

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Butterfly Walk

– Today Saturday 6th August

Polly Lillico, Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Chairperson, will lead the walk starting at 11am from the Cemetery car park by the Golf Club. Everyone welcome.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held July 20th by Terry Parker

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

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

## Presentation

Holly Barber gave a report on the work of the Children's Centre at The Rectory in Edge.

Councillors and members of the public thanked Holly for her presentation.

## Parish Council Meeting

### Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Steve Morris and from District Councillor Nigel Cooper and County Councillor Jason Bullingham.

### Introduction.

The Council Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, introduced District Councillor Keith Pearson. Cllr Pearson said that there were now three district councillors for the Painswick with Upton St Leonards District Ward: Cllr Nigel Cooper, Cllr Julie Job and himself. The number had been increased from two to take account of the Painswick with Upton St Leonards District Ward's considerably greater area. The area having been expanded following the recommendation from the Boundary Commission.

### Public questions

Mr David Allott referred to the questions he had tabled at last month's meeting concerning speeding, overgrown hedges and flooding on the A46 at Broadham Fields. He said that he had received no replies to his letter on the subject which had been published in the July Beacon. The Clerk said that he had spoken with County Councillor Jason Bullingham on these matters but it should be noted that Cllr Bullingham had responsibility for 17 parishes, all of which had similar problems. Cllr Abigail Smith said that inadequate funding was the cause of the problem. The Clerk stressed that it was the

responsibility of the landowner and not the County Council to cut back bushes and tree branches that overhung the highway. Mr Allott said that visitors to the village had commented adversely on the number of potholes on Gloucestershire's roads and also the dangers created by road signs being obscured by overhanging trees and bushes.

Carolyn Luke spoke of the state of the A4173 where the same potholes reappeared each year. It was seemingly because of type of infilling material used by the contractor. She said it was generally accepted that Gloucestershire's road maintenance compared unfavourably with other county councils.

Roger Stewart spoke of the continuing problems of the flooding of Cud Cottages land by surface water from the A4173 which was caused by blocked gullies. The Clerk said he would refer the matter to Mr Daniel Tiffney who was the responsible County Council officer.

John Luke expressed disappointment that the Parish Council had seemingly not taken forward the issue of the fencing which had been erected on Common Land along Golf Course Road. Mr Luke said that he was speaking on behalf of the Painswick & District Conservation Society. The Clerk said that the District Council had not been prepared to pursue the matter. The Open Spaces Society had told him that it could cost the Parish Council in excess of £10K to challenge the legality of the fencing. Cllr Slinger proposed that the Parish Council meet with the Painswick & District Conservation Society to discuss how best to take the matter forward. Mr Luke said he was pleased to accept Cllr Slinger's proposal.

### Matters of urgency

Proposed development on land east of the A46 Cheltenham Road and south of The

Park. Cllr Slinger told the members that an appeal against Stroud District Council's refusal of planning consent for the erection of eight 3-5 bedroom market houses and nine 1-3 bedroom affordable dwellings had been lodged by the developer. The Parish Council had recommended refusal of the application.

### County Councillor's report.

Cllr Bullingham had submitted a written report. His updated report is published elsewhere in this issue.

### District Councillor's report

Cllr Cooper had submitted a written report. Cllr Pearson said that the Stroud District Council was considering possible changes to the garden waste collection scheme. If changes were approved they could be introduced in February next year.

### Parish Council website.

The Clerk reported that following advice from the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils, he wished to recommend to the Parish Council that they take full responsibility for their website which was currently maintained through Stroud District Council. The new system which was being used by Dursley Town Council and expected to be taken up by other Gloucestershire councils had a set-up cost of £650 and an annual expenditure of £500. The Clerk said that the website facility could be offered to those clubs and societies which did not have a website of their own. The website had many advantages, one of which would allow the Parish Council to host council files. The Councillors resolved to support the Clerk's proposal.

### Painswick Feast.

The Feast Committee had requested a grant of £500 towards the Festival's

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running costs. This was agreed.

**Financial matters.**

The Councillors agreed the items scheduled for payment. One item was the expenditure for the new play equipment which was now in place on the Recreation Ground. The Zip Wire would be put in place on the 29th July. The permanent outdoor table tennis table located in front of the Youth and Community Centre was proving a popular acquisition. A grant of £650 had been allocated to the Art Couture Committee.

**Ward matters**

Broadband Cabinet. Cllr Rob Lewis told that meeting that he understood a decision had still to be made about the location of the Broadband Cabinet in the centre of the Village. The final decision lay with County Highways and British Telecom.

**Confidential Item**

The Press and Public were asked to leave the meeting during the Councillors' consideration of correspondence relating to Unit 2 in St Mary's Street.

## Community Connexions

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\*Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area.

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\*105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.

\*Customers can call 105 no matter who they choose to buy electricity from.

\*Customers can also call 105 if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, they should call the emergency services too.

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## Beacon Postbox

We were recently surprised to find a number of stamped cards/letters with German addresses in the Beacon postbox. However, because we visit the postbox regularly we were able to post the cards/letters in the nearby Royal Mail postbox with little delay to the recipients. If you do have friends visiting from abroad could you please explain that letters should be posted in the red Royal Mail box.



## Road closure

### St Mary's Street & Tibbiwell Lane

These roads will be closed from 22nd August to 26th August. This is to allow for works for superfast broadband by contractors working on behalf of BT Openreach. If you require further information regarding these closures, please contact this office on 08000 514514.

Caroline Cogram, Gloucestershire County Council, Roadspace Co-ordinator (Stroud District)



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## Serious assault in Painswick

Police investigating a serious sexual assault in Painswick are appealing for information.

The incident happened at about 06:40am on Saturday 25 June. An 18-year-old woman from Tewkesbury was dropped off in the village by taxi and walked into St Mary's Parish churchyard, where she was attacked by a man described as white, with tanned skin, in his early 50s, 5ft 10ins - 5ft 11ins tall, 'skinny but with a big belly' and wearing blue jeans and a red and white striped t-shirt.

Officers want to hear in particular from a man who the taxi driver asked for directions in Painswick shortly before the victim was dropped off.

Detective Inspector David Shore-Nye said: "We've been making forensic inquiries and are working on compiling an e-fit image of the man. In the meantime if you remember being spoken to by a taxi driver in the early hours of that morning, saw anything suspicious in the area at the time or recognise the description of the man please call 101 and quote incident 281 of 25 June.

