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Victory in Europe recalled

To represent those comrades who served in World War Two in order to secure our freedom and democracy is indeed an honour. During the weekend 8th–11th May that is precisely what Painswick resident, Ken Farlow, was proud to do. He was invited to join the VE70 celebrations in London, a truly important and significant occasion.

Ken, now aged 94, was 18 in 1939. At 19 he was on a troop ship, trying to evade U-boats, en route to North Africa where, in the RAF, he worked as an engineer keeping Spitfires and Kitty Hawks in the air. Ken survived the war, unlike so many of his comrades.

Ken's weekend in London was both momentous and emotional. It was the first time for many years that he had been in the city and the occasion brought back many memories of the end of war celebrations. Downing Street and the Cenotaph for a simple but moving service, Horse Guards

Parade for the party, shaking hands with Prince Charles, the Prime Minister, the Archbishop of Canterbury (pictured) and other notables, Westminster Abbey and the parade attended by so many dignitaries and of course other veterans, the grand lunch marquee, the music, the sharing of memories with complete strangers who nevertheless had so much in common, the pride, the powerful feelings even after all these years.

With visits to the Science Museum, a theatre, the Churchill War Rooms and a ride in the London Eye as extras, Ken's weekend was undoubtedly a memorable experience. However, the way in which so many people, from the old to the very young, wanted to shake his hand and thank him, to talk to him and ask questions about the war, was perhaps the most moving part of the occasion. "It's been amazing, unbelievable," was his reaction. He feels privileged to represent all those comrades who did not make it back, but it is we who are surely for ever indebted to the likes of Ken for the freedom we now enjoy. His weekend was a well deserved success.

Carol Maxwell



Waste & Recycling

Cllr Nigel Cooper told the Parish Council's Annual Meeting that the current 15 year multi services contract with Veolia expires in June 2016. In November 2014 Stroud District Council (SDC) chose to enter into a new contract with Ubico, which is a company owned by Cotswold District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council. SDC will now become a joint owner of Ubico. Ubico is an independent company set up to provide services to public bodies, and as such is exempt from the EU procurement rules. In January 2015 SDC agreed to acquire a depot (£3.5m) to run the Stroud operation and in March agreed a budget of up to £5.8m for vehicles and waste containers. The business plan indicates a total annual cost of £3.4m, current budget £3.2m (net). The main features of the new contract will be:-

Weekly collection of food waste from lockable caddies.
Alternate weekly collection for recycling and residue waste.
Optional garden waste scheme, chargeable, approximately £36 p.a. plus £20 for bin.

Bulky waste collection £15, up to 3 items.

There will be an extensive publicity and information giving campaign.

Cllr Cooper told the meeting that he had pleaded then case for smaller wheelie bins and that he had achieved some success.



Post Office update

The Parish Council has been informed by Post Office Ltd that the Outreach Post Office facility originally planned to open in the Town Hall on 13th May will not be available to parishioners until probably the second or third week in June. The delay is a disappointment but the limited service will be welcomed given that we have been without a post office facility since March 2013. Trevor Radway has told the Beacon of his concerns about the postal service generally. He draws attention to the fact that we still await the post box planned for the centre of the village and that the original Outreach Post Office facility was planned to be open for 12 hours each week rather than 4. Mr Radway also makes the point that if you have an A4 letter, a minimum six mile journey is called for to deliver it to Salmon Springs as it will not fit into any box in the village.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 20th May by Mike Kerton

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman Rob Lewis opened the meeting. Apologies had been received from Councillor Abigail Smith. The Chairman advised the meeting that the application for the Fiery Beacon for a change of use would be "called in" by the District Council but that no further action would be taken on the similar application at the Old Fleece. Cllr Lewis went on to say that he had attended a full hearing of the District Council Licensing Committee at which the application from the Court House had been discussed. Although the license had been approved it was subject to certain restrictions, namely:

- Alcohol could only be served to residents and their guests.
- Alcohol could only be served and consumed on the premises. No alcohol could be taken out of the premises or served outside.
- 24 hour CCTV to be in operation.
- Internal signs to be erected stating that no alcohol could be consumed outside the premises.
- The Court House would need to provide documentary proof that all these restrictions were being complied with.

A members of the public said that he objected to the granting of the licence and asked the Parish Council to appeal against the decision. From papers he had read the appeal should be made to the Magistrates Court. Cllr Lewis agreed to look into the question of an appeal and the matter would be discussed at the next Planning Meeting.

Matters requiring a decision

There were ten matters requiring a decision:

Courtside, Court Orchard. Two applications, including a Listed Building Application, for the demolition of an entrance porch and boiler store and the erection of a conservatory. As the demolition was for buildings built in the 1950s this did not affect the Listed Building status. The Conservatory was being erected on the North side and would not be visible from the Churchyard. It was linked to property built in the 1950s. The Council unanimously agreed to support the applications.

Sheephouse Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane. Single storey oak framed orangery extension to the rear

of the premises. Unanimous support.

Corinium House, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge. Erection of two storey link garage. Unanimous support.

Tocknells House, Cheltenham Road. Installation of a garden pond. Unanimous support.

Land adjoining Greenacres, Cheltenham Road. Erection of a new dwelling. Formally a landfill site which has been surveyed. There was unanimous agreement to defer a decision until the County Highways Department had commented on the application.

Bramfield, Edge Road. Request to amend previous agreed planning application. Use natural slate on roof instead of corrugated sheeting. Substitute single door on the south side with double door on the south aspect with double doors on western aspect. Add a window on the northern side. Unanimous support.

Grange Fields, Wick Street. Although this development falls within the jurisdiction of Stroud Town Council, Painswick Parish Council had been asked to comment on the application. As the development was on a "Greenfields site" and was in an AONB, the Committee unanimously agreed to object.

General Purpose Agricultural building at Stroud Slad Farm, Stroud. Bisley Parish Council was also interested in this application which borders on their parish. Unanimous support, subject to the condition that the roadside hedge is maintained.

Fairview, Stroud Road. To reduce the height of, reshape, remove and reduce the branch length of various trees and bushes on the property. Unanimous support.

PARISH COUNCIL

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

As this was the Annual meeting of the parish Council the meeting was opened by the Clerk, Roy Balgobin. He explained that the first business of the evening was the election of a Chairman. He sought nominations for that position. Cllr Rob Lewis proposed Cllr Martin Slinger. Cllr Abigail Smith seconded the proposal. There was unanimous support for the proposal and Cllr Martin Slinger was duly appointed Chairman.

On taking the Chair Cllr Slinger immediately proposed Cllr Ann Daniels for

the position of Vice Chairman. He advised the meeting that Cllr Daniels was the longest serving member of the Council and was a well-known and respected member of the community. There was unanimous support for this proposal and Cllr Daniels was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Council.

To consider co-option requests

The Clerk advised the meeting that James Cross had applied to be co-opted on to the Council to fill the current vacancy. There was a unanimous vote of approval by the Council and newly elected James Cross joined his fellow Councillors to take part in the remaining items on the Agenda.

Committee Chairman

Chairmen of Committees were appointed as follows:
Cllr Ian James – Finance, General Purposes and Personnel
Cllr Rob Lewis – Planning.
Vice Chairman – Cllr Mike Fletcher
Cllr Ann Daniels – Rural Environment
Cllr Mike Fletcher – Land and Buildings
Cllr Abigail Smith – Traffic
Other body representatives

Various Councillors and members of the public were nominated as either Trustees or Council representatives on various bodies and organisations in the Parish.

IT representative

With the ever increasing reliance upon Information Technology, the Clerk strongly recommended to the Council that they appoint a person well versed in the use and application of modern technology and to ensure that the Council's web site was regularly updated. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr James Cross be appointed as the Council's IT representative.

Matters of Urgency

The Chairman and Clerk advised the meeting that unfortunately the opening of the Outreach Post office had been further delayed. Its inaugural opening had been due that morning and in anticipation a queue of people had formed outside the Town Hall. No formal announcement of a further delay had been received by the Council until an email was received early that afternoon. The reason for the delay highlighted in the email was, "due to incomplete works required at the Upton St Leonards Post Office which must be completed to enable the Outreach Service to go live in

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Painswick?'. Councillors expressed their outrage at both the unacceptable delay in opening the Post Office facilities, which would benefit all residents of the village, and for then late notification of the further delay. Cllr Rob Lewis recommended that a strongly worded formal letter of complaint be sent to Post Office Ltd with a copy to the local MP. The letter should also request that both a representative of Post Office Ltd and the MP attend a Parish Council meeting to explain how this situation had arisen. Cllr Lewis also asked why the centre of the village was still without its promised Post Box. The Clerk will pursue this matter.

Cllr Ben Nicholls
The Clerk read a letter from Cllr Nicholls. Unfortunately due to work commitments Cllr Nicholls was unable to devote the time needed to fulfil his role as a Parish Councillor. His resignation was accepted and the Chairman was asked to write to Cllr Nicholls thanking him for his contribution to the work of the Council.

County Councillor's report
No report had been received from County Councillor Jason Bullingham. Thought is being given to the structure of County Councillor reports as they are usually out of date when discussed at Parish Council meetings. It was thought that having the County Councillor present at meetings was more beneficial as it allowed Councillors to raise questions on matters of interest to them.

