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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 16th July by Terry Parker

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

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rob Lewis and Caroline White. In Cllr Lewis' absence, Cllr Bullingham chaired the meeting.

The members agreed to advise the District Council that they recommended the following applications be given consent.

Wellington House, Stroud Road. Various external alterations, including the installation of a new roof light in side elevation (left), replacement of existing roof lights and enlargement of existing upper floor window (right side elevation). Revised plans received 9th July 2014.

Former Painswick Library, Stroud Road. Proposed alterations to existing planning consent to reinstate an original window opening, retain and reinstate an original doorway and alteration of timber access deck and staircase to a new masonry access terrace and steps.

Cranmore Cottage, Vicarage Street. Re-positioning of first floor stairs.

PARISH COUNCIL

Presentations

The Council then received two presentations. The first was by Mr Guy Wooddisse of Bayhill Property Development who was accompanied by Mr Martin Hutchings, the Affordable Housing Enabling Officer at the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. Mr Hutchings explained his role and reminded the Councillors of his previous attempts to achieve affordable housing in the Painswick area. Mr Wooddisse told the meeting that he was investigating a possible "exceptional development site" on which to build 17 houses of which 9 would be affordable housing units. The site under consideration was on land between the A46 and The Park. The members reminded Mr Wooddisse of the objections raised by the Highways Department when a proposal for a lesser number of affordable houses had been put forward in the same area. Mr Wooddisse said that he had discussed the proposal with the

Highways Department. Cllr Bullingham referred to the matter of sustainability. The Councillors said that it would not be appropriate to consider the proposal until more details had been submitted. It was agreed that Mr Wooddisse would provide the necessary information in advance of the next planning committee meeting on 30th July when the subject would be an agenda item.

The second presentation was by Mr Chris Uttley, the Stroud District Council Drainage Officer. Mr Uttley gave a detailed account of Stroud District Council's flood prevention measures along the Painswick Stream and at the Slad Brook. He said that traditional flood defences were no longer suitable or cost effective. Mr Uttley said that it was important to foster a partnership with the local community and welcomed the opportunity to work with the Parish Council and affected residents. Members of the Painswick Stream Management Group, which had been set up following the 2007 floods, attended the meeting. Cllr Abigail Smith commended those concerned for the flood prevention work that had already been carried out.

Parish Council meeting

The Council Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, thanked Mr Wooddisse and Mr Uttley for their presentations. There were no public questions. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Rob Lewis and Caroline White.

Matters of urgency.

It was reported that PSALMS had started a fund raising campaign for the Community Defibrillator for Painswick. They had taken part in a sponsored skip and raised over £50.

Business Focus Group

Cllr Abigail Smith reported that a number of meetings had taken place and that an Initiative Tracker had been created. The purpose of the tracker was to monitor the progress of the various actions being undertaken by the group. Cllr Smith gave details of the Painswick Feast which

was being organised in conjunction with the Clypping Service and Apple Day. The Council agreed to allocate £500 from the Town Teams funding towards the event. IT equipment. Following advice from Cllr David Oxendale and the Clerk to the Parish Council it was agreed to purchase 3 Samsung 10.1 inch Tablets with cases. New Website proposal. Cllr Abigail Smith gave details of 3 quotes that had been received to improve the current website, to incorporate social media and local links, and to ensure that updating took place. The Council agreed to accept the quote of £500 submitted by @KwikMedia.

County Councillor's report.

Cllr Bullingham reported that this year's micro-asphalt surfacing programme will see around 100,000m² of new road surface laid across the county. In 2010 the Council launched its "Meeting the Challenge" programme and is on track to make £114million of savings, to reduce its staff by 2,500 which includes 25% less managers, reduce its debt by £30million and have 82 fewer buildings. The Public Services Re-think consultation will end on Monday 4th August.

District Councillor's report.

Cllr Nigel Cooper said that at a recent meeting of the District Council's Audit Committee concerns had been expressed about a weakness in the procurement procedure and a lack of proper scrutiny in regard to the Annual Governance Statement.

Responsible Finance Officer's report

The Clerk to the Parish Council who is the RFO reported that the Council had gone through an intermediate external audit because of the previous financial year's increased income and expenditure. He told the Council that the audit had been approved with a few minor observations.

Ward reports.

Slad Valley Festival. Cllr Steve Morris reported that the festival had been well attended and very successful. Withy Mead. Cllr Ann Daniels reported that the footpath was in poor condition because of overgrown foliage. Wool Cottage. Cllr Bullingham reported an overgrown hedge outside Wool Cottage in Victoria Street. Church Hill, Sheepscombe. Cllr Ian James reported a blocked drain at the bottom of the hill. Longridge notice board. Cllr James asked for an update and was told that a replacement board had been commissioned.

Next meeting.

The Council members agreed not to hold a Parish Council meeting in August unless the Council Chairman deemed it necessary. The date of the next scheduled meeting was Wednesday 17th September. Meeting closure. The meeting ended at 9.15pm.



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Traffic issues in Painswick

Emergency Services Access required at all times

The Parish Council have received a note from the Fire Service that in May a vehicle on an emergency call out was delayed for 6 minutes due to inconsiderately parked cars along Vicarage Street. The Fire Service are keen to point out that any delay to their response has the potential to cost lives.

Whilst we live in a beautiful, historic town, narrow streets do prevail, not just on Vicarage Street, and with most households having one or more cars parking can be difficult. With this in mind, we don't want to have to pursue traffic orders to install double yellow lines to enforce the required clear way to ensure emergency services access 24/7/365.

So, we would like to remind people to please park at all times, day and night, with due consideration for emergency services access throughout the town and Parish, and ask your visitors and/or customers to do the same. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Renewed Focus on Traffic Matters

With speeding, parking and other traffic related issues being critical, ongoing issues of concern, as evidenced by letters to the Beacon, the Parish Council are keen to advise you that we are re-invigorating our approach to these matters. To do so, we have drafted a Traffic Action Plan that will be agreed and managed through the Parish Council Traffic Committee, commencing at our next meeting on 30th July.

This Action Plan will be used in our ongoing liaison with Gloucestershire County Council Highways and their contractors. Critically, we will seek to work with GCC Highways to understand the highways regulations so that our proposals can work within them and be implemented effectively and efficiently. As necessary, however, we will lobby for changes to current policy in pursuit of safer highways both with the Parish and beyond.

Whilst managed by the Traffic Committee, we have also established a small Working Group to help keep the agreed actions moving forward in between committee meetings.

Abigail Smith (Councillor)

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Police Report for June.

Under the Painswick Parish including Sheepscombe, Edge and Slad Districts for the period June 1st 2014 to June 30th 2014 there were eight substantiated crimes recorded. The breakdown of these offences as according to Home Office banding rules was as follows;



Violence

There was a substantiated Common Assault (no injury) recorded during the month in the Slad District. This matter is presently being investigated and is pending a Police prosecution decision.