"This was obviously an extremely traumatic experience for the victim and our thoughts are with her.

The community will be concerned but we can reassure local people that the neighbourhood team in Stroud is aware and there will be further reassurance patrols in the area."

## Catholic Church Roof Appeal

Open Gardens  
Monday 29th August 2pm - 5pm

Eight Painswick gardens, most designed or re-planted by Graduate Gardeners will be open for the afternoon. All are within walking distance of the village centre. Teas will be served in the Catholic Church, Friday Street. All proceeds will go to the re-roofing of The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

£10 admission includes entry to all gardens and is by Map/Ticket from Denise Magauran, Merrills, Friday Street, Tel 814570, or Patricia Burrows 813326 or from any of the gardens on the day.

## County Councillor's Monthly Report

### Summer surface dressing to begin in August

This year Gloucestershire County Council is investing £2M into its summer surface scheme which will see more than 44 miles of county roads treated to prolong their life. Surface dressing is for roads that are nearing the end of their life, but haven't yet started to fail. You can't apply surface dressing to roads that have deteriorated significantly, so this means that roads being treated may be in a better condition than some others in the county.

Surface dressing is an economical and commonly used way to extend the life of a road. It improves skid resistance and road safety because the chippings which are added to the bitumen binder give increased grip. The treatment works by sealing the surface of the road against water and air, which causes damage to the road over time. Highway crews will use 7633 tonnes of chippings and any loose chippings will be swept up and recycled. All road markings are repainted soon after the work is complete. In the majority of cases, the road will be closed while the works take place, which will usually be for one or two days and short diversions will be in place.

Although the programme is published in advance, the work is weather dependent, so the schedule may need to change at short notice. Any changes will appear both online at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/surface-dressing](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/surface-dressing) and on Twitter @GlosRoads.

### Roads to receive £3.1 boost for repairs countywide

Gloucestershire County Council has announced extra funding for road repairs to make sure county roads are better prepared for winter. The money will be used to carry out surface repairs which will cover clusters of potholes at a time, and stop further potholes from forming in these locations. The work will begin this summer on main roads all over the county. Locations include parts of Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Stroud, the Forest of Dean and the Cotswolds. This work is in addition to the existing programme of highway improvements and resurfacing, and on top of the council's recently announced £2M schedule of summer surface dressing which will see more than 44 miles of county roads treated.

Cllr. Jason Bullingham Tel: 812037

Email: [jason.bullingham@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:jason.bullingham@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## Waste and Recycling

There will be no change to existing arrangements until November. Collection day will remain as existing (Tuesday for most residents).

During August all households will receive an information sheet explaining exactly the new scheme that will start in November. Households will also start to receive containers for food waste and grey wheelie bins for non-recyclable waste, these are for use only when the new scheme starts.

Further detailed instructions will be communicated along with new timetables in the Autumn. All this information will be repeated on the SDC website. But nothing will change until November.

*Nigel Cooper - SDC Councillor Painswick & Upton Ward*

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## Beacon Conservation Group:

**The cows are coming**.....back again. For the 5th. year running PBCG have managed to secure the loan of local cattle to carry out vital grazing on The Beacon. The cows are an important tool in the reduction of scrub and weeds, which if left alone will spread and choke the natural

wild flowers and other flora that we are working hard to encourage, protect and preserve. Grazing by cattle has been the traditional way to manage meadows and wildflower havens for hundreds of years. It is producing impressive results here in Painswick. The cattle are contained in large paddocks behind low-powered but very high voltage electric fences. These have simple spring-loaded gates that enable walkers to stick to their favourite routes with only small detours. Docile cattle are chosen so that they will be disinterested in walkers, and in their dogs, which MUST be kept on a lead at all times, and ALL dog poo must be removed from the paddock. (Danger of disease transfer to the cows and their unborn calves!). Information about the grazing project and who to contact if any problem is detected will be displayed at several places along the fence, The welfare of the cattle is of paramount importance and so they will be checked at least once a day by trained "checkers" If you would like to volunteer to be trained as a checker please contact me, Derek, on 814047. If you see anything that concerns you re. the grazing, DO please ring the Mobile's number, displayed at several points along the fence.

### Off the Beacon Track

A walk for the whole family (even the dog) will take place on Sunday 14th. August over the Beacon. It's not a Natural History lesson of the area; we plan to have some fun in the sun. Experienced guides will take you to secret nooks and crannies of our lovely Painswick Common. We'll try to show you parts of the Beacon you've never seen. Meet at the "Walkers' Car Park", off Golf Course Road at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday 14th August. Wear stout walking shoes/boots. For further details and information, phone me

*Derek Wakefield-Brown on (01452) 814047.*



## Summer visits with Cotteswold Naturalists

The Cotteswold Naturalists are enjoying a busy summer of excursions, with a visit last month to the gardens of Ampney Brook House, where the owners have created a haven for wildlife along the banks of the Ampney Brook with year-round garden interest. The owners hosted an enjoyable lunch for members and guests on a warm and sunny day before taking the party on a garden tour.

This month we have a fully-booked excursion on Wednesday 10th August to the Newport Wetlands National Nature Reserve, the Transporter Bridge over the River Usk followed by a buffet lunch at the National Trust's Tredgar House with time to explore the house and gardens in the afternoon (contact 01453 872 243 to go on the reserves list for last minute cancellations). Our 8-day two-centre tour in October to South West Ireland based in Cork and Bantry Bay has been fully-booked since the start of the year.

Finally our study of English winemaking continues with a visit on Thursday 8th September to the Three Choirs vineyard near Newent. Places are still available and non-members are welcome to join us on a vineyard tour, tasting and lunch (contact 01453 834 486), with travel by coach from Stamages Lane car park.

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*Jane E Rowe 813228*



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It is amazing what one photograph can give rise to nowadays, as Ken Farlow discovered recently. Following a visit to the Jet Age Museum in June, Ken's daughter, Helen, took Ken, now aged 95, to Gloucestershire Airport to see a Spitfire and a Hurricane standing on the runway there. Ken spent his wartime service as an engineer maintaining such aircraft in Syria and North Africa so this visit was very significant for him. She took a photograph of him from behind looking through the wire to the planes on the runway.

