

The Painswick Beacon

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Directory 2016– it's your call

The Painswick Directory is delivered every year with the January issue of the Beacon. It is free of charge. Providing a very valuable source of information for both residents and our visitors, it is also, of course, of great benefit to those businesses, services, clubs, societies, agencies etc which are included in its pages. A copy is posted on our website too which continues to receive 'hits', not least from people moving into the area.

If you run a business, service, society etc it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant and correct details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on, and need these details as soon as possible if you wish to be included in the 2016 edition. Inclusion costs you nothing.

If you are already in, please check the details and let us know if there are any changes to be made. Out-of-date and incorrect information is most irritating for all concerned. If you wish your entry to be removed, or if you are aware of an entry that is no longer valid, you should let us know as soon as possible.

This is a free community resource and it is important that it is up-to-date, comprehensive and accurate. Please send your details, or relevant information about any entry, via the Beacon's email address: beacon@painswick.net or to Carol Maxwell at Carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or post in the Beacon box in New Street as soon as possible.

Carol Maxwell

Post Office Outreach at Painswick Town Hall

What the Outreach service can provide

There will be a number of residents who will be unaware of the many services provided by Post Office Outreach. Listed below are some of those services.

- Withdrawal of cash up to £300. 95% of high street banks subscribe to the scheme.
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- Payment of council tax and energy company bills.
- Most postal services.
- Availability of Euros on demand and the facility to order other currencies.
- Fishing Licences.



Issue of Car Tax and Passports. This facility is not provided at Painswick.

Since the closure of the Painswick Post Office in March 2013, residents have had to seek alternatives to meet their postal requirements. The provision of the Outreach facility in the Town Hall was hard fought and the Parish Council asks that residents give serious consideration to moving back from the alternative arrangements they may have made and use the Town Hall facility which is open between 9.30am and 11.30am on Wednesdays and Fridays.

It is in all our interests to use the Post Office Outreach facility. Please make it a priority for you.

Note. Should the opening hours be inconvenient for you, the Painswick Post Office Outreach Postmaster is located at the Upton St Leonards Post Office in Churchfield Road. The post office's opening hours there are 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12.30pm Saturday.

Painswick Feast

**Sunday 20th September
St Mary's Churchyard
11am – 6pm**

Come and join the action at the Painswick Feast. Book a lunch table with family and friends. Bring apples to juice in the cider press, sit on a bale and enjoy some live music, stroll around the wonderful food and craft stalls. Take part with your own club or society or play on "Busker's Corner". Bring a teddy for parachuting, have a go at apple bobbing, or circus skills, have fun! www.painswickfeast.org or tel. 812879 to find out more.

Clipping Service. The Service which is central to the Painswick Feast is at 3pm when the guest preacher will be The Archdeacon of Gloucester, The Venerable Jackie Searle. There has been some debate about the spelling of "clipping" which is understood to be Anglo-Saxon in origin and derived from the word "clyppan", meaning "embrace". Historically there are references to the service where the spelling is "clipping". However, "clipping" is the preferred word by many residents as it makes clear the distinction between the embracing or encircling of the church as opposed to the annual clipping of the yew trees in the churchyard.





That post box!

You'll know the joke "How many people does it take to change a light bulb?" Consider now how many Royal Mail "executives" does it take to install a post box? And how long?

Way back in October 2013, about 22 months or some 666 days ago the main large mouthed box in New Street's Post Office building was sealed. Since then local resident Lord Tyler, local MP Neil Carmichael, Martin Slinger and Roy Balgobin from the Parish Council and Painswick residents Alan Hudson and David Allott have been badgering away at Royal Mail for a replacement. No wide mouth box for Christmas 2013. Nor for Christmas 2014.

We have dealt with a huge range of people with wondrous titles in far flung offices. From the two Chief Executives Royal Mail and two

Ministers of Business, Innovation and Skills (responsible for Royal Mail) to Public Affairs Manager, Correspondence Manager, Customer Service Executives, External Relations Officer, "Postal Policy", Sighting Manager - new boxes, Chairman and Chief Executive Office: located in London, Stroud, Bristol, Plymouth, Manchester and even Bangor contact centre.

Mostly we received sympathy, thanks for our concern and regrets "....it is taking longer than anticipatedapologies for delay ..." . But nothing executive from lots of executives.

Finally we were advised to Email "chiefexecutivecomplaints" and were then surprised to receive a constructive reply and a site visit to choose the location. Then the post was put in the pavement and at an agreed date and time the box added on top. Total time to install, less than one hour; time to arrange it all about forty hours of Painswickians' time dealing with letters, emails and phone calls. And about the same hours from Moya, Donna, Nicola, Paula, Rhian, Heather, 3 x Kelly, Sharon and Lynsey together with Steve, Michael, Brian, Chris, Philip, Shaun, Rhis, Peter and Richard.

David Allott

Pictured at the post box commissioning celebrations are:

Left to right: Sue Boggon, Jackie Herbert, David Allott and Alan Hudson

County Councillor's report Mobile phone coverage across Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire County Council is to look into ways in which they can help local people get better phone connections in rural areas. At a full council meeting county councillors passed a unanimous motion to investigate how mobile phone companies can provide increased coverage across Gloucestershire. Councillors agreed that improvements to phone signals in hard to reach areas could avoid isolation and make it easier for people to make contact with emergency services and support rural businesses.

Bid to bring more power to Gloucestershire

County Councillors have backed a motion to bring greater resources and responsibility from Whitehall in London back to Gloucestershire. At a full council meeting in July, county councillors unanimously agreed to work with district councils, the NHS, police and other key partners to prepare and present a devolution proposal to government. The bill of devolution is an opportunity for Gloucestershire to take greater control for its public services based on what people need and want. The county would have more responsibility over social care and health spending, local transport networks, business rates and education and infrastructure. For the past few months, the council has been talking to its district partners about what services they would like to see devolved and the vote at the July council meeting cemented cross-party support for the move.

Cllr Jason Bullingham



We have been voted into the finals of the Stroud Life Salon of the Year Competition!

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Celebrating VJ Day

On 15th August the 70th anniversary of VJ Day was celebrated in truly splendid style in London. Painswick's Reigh Sutton was invited to take part and, despite early misgivings about her own mobility, says proudly, "I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

Early on in the war Reigh was working in the Civil Service when she spotted a notice stating '30 women wanted for unknown destination.' She applied for what was effectively a secret service mission and in 1942/1943 arrived in India as an administrator. The work involved was concerned entirely with the Japanese theatre of war and Reigh had in fact joined the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY), a long-established women's military corps.

Reigh had been a part-time VAD nurse previously and, as well as serving in India, she also spent time until the end of the war running a small medical centre in Ceylon. Security was intense but, as she points out, the work was very satisfying. Immediately after the war she enlisted with the British Army of Occupation and spent time involved in the air lift in Berlin.

A life member of the FANYs – she is a cadet ensign – Reigh was invited by them, as were all FANYs who served with Force 136, to attend the celebrations. She estimates there were about 300 veterans present at "the fabulous reception, the parade and splendid tea" organised superbly by the Royal British Legion. The streets were lined 5-deep with, as she says, many nationalities and young people all waving the Union Jack. It was truly a momentous occasion.

Reigh was proud to be part of the day especially remembering those who did not return. "It made me realise that we were really just ordinary people," she says, "involved in an extraordinary episode. The FANYs are an illustrious unit to which I am very proud to belong." It is, however, very appropriate that Reigh and the other veterans should have been honoured so publically for the service they gave for our freedom.

Carol Maxwell



Vodafone outage

Vodafone subscribers in the Painswick area were very concerned to find that they were unable to use their mobile telephones between approximately Friday 14th and Saturday 22nd August. They had received no advance notification of the outage. Enquiries eventually established that the loss of signal was due to maintenance work at the mast adjacent to the Painswick Golf Clubhouse and when Vodafone were contacted, they said that it would be out of action for two to three days.



