The Painswick Beacon

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Loyal Greetings

Queen Elizabeth II

Diamond Jubilee

On this day fifty-nine years ago HM The Queen was crowned by Dr Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, in Westminster Abbey.

The Painswick Beacon conveys its heartfelt best wishes to Her Majesty

The then Princess Elizabeth had, on 6th February 1952, returned to the Kenyan home 'Sagana Lodge' from a night spent at Treetops Hotel, on the outward stage

of a visit to Australia and New Zealand on behalf of her sick father King George VI. News had arrived that the King had died, and it was Prince Philip who communicated to her that she had acceded to the Throne.



The coronation in the following year was the first time, thanks to television cameras having been permitted in the Abbey, that the nation was able to witness the pomp and spectacle of the crowning and, as if at first hand, see one of those moments when the continuum of constitutional governance is maintained. For many of us this was a treasured memory, and one we will be celebrating in diverse ways this weekend.



On other pages this month: First Honorary Freeman to be appointed, community library opening, salsa goes live, fishy business, quartet + children, blooming village, show dogs on grass, ballgowns ironed, show in the country, more pictures - in colour, bowls indoors, county art, council renewed, singers in concert, tango scheduled, cricket prowess.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 16th May meeting by Leslie Brotherton

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of wide 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.



PUBLIC FORUM

Parish Council web site

A member of the public drew attention to the fact that the Council's web site was, in his opinion, a good one but it did not rank high enough to be readily identified when seeking information on the Internet. He sought assurances, which the Chairman gave, that the highest priority would be given to correcting that shortcoming.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL

This yearly event is sometimes noteworthy, but more so every four years, since it is the occasion when changes of membership of the Council require restructuring and rearrangement of committee membership.

It follows that listing of who were present helps focus upon the decisions made:

Painswick Ward: Ann Daniels
Rob Lewis
Ela Pathak-Sen
Anne Smith

(Apology - Jason Bullingham)
Edge Ward: Martin Slinger
Slad Ward: Caroline White
Sheepscombe Ward: Ian James

In accord with procedures in such matters Terry Parker, in his capacity as outgoing Chairman, invited nominations for Chairman. Elected unopposed -

Chairman - Martin Slinger

Mr Slinger thanked the Council for the honour accorded to him, and expressed the opinion that neither he nor Members of the Council could never hope to emulate the standard Terry Parker had set, and wished him well in his retirement.

FREEMAN OF PAINSWICK

As his first act, and with the endorsement of the Council, Mr Slinger indicated the intention to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on 6th June at 7.30pm, to which the public will be most welcome, at which the distinction of Honorary Freeman of Painswick would be awarded to Mr Parker in recognition of his service as a Member since 1979, and Chairman 1987-92 and 1999 to date.

Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. Part 2 - 29 (7)(6)(b)

Mr Parker expressed his surprise and thanks for this recognition.

Vice-Chairman - Caroline White

There were two nominations, Caroline White and Jason Bullingham. After some protracted debate as to whether it should be a secret or open vote, an open vote was taken and Mrs White was elected.

Other committee appointments were as follows, mostly to be reviewed when the four vacancies on the Council have been filled:

Personnel and Finance and General Purposes (now combined) -

Chairman - Ian James

Caroline White, Rob Lewis, Ann Daniels

Footpaths and Plantation (now combined) -

Chairman - Ann Daniels

Rob Lewis, Ela Pathak-Sen co-option Terry Parker

Planning - (to be reviewed 6th June)
Rob Lewis prompted what can only
be described as a vigorous discussion
when he proposed Jason Bullingham
as Chairman and, effectively, himself
as Vice-Chairman. He made clear he
regarded Mr Bullingham as the best man
for the job and insofar as any conflict
of interest might arise he had discussed
this with him and the District Council
and reached an understanding that he
could chair any items in which conflict
of interest arose, with such items being
taken at the end of meetings after Mr
Bullingham had withdrawn.

Two Members suggested that, whilst Mr Bullingham's knowledge of building matters was valued, consideration of the public perception of his appointment needed to be taken into account.

When Rob Lewis was himself nominated as Chairman he made clear that he did not feel qualified to undertake that role or wish to be seen to stand against Mr Bullingham.

Chairman - deferred

but the Clerk to consult both **Jason** Bullingham and Rob Lewis on planning matters in the interim when required.

Traffic

Chairman - Rob Lewis Caroline White, Ian James

Land and Buildings Chairman - Caroline White

Anne Smith, Ann Daniels

Representatives upon fourteen other bodies were appointed.

Allotments

The Council received an update of costings for locating allotments on the Recreation Field but, in the absence of soil analysis not expected until the following week, deferred consideration of agreeing to the location until the next meeting.

Steanbridge Lane car parking

The Council noted approval by Mr Blow on behalf of the Manorship to use of a parcel of land in Slad for car parking. It agreed the cost of levelling and the overlay with stone chippings.

Olympic Torch Relay and Jubilee Celebrations

Terry Parker reported upon the almost completed arrangements for these events, including stewards, bunting, bell-ringing. Permission had also been obtained for a Beacon to be lit on common land off Sevenlease Lane, below Painswick Beacon.

A Red Oak commemorative tree had been offered by the District Council and it was agreed that this be located in Hambutts Field alongside the Cotswold Way.

Village centre and the Royal Oak

Much of the remainder of the meeting was dedicated to a circuitous discussion upon whether, in the words of Ela Pathak-Sen, the Council could influence decision making by Enterprise Inns regarding the future of the Royal Oak, as well as the owners of the Shetland Shop premises which remained in a dilapidated condition. She suggested it was a real impediment to attracting visitors to the village if this location at its centre was to remain in such poor condition.

Rob Lewis suggested the Oak would fetch upwards of £450k and needed £50k of roof repairs and was therefore unlikely to be reopened by Enterprise Inns. Neither did he think it a viable enterprise for a village consortium to purchase and run directly; therefore there was little the Council could do.

Upon the Shetland Shop 'eyesore' Mr Lewis reported that the owner was taking up residence in June and is keen to remain in the village but was 'running the gauntlet' with voluble critics and the District Council upon their expectations of his restoration of features of this listed building. Mr Lewis cited as an example of antagonism that the Parish Council acted like the Gestapo when a gutter overflowed when he resided at Kingsley House.

Mrs Pathak-Sen pointed out that the new owner knew of his obligations at the time of purchase. She went on to say that the issues were not about individuals but about village pride.

It was agreed to write to Enterprise Inns urging the restoration and reopening of their property.

Co-option arrangements

It was agreed that co-options to fill the four vacancies on the Council be based upon curriculum vitae with a covering letter.



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Terry's Thirty Years as a Parish Councillor

Terry Parker first became a Cheltenham Borough Councillor in 1961. Since then he has also served as a Stroud District Councillor and then as a County Councillor, being made an Honorary Alderman on leaving the latter in 2001. However, it is as the Chairman of Painswick Parish Council that he has been

much respected for the past twelve years and from which he retired in May.

Of all his various roles, all voluntary of course, it is his service on the Parish Council which, Terry maintains, presented the greatest challenges along with both the most stress and the most satisfaction. It is stressful mainly because much of the work of the Parish Council is subject to laws on all sorts of issues and official responsibilities. "Statutory obligations mean there is not a free choice," he says "there has to be public accountability and decisions are always open to challenge." However, as he points out, there is also great satisfaction. "For example, we've achieved so much this year with establishing the new

library and the Tourist Information Centre in the Town Hall. And the latest objective is to establish a footpath or throughway behind the old library from the car park."

Terry feels that the greatest satisfaction as Chairman derives from being able to resolve problems before they potentially become major public issues. This has arisen many times during his term of office and often on very sensitive matters. Furthermore, dealing with contentious issues which rouse split, strong views among the members is never an easy task. "A good Chairman should be able to resolve all of these sorts of issues satisfactorily and quickly," he says.

Terry also sees his erstwhile Parish Council duty as the most challenging simply because, unlike the other Councils with their array of employed officers, there is very little background support to call on for advice and assistance. "As Chairman you have to know when you can make a decision, and with the confidence that the members will support it."

Respectful of his present and past fellow council members, Terry reserves special praise for the Clerks with whom he has worked. He emphasises the need for the Chairman to work closely and collaboratively with the Clerk, to have a good working relationship, and points out that in Painswick we have been very fortunate to have had a series of excellent Clerks. Having witnessed many changes during his period in office,

Terry says that without a doubt the most significant has been the advent of electronic communications. It has speeded up the process of consultation, it's instant, and this, he says, has changed for the better the way business has been conducted for the Parish Council. Good clear communication is vital, he says, and asked what one piece of advice he would pass on to his successor it is without question the need to keep the members fully informed at all times.

Retiring from the position of Chairman after all these years of dedicated service is a significant move and as a token of recognition - but much to Terry's surprise – the members decided that he would be made an Honorary Freeman of the Parish. "I was completely taken

aback when this was announced at my last meeting," he says. He is genuinely touched that the discussion had gone on among his colleagues as to how best to give public recognition to his total of 32 years on Painswick Parish Council. This is a recently introduced honour to be awarded to persons considered worthy of the highest community distinction, so Terry will be the first in Painswick and one of the first in Gloucestershire to receive it. It is very special.

On a personal level, Terry recognises and acknowledges the part played by his wife, Carol. For many years herself in public service as nursing sister/midwife with Painswick Surgery, she has quietly but assuredly supported Terry throughout the years. For this he is very grateful and thankful.

Painswick in its turn owes its thanks to Terry for so many years of unstinting public service and total commitment to the good of the community. His sense of fair play and the dignity and respect he has always displayed have certainly benefitted our community throughout his term of office

Carol Maxwell

One must be fond of people and trust them if one is not to make a mess of life.

Election result District Councillor

The outcome of the election of a District Councillor for the Painswick Ward was:

Nigel Cooper (Conservative) 981

Graham Spencer (Green) 360 Sheila McGrath (Labour) 204

42.6% of the electorate voted

Salsa at the Centre

The weekly salsa evenings at Painswick Centre were reported in these columns earlier this year

The Beacon has been told that a further development is that the classes will include live performers on a monthly basis.