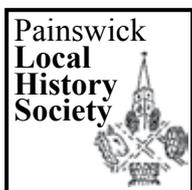
In the Aviator Pub Ken talked to the pilots, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) Squadron Leader, Andy Millikin and Flight Lieutenant, Andy Preece whom he later watched take off and perform fly-overs. Meanwhile, the photograph appeared on social media and this led to an amazing sequence of events.

Gordon Maltby from the BBMF Visitor Centre invited Ken to visit RAF Coningsby to wander round the hangar looking at all the wonderful planes – a real privilege. Next came a day at the Air Tattoo, Fairford where, despite being confined to a wheelchair, Ken managed to explore inside many planes, watched every display and chatted to ground crew and engineers. Then Gloucestershire Airport Director, Darren Lewington, invited Ken airside for a VIP tour of the hangar where the Spitfire and Hurricane are being maintained by Battle of Britain engineers who are effectively doing now what he was doing during the war. Here he talked happily for hours with the ground crew and pilots. Ken followed as the planes were wheeled out.

Then, on Saturday, 16th July, on the 80th anniversary open day at Gloucestershire Airport, Ken took a flight on a two-seater airplane. This was indeed the culmination of a wonderful and, for Ken, very evocative series of events. It was, he acknowledges, a very special experience, and, comparing what he could see of Gloucestershire to the views he had from the air during his wartime service, he happily notes, "It was very different from looking down at the desert, it was more like a beautiful patchwork quilt."

Last year the Beacon reported on Ken's proud attendance at the VE70 celebrations in London, a truly momentous and important occasion. This year's experiences have led to worldwide acknowledgement as complete strangers worldwide have been congratulating him. For Ken however, the most important aspect is the combination of pride and memories which these lovely experiences have evoked. The smile on Ken's face as he flew – the first time in 70 years – says it all.

*Carol Maxwell*



## Yet more of Painswick's history revealed

Don't miss the exhibition – 27th/28th August

Painswick has a very rich history, much of it still being brought to light on a regular basis. It is two years since the Local History Society held its last exhibition which, on that occasion, was appropriately devoted entirely to Painswick and the Great War to commemorate the beginning of that momentous episode in 1914. The displays represented a great deal of collaborative research and analysis and much was discovered which had long been forgotten.

This year the Society will stage an exhibition in the Town Hall on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August. There will not be a single overall theme as last time but many of the displays will present detailed information and illustrations of recently explored local history topics. Painswick's history is remarkably varied in its range and aspects from the personal to the architectural, industrial, transportational, social, educational, archaeological, criminal, religious, superstitious etc etc.

It is always interesting to find out about the past of the place in which you live – it helps towards developing an understanding of the present. Do come along and enjoy discovering more about Painswick's past. Entry is free and refreshments will be available too.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# Letters



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*Douglas Robinson of Edge Road writes:*

Any means of slowing traffic down to 20mph in the village is welcome and speed bumps are assumed to be a solution. The Conservation Society took this up with the SDC some years ago and the answer, as I recall, was that speed bumps were never permitted on an A class road. It should be borne in mind that the A46 is a bus route and I imagine this is an additional factor.

*Jayne Knowles-Smith of Pullens Road writes*

Following my letter last month regarding the use of the churchyard for the Arts Festival, on the Saturday night children were climbing all over the tombs. Then on the Sunday there were adults dancing on the tabletop tombs, and again children jumping and climbing, even entertainers performing on them: I have videos and photos. These tombs are Grade 2 listed which makes them of historical interest not to mention the respect of those who are buried there. After previous years and assurances from the Arts Festival this would not happen I am thoroughly disgusted and disappointed with the Arts Festival and will now be taking this further with the relevant people including Historic England.

*Sue and Mick Shepherd write:*

In response to the front page article in the July issue of the Beacon, regarding the placement of the BT Fibre cabinet outside the Nurse's House, it may be of interest to point out that over 250 other people also saw fit to complain to BT about the siting of the cabinet. Many of these people, one can only imagine, were completely unbeknown to the owners of the Nurse's House. Surely the fault lies not with the local residents who understandably want to preserve the beauty of the village for us all, but with BT for their complete failure to locate the box in a less sensitive location.

*Trevor Radway of Kingsmill Lane writes*

Why do I look forward to Saturday and Sunday? Simple!

Those are the days when I can walk the length of the footpath in Bisley Street on the Longfield shop side. Weekdays there is a black 4x4 permanently parked within a foot of the buildings making it physically impossible to get past. The owner is obviously not conscious of the needs of others as he parks there all day. I was thinking of hiring a disabled wheelchair and attempting to squeeze my way through the gap as any scratches might make some impact on his future actions. There are often two other cars there as well.

Then I also have difficulty on a weekday in posting a letter at the Kemps Lane post box. Why? Because someone with a black car regularly parks right in front of the box making it impossible to gain access to the box to post a letter. There are other similar problematic selfish cases around the village so what do we do now? Answers please to the Beacon Editor or the Parish Council because we must deal with these issues.

## Jottings.

It shows how food production is moving on we are now cutting corn in July, something forty years ago would not be heard of.

We have been very busy bringing in hay and silage. There are times when our machinery breaks down under pressure whilst working, such as silage making when the grass is thick and wet. We have to rush back to the yard to make urgent repairs to get back to the fields and get the crop in before it is ruined. Driving the tractor along our narrow lanes, we often meet drivers who cannot reverse. There is no way we can reverse, especially with a long trailer, so we have to wait patiently for them to wriggle backwards.

As my son was mowing grass for silage the other morning, a kestrel dropped down just in front of him after a mouse, causing him to do an emergency stop to avoid hitting it. There have been a lot of buzzards in the area, but kestrels have not been doing as well.

I was reading an article the other day about crayfish. Only the White-clawed one is native. There are six others which have come in and brought a plague virus which destroys ours. But you need a license to handle or catch them, so although we do have some in the streams of our valleys, which sort do we have? I know of three sites where they live, so we have good unpolluted water. Crayfish sold in restaurants probably comes from China.

A lorry load of animal feed was being delivered to the farm the other morning, being blown into our large feed storage bin. When I looked down at the rear tyres, I was amused to see "happyness tyres" printed along the tyre walls along with other words. Unbelievably made by ChemChina - made in China and something happened with the translation?

*Martin Slinger*



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## Painswick Singers Summer Concert

“Light-hearted” best describes our concert on 3rd July in the Painswick Centre.