We have today (Wednesday August 26th) received the following message from Vodafone. "Just to let you know, the network issue in GL6 6TL has recently been fixed, so you shouldn't be experiencing any issues. If you're still having problems, contact us free on 191 from a Vodafone mobile or 03333 040 191 from any other phone. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Thank you. Vodafone Customer Services Team"

Kim and Nepal

Kim Brockett wishes to thank everyone who came to the yoga and mindfulness evening on the 25th August when an amazing £248 was raised for the Nepal earthquake appeal. She also wishes to thank the Painswick Centre for their generosity in allowing the free use of the hall.

Carol Maxwell

Anne-Marie Randall
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News from The Gravedigger's Hut (GDH)

With temperature reaching the highest recorded on the 1st of July the coolness of the GDH was very welcome. July has been a very busy and interesting month, with 634 visitors from all over the world coming to stay or visit us here in Painswick; making our time in the GDH quite challenging at times to find the answers to the many and varied questions.

One question we have been asked quite often this month is for camping sites around the village. We know of the 2, off the B4070, but is anyone supplying this service around Painswick? If you are, please could you let us have your information to pass on, 812278 (our new number), thank you. Children, grandchildren looking for something different to do, how about our History Treasure Trail around Painswick. Collect your Treasure Trail Map from the GDH.

If you would like to be part of this interesting service we need help on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Anne Smith 414697

Slim Fitness

New Diet and Fitness classes starting in The Painswick Centre on Thursday mornings from 17th September

Julie has been running diet and fitness classes in London as part of a Rosemary Conley franchise. The Rosemary Conley Fitness and Food collapsed in 2014 and Julie continued on her own with Slim Fit London. She, and her family, have moved to Cheltenham and she is excited about her new adventure in Gloucestershire under the banner of Slim Fitness.

"You absolutely need both diet and exercises in order to not only lose excess weight but also to maintain your optimum weight. I really like the fact that our classes focus on both diet and exercise." Julie says.

She added: "I struggled with my own weight for years and through a combination of healthy eating and moderate exercise I am now at my ideal weight. At the age of 44, I feel happier, fitter and more energetic than I did 10 years ago".

The classes are fun, friendly and welcoming. No one feels out of place and everyone can work at their own pace. There is a variety of exercises and music styles to keep it interesting for everyone.

Research shows that people have more success in losing weight in a group than if they try to lose weight alone and that those who manage to keep their weight loss long term continue to exercise.

Joining Julie's class at the Painswick Centre on Thursday mornings from 17th September could be the best thing you ever did for your weight, health and fitness.

Contact Julie 07886486577, Julie@slimfitness.co.uk or visit www.slimfitness.co.uk

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Painswick Country Market



The weeks seem to be melting into one another and already we are thinking about the Painswick Feast which will be held, as usual, in St. Mary's Churchyard on September 20th. It will run from 11am to 6pm and we hope you will visit our stalls. We will have a small selection of handmade crafts and greeting cards and a choice of handmade cakes, biscuits, preserves and chutneys.

The Post Office is now ticking over steadily and introducing new customers to the Market. The seasonal vegetables are coming in with freshly picked runner beans weekly. If you like to make your own pasta sauce we have a good supply of tomatoes.

Do you have a student going off to university for the first time in September? – why not send them off with a box of homemade food to help them settle in, perhaps a cake, savoury pie, quiche or a pot of their favourite jam. Orders can be telephoned through to Chris Campbell on 01452 812600 no later than Tuesday before collection on the following Friday.

Pam Marshall

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Poppy Appeal 2015

This year's Poppy Appeal runs from 24th October to the 11th November 2015. The majority of donations to the appeal is collected 'door to door' and this year we are in urgent need of new, fresh, collectors. If you are willing to assist this vital fund raising effort on a day in late October please contact me, Russ Herbert, your local Poppy Appeal organiser on 01452 813229. Support and guidance given to all new volunteers.

Russ Herbert

Cup Cakes for Carers

It seems that I never go to a Cup Cakes morning without learning something new: in July, I needed support for a crocked knee, found it with help from Andrea and promptly forgot to write about the scones, the jam and the Cornish cream. In August, we were given an insight into some of the bigger carers' organisations in Gloucestershire. One of our members went down that road, got help with an apparently insoluble family problem and came to Cup Cakes to pass on the good news.

Problems apart, carers might just be lonely or need a short break from looking after a family member or friend. Newcomers are made welcome, as I was last year. We have a drop-in tea party (free), usually in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre from 2pm to 4.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Phone Pat on 813326 or Andrea 812464.



Bill Cochrane

Dear Tim: I blame the Painswick Players!

Two things turned my life upside down when I retired: I volunteered to penpal with a man on Death Row in America, and I went on stage for the first time in my life with the Painswick Players. That was just four short years ago. Now my solo show 'Dear Tim: Appeal Denied' – to gain support for my penpal's retrial campaign – has taken me to the Brighton Fringe Festival, to the Sidcot Quakers School Art Centre in Somerset... and after the Stroud Theatre Festival this month (September) I've been invited to two small but prestigious London theatres.

Tim is my penpal Tim Coleman, inmate A328139. Just five months after we started writing I went to visit him; that was when I started to become convinced in his innocence. It is now 18 years that he has been on Death Row at Chillicothe Correctional Institution in Ohio. His latest appeal was denied this year, and he now has only one more to go.

When I was first accepted for Brighton, I worked with Stroud actor Trevor Smith (known for his 'An Evening with Dementia') to make my show more dramatic for a general audience; it is now totally different from last year's show which is why, for Stroud, as this is my third year running there, I've changed the name slightly from 'Dear Tim: Echoes of Death Row'.

I'm in the George Room, at the Sub Rooms, on Friday 11th September 1:30 PM, Saturday 12th September 6 PM, and Sunday 13th September 9 PM. You can get all enquiries from the Sub Rooms (01453) 760900.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Tim and myself in the past: sincerely Swithin Fry

Come and Paint



The Country Studio is a friendly group of people who meet in the Painswick Church Rooms on a Tuesday morning to enjoy each other's company and share painting experiences and expertise. We are a mixed ability group and the more expert amongst us share their knowledge with the less experienced. We have an annual exhibition of our efforts in August and we hang pictures in the hall throughout the year. Everyone paints at their own pace and we have regular demonstrations and workshops given by professional artists.

On September the 22nd and 29th we will be holding open sessions in the Painswick Church Rooms between 10am and 1pm for you to come and have a go. We will provide all the materials and a cup of coffee. Come and discover that hidden talent and perhaps join our merry band.

Contact, Rob Stevens 812254

September 2015 Police report



Under the Painswick Parish including Sheepscombe, Edge and Slad Districts there were TWO substantiated crimes recorded for the month of July 2015. The recorded

crimes included one offence of criminal damage to a motor vehicle during the evening of Sunday 19th July in PAINSWICK at Stamages Lane, where the offender was identified and enquiries continue. The second offence was a theft of a vehicle at night from a remote property in Slad, in the vicinity of Tom George's Stables.

Crime Reduction is still foremost in our objective to educate all owners of property. It's vital therefore that residents make a point of securing their homes, shutting all windows and locking all doors when away from the house, out in the garden or even upstairs, and especially during night time hours. People must remember to lock or at least half-lock windows so they aren't accessible, and consider leaving lights on when out, at the rear of the house or upstairs. Our Force Crime Operations team have had some good successes combating and tackling burglary in the County in recent months, thanks to the expertise and dedication of our officers, with significant reductions in Cheltenham and Gloucester, although numbers in the Cotswolds remain high. But it is still vital we don't make life easier for opportunist burglars. Help us to help you. There is a wealth of security advice in the new-look Police website, check it out at: <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/staying-safe/keeping-your-home-property-safe/home-security-advice/>. Thank you to all the Communities for their help and assistance when patrolling your areas, it is very much appreciated.