Anna Melendez tells us that they have a very special event on 29th June as they have a Cuban band playing authentic Cuban Son, this is a Buena Vista Social Club sound.

Tickets for the evening are only £10 in advance and £12 on the door and there will be a hot food supper served. The evening starts at 8.00pm with a fun salsa workshop for all to enjoy followed by supper and then the band perform and DJ until midnight. For further information ring 07766.083454 or 01242.708067.

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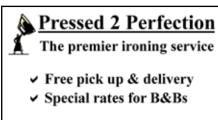
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The tango, and workshops

What a splendid month for the Painswick Players!

Rehearsals for 'Last Tango in Painswick' have begun in earnest and it's immediately apparent that we have a hit on our hands! Several people have enquired about the content of the two David Tristram plays that make up 'Last Tango'. I can reassure you that, while they are hilariously funny, there is nothing in them that is likely to offend a typical 10-year old!

The plays are to be performed at the Painswick Centre on 19th, 20th and 21st July, beginning at 7.30 pm. Tickets(£8) are on sale



at the Post Office or may be reserved by 'phoning Steve at (01452) 814004.

We have been particularly gratified by the extraordinary degree

of support we are receiving from Painswick businesses. Thus far no fewer than twelve have agreed to sponsor our next production. This is most encouraging, especially as the Players pride themselves on being very much a local society: an integral part of the Painswick community.

The **series of drama workshops**, led by professionals Adam Fotheringham and Eleanor Halliday of the Two Hoots theatre company, were even better than last year's. The three sessions,

which dealt chiefly with comedy, were both instructive and hugely enjoyable. We hope to organise another series of workshops and similar events next year.

Our regular series of play readings concludes on Tuesday 26th June in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre beginning at 7.30pm. These are always informal and very enjoyable occasions to which everyone is welcome (see the Village Diary). For further information 'phone Dave on 812381.

Steve Friar

The Painswick Singers Celebrate Elizabethan Age II

The Painswick Singers will be celebrating the Second Age of Elizabethan Song in their forthcoming Autumn Concert. This covers the surprising variety of music composed in the reign of ERII embracing, for example, music by Vaughan Williams, Lionel Bart, John Lennon and Paul McCartney among others. The field may eventually be looked back on for being as rich as that of the first Elizabethan age of music. Certainly the Singers, who have just commenced rehearsals for the concert, are vastly enjoying the pleasures that will feast our audience.

A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to join us or wanting to find out what it is like to sing in a choir like The Singers, whether experienced or not. They are invited to join the Group in an Open Rehearsal on one or both evenings of 18th and 25th June in The Church Rooms at 7.30pm, with no commitment. All voices – ladies and men whether you know what sort of voice you have or not (i.e. if soprano, alto, tenor or bass) just come and find out but please book places with me 01452.814092.

On 25th June you will share with us our end of the term party.

Maurice Maggs Chairman - Painswick Singers



Johnny Coppin at The Edge!

Johnny Coppin, the celebrated local singer-songwriter, returns to sing again at Edge Church on Friday, 29th June at 7.30pm, accompanied by Paul Burgess playing violin and recorders.

Formerly with the folk-rock band Decameron, Johnny's clear voice, together with his ability to write fine songs, makes his music essentially English in character, delighting audiences especially here in Gloucestershire where he lives, with his



emphasis on Cotswolds poetry and ballads. He collaborated on an album with Laurie Lee and played on the European folk scene for many years, singing at festivals in Britain, Ireland, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium. TV appearances include his own programme Songs of Gloucestershire' for the BBC and 'Stars in a Dark Night' for Channel 4, as well as many performances for national and local radio. He has a weekly one-hour show of acoustic music on BBC Radio Gloucestershire, which he has produced and presented every week since 1996. Coppin has also been the Musical Director for the Festival Players Theatre

Company since 1992.

The programme for the concert at Edge will include several of his Cotswold ballads, and poems by Laurie Lee, Ivor Gurney and Frank Mansell set to music. Box Office: tickets £10 per head, call Roger Barrett on 814564.

Michael Buckland-Smith

Write to Help Yourself

On Saturday 23rd June Judy Clinton and Holly Cole, who are both Quakers, former teachers and writers, will be facilitating a day's workshop at the Quaker Meeting House in Vicarage Street.

This is the second workshop of its kind in recent months and the intention is to offer further (stand-alone) days in the future.

The heart of the workshop is a writing process. Anyone can use the method: writing confidence is not necessary. All that is needed is a pen, something to write on, and a willingness to explore.

People who have attended these workshops in the past say that they have benefitted from:

The time and space to reflect and write.

The beauty and the peace of the venue. The opportunity to learn meditational techniques.

The revelations that their writing gave them

The pleasure and inspiration in listening to other people's contributions.

The deep satisfaction in sharing, with others, the things that are of great value to them.

The workshop will run from 9.30-4.30

The cost for the day is £40 with an early bird price of £35 if booked by 10th June.

For bookings and/or more information, contact Judy on:

01452.863627 judyclinton@googlemail.com



Enthralled by Nash

The Painswick Music Society's concert on 28th April was given by the internationally renowned Nash Ensemble string quartet and played to a packed St Mary's church

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The first piece was Haydn's 1797 'Sunrise' quartet which got away to some

brilliant variations on the motif heard at its outset, rollicking along with the two violins swapping themes before they were taken up by all four instruments and turned into a great dance-like ensemble. You could hardly call it chamber music because it really did fill the whole church. After a calm adagio we were off to a minuet that has us all tapping our toes and then on into the final movement with a repeated theme ornamented and built up to a rousing finish.

Then Borodin's second quartet in D, a musical love-letter dedicated to his wife. The first movement was dark and excitable, dying away into a scherzo with so many changes of mood we wondered what was coming next when it came to a surprising end backed by a pizzicato 'cello flourish. Then music some of us might have recalled, because the third movement recalls two of the thirteen Borodin pieces used in the 1953 musical Kismet before a slow opening for the last movement which roused us with some impressive effects

After the interval, Beethoven's second Rasumovsky quartet, with a fiercely compelling introduction by the players with many skilful changes in volume and expression which we heard in all the following movements: the adagio, the lively allegretto based on a Russian tune which had lots of syncopation and counterpoint leading into a riotous dance theme in the final presto.

We were glad to have this ensemble

and the Rose Trio

The Society's final concert of 2012, on 12th May, was given by the Rose Trio. The three young Thorn sisters, who specialise in music for wind instruments are Susanna (oboe) Rebecca (Clarinet) and Tamsin (Bassoon). They made their Wigmore Hall debut only last year but you would never have known it from the fluency and maturity of their playing. With only a small repertoire for their combination many of the pieces we heard were arrangements of compositions for other instruments but we need not have worried.

They began with Mozart's divertimento K439 originally for three basset horns. In about a minute we knew they could play, and how! Their vivacity and range of expression was such that for most of the time I just put down my reviewer's pencil and listened. More followed: a suite by Alexandre Tansman the 20th century Franco-Polish film music composer, two of Benjamin Britten's Metamorphoses for oboe and Poulenc's amusing Sonata for clarinet and bassoon. After the interval they pulled lots of diversions out of the musical hat of the little-known Jean Francaix's Divertissement, then a sort-of programme music piece written for them by the contemporary Edmund Jolliffe, Gordon Jacob's Trio and Madeleine Dring's polka for flute and piano with bassoon and clarinet taking the piano part. Oh yes, and not on the programme an amusing lollipop, the 20th century Hungarian Ferenc Farkas's Andante and Saltarello.

All this amazing assortment was helped by the Countess of Munster's scheme to encourage young musicians which is much appreciated. It certainly widened the experience of a packed audience: if this group comes your way, do go and hear them.

John Parfitt

Take Five

Stewart Price gave the Group a presentation based on the Number Five. He admitted that this was a tenuous rationale for a presentation: it led to some interesting choices. The first was the incidental film music by Walton for Henry V.

Next was Mozart's Glass Harmonica Quintet. This was followed by Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, written in response to a condemnation in Pravda of his Fourth Symphony. The Fifth was in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Revolution.

Stewart now turned to Elgar's Nimrod Variations Number Five which he described as a wonderful piece, often overlooked, because of the huge popularity of the Third variation

It was now time for Beethoven but there are two big Number Fives: the Emperor Piano Concerto (Number Five) which is very imperial and maybe seen as the summit of his achievements for piano and orchestra and the famous Symphony.

We then moved to Mahler's Fifth Symphony which marked a new beginning in Mahler's style. From here to Mozart who wrote five violin concertos between 1773 and 1775. Of course we heard the Fifth – the Turkish.

We returned to one of Elgar's Sea Pictures his fifth song The Swimmer" sung by Sarah Connolly. Beethoven followed with a Quintet for piano and wind and Schubert's Fifth Symphony, modelled on Mozart which he wrote at the age of 19.

Painswick music appreciation group

The big man, Beethoven wound up the proceedings with his famous Fifth Symphony.

This was an enjoyable presentation delivered with Stewart's personal anecdotes making an interesting and varied evening.

Richard Burges Watson

Members Night & AGM was the title of this season's final meeting on 10th May. With hindsight, "A Soprano Evening" would also have been a fitting description! Very attractive recordings submitted by some dozen members included seven with famous sopranos singing their hearts out, the earliest being Eva Turner in Turandot in 1928. Amongst others, we also enjoyed Liszt's "Forgotten Romance", Widor's Toccata (for organ and strings) and, for light relief, Gershwin's Rhapsody in blue.

All this after wine and nibbles, preceded by the AGM which re-elected the Committee consisting of Alex Nichols (Chairman), Beryl Bailey (dab hand at procuring delicious biscuits), John Herbert, Josephine Matchett (Treasurer), Stewart Price (concert outings organiser) and Anne Williams.

Also still functioning, your faithful scribe.