Burglary

There were three recorded burglaries over the month of June. Of these reports, two were dwelling burglaries which occurred on 4/5th June and on 9th June 2014. Both are believed to have occurred overnight and property was stolen from both premises. There was no forced entry and offenders are believed to have gained access via an insecure first floor window and an insecure ground floor door respectively.

There was also a non-dwelling (commercial) burglary between 16th and 17th June 2014 where a garage door was forced overnight and various hand, garden and power tools were stolen. At this time there are no lines of enquiry into any of these crimes and they remain undetected.

Theft

There was a theft of an insecure pedal bike which is believed to have occurred at the same time and location as the burglary on 09/06/2014 but from an adjacent property.

Theft (Motor Vehicles)

Over the month of June there were two substantiated thefts from motor vehicles. One theft occurred near Painswick Beacon on the afternoon of 01/06/2014 where a passenger side quarter window was smashed to gain entry to a vehicle and property stolen from within. The second involved the theft of a laptop from the front seat of an insecure vehicle in the village of Sheepscombe on the evening of 19/06/2014. Both thefts occurred in daylight and remain undetected at this time.

Criminal Damage

There was a report of criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Slad on the 06/2014. A male was interviewed with regard to the reported offence but the matter was insufficient evidence to support a prosecution and the matter remains undetected.

With the onset of fine weather residents and homeowners are reminded that open windows and insecure doors are an invitation to potential offenders. Wherever possible homeowners are advised that even when left open, windows are secured to prevent access being gained or forced and that doors are kept locked when not in view or under the control of the occupant.

PC David Wood

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What's On

Summer Arts Festival – 12th July – 25th August
 Summer Arts Festival Café – 1st August – 25th August
 Indoor Kurling - 5-6.30pm Tuesdays – 26th August
 Attic Sale – 5th October
 Kids Village Halloween Party 5-7pm – 31st October
 Adults Village Halloween Party 8-midnight – 31st October
 Painswick Goodwill Evening – November - Date TBA
 Brass Band Concert – 12th December (Not 12th Sept)
 ‘Just For Fun’ Christmas Village Quiz – December – Date TBA
 Please Note Previous Issue had the Wrong Date

Regular Activities

All Activities will re-commence in Late August early September.

Mondays – Pilates, Zumba, Kids Karate, Choir, Skittles.
 Tuesdays – Zumba Gold, Ladies Badminton, Indoor Kurling, Zumba, Skittles.
 Wednesdays – Bridge, Table Tennis, Skittles.
 Thursdays – Yoga, Muddy Feet Fitness, Badminton.
 Fridays – Little Act.

For more information please either check our website or contact me via details below.

Opportunities

We are still short of people to donate just a few hours of their time to give us a helping hand with the Summer arts festival café. The Café is enjoyed by so many during the festival and is a vital source of income for the Centre. PLEASE, if you think you can help in any way, Please call Barbara O'Dwyer on 01452 813379 or email on baodwyer@icloud.com.

What Do You Want!

We would really like to know what you, the people of Painswick would like to see here at The Painswick Centre! The Painswick Centre was donated to the people of Painswick by Frances Sarah Williams in 1906 (Known then as Painswick Working Men's Club and Institute) and we would like to make it as beneficial to the people of Painswick as possible, as it was intended!
 So again, what would you like to see here? Please, let us know so that we can continue the good work intended by Frances.

Manager – Jennie Barber - 01452 814567

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Ceris Towler will be leaving The Croft School at the end of term, having been Head Teacher since 2011.

Her appointment, as a promotion from Deputy Head Teacher, saw the school make significant and important gains in performance. Under her leadership, the school improved from the 2010 Ofsted grading of Satisfactory, to a 2013 grading of Good with Outstanding elements

Her own personal contribution to school life has been outstanding. She is well liked and respected by the whole school community, from students, staff and governors alike.

We offer her heartfelt thanks for that she has done for our village school and also wish her continued success in her future endeavours

The new head will be Kevin Howie, who comes to The Croft from Hillview Primary School in Gloucester. He has experience in working in Outstanding schools, and has a particular interest in developing Community links and in a variety of sports. We all welcome him to The Croft.

Mike Hill & Ian Cridland Governors



The Croft at the District Sports

The Croft athletes represented the school at the annual District Sports event. 8 long jumpers and 4 throwers competed against 14 other schools, ours being the smallest school in the large school category. The children all performed well, and special mention goes to Imogen Nottingham who came first in the Yr3/4 long jump, a real achievement as she was up against older girls, and Harry Cooke who was first in the Yr3/4 throwing event. Well done to all the competitors.

Yet more sporting success on 1st July as the junior athletes attended the second half of the District Sports event. Entrants ran in individual sprint races and also as part of four-person relay teams. The competition was strong, but in the relays both the Yrs 3/4 boys and girls made it into the final. They were:

Thomas Sellick, Harry Cooke, Tommy Richardson and Ollie Greenwood. Imogen Nottingham, Isabelle Dunckley, Isabelle Powis and Lily Randall.

In the sprints, Adeola Oshinowo, Imogen Nottingham, Ollie Greenwood, Thomas Sellick and Harry Cooke all made it to the finals too.

Up against the toughest competition yet, Imogen Nottingham went on to win the Yr 3 sprint and the Yrs 3/4 boys relays team came second. Both are fantastic achievements.

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- Such is the To-do list for the Rococo Garden Trustees over the next few years.

Much is going well. The Garden itself has never looked better: visitors tell us so (and we agree). It is a secret fantasy, hidden in its little valley just a short stroll from the heart of Painswick. There are new features every season and the restoration advances step by step.

But changing weather and visitor patterns, the retirement in due course of our experienced Garden Director, the expiry of crucial leases and the need to re-plan our entrance buildings, all pose challenges. To address them, we need to strengthen the Board of Trustees. We are looking for people with time, energy and suitable experience, particularly in HR, fundraising, project management and running a small business. If you feel you could join us, or in any way help us to look after this jewel of our village, secure its future and make it even better than it is, please contact John Dickinson on 01452 812965. We would love to hear from you.

John Dickenson

Stream Flood Warning System installed

Stroud District Council has installed a gauge on the Painswick stream to give early warning of rising water levels and the risk of potential flooding.

The system works through a pressure sensor in the stream monitoring levels and sending regular readings via a data logger to telemetry servers. The readings then trigger four different levels of warning that are sent to residents by text or email as the flood risk escalates.



The warning levels will be set once enough data has been collected by the gauge and in consultation with the Painswick Stream Management Group to harness local knowledge. Residents along the stream will then be able to register with Stroud DC to receive the warnings, which are free of charge.

The stream levels can already be monitored in real time from a website. Please contact David Lesser at Stroud District Council by email: david.lesser@stroud.gov.uk to get a username and password.

The warning system is designed to help property owners act early to minimise the effects of the stream rising by putting up defences, clearing drains and blockages or helping neighbours.