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Community Lunches

The Community Lunches begin again on MONDAY 5th OCTOBER at ASHWELL centre, off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way - from 12noon to 1.15pm each Monday lunchtime for 10 weeks before Christmas – and 10 weeks in the New Year.

Last season – our fifth at this new venue after 42 years at Christ Church hall – proved equally successful. We raised £1450 which was distributed to the 2 local charities, the Wednesday Ashwell Group, run by volunteers who bring elderly local folk to Ashwell for the day – providing much-appreciated companionship & food – and occasional outings. The second recipient was the Painswick Defibrillator which the village is trying to install.

This coming session the charities to be supported have not yet been finalised – so if you have any ideas, do PLEASE contact us (telephone numbers below) with any other ideas for charities.

EVERYONE – young and old - is welcome to the lunches each Monday – when for £3.00 home-cooked vegetable soup, fresh bread, butter & cheese are provided and served by a local group or society – from Croft Primary School– to Richmond Painswick – and all ages between! The Village Diary at the back of the Beacon gives the hosts for each week. Do come along & support this village institution – you will be warmly welcomed – especially by the hosts who have prepared the lunch!

Rita Bishop Tel: 01452 814205
David Linsell Tel: 01452 812464

28th Season 2015-2016

The Chairman and committee have designed again a diverse programme for the new season. The full glories of music will be made readily available to audiences at our meetings that take place every fortnight in the Town Hall between September and May. In addition there will be two visits to magnificent concerts in the Symphony Hall in Birmingham and one to the Colston Hall in Bristol.

Prospective new members may count upon a warm welcome and as visitors to our first meeting may attend free of charge. The annual subscription for 2015-16 will be £24. This represents great value for the many meetings and is inclusive of refreshments at the interval. Ann Williams will introduce the programme for the season and will also share with her audience her enthusiasm for the chamber music of Shostakovich.

The season opens on Thursday 17th September 2015. 7.30pm. Town Hall.

Howard Allen



Painswick Players – the Final Curtain?



In 1923 Miss Lucy Hyett produced “As You Like It” in the grounds of Painswick House and so began the Painswick Players. Over the following 92 years the Players have continued to stage a wide variety of plays from Shakespeare to light comedy, from thrillers to musicals and pantomimes. Now this long tradition of community drama is in danger - there are no longer enough active Players to stage productions or continue to run the Society. If the Painswick Players are to continue, then new blood is needed to act, produce, and organise the Players.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on September 15th at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms and if new members do not come forward to be involved, there is a very real danger that Painswick Players may have to close.

So does Painswick actually want a dramatic society? Does anyone care if this 92 year tradition comes to an end? This is a great opportunity for would-be directors and actors to move the Players forward in a direction that suits their own talents and interests. There is a feeling of achievement and team spirit in working on a production and it is a great way to get to know people. We have equipment and resources; it's new people and ideas we need – a warm welcome awaits both. So if you want community drama to continue in Painswick, why not give it a try?

Come along to the Derek Hodges Room in Painswick Church Rooms at 7.30pm on September 15th with your ideas and enthusiasm. If you want to know more, or are unable to be there on that date, please contact Andrew Leach on 01452 813609, email appleach@gmail.com or Sue Leighton Boyce on 01452 676723, email suelboyce@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Fashion Event at Richmond Painswick

Richmond Painswick is hosting a fashion event on Wednesday 9th September 10.30am – 4pm including a fashion show by the Edinburgh Woollen Mill in the Restaurant at 10.30am. Edinburgh Woollen Mill and other stall holders will also be in the Auditorium from 10am – 4pm with a range of clothing including underwear, Hotter shoes, fashion accessories and jewellery for sale.

This will be a great opportunity for residents and visitors to spruce up their wardrobe ready for the autumn. This event is open to members of the public so please feel free to drop in throughout the day; we look forward to seeing you!

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ARTBURST 2015



The new format for the Painswick Arts Festival, ARTBURST, worked well with just as many exhibitions and events packed into only 9 days, i.e. not long enough for 'Art Fatigue' to set in! The Painswick Centre presented 6 exhibitions in total including of course their popular Open Studios. The Glos. Society of Artists in the Beacon Hall had almost 300 visitors on their first day with record breaking sales of artwork that day and over the week. Art Couture Painswick's 'Off the Wall' exhibition was also a great hit and continues until 13th September so you still have time to visit.

The Town Hall hosted three exhibitions including, for the first time, one in the Library who were delighted in that it created the welcome side effect of an increase in Library membership! Dare I say that St Mary's Church stole the show with 'FLOWERBURST', its display of floral arrangements and pictures illustrating 'All Things Bright & Beautiful'. Brilliant! Not forgetting the Church Rooms who hosted four more exhibitions reaping the benefits of the new walkway through from the car park.

Other venues have also been successful with two private Open Studios, three workshops (two for children) running successfully from the Pavilion, a very popular 'Painting Day' in the Rococo Gardens, an exhibition in the Patchwork Mouse Art Café (who reported visitors coming from a distance and more than once), two professional artists in the Prinknash Bird and Deer Park and a unique exhibition and 'sold out' concert in Horton's Restaurant at the Golf Club who were also pleased with a general increase in visitors.

It is impossible to thank everyone involved individually, but I must mention those who have been particularly supportive in enabling ArtBurst 2015 to happen. Firstly thanks to our main sponsors, Painswick Parish Council, Hampton's, Richmond Painswick, Meaco Picture Framers, the Falcon, and Three Gables Dental Practice. Also to the managers of all the venues mentioned above who helped it run so smoothly, thank you Mel, Paul, Michael and Melanie, plus all the Trustees of the Painswick Centre, Irena and Roy at the Town Hall, Margaret Radway from St Mary's Church, The Painswick Flower Guild, Painswick Community Library, Art Couture Painswick and the 'Love Painswick' website.

Thank you also to all the artists who worked so hard in putting on some great events and exhibitions and for all of you, your friends and families, who came along to visit and support us. Last but not least I would like to thank my ArtBurst 'team' Barbara and Gerry O'Dwyer without whom this would simply not have taken place. We definitely need a larger team next time! Suggestions and comments please to painswickartsfestival@mail.com We plan to alternate ARTBURST with the ACP Festival in future so watch out for us again in 2017!

Jackie Herbert

Sculpture in the Garden

During August the Rococo Garden Trust was delighted to welcome local sculptor Denis Parson who inspired by the woodlands around him creates wooden



chainsaw sculptures, finished with hand-carving techniques. Varying from small, intricate, quirky pieces to exquisite, large sculptures, Denis has British nature at the heart of his work. His award winning sculptures sell around the country and he has completed many commissions from private homes to public spaces including The Queen Elizabeth Lodge in London.

There have been three pieces of his work in various locations within the Garden. All are carved in oak. They are Flying Nymphs, an owl, and two peacocks. Visitors to the Garden will have been impressed with the stag which Denis has created from tree branches and stands at the entrance to the car park. The owl and the stag are pictured here. Denis' work can be seen at: www.chainsawsculptor.uk. He can be contacted at: denius@rtby.com



Arts Café

Thank to all the volunteers who assisted with the café over the 9 days of Art Burst. We had lots of lovely customers from far and wide. All of who appreciated the home made cakes and fresh rolls and sandwiches. We hope to have made approx. £500 profit towards the Painswick Centre funds. As a charity every little helps!



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Paradise House Summer Fayre

The residents of Paradise House would like to thank all the family and friends who attended this year's Annual Summer Fayre and helped raise £1048.17. The money raised will be divided between Longfield, (previously Cotswold Care Hospice) and the Water and Library projects in the village of Muunde, in Zimbabwe.

The evening started with summer songs in the courtyard where a BBQ fire was lit directly from the sun's rays, and provided delicious burgers, hotdogs and steak sandwiches, which were on sale throughout the evening. Light refreshments of various hot and cold drinks and snacks were also available to purchase at the residents own 'Eden Café'. There were many craft items which were for sale in the Textiles and Pottery Workshops and extra activities were on offer including; face painting, decorating pots, playing skittles, and cupcake decorating.