Ralph Kenber

Fireworks

The Beacon can pass on the message that there will be a short 'surprise' fireworks display in the village centre on Saturday 30th June at about 9.30pm. The arrangers apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.





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Painswick Community Library



Wednesday 20th June at 10.00am

Starting on 20th June Painswick Community Library will be open on a regular basis: Wednesday and Friday: 10.00am to 1.00pm and 3.00pm to 6.00pm Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm.

You will find a wide selection of books covering a range of topics both fiction and non-fiction plus a small reference and local history section.

Children have their own area catering for babies, toddlers and older children.

All the books are entered on the Gloucestershire County Council library catalogue and you will be able to continue to use this system to see what's available in Painswick and also to order books from elsewhere. There will be regular delivery by the county library service.

There are four computers set up for public use and these can be booked as before.

BUT to use all these services you will need to have a valid Gloucestershire County Council library card. If you think yours may have expired why not renew it so you're ready for the opening. Cards can be renewed:

- by visiting any County library (e.g. Stroud). by phoning the libraries helpline 0845 230 5420
- or online using the form at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ libraries.



You can use the same route if you want to join the library but using the joining form on the web site. Initially there will be support from one of the county library staff but ultimately the library will be run by volunteers. Our volunteers have already worked hard to get all books ready to go on the shelves. The Trustees are very grateful for all they have done and hope to have their continuing

We're looking forward to being involved in local events and have already agreed to host a display

in conjunction with Art Couture Painswick on 15th July. This day will also be an opportunity for children from four to 12 to sign up for the Reading Challenge during the Summer holidays. More details will be available in the July Beacon.

We are planning to hold an inauguration ceremony later in the year so the opening will be for YOU to come along and see what is available.

We look forward to welcoming you to your Community Library.

Peter Corley - Chairman Pat Francis - Librarian

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Quarrying and Wildlife



with the Field Club

June's Field Club Lecture will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, 13th June, when Arthur Price will talk about Cotswold Quarrying - Painswick to Nailsworth. The talk will cover the sources of stone for some of Gloucestershire's most iconic buildings, including Gloucester Cathedral. Refreshments are served from 7.00pm and the lecture will start at 7.30pm in the Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre.

On Monday 18th June, we have a Butterfly and Botany Walk at the Daneway Banks GWT Reserve, near Sapperton. The walk will start at 2.00pm at the entrance to the reserve and will be led by Sue Smith and Sue Dodd of the Gloucestershire Branch of Butterfly Conservation. Full details of the location will be available at the June lecture. If the Monday is very wet, the walk will be postponed to Tuesday 19th June; please check with Joyce Barrus (812942) before 11.00am on the morning of the walk for confirmation and location check. Gather for an optional drink/lunch at the Daneway Inn before the walk.

There is a change of venue for the July Lecture, when we will meet in the Church Rooms, Painswick on Wednesday 4th July with refreshments served from 7.00pm for an illustrated lecture at 7.30pm by renowned Forest photographer Philip Mugridge on 'Gloucestershire's Wildlife – a Feast of Mammals, Flowers, Butterflies and Birds'.

Visitors are very welcome to join members at the Field Club events for a £3 charge.

We hope to see as many members as possible joining the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust on Sunday 10th June from 2 - 5.00pm for tea and cake to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Trust's stewardship of the Badgeworth Nature Reserve, one of only two British locations of the rare Adder's Tongue Spearwort (Ranunculus ophioglossifolius Vill), nicknamed the 'Badgeworth Buttercup'

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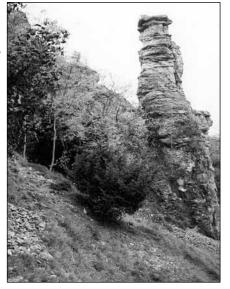
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Annual Parish Meeting

On 2nd May this annual meeting of the civil parish was held, but the usual date was brought forward so that it was ahead of the elections. As a consequence it clashed with the Conservation Society AGM and a Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club lecture, thus contributing to an attendance of only seven members of the public, matched by an equal number of councillors, plus County and District Councillors.

Chairman Terry Parker introduced the Council's report (which was printed in full in the May issue of the Beacon - page 4) by highlighting the eventful and productive year just ended. The GCC Big Community Offer had realised £49k which brought about major improvements to the Town Hall, these necessary to meet the standards required to permit the Community Library being located in the Upper Hall. He expressed the Council's appreciation to the Community Library in Painswick Trustees for their achievement in bringing the project to fruition. There was further good news when the Youth Club BCO bid led by the Painswick and Stroud Local Ministries (PSALMS) team was approved. The grant will enable considerable improvements to be made to the Youth Club building which is owned by the Parish Council. Further, the Painswick Football Club will also benefit from the improved facilities.

The Parish Council had been delighted to learn that its application for the Olympic Torch to be carried through the Village had been approved. The intention was that the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) would be located with the Community Library, but this did not prove achievable and the TIC is now located in the Parish Council's outer office.

Council Vice-Chairman Martin Slinger reported that the Parish Council had again managed its income and expenditure so that there has been no increase in the Council's local tax requirement for the 2012/2013 financial year.

The written reports of committees were received, including the Planning Committee having dealt with 107 planning applications of which the committee supported 80, objected to 18 and remained uncertain about the remainder. In the summer the Council was involved unsuccessfully in trying to persuade the authorities to halt the excavating in Catbrain Quarry; this has now been brought to a halt and the owner has been told to replant trees and hydro-seed the quarry face. Other committee reports were those of Traffic, Allotments, Plantation, Footpaths, Land and Buildings, Parish Work Plan.

Reports from County Councillor Joan Nash, and District Councillors Roden and Tait were received, with tributes paid to Mrs Tait as she was retiring a few days later.

The Open Forum, at which the public can readily raise any and all matters of concern was, with so few present, somewhat short of deep debate. One sought copy of the entire accounts of the Council, and another those of Stamages Lane car park. The continuing absence of 20mph roundels promised for Gloucester Street was expressed, as well as that limit being widely ignored. Waste collection, and impending changes were discussed, as well as a regret that was no longer a police presence on, say, a monthly basis.

In conclusion, many expressed their sincere thanks to the outgoing Chairman Terry Parker for his service to the Council since 1979 – this drawing a large round of applause.

Attractive for wedding receptions



Painswick Centre Beacon Hall and bar are becoming increasingly popular as a venue for wedding receptions. Edward



and Lisa Marden held their reception at the Centre on Saturday 28th April, celebrating with a catered meal and lively disco. The event was a great success. The photograph shows the prereception layout, which was most attractive and much admired. The Trustees would like to wish Edward and Lisa every happiness for the future. Many of our regular users will have appreciated the ongoing refurbishment of facilities at the Painswick Centre. The latest phase has been funded to the value of £5000, by the Gloucestershire Environmental Trust, with landfill tax contributions, donated by Cory Environmental. The works include:

- installation of a new, more efficient boiler to provide improved heating to the upstairs Cotswold and Green Rooms,
- improved heating to the Skittle Alley and
- a new wooden floor for the Green Room.

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Mike Steed



District Council Core Strategy



Reference has been made in these pages to

the undertaking by the District Council to evolve a Core Strategy around which its policies and objectives across the coming years can evolve. As it will affect the lives of all in the area a resume of the process and how it can be influenced may be of assistance.

We are indebted to Barbara Tait for assistance in preparing this information.

- * It started in Spring 2009, with the Issues and Options consultations.
- * Early spring 2010 public consultations + questionnaires looking at the possible Strategy Options for managing the future growth & development for the District.
- * Considerable work followed examining evidence including land availability, refining the options, carbon footprinting, comparison of potential development locations, review of housing requirement and reviewing defined settlement boundaries.
- * November 24th 2011 A report to Council on the Preferred Strategy consultation.
- * February March 2012 Public consultation on the Preferred Strategy (Housing numbers and preferred locations for development) * Officers are currently examining responses and preparing the 'Publication Stage' version of the Core Strategy including updating the 5 year housing supply.
- * Around early/late autumn a statutory 6 week public consultation on the Publication Stage documents.
- * This followed by the preparation of the final submission documents
- * Submission of the Core Strategy (the Local plan) to the Secretary of State
- * Examination in public.
- * Inspector's report.
- * Adoption of Core Strategy, probably late spring/summer 2013.

Return of the Victorians

After a year's break due to unforeseen circumstances the Victorian Costume Ball will be returning for a delayed 10th anniversary at the Painswick Centre, which being a magnificent Victorian building is an ideal venue for such an event.

The occasion is one for enjoying the music and dances of a bygone era when an appearance at a Ball of this kind was an essential part of the social calendar, so if you would like to return to the elegant days of the late 19th, early 20th century

why not try this evening of music and dance. Ball

gowns and tiaras were of course very much the fashion for ladies of high society with the gentlemen in tails or military uniform, but attending was the most important thing and many Victorians followed the Oueen

style and wore black and white only, so many long black skirts and high collared white blouses would have been seen

The evening consists of a programme of traditional country and old time dances which would have been popular at the beginning

of the last century and during the reign of Queen Victoria, such as the Dashing White Sergeant and the Virginia Reel with waltzes, gavottes and two steps.

Dancing commences at 7.30pm, there is an interval for supper, with a bar facility and the evening finishes at 11.00pm. Further information can be obtained by phoning 01453.833150. The date of this year's Ball is

Saturday 14th July

and we will be holding a workshop the previous evening when there will be an opportunity to learn some of the dances.

Geoff & Joy, Dancing for Pleasure

Fishy Business

Who'd have thought you could buy fresh Grimsby fish in Painswick, the heart of the Cotswolds? Well you can, and many do every Friday morning when Jeff (the Codfather, according to his sign board), is to be found selling a tempting range from his refrigerated van in the Town Hall car park.

Quite apart from Painswick, Jeff sells his fish in towns and

villages throughout the length and breadth of the Cotswolds and part of Wiltshire, a huge round indeed. Every working morning at 5.00am he arrives at the depot in Cirencester to pick up his fresh supply which has been brought overnight from Grimsby. From there he makes his way to the first of several venues for the day. "I work four days a week," he says, "but they are mostly fourteen-hour days." It's hard work of course, but, he adds, "I like meeting people and I do know a thing or two about fish."