Angie Scott, Painswick Stream Management Group

ZERO SIX PAPA TWO (Painswick Fire Engine's Call Sign)

Griffin Mill Fire

Painswick's fire engine, 06P2, was among the first fire engines to arrive at the major chemical fire at Griffin Mill in Stroud and we were immediately tasked with the job of protecting the adjacent buildings. 06P2 was used to pump water from the River Frome a short distance up-stream from the fire, then delivering it by hoses to our fire fighters on London Road who were wearing breathing apparatus (BA) to protect them from the acrid, noxious smoke. We were also responsible for the BA Entry Control Point on London Road, monitoring all the BA crews in that sector. Painswick's crew were highly successful in their task, working in a very hot and smoke-filled environment to stop the fire spreading.

On Saturday 19th July 06P2 was called to an Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) in joint attendance with Cirencester, normally it should have taken us fifteen minutes to get to the location of the incident. Unfortunately the Cirencester appliance was diverted to a house fire following a lightning strike and the Painswick appliance was seriously delayed in Vicarage Street by inconsiderate drivers who had parked restricting the access for the emergency services. The AFA was finally attended by a fire engine from Northleach! We would like to remind Painswick residents and their guests, visitors and contractors to be mindful when parking in some of Painswick's narrower streets. Emergency Service Vehicles, and in particular Painswick's fire engine, need 8ft (2.4m) plus turning space clearance to pass through safely.

Summer is the time for camping. If you are planning a trip to a festival, or a quiet weekend away, give some thought to fire safety on your trip. A fire can destroy a tent and contents in 60 seconds. Never cook, smoke or use any kind of naked flame in your tent. If you are camping with friends, leave at least 6m between your tents. For additional safety advice please visit: http://www.glosfire.gov.uk/ysafety_o_genadvice.html. Enjoy a safe summer.

Our recruitment evening on Tuesday 8th July was well attended by applicants for Painswick and another station, with some of those attending going forward to the next stage. We are still working with crew numbers lower than we require and we are always looking for enthusiastic men and women from all walks of life to join our team. If you are available during the day and would like to train to be a firefighter, learn new skills and help protect your local community and in the process, then please visit http://www.glosfire.gov.uk/recruit_ff_retff.html for more information. Alternatively, contact Mark Hancock at mark.hancock@glosfire.gov.uk or 07967 316038.

Hatha Yoga

Sheepscombe Village Hall
Monday 6.30pm and 8.15pm £7
The Painswick Center
Tuesday 6.30pm £7.50
Thursday 9.30am £7.50

All classes are 1 ½ hrs and include meditation, relaxation techniques and yoga postures with a strong focus on back care.
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We hope you are enjoying the Painswick Arts Festival as much as we are. If you still have not got a detailed programme there may be a few left at the Painswick Centre so don't miss out!

Lots more to come as you can see from this simplified diary of the events remaining. Don't miss anything but particularly the Concert on the 18th August in the Beacon Hall when Hattie Briggs and Philip Douch will be presenting a wonderful evening of music and storytelling - something completely different so do come and support us. Tickets can be bought online at www.painswickartsfestival.com, or e-mail us at painswickartsfestival@mail.com.

The Festival reaches its climax over the August Bank Holiday weekend. New this year is the Floral Tribute to Laurie Lee in St Mary's Church to celebrate his centenary. There will be exhibitions in the village, Open Studios in the village and last but not least the PAINSWICK ART FAIR in the Beacon Hall. Almost all exhibitions are free to all so do come in for a look and a chat with the artists. Please also look at our website which is updated regularly and see us on facebook and twitter. We love to hear your comments.

The PAF Organisers.

Date	Times	Event	Where
1 st to 25 th August.	10 am to 4 pm daily	Skittle Alley Café open + 'Authentic Adventures' Arts holidays display	Skittle Alley Painswick Centre
Throughout Festival	10 am to 5 pm daily	Art Couture Gallery	Painswick Centre
Throughout Festival	Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5 pm. Sat & Sun 9.30 to 4.30	Contemporary Art Exhibition – Mel Cross & friends	The Patchwork Mouse New Street Painswick
28 th July to 3 rd August	10am to 5pm daily	'Botanical Friends' – Joyce Barrus & Vivien Townsend	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre
28 th July to 3 rd August	10am to 5pm daily	Somerset Moore Seascape Pastels	Green Room, Painswick Centre
1 st to 3 rd August	10am to 5pm daily	Country Studio Artists Annual Exhibition	St Mary's Church Rooms
Every weekend & Bank Holiday Monday	11am to 4pm	Arts & Crafts Museum The Ashton Beer Collection	Christ Church, Gloucester Street
1 st to 10 August	10 am to 5 pm daily	'Light Catchers' Photography Exhibition	Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre
4 th to 10 th August	10 am to 5 pm daily	Valerie Dugan & Paul Gray Botanical Paintings & Calligraphy	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre
4 th to 10 th August	10 am to 5 pm daily	Victoria Hendzel-Walker Ceramic exhibition	Green Room, Painswick Centre
9 th to 17 th August	10 am to 4 pm daily	Angela Cash Oils and Watercolours	Bell Cottage Friday Street
11 th to 17 th August	10 am to 5 pm daily	Christine Dack Paintings and Collagraph prints.	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre
12 th to 17 th August	10 am to 5 pm daily	Art Inspired by the Five Valleys	Beacon Hall Painswick Centre
16 th and 17 th August	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	Richmond Village Artists Exhibition	Richmond Painswick
18 th August	Doors open 7.00 pm	ARTS FESTIVAL CONCERT Hattie Briggs and Philip Douch	Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre
18 th to 25 th August	10 am to 5 pm daily	Woodchester Photographic Group A changing world	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre
18 th to 24 th August	10 am to 5 pm daily	'Interpretations' Paintings by local artists	Green Room, Painswick Centre
23 rd , 24 th and 25 th Aug	10 am to 5 pm daily	Laurie Lee – A Floral Tribute	St Mary's Church
21 st to 25 th August	10 am to 5 pm daily	PAINSWICK ART FAIR Excellent art to see, and offered at affordable prices.	Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre

Country Studio Art Exhibition

The Country Studio art group, which meets in the Church Rooms every Tuesday morning, has their Annual Exhibition today, 1st August, Saturday, 2nd and Sunday, 3rd August. This is in the Church rooms, 10am – 5pm, and there are refreshments for sale.

Two of their Members, Joyce Barrus and Vivien Townsend, are also showing their work at The Painswick Centre, upstairs in the Cotswold Room.

XP or Not XP that is the question

For those of you with Windows XP, you cannot have failed to notice all the warnings and 'red flags' issued by Microsoft to inform you of the 'End of Life' of the XP operating system (OS). Since April 14th 2014, Microsoft has stopped all enhancements, updates, fixes and support for this OS. What does that mean to you a user of a computer with XP? In the short term – very little! The computer will not stop working, as those few of you still running Windows 98, ME or 2000 will testify. The biggest issue is that over time the computer will become less and less secure. This is how it works; Microsoft is continually issuing fixes for its existing supported operating systems, these are in the main to plug security holes that appear or are discovered while the computers are being used in the field, the hackers then reverse engineer the 'fixes' to see what problem is being fixed and then see whether that issue exists in previous versions, i.e. XP and then use this information to attack computers using XP.