“Me and My Girl” by Noel Gay had us listening to Take it on the Chin and Leaning on a Lamp-Post.

Then “Porgy and Bess” by Gershwin with Lead Soloist Susan Black in excellent form, singing I got Plenty of Nothing; Summertime; It Ain’t Necessarily So; Bess, You is my Woman Now; and There’s a Boat that’s leaving soon.

Duet and Solo pieces included “Good Night” by Paul Abraham and “Musetta’s Waltz Song” by Puccini, with Susan Black and Adrian Bressington the singers.

Lastly “Show Boat” by Jerome Kern gave us Cotton Blossom; Make Believe; You are Love; Bill, Why do I Love You?; Can’t help Loving That Man; and Ol’ Man River

As usual, a very fine rendering by the choir which Andrew Hopwood conducted – as well as educating us with his commentaries about the lives and compositions of the different composers.

Next performance: St Matthew’s Passion Workshop on 17th September in St. Mary’s Church.

*Ralph Kenber*

## Stroud Choral Society Concert

Once again Painswick singers and listeners took part in an exciting performance – quite different and very light-hearted in the second half – on 25th June in Stroud Subscription Rooms.

The main work, Rutter’s Requiem followed after Stanford’s hymn of praise “Te Deum”, both beautifully performed by the Stroud Choral Society, with Kirsty Hopkins, the excellent soprano, singing towards the end of the Requiem.

What was new were the many songs, especially those sung by the “Minpins”, a lovely children’s choir, 30 members aged 8-11, singing songs by Chilcott and Gilpin. Kirsty Hopkins and Alan Fairs, bass, sang in music by Britten, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Minchin, Ireland, Pepper, Gershwin and Vaughan Williams, with Stanford’s “Songs of the Fleet”. Very varied!

Next performance: “Brahms Requiem” on 22nd October in Tewkesbury Abbey.

*Ralph Kenber*

## Pastures new for the Bradshaws

Pete and Emma Bradshaw have moved from Painswick to Sapperton with their three sons to become the new landlords at The Daneway Inn. Pete and Emma are well known in Painswick, not least because both worked previously for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust where Pete was Reserves Manager for the Stroud Area Nature Reserves, and Emma the Trust’s Head of Communications. Painswickians will wish to join with the Beacon in wishing them well in what is clearly a major decision in their lives.

*Terry Parker*

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## A House in Vicarage Street

House names can present a quandary as to their origins whilst others can be straightforward when they simply refer to an occupant from the past. There is a house in Vicarage Street which bears the name of a person but not in fact that of the one who lived in it. Howitt Villa has quite a story dating back to the 19th century. Last year the Beacon asked if anyone had any knowledge of Eliza Sarah Oldham nee Sutton, 1822-1905. A literary historian, Dr Rowena Edlin-White, has been researching this interesting lady and discovered her strong connections with Painswick.

Eliza was born into a successful printing and book selling Nottingham family (a link perhaps to Sutton publishing in Stroud?) and, after studying art in Manchester, became a successful artist and also a trained teacher of art. At some stage she moved to Painswick where she lived with William Oldham in Greenhouse Cottage. They married in the Independent Chapel in 1859. By 1861 she was teaching art in Painswick (possibly at Stroud's art school). Eliza at this time was 39, William, a retired hat manufacturer, was 71. They lived here for 20 years before moving to Surrey.

As a child Eliza had been to school with Anna Mary Howitt, daughter of the authors William and Mary Howitt, and they remained close friends for over 50 years. Both were artists and authors. Their lives were far from ordinary within the context of Victorian society. Both were radical politically, feminists and idealists. Anna was a contemporary of Rossetti and other famous artists and mixed with the likes of Wordsworth. Eliza published two books on the theme of temperance which she felt passionately about. In the course of their lives generally they were effectively pursuing ideas which we now think of as alternative.

After both William's and Anna's deaths Eliza came back to Painswick in about 1886. She moved into the house in Vicarage Street, much smaller than it is now, which she named, Howitt Villa, after her friend. At this time it is unlikely that any other houses on that side of Vicarage Street would have had a name, so it is strong testimony to the value she placed on their friendship. Eliza died in the house in 1905.



*Carol Maxwell*

## Painswick boys at the Somme

One hundred years ago many Painswick young men were totally embroiled in what is considered to be the worst ever event in human warfare. The 8th Gloucesters suffered many casualties at the Somme. In July 1916 an article in Stroud News reported that six Painswick men had been wounded by the same shell and in August the following article appeared:

'It has been a relief to Painswickians to hear that most of the brave boys in the 8th Gloucesters, who were recently wounded, are on a fair way to recovery. The wounds were not quite so serious as first thought, and as far as we know all the boys are now in England. Corpl. King is at Cambridge Hospital [he died a few weeks later] and G.Birt is at Leeds, while others are in London. Cecil Home has, we learn, undergone an operation. The news of E.Warner has not yet come to hand, but it is hoped satisfactory intelligence will soon be received.'

Interestingly, despite the upbeat tone of the report, three of the six men did die. And five more Painswick men are commemorated at the Thiepval memorial where all those who fell at the Somme and who have no known grave are listed.

Somewhat ironically, Stroud News also carried an article which began: 'The dearth of domestic servants has been one of our social problems of the last two decades, but the war has accentuated it to a critical degree...

*Carol Maxwell*

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# ACP FESTIVAL 2016

The organisers are to be congratulated on staging another highly successful Festival. Rosanna Thorn-Lees, ACP Gallery Manager, told the Beacon that “Art Couture Painswick (ACP) encompasses creativity while blurring the lines between art and fashion in the form of innovative wearable art and vibrant body painting. Surrounded by exquisite creativity, fabulous entertainment, smiling faces and glorious sunshine; the 2016 ACP Festival was certainly a day to remember by all. She recalled that “as the music played and the sun shone, our fabulous entrants paraded down

the catwalk, showcasing their outstanding and inspiring creations based on this year’s themes – Underwater, Flight, Moving Parts and Food For Thought. A huge congratulation to the winners who bowled us all over with their imaginative interpretations of these themes.”