Born and brought up in Grimsby, Jeff spent the first twelve years of his working life on the fishing trawlers which, he maintains, was a good life. However, when his son Jack was born he realised that working on the trawlers meant that much of his family time would be sacrificed. It was at this point that he decided to sell rather than catch thus becoming a fishmonger, his role for the last 26 years. Many will remember that it was Jack who used to come to Painswick on Fridays with his own

supply. At that time Jeff's round was based mostly around Oxfordshire but, as he lives in Swindon (and has done for the last 17 years) and Jack still lives in Grimsby, they decided to swap rounds.

Jeff's fish is always in tip-top condition and very reasonably priced. It really could not be fresher. Each week he brings a good range providing an excellent choice and he is certainly very knowledgeable about what he is selling. We are indeed very lucky to have this service on such a regular basis. Jeff is to be found in the Town Hall car park every Friday morning from 8.30 until 11.00.

Carol Maxwell





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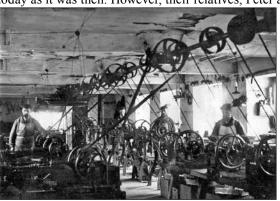
Local History Teaser

This photograph shows an industrial setting which was very important in Painswick. Can you explain it and say where it was and approximately when? Answer in next month's Beacon.



Last month's picture roused several responses from readers all presenting different suggestions as to where the house was and still is. Written on the back of the original photograph is the name, Island House, which rather confused matters. The only clue has been the names of the couple in the picture – Charles and Catherine, known as Kate, Watkins. John Beard, who kindly lent the photograph, informs us that Charles died in 1907 and Kate, his wife, in 1935.

They were members of the family which ran the pin mill at Kings Mill and an examination of the 1891 and 1901 censuses reveals that he was the manager of the mill and that they lived in Kings Mill House. The picture does in fact show the couple in front of Kings Mill House on the garden side which is exactly the same today as it was then. However, their relatives, Peter and Martha



Watkins,

lived at Island House which nowadays is an outbuilding close to the stream at Kings Mill. Peter Watkins had previously been the mill manager. Many thanks to John Beard for providing this interesting photograph.

If you have a picture which might

pose a challenge to readers we would love to hear from you.

... and the Local History Society

The Society's annual outing, which took place in May, was to Gloucester. Members were given a guided tour of Southgate by the Gloucester Civic Trust and, as always in Gloucester, were amazed by the wealth of unheralded history and fascinating historic buildings the length and breadth of the street.

With two thousand years of nationally significant history permeating the whole of the city it is indeed unfortunate that more civic pride is not in evidence in Gloucester. Even though many of its important buildings have already been either demolished or spoilt through neglect nevertheless it still has many wonderful remains even if they are not immediately obvious. Blackfriars for example, inaccessible behind a fence, is considered to be the finest extant friary in the country, and Greyfriars, sadly hidden behind the modern market building, is very significant historically.

Walk in any direction from the centre and every few yards there is an interesting piece of history or an important building to discover, from pubs to churches, battlegrounds to the founding of the Sunday School movement, and all the relevant and notable personages who have subsequently left their marks on our history. It is such a pity that, without guidance and the provision of information, all remains hidden to the casual visitor.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 19th June, when David Drew will give a presentation on MPs from the past who have served the Stroud constituency. Croft School, 7.30pm – everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Friends of Cotswold Care Hospice Celebration Supper

In celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and the 25th Anniversary of the Hospice



A supper has been arranged for 7.30pm in the Church Rooms Painswick on Thursday 21st June.

The Speaker will be Philippa Thomas of DFID, who comes



hotfoot from Afghanistan with tales of providing aid in some of the World's most dangerous places

For Tickets £15 (includes a glass of wine) ring: Paula Woodcock 812845

The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

Mixed views on the proposed care home were expressed at the Parish Council's planning meeting. Some members expressed their reservations about the height and density and its proximity to houses in Cotswold Mead and Queens Mead.

The Victorian Market Day on 13th July is going to finish with a Victorian Costume Ball at the Painswick Centre. There will be dances on the programme for non-dancers as well.

20 years ago

The Cricket Club has now settled into its first season at its new home at Broadham Fields, having left its old venue at the Recreation ground. Visiting clubs are impressed with the condition of the wicket

Painswick RFC ended a memorable season with victory in the final of the Stroud Combination Cup against Dursley

30 years ago

The Council is looking at the possibility of creating 39 car-parking spaces on a strip of land bordering Lower Washwell Lane at the side of the Recreation field between the trees. The report came from the Traffic committee, which recently met to look at potential sites for car parking near the village centre.

Brookhouse Mill plans approved. Stroud planning authority recently gave approval for residential development at Brookhouse Mill. The old Pin Mill will be converted into 9 new homes giving a dramatic facelift to this run down corner of Painswick.





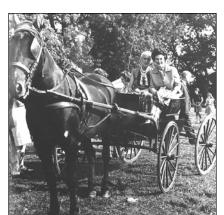


Gloucestershire Society of Artists

- exhibition preview

The GSA summer exhibition will be in Painswick from Friday the 6th to Monday the 9th July in St. Mary's Church Rooms.

A Special Preview Evening Invitation to all residents of Painswick, on Friday 6th July, 7.00 to 8.00pm. Free entry - with refreshments.



Dr Candy Jansen

Painswick Surgery included the following in a recent newsletter to patients: "It is with great sorrow that we announce the retirement of Dr Candy Jansen with effect from 30th June 2012. Dr Jansen has been with the Practice for 25 years and has made the decision to retire. We will be very sad to see her go, but I am sure you will all join us in wishing her all the very best for her retirement.

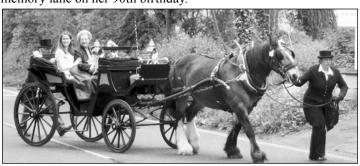
Dr Matthew Heywood will be joining the Practice with effect from 1st September. Many of you may know Dr Heywood as he was our GP Registrar and trained with us during 2009/2010. Dr Heywood has also undertaken some locum sessions for us since qualifying. We know he will be an asset to the existing team". Their message goes on to explain automatic transfer of patient lists, and so on.

The Beacon has been aware of this impending retirement for some time now, almost entirely informed by patients who hold Dr Jansen in the highest regard. We are pleased, before the event, to convey sentiments expressed of praise for both Dr Jansen as a most astute doctor, and Dr Jansen as a warm-hearted person who has immediacy of rapport with presenting patients. When unwell, whether knowing of the cause or desperate to tease through the symptoms in order to find the best responding treatment, one obtains the greatest relief when clinical yet caring attention is brought to bear; Candy Jansen will long be remembered for her excellence in both regards. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement.

Nora Regan

. .. made a trip down memory lane on her 90th birthday.

This surprise gift from her family was a happy reminder of riding and driving from Cranham in Mrs Drake's American Buggy nearly 50 years ago to visit the Painswick Show ~ but here visiting friends for tea in Painswick.



Javelin Park - energy recovery facility

An important stage in the planning process for this facility is consideration of an environmental permit being granted by the Environment Agency. They have made it widely known that they have received an environmental permit application

from Urbaser Environmental Limited to run a waste incinerator (energy recovery facility) at Javelin Park, Haresfield.

They invite anyone to comment on this application through their public consultation, which has already started and continues until Friday 6th July. There are several ways you can do this:

teir public (after the British Legion Hall), ady started Hardwicke GL2 4QA

Attend the remaining drop in session. Staff will be available to

discuss any concerns and questions on a first come first served basis. If you would like to pre-book a 20 minute appointment contact them on 01743.283410 or at midswest@environmentagency.gov.uk

If you can't make that session you can view and make your comments on the application on their e-consultation webpage at https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal

You can also view this information at the Agency's Tewkesbury office, or request a CD copy by contacting the Public Register Coordinator on 01743.283410 or email

midswest@environment-agency.gov.uk.





Drop in session

Friday 22nd June Hardwicke Village

Hall, Green Lane

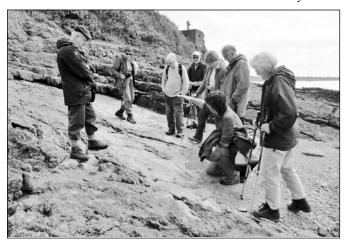


Beachley Peninsula Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club



Nine Painswick Members joined Leader David Owen from the Gloucestershire Geological Trust on 12th May for a walking overview of the rocks on the Beachley side of the Severn Suspension Bridge. Looking at geological maps it becomes obvious why the bridge was built there - the harder limestone of the Carboniferous rock outcrop on the river

bed which also form small cliffs to the west of Beachley makes



it ideal. The bridge at this location relieves the congestion at Chepstow as well as Gloucester. The picture shows us standing on the exposed Chepstow anticline. Hardened with Dolomitic Conglomerate, it also has small crinoid (sea lilies) fossils.

After Lunch in the local public house, we took a detour through Sedbury and Tutshill to a small disused quarry. We were bemused to see a climber making his way up the sheer side, beyond the quarry floor where there was an old Cross and flowers Memorial - perhaps to another climber who had not succeeded. Wintour's Leap: made famous for the escape of Royalist, Sir John Wintour, who was being hotly pursued on his horse by Parliamentary forces; this we regarded as factually

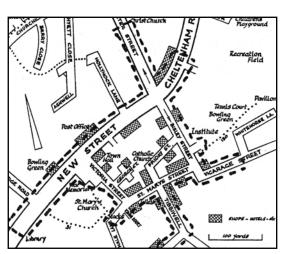
Joyce Barrus

Cranham Country Show Saturday 16th June 1.30pm

Run by and in aid of Friends of Cranham School at the Cranham Village Recreation Ground, with free parking. £1.50 entry adults (under 12's free)

.. Birds of Prey .. Animal Encounters .. International freestyle footballer (workshop and arena show) .. Climbing wall .. Bar-b-que .. Tea tent .. Auction .. Pony ride .. Quad train .. Stalls .. Bar .. Fire engine

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Painswick in Bloom 2012

Once again it is time to show off all your hard work with the planting of your containers and hanging baskets.