What do I as a user of a computer with XP need to do? The only immediate action is to stop using Internet Explorer. A large percentage of attacks are via the browser and as you will have seen above, Internet Explorer a part of Windows is not being fixed, change to Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox, as support for these continues. All current anti-virus programs are continuing to support XP (including Microsoft Security Essentials, even though it continually pops up red flags to warn you of an insecure system – that is the OS not the anti-virus, MSE will continue to be supported and the database updated until July 2015). Most existing programs will continue to run, although some of the newer ones refuse to be installed on XP.

So in summary, be aware that XP will become insecure over time and plan to update to a newer version of Windows, currently that means Windows 7 until October this year, when Microsoft will stop issuing new licences, Windows 8/8.1 (the current operating system) or wait until Spring 2015 for Windows 9 (which fixes some of the glaring omissions and problems of Windows 8, there is even a rumour [and it is only a rumour] that users of Windows 8.1 will get a free upgrade to Windows 9!).

The majority of computers running XP do not have the resource to take an upgrade to a more recent operating system, so it will probably be time to change the hardware (the tower or laptop), which means it will come at some expense and will probably mean you will need to plan to do this over the coming months.

Just a reminder to be extra vigilant when checking emails, as there seems to be a concerted effort from the 'hackers' to infect your systems, in particular any email asking for 'confirmation of your details' or contains an attachment that you were not expecting or looks suspicious.

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Kit's open afternoon

Kit Milner's museum is growing. On Saturday, 14th June Kit held an open afternoon for members of the public to come and see his collection, carefully displayed at his home in Painswick. He was thrilled that several visitors donated some interesting items to add to his already impressive range. Kit, who is six years old, would like to thank all those people who came and to say a special thank you for all the donations.



It was a lovely sunny afternoon and Kit, dressed in his best shirt and trousers, had, thoughtfully, organised everything. With grandmother in the garden to direct visitors, Kit stood by a table carefully arranged with tickets, a bowl of sweets and his own drawings of castles, a Rocket train and armies. He had also placed chairs in front of the display. He was, of course, happy to answer any questions and to give very well-informed explanations.

Among the donations were an air raid warden's helmet (as seen in the photograph), a canon cap gun, a devil's toe nail (a shell), fossilised wood, fossilised rock, a thunder egg (a type of crystal), rocks and shells, gun cartridges and an impressive bust of Queen Nefertiti. At present the military section is his favourite but he is rightly proud of the whole collection. It is no surprise that he has curatorial ambitions – Stroud's Museum in the Park, or the British Museum possibly?

With visitors staying an average of 20 minutes and having sold all but two of his drawings, Kit's verdict on the afternoon – "It was excellent, great and really really super."

Carol Maxwell

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ACP Festival 2014

I'd like to thank those who contributed to the success of the wonderful ACP Festival in the middle of July - particularly the people of Painswick whose goodwill and friendly support helped to show Painswick at its best.

At its heart, ACP offers opportunities for so many people in so many different ways: to showcase their art on the catwalk, to entertain with their music, to develop their organisation and administrative skills in the Gallery, to contribute to the success of the huge community-based ACP festival by volunteering their time, help, strength and good cheer in planning the events, manning the marquees & car

donations for wristbands, directing traffic, supervising changing rooms – the list goes on & on.

For young people especially these opportunities to work - alongside those with more experience – are invaluable and can provide evidence for those all important CV's.

Although we at ACP are a long way from our dream of providing financial support, other than that provided by our generous sponsors, to aspiring art students, we feel very proud to have been able to offer opportunities in the form of an audience of eagle eyes, both from artistic judges and festival goers alike; a year round showcase in the Gallery; and for some of the lucky ones, work placements and opportunities at pop up exhibitions. We would like to salute and celebrate these creative minds that make ACP.

Merchandise created from a wonderful wood cut by local artist Andrew Davidson is available in the ACP Gallery year round, a percentage of which will form the basis of the Andrew Davidson bursary to support an art student, with the remainder of the profits going to the charity ACP for further outreach programmes. The mugs, tea towels, signed limited edition prints and cushions make fabulous presents, so please support us .

We hope for the Gallery to be open daily till the end of August, with fewer days the rest of the year, staffed by willing volunteers and by students keen to enhance their CV's for a small remuneration.

Finally, we were fortunate to have Adnan Bayyat as one of our judges this year. Adnan is a gifted creator who has exhibited in the Victoria and Albert Museum, and designed a spectacular dress for Lady Gaga. And now visitors to the Gallery can see one of Adnan's stunning creations, made from 40000 paper clips, as well as some of the best wearable art from the 2014 catwalk shows.

*(Picture shows Paul Stamp as the unofficial Town Crier)
Judie Hill*



Brownies 100 years old

The brownie section of Girlguiding UK is 100 years old this year. There are over a quarter of a million brownies in the UK and all will be having their own celebrations.

1st Painswick and Cranham brownies, whose pack was formed in September 1928, celebrated with a big birthday party. The night included party games, party food, a birthday cake and a magic show provided by our local entertainer Tom Elliot.

The special guest of honour was Patsy Ratcliffe who retired as 'Brown Owl' after 23 years of service. She was presented with a Girlguiding Dartington Vase and a special Divisional award for outstanding services to Girlguiding.

There are currently spaces available for new recruits in September 2014 so if you fancy becoming a brownie then please contact either Jackie Gray on 814766 or Katherine Davies on 812966.



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Mythical Maze Reading Challenge – new books

The reading challenge for the summer holidays for all children aged 4-11 is now under way. If you haven't signed up yet, there is still plenty of time! We have lots of new books in relating to Myths and Monsters – a few examples – Michael Morpurgo I believe in Unicorns; Sam Gayton Lilliput and one author you may have heard of – Frank Lampard Frankies Magic Football. Come and find these and lots of others and get your reading challenge underway

WW1 Remembered

As the anniversary of the start of the Great War is now on us, Gloucester Libraries have produced a research toolkit designed to help people with their own WW1 research and it is full of loads of very useful information, looking at sources available at Gloucestershire Archives. It covers 4 topics -

1. Servicemen - first steps in looking into the lives of local men who left home to fight.
2. Discover More About Servicemen - includes sources for studying particular themes, such as: Gloucestershire war poets; the War as reflected in soldier's correspondence, diaries and reminiscence; and conscientious objectors.
3. The Home Front - exploring what our communities were like during WW1.
4. Post-war life - exploring what our communities were like after the war

The toolkit is at the library or you can download it from:
<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/WW1/helpwithyourresearch>

We would be interested in anything that people find out about Painswick of course, and will create a display later in the year.