The Fayre continued into the evening with dancing in the barn, which had been specially decorated for the event. At 6pm Country Dancing was led by Jill Elliot, and her band of musicians and then at 7pm, Paradise House's own Mark Osgood was the DJ for the evening, where everyone enjoyed dancing to the great songs played at the disco.

Paradise House would also like to thank the Painswick Golf Club for allowing their car parking space to be used by our many visitors that evening.

Anne Mansfield, Community Relations Officer

Jottings for August

We have had some dogs chasing our cattle at our fields in Ruscombe. One dog chased the cows around the field, the owner unable to control the youngster. I managed to draw the cattle away with some concentrate food, warning the owner that if caught again the dog could be destroyed. A week later in another field a dog chased a six month old calf causing it to crash through some barbed wire. Luckily it was not injured - so please keep your dogs under control near animals in the fields. Our cattle are with the farm dogs all the time, so they are used to dogs, but this was something different.

Grass is that green stuff which grows everywhere. It provides a home, camouflage and is eaten as food; plants and animals live on it, in it and under it. Permanent grassland is pasture which has not been touched for a very long time and contains all sorts of species of grasses, herbs, weeds, wild flowers etc.. Our meadows are managed by cutting for hay and grazing cattle and sheep. They are not enriched with fertilizer. In fact, there is yellow rattle which suppresses grass growth. Earlier in the year there were lots of orchids and recently, pignut which is an indicator of good pastureland.

Leys are grass sown on arable ground, mainly sown to the different types of ryegrass which gives a high bulk, high food value crop. In farming you need to feed your grassland, to get a good growth for grazing or fodder to get through the winter or sometimes a drought. You use fertilizer or farm-yard manure but remember that in using artificial fertilizer you need to leave the grass a good couple of months for the grass to take up the nutrients. In applying farm yard manure you need to leave touching the grass for a few months for the rotting down the worms and rain to take it below the surface or it will contaminate the grazing or the cut crop.

The best time for planting seed is more often than not in spring (March and April) or in early autumn (August and September). But if you plant at this time of year make sure that there a good growth to stand the winter, or else the frosts will lift the top layer of soil and snap off the roots.

The older varieties of grass have more stem than leaf; that's why you see the new types of grass-seed being developed, to give you more leaf area for the sun and photosynthesis to produce higher food value in the grass crop.

Martin Slinger

The new season



The Society has an exciting programme in store for the coming year and the new season begins with a presentation by Brian Jowett on the making of pins and hairpins in the Painswick valley – a very important and significant part of our local history.

Tuesday, 15th September, Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

If the Beacon had existed 100 years ago

Sadly, you probably would have been reading the following report.

'Painswickians will learn with regret of the death of Sapper Albert Jones, of the Royal Engineers, youngest son of Mr Richard Jones, of the Royal Oak, Painswick, who has been killed in action at Ypres. The deceased soldier had been in France exactly a year, during which period he had not had a leave ... He was 36 years of age and well known and highly respected in the district, and much sympathy is felt for the widow, four children, father and sister ... The news of the death was received from a soldier who buried him and who enclosed everything he had in his pocket book ...'

Carol Maxwell

'Learn By Play' in Sheepscombe

Restarts Tuesday 15th September 2015

Many people start playing bridge with friends or go to classes but then stop playing for a variety of reasons. Others play occasionally with friends and would like to play more or would like to improve their play. If this is you then you may like to try out Tuesday morning 'Learn by Play'. Sessions are spent playing the cards but with a chance to discuss and ask questions. We even play some hands the bridge club played last week to see if we can do better.



We meet every Tuesday morning 10am-12.00 and restart Tuesday 15th September in Sheepscombe village hall. Cost is £6 per session to include a cuppa/biscuit as long as I don't wash up. Whist players who can pick things up fast may also want to give it a go (I can do a separate 'catch-up' session. Please get in touch to know more or if you'd like to join us.

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Birds in Kings Mill Lane

On Saturday 22nd August, down Kings Mill Lane, a sparrowhawk (pictured) appeared on our balcony looking rather worse for wear. An hour later, Trevor Radway, up the road, witnessed interactions between two sparrowhawks. Recently he has noted similar interactions with a kite, and on another occasion, with a buzzard. We have had a scruffy buzzard (pictured) coming into our garden regularly, I thought to pick up the little froglets for food. Trevor has also seen a tawny owl and there have been squeals which sound very little owlish. Earlier this year we had egrets and we have regularly seen kingfishers and dippers.

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Autumn Walks

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club's September programme includes two special interest guided walks, both starting in South Woodchester. The subject of the first, on Wednesday 16th September, is the Cotswold vernacular style of buildings in South Woodchester. With the help of our guide, Michael Hemming, we shall take a leisurely stroll of about 1½ miles through the village, examining the rich mix of former cloth mills, outworkers' cottages, and fine houses built by the mill owners and merchants. The walk features the Round Tower at Frogmarsh, pictured, which is an early 19th century wool drying tower.



The subject of our second guided walk, on Thursday 24th September, is the Trees of North and South Woodchester. These villages contain a remarkable number of fine specimens of native and exotic trees. The walk is just less than two miles, on good footpaths and tarmacked roads, and will be at a gentle pace.

Both walks start at 10.30 am and finish with an optional pub lunch. For more information, and to pre-book please contact me. Non-members are welcome subject to places still being available. Charge £3 payable on the day; sorry, no dogs please.

Jane Rowe 813228



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Another intriguing house name

In the July Beacon the story behind the name of Howitt Villa, a house in Vicarage Street, was related. This reminded Midge Leney of the equally interesting, though very different, story of the name Tabithas.

Midge lived in Tabithas in Vicarage Street for 25 years. The house had originally been three cottages – 1, 2 and 3 Southfield Cottages – converted into one dwelling in the early 1970s. The owner, Mrs Wellington, had previously lived in another house named Tabithas in Bisley Street and when she moved she took the name with her. On removing the Tabithas name-plate from the house in Tibbiwell the former name appeared beneath – Tibbiwell House.

Tabitha, Tibbiwell, Tibbi, Tibba are all words with strong connections to Painswick. Tibba, the patron saint of falconers, was related to the kings of Mercia in the 7th century and Tabitha, the patron saint of seamstresses, known for her good deeds to the poor, was raised from the dead by St Peter.

The statue of Saint Tibba in the Church of Our Lady and St Therese was purchased by Alice Howard after the bombing of Painswick in 1941. It was designed and created at Prinknash Abbey, almost certainly by Dom Basil Robinson, son of the cartoonist William Heath Robinson. The kneelers in St Mary's Church are known for their beauty and local significance. One of them was designed by Midge and shows Tibba at the well and carrying a falcon on her arm. The stream which runs down Tibbiwell into the Wick has played an important role in Painswick's history, being connected to the many wells used for drinking water.

Why are the variations of the name so prevalent here? What is the real connection? If you have the answers we should love to hear from you. Or perhaps you might feel inclined to embark on a little research into the subject. Likewise, if you know of a house name with an interesting story do get in touch.

Carol Maxwell

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Painswick Community Choir

Monday evenings 7pm - 8.30pm at The Painswick Centre

After a long summer break, Painswick Community Choir will begin again on Monday 14th September. We will continue to learn and sing songs in wonderful 3 - 4 part harmonies from around the world.

We are a friendly group and new singers are welcome! The start of a new term is a great opportunity to test the waters for anyone curious to know what it's like to sing in a community choir

so please get in touch by 14th September if you'd like to come and join us. Experienced singers and beginners all welcome & no music reading skills necessary as songs are taught by ear, in a call and response teaching style. We perform occasionally at local events which brings a great focus to our sessions but the emphasis of the choir is to enjoy singing together.

We meet on Monday evenings at the Painswick Centre, 7pm - 8.30pm, during term-time. It's £6 per session with fees paid in block payments at the start of each new half term.