The judging for the Painswick in Bloom Competition for 2012 will take place at the end of July or early August. The judge, as last year, will be Jayne Morriss. The competition covers all plantings in containers that can be viewed from the road.

These may be tubs, pots, window boxes and hanging baskets. The area of the village that will be judged is within the dotted line on the map shown. Anyone outside this area who wishes to take part should contact Janet Crispin on 814818 by 4th July. There is no entry fee.

There is one class for residents and one for businesses with one winner in each class. The winner in each class will be presented with the Society's silver Trophy. No winner will be awarded first place in two consecutive years.

The results of the competition together with the judge's comments will be announced in the September Painswick Beacon.

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Olympic Torch pictures

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- you of most aspects of that glorious •
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 - We will return cheques if unlucky.

















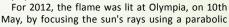






The Olympic Torch and Flame

It owes its origins to the ancient Greek belief that fire was an element of the gods. Flames were lit on the altars of Zeus and other gods at Olympia, where the ancient Olympics took place. The flames were lit from the rays of the sun, to ensure their purity. In modern times, an Olympic flame was first used at the 1928 summer Olympics in Amsterdam. The first relay to carry the torch took place at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.



mirror. This was followed an eight day relay around Greece, ending in Athens. The flame was flown to Britain in a gold liveried aircraft, BA flight 2012, arriving at the Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose, Cornwall. The torch relay began from Lands End, and will take 70 days, and involve 8,000 carriers.

The flame first travelled from Athens by air in 1952, and graduated to flying on Concorde in 1992. In 1976 it was converted into a radio signal and sent from Athens to Canada by satellite. On arrival, this triggered a laser, which ignited the torch. During torch relays, the flame has travelled by horse (1956), snowmobile (1988) and parachute (winter games 1994). In 2000, it crossed the Australian desert by camel and dived into the sea near Great Barrier Reef. In 1996 and 2000, the torch (but not the flame) was carried into space by astronauts.

A new torch is designed for each games. The 2012 model is gold coloured and made of a lightweight aluminium alloy. It is perforated by 8,000 small circles, representing the 8,000 people carrying it. It will arrive at the Olympic Stadium on 27th July.

Painswick was honoured with passage of the flame, amid some 6,000 members of the public from far and wide, shortly after 5.00pm on 23rd May. The flames were carried by Megan Jephcote from below St Mary's Mead into New Street, transferring to Ann Poulson - on our front page - and then Andy Hart and, finally to Haley Mowbray.

The anticipation was palpable, with picnics within the churchyard, on streets and the Recreation Field where an 'apres flame' gathering of numerous young people enjoyed games of their own.

George Marchant and Leslie Brotherton



The Croft School's Summer Fete

Roll up, roll up for an afternoon of family

Sunday 24th June 2.00 – 4.30pm Driving lessons and go-karting for children; bouncy castle; beauty parlour; face painting; coconut shy; beat the goalie; home produce; plants; books; tombola; barbecue; ice-cream; tea and cake; Pimms tent; real ale bar and lots more

Entrance fee: adults £1; children 50p

Donations of children's confectionery, home produce and plants are most welcome – please bring along on the day between midday and 2.00pm or contact Vicky Hill on 07717.316155



Mostly random extracts from Head Teacher letters to parents:

Junior playground

Much excitement in the junior playground as work has started to develop the grass and bushes area into a better play space. Construction of the climbing wall has also begun. The children are very keen to begin using the new areas and we hope work will be completed soon. Many thanks go to all the FOTCS who have tirelessly raised money for the improvements and to Jo Weatherall for overseeing the whole project.

Pool update

The pool was reopened from 21st May and "we are hoping that the weather will have improved dramatically by then!"

Dance Workshops

The school recently held an Olympic dance workshop which was led by Sara Shaw, an advanced skills teacher of dance in Gloucestershire. The dance lessons explored different Olympic themes and values whilst the music ranged from Mr Blue Sky by

ELO to Fanfare for the common Man by Emerson Lake and Palmer.

Each class was encouraged to develop their own ideas which they then perfected and practised ready for the afternoon's performance to the whole school. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed watching each class and the smile on the children's faces as they performed was a joy to watch.

The Croft Cycle Recycle

Lindsay Nottingham wanted to provide a brief follow up regarding the bike sale

"For those of you who may not be aware the Gloucestershire Bike Project who worked tirelessly at providing all the bike maintenance free of charge on the day, have been accepted for the Waitrose Community Matters Scheme. So please can I ask you that the next time you have one of those green tokens in your hand

at Waitrose in Stroud over the next 4 weeks please put your token in the Gloucestershire Bike Project box- they would really appreciate your support.

Staging

Many thanks to the FOTCS who have purchased some fantastic new staging. It is easy to store and put up. Its first major use will be for the KS2 show at the end of the year.

A message from Fun Club

Approximately 2 years ago the Fun Club was suffering financial difficulties and its future was under threat. A number of actions have been taken since then to ensure the future existence of the club.

The pricing structure was reviewed and updated in line with other local after school clubs and a number of events (such as parties and film Fridays) were arranged to promote attendance. We are pleased to say that the club is now in a significantly stronger position.

It is important to us to ensure the children benefit from the changes - for the first time in a long time we have been able to buy lots of new equipment. Those attending are already starting to have great fun with our new space hoppers, table tennis, den

building kit and much more!

The Chair of the committee has been integral to making this happen, but has now had to stand down - the Committee would like to express huge thanks to Julia Murray for all her hard work and commitment over the last 2 years in this role. This means we are looking for a new Chair, which is required for the club to operate - if you are interested please let a committee member know.



Carducci Quartet

The Carducci Quartet once again performed in school on Tuesday 15th May at 2.00pm and, as our picture shows, engaged the whole school, in attention and participation.

Funded by Painswick Music Society, this seemingly annual input to school life has to be seen to be believed. The excellence of presentation, sensitive to such a young audience, and including excerpts from Haydn, Debussy, Moeran and Albinez, is a great stumulus for children to take up instruments themselves.

This year a fifth performer, Morgan Szymanski, thrilled all with his tales of his homeland of Mexico and his mesmerising playing of the Spanish guitar.

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Two changes in this service through Painswick have crept up on unsuspecting users.

The terminus in Cheltenham has moved, at least temporarily, back to the Royal Well, so the number of paces to the Promenade shops have increased somewhat.

The other change is of the times from Painswick. Timetables are around, but the key times now are from New Street Monday-Friday to Cheltenham 0654, 0744, 0904 and hourly through 1504, 1559, 1604, 1704 and last one at 1804. Saturdays 0804 hourly until 1804.

T'other way, to Stroud, 0816, 0916 and hourly to the last one at 1916. Saturdays 0916 hourly through to 1916.

Pickings 2012

A gloriously sunny afternoon on Sunday 13th May brought out a stunning 24 volunteers for this year's Beacon Clear Up. Many helped for the first time this year. My thanks to all, including the youngest volunteer so far – Damilola. The others included Douglas, Pauline, David and Celia, David and Rita, Lilla and Marisa, John and Anne, Paul and Karol, Mike and Eddie, John and Joyce, Terry and Chris, Jane, Maureen and Wally.



There had been less fly tipping of large items compared with previous years, though we found a bicycle frame, typewriter and two metal deckchairs. One golf flag and several tee markers were returned to the golf club, and a dozen golf balls distributed amongst golfing volunteers. There were lots and lots of plastic and glass bottles, many casually thrown down into the quarries from passers-by who could not be bothered to take their litter home. Is anyone missing a toaster? My thanks to George who collected it and twenty five large plastic bags of rubbish and the other items and arranged their disposal.

My final plea is to dog walkers. It may seem a good idea to collect dog poo in plastic bags,

but only if you then take it and deposit it in the bins provided. I know many of you do, though a few seem to think that it is a good idea to toss the bags into the quarries. And if the person who leaves the bags draped artistically round trees would make themselves known to the Beacon, I have a special award to give them.

Finally a big thank you to all who collect litter throughout the year when walking their dogs, rambling, playing golf, etc. Your efforts are really appreciated.

Peter Rowe 813228

Belts off

Grazing

The temporary electric fencing has been removed and our three Belted Galloway cows, - Thistle, Alexandra and Dreamer have moved to another part of Gloucestershire. They have done an impressive job of removing masses of thick, dry tussocky grass. Helped by the Cotswold Wardens who have removed lots of invasive small trees and brambles the result is that the extensive ramparts on the South side of the hill fort are returning to their former condition. That is to say wide expanses of shortish grass in which a range of 'poor grassland' flowering plants can re-establish. We expect the cows back in the Autumn to 'work' on other areas.



The Group volunteer squads (alternate Saturday mornings) have finished their season too. With the valued help of some new recruits we have more than

fulfilled our quota of 'clearance' areas this Autumn-to-Spring. Our 'clearance' is selective, - we don't remove every tree and shrub, nor strim every bit of grass, - so we change the appearance and flora of small areas of the Beacon gradually, not abruptly. Once the nesting season begins and butterflies appear we restrict our activities. But there may be some ad hoc jobs we can do during the summer so if you would like to join in do keep in touch.

David Allott 812624 Chairman



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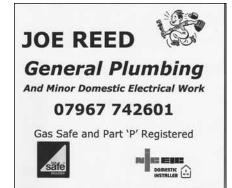
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Mind your P's and the Q's will follow.

Roy Wallis has written, under this heading: Keith Ayres set out many of the reasons for the demise of the Royal Oak. Others may be:-

- Parking. People prefer to park within a very short walk of any venue.
- Position. The Royal Oak is unlikely to attract much passing trade.
- Publicity. Perhaps more creative marketing would have helped?
- Presentation, Quality and Service.