District Councillor's report
Cllr Nigel Cooper was present at the meeting and read his report to the meeting. The southbound motorway services area at Brookthorpe opened on the 19th May. The operator focuses on using local suppliers – over 130 in a 30 mile radius – creating over 300 jobs. Cllr Cooper said that there would be a change in the refuse and recycling arrangements next year.

Editor's note. The details of the changes are set out on the front page of this edition.

Responsible Finance Officer's report
The Clerk advised the Council that after an intensive two week Audit by an Independent Auditor, the Council's Accounts had been "signed off" and that no changes to the current method of working had been recommended. The Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March were adopted. Cllr Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk and his team for their hard work. This was unanimously supported. The Council then completed the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2015.

Ward reports
Cllr Ian James reported damage to a "finger post" in Sheepscombe. Cllr Roey Parker reported that the potholes in Sheepscombe had not been "marked" and queried when they will be repaired. Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger reported problems with a drain outside Edge Village Hall. The cover had been lifted and the sump cleaned. The cover needs to be replaced and the road repaired. Currently traffic is finding it difficult to manoeuvre past the damage. In all instances the Clerk will report these problems to the appropriate authority.
The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Painswick and The Great War

Every community in the land has tales to tell about the involvement of its men and women in the conflict which raged across Europe and became known as The Great War, but very few can proudly display a collection of such experiences into a published record. Such has been achieved, for Painswick, 97 years after that conflict ended; this in the form of nearly that number of pages of recorded facts, numerous photographs and anecdotal stories drawn together and published under that title just a couple of weeks ago.

One might ask why this publication is of interest today. After all, we know quite a lot about our heritage, and we express our respect for the sacrifices made in that (and other) conflict annually.

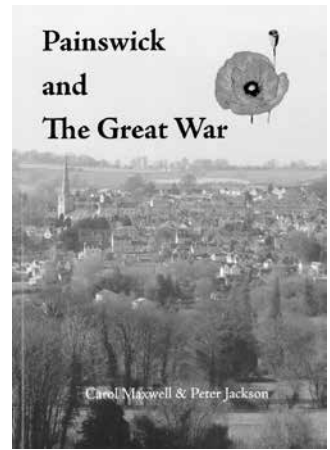
What very few of us appreciate is the extent to which the whole fabric of this settlement of ours was dramatically changed during those historic four years. How, and in what manner, the dominantly calm annual cycle of life for every villager was changed for the decades to come. How the aspirations of all, especially the overwhelming majority who had been born here, went to school here, married and were employed here, were utterly revised. How the mutual support which was the essence of community until then was to face new challenges in the wake of utterly unprecedented events.

The irrepressible professional Carol Maxwell, aided and abetted by Peter Jackson, has drawn together every scrap of information they could find, from post cards from the 'front' to mementos and previously private papers, and moved it all into the pages of this quality book. It tells the tale of the opening phases of that most horrendous of wars and the minutiae of ways in which it impacted upon the previously tranquil scene of Painswick nearly a hundred years ago. The scars of war are, as many of us are only too well aware, not confined to where the fighting may be; families and relatives must bear not knowing where and when their loved-ones are exposed to danger, spontaneously sustain one another whilst adapting to being supportive of the total effort waging war requires - women undertaking tasks such as working on the land or in the pin mills as their husbands once did, funds being raised to support injured servicemen returning to their homes, dozens of refugees accommodated speaking no English, and numerous other variations in life-style.

The book goes well beyond assembling information which was pooled for the extraordinary exhibition in the Town Hall last August. Hundreds of hours of painstaking research has yielded the narrative which links the evidence gathered and so much of what was going on in those years. The 'read' is captivating in itself; all is enhanced by numerous photographs, the Roll of Honour of 49 who fell in battle, how many were enlisted from each street in the village (73 from Vicarage Street and Butt Green alone), and so on.

This has to be a must-buy book, not only of reflective relevance to all who live here now, but to the younger generation among us today and in the future, who so clearly require and deserve accurate and unbiased perspectives if they are to best order their own lives.

Leslie Brotherton
Copies of the book, Painswick and the Great War, price £10, are available direct from Carol Maxwell, email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or tel. 813387, and also from Painswick Pharmacy, The Patchwork Mouse and Painswick Community Library.



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Club Pulse Calling all Year 6s!

Here's a special invitation to all Year 6s to join us at Club Pulse on Monday Evenings. These evenings have been organised with some special events which we think you will love! Why not come and see for yourself, bring a friend and make some new friends.

8th June - Team challenge!
15th June - Water Mania
22nd June - Crazy Golf

Each evening there are refreshments, games, chill time, tuck shop and sharing stories of faith. Club Pulse is run by PSALMS on Monday evenings 6 – 7.30 at the Painswick Youth Club next to the Recreation Ground. Fiona Gill fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net 0777 151 3382

Painswick Playgroup Applications for September

We are currently taking applications for children for the September 2015 intake.

Painswick Playgroup is located within the grounds of The Croft School, set in a beautiful location, surrounded by over 4 acres of grounds.

Painswick Playgroup is run independently and is a registered charity. We take children aged from 2 years 9 months. If your child does not reach this age until after the start of the academic year (i.e. September), it is possible to reserve a place until this age has been reached.

Morning sessions run from 9.00-12.00, with lunch club 12.00-12.30, and afternoon sessions 12.30-3.30. We do this Monday to Thursday. On Fridays we currently hold a morning session and we are considering expanding to include a lunch club and an afternoon session if demand permits!

Parents are requested to please get in touch for more information, and complete a registration form as soon as possible. Please contact the playgroup on 813316 or visit www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk.

Being a member of playgroup does not reserve your child a place at the school but it can make your child's transition into school much easier as they are familiar with the site and will go to school with many of their playgroup friends.

Amy Leivers, Secretary, Painswick Playgroup

Congratulations to The Patchwork Mouse

Two years on from its opening The Patchwork Mouse Arts Cafe in New Street has become a popular social meeting place in Painswick. Seating up to 25 people and serving excellent fare it is well patronised by Painswickians, visitors and, recently, internationally renowned artists and photographers who were hosted in the art space.

It is therefore pleasing to report that on 21st May it was awarded a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence, 2015. This is in addition to a top-scoring Food Hygiene Certificate.

New owners, Kaye and John Clifford, are rightly proud of this accolade. "We are really excited and grateful for all the local support," says Kaye. "It is lovely to see it getting the recognition it deserves after all the hard work which has gone into it, not least by Craig and David before us." They are all to be congratulated on this outstanding achievement. The Patchwork Mouse is indeed synonymous with excellence.

Carol Maxwell

LovePainswick needs you!



The new Painswick website is looking fabulous and ready for businesses and organisations to add their details...

Go to www.painswick.today and have a browse around this developing site.

To add your details, go to the dedicated page for "Businesses" or "Clubs/Societies" (found at the top of the Home page) and choose "Submit a Listing" and complete the form – you will receive confirmation within 48 hours – it's as easy as that! This website is a growing resource that has been constructed as a virtual hub for the community and visitors, to showcase Painswick for its history, beauty and vibrancy and supporting all our local businesses. However, it is reliant on the engagement of YOU – businesses, club and societies – to make it the "go-to" website for our community, visitors and customers.

Be patient with us, it is still under construction while we add information on places to visit, facilities, and an Events calendar, amongst other pages... But please get your business, club or society details uploaded today and together we can accelerate the development of this website, making it increasingly useful to the community and visitors for the summer and beyond!

This website has been built by local talent, Teresa Vance (Advance Web Solutions), with the gorgeous photos contributed by Pete Llewelyn and Carole Bourton. If you have any thoughts or would like to contribute further information, please email thetownofpainswick@gmail.com or use the Contact page on the website.

Abigail Smith

On 30th April we greatly enjoyed listening to wonderful recordings of music Beethoven composed in his Middle Period, 1803/13, works of startling originality that made him a European musical hero. Howard Allen's vivid presentation included excerpts from Symphonies no. 5 and 7, Emperor Piano Concerto, Violin Concerto, Archduke Trio and, tremendous finish, the Egmont Overture. Super evening.

On 14th May we had our AGM. The ending season's programme was favourably commented on and the financial accounts were approved. The committee was elected as follows: Chairman – Alex Nichols, members Josephine Matchet, Anne Williams, Beryl Bailey and John Herbert. The rest of the evening was spent playing members' Long Playing records – it is amazing how good these old recordings are!

Ralph Kenber

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2015 Season Concludes

Antara Flute and Harp Duo, 25th April



Rachel Wick (harp) and Thomas Hancox (flute) are not long from College but they have already mastered the art of winning audiences by talking to them about themselves and their music. They chose a very entertaining and enterprising programme.

Firstly was two movements of Histoire du Tango by Astor Piazzola which, though written for violin and piano, became a show case for harp and flute demonstrating the exciting tango rhythms associated with South America. It was followed by another piece also very rhythmic, by the 'avant garde' Dutch composer Louis Andriessen, entitled 'Intermezzo' - surprisingly in true classical mode. In Claude Debussy's flute solo, Syrinx, Thomas' playing extracted all the emotional feelings one would expect from the tragic tale of Pan's rejected love for Syrinx. The first half of the concert concluded with Sir Arnold Bax's 'Sonata for Flute and Harp', one of the few pieces written for flute and harp.