Rosanna went on to say that, “not only did our Festival allow visitors to experience a day filled with diverse art, fashion and food, it also provides career-enhancing opportunities for our entrants as they cat-walked before a panel of prestigious judges. The ACP competition is a non-selective event and on 17th July, the floor was open to anyone with the flair of bringing art to life. We were bowled over by the enthusiasm and ingenuity of all the designers; both emerging and established who took part. Painswick’s streets were closed to traffic and replaced by enticing sights, smells and sounds – from Pimms to Pastries, brass bands to buskers, face painters to falafel and of course sizzling barbecues, ice cream vans to beer stalls, satisfying every taste. Not forgetting more than 70 unique stalls boasting their quirky, handmade wares.”

The Festival, she said, “had a surreal carnival atmosphere. Dreamlike costumes and painted bodies roamed the ancient setting located in the traditional iconic churchyard with 99 Yew Trees, perfectly juxtaposed. Family and friends relaxed in the sun, all the while captivated by the colour and creativity of the festival. As if that wasn’t enough, we were all moved by the show-stopping fly past, the World War II ‘Spitfire’ from ‘The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight’, courtesy of Anthony Parkinson, silencing the crowds as it made its journey over the festival site.”

Rosanna told The Beacon “that the incentive to join the flamboyant event was greater than ever this year, with each ticket entry into a prize draw for 2 free tickets to India on the “Fabric of India Tour” (courtesy of Steppes Travel) amongst other fabulous raffle prizes. While entry to the streets was completely free, the pay zones gave access to all the happenings in the churchyard, as well as the Beacon Hall in the Painswick Centre where the body art emerged.”

She went on to explain that, “here at ACP, we embrace the weird and wonderful and enjoy facilitating the unexpected. The unique designs and originality in each piece truly represent the pure talent that these contestants hold... SO we like to make sure we give them the justice each one deserves. For this reason, we are delighted to invite you to the ACP Gallery to view these creations up close and personal. The ACP Gallery, Bisley Street is open daily from 10am-4pm and is showcasing some of the amazing creations from this year’s festival. Without the contribution of our generous volunteers and supporters, this event would not be possible. For this, we are humbly grateful. Their help allowed us to provide an amazing opportunity for talented and aspiring artists, who have a burning passion for the world of Art Couture.

We’d also like to thank our Sponsors –BPE, Stroud District Council, The Falcon, The Painswick, Steppes Travel, Leapfrog, Anne-Marie Randall Photography, Painswick Builders, Richmond Villages, Painswick Parish Council, Core Lighting and of course, St. Mary’s Church. We highly value your warm and selfless support and thank you massively for your funding, your time and your enthusiasm.

Last but certainly not least, we’d like to thank the people of Painswick, whose sense of unity, community and togetherness shone through, and whose support and goodwill in hosting the Festival enabled all to witness the excitement of originality that is ACP.”



## Winners List

Simply The Best  
Vikki Lafford Garside

Under 12’s  
1st Evie Urquart Gordon  
2nd Jemima Falshaw  
3rd Annabelle Warfield

Open 12-17  
1st Saffron Patterson  
2nd Robin Watkins Davis  
3rd Eloise Mei

Open 18+  
1st Lois Edmunds  
2nd Sammy Adams  
3rd Becky Llewelyn

Student  
1st Jen Moorby  
2nd Manni Flemming  
3rd Bethany Gray Witney  
Independent Designers

1st Vikki Lafford Garside  
2nd Sophie Withers  
3rd Jack Everret

Creative Heads  
1st Arlene Barcley

Creative Heads (-12)  
1st Lilah Bessan†

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## Environmental Stewardship

Farmer Ian Boyd's visit to our Clubs was to discuss this topic giving strong insights into the serious ecological consequences of the intensive-farming era, then describing the innovation that is environmental stewardship. In June, members visited Whittington Lodge Farm to inspect progress on the ground! 60 handsome Herefords were seen amidst glorious grassland overflowing with a plant diversity provoking the consequent insect flood that enabled the reported high Defra farmland-bird scores. Hopefully such a favourable herd number to pasture acreage ratio will prove commercially viable in many other parts of the country so that soil analyses can show restoration of the old soil richness. Pictured on the right is one of the magnificent calves on view amongst the innumerable plant species including even many different orchids. After the morning rains, the dark clouds still loomed yet the glorious sunshine prevailed. From thence we retired to the barn for tea!

Martin & Wendy Addy



## Brilliant summer

Summer continues at Rococo with a magical performance of *Wind in the Willows* on Bank Holiday Sunday 28th August at 2.30 and 6.30pm. Rococo will be the ideal location for Ratty, Mole and Badger to entertain you and to pick up the pieces from Toad's madcap adventures. Expect animals, swashbuckling scenes and motorcars. It's a brilliant, hilarious and breathtaking story adapted from the classic novel by Kenneth Grahame. Tickets are selling fast from the Garden office or [www.everymantheatre.org.uk](http://www.everymantheatre.org.uk) and cost £7 for adults and £3.30 for children.

This summer there are also two intriguing pieces of art, visiting temporarily. One is a giant woven willow ball installation, created by the skilled people who built the Hermitage in the Snowdrop Grove earlier this year. The ball moves around the Garden regularly, turning up in the most unlikely of places. The second is an intriguing plant-filled ex-piano called *Life of Music, Music of Life* by Jaynie Tricker. It was one of a series of 15 commissioned by the Cheltenham Music Festival and again will be with us until the end of August.

If you're looking for a morning or afternoon with your children or grandchildren with no long car journey, the Garden is the perfect destination. There's the Anniversary Maze in which to get lost, the Pigeon House to climb and the rustic play area to enjoy, not to mention miles of paths, shady woodland walks and beautiful buildings to discover. The Garden is open every day from 10.30 until 5pm.

The Garden Cafe serves coffee and homemade cakes, lunches 12-2pm and afternoon tea. We've a new local coffee supplier - Ethical Addictions - based in Gloucester, who buy ethically sourced coffee beans straight from the producer. We're really pleased with the new blend - why not come and try it for yourself?

*Tim Toghill Trustee*



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## Painswick Probus

Bess of Hardwick and Hardwick Hall.