Adult New Books

We add to our shelves regularly – some examples of new books this month are: Non-Fiction: Adam Horowitz: A Thousand Laurie Lees; Fiction: Andrea Camilleri: Angelica's Smile. We are always looking for suggestions for new titles, so please let us know at the library, by e-mail or Twitter.

New Painswick Map

The new Map of Painswick is now also for sale in the Library – price £1.50.

Ian Cridland



Bird Migration

It's always a reminder that Autumn is on the way when the swifts start to fly south in July. Most will have left by the middle of August, so enjoy them while you can, a recent day count of over 1600 birds was recorded together with a few house martins and swallows.

Migration watches have started on the Beacon and already crossbill, common gull, siskin and yellow wagtail have been seen. August through to November is when bird migration is in full swing and last year golden plover, hen harrier, hobby, honey buzzard, osprey, redstart, snipe, spotted flycatcher, wheatear and whimbrel were among the highlights observed flying over or settled before moving on.

Sometimes over 2000 birds are seen in a day and towards the end of September and into October large groups or flocks of birds such as meadow pipit, pied wagtail, swallow, house martin, redwing, fieldfare and various finches, together with continental birds of prey, especially buzzard and sparrowhawk, will be logged.

Not every day is busy but the experience is worth the effort.

John Fleming, Painswick Bird Club.



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Painswick Singers' Summer Concert

Not having had our usual reporter present to tell you about the Painswick Singers' latest concert, you are having to read this report from the other side of the Conductor's baton. That is a pity because this concert: Music for a Summer Afternoon presented a somewhat different face of The Singers. The usual autumn concert had been brought forward to 29th June to create a more even paced rehearsals season over the active year. Well, we certainly enjoyed our rehearsals more and our audience showed by laughter, applause and the smiles on their faces that they enjoyed what we gave them (one stalwart, emerging from the new Summer concert, was heard to call across the road to a friend: 'Hey, you've just missed a very good concert'). But this enthusiastic audience was small, so the concert did not pay for itself as usual, though there were competing alternative things happening at the same time. Still, one has to build a new audience for a new style concert.

So what did those small numbers enjoy so much? Well, they sat down in the usual friendly layout of decorated tables with the bar open as usual, to a selection of familiar and unfamiliar music of show music, opera, madrigals, part songs, show stoppers and novelty numbers. So the amalgam of this mixture brought together Little Tommy who was fishing as Torrents in Summer fell, whilst a Silver Swan croaked its last alongside The Pearl Fishers. And while this was going on, Oliver was trying to solve some riddles about a Chicken who had no Bones and a Handsome Butcher did something daft whilst an Old Woman found two Apples. Sounds hilarious, but all very dignified and in tune. Adrian Bressington and Andrew Hopwood introduced a touch of refinement with the Pearl Fisher's Duet and Adrian again with his Michael Head and R.V.W. solos. Amongst all this ordered chaos, Angela Newing added more with a poem about Fred's very wet Week, (told by Maurice Maggs), who avoided getting wed and the double bed by getting his girl struck by lightning- then pushing off to 'The Falcon'.

The whole hilarious affair was concocted and conducted by Andrew Hopwood, whilst Geoff. Poole enjoyed himself adding the piano accompaniments and somehow managed to escape playing the two Scot Joplin rags he had promised me.

Maurice Maggs



Portsmouth and Hampshire With the Field Club

The Club's special excursion of the year, to Portsmouth and Hampshire, Monday to Friday, 22nd to 26th September, has a few spaces left and non-members are welcome to join us. We are based in the comfortable Royal Beach hotel in Southsea. Highlights will include visits to the recently re-opened Sandham Chapel to see Stanley Spencer's visionary paintings, Henry VIII's fated warship the Mary Rose in its stunning new museum-setting in Portsmouth's historic dockyard, and the D-Day Museum's Overlord Embroidery centrepiece inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry. There will also be a chance to relax in the gardens established by Sir Harold Hillier at Romsey, to visit Beaulieu Abbey, house and gardens and the famous car collection, and enjoy a leisurely tour of the country manor house and tranquil gardens at Hinton Ampner. There is a great deal more to see, and for the full itinerary, please either contact me, or the organiser Sue Brown, on tel. 01453 836618 or by email smbro@btinternet.com The cost is £499 and the coach departs from Stamages Lane C.P.

Finally, for news of last-minute places on the coach trip on Tuesday, 19th August to Black Country Living Museum (cost £29 incl morning coffee, entrance and coach departing from Stamages Lane Car Park), please contact the organiser Robert Mann tel. 01453 872243. The chance to visit the Dudley 'Wren's Nest' limestone mines on a canal boat should not to be missed.

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Grazing continues on the Beacon, with the surprise addition of a calf, - not expected before August! Mother and calf have done well.

The contractors have completed the installation of the permanent water supply to four locations. Using modern machinery they have made very little mark on the Beacon and much of the installation is invisible. The availability of mains water replacing the need for bowsers and bottles is very welcome. Pictures below and on the right *David Allott, Vice Chairman, Painswick Beacon Conservation Group*



Summer on the Farm

James, my grandson, saw his first twister the other day whilst we were making silage. The wind scooped up some grass and, in a swirling motion, lifted it up into the air some thirty feet. The whole lot then moved up the field, over the hedge and headed towards the Edgemoor Inn. We think the twister

then lost its energy, dumping the grass near there. These events are not that rare, we regularly get two or three a year.

The sea gulls are troublesome because they seem to think that there is food in the black plastic covering our silage bales, so they rip them with their claws and peck holes. The plastic is to keep air out of the bales, so we are continually buying roles of patches to reseal them, to prevent the silage rotting and becoming inedible to livestock. Gulls come in from places like the Gloucester Tip where the contents under black plastic quite often is food.

The cattle, like us, are suffering from the heat and can be seen sheltering under trees and hedges to keep out of the sun; and from the flies which become very irritating. The horse fly that loves to attack us humans, as well as animals, breeds well down in the valleys, near water. In the olden days, tractors did not have cabs and we would literally be eaten alive. Fortunately, these days, we have cabs and can shut the doors and windows and watch the flies trying to get to us.

Some farmers are under Government Management Schemes for the protection of wild flowers, butterflies, moths and other insects so we cannot mow for hay till the second week of July. This can cause problems if the weather deteriorates: What could be a good crop of hay becomes a bad one, not nice to eat and with no food value.

This is also the time of year when a lot of us go "topping", that is, cutting off all the old grass and weeds. Once plants have set seed they stop growing, so this encourages more grass to grow, the fields look a lot tidier and there is more grazing.