The second half started with the French composer Jean Damase's entertaining variations on the folk song 'Early one Morning'. Next came Une Chatelaine en sa tour - a harp solo by Gabriel Fauré. This is regarded as among the most beautiful of works for the harp and Rachel worked some wonders with harmonics from her harp to produce extraordinary ethereal feelings. The concert's pièce de résistance was a work by Prof. Robert Saxton of Worcester College, Oxford, titled King Herla for which this was the 'world premiere'. The composer introduced the piece explaining the Antara Duo had commissioned it and he wanted to do something for flute and harp that had not been tackled before and he chose programme music telling the story of Herla, a King of the Britons and a red bearded King elf with goat hooves, riding a goat. Certainly different - the flautist had to deploy three instruments: a piccolo, a standard concert flute and a base flute. The last item: Fantasie brillante on themes from Bizet's 'Carmen' by Francois Borne brought the concert to a rousing end, except for an exquisitely tender encore.

Maurice Maggs

Coffee Morning 9th May 2015 Town Hall, Painswick



Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud Roof Fund Helen and Anne would like to thank everyone who supported this event by coming on the day, helping and giving cakes, raffle prizes, plants and other items. We raised £655.10 towards the fund. Thank you.

Helen Baker & Anne Leoni

Ceilidh organised by PSALMS at Painswick Centre on 18th April

On arrival, the hall was already filling up with people, indeed seats and tables were mostly all taken, but we were welcomed and shown our way to any empty ones. It was announced that the 4-piece Band Gordon and the Hedgehogs were about to strike up and folk were to take their partners for the warm up dance. The bar was busy with comings and goings and groups of friends with their drinks were settling down to watch the dancers or indeed preparing and cajoling companions to join those already on the floor!

Rev Mike had undertaken the 'calling' for the evening - he has hitherto hidden talents in the role it had been revealed - and he called everyone forward and gave instructions for the dance moves while the dancers

walked through. Then the music and fun began as dancers wove in and out and around each other - some with the finesse of seasoned country dancers, and others hesitating



and jostling each other with grins and exclamations of embarrassment! Rev Mike continued to call out the moves at every turn and the evening was off to a swing!

Other slightly more intricate dances followed with more and more folk getting up to join in and the floor crowding up rapidly. The excellent band kept the rhythms going with enthusiasm and Rev Mike's encouraging voice was heard above the tunes guiding everyone through their paces. The enjoyment and hilarity was evident.

Half way through the evening a break was announced for supper and the two tables laden with generous plates full of bread, cheeses, pickles and salad bits were soon cleared by the peckish dancers! Delicious home made cakes were handed round to follow. At this stage a short film was shown to inform us of the work of PSALMS (Painswick and Stroud Local Ministries) amongst young folk throughout the area, in aid of whom the event was organised.

After the refreshments and mingling amongst friends and acquaintances, the music began again and with renewed energy the limbered up dancers skipped it out again as Mike and the band guided us through the dances. We all continued to enjoy the happy lively atmosphere until well on into the evening.

Thanks must go the PSALMS organisers who worked hard to sell tickets and prepare refreshments, be our hosts and clear up afterwards. But more especially thanks go to our excellent music makers, Gordon and the Hedgehogs, and Vicar Mike who had 'called' the dances all evening, only to have one very expert looking swing around with his wife Margaret to the very last dance!! Well done to all for a very hugely enjoyable village event and thanks to all who supported it by coming!

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News Extra: Lord Leycester's Hospital, Warwick



The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club's visit to Kenilworth Castle on 16th July has been extended. In addition to visiting the Castle, the only surviving house of Robert Dudley (d 1588), Earl of Leicester, where will we will have a guided tour of the restored Elizabethan Gardens, we shall be travelling on to Warwick in the afternoon to visit the medieval almshouses established by the Earl for old soldiers and retainers. Known as 'Lord Leycester's Hospital', it is still in use today providing homes for 8 ex-servicemen & women. The Master will conduct a tour around the Chapel renowned for its tapestries and a window designed by William Morris, and the Great Hall, where tea and cake will be served. Non-members are welcome to join us. Contact my colleague Peter Wilson for full details (01453 834486). Cost £35 (or £28 for English Heritage members).

Our special interest walks for members continue with a wildflower walk at Daglingworth, a walk around Whittington Lodge Farm which has won several awards for its environmental conservation, plus a walk in the Wallbridge area of Stroud for its industrial heritage. For details of our programme and how to join, please contact me.

Jane Rowe, tel. 813228

Cup Cakes for Carers

Sometimes a carers' meeting can be busy and the carers themselves, taking a short break from looking after a family member or friend, can relax and enjoy the coffee, the tea and the conversation. In my early meetings here I learned a lot about Painswick and its people.

Now and again, the meetings begin quietly; and I would learn a lot more in "head to head" talk but for my "grand memory for forgetting" (as Alan Breck Stewart said in "Kidnapped", by Robert Louis Stevenson).

Carers' problems can come to the fore: some of us can offer practical help, and others a willing ear. I'm a believer in the old adage, "a problem shared is a problem halved", and grateful to be of whatever help I can – sometimes just by shutting up and listening.

We have a drop-in tea party (free) in the Green Room at the Painswick centre from 2-4.30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Phone Pat on 813326 or Andrea on 812464.

Bill Cochrane



Painswick Gardening Club Pretty Pots A-Plenty



Well, where did May go? I love this time of the year with everything growing at such a pace - including the grass!

The trip to Malvern was super and enjoyed by all. The weather was kind to us and there was so much to see....and buy! Debbie (Chairman) wins the prize for the bulkiest purchase!

Unfortunately I couldn't make it to the May talk by John Mason of Highfield Garden World and I'm reliably informed it was a real gem. John entertained his audience with useful hints and tips on how to get the best from containers interspersed with amusing anecdotes and stories; a laugh from start to finish!

Our June talk by Steve Quinton (Wed 10th June, Church Rooms at 7.30pm) about the Rococo Gardens also promises to delight and entertain, as those who have heard him speak before will know. Our AGM before Steve's talk will be concise so please don't be put off coming!!

Any Members who didn't make it to the last meeting may not know that we have arranged a private viewing of the garden at Daglingworth House on 11th June (3pm). Please see our website for details - if you would like to come, please email us (thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com) to express an interest. We also have a trip to Wisley planned for September and we welcome interest from non-Members (see website for details; email us if interested).

We are delighted that 3 gardens in and around Painswick will be open (for Painswick Garden Club Members only) to visit in early and late July; each one is open from 2pm to 4pm.

On Wednesday 8th July Susie Eady welcomes Members to her garden at Stonewyck, Cheltenham Road, Painswick, GL6 6XN. There is only parking for a maximum of 2 cars in the courtyard of the property but drivers should have no difficulty parking on Cheltenham Road.

Also on 8th July, Grant and Cathy Bond welcome Members to their garden at Little Pitch Farm, Lurks Lane, Pitchcombe, GL6 6LL. Members can park at the property.

On Friday 24th July, Rob and Judy Stevens welcome Members to their garden at Park House, The Park, Painswick, GL6 6SN. There is parking for several cars in a field adjacent to the garden.

Painswick Gardening Club is very appreciative of the offers to open gardens to Members so keep your fingers crossed for fine weather and pop along and show your support for all their hard work - you won't be disappointed!

Many, many thanks go to all the garden owners.

And don't forget, as detailed in last month's article, Debbie is opening her delightful garden at Slad Valley House for the NGS on 6th and 7th June (12-4pm). Hoo House Nursery will have a selection of plants for sale and have made a very generous donation to Macmillan in support of the event.

After having to succumb to 'light duties' with a twangy back, I'm itching to get at those pesky weeds that have taken full advantage of my absence....

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)




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Croft School Concert on April 28th 2015

Once again the Carducci Quartet gave an exceptional hour of educational and musical entertainment, this time with the addition of the outstanding Mexican guitarist Morgan Symanski. The programme started with the last movement of a Haydn quartet, named The Joke. Enthusiastic applause followed when all thought the piece had ended, but it was not over, twice more that happened before it actually finished, amidst more applause and laughter. There followed a vigorous and striking Polka by Shostakovich which had every one enthralled and which drew strong applause from the children. Then a piece by Philip Glass was played, and another excerpt from a Haydn quartet, this time The Bird, complete with appropriate sounds from the various instruments.

The children were asked questions between the musical items and given explanations about the music by different members of the quartet. More music by Shostakovich was played, and then a hectic Sword dance by Arbeau, and finally, from the quartet, a short item by Dvorak. Then it was Morgan's turn, and he started by getting the children to tell him the difference between the guitar and the other instruments in the quartet. The answers he got were all sound and perceptive, but the biggest difference he said was that the guitar was cool! He then played a simple nursery rhyme, and gradually changed it, and played it on different strings, in different keys and at different speeds and asked the children each time what had changed. Again the answers were in general intelligent and interesting.

For the finale Morgan joined the quartet to play part of the Fandango Quintet by Boccherini, which was followed by vigorous applause as the event was brought to a conclusion. For a full hour the room had been filled with music, questions and answers about the music, and enthusiastic applause.

The event was sponsored by the Painswick Music Society and the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust.