On a much anticipated return to Painswick Probus, Gillian Wight presented a profile of Bess of Hardwick followed by a description of the wonderfully preserved Hardwick Hall. Born Elizabeth Hardwick in 1527 into a family of 'minor gentry' Bess rose to become the most powerful countess in the land and the second richest woman after Elizabeth I. Married four times, first at the age of 14, Bess used her marriages to accumulate wealth and property and to rise through the ranks of the gentry. The final marriage to Sir George Talbot, 6th Earl of Shrewsbury was a big leap up the social ladder. However the marriage falters as George cracks under the strain of being the gaoler of Mary Queen of Scots for 16 years, largely without the support of Bess who concentrates on safeguarding her children's inheritance. Bess is thrown out of Chatsworth by Sir George, but buys the Hardwick estate in her son's name and, being unhappy with the old hall, proceeds to build and furnish the new Hardwick Hall. At the age of 70 she moves into the new hall and lives there until her death at age of 81.

Gillian ended her talk with an illustrated description of Hardwick as we find it today. Maybe not the finest piece of architecture and described by Robert Cecil as "Hardwick Hall – more glass than wall" but probably the best preserved house and contents from the period.

Painswick Probus meets fortnightly and forthcoming events can be found in the Beacon diary.

*John Wylde*

### 2007 Floods

On 6th July 2016 we were delighted to welcome back Dr Tim Brain, former Chief Constable of Gloucestershire. On taking command in 2001 one of his first actions was to obtain funding for a new Tri-Service Emergency Centre (GTEC), and a Police Headquarters alongside. The worth of co-location, rather than integration, of emergency services was amply demonstrated during the response to the water emergency of 2007. Failure to respond could have disrupted power supplies massively and, therefore, the ability to pump sewerage and operate water treatment plants. At an early stage Dr Brain used his authority to call on the armed services for helicopter search and rescue, and for logistics support. The GTEC provided strategic direction to 25 agencies.

By grasping the nettle quickly and managing the media he retained the confidence of the community. At the peak of the crisis 7 million litres of drinking water per day were being provided to the affected areas while contaminated systems were repaired and purged. Crucially, temporary defences were constructed to protect the power distribution centre at Mythe. This was the largest peacetime emergency in terms of scale and duration, yet only one life had been lost.

If you wish to know more please see: <http://www.floodprobe.eu/partner/assets/documents/Floodprobe-Factsheet-casestudy-gloucester.pdf>

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## Probus Women

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Speaker, Caroline Aistrop recommended visits close to Painswick: - Snows Farm - a beautiful peaceful place. It has a derelict building on site known as 'The Shop' - allegedly a place of ill repute in the old days and used by some residents from Stroud! Elliot (Swift's Hill) - a Cider with Rosie landmark reserve - the quarry attracting fossil hunters. Frith Wood - in Spring plenty of wild garlic growing here for gourmet cooks. Laurie Lee Way - lovely 6 mile walk with 10 'Poetry Posts' to view on the way.

Trust Staff and Volunteers work hard to preserve wildlife. Water and Field Vole numbers are down. Barn Owls on the decline and a big intake of breath from Probus Women when Caroline told us that possibly, by 2025, hedgehogs could become extinct! Lack of natural habitat together with use of rat poison, slug pellets plus other chemicals responsible.

We can all help. If you do give a hoot - unwanted tea chests make good homes for Owls! The Trust needs to generate £3,000,000 annually. Join!

Today the extinction of the Tiger, Rhino and Panda make headline news. If, in 2025, our hedgehog does become extinct - who can we all point the finger at then?

*delia Mason*



## Gardening club

Lazy Days of Summer....

....or not so lazy as there's always 'stuff' to do although my list is only half the length at this time of the year (my Husband still has a very long list)....and I wouldn't have it any other way! Pop a note in your diary or on your calendar for 12th October as the Gardening Club season starts again. Details for subscriptions, start time etc, etc will be in next month's article as I can't stop now; my list is 'calling' me!

*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*

## Dementia Evening

On 12th July Suzanne Booker, Director of Care for Lilian Faithfull Homes in Cheltenham, gave a most interesting talk to a group of mainly Painswick residents in the Town Hall on the subject of dementia. In this year Lilian Faithfull Homes are celebrating 70 years in care after the founder Lilian Faithfull opened the first home in 1946 to provide nursing and residential care for the elderly. There are now four homes in Cheltenham. Lilian Faithfull was a former headmistress of Cheltenham Ladies College.

In her talk Suzanne gave details of the seven stages of dementia and explained the functions of the various parts of the brain. She drew a distinction between the various forms of dementia which is an umbrella term for the many types of this disease, explaining some of the causes and how diagnosis through scans can identify areas of the brain affected. She also explained that Alzheimer's disease is not identifiable through a standard scan. There are treatments for this disease to slow down the process but there is no definitive cure. Early diagnosis is important for the individual with the disease. She spoke of the work of the Memory Awareness Support Team which is an important element of dementia studies at the Lilian Faithfull Homes. The talk was followed by a number of questions, perhaps not surprising as the subject is one about which there is a considerable lack of understanding in the wider community.

The talk had been arranged with the Parish Council and the Chairman Martin Slinger warmly thanked Suzanne for coming to Painswick to give the talk which was well received.

*Terry Parker*



## Yew Trees Women's Institute Teddy bear's triumph

We were expecting a talk on teddy bears but Harvey Sagar, a retired Professor of Neurology, gave us an interesting, informative and often amusing account of his life in medicine instead.

His story began when he was a child and his bear needed some operations. Surgery took place many times with a blunt penknife followed by embroidery with a needle and thread. He thought that the teddy bear probably had Munchhausen's Syndrome, the psychological disorder where someone pretends to be ill in order to attract attention!

A Neurologist works with consultants and other health workers and patients so that he is in touch with people from all walks of life. On the one hand he is sensitively treating people in despair or with serious disorders such as multiple sclerosis. Alternatively some of the cross-questioning leads to amusing answers.

Doctor: What has brought you here today Mrs X?

Patient: An ambulance.

Sometimes there have been linguistic difficulties when patients talked about their vigorous veins or their father's preposterous glands.

Harvey Sagar has turned his hand to many things since retirement such as poetry and novel writing and we realised during the evening that he is a true "Renaissance man".

In addition to the regular monthly meeting members enjoyed a really pleasant evening with a picnic and croquet in the Rococo Gardens on June 21st.