Re-launching a product or service is tough. Research will help discover what consumers want, test the feed back and, if positive, go to market; this should attract the final "P" – "Patrons".

There may be a case to consider a different style Royal Oak or indeed, an entirely different use? A non-competitive operation to which residents would be prepared to walk?

I wonder what type of new outlet would top a Painswick Poll?

Allotments

Maurice Maggs writes from the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society:

Your account of the Public Consultation Meeting on 13th April reported the Meeting's Chairman as having said The Conservation Society had written (to the Parish Council) objecting to the proposed siting of the allotments. That is not so. The Society protested that the public consultation being undertaken was inadequate. We wrote saying: "A single public meeting on a Friday evening in the week after Easter would not appear to be a proper test of public opinion on this matter". We are now told if the soil analysis is satisfactory the Council will proceed with a Planning Application and "the application stage would act as further Public Consultation". But the application stage has no provision for consulting

public opinion. Stroud District Council invites public 'comment' on a planning application before it decides whether to accept or refuse the application. That is not the same as consulting Painswick's residents' opinion.

Thanks for support

Barbara Tait writes to express her thanks. I would be very grateful if you would allow me to express my sincere thanks for all of the support I have received from the residents of Painswick during the time I have been a representative on the District Council.

It has been hard at times and very time

consuming, but also very rewarding most of the time! I do hope that I have served the area fairly and reasonably well. I certainly have never been prejudiced by anyone's political differences, believing that we all deserve a fair and honest hearing.

My sincere thanks to everyone.

Torch bearers

John Couch has written:

I know that Painswick benefits from an ageing population, but why on earth were we denied the pride and pleasure of seeing one of our own residents carrying the Olympic Torch through our own village?

Three Peaks conquered

In our April issue we carried the appeal of Priyana Sen for support in her taking part in the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust.

Priyana says, "Thanks to all those who kindly donated generously to Anthony Nolan". She is still waiting on the final figure from the treasurer but knows that the amount raised collectively exceeds £1000.00 and that she has managed to raise £280.00. Everyone managed to finish the walk within the twelve hour time limit, with times ranging from just under eight, to just over eleven hours.

Priyana adds, "I am extremely proud of everyone who took part and I am especially pleased with how much we managed to raise in such a short space of time. Thank you to all those who kindly sponsored me." If you would still like to sponsor Priyana, please visit www.justgiving/hymsthreepeaks to make your donation.

The heights of Cleeve Hill and depths of Daglingworth

Field trip No.1 led by Arthur Ball was to Cleeve Hill on 23rd April; cold wind and rain evoking that sense of adventure in participants, struggling with climb and clime! The handsome Galloways gazed quizzically, a solitary meadow pipit, fenceperched, allowed us to closely approach. Then emerged a



perched, allowed us to closely approach. Then emerged a black-bird duo, their distinctive white breast-crescent identifying them as ring ouzels. On gorse, we spied the linnets, and above, the hovering skylark.

We descended the green magnificence of the valley to the origin of the River Isbourne and the formal stone Washpool. Then came the song of the blackcap and at the hill bottom, noisy rooks awaiting our departure.

Field trip No.2 led by Martin Wright was on Monday 14th May around ancient, elegant Daglingworth in search of songsters. The light showers and wind proved rather refreshing as we moved through a scene so various, amongst the glorious greens, the familiar flora and Cotswold contours that we all love. We had the company of some 26 bird species, identified through sight and song. High on the wire came first the now rare corn bunting and competing for attention the lovely linnets, then a solitary whitethroat. Going downhill through lush grass bespangled with buttercups, we could see and hear gambolling lambs and anxious ewes and then came the formidable rattle of an active greater spotted woodpecker, all this crowning the day!

The next excitement to report will be of the residential field trip to the Aberdovey Estuary (25th-28th May) but the next local field trip will on 18th June at 10.00am at Cotswold Water Park, meeting at The Gateway Centre next to the Spine Road junction with A419. Hopefully the hobbies will be on hand as well as the song and water birds and there is an optional afternoon visit to the flower meadows to follow.

Wendy and Martin Addy



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Sheepscombe in Summer Saturday 14th July 2.00pm

Sheepscombe Common and St George's Field are well worth a visit at any time of year but they really

come into their own in the summer. Many of the common's wildflowers are at their best in July and numerous species of butterflies and other insects are making the most of this bounty of nectar whilst breeding birds are busy raising fledglings overhead.

On this walk we will be enjoying the common at its most spectactular and identifying some of the wildflowers, insects, birds and other wildlife that we come across along the way.

Booking is essential to help with planning. To book a place on this walk please contact me on kate.gamez@ naturalengland.org.uk or telephone 07747.485136

Kate Gamez Natural England

Night time bugs and beasties on Rudge Hill Saturday 14th July 9.00pm

We are all used to seeing birds, wildflowers and butterflies in the countryside during the daytime but what about all the creatures that come out after the sun has set?

As dusk falls across Rudge Hill in summer the first moths, bats and owls take to the wing whilst beneath them glow worms silently switch on their lights and all sorts of nocturnal mammals scurry about their business.

We will be taking a closer look at some of these fascinating creatures with a whole evening of moth trapping, bat detecting and searching for glow worms. Why not join us for a Saturday evening with a difference and see the common in (literally) a whole new light?

This event is dependent on reasonable weather so booking is essential via the contact details below in case we need to cancel. Contact kate. gamez@naturalengland.org.uk or trelephone 07747.485136

> Kate Gamez Natural England

and Charity Fun Day

This year the Companion Dog Show is run in aid of the charity Canine Partners. The show will be on Saturday 7th July and will be held on the Recreation Field, Lower Washwell Lane, Painswick, by kind permission of the Trustees.

Our Breed and Novelty Judge is Mr. Kevin Godwin (Sultash)

from Gloucester and our Obedience Judge Paula Davies from Cheltenham. The Breed judging will start at 11.00am and the Novelty and Obedience classes at 1.00pm. Entry is

on the day.

Supa scoops ice creams and other refreshments will be available and we will have a selection of local charity

If you would like more information on the Dog Show

please contact Fiona Chapman (812462) or the charity stalls please contact Chris Campbell (812600)

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Painswick Dog Show

The Painswick Valleys **Conservation Society**

The work of the local Conservation Society over the past year was the subject of lively discussion at its well attended AGM on 2nd May. Chairman Paul Castle described a number of conservation issues that had seen the active involvement of its Committee. Of significance was the scale and siting of 2000 houses forming Stroud District's Core Strategy and its Housing Land Availability Strategy, Barratt Homes' application to build 48 homes on Wades Farm in Slad (refused) and an anticipated application to build 20 retirement homes plus some affordable houses on the field below New Drive (path between Kemps Lane and Stamages Lane). This latter had attracted the concern of local residents and widespread opposition in Painswick of residents who regard the area as a much valued Village Open Space, so much so that a Petition to have it designated as such has been signed by over 500 residents. Anyone wishing to sign up should contact Julia on 812115.

Securing proper treatment of Listed Buildings is always a major concern of the Society and alerting Stroud District Council to infringements of the law governing them is what we do. Regrettably the Council is slow to take enforcement action. A case in point is Court House, one of the most important buildings in Painswick, where extensive alterations were undertaken without prior consent and, belatedly, modifications

are now being agreed. Also during the year the Committee has endeavoured to ensure that re-development of the old Library Building would facilitate a safe pedestrian access from the car park to the Churchyard. It has been a busy year. Maurice Maggs Secretary



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Golf Club News

A centenarian at Painswick Golf Club

The Rev Bill Phillips will be celebrating his hundredth birthday with his golfing friends at the Golf Club at lunchtime on 5th July after the first round of the Seniors' Centenary Cup. Bill's birthday is on the following day, when he will be celebrating with his family.

Bill and his wife Nancy have had a long association with the Golf Club, joining after they moved to Gloucester when he retired in 1978. Nancy was captain of the Ladies' section in 1991, and Bill continued to play at Painswick until a few years ago. Any former or current golfers who knew Bill and would like to join with us in the celebration should get in touch with Ian Smethurst (01453 886598) who will provide further details.



Seniors

The seniors' golf section has been busy over the last month.

The April medal was won by David Walker with an excellent net score of 59. Richard Wright leads the field at the end of the first of two rounds of the Seniors' Championship with a score of 80 (net 64). The Painswick Seniors' Open held on 16th May was won by Pat White from Cotswold Hills with a score of 40 stableford points, closely followed by Terry Stead, Nigel Barnett, Kish Venkatasami, and Vaughan Billings all with 39 points. The Seniors section has also played in three matches, with wins at home against Minchinhampton New and away at Minchinhampton Old course. Our match with Forest Hills had to be called off because of low cloud.

We have been delighted to welcome a couple of new members and continue to encourage others to try out our historic course. It is relatively short, but challenges one to negotiate the contours of hill, the old quarry workings and the ancient hill fort on the summit of the Painswick Beacon. If you would like to try out the course, you will be most welcome – please contact the professional Marc Cottrell (01452.812615) for details. If you are over 55, you will be most welcome to join the seniors section – please contact Peter Rowe (813228) for more details.

The picture is of Duncan Toase (winner of the Arthur Paget trophy) putting out on 18th green with clubhouse behind. Ian Smethurst is holding the pin.

All-weather bowling

The Short Mat Bowling Club has, as was reported here in March, changed its playing times in the main hall at the Town Hall.

Every Monday the mat is out all day to receive groups, and is at present attracting those interested in earnest play between mid and late morning, and again 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Some interest has been expressed in playing early in the afternoons and evenings.

All bowls and kit, except shoes, are provided - so it is straightforward

to come along and 'taste' this interesting sport, or return to it in these permanently dry surroundings, at leisure. If you would like to join others interested in either of these two sessions please don't hesitate to contact Grace Hanchett on 812960 or Leslie Brotherton on 813101.