Alan Price

Friends of Sheepscombe School present Four open gardens

Sunday, 28th June, 2.00 – 5.30pm, Park at Bulls Cross

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Entrance: £5 (for the benefit of the school)

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- Japanese maples and tea garden
- Cream teas and a raffle (@ Crossings)

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Painswick Country Market

At the point of going to print The Post Office Outreach service, due to join us on 23rd May, has been cancelled once again without notice due to technical problems. The Post Office advised us that their opening hours would be 9.30 so we agreed to open half an hour early to fall in line with them. Expecting them to join us on the 15th we duly opened at 9.30 and although they are still not with us we have agreed that this opening time will remain. This has been a disappointing time for us because our market notices are giving misleading information for which we would like to apologise to all friends and customers of our market. I am sure when it finally comes to fruition we will welcome the service and forget this painful start. On a happier note we are now beginning to see the welcome start of those carrying rucksacks and cameras popping in for a coffee before exploring our village. The new season vegetables are beginning to come in along with plants for summer bedding. If you feel you would like to join a co-operative group who produce homemade and hand crafted goods why not come in and see us any Friday morning in the Town Hall between 9.30 and 11.00am or contact Chris Campbell on 01452 812600. In particular we are looking for bread bakers, vegetable and plant producers.

Pam Marshall

Painswick Singers in Summer

The Choir are taking a wander round some islands this summer with "Musical Island Meanders", their summer concert theme, singing a variety of traditional music such as "She Moved Through the Fair" and "Doctor Foster". This accompanies a medley of songs from the wonderful musical "South Pacific", by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, featuring such well-known songs as "Some Enchanted Evening" and "Younger than Springtime". The musical enjoys a mixture of calming and passionate love songs, and island jollity. We will also be singing some songs by ABBA which will take everyone back to the 70s with "Mamma Mia", "The Winner Takes It All" and other songs by ABBA which featured in the hit musical "Mamma Mia!".

The summer concert will be held this year at the Painswick Centre at 3:30pm on Sunday 5th July. Tickets are £8 if you buy them before the 30th June, or £10 after, and can be bought from the Patchwork Mouse in Painswick, or by calling Gordon Owen on 01452 621151. We look forward to seeing you there!

Alexandra McConnell

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Covent Garden Voices delight - and over £2,500 raised for Parkinson's UK

An almost full St Mary's Church was treated to an evening of some of the best known and best loved operatic arias, duets and trios on 2nd May. Three very talented members of The Royal Opera Chorus gave the concert: Andrew Macnair (Tenor), Katy Batho (Soprano) and Elizabeth Key (Mezzo) have all had illustrious careers and have performed many solo roles for the Royal Opera and for other prestigious operatic companies. Michael Robinson, one of the UK's most versatile pianists, accompanied them on the church's piano.

The concert was in aid of Parkinson's UK and in memory of Dr Duncan Macnair (Andrew Macnair's father) who was a GP in Gloucester and fought courageously with Parkinson's for over 30 years. As well as operatic delights the audience appreciated a glass of wine and some delicious canapés, provided by Jean Kendrick of JK's, during the interval. The concert raised over £2,500 for Parkinson's UK.

The artists were welcomed to the church before the start of the concert by the vicar, the Rev Mike Holloway. The vicar also noted that the church was raising funds to send to the DEC Nepal disaster appeal, and £755 was also generously donated by the audience after the concert.

The concert itself could hardly fail. The three magnificent operatic voices more than filled the church, with power and emotion as required, and some of the best known and certainly best loved operatic gems were performed to perfection. The audience certainly showed its approval!

Peter Jenkins

The last resting place of some great ladies

The Purton Ships' Graveyard is quite simply stunning. For their annual outing members of the Society were treated to a wonderfully informative and moving conducted tour round part of the site by Paul Barnett, a man with a true passion for the subject.

Purton itself is a simple unspoilt village, officially a port, with the Sharpness canal, one of only two ship canals, running through it. From its opening in 1827 the canal was always important for commercial transportation due to its position. Early in the 20th century erosion of its banks following storms led to the beaching of some redundant lighters to strengthen the banks. This was the beginning of the graveyard. It is now the largest ships' graveyard in the country with the remains of 86 vessels, the latest count, currently occupying the adjacent foreshore of the Severn.

The site is grippingly haunting with the remains of trows, schooners, Stroudwater barges, lighters and many other working boats partially visible along the estuary bank. The site itself is very beautiful. It is also of great local and national significance particularly as these are, by and large, the last examples of some magnificent working vessels from our important commercial history.

Sadly the site has very little legal protection and is in danger of being lost. It is, notwithstanding, truly an exceptional feature of our maritime heritage. Paul Barnett's extensive and fascinating knowledge of its history and that of the vessels made for a truly enriching visit.

At the next meeting on Tuesday, 16th June, Tony Condor will give a presentation on tall ships, a subject of great importance in this county. Croft School, 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Finally somewhere to get flowers in Painswick!

Maggie's gift shop at the back of The Falcon Inn has started selling flowers at the weekend. As well as lovely gift ideas, cards, gift wrapping and locally made goodies you can now pick up a beautiful bunch of fresh flowers handmade by Painswick ladies, The Bespoke Flower Company every weekend during Spring/Summer. Available from Friday or Saturday until Sunday, prices starting at just £5. Meggie's is open Wednesday-Sunday from 10am.

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The General Election and Class 5's Election



We have been learning about politics in the build up to the the General Election so on Thursday 8th May Class 5 had their own mini election. We all split into groups of two or four and then each group had to choose a name, logo and set up some policies. We could then vote for each other's parties.

- Our parties were;
- HOPE stood for health, opportunities, plants and education.
 - BIP was the Bright Ideas Party
 - Nasolimpic Party
 - CCP (Children's Choice Party)
 - EME
 - WPP (World Protection Party)

Once this was finished we had to create a manifesto and a speech explaining why people should vote for us and what made us better than the rest. We then had to plan our speeches and perform it to the rest of the class. Everybody had to listen very carefully to the speeches because this is what we would vote for later.

After the results were announced out winning parties were Hope and Nasolimopics who drew and so formed a coalition.

Eniola (Year 6)

Celebrating VE Day and the end of Sats Prep

To celebrate VE Day Class 5 did some World War 2 cooking by making cheese and marmite swirls for the school.


First the children were split in to three groups and there were three different activities and each group got to have a go at everything. There was gardening, cooking and a SATS treasure trail, they were all really fun.

In gardening we cleared the weeds from the patch and then the others planted beans, sweetcorn and beetroot. In cooking we made marmite swirls and in the SATs trail we were paired up and each letter was a different question. In all it was a really fun morning.

Daisy and Ellie-Anne (Year 6)

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World War 1 Exhibition - The book is now out !



Many of you will have seen the WW1 display by the Local History Society, and we appreciate the opportunity we had to share their award winning display with the community. The Book "Painswick and the Great War" by Carol Maxwell and Peter Jackson is now out and copies are available to buy from the library - price £10.

Local History and Information

The Library now has a good collection of information about the history & other aspects of the area. This is thanks to the generosity of local people who have donated a number of the volumes available.

Village Diary

A Village Diary is now on our website, so that all can check on upcoming events, and if you are organising an event, can avoid any clashes. Website address is: painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk

New Books

A selection of the new books we have is listed below. Please note that as these are very popular with all library readers in the county, we do not have them all listed on the County Library system - otherwise they would disappear from our shelves for a considerable time. To combat this we have a list of new books every month on the library desk and a system for supplying them to Painswick readers. Please check the list for books you want and ask the counter volunteers for a local request to be put in place. That way you will get the book sooner.

Non Fiction

Bernard Cornwell Waterloo; Peter Hart Gallipoli; David Starkey Magna Carta

Fiction
Kate Atkinson A God in Ruins; Erica James The dandelion Years; David Nicholls Us;

Spoken Word CD's
Emma Healey Elizabeth is Missing; SJ Watson Second Life

Photocopying, Printing and Laminating

A reminder that photocopying and A4 laminating is available at the Library - ask the counter volunteers for help if you need it. Prices: B&W Copies 10p / sheet, Colour 80p / sheet; Laminating 70p per page
Ian Cridland

Outdoors and Indoors with the Bird Club



The Club trip to Cleeve Hill on 28th April was led by Keith White in bright sunshine but the winter winds did blow, did blow. In a wooded area, after hearing wren and blackcap, there was a good range of birdsong. After sighting the tree pipit, on open ground came a flitting band of seed-hunting linnets, on the Gallops five fieldfare, beyond a scatter of upstanding wheatears, then downhill to the rarity sighting of a whinchat.

Next day at the Stroud Valleys Project, we shared a fascinating presentation by Dr Tim Seller on "Camouflage and Mimicry" This was quite magnificently illustrated from a bar pattern merging the bittern with reeds, to insects more dead leaf or twig, even to the spots of a languorous leopard, mingling with dappled tree shade. Thus need indeed for predator v. prey!

Predators find success in head - assault, thus the evolution in prey of diverse camouflage and mimicry devices such as vast ectopic "eyes" (eg peacock butterfly) tail "antennae, the wasp" striping, even a retractable head! Best not to confuse "aggressive camouflage" in the alligator with a pebbly beach. Prey say, "Don't look luscious, be red and smelly" - as is the ladybird. Our speaker's data might even suggest that a red car could ward off aggressors!

This can only give a faint flavour of the huge array of insights and images to excite us, reflecting the DNA changes of natural selection. But then how do hares and ptarmigan turn white as snow in season? And during coal burning in the Forest, how did the moth (*Biston betularia*) blacken in parallel with the birch bark no longer white?