*Janet Jenkins*

## News from St. Mary's

August is traditionally the holiday month so little is happening in the way of special events. St Mary's did host the annual leavers service towards the end of last month for those moving on from the Croft School. We wish these leavers well as they prepare to move on to their new schools in the autumn. Meanwhile we hope they enjoy their summer holidays. In spite of the holidays, Sunday services continue as normal this month. There is an 8am communion service each Sunday according to the Book of Common Prayer. The main Sunday service is at 9.30am. For the first three Sundays this is a Common Worship communion service with hymns and a sermon. The fourth Sunday service is different. It is called "Painswick Praise" and is designed particularly with families in mind being a lighter, simpler service. If you have never attended this service why not give it a try? On Sunday 7th August it is Cranham Feast Day. There is a special service to commemorate the occasion at St James church, Cranham at 3pm. It will be conducted by the Vicar, Revd Mike Holloway and anyone is welcome to attend.

I mentioned no special events but there are several weddings taking place this month. These are very special events for the families involved. There will be weddings celebrated in the church on 6th, 12th and 20th August. Wedding services are public events meaning anyone can attend the service. Details of these services will be published in the weekly "Grapevine" available in the church.

Finally a date for your diary. Painswick Feast and Clypping service will be celebrated on 25th September with the usual service in the churchyard in the afternoon.

*David Newell*

## Postbox usage

Readers will recall the considerable efforts that were made to have a Royal Mail postbox located centrally in Painswick. The outcome was the positioning of the box at the junction of Victoria Square and the A46. One of the problems to which the Beacon's attention has been drawn is a tendency for some parishioners to use other means to post their letters, one such being to ask neighbours to post the letters when travelling to nearby towns. It is very important that Painswick retains the centrally located post box and we would ask residents to use it whenever possible.



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# Sports reports

assembled by John Barrus

## Cricket

The weather has warmed up...and the first team results have improved of late. Two good victories over Cam and Westbury on Severn have improved the 1st teams league position and provided a boost of confidence. Alex Jennings scored an excellent 57 runs against Cam and Ali Bressington scored a fabulous 133 runs against Westbury. Pick of the bowlers, Paul Morris with 5 wkts for 31 runs in the Westbury match. The 2nds have suffered some recent defeats...however their match against A.I.W was a highly entertaining affair. Chasing 240 Painswick only fell 3 runs short. Skipper Nick Marment scored 72 and the in form Dom Barnard scored 50.

The 3rds march ever on ward towards promotion...they did lose their top of the table clash with Slimbridge 1sts...however they bounced back with victories over Cam 3rds and Oldlands 2nds. Henry Bonham scored a superb 103 against Oldlands.

Dates for August home matches....at Broadham Fields as follows;

6 August Painswick CC - 2nd XI Vs Stroud CC - 2nd XI

13 August Painswick CC - 1st XI Vs Kingsholm CC - 1st XI

20 August Painswick CC - 2nd XI Vs Bourton Vale CC - 2nd XI

27 August Painswick CC - 1st XI Vs Redmarley CC - 1st XI

Steve Pegram

## Falcon Bowls club

July started well for Falcon.

July 5th saw Cirencester B visit in the Cotswold League. Falcon recorded back to back wins by winning on all three rinks for a 10 – 0 victory. The following evening Falcon entertained Nailsworth in a friendly. Once again Falcon enjoyed victory winning on all rinks.

Falcon's magnificent run in the Tony Allock trophy continues as they recorded yet another victory this time against Ardagh. They now face last years champions Broadway in the section final. The winners go through to the national finals in Leamington.

July 9th saw Falcon visit Cotswold in a friendly which they won overall by 4 shots. The next morning City B visited Falcon in the Sunday League. Falcon picked up points for the 3rd consecutive game but lost the game 4 - 2.

July 16th saw Painswick visit Falcon. On a lovely afternoon Falcon edged past their village rivals in a close game by just 4 shots.

If any Painswick residents would like to try bowls at The Falcon come along on "Bowl Free Friday" when throughout the summer Painswick residents can try bowling free at our club session 6 pm. It's very relaxed and friendly and all you need is flat footwear. Were behind the Falcon Pub. To find out more or to book an individual session contact Jon on 01452 506513.

## Tennis

The Painswick Tennis Academy is offering junior summer holiday coaching Tennis Coaching For Children Aged 15 and Under and 8 and Under.

### Open to non tennis club members

Dates: W/C August 1st (Wk1), Aug 8th (Wk2), Aug 15th (Wk3), Aug 22nd (Wk4)

15 & Under (minimum age is 9) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-4pm @ £30 per day. 8 and Under (Mini Tennis Red) Coaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-5pm @£20 per day. Coach contact numbers: Lorraine Ristic: 07775 606399 tennis@lorraineristic.com or Mark Wontumi: 07528 540069

### Ladies Charity tennis lunch

Held again this year in aid of Sue Ryder and made over £300 for the Leckhampton day centre.

There were 26 ladies playing and a further 4 supporting the day .

## Golf Club

In the Seniors' section, the main competition last month was the Centenary Cup – a competition over three rounds with the two best scores being counted. In the first round John Bentley had the best net score of 67; in the second round Frank Keelan had the best net score of 62 and he also had the best net score in the third round as well. The overall winner was Frank Keelan with a combined score of 129. Congratulations to the winners.

The Seniors Open competition had to be cancelled because of heavy rain in May, and has been rearranged for Thursday 22nd September. Senior (over 55s) golfers with recognised handicaps are most welcome to play – if you are interested or require further details please get in touch with Vern Watkin on 01452 611778. The Open is played in pairs – a four ball better ball competition.

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# The Personal Column

## Congratulations

To HOWARD DAVIS AND SARAH WITHERS (pictured) who were married on 25th June at Painswick Rococo Garden. The wet weather had held off and they enjoyed a wedding breakfast in the sunshine provided by Gusto back at their home at Viner's Wood, Wick Street, followed by a honeymoon in Rome.



To GILLY PADBURY AND BOB YOUNG of Hambutts Cottages, Edge Lane who were married at The Painswick on Saturday July 9th.

To AUDREY AND ALAN PRICE who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on July 14th.

To BETTY COPE, who lived in Painswick for more than 60 years, celebrated her 100th birthday on 9th July in Sunningdale, Berks with her family and a few friends. Betty was thrilled by the huge selection of birthday cards and greetings that she received from her old friends in Painswick and St Mary's Church, and sends her thanks to them all for their kindness in bringing back so many happy memories of her old home.