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Annual charity tournament

This year the ladies tennis charity tournament will be held on 15th June starting at 9.30 in aid of Maggies Cancer Care Homes. Entry fee is £16 including lunch and is open to members and non members. Those interested should contact Joan Griffiths on 01452 812804.

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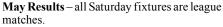
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Cricket

Only a few years ago it would have seemed a very unlikely scenario for Painswick to be playing Cheltenham first eleven, even less likely in a league encounter. However that is what occurred on 5th May when Painswick travelled to the Cheltenham ground for a West of England Gloucestershire/Wiltshire Division match. Painswick dismissed the home side on a very damp wicket for 73 runs and went on to pass the Cheltenham total for the loss of seven wickets. Painswick's newly recruited West Indian all rounder from St Lucia, Alex Antoine, (pictured) led the way for Painswick's victory taking 4 wickets for 17 runs. The following Saturday he was to star again but this time with the bat when his undefeated score of 88 enabled Painswick (pictured) to beat the Wiltshire side, Winsley, by 4 wickets. The following

day in the National Village Cup Painswick lost to Bredon by 6 wickets. Matches between Painswick and Stroud whatever the sport are keenly contested and Painswick were disappointed a week later to lose to their neighbours by 61 runs.



Sat 5th. Cheltenham 1st XI 73 all out Painswick 1st XI 77-7.

Sat 12th. Winsley (Wilts) 1st XI 178-8 Painswick 1st XI 182-6.

Sun 13th. National Village Cup. Painswick 1st XI 127 all out Bredon 1st XI 128-4.

Wed 16th. Painswick 150-6 Witcombe 151-8. Sat 19th. Stroud 1st XI 160-9 Painswick 1st XI 99 all out.

Bourton Vale 2nd XI 141 all out Painswick 2nd XI 143-6.

Frampton on Severn 3rd XI 108 all out Painswick 4thXI 109-6 (R Coates 47).

June 1st and 2nd XI fixtures

Sat 2nd. Potterne 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Painswick 2nd XI v Woodmancote 2nd XI. Sun 3rd. Painswick v Frocester.

Wed 6th. Painswick v Birdlip & Brimpsfield (6pm).

Sat 9th. Painswick 1st XI v Swindon (Wilts) 1st XI.

Tewkesbury 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI. Wed 13th. Bharat Sports CC v Painswick. Fri 15th. Bristol YMCA Women's XI v Painswick Women's 1st XI.

Sat 16th. Trowbridge 1st XI v Painswick 1st ΧI

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Painswick Cricket Club wishes to express its appreciation to the Falcon Hotel and to Paul Morris Building Ltd for their sponsorship of the Under 15 club shirts.



Painswick 2nd XI v Lechlade 2nd XI. Sun 17th. Cheltenham Civil Service v Painswick.

Wed 20th. Painswick v Witcombe.

Sat 23rd. Painswick 1st XI v Rockhampton 1st XI.

Lydney 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI. Sun 24th. Painswick v Chalford.

Wed 27th. Westbury on Severn v Painswick. Sat 30th. Painswick 1st XI v Chipping Sodbury 1st XI.

Hatherley & Reddings 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Sun July 1st. Ampney Crucis v Painswick Wed 4th. Painswick v Gloucester City Winget. Sat 7th. Winsley 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI Painswick 2nd XI v Charlton Kings 2nd XI. Sun 8th. Painswick v Birdlip & Brimpsfield.

Stop press
Last Sunday 27th May. Gloucestershire County Cup. Preliminary Round. Painswick 1st XI 328-9 (A Antoine 101) Bedminster 1st XI 260 all out.

while on the Saturday, 26th May. Painswick 1st XI 126 all out Biddlestone 1st XI 128-1.

Apperley 2nd XI 232-3 Painswick 2nd XI 236-8 (K Withers 80 not out).

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Last month's word reflected blooming after the monsoons; that gardens should burst into F-L-O-W-E-R.

This month we have a tough one for you, with two double letters - this in a month when there have been many T-O-A-S-T-S on the occasion of the Jubilee.

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Good news everyone, the Village Agent scheme has just been rolled out throughout all of Gloucestershire including our towns (not covered before). More agents have been recruited and existing agents like me have taken on bigger areas.

Perhaps this is a good time to remind you what the role entails? The scheme is there to give people aged 50+, information and support to help them make informed choices about their present and future needs so they can stay independent and in their own homes for longer. In addition to the Village Agents there are

the Community agents who are 5 Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) agents working across the county providing the same service to the African Caribbean, Bengali, Chinese, Gujurati and Polish communities and a team of specialist McMillan agents (of which I am one) who provide a signposting service to cancer patients, over the age of 18, and their families.

Let me give you a few examples of the variety of work I have done in the last few weeks.

I was referred to a gentleman because his medical condition required extra washing and he didn't have a washing machine. We were able to apply for a Macmillan grant and 5 days later he had a cheque for £350 to buy a washing machine and a tumble drier which we ordered the next day. By now he was out of hospital and I had been involved with social services and other agencies trying to ensure he had the support he needed at home. I applied on his behalf for a scheme run by Severn water called" Water Sure" which can put a ceiling on the water bill if there is a medical reason for needing more water. This gentleman also had difficulties resulting from a stroke he'd had some years ago. I requested an assessment from an Occupational Therapist to see if there were any aids that might be available to make life a little easier for him. It also transpired that he didn't have a Blue Badge. We applied



can be used by him if he has a lift somewhere as he struggles to walk far.

Sometimes it's not been about doing an actual referral but about giving information and support. Often the first steps for finding help are the hardest

steps to take. I try to do my best to find out how to go about solving the particular problem you have, and support you as best I can throughout the process. So, in the last couple of weeks I have put people in touch with our local agencies such as The Alzheimer Society, Carers Gloucestershire, and the

as The Alzheimer Society, Carers Gloucestershire, and the Memory Clinic, I have sorted out the problems a person

was having about hospital transport and have got them in touch with someone who can help them get the benefits that they are entitled to while they are unable to work. I am also in the process of helping them get registered with an NHS dentist.

I have referred quite a few people recently for a Careline (that little red button you can wear and press if you need help) and to have a "key safe". The key safe is put outside your property and can only be opened by a code given to the people you

choose to let in to your house. This is ideal for someone who has difficulty getting to their door or who is at risk of falling and may need the help of a GP or the Emergency services. This means that they can get in without having to break down the door! The list goes on; putting local people in touch with others experiencing similar problems as themselves, getting details of local lunch clubs and day centres and even finding out which local shops have a 4 drawer freezer in stock. Why is a 4 drawer important you might ask? Well, if you have arthritic hands a 3 drawer might be too heavy to use.

Please call me if you want to discuss any issue giving you difficulty and I will be happy to make a home visit to see you as soon as I can. I am also happy to talk to local groups and clubs.

Lou Kemp 07776.245767

PROPERTY REPORT for May from Hamptons International

By the time this is published, the Olympic Torch Relay will have passed through the heart of Painswick and it is clear that we are being gripped by "Olympic Fever". The Olympics, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, appears to be boosting national pride which is helping to keep confidence high and serving as an antidote to the turbulence we are seeing in Europe.

for that as well even though he doesn't have a car because it

As hoped, we are seeing early 2012 momentum continue into the important Spring market. Across the expanding network of Hamptons' offices, the numbers of sales we have agreed are up by 15% compared with last year which represents a 5-year high. Here in Painswick, we are seeing similar activity with our pipeline of sales in progression at the highest level since the peak of the market in 2007.

This performance is a testament to the strength of demand for the right property and it comes despite dismal weather and a return of the Eurozone debt problems. However, the market remains price sensitive. Optimistic pricing can leave sellers disappointed by a lack of interest and it is crucial that advice from locally-active agents is taken on board. On the flip side, fall-through rates are currently low meaning that when buyers find the right property, there is a greater chance of a successful transaction

New instructions include: 2 Severn Cottages, a delightful 2-bedroom cottage; Woodside in Kingsmill Lane, a detached

4-bedroom family house; Fairhills in Lower Washwell Lane, a spacious 4-bedroom detached house; 1 St Marys Mead, a striking modern 3-bedroom townhouse; 1 Churchill Way, a 3-bedroom mid-terrace house; 39 Ashwell, a 3-bedroom semi-detached house close to the school; Greenleas on Stroud Road, a detached 3-bedroom house offering scope for improvement; Windyridge on Longridge, a detached bungalow with generous garden and orchard; Highcroft in Edge, a substantial 4/6-bedroom house with stunning views; Bramfield in Edge, a beautifully presented 4-bedroom bungalow; Wishanger Cottage near Miserden, an archetypal Cotswold Cottage with paddock; The Buckholt in Cranham, a substantial property set in a woodland environment; Berry Brow in Cranham, a 4/5-bedroom bungalow on the upper slopes of the village; and Hammonds Barn off Wick Street, a stunning barn conversion with 4/5 bedrooms and separate complex offering garaging, gym and office accommodation.

Properties to have gone under offer recently include: Kemps Orchard in Kemps Lane, Fairhills, 3 Churchill Way, Jays Hill at The Park, Colmar and Turnpike House in Slad, Cud Hill House on Upton Hill, The Buckholt and Wishanger Cottage. Properties that have now sold include Compton House in New Street and Worgans Cottage in Slad along with Lynton and The Worthings in Sheepscombe.