To join, please contact choir leader Sophie Sterckx: 01453 298138 or by email: sophiesterckx@naturalvoice.net

For more info, term dates & to view our colourful gallery of choir photo's please visit our website: www.painswickcommunitychoir.co.uk



What's On

September 27th – Car Boot Sale – 10-2pm

- Painswick Centre Car Park

October 30th – Halloween Party – 5-8pm

– Beacon Hall

November 27th – Painswick Goodwill Evening – 5-9pm – All Rooms



Regular Activities

Mondays

Pilates, Kids Karate, Zumba, Choir, Badminton, Skittles

Tuesdays

Zumba Gold, Ladies Badminton, Cupcakes for carers, Skittles

Wednesdays

PROBUS, Field Club, Bridge, Table Tennis, Skittles

Thursdays

Yoga, Pilates, Badminton, PADFAS, Slim Fit

News

What an amazing month! We saw the start of ACP's 'Off The Wall' Exhibition and Artburst, with multiple artists all in the Centre. A huge thank you goes out to everyone that was involved or visited these events.

As you can see from the 'What's On' section, we have several things coming up over the next few months.

First we have a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 27th September. This is what we normally call our 'Attic Sale', which is held in the Beacon hall. We have decided to give it a try out in the Car park (and hope the weather is Kind!!). We will still serve Teas Coffees, Cakes and Bacon Butties from the Hall Kitchen and if we fill the car park and have more requests, we will put tables in the Hall. Once again it will be £10 per Car and Tables can be provided if necessary (1st come 1st serve).

Second, back by popular demand! Halloween in the Beacon Hall on Friday 30th October. We will have Fun and games with party snacks, Competitions and Prizes! Under 1 years and Adults are Free and 1-15 year olds are £5. So look out for the posters and start designing your costumes!

And thirdly we have The Painswick Goodwill Evening on Friday 27th November from 5-9pm in all rooms of the Painswick Centre. Our Beacon Hall will be packed out with stalls for you to find that perfect gift or just to treat yourself! Along with Live musical performances on stage and the usual bar and kitchen to keep you warm, merry and full of Christmas Cheer!

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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Letters



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

I have just seen a motorcyclist dramatically reduce his speed on sighting a parked police car in Gloucester Street. With the Parish Council about to spend thousands of pounds on 2 vehicle activated signs (VAS) to reduce traffic speeds does this suggest a cheaper alternative solution? Do Stroud police have a couple of redundant police cars (innards not required)? Or could life size cardboard cutouts have a similar effect? Moving these around in the 20mph zone would certainly have a greater impact than the proposed VASs, particularly as neither will be sited within the zone.

*Ross Munro
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PSALMS

There was only one Club Pulse this month which was also Ben Ward's last. The activities that were done were chosen by the group the week before. These were wide games in the Painswick Woods. Ben has been an intern with PSALMS since September 2014 and has been a valued member of the team working across Painswick, Stonehouse and Nailsworth. Despite there being only one Club Pulse in July, the highlight of the month was the TRAC (Tom Roberts Adventure centre) adventure in Newent. Spread across 5 days from Saturday 18th until Wednesday 22nd, the Painswick PSALMS group joined forces with groups from Stonehouse, Nailsworth and the Hill & Vales Thameshead Benefice to create an unforgettable week of raft building, wide games, multi sports and campfires.

Written by Ben Crowther (Y10) who is part of Painswick Club Pulse. The Youth Club starts again on Monday 7th September for Y7-Y10, 6pm to 7.30pm.



10, 20, 30 years ago Sept 1985

Successful visit by Princess Diana - On the first of August the royal car sped down New Street, Bisley Street and into the Institute's car park. The princess after visiting the Guild's exhibition did a brief walkabout shaking hands and accepting flowers from the waiting crowd.

Sept 1995

Painswick overwhelmingly voted in favour of the view that Painswick was a village and not a town by 210 votes to 5.

Fire Risk - After one of the longest dry periods since records began Severn Trent have declared a formal ban on the use of hosepipes. Temperatures have consistently reached the high eighties giving rise to fears of forest and grassland fires.

Sept 2005

Music in Painswick - A jazz evening was held at the Rugby club Pavilion on a balmy Friday night in August. A 200 strong audience danced and clapped until the early hours. Painswick Blues - The fourth season of Painswick Blues begins on Saturday 17th September with Ben Waters who the BBC's Geoff Barker believed is one of the best Rock and Roll pianists since Jerry Lee Lewis.



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That's the way to do it! A history of Punch and Judy

Our speaker, Philip Collins, had always had a passion for Punch and Judy. His dream to become a Punch and Judy man came true when he acquired a complete theatre. All he had to do was master the techniques and in particular using the swizzle for Mr Punch's speech. Phil gave us possibly the most entertaining talk that we have had. Amid much laughter and fun he began with a history of Punch and Judy.



On 9th May 1662 Samuel Pepys recorded in his diary that when passing through Convent Garden he encountered an Italian marionette theatre featuring the character, Punchinello. British puppeteers adopted this rather irreverent fellow, with his long nose and pointed chin, to entertain and comment on the politics of the day. He became Mr Punch, a hand puppet, the stage was adapted to a travelling booth and the satirical play evolved into a slapstick comedy. In Victorian times it was an essential part of seaside holidays and it remains popular as a children's entertainment today.

Phil then donned his hat and became "Professor Collywobbles". The chairman, Vicky Aspinall, was persuaded to be his "Bottler", the assistant who would draw in the crowds with fife and drum and collect the offerings in a bottle. In record time the red and white striped booth and characters were ready and Mr Punch, Judy, Policeman, Baby, Alligator, Sausages and all, entertained us in the traditional way. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening presented by a very professional performer.

Our August meeting will be the members' summer supper. The speaker for our meeting on Tuesday 22nd September is Lizzie Ellis, who will talk about the work of the Donkey Sanctuary.

Naomi Dunn

'Outstanding' Painswick Playgroup

Limited spaces still available for September

We are delighted to announce that Painswick Playgroup has once again been judged OUTSTANDING by OFSTED following an inspection in July. This is well-deserved and a great testament to the continued hard work of the excellent team of staff over the past few years.

We still have limited spaces available for the September intake. 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 (ie September), it is possible to reserve a place until this age has been reached.

Painswick Playgroup is situated within the grounds of The Croft School, set in a beautiful location, surrounded by over 4 acres of playing fields. It is run independently and is a registered charity.

Please contact the playgroup on 813316 for further information or visit the website for more details www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk

Victoria Compton, Secretary, Painswick Playgroup Committee

Pulse Games bring the Rugby World Cup to Painswick

The PSALMS team plus a dozen or so volunteers aged between 15 and 70 met early for briefing and layout preparations at the Painswick Rec in July. The morning's programme was linked to The Rugby World Cup theme and, prior to arriving with their teachers, the Year 2-6 Croft School and Cranham School pupils had been divided into the World Cup teams some of whom will be training and playing in Gloucestershire - Argentina, Georgia, Japan, Scotland, Tonga, England, New Zealand and USA.

Each team gathered around their flag and quickly made up their own slogan chant to perform for the "opening ceremony", to encourage and raise team morale. The sports warm up began with our own New Zealand-style Haka. Around The Pavilion, the grounds had been laid out for 4 different sports: touch rugby, rugby tennis, dodgeball and capture the rugby ball, on which each team spent 10 minutes attempting to gain as many points as possible. They were called together for refreshments and shade half way through during which the Open The Book team acted out a short drama depicting The Good Samaritan story. Questions and discussion followed on who we thought our "neighbour" is, and the values of respect and honour due to everyone.

Each of the team's points were totted up for the closing ceremony in which the flags were paraded with much cheering and hopeful enthusiasm for the results. The winning teams duly came forward to the medal podium for the presentations. More applause and cheering! Medals or not, everyone seemed to return to school for the afternoon with smiles, chatter and good memories.