The final summer field trip will be on Tuesday 9th June when we have an evening walk beside the River Frome. This will be led by Frances Meredith of Cheltenham Bird Club and we hope to catch sight of the dipper, kingfisher and grey wagtail. (Meet at public car park opposite Waitrose, Stroud at 7.00pm. Visitors very welcome, £3.00. Contact number 01452 812951.

Martin and Wendy Addy

Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 6th May. 12 members of the public attended. Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger presented the Council's Annual Report. The report may be viewed on the Parish Council's web site: www.painswick-pc.gov.uk Annual reports were also presented by County Councillor Jason Bullingham and District Councillor Nigel Cooper. Reports were received from representatives of Art Couture and PSALMS. There was to be no Art Couture event in 2015. The next event would be in 2016. Alan Hudson asked whether Art Couture had considered an alternative venue to that of the churchyard given concerns about children playing on the tombstones. He was told that the Parochial Church Council did not wish to change its relationship with Art Couture. PSALMS was attracting between 18 and 25 members on Monday evenings. A meeting had taken place to consider how to keep young people together when they move to secondary school. Cllr Rob Lewis reported on the Business Group's activities. He said that Love Painswick was now a separate organisation from the Parish Council.

In the Open Forum which followed the formal meeting, David Allott asked what plans there were for cash dispensing in the village. Cllr Slinger said that a cash dispensing service would be provided as part of the Outreach Post Office service. Cllr Lewis said that the Business group was looking into the possibility of having a permanent ATM facility. Sue Shepherd asked what plans there were for a one-way system in Painswick. she was told that there were none at present. Cllr Bullingham said it was intended to have a loading bay at the Best One Store between 8 and 9am. The meeting concluded with thanks being expressed by a parishioner for the work carried out by the Parish Councillors: the work being entirely voluntary.

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Trevor Radway from Kings Mill Lane writes

I am led to believe that the Chief Executive of Royal Mail has just received a 5% salary increase to over £500,000 and that locally a "Modernisation" has taken place regarding collections. When you look at the facts they are ridiculous. Practically every post box locally now has ONE collection a day. Despite the fact that the Postman delivering mail goes past a box, he no longer collects from ALL of them. Likewise the fellow that used to collect at about 1600hrs now only collects from a few of the boxes, not all of them. And of course the letters go by lorry to Bristol for sorting.

Royal Mail are taking us all for a ride and our elected MP or Councillors will not grasp the nettle or be pro-active in defending yours and my position. They all adopt a conciliatory approach to Royal Mail and I as a regular user DESPAIR !!

Denial and inaction

Ross Munro from Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street writes:

Are we all too polite to mention the serious speed related accident last month in Gloucester Street? The accident, involving just one car, happened mid-morning and only the driver went to hospital. Gloucester Street is a walking route to The Croft School. What a different story could have emerged had the accident happened as children were walking to school or toddlers from the play group were walking home.

For years residents of Gloucester Street, and New Street, have complained of speeding traffic to be met by denial by the Highway Authority and inaction by our County Councillor. Apparently we need an accident score of 5 within 3 years for a vehicle activated sign. We now have a score of 2. Do we have to wait for a death, score 3, or one serious accident, score 2, and a minor accident, score 1, before anything is done?

Polling Day

Martin Falshaw from Paradise writes

I was disgusted to hear about an altercation in the doorway of the Town Hall on polling day. Sat in the doorway was a polite lady, wearing a blue rosette, who (I hope I don't offend her) was of pensioner age. The role she had volunteered for was to mark off those who had voted from her sheet. An aggressive voter challenged her permission to be there. The individual continued his verbal attack, belligerently prodding the lady's rosette and asking why she was wearing it.

Surely any decent individual who wished to keep their identity (or voting intentions) confidential would just kindly refuse to offer their voter number and not intimidate a vulnerable lady who was on her own.

As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of VE Day we should remind ourselves of the sacrifice those men and women made to defend our freedom to express political opinion.

What's On

21st June – Britannia Dance – Tea Dance. Contact 07766707790

4th July – Private Wedding

5th July – Painswick Singers Concert. Contact 01452 621151

13th – 19th July – Artists Anne Weare, Book Binding and Vicki Hendzel Pottery – Green Room

31st July – 9th August – Painswick Art Burst



Regular Activities

Mondays - Pilates, Kids Karate, Choir, Badminton

Tuesdays - Zumba Gold, Ladies Badminton, Cupcakes for carers

Wednesdays - PROBUS, Bridge, Table Tennis

Thursdays - Yoga, Pilates, Badminton, PADFAS

News

The Centre was host to a wonderful charity event on the 5th May, held by our resident Yoga Instructor Kim Brockett. She managed to raise a fantastic £610 for the charity 'Live to Love' for the victims of the recent Nepal earthquakes. Well done Kim and all that attended and/or donated.

We are looking for anyone who may be interested in running a monthly film club here at the centre. If you think you, or someone you know may be interested, please contact us.

Resident Artists Open Studios

The Painswick Centre art studios are 'open' studios. This means that although they are not open every day, they are open when any of the 5 artists are on site and working. There is generally an artist in on Tuesdays and Saturdays, although there are often artists in throughout the week also.

If you would like to come in on a specific day to see the art or meet any of the artists then please feel free to get in touch with the Centre or go to the Centres web site to get their contact details.

The Artists are –

- Angela Mullen-Bryan, Nordic Landscapes in oils.

- Adel Lambert, Vibrant pieces inspired by personal memories and portraits.

- Barbara Swindin, Landscapes inspired by personal mountaineering.

- Rupert Aker, Local landscapes in oils.

- Anne-Marie Randal, Modern portrait photographer.

Again we are always looking to find things for the residents of Painswick here at the Centre, so please do let us know as we cannot do it otherwise!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Jennie Barber, Painswick Centre Manager

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Hearing dogs for deaf people



Over ten million people in the UK are deaf or have serious hearing loss. That is one in six of the population and it is estimated that this figure will rise to one in four by 2020. It is not just the over 60's but mainly young people in their late teens or early 20's, who go to arena type events with loud sounds killing the nerves in their ears, who are contributing to this increase.

Merleen Watson, who is profoundly deaf herself, came to speak to us together with her black, working cocker spaniel, Grace. She explained that deafness leaves people feeling lonely, isolated, anxious and without self-esteem. Having a trained dog companion, however, can give the deaf independence and assurance to go out into the world. The brain cannot hear dangerous things so the deaf assume that they do not exist. Merleen used to have panic attacks when she went out and about but Grace accompanied her on a train journey recently and this gave her the confidence to attempt other expeditions.

Hearing dogs in their smart burgundy jackets provide visibility to an otherwise invisible disability and Grace was an outstanding example. It costs £45,000 for the breeding, socialising, sound work and life long care for each dog provided by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. We were treated to a remarkable display of skills as Grace responded to a variety of bells and alarms and then alerted her owner to the signal by nudging her on the knee and leading her to the source of the sound. For emergency sounds she flopped to the ground!

Ben Fogel's father, Dr. Bruce Fogel, launched Hearing Dogs at Crufts in 1982 and now 850 working dog partnerships are in place bringing significant life changes to deaf people. An amazing achievement!

The next meeting will be the Centenary Celebration Picnic at the Rococo Gardens at 6.0 p.m. on June 23rd.

Janet Jenkins

May was a very exciting month for us at the Garden as BBC2's new programme, The Great Chelsea Garden Challenge, was aired in the run up to the RHS Chelsea Show. Loosely based around a 'Great British Bake Off' format, it saw 6 amateur garden designers competing to win a chance to create a garden at this year's Chelsea Flower Show. The Rococo Garden was one of the venues used and we featured in the week the designers created Conceptual Gardens. Filming actually took place last September and the producers swore us to secrecy as to which designers remain and which had been knocked out. So intense was their desire to keep everything under wraps, the moment judging was over we had to destroy the individual gardens and return the Bowling Green, where it was filmed, back to grass. This did result in a couple of awkward moments as visitors came after the show aired to see the winning garden!

Apart from the plus side of the publicity we also were allowed to keep all the materials and plants used in the gardens. As a result we created a Bamboo Sanctuary in the Nature Trail, a raised bed by the Bothy and have some lovely metal planters outside the restaurant.

On another matter don't forget to purchase your tickets for the HandleBards on Monday 6th July. Sales have gone very well and at this stage we are not sure there will be tickets available on the night.

Paul Moir

Cotswold Water Park Field Trip

Monday 11th May 9.30AM

Leader: Martin Wright

Weather: Cloudy with patchy rain am., warm sunshine pm.

Attendance: 8 Members and 3 visitors

Birds seen or heard

On/over water

Mute Swan, Great Crested Grebe, Mallard, Tufted Duck, Common Tern, Coot, Cormorant, Reed Bunting, Canada Geese, Black-headed Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull.

Scrub/hedgerows and copses

Cuckoo – male and female, Nightingale, Hedge Sparrow, Song Thrush, Blackbird, Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Chiffchaff, Chaffinch, Wren, Garden Warbler, Black Cap, Cetti's Warbler, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Sparrowhawk, Pheasant, Long-tailed Tit.

In the air

Hobby, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Raven, Starling, Sand Martin, Swallow, Swift, Little Egret, Magpie, Green Woodpecker, Wood Pigeon, Stock Dove

Birds of the Day!

Hobby, Cuckoo, Nightingale.