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20mph speed limit

I was dismayed by Cllr Bullingham's reported remarks concerning enforcement of the 20mph zone. The Association of Chief Police Officers Speed Enforcement Guidelines make clear that the police will prosecute motorist who exceed speed limits, including 20mph limits. However, it makes clear that police action alone cannot lower vehicle speeds in poorly implemented 20mph zones and it reiterates the requirement for such zones to be self-enforcing. The implementation of the 20 mph zone by Gloucestershire Highways ignored Government guidance concerning effective implementation and was destined to fail. Highways is accountable to Gloucestershire County Council. Cllr Bullingham is our representative at County Hall. The introduction of the 20mph zone was at the request of Painswick residents. Before Cllr Bullingham gives up on attempts to calm traffic in Painswick, he needs to explain to residents what he has done to improve compliance and why we have to put up with disrespectful drivers.
Ross Munro, Gloucester Street

Jumping on the Tombs

Barbara Blatchley, Friday St writes
I was shocked how the public treated the Table Top Tombs in the Churchyard during the ACP Festival. Children were jumping all over the Tombs and using them like a public playground. The mothers seem to have no respect and to keep them off the Tombs. I also asked the singers to stop performing when the wartime plane came over, of course they ignored my request. Perhaps they did not care or appreciate that the brave pilots saved us all from the gas chambers. About time they learnt a bit of history.

India

I, my husband and my father will be at the Withyholt (a B&B in the Edge) from the 7th – 13th Aug. We are Indians travelling to this part of the Cotswolds from Delhi, India. Our purpose of travel is to enjoy the beauty of the Cotswolds and to connect to British history and culture – especially rural Britain. I wanted to offer a club or an activity group an opportunity for a get together where the attendees could ask me and my family Qs on any aspect of India – its spiritual philosophies, the urban situation, businesses, politics, the TV industry, the flora and fauna, et al. The idea is to give a little back to the community from which I am sure we will be taking a lot. I guess it would be convenient for most if it were at Painswick but we could host it at the Withyholt where we have access to a living room.. Interested parties should contact us at the Withyholt or by mobile.
Anjana Mehta, +91-9899190905

The Beacon archive

In this month we reported

30 years ago

Induction of Reverend Miles
The induction of the Reverend Malcolm Robert Miles to the Benefice of Painswick with Sheepscombe by the Bishop of Tewkesbury and Canon Geoffrey Bird took place in the Parish Church of St Mary's on Tuesday 31 July.

20 years ago

New gas pipes for Painswick
Members of Painswick Parish Council recently met with British Gas and Glos. C.C. to hear details of the road closures that are shortly to occur in connection of the laying of new gas pipes in the central village area.
Victorian Market Day success
The Victorian Market day was a step back in time with the village looking splendid on a perfect summer's day. Over 2000 people joined in the festivities and all the stallholders, shopkeepers, and innkeepers had a busy and prosperous time.

10 years ago

Companion Dog Show and Fun Day success
Beautiful weather and a fine turnout both in terms of people and dogs made the Painswick Charity Fun day a great success. The Recreation ground buzzed with excitement as stalls representing a wide range of charitable causes provided lots of opportunities for people to amuse themselves. The standard of entries in the Floral and Craft competition was excellent.



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Wentworth Wooden Puzzles

What do people want from a jigsaw puzzle? Interest, stimulation, relaxation?

Sarah Watson from Wentworth Wooden Puzzles near Malmesbury spoke to the WI on June 24th and showed us how their business has tailored its production of over 150,000 puzzles to supply 35 countries.

The images buyers want are colour repetitive patterns that stretch the imagination. Top of the list are topical events, fine arts, nostalgic chocolate box themes such as cottages and gardens and transport (Cunard, Audi and Virgin use them as promotional pieces). Whimsy pieces e.g. butterflies cut to slot into the main picture of the puzzle are a unique feature.

John Spilsbury made the first jigsaw in 1760 by hand. This map of Europe was for the education of children but the first adult jigsaw was not produced until 1850. Three developments in the form of lithographic printing, plywood and treadle jigsaws allowed more refined shapes to be cut at the end of the nineteenth century. It was not until World War 2, however, when wood was scarce, that mass production could take place on cardboard.

Wentworth Wooden Puzzles produce a higher quality item and they are constantly showing innovation in their work, Paper images are cut out and tacked onto a board that is then heat pressed on to medite wood from Ireland and varnished. Finally computer controlled precision lasers cut the intricate shapes.

The company has grown recently and challenges for future expansion include an increase in on-line sales, more translators and financial expertise to exploit world-wide markets and improvements in packaging such as Xmas cracker style packages and micro puzzles for the National Trust in special bags.

Sarah Watson held our attention and at the end members were able to look at the many samples. Fascinating!

The next meeting will be a Summer Supper held in The Church Rooms on Tuesday, 26th August at 7.00pm.

Janet Jenkins



Arts & Crafts and Great Flood

On 25th June we explored the Arts & Crafts movement which emerged at the end of the 19th century. The talk by Jim Cooper was entitled 'Made in the Cotswolds' and highlighted the local designers and craftsmen who formed the core of the movement.

We explored the start of the movement with designers such as Pugin, Ruskin and William Morris then focused on Gimson and the Barnsley brothers at Sapperton and Rodmarton Manor. We also looked at Ashbee and his group at Chipping Camden and the history of the Gordon Russell factory at Broadway.

On 9th July we enjoyed a fascination talk entitled '1607: The Great Severn Estuary Flood' - a topical subject following the inclement weather and inundation of the Somerset Levels last winter. Local historian Rose Hewlett described the worst flood ever recorded in the Severn Estuary, affected places along the estuary from Bideford in Devon and Laughtarne in Carmarthenshire to Chepstow, Aust, Nash, Frampton and Gloucester. The Somerset Levels saw flooding as far as Glastonbury Tor.

The cause of the disaster which resulted in serious loss of life and devastated the local economy is still hotly debated. Original parish records describing a storm surge backed by strong winds while some argue that it must have been a tsunami caused by an offshore earthquake.

After our annual Summer Lunch it is 'end of term' for Probud but we restart on 3rd September with a talk by David Mackinnon, head of operations at Cheltenham Racecourse which has developed dramatically over recent years with new facilities including the Centaur Exhibition & Conference Centre. Now the main grandstand is being totally rebuilt in time for the 2016 festival. The meeting starts with coffee at 10.00am in The Painswick Centre and visitors will be most welcome.

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Badminton Challenge

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The picture on the right shows William receiving his prize from Roy Woodward of the Painswick Badminton Club.



Athletics

Kate Davies, who lives in Painswick, competed in the S.W. Schools Multi-events qualifying for the National Schools Multi-events in September. She also qualified for the Javelin at the ESAA National Schools Track and Field Championships. This is a great achievement in itself because she has to balance her training time over seven events.

The Gloucestershire Schools' Athletics Association (GSAA) takes a team of the best 25 Gloucestershire Secondary Schools' athletes to the ESAA National Schools Track and Field Championships. This is the pinnacle of any student's athletics, where they compete against others from all forty-two English Counties.