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August is normally the busiest month after snowdrop time for us here up at the Garden. Despite the up and down weather we seem to have been experiencing it has proved to be so again in 2015. Visitor numbers were helped, as well, by an article in the Daily Mail one Saturday. They were running a feature on the best 100 secret places in Britain. The first sheet covered the 20 best gardens that they said were 'must' sees. The Rococo Garden was lucky to be included with the suggestion you stayed at The Falcon and ate either in our restaurant or at The Patchwork Mouse. Three days later the feature was on the best 20 villages in Britain and there again was Painswick - aren't we lucky to live here.

Rococo Reflections

Looking ahead, it seems hardly possible that we only have two months more of opening this year as our season finishes on 31st October. We are now moving into harvest time and from the middle of the month we will have our annual display of heritage fruit and vegetables in the Bothy. In the Rococo Kitchen, the challenge becomes how can we use all those pumpkins, apples and pears that appear. Usually the answer is a continual waft of vinegar into my office as next years chutney is produced in vast quantities, although pumpkin soup is a real winner as the temperatures begin to drop.

Arburst also brought additional visitors to the Garden with the display of wood statues by Denius Parsons we had here and also Jane Garbett's painting day, which was very popular if a little damp!

The Garden will also be attending The Autumn Malvern Show on 26th and 27th September at the Three Counties Showground, our theme for the show will be the various pumpkins and squash that we grow here. Denius is also providing us with a smaller version of the amazing stag he has created at the Garden to use on our stand.

Our fingers are crossed for an Indian Summer.

Paul Moir

David Morris

Members of the Art Burst committee writing in the Painswick Arts Festival programme expressed their pleasure that they had at last persuaded local artist David Morris to mount an exhibition as part of the Festival. David's remarkable three dimensional pictures are created primarily from wood and were exhibited at Horton's Restaurant. Our picture shows David's representation of Dynevor House, Beacon House and the Fiery Beacon.



Bits & Bobs



As there are still more gardening jobs on my list than there are daylight hours, just a few quick reminders from me this month.

I, for one, can't wait for our trip to Wisley on 10th September; it should be a great day of horticultural delights. Don't forget that the coach will leave Stamages Lane Car Park at 8.30am prompt so allow plenty of time to get through that chaotic morning traffic.

The Gardening Club is delighted to be participating in the Painswick Feast again this year (20th September, St Mary's Churchyard - we are in the marquee) so come along for a chat and find out what talks and events we have lined up or have in mind for the next 12 months. We love to chat (!) and are looking forward to a lively, fun day meeting existing Members and encouraging new ones to join us. We plan to have an irresistible selection of late summer flowering perennials from Hoo House Nursery for sale too so early birds.....! Fingers crossed for some late summer sunshine.

Our first meeting of the new season is Wednesday 14th October and this year we are opening the doors of the Church Rooms at 6.45pm to allow more time for payment of new subscriptions. Come along at this time, join up and then have coffee/tea and homemade cake before our talk - now surely there's an incentive not to be missed! We would love to welcome some new Members so if you are thinking about it but still aren't sure, pop along for a chat before deciding. We are very pleased that Caroline Tatham (Cotswold Gardening School) has agreed to start the season for us again this year with her talk "Making the 2015 Spring Show Garden" Those who have heard her speak before know that they are in for a treat of an evening with great photos and lots of laughs. Come and join in.

The Gardening Club is in the process of adding new photos to the website so take a look (www.thepainswickgardeningclub.com) and we would love to hear any thoughts, hints and tips or ideas on anything remotely linked to gardening so get in touch by emailing thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com.

I'm treating myself to a morning off from weeding and I'm about to pot on 48 rather lovely lavender plugs which should be ready to plant out next spring; gardening bliss!"

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

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Sports reports assembled by John Barrus

Painswick Golf

Seniors Golf

I love Painswick golf course and its friendly membership, but then I am biased. But others like it as well. A recent visitor gave the course 5 stars out of 5 and commented (on our facebook site): "Crazy little golf course which is really challenging. Many very fantastic holes on this course which puts my local hunts to shame. The views are amazing. 'I will be back' hopefully with a much better score card."

In the Men's section, Brendan Nunan is organising the Men's Invitation Open on Friday 18th September. It will be played in pairs on a 4ball better ball basis, with three quarters handicap. The cost is £12 each (for non-members) which includes a cup of coffee on arrival. If you would like to test your skills on our course, please contact Brendan on 07882 785649 or by email: brendan.nunan@yahoo.co.uk.

In the Seniors' section, 23rd July saw the third round of the Centenary Cup – a three round medal competition with the best two scores counting. The early leaders (reported in the last Beacon) were eclipsed by a truly exceptional round of 74 (net 52) by Brian Lee, whose aggregate winning score for the best two rounds was a net 120. The Deva Cup – a greensome's competition (with teams of two taking alternate shots) – took place on 6th August. The winners were Nigel Barnett and John Bentley with an excellent score of 49 stableford points. Congratulations to all the winners.

Painswick Golf Club (01452 812180) welcomes visitors. Please drop in or phone to arrange a tee time. Visitors are also welcome at the clubhouse for meals and light refreshments.

Ladies section

The ladies have played 4 matches recently and the results were:

- Lilley Brooke V Painswick Away Loss 2:1
- Painswick V Minchinhampton Old Course Home Win 4:0
- Painswick V Thornbury Home Win 3:1
- Westonbirt V Painswick Away Draw 2:2

With only a small number of women who play golf at Painswick Golf Club these results are pleasing. The newcomers to golf have slotted into the teams and have made excellent contributions. The Margaret Kemp Chalice, a foursomes competition, was won by Angela Woodward and Lorna Sparkes with 35pts. Invitation Day was won by Angela Woodward, Suki Clarke and Liz Finch. The Felling Shield was won by Angela Woodward with 34pts and the County Greensomes Entry was won by Lorna Sparkes and Jane Rowe with 37 pts (Back 9).

Sylvia Walker



Cricket

Record opening partnership

Whilst it's not unusual to have a player pass the magical one hundred runs mark in local cricket, it is quite rare to have two players achieve that total in the same innings. That said, it's even more unusual when it is the opening batsmen who both reach their centuries. This is what happened in Painswick's match against Lydney when Painswick set the home side the challenging total of 296, only to have Lydney not lose a wicket in passing the Painswick score.



August results

Sat. 1st. Woodmancote 1st XI 292-8 Painswick 1st XI 229 all out.. Woodmancote won by 63 runs.

Sat. 8th. Painswick 1st XI 295-9 Lydney 1st XI 297-0 (J. Kear 160 not out D. Pengelly 110 not out). Lydney won by 10 wickets.

Sat 15th. Painswick 1st XI 176 all out Hatherley & Reddings 1st XI 177-6. Hatherley & Reddings won by 4 wickets.

Tennis

Men's report

Another busy summer season of team tennis is now ending. Again this year the club entered 6 men's teams into the Gloucestershire league. The A team, captained by Duncan Ross, should avoid relegation although it is still a possibility with two matches to go in a close hard fought Premier League.

The B team unfortunately finished in sixth place in Div 1B and therefore will be relegated. However the C team has had a good season and will most likely be promoted to Div 1, although Tetbury Dolphins, with games to play, could beat them to first place in Div 2A.

The D team in a tricky Div 3A, will finish sixth and therefore be relegated to Div 4, and despite a good effort from the E team. Captained by Richard Poultney, they narrowly missed safety in Div 3B and also will be relegated. The F team, captained by Chris Scott, should finish a commendable fourth in Div 6B with an impressive score of twenty points.

Many thanks to all the captains and players for their efforts this season.



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Football

Our end of season presentation day took place on Saturday June 13th 2015 which was well attended despite the poor weather. This season we said goodbye to a couple of long serving coaches Dave Bullingham and Mike Ryan. After the team presentation the U14's and U15's played a game in honour of Dave's service to the club. The U15's won on penalties after a 1:1 draw. (picture from the presentation game)



We still have a few places to fill for various teams if your son or daughter would like to play. We now have squads at U7 through to U16 competing in the Mid Glos mini soccer league and the Cheltenham Youth League with around 100 youngsters enjoying weekly training sessions and weekend matches.