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JUNE				
Sat	2	"Paws for Thought" - The Canine Art Society's 1st ever Art Exhibition. (From 2nd to 9th daily)	P. Centre, Cots. Room	10.00am to 5.00pm
		Celebration of Flowers to mark the Jubilee. Also Sun. 3rd & Mon 4th. (Friday Street)	Catholic Church	10.00am - 4.00pm daily
Sun	3	Churches Together around Painswick Jubilee Service Big Jubilee Lunch - Stalls, Activities, Jubilee Photo, Jubilee Cake etc.	St Mary's Church St Mary's Churchyard	11.00am From 11.00am
Mon	4	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	5	Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	6	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Coach Trip: Coughton Court & Ragley Hall. Enq. 01453 873419	Stamages Car Park	9.05am
		Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Gertrude Bell, Forgotten Heroine of the British Empire - Jan Long	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am
		Parish Council - Special Meeting (see page 2)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	7	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
		T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
		Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays	Church Rooms Town Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	8	Country Market - coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
	Ū	Friday Club: Diamond Jubilee Tea Party - President's Mtg.	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Salsa Classes - Fridays. Info. Tel: 01242 708067	Painswick Centre	8.00 to 10.00pm
Tue	12	Cupcakes for Carers	P. Centre, Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	13	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Cotswold Quarrying: Painswick to Nailsworth - Arthur Price (813228)		7.30pm
Sat	16	Cranham Country Show	Cranham Rec. Ground	1.30pm
Mon	18	Bird Club Field Trip - Cotswold Water Park: 'Hobbies at the Water Park' with P. Williams. Spine Rd junct./A419	Gateway Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Butterfly & Botany Walk at Daneway Banks GWT Reserve. Enq 812942	Daneway Banks	2.00pm
		Painswick Singers Open Rehearsal (also 25th)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Tue	19	Horticultural Society Outing to Pershore Hort. College	Stamages Car Park	1.30pm
		Local History Society AGM & talk: Previous MPs for the Stroud Constituency - David Drew		7.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Hidden Wonders of Korea - Matthew Jackson	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Th	0.4	Painswick Community Library Opens	Town Hall	10.00am
Thu	21	Friends of Cotswold Care Hospice Celebration Supper. Tickets £15 Tel: 812845		7.30pm
Fri		Friday Club: Floral Art on a Budget - Jayne Morriss Sheepscombe Ball	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	23	Copy Date for July Beacon Theatre Club Outing to Bath	Stamages Car Park	11.30am
_		Write to Help Yourself - workshop (Vicarage Street)	Friends Meeting House	9.30am to 4.30pm
Sun		Croft School Summer Fair	Croft School	2.00 to 4.30pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: Environmental Health - Keith Tett	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	28	Painswick Players Playreading Horticultural Society Outing to Berry' Place Farm, Churcham & Westbury Court Garden	P. Centre, Green Room Stamages Car Park	7.30pm 12.00noon
Fri	29	Live Cuban Son Salsa Band - Tickets £12	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
	23	Johnny Coppin Concert. Tickets £10 Tel: 814564	Edge Church	7.30pm
JULY				
Wed	4	Probus: Right People, Right Time, Right Place - American Museum in Bath - Judy Grant	Painswick Centre	10.00am

			Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Gloucestershire's Wildlife - Philip Mugridge. Eng. 813228	Church Rooms	7.30pm			
	Fri	6	Friday Club Summer Outing to Weston-Super-Mare					
		•	G.S.A. Summer Exhibition daily until 9th	Church Rooms				
	Sat	7	July Issue of The Painswick Beacon published					
			Painswick Companion Dog Show & Charity fun Day (Lower Washwell Lane)	Recreation Ground	11.00am to 4.00pm			
	Mon	9	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Botany & Conservation Walk, Painswick Beacon. Eng 812942	Cemetery Car Park	10.00am			
	Tue	10	Cupcakes for Carers	P. Centre, Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm			
	Sat	14	Art Couture Painswick - Festival-opening event	St Mary's Churchyard	5.30 to 9.30pm			
			Victorian Costume Ball: for info. Tel. 01453 833150	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 11.00pm			
	Sun	15	Art Couture Painswick (Wearable Art)	Village	·			
	Tue	17	Horticultural Society Outing to Hanbury Hall, Droitwich Spa	Stamages Car Park	10.00am			
	Wed	18	Probus: Ladies Summer Lunch	The Hill, Stroud	12.30 for 1.00pm			
			Parish Council	Edge Village Hall	7.30pm			
	Thu	19	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford	Stamages Car Park	11.30am			
			Painswick Players present 'Last Tango in Painswick' - also 20th & 21st	Painswick Centre	7.30pm			
	Tue	20	Friday Club: A Presentation by Waitrose	Town Hall	2.30pm			
	Tue	24	Yew Trees WI: Wild Flrs. of Cyprus - Rosemary Westgate	Church Rooms	7.30pm			
	Wed	25	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Coach Trip: Caldicot Castle & Dewstow Gardens. Enq. 812692	Stamages Car Park	9.20am			
	Mon	30	Selling Exhibition of work by Anne Weare, Bookbinder (daily until 5th August)	P. Centre, Green Room	10.00am to 5.00pm			
AUGUST								
	Mon	6	Selling Exhibition of work by Anne Weare, Bookbinder & Valerie Duggan, Calligrapher & Botanical Artist (daily until 12th	P. Centre, Cotswold Rm	10.00am to 5.00pm			
			August)					
	Tue	7	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Coach Trip to Highclere	Stamages Car Park				
			Castle					
	Wed	8	Horticultural Society Outing to RHS Garden Rosemoor	Stamages Car Park	9.00am			
	Sat	11	Friends of Rococo: Picnic in the Garden	Rococo Garden	6.15 to 9.30pm			
	Tue	21	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Geology & Landscape Walk,	Cleeve Hill Quarry C.P.	10.30am			

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to Eddie Buttrey at: em-m.buttrey@virgin.net

PLANNING MATTERS

Cleeve Hill. Enq. 812942

A summary of information from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

HAMBUTTS END, Edge Road.Single storey extension and replacement garage structure.

THE NEW HOUSE, Friday Street. Variation of condition 3 from planning permission S.11/0370/HHOLD to allow an openable window in bathroom.

ROCOCO GARDEN, Painswick House, Gloucester Road. Construction of new visitor centre and associated landscape works, re-siting of machinery store, construction of new staff building and replacement glasshouse.

EDGE VIEW, 18 Gloucester Road. Erection of ground floor bay window. CHAPEL COTTAGE, Gloucester Street Replacement windows and replacement front porch.

GLENMORE, 7 Gloucester Road. Single storey extension and alterations to rear elevation.

TURNSTONE HOUSE, Greenhouse Lane. Strip plain concrete tiles and recover with reconstituted stone slates to the main house and outbuildings.
KEMPS ORCHARD, Kemps Lane.
Single storey rear extension.
HAZELHANGER, Far End, Sheepscombe
Fell Fir Tree.
6 CHURCHILL WAY
Erection of porch

CONSENT

MAYFIELD, Vicarage Street. Replacement of the existing studio roof with a mansard arrangement, small extension to form a pantry, and modifications to the existing cladding materials.

CATBRAIN QUARRY, Meister Masonry Ltd. Approval of reserved matters of landscaping following outline permission S.11/0369/OUT.

THE OLD VICARAGE, Edge Lane Single storey side extension.

NUTGROVE HOUSE, New Street. Proposed refurbishment of existing apartments including minor demolition and rebuilding, and extension and refurbishment of existing outbuilding. LULLINGWORTH, Stroud Road. T1 Elm Tree – fell as tree is dying.

WELL FARM, Wick Street. Replacement

front door

THE COACH HOUSE, Tocknells House Replacement of non-original concrete roof tiles with reclaimed rosemary clay tiles.

OVERDALE, Paul Mead, Edge. Garage conversion, erection of new front porch, render and cladding to whole house, replacement windows and demolition of conservatory.

FOLLY COTTAGE, Painswick Beacon Erection of two storey extension and extension to existing outbuilding. WHYTEWALL END, Stamages Lane Proposed orangery and loft conversion.

REFUSAL

WINDYRIDGE, Longridge, Sheepscombe. Retention of existing log cabin annexe for use as office/studio incidental to the main house.

4 COLDSTREAM COTTAGES, Sheepscombe. Retrospective application for the removal of an internal wall. THE NEW HOUSE, Friday Street. Proposed extension to existing balcony and remove existing flat roof canopy area.



The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

You could help Jenny Gaugain, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.

Rirths

FINN RICHARD on 25th April, a second son to SUZANNE and ARYEL GREEN, another grandson for Jean Burgess and the late Jack Burgess and a brother for Ryder. and AMELIA HAZEL on 24th April, a daughter to SARAH and MICHAEL

and AMELIA HAZEL on 24th April, a daughter to SARAH and MICHAEL FOX, a fourth grandchild for Gail and Jim Fox and a fourth great grandchild for June and John Privett.

Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the friends of JOHN LEWIS who has died in New Zealand

and to the family and friends of JOHN McCABE who died recently

and the family and friends of RICHARD HARRIS who has died recently.

Congratulations

From her family and friends to ALICE UNWIN upon passing her medical finals (MBBS); she will be starting her first house job in Swindon in August.

Jubilee Mini Exhibition

Over the jubilee period there will be a small display organised by the Local History Society in the Town Hall.

All things royal – coronations and jubilees in particular – will be on show, and tea and coffee will also be available.



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Personal Messages

VALERIE WESTWOOD and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and prayers following Arthur's death especially those who organised such a wonderful service in church.

Many thanks to those who generously sponsored PRIYANA SEN to complete the Yorkshire three peaks!

ETHEL/ETELLE JAMES would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes on her 90th birthday, and to thank her friends for their generous donations to the Cotswold Care Hospice and the Ashwell House Day Centre, now known as the Wednesday Ashwell Group (WAG), and counting her blessings to live in Painswick amongst so many caring people.

FRANCIS, ANDY and NICK WATSON would like to express their gratitude for all the cards and messages of sympathy following John's recent death.

The Big Picture Jubilee Village photograph

Tomorrow, Sunday, at 12 noon, a photograph will be taken from the church tower of assembled villagers, this akin to that taken on the millennium - and by the same photographer, Ian Sadler.

Copies of the photograph will be on sale a few days later and they can be ordered from www.fivevalleys.co.uk and others on the day



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Croft School and Painswick Playgroup

...... dedicated used the Olympic theme for their learning experiences that day, before most could mingle with the village centre crowds later on; a small fraction of those activities are shared here.



The Beacon is grateful

..... for over 300 photographs taken by our team of four, and others who forwarded to us; we hope our choices, even without captions, evoke pleasing memories



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