If you are in School Yr's 5 – 8, enjoyed watching the Commonwealth Games and would like to try athletics, there are some places left on the Shine @ athletics 2014 at St. Edwards School Cheltenham. Please contact Elliot Prince on (m) 07786647067 or: the_next_generation369@hotmail.com

Golf Club

We are now well into the summer season of golf at Painswick Golf Club. The course is in good condition. The greens have been hand mown this year and the benefits can be seen in truer and faster greens. The grassy banks are covered in orchids and other wild flowers and a delight to see, though less so when one's ball nestles down in the thicker grass.

The Seniors' section (for over 55s) completed its Championship last month, with John Bentley running out the overall winner. Brian Lee won the Seniors' Tankard for the best net score in the same competition. After two rounds, John Bentley is leading in the Centenary Cup. This competition is played over three rounds – with the best two rounds counting. Congratulations to the winners.

The Seniors' matches continue to provide much enjoyment. All were delighted when Mike Carter led the team to its first win of the season – 5-1 against Cleeve Cloud.

The club welcomes visitors throughout the year – if you are interested please get in touch with Marc Cottrell, the club's professional (812615). The club is also open to the public for drinks and refreshments and meals – for details and opening times please contact Mike Horton (812180).

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Fit and healthy with Nicki

Being fit and healthy is, without question, guaranteed to increase one's feeling of wellbeing. Maintaining a good lifestyle, both physically and nutritionally, regardless of age, sometimes, however, takes a little effort. Nicki Marsh is the person to help with such good intentions.

Nicki is an instructor in both personal training and pilates. She has been successfully running an outdoor fitness scheme at her home, the newly renovated Washbrook Farm, for a small group for the past few months. The action takes place in the beautiful setting of her large garden with its superb facilities for a range of activities, or the small but well equipped gym indoors if the weather is inclement. Already the group has both physically benefited from the training and become a happy social entity.

Now Nicki is planning to start two new groups in Painswick. A 'fit for life' class will run for 12 weeks from late September. Essentially a weight management and good food programme, it will involve group training and some exercise with an underlying educational purpose. It is certainly not about dieting nor is it a militaristic regime. Nicki is also planning to run a beginners' mat-based pilates class with the idea of starting from absolute basics. Pilates, as she points out, focuses on developing core strength and balance. It strengthens the whole body and improves flexibility and posture.

Married with two teenage sons, Nicki initially trained as a nurse. However, she has done a range of jobs, necessitated by the family's moves to New York, Hong Kong and then back to Britain. She decided to retrain and gained qualifications to enable her to teach pilates and personal training. She is passionate about what she does, advocating a sensible lifestyle and the benefits which consequently accrue. A combination of healthy and informed nutritional intake and a degree of exercise is important and Nicki's classes help inasmuch as they are both appropriately structured and part of a regular routine. Getting fit can be fun in a group too.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of age. For further information Nicki can be contacted by telephone on 813285 or mob. 07870.953159 or email info@trainwithnicki.co.uk. The website is trainwithnicki.co.uk.



Carol Maxwell

Croquet

Would you like a croquet club in Painswick?

The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club is on the move and is looking for new premises. They could come to Painswick if a suitable site can be found.

Croquet is one of the few, truly inclusive games that men and women, young and old, novice and experienced can play on equal terms because of a handicap system. Several versions of the game exist under the banner title of "Croquet" ranging from easy through to advanced demanding high levels of skill, tactics and concentration. Some members have found the game addictive and several travel around the country and often abroad playing in national and international tournaments.

Other croquet clubs around the country share premises with Bowls, Cricket, Golf and multi-sport clubs while some play from private grounds. One croquet lawn needs an area of 40 x 30 yards and a two lawn club needs 40 x 60 yards. Currently, there are twenty playing members at The Bear but they are keen to expand and if you know of a site where a new activity can come to the village, give Robert Moss, their chairman, a call on 01453 872386.

Skittles - New Members

The Wickians Skittle Team are looking for new members to join for the 2014/15 season starting in September. For more details please contact Tony on 01452 812778 or email tony_phillips@tiscali.co.uk.

Charles Gere's 'Painswick Church'

A display of fine art from the Cotswolds and featuring impressive paintings of Painswick church by Charles Gere and his sister, Margaret, will be on show at an antiques fair at Westonbirt School, Tetbury from Friday, 15th August to Sunday, 17th August, 11.00-5.00pm. The work is for sale.

Gere, 1869-1957, was a renowned member of the Birmingham School of painters and associated with the Arts and Crafts movement. Born in Gloucester, he moved to Painswick in 1904 to a house in Stamages Lane which became his permanent home – a direct contrast to industrial Birmingham. His two sisters, Margaret and Edith, were also artists, both living locally.

Charles Gere's later work, largely carried out in Painswick and much influenced by his surroundings, brought him academic honours and membership of the Royal Academy. The painting, a superb oil on canvas, of Painswick church is considered to be very fine. A return to Painswick would be a real coup, but that, of course, is unfortunately highly unlikely to happen.

Carol Maxwell



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The Personal Column

Welcome

We welcome HENRY and ANNIE HALL into 'High Clouds', Queens Mead from Great Missenden and say farewell but not for long to MO and WALLY WALTERS who have moved temporarily to Gloucester with the same phone number.

Thank you

FRANCES HALLIDAY would like to thank her friends and neighbours for all the cards and best wishes sent whilst she was in GRH. Thank you all.

Congratulations

to SIAN and ALEX BREEZE on the birth of their second son GIANLUCA on 21st May.
also to KATHERINE LUKE who was married on Saturday 26th July to LAURENCE SMITH
To JOAN and TONY LITTLE who used to live at Holcombe Farm have recently celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary. They attended a party with their four children, their grandchildren and great grandchildren and were delighted to receive a card from the Queen. Joan was born at Holcombe Farm where her family the Berry family had farmed for generations.

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.

Thank You The 'Have Your Say' group would like to thank all who attended the 'Welcome Home' supper for Jonas and Matthias. We were grateful for the support and to all those who helped with refreshments. Jonas and Matthias put on an excellent slide show of their cycle ride. A grand total of over £400 was raised. Thank you all. Andrea Linsell 812464

Congratulations

to Beacon editorial team member Emma Jackson who has obtained a 2.1 BA with Honours in Combined English Literature and Creative Writing. Emma gained her degree at the University of Bath

Thank You

The main cover photograph was provided to the Beacon by Mike Hall

Wanted

Beacon Team requires someone to look after SUBSCRIPTIONS. Those interested please contact anyone on the Beacon Team.