Volunteers needed

We are always in need of community support to help with every aspect of the club management both on the field and off. Such as Fundraising, Coaching, Social events and many other areas. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would be interested in volunteering. Contact club chairman Howard Davies details below.

Off the field we are still committed to improving the pitches at the recreation ground and continue to make better use of the youth and community pavilion. Unfortunately, the pitch improvements have stalled due to financial constraints and we do need help to re assess the plans. Again please get in touch if you would like to help.

Finally, the adult team will again compete in the Stroud and district league this season. Home matches are played at the recreation ground on Saturday afternoons.

For all enquiries please contact Secretary Dave Carlile 078 798 666 36 or Chairman Howard Davies on 07836 515701 or email clubsec@painswickfc.co.uk



Badminton

Painswick Badminton club will have started their new season on Thursday 3rd September in the Beacon Hall. The club meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 pm from September through to April. Social badminton is the order of the day and players of all abilities are welcome.



Anyone interested in playing should ring John Wyld on 814349.

Sports reports wanted



We have been asked on many occasions why some sports clubs don't publish their results in the Beacon. This is not for lack of representation to the clubs concerned who appear unable to provide reports: this is very disappointing. The Beacon relies on contributions from local clubs and as many Painswick people are members one would have thought it would be a high priority. This month's cricket report is based on data from the club's web site.

Sports Editor

Sheepscombe Bridge Club

The new season starts in September on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month starting promptly at 7.10 pm in the Village Hall. We are a small friendly club and are always pleased to see new players so if you need to know more do telephone Hugh Tarran on 01452 814081 or myself on 01452 812588. Look forward to seeing you on 10th September.

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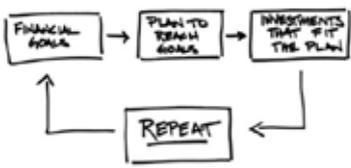
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Hello everyone. I'd like to start with an apology to anyone who called me last month and wondered why it took so long for me to get back to them. I'm afraid that my answerphone message to explain I was on leave didn't "save". In addition I and many others had no signal whatsoever on my mobile for many days. In some ways, pure bliss but not when people need to get hold of me.



Recently, a lot of the Village Agent work that I have been involved with has been helping "carers" get information, support and advice. Regardless of the specifics behind a person needing care, being a carer can be very isolating, exhausting and increasingly demanding especially if the cared for person has a progressive or long term physical or mental condition. There are an estimated 6 million unpaid carers in the UK. So with that in mind, I thought we'd spend a little time looking at what can be helpful.

All carers are entitled to a Carers Assessment which isn't there to assess how well you care, but to look at your needs. It could result in more services being provided for the person you care for, a break for you, information on your rights and benefits, emotional support, access to therapies and treatments and coping strategies. You can ask for an assessment through the Adult Help Desk and it will be carried out by Carers Gloucestershire.

As a carer, what happens if you were to have an emergency situation? You and the person you care for should agree a plan if that's possible, talk to your Care Co-ordinator if you have one and register on the "Carers Emergency Scheme" Level 1 nominates two contacts (organised through Carers Gloucestershire) and Level 2 is for someone with high care needs where a support worker will be provided for 48 hours by the County Council. This is free and organised through the Adult Help desk.

I cannot recommend enough that if you haven't already linked

up with Carers Gloucestershire, then please do so. They have specialist knowledge on so many things, whether it is about emotional support, having time out breaks, or breaks away together, support groups and loads more. They also do the "Positive Caring Programme" which covers topics such as health and wellbeing, emotions and stress, how to access services and support. They are held around the county, mornings and evenings and help can be given for replacement care and transport. They are informal and you will meet others in similar scenarios as yourself.

Crossroads Care provides community based respite support for carers and those they care for. It might be in the form of "Caring for Carers" which is a service to allow you a break. Depending on what is agreed, it might mean one to one care given at home, or the person cared for is taken out to an activity or to do something they enjoy. As part of the Carers assessment, this may be at no charge if the correct criteria are met. It can also be self-funded to provide a tailor made package to meet the needs of the individual. There is an additional service called "Out and About" which offers changing, full months, 6 days a week activities with transport. It is for you as a carer or the person experiencing the health condition or disability. Activities range from going to the theatre, watching sport, shopping, car boot sales, fitness groups, you name it, there seems to be something for everyone. If you would like any further information please call me or the organisations;

Adult Help desk 01452 426868

Carers Gloucestershire Carers helpline 0300 111 9000

Crossroads Care 01452 302542 Email liz.w@crossroadscandeg.org.uk

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

PROPERTY REPORT for September from Murray's

Murrays have had a very successful year to date with sales already over 50% up of that of this time last year. July and August have been quieter but this is quiet usual for the summer months as it is the school holidays and many people are away on holiday. We are expecting a surge in the market however for September and the Autumn market and are now actively looking for new property to add to our portfolio to replace all the properties that we have sold over the year so far.

The Nationwide property house index states that property prices have risen by 0.4% in July and that annual house price growth has risen to 3.5%. After moderating over the past twelve months, there are tentative signs that annual house price growth may be stabilising close to the pace of earnings growth, which has historically been around 4%. This would bode well for a sustainable increase in housing market activity and looks positive for the Autumn market.

Throughout September I will be taking staff from throughout our three Cotswold branches to work in our London Mayfair Office not only to learn the unique way that we at Murrays can sell your property from there but also to showcase all of our current properties to the London buyer. Murrays are one of the only agents in Gloucestershire that have a London office that actually actively sells our properties throughout the region, you can go into our office in London and pick up the details for our properties and even book the viewings etc from there. It is a big common misconception that some of the agents which have lots of London offices will be selling your property from there but with a little research you will realise

however they are just selling London property. We have had a big increase in people who are looking to move out of London this year as the property prices there have risen hugely enabling them to be able to afford a larger country property and in particular educate their children in our extensive range of good schools. If you are thinking about marketing your property in the Autumn and want the opportunity of personal London marketing then please give us a call for your free valuation and more information on Mayfair on 01452814655.

We have taken on lots of lovely new properties over the past few months including St Andrews a handsome Grade II listed town house on New Street in the centre of Painswick with 3 bedrooms, beautifully landscaped gardens and lovely views over the church, Hope Cottage a recently renovated terraced cottage on Gloucester Street with 4 beds and pretty garden, Flat 4 Hyett Orchard a well presented and spacious 2 bed retirement apartment within the Hyett Orchard development in Painswick, 3 Wellersley Cottages a charming 3 bed end of terrace cottage with lovely garden opposite The Wells in Bisley (already under offer) and Grafton a spacious detached and recently renovated 3 bed family house with large garden and lovely views in Water Lane.

Properties that we currently have under offer are Yew Tree Cottage on New Street, Painswick, Ellis Cottage in Hardwicke and 3 Wellersley Cottages in Bisley and properties that have now sold are Carsebreck on Kingsmill Lane, Painswick, Hunters Rest in Brimpsfield and Lypiatt Cottage in Miserden.