Jottings for May

It is spring, all the animals and birds know, everywhere is full of life, young robins and blackbirds leaving their nests, seeds sown, fertilizer applied. Now, to let the animals out into the fields. The change of diet, from one mostly of dry feed to one of lush grass, causes their stomachs to swell, feeling full for a while until they get used to it. The cow pats we now see in the fields are slightly green, and liquid which is normal for this time of year.

Spring grass has another effect in that you get a rise in milk production. More often than not this causes the constituents of the milk to alter and that may make it go below the legal limits set by Law. Milk must contain at least 3.6 % protein and 4.0% fat when the tanker takes it from your farm. If you go below these limits you will lose money and the dairy will ask you to adjust the cow's diet. The dairy has played around with the milk you buy, to give you your full, semi skimmed or skimmed milk.

When the tanker comes to pick up your milk from the farm, the driver smells the milk for any bad odour, takes a sample for testing and looks to see that the milk is coloured white. Again, by Law you must provide milk which is clean, white and have no added constituents of any kind.

If, for instance, your cows eat too much clover or manage to eat some wild garlic, the tanker driver will smell this taint in the tank. He may refuse to take your milk. He might take a sample and at the end of his run get the dairy to test it. If they say yes, it is ok, the tanker will return to pick up your milk. If they cannot accept it, it may be up to you as to how you are going to dispose of this "contaminated" milk before the next milking.

For other animals that you let out for the summer they go out to the fields, then they run, jump and skip around. You hope they do not get too excited and get injured or go crashing through the next hedge before they settle down.

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Name of candidate	Party	Number of Votes
CARMICHAEL, Neil	The Conservative Party Candidate	27813
DREW, DAVID Elliott	Labour and Co-operative Party	22947
LUNNON, Sarah	Green Party	2779
MICHAEL, David	Free Public Transport Party	100
STEPHENS, Caroline Ann	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	4848
WALKER-SMITH, Adrian Anthony	Liberal Democrats	2086
WILSON, Richard Simon	Independent	246

Elected: Neil Carmichael
Turn out: 75.66%

Painswick Parish Council Membership 2015

Painswick Ward: Ann DANIELS, 3 Pullens Road, Painswick, GL6 6QZ. 812651
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 Mike FLETCHER, Gyde Barn, Cheltenham Road, Painswick GL6 6SJ. mob 07810827456, Michael_fletcher@me.com
 Rob LEWIS, Yew Tree Barn, New Street, Painswick GL6 6UN. 810910, mob 07833444607, roblewis17@icloud.com
 Abigail SMITH, 14a Canton Acre, Painswick. 07718079435, abigailsmith275@btinternet.com
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Handyman & Cemetery Caretaker: George HODDER, Cemetery Lodge, Golf Course Road, Painswick, GL6 6TJ. mob: 07766 048682

Neighbourhood Warden: Carol NOVOTH, email; carol.novoth@stroud.gov.uk, mob: 07970-250343

'Have Your Say' New Venue

The 'Have Your Say' group now takes place every Monday from 7.30 – 9.30p.m. in the Painswick Bowls Club pavilion. This group is organised by the Rev Roger Leigh, who can be contacted for more information on 01452 536325.

Andrea Linsell 812464

Evil spirits and witches – keeping them at bay!

From mediaeval times to the early 18th century evil spirits and witches were seen as a very real threat by many people. It was deemed necessary therefore to protect houses and property from the possibility of entry by such spirits and this often took the form of a repelling symbol known as an apotropaic mark.



These marks were scratched or carved into stone or wood near openings such as doorways, window frames or fireplaces. They took various forms (not to be confused with masons' marks) and commonly used were circles, often surrounding a geometric daisy wheel, hearts, letters, especially W, or crosses.

These marks are often not immediately clearly visible – the one shown here not spotted for some time even though it is passed by several times a day being at eye level on the entrance stone of a through passageway. It is almost certain however that there are many more in Painswick as this was common practice everywhere, superstition being especially strong at a time of religious change. Do take a close look at the stone and wood surrounds of openings in and just outside your house and if you do spot one I should be really glad to hear from you as I should like to compile a record of Painswick's apotropaic marks. Email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or tel. 813387.

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County Councillor's Annual Report

The following is an extract of the report received from Councillor Jason Bullingham.

Another busy and interesting year.

- In the 2014-2015 financial year all councillors were allocated £20k for Highways Local, which was allocated to schemes including Painswick, Brookthorpe and Waddon, Upton St. Leonards and Whiteshill.
- Highways Schemes budgeted for in 2014/15 include Pitchcombe (A4173 between Junction and Church, Wragg Castle Lane, Halfway Pitch and Pincott Lane); Painswick (Tibbiwell Lane); Upton St. Leonards (Portway and Bondend Road); Bisley with Lypiatt (Mount Pleasant and Vatch Lane top road); Harescombe (Harescombe Lane and GrunTERS Lane).
- Active Together Funding - In this year we were allocated £40k over two years:
 - The Children and Young People Funding of £5k went to Creative Sustainability, Eastcombe.
 - A417 Missing link - Gloucester County Council gained government funding in the region of £255million.
 - Early Education - We received £4.98million to support even more 2-year olds into early education.
 - Javelin Park - Secretary of State gave consent, although I understand there is a judicial review set to take place in the High Court on 25th June 2015.

District Councillors' Annual Report

In their report to the Annual Parish Meeting, Cllrs Julie Job and Nigel Cooper gave details of several matters which will affect parishioners in the future.

Waste & Recycling (see front page)

Planning – Local Plan

The initial conclusion from stage 1 of the Examination in Public, announced in June 2014, was that significant further work was required in several areas in order for the plan to be passed as sound. Therefore the Council took the option to withdraw the plan and resubmit within six months, whilst the Public Inspection was suspended. Following considerable further work the Council agreed an amended in December Plan and requested that the inspector reconvene the public examination. The main revision is the inclusion of a site for development west of Stonehouse, and an increase in the total number of new dwellings from 10,400 to 11,300 during the plan period 2006-2031. (Over 7,000 of those dwellings have already been built or had permission granted).

The examination should have started again in January, but the inspector was ill. However Stage 1 was scheduled to recommence on May 12th, and Stage 2 (more concerned with site allocation) running from May 28th to June 12th. It is hoped that the local plan will be adopted by Stroud District Council by the end of 2015. More details are available on the SDC web site: <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/localplanexamination.asp>

Boundary Review

As reported last year the Local Government Boundary Commission were reviewing both the number of councillors and the current warding arrangements. This review had been triggered by there being too much of a difference between the number of voters per ward councillor. The draft proposals indicate that the number of councillors will remain unchanged at 51 and that Painswick ward will become a three seat ward and include Upton St Leonards. Also the district council elections will now take place every four years, starting in May 2016 with elections for all 51 seats.

Committee membership

Councillor Julie Job has served on the Community Services and Licensing Committee and Councillor Nigel Cooper on the Development Control and Strategy Resources Committees throughout the past civic year.

Probus Women

Giving Children a chance was the topic at PROBUS Women which I was, alas, unable to attend but was enlightened by fellow Probus Woman, Lesley Wylde after she listened to Speaker Joan Nash on 11th May. Joan Nash is on the Adoption Committee and Panel at Glos. County Council. She adopted two children 45 years ago so has first hand knowledge of how vital love and security in a safe, caring and consistent family environment benefits children who, through no fault of their own, are in dire need of a guiding, loving and helping hand in life.

At present there are 525 children in the care of GCC due to the inability of parents to look after them properly. Neglect, violence, drug abuse, sexual abuse as well as witnessing violence between their parents are main causes for removing them to a stable and caring environment. After media coverage of the Baby P case the Authorities have seen more cases of child neglect brought to their attention from concerned neighbours which, of course, they have to action. There are no longer care homes in Gloucester and Foster Parents play a vital role. They look after children until a Judge ratifies legal adoption when appropriate. It could be more than 2 yrs before a perfect match is found. In some cases Mothers request their babies be adopted from birth. A Panel meets every two weeks at the Shire Hall rigorously interviewing prospective parents on practically every subject under the sun! They could be couples, single people or same sex couples aged between late 20's-60's and from all walks of life. These days, Joan told us, were always long and difficult but of paramount importance to ensure the children had the best possible start.

Joan explained the challenges faced by all people in this process were extreme. Yes, indeed, a lot of cases could be extremely upsetting but the reward, for want of a better word, was knowing that they made a difference and changed and enriched so many lives by giving children a chance. A second chance for a new beginning.

No talk next month, 8th June but a tour of Staverton Airport and Museum instead.

Delia Mason

Save the date

Croft School Country Fayre - July 11th - 1pm - 5pm - Everyone Welcome !!

The Friends of The Croft School would like to invite you all to come along for an afternoon of traditional fun and entertainment for the whole family. Enjoy a Cream Tea, something from the BBQ or a beverage from the bar while watching the exciting guest displays in our events arena, such as Dog Agility and Mounted Games. Browse the stalls from local tradespeople and for the Children there will be plenty to do such as pony riding, "Beat The Teacher", Bouncy Castles, Panning for Gold and Treasure Hunting and much much more.

Linsey Filby (Chair of Friends of the Croft School)

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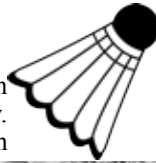
Sports reports assembled by John Barrus

Badminton

The Painswick Badminton Club held their annual, end of season tournament for the Yarnold Cup in the Beacon Hall on 7th May.