PROPERTY REPORT for July from Hamptons International


With Henley Regatta, Wimbledon, Royal Ascot and Glastonbury all now behind us you may think "what do we have to look forward to?" but here in Painswick we have the Painswick Arts Festival to keep us all on our toes over the summer. The housing market certainly seems to have a spring in its step with a steady stream of reports coming out claiming increases in the market to greater or lesser degrees. Figures that I have seen lately range from a meager 1.9% since the 2010 election to those close on double figures in the last 12 months. My hunch is that the truth, in most cases, lies somewhere in between and it is very true to say the devil is in the detail. In recent months, stock levels of houses for sale have been a reliable indicator of market temperature. Across GB, stock is still 4% down on last year but headline levels appear to have bottomed out and be gradually increasing. London suffered the most with stock shortages but, as stock levels have risen, the market in parts of the Capital has cooled off. Homes to buy in London now stand 4% higher than last year but considering stock was down 30% at the start of the year that is a huge shift in the market. The increase in homes coming to the market has been accompanied by a decline in numbers of buyers registering meaning we are seeing a growing gap between vendors' price expectations and buyers' willingness or ability to pay asking price which all suggest we will see price growth cool of significantly in the Capital in coming months.

Outside the capital, the story is rather different. In the South of England, the number of homes to buy is 13% lower than the same time last year the number of new buyers registering is up 16%. Driven by the growing local market confidence and a surge in the number of Londoners cashing in and moving out, we are seeing a significant increase in demand. Londoners leaving the Capital rose by 75% in the first half of the year compared with 2013, spending a total of £5 billion. Increased demand and lower stock levels will translate into quicker transaction times, rising prices and a growing number of frustrated buyers.

In brief, new instructions include: Maisie Cottage and Rose Cottage in Vicarage Street, Horseshoe Cottage in Tibbiwell Gardens, 18 Gyde House, 2 Washwell Cottages and Elmer Lodge on Cheltenham Road, Gerrans in Orchard Mead, The Gables in Friday Street, 4 Churchill Way, Beech Cottage and Culvert Cottage in Kingsmill Lane and Milidduwa in Mill Lane in Painswick; Steps House and 22 Churchfield Road in Upton St Leonards; Paul Camp and Hillside in Edge; The Buckholt in Cranham; Crickley Court in Witcombe; 7 Knapp Cottages in Brimpsfield and 2 Clovermead in Brookthorpe.

Sales agreed recently include: West House, Elmer Lodge, 18 Gyde House, The Gables, Appleways, Cambrai and 7 Canton Acre in Painswick, The Granary and Coach House in Upton St Leonards, Crickley Court, The Coach House in Edge and 2 Yew Tree Cottages in The Vatch. Properties that have now sold include Dial Tryst and Meadow Cottage in Painswick and Lordswood Cottage and Littledene in Sheepscombe.

Guy Tabony, Branch Manager



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AUGUST

Sat	2	Picnic in the Park Painswick Arts Festival until 25th August - Events around the village	Rococo Garden Around Village	7.00pm Daily
Sun	3	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Evensong	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 4.00pm
Mon	4	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623 Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138) Have Your Say' Group - Mondays - except 18th & 25th August: contact Roger Leigh 01452 536325	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Cotswold 88	10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.00 to 8.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	5	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £5 pp Tuesdays Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890	Painswick Centre Town Hall Ashwell House	10.00am 1.45 for 2.00pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	6	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Croft School	9.30 to 11.00am 10.30am to 12noon
Thu	7	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm
Fri	8	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Sat	9	Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965 Exhibition Commemorating the Start of the Great War - (Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th)	Town Hall Stamages Car Park Town Hall	10.00am 10.00am 10.00am to 5.00pm daily
Sun	10	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Sun	17	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	19	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Coach trip to Black Country Living Museum. Enq. 01453 836618	Stamages Car Park	9.05am
Sat	23	Copy Date for September Beacon Floral Display: Tribute to Laurie Lee (also 24th & 25th)		
Sun	24	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	10.00am - 5.00pm daily 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I. Summer Supper	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Sun	31	Mass Benefice Communion Service	Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.30am 11.00am

SEPTEMBER

Wed	3	Probus: Cheltenham Racecourse - a new era - David Mackinnon, Head of Operations.	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Sat	2	September Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	8	Probus Women: Just Hanging About - Angela Panrucker	Church Rooms	10.00am
Fri	12	Friday Club: The History of Abbeyfield - Nereide Gilhead	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	16	Local History Society: Farming Through the Ages - Eric Freeman	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus Outing to SS Great Britain, Bristol Table Tennis restarts - Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Sun	21	Painswick Feast and Apple Day Clypping Service	St Mary's Churchyard St Mary's Church	11.00am to 5.00pm 3.00pm
Tue	23	Yew Trees W.I.: History of the Teddy Bear - Gillian White	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	26	Friday Club: Energy Efficiency - Gareth Miles	Town Hall	2.30pm



OCTOBER

Wed	1	Probus: Secondary Education - A Rapidly Changing Landscape - Stuart Wilson, Headteacher, Marling School	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	2	Painswick Bird Club: Music & Birdsong - joint meeting with Painswick Music Appreciation Society	Town Hall	7.30pm
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Meadows - Dr George Peterken - Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club Autumn Outing: Clarks Village Shopping Outlet		
Mon	13	Probus Women: AGM	Church Rooms	10.00am
Wed	15	Probus: Managing a National Trail - the Cotswold Way: James Martin, Cotswolds Conservation Board	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Morning Walk: Cotswold Buildings in South Woodchester. Pre-book on 813228		10.30am
Tue	21	Local History Society: Agricultural Crafts / Trades - Paul Griffiths	Croft School	7.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

BROOKHOUSE MILL, Greenhouse Lane
Installation of skylights to roof slopes to facilitate loft conversion.

FORMER PAINSWICK LIBRARY, Stroud Road. Proposed alterations to existing planning consent to reinstate an original window opening, retain and reinstate an original doorway and alteration access deck and staircase to a new masonry access terrace and steps.

CRANMORE COTTAGE, Vicarage Street
Re-positioning of first floor stairs.

OLD BAKERY, New Street
Internal alterations to retail area to install kitchenette and W/C area to allow separation of retail unit from main dwelling.

OLD EBWORTH FARMHOUSE, The Camp. Create new shower room within existing utility room. Install extractor fan in shower cubicle and associated plumbing using existing services. Install S/G to all windows. Remove lean to porch/sunroom. Insulate and board underside of exposed roof timbers on top floor. Remove redundant rayburn flue pipe and terminal. Renew external door.

CONSENT

HOLCOMBE HOUSE

Internal alterations to bedroom

HALECROFT, Stamages Lane

Creation of dormer window

HOLCOMBE FARM

Minor internal alterations to existing farm house, discreet location of Velux rooflights and glazed screen extension to existing annex hallway.

UPLANDS, Cheltenham Road

Single storey front and rear extensions, new slate roof finish, new render wall finish, garage extension and alterations.

THE BULL, Wick Street. Variation on condition 4 from S.06/0998/COU

TURNSTONE HOUSE, Greenhouse Lane
Amendments to S.11/2580/LBC. Internal

and external alterations to the coach house
HORSEPOOLS COTTAGES, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge Erection of conservatory.

HIGHFIELD, Edge Road

Extension to rear of existing single storey extension and addition of four windows to rear.

BROOKHOUSE MILL, Greenhouse Lane
Installation of skylights to roof slopes to facilitate loft conversion.

OWLCOTE, Stamages Lane

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