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SEPTEMBER

Sat	5	ACP 'Off The Wall' Exhibition: Art & the Body - featuring pieces by Alexander McQueen, Philip Treacy & Sophie Ryder: £2.50 admission Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734	Painswick Centre Painswick Beacon	Daily until 13th September 9.00am to 1.00pm
Sun	6	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	7	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.50 to 11.30am 10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Painswick Bowls Club	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	8	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	Painswick Centre Town Hall P. Centre Green Room	10.00am 1.45 for 2.00pm 2.00 to 4.30pm
Wed	9	Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890 Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Ashwell House Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL	6.30 to 9.00pm 9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm
Thu	10	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 New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 12.00noon 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	11	Country Market: Coffee available Friday Club: My Life on the Severn - Chris Witts	Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 2.30pm
Sun	13	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	14	Probus Women: Stroud Food Bank - Will Mansell Painswick Community Choir starts - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Church Rooms Painswick Centre	10.00am 7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Pin & Hairpin Making in the Painswick Valley - Brian Jowett Painswick Players AGM	Croft School Church Rooms	7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	16	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: Guided Walk - Cotswold Buildings in South Woodchester. Pre-book 813228		10.30am
		Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays Evening Prayer Parish council Meeting	Croft School St Mary's Church Town Hall	10.30am to 12noon 6.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	17	Probus: Visit to Jaguar Land Rover plant in Solihull Music Appreciation Group: Introduction	Stamages Car Park Town Hall	8.00am 7.30pm
Sat	19	Copy Date for October Beacon Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734 Friday Club Autumn Outing to Gifford's Circus Arts & Crafts Market	Painswick Beacon Town Hall	9.00am to 1.00pm 2.30pm 10.00am to 2.00pm
Sun	20	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass	St. Mary's Church Catholic Church	8.00am 8.30am



		Sung Eucharist	St. Mary's Church	9.30am
		Painswick Feast	St Mary's Churchyard	11.00am to 6.00pm
		Clypping Service	St Mary's Churchyard	3.00pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: The Work of the Donkey Sanctuary at Home and Abroad - Lizzie Ellis	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	23	Table Tennis re-starts - Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	24	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: Guided Walk - Trees of the Woodchester Villages - info. and pre-book 813228		10.30am
Fri	25	The Big Butchers Bake Off - A Macmillan Coffee Morning in Sheepscombe	Butchers Arms	11.00am to 2.00pm
Sun	27	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass	St Mary's Church	8.00am
		Painswick Praise	Catholic Church	8.30am
Wed	30	Probus: GEAR & Elim - Helping the Homeless & Vulnerable Housed in Gloucestershire	St Mary's Church	9.30am
			Painswick Centre	10.00am
OCTOBER				
Thu	1	Music Appreciation Group: Film Music	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	3	October Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	5	Community Lunch: Hosts - Country Market (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	7	Bird Club / Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club: Farming for Wildlife - Ian Boyd. (joint meeting) Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	9	Friday Club: How Parliament Works - Liz Price	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	12	Probus Women: AGM & Speaker Community Lunch: Hosts - St. Mary's Church (Off Churchill Way)	Church Rooms	10.00am
			Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	14	Probus: Industrial Archaeology in your Garage, Shed & Attic - Bill King Gardening Club: New Subscriptions & Talk: Making the '15 Spring Show Garden - Caroline Tatham	Painswick Centre	10.00am
			Church Rooms	6.45pm
Thu	15	Music Appreciation Group: The Art of Singing	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	17	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734 Arts & Crafts Market	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	19	Community Lunch: Hosts - Croft Primary School (Off Churchill Way)	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.00pm
			Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	20	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club meeting: Cotswold Way Challenge - Clare Webb Enq. 01453 836618 Painswick Local History Society	The Hub Minchinhampton	10.30am
			Croft School	7.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.15/1526/TCA BYFIELD HOUSE, Bisley Street
T(1) Fell Cherry tree by sections to near ground level.

S.15/1640/LBC BLACK HORSE COTTAGE, St Marys Street
Installation of signage to exterior of building.

S.15/1638/ADV BLACK HORSE COTTAGE, St Marys Street
Installation for three signs for Painswick Hairdressers and Barbers.

S.15/1773/TCA FLAT 18, GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road
Beech Tree – Height reduction of 3.5 -4m. Reduce the spread on south and east side by 3.5m, shape and balance.

Ash Tree – Remove 1 scaffold branch.
S.15/1737/TCA HILLVIEW, Vicarage Street

T1 – Yew Tree – to be reduced in height by two metres and crown raise by two metres.

S.15/1770/HHOLD DAMSELLS LODGE, Painswick

Alterations and extension to garage and summer room (Re-submission of S.15/1079/HHOLD).

S.15/1778/LBC RECREATION COTTAGE, Slad Road, Slad
Division of bedroom to create room with toilet and wash/hand basin.

S.15/1789/HHOLD 6 CANTON ACRE
Detached wooden garage/workshop to side.

S.15/1763/LBC STONELEIGH, Gloucester Street

Covered access and storage area.
S.15/1780/LBC BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street

Internal alterations.
S.15/1720/FUL 2 & 3 VATCH COTTAGES, Catswood Lane

Single and three storey extension to the rear of the cottages including alterations to the roof. Alteration to the existing access and neighbours right of way to the rear of the properties.

S.15/1929/TCA YEW TREE HOUSE, Vicarage Street

Tulip tree to the side of the house. Reduce all over to near previous.

S.15/1865/FUL FOLLYACRES, Folly Lane

Change of Use from Rural Conservation Organic Centre to Live Work unit and Agricultural Small Holding. This includes demolition of timber barn and conversion to Artists Studio.

S.15/1962/HHOLD GREENALEAS, Stroud Road .
Provision of a porch to previously approved garage.

CONSENT

S.15/0037/STREG3
SHEEPSCOMBE SCHOOL, Far End, Sheepscombe

The construction of a modular building to provide a kitchen. The construction of 1.355m high fencing.

S.15/1341/LBC THE BUNGALOW BARN AT HILL FARM

Conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling (revision of previously approved scheme).

S.15/1369/HHOLD 2
ROSEBANK COTTAGES, Slad Road, Slad

Erection of a greenhouse and shed.

S.15/1252/HHOLD
WASHBROOK MILL, Edge

Extension and alterations.
S.15/1274/FUL BEECH FARM, Beech Lane

Erection of covered yard for a calf isolation unit.

S.15/1304/FUL LAND WEST OF LONGHOPE, Edge Road

Erection of a new dwelling.
S.15/1329/LBC & S.15/1328/FUL

COTSWOLD 88 HOTEL

Provide additional windows at first floor level, two conservation rooflights and replacement of frame/glazed door. Application for works to garden wing extension only.

S.15/1438/HHOLD ELMER LODGE, Cheltenham Road

Extensions and alterations.
S.15/1554/FUL LAND ADJOINING

CORVARA, Cotswold Mead
Proposed new dwelling. (Amendments to previously approved scheme S.13/2447/FUL).

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The Personal Column

Congratulations

To THOMAS CARLILE of Churchill Way who has secured a place at Cambridge University to study Human, Social and Political Sciences. Thomas, who is the grandson of Janet and David Crispin, attended The Croft and Marling Schools.

To ANDREA AND DAVID LINSELL who celebrated their Golden Wedding on August 21st.

To HILARY AND DAVID SIMPSON who celebrated their Golden Wedding on August 21st.

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.

Great grazing news

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group is delighted that 4 Simmental crossbred cows began grazing the paddock above the cemetery on Saturday 22nd August. When they have eaten it all down they will move on to Paddock 2 on the Hill fort's ramparts north of the Cotswold Trail where the cattle finished grazing last year.

Fortnightly work parties on the Beacon begin their new season on Saturday 5th September. We meet at 9 a.m. to trim and cut back unwanted scrub growth outside the paddocks. This improves the conditions for important wild flowers which would otherwise be suppressed. All volunteers benefit from expert guidance on using the supplied tools. We are a friendly bunch, why not come and join us? Please wear stout shoes and bring a drink. See also the Village Diary for future dates.

David Allott, Committee Member 812624



A Community Challenge

Producing the Beacon each month is a very interesting and rewarding task: rewarding because it is one of many local organisations providing a service to our community. The responsibilities of the Beacon team members are set out on this page. Peter Jenkins is one of the three editorial team members and we are very sorry that he is standing down from the position at the end of the year and wish to thank him for the considerable contribution he has made to the Beacon over a number of years. Editing is closely linked with desk top publishing but can be separate or combined responsibilities. If you have an interest in either or both of these roles we would be delighted to meet with you and provide more information about the Beacon's production. Any Beacon team member will be pleased to take your call or email.

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