After a series of round robin mixed matches the best two men and best two ladies played a best of three games final. In a hard fought and close match Julia Richardson and John Wylde beat Angela Woodward and John Barrus to claim the trophy. The club plays on Monday and Thursday evenings in the Beacon Hall and although the season has formally ended play continues on Thursdays into the early summer.

The season re-starts in September and all abilities are welcome. Anyone wishing to play should ring John Wylde on 814349



Tennis



Painswick Lawn Tennis Club were delighted and privileged to welcome the President of the LTA, Cathie Sabin, where she met members of the club. Following her visit Cathie Sabin wrote... 'You have a lovely club and in one of the most beautiful settings I have seen. We always say that clubs are about people and clearly Painswick is one of those clubs. Thank you very much for all your hard work, effort and commitment and I wonder if we can clone you and spread you around the country.'

The tennis club is holding an open afternoon at Broadham from 2-5pm on Saturday the 13th June. They would welcome anyone to come along, from beginners to returning tennis players. There will be coaches available to help and advise, light refreshments and lots of fun for all ages.

Please come and join us !

Joan Griffiths (President)

Joan Griffiths (left) with Cathie Sabin (pictured above)

Bowling



Are you looking to take up a new activity or rediscover an old one? Painswick Bowls Club are looking for new members. Located on Bisley

Street next to the Painswick Centre the Club is set in a lovely location with expansive views across the valley. With an excellent green, colourful spring borders and great clubhouse members enjoy a relaxing activity in picturesque surroundings.

The new season started on Saturday 11th April and throughout the season will play weekdays and weekends in a variety of formats from mixed friendlies, seniors and league matches.



In the winter months the Club hold shortmat (indoor) bowls along with skittle evenings. Painswick is a small friendly club who warmly welcomes new members. Try the sport by asking for a roll out using club bowls. All you will need in the first instance is a pair of flat shoes. If you would like to visit the club and/or try a roll out contact the club secretary, Ken Quick, on 01452 728516,

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Cricket Results



West of England Premier Cricket League
Saturday 2nd May - Dumbleton beat Painswick by 67 runs.
Saturday 9th May - Painswick beat Bourton vale by 80 runs.
Saturday 16th May - Painswick beat Chipping Sodbury by 25 runs.
Saturday 23rd May - Cheltenham Civil Service beat Painswick by 3 wickets.

Longfield Solstice Walk

Every year Longfield, based in Minchinhampton, formerly known as Cotswold Care Hospice supports more than 900 people living in Gloucestershire who have a life-limiting illness. They are organising a fund raising Solstice Walk on June 19th. Registration is £15 for adults or £7.50 for children. Under 5s go free and dogs are welcome. The walk starts from 6pm, 6.30pm and 7pm depending on the route you choose. For details please contact the hospice on 01453 886868 or email events@longfield.org.uk.

Archie's head shave

Archie Owlett, along with so many of us, was also affected by the earthquake in Nepal. Unable to imagine the horror of being in the quake and its aftermath, 14-year old Archie wanted to help in some way. He had been growing his hair since last autumn and had also been thinking about donations to charity but with no particular focus. The Nepal situation led to an immediate decision – he would shave his hair off to raise funds for this very special cause.

The deed was done at half-term - to allow a few days growth before returning to school - by Archie's older brother, Jack, and the 'before and after' photographs say it all. This is a laudable act for a young man to see through and he is to be applauded. It is encouraging to realise that our young people, moved by the terrible predicament others across the world find themselves in, are willing to do something to help.

Archie decided to open a fundraise page with Unicef who also supplied a paper copy which he took to school. His page is fundraise.unicef.org.uk/MyPage/Archie-Owlett-Archie---Shave-my-head. To-date he has raised £304.26. If you would like to support Archie's efforts you can do so through the web page or tel. 812290.

Carol Maxwell

Nepal - Painswick's compassion Kim's fund raiser

The earthquake in Nepal was, as we have all seen, utterly devastating. Many of us were horrified and dismayed at the havoc it wreaked but our reactions were of course nothing compared with the effect on the lives of those living in the area. With this in mind, and deeply affected by the situation, Kim Brockett decided something must be done to help.

Kim was aware of a humanitarian charity, Live to Love, which works primarily in the Himalayas and which functions entirely on volunteer aid so every penny donated goes directly to the cause. It is recognised by the United Nations. This charity was able to begin organising help immediately as it already had a presence in the earthquake area. It is a grass roots organisation with knowledge of how to handle emergency situations where infrastructure is weak, as in Nepal.

Kim began spreading the word about a fundraising evening she was planning involving yoga and meditation, the money raised to be donated to the charity. Two days later on 5th May over 40 people – men, women and children - arrived at the Painswick Centre to join in and an amazing £610 was raised. As Kim says "It was quite incredible, there was an amazing sense of community here in Painswick." This was a strong supportive community responding positively and immediately to a real emergency.

A week later there was of course another earthquake to add to the already appalling situation. Help will be needed for a long time to come and Kim is hoping to organise more events, urging readers to 'watch this space' for news of further plans. Meanwhile she would like to thank the Painswick Centre for allowing her to use the hall free of charge and to thank those who donated so generously. You can contact her at yoginikim@icloud.com.

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Thought you might like to know about a project that Fair Shares in Stroud is developing with Stroud Library and The Museum in the Park, called "A chance to chat". They are making up boxes which can be borrowed containing items from the 1950's -80's. So there might be hats, small items of clothing, old beer glasses or mats, garden or work tools, aftershave/perfume reminiscent of those times. My memory immediately returns to my uncle smelling of "Old Spice", or my grandmother smelling of "Lily of the Valley" ("Charlie" for me in the 70's.....). The idea is that the boxes can then be used as a conversation piece, a memory jogger, a basis to share with others what those memories bring up. It's a wonderful way for a younger person to connect with someone older and see them in a different light.

The second aspect of "Chance to Chat" will be a series of postcards with some image on them designed to stimulate conversation and memory. They will be left in local cafes, garden centres, care homes etc and there will be a card to send back to Fair Shares to let them know what developed as a result of using them. Both these projects are wonderful for general reminiscing and developing greater connections with others in our communities and families.

Please have a look in your attics, cupboards, garages and see if you have anything you could contribute or even make up your own to use in your family or a group that you belong to. Similarly you could think about making your own cards with some image to stimulate conversation.

Fair Shares have been involved in another great project over the last couple of years, leading dementia friendly walks in Stratford Park in Stroud. There is tea and coffee at 10.30 at the Museum and the walks start at 11am. They are wheelchair friendly and there are dementia trained volunteers there to help as well. The next

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walks will be on Fridays 5th and the 19th of June.

Following the recent changes in The Care Act, Gloucestershire County Council is working with an independent organisation called The Care Advice Line. The Care Advice Line is a free

information and advice service helping adults, carers and their families with care and support needs to ensure that they make informed decisions about their care and support and how they pay for it. The Care Advice Line provides personalised information and advice plus guidance on legal and financial considerations and where appropriate can help people access professional advice from regulated financial advisers and legal professionals.

Finally, I had a very enjoyable couple of mornings last week at Sue Ryder's day-hospice where I was able to meet some of the people using this brilliant facility and tell them what service we could provide as Village and Specialist Agents. Even now, despite all the education and information about how much hospices have changed, it can still be very off putting to contemplate going to one. Every person I spoke to who was there because they are living with some form of life-limiting illness said they'd felt the same but once they'd had the opportunity of using this service, were very sad to see their 12 week programme come to an end. "Longfield" in Minchinhampton (formally known as "Cotswold Care") also operates a similar free service. Please contact them both or myself if you would like to know more. As always, thank you for the very positive feedback about these articles and of the service and help and support that the Village Scheme gives in Gloucestershire.

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 - The Care Advice Line Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: 01452 22 22 00
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 - Longfield, Minchinhampton: 01453 88 68 68

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

PROPERTY REPORT for May from Hamptons International


The peak season in the sales market is now upon us and there is a strong sense of optimism in the market now the General Election is out of the way. With most pundits forecasting that "the only certainty is uncertainty" it is true to say that no one was expecting such a decisive result and, whatever your political leanings, there is little doubt that the avoidance of a coalition government and a win for the Conservatives will certainly provide an immediate fillip to the property market. This positivity has been demonstrated in the financial markets with positive surges in both the FTSE and sterling exchange rate although the latter hasn't been entirely welcomed by some of our overseas buyers.

Sales are typically subdued in the run up to an Election with transactions then bouncing in the following six months to a level 15% higher than in typical years so there is plenty of evidence to suggest we will see a brisk market during the remainder of 2015. Across the Hamptons network at present, our stock of available properties is at its highest level ever for this time of year and is up 15% year on year whilst buyer numbers have also been increasing with new registrations last month being the second highest on record for April. Here in Painswick, our sales agreed to date in 2015 are 17% ahead of the same time last year and we appear to be seeing plenty more stock coming onto the market to fuel new demand.

On a more general note, I am pleased to report that Hamptons' expansion continues apace. So far during 2015 we have added nine new offices to our network in and around London whilst two further new offices will be opening soon including a second office in Oxford. This gives us unrivalled access to high value markets across London and the South enabling our network to work to the benefit of all Hamptons clients.

