick Probus Club: Rudyard Kipling - the life and work - Mike Bottomley	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thurs	30	Theatre Club: The Importance of Being Ernest. Details 01452 812575	The Watermill. Newbury	
Fri	31	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
June				
Sat	1	Beacon published		
	1	Art Unbound - open all month	Rococo Garden	10.30 - 5.00pm
Fri	7	Friday Club: Dementia Friends	Richmond	2.30pm
		Wick-flix: Mary, Queen of Scots	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Mon	10	Probus Women: Idle Women - Vince Willams and Jon Goodson	Church Rooms	10.00 for 10.30am

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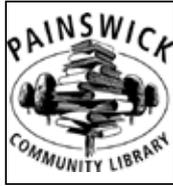
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May Library News

The recent Croc-n-Roll musical event for pre-school children at the library was very well attended with half-termly events planned.



Thank you to everyone who completed our Customer Survey. "Friendly volunteers", "good choice of books" and "calm atmosphere" were some of the comments.

We currently have a display of local authors' books including Katie FForde, Laurie Lee, Elisa Lodato, Jan Petrie and Harvey Sagar. We will be hosting a 'Meet the Author' event with Elisa Lodato later this summer – date to be finalised.

Recent additions include the following with a full list at the library –

Adult Fiction

Atkinson, Kate – Transcription; Baddiel, David – Head Kid; Halls, Stacey – The Familiars; Hogan, Ruth – Queenie Malone's Paradise Hotel; Jefferies, Dinah – The Missing Sister; Kinsella, Sophie – I Owe You One (Sunday Times bestseller); McDermid, Val – Broken Ground (Karen Pirie); Michaelides, Alex – The Silent Patient (Sunday Times bestseller)

Adult Non Fiction

Eger, Edith – The Choice: embrace the possible; Es, Bart Van – The Cut Out Girl: a Story of War and Family (Costa Book of the Year 2018); Nott, David – War Doctor: Surgery on the Front Line; Reid, Melanie – The World I Fell Out Of

Junior Books

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Joyce Tranter A former Painswickian of the Year



Joyce Tranter, who died recently, was not born locally, but came to the area very young and lived almost all of her life in Edge and in Painswick, including over 60 years at Mount Pleasant Cottage in Vicarage Street. She went to Edge School and then came to work at Hale Cottage in Painswick, before marrying Gordon Tranter and moving to Vicarage Street.

The couple had two children, Martin and Michael (and now several grandchildren and great-grandchildren), but Gordon died tragically young in 1966, leaving Joyce to raise the two boys on her own. In later life she threw herself into community work, helping others both personally and through a range of organisations, to the extent that she was chosen as Painswickian of the Year for 2002. She was a familiar figure in the village for many, many years and will be greatly missed.

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Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of MAURICE FREEMAN DFC who died peacefully at his home in his 96th year. A service of thanksgiving was held at St Mary's Church on Tuesday April 9th.

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

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A Thankyou from the Playgroup

This year's Egg Hunt took place on Easter Saturday, and the day saw glorious weather and huge crowds coming to enjoy the thirty eggs decorated as 'Children's Books'. The proceeds are still being totted up but it looks to be well over £4000, an incredible amount that goes directly to supporting our fantastic community playgroup. Huge thanks to everyone involved in making this another wonderful event.

Susie Andrews