We have recently taken instructions on many properties recently but in brief they are: Stonebarrow, Lynton, and Copper Beeches in Painswick; Jenkins Farmhouse, Jenkins Barn, Beech Tree Cottage and Randalls Cottages in Edge; Bunnage Farm in Sheepscombe, Meads in Pitchcombe, Rifleman's in The Vatch, Down Court Cottage in Slad and 1 Hillview Cottages in Great Witcombe. Sales agreed since last writing include: Michaelmas Cottage, The Watch House, Horseshoe Cottage, 2 Washwell Cottages and Baraclough House all in Painswick; 1 Coldstream Cottages and Timbercombe Cottage in Sheepscombe; Randalls Cottages in Stockend; Willow Corner in Upton St Leonards; Rosewood in Birdlip; 2 Clovermead in Brookthorpe; 252 Stroud Road in Tuffley and Float House in Minsterworth. Recent completions include Jasmine Cottage, Askrigg, Green Ridges and Paul Camp.

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Mon	8	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Probus Women: Visit to Gloucester Airport, Staverton & Light Lunch at The Aviator Club Pulse: for Yr 7 to Yr 9 Children (Mondays) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall Town Hall Staverton Youth Pavilion, Rec. Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.50 to 11.30am 10.30am 11.00am 6.00 to 7.30pm 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	9	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890 Bird Club: River Frome field trip - an evening walk with Frances Meredith. Meet in public car park opposite Waitrose	Painswick Centre Town Hall P. Centre Green Room Ashwell House Stroud	10.00am 1.45 for 2.00pm 2.00 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 7.00pm
Wed	10	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club coach trip to Lambourn Racing Stables & Ashdown House. Enq 01453 298732 Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays Probus: Climate Change - Crisis or Opportunity: Mark Kenber	Stamages Car Park Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Croft School Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.30am to 12noon 10.00am
		Holy Communion Gardening Club: AGM & Talk by Steve Quinton about the Rococo Garden	St Mary's Church Church Rooms	12.00 noon 7.30pm
Thu	11	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 Drama with a Pulse (for Yr 5 to Yr 7 children) - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Church Rooms Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 5.30 to 6.30pm
Fri	12	Country Market: Coffee available	Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
Sun	14	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Benefice Confirmation Service	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 3.00pm
Mon	15	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Walk. Daglingworth for Wildflowers and Farmland Birds. Pre-book: 813228		2.00 for 2.30pm
Tue	16	Simplicity Parenting Workshop Local History Society: AGM & Talk	Painswick Centre Croft School	10.00am 7.30pm
Wed	17	Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	St Mary's Church Town Hall	6.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	19	Friday Club: President's Tea Party	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Copy Date for July Beacon		
Sun	21	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism	St. Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am



		Ballroom, Latin & Sequence Tea Dance - all welcome - tickets in advance £5. Tel Sam Ellis 07766101790	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 5.30pm
Mon	22	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Farm Walk: Whittington Lodge Farm. Pre-book: 813228		2.00 for 2.30pm
Tue	23	Yew Trees W.I.: Centenary Celebrations	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	24	Probus: Rescue of Street Children - Anita Edgar	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	26	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: Trailer-supported visit: Whittington Lodge Farm. Pre-book: 813228		2.00 for 2.30pm
Sat	27	Food & Fermentation Workshops: Kimche: A Must Have Fermented Staple.: £40	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Sun	28	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass	St Mary's Church	8.00am
		Painswick Praise & Holy Baptism	Catholic Church	8.30am
Tue	30	Simplicity Parenting Workshop	St Mary's Church	9.30am
			Painswick Centre	10.00am

JULY

Wed	1	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Walk: Industrial Heritage, Wallbridge, Stroud. Pre-book: 813228	Stroud Cheapside Car Park	6.30pm
Fri	3	Friday Club: Cotswold Perfumery - Pam Slater	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	4	July Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	5	Painswick Singers Concert: Musical Island Meanders	Painswick Centre	3.30pm
Wed	8	Probus: Still Waiting for the Light - Wendy Conway	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: William Kent & the Rococo Garden - Roger Turner: Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club: Summer Outing - Weston-Super-Mare		
Sat	11	Theatre Club Outing to Bath: She Stoops to Conquer	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
		Food & Fermentation Workshops: Fermented Drinks - More Probiotic Goodness £40	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Mon	13	Artists Anne Weare, Book Binding and Vicki Hendzel, Pottery; Exhibition: Daily until 19th July	P. Centre, Green Room	Daily
		Probus Women: Independent Travel by Rail in India - Trevor Radway	Church Rooms	10.00am
Thu	16	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club coach trip to Kenilworth Castle & Elizabethan Gardens. (Enq. 01453 834486)	Stamages Car Park	
Tue	28	Yew Trees W.I.: The History of Punch & Judy - Phillip Collins	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	31	Painswick Art Burst - Exhibition: Daily until 9th August	Painswick Centre	Daily

AUGUST

Sat	1	August Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Tue	11	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Boat Trip & Lunch on Gloucester & Sharpness Canal & Historic Docks Tour. Enq. 814570	Stamages Car Park	
Tue	25	Yew Trees W.I.: Summer Supper	Church Rooms	7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Sun	20	Painswick Feast	St Mary's Churchyard	11.00am to 6.00pm
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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.15/0882/TPO 16 HYETT ORCHARD, Hyett Close Fell – Lawson Cypress and smaller Leyland Cypress S.15/0879/HHOLD GERRANS, Orchard Mead. Installation of clear glazed skylights to south elevation to facilitate loft conversion. S.15/0710/FUL & S.15/0711/LBC NORTH WEST STABLE, Brownshill Court. Convert disused stable building into groom's accommodation with reinstated store building. S.15/0628/COU P U B L I C CONVENIENCE, St Marys Street Change of use to include A1/A2 and B1(A). S.15/0933/DISCON BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street. Application to discharge Conditions 4, 5, 7 and 8 in relation to consent S.14/0812/LBC. S.15/0948/TCA CASTLE HALE, Stamages Lane. Cooper Beech: reduce the crown spread over neighbour's garden, removing up to 2-3 metres from the longest low branches. S.15/0957/HHOLD & S.15/0958/LBC COURTSIDE, COURT ORCHARD Demolition of entrance porch and boiler store. Erection of conservatory. S.15/1024/HHOLD SHEEPHOUSE COTTAGE, Stepping Stone Lane. Single storey oak framed orangery extension to rear. S.15/0867/HHOLD CORINIUM HOUSE, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge. Erection of two storey link garage. S.15/0979/HHOLD TOCKNELLS HOUSE. Installation of garden pond. S.15/1002/FUL L A N D ADJOINING GREENACRES, Cheltenham Road. New dwelling. S.15/0965/MINAM BRAMFIELD, Edge Road. (1) Use natural slate on roof instead of corrugated sheeting. (2) Substitute single door on the south aspect with double doors on the western aspect. (3) Add a window on the northern side. GENERAL PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AT STROUD SLAD FARM, SLAD. Erection of a new general purpose agricultural building. D A M S E L L S L O D G E . Alterations and extension to existing garage and summerhouse. YEW TREE COURT, Far End, Sheepscombe. Single storey extension to existing accommodation over part of existing roof terrace. All contained within the existing building envelope. DOWNTON HOUSE, 16 Gloucester Street.

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REVISED PLANS

S.14/2568/FUL L A N D PARCEL WEST OF PROSPECT COTTAGE, Bulls Cross Application for two new dwellings.

CONSENT

S.14/2759/LBC BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street. 1. Lower cill level and replace window to utility room on ground floor. 2. Reinstate doorway in blocked opening in plant room on ground floor. 3. Insert fanlights into existing arches above two doors in hallway on first floor. 4. Modify stair in Laundry on second floor for safe entry and addition of mezzanine. S.15/0525/HHOLD HIGHCLOUDS, Queens Mead. Addition of dormer window to front elevation. Reduction of window width in dormer to rear elevation. S.15/0556/FUL UPPER COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane. Separation of annexe from existing property to create new dwelling. S.15/0557/LBC UPPER COTTAGE Tibbiwell Lane. Separation of annexe from existing property. S.15/0565/HHOLD THEYDON COTTAGE, Queens Mead. Proposed single storey extension and internal alterations. S.15/0713/TCA HALFPENNY COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane. Fell 2 Leylandi and 1 Apple tree. 15/00280/LAPRNW- COURTHOUSE, Hale Lane (Licence application)

REFUSED

S.15/0479/ADV BLACK HORSE COTTAGE, St Marys Street. Signage; Cotswold Stone with incur setting coloured in with Pantone warm grey. Woodend Boarding in Pantone warm grey and some white. S.15/0621/LBC BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street. Alteration to 3 doorways in the Ballroom. S.15/0761/LBC PAINSWICK MILL, Ticklestone Lane. Reinstatement of external door and surround in South West elevation.

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The Personal Column

Condolences

Our condolences go to the family of PETER HUDSON, formerly of Cotswold Mead and one time member of the St Mary's bell ringers (the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths) and of Probus. He was a member of the Beacon Committee from 1984 to 1993. He died peacefully on April 23rd in Hunters Care Home in Cirencester, after a long illness.

Also to the family of DERMOT CASSIDY who died on April 22nd in a care home in Guildford. Dermot was a member of the Beacon Committee from 2004 to 2010.

Change of Address

JENNIE PREECE would like to thank all the friends and neighbours who kindly helped her move a few doors along from Prospect Terrace to Tibbiwell Gardens. A small distance but a big effort!

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

Ken Farlow at the VE70 celebrations in London



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Richard Aspinall Hon Treasurer

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