To JOHN SIDWELL who has been awarded the Member of the British Empire Medal for services to prisoners through One to One Maths in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for 2016. John is the co-founder of One to One Maths which was created to help innumerate prisoners through peer monitoring. The charity is dedicated to helping the 50% of prisoners who are innumerate and, because of their fear of the classroom, reject involvement in the formal prison education. Through the charity, prisoners gain confidence and a sense of achievement about learning maths, whilst mentors gain new skills and a sense of self-worth.

To SAMANTHA O'NEILL (grand-daughter of Irene Hodges) who has graduated from De Montford University, Leicester with a First Class degree in Biomedical Science.

## Condolences

To the family of MICHAEL HUGH CRITCHLEY, formerly of Washwell Cottage, Painswick, who passed away peacefully on June 19th aged 81. His family wish to thank the doctors and nurses at Painswick Surgery and the staff at Resthaven Nursing Home for their care during the final years of his life.

To the family and friends of MAJOR DAVID LLEWELLYN HUDSON who died on June 25th aged 89. David was for many years a member of Painswick Parish Council. A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for David's life was held in St Mary's Church on July 6th.

To the family and friends of MICHAEL BUTTREY of The Croft, Painswick who died peacefully on July 8th aged 80. A Service of Thanksgiving was held on July 26th at St. Mary's Church. Mike was a past winner of Painswickian of the Year. Painswick Bells rang a quarter-peal in his honour on the evening of the Thanksgiving Service.

To the family and friends of ANNIE "PEARL" JONES who died on 8th July at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. Annie was born in Vicarage Street and lived most of her life in Painswick. She moved from Vicarage Street to White Horse Lane when it was built in 1964 and stayed there for 50 years. Annie's funeral was scheduled to be held on 3rd August.

To the family and friends of PATRICK RIDGWELL who died on 8th July. Patrick's funeral was held in St Mary's Church on 29th July.

To the family and friends of YVONNE ANN CASTIGLIONE who died on 8th July aged 82 years. Yvonne who died at the Old Vicarage Nursing Home, Frampton on Severn, was a longstanding resident of Beacon Close.

## Thank You

To all the family and friends who sent cards, gifts, get well wishes and offers of help to CHRISTINE WEST since her recent stay in hospital; all very much appreciated. She is making good progress and will soon be back to normal!

*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.*

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## 10, 20, 30 Years ago

July 1986

Stamages Lane development refusal  
Outline application for 8 houses on a field below New Drive has been refused. The District Council Planning Executive turned down the application, as it did not comply with the Council local plan for Painswick.

August 1986

Making an exhibition of ourselves

The annual exhibition of the Guild of Craftsmen gets underway at the Institute this weekend. Last year may be a difficult act to follow with record spending and 12,000 visitors.

This weekend also coincides with the annual Flower Festival at Christ Church followed next weekend with the well-established "Annual Show" at Jenkins Farm.

July 1996

Concern expressed over signs in Painswick.

Both the Painswick Conservation Society and Parish Council have expressed concern about the number of advertising signs which are appearing in and around Painswick. Some causing obstructions on pavements.

August 1996

Good News for the Croft School.

It was announced that the three terrapin classrooms and administration buildings are to be replaced by a permanent extension to the main building.

July 2006

Formal opening of Richmond Village

More than 300 people turned up to a reception at the Retirement Village on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June to mark the formal opening of the development.

August 2006

Painswick Abseil

Encouraged by the experienced and friendly staff of the Rock Centre, abseiler after abseiler went over the edge of the Painswick Church Tower. In the afternoon this was followed by a volley of Teddy Bears flying from the battlements in their brightly coloured parachutes.

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## PROPERTY REPORT for July from Hamptons International

In : Out – it certainly shook us all about! The recent vote to leave came as a shock, but life goes on. The UK voted 52 percent to leave the EU against 48 percent to remain on a turnout of 72 percent (the general election turnout was 66 per cent). We now have to assess the likely impact of this historic decision. The honest answer is that it's far too soon to know. Clearly there are still risks ahead but people will still need to move home for personal and practical reasons.

Most economists predict that leaving the EU will slow the UK's economy, and that will probably have implications for the markets. But it's not necessarily all gloom. Unlike the major crash in the early 1990s, caused by a big hike in interest rates, the Bank of England is unlikely to raise rates rapidly even if there is a hike in inflation caused by more expensive imports. And even if the bank has to raise rates to support the currency, 50 percent of mortgage holders are on a fixed rate, compared with 35 percent 2 years ago, so the market is unlikely to be affected by distressed sales.

Unlike the 2008 financial crash, banks and mortgage lenders are in a much more secure position thanks to the rules put in place under the Prudential Regulation Authority. As a result, they are able to withstand greater stress and uncertainty in the market. The severe credit crunch experienced then seems unlikely to be repeated now as a result of the vote to leave. Undoubtedly uncertainty will have some effect on markets, but over time that will dissipate as the details of the UK's exit from the EU becomes clearer. And, it is in everyone's interest to make that exit as smooth and painless as possible.

Our new instructions include: Dacre House in Gloucester Street, Hazel Hanger in Sheepscombe, Jenkins Farmhouse in Edge, Overdale in Slad, Abbots Leigh in Stamages Lane, Woodside Cottage in Elcome, Conyers in Coopers Hill. Properties that have now sold include: Yeomans Cottage, Mill Cottage, 7 Churchfield Road and Gretel Cottage in Upton St. Leonards; Mount Pleasant in Vicarage Street; 2 St Mary's Mead in Painswick and Vatch Cottage in The Vatch. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss your property requirements, whether it is a general chat or to take advantage of one of our free, no-obligation market appraisals.

Finally, last but not least, Hamptons International are delighted to be sponsoring the Festival of British Eventing at Gatcombe Park which takes place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016. This is our 13<sup>th</sup> year of sponsoring this truly special event and we look forward to what is sure to be another fun-filled and action packed year. Please do come join us at our stand for some light refreshments. There is also face painting and a colouring competition for the children. Our local market representatives will be in attendance throughout the weekend and will be pleased to answer any questions you may have relating to the property market.

*On behalf of Guy Tabony, Branch Manager*



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**AUGUST**

Sat	<b>6</b>	Butterfly Walk: Around Painswick Beacon	Cemetery Car Park	11.00am
Sun	<b>7</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church	8.00am
Mon	<b>8</b>	Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tue	<b>9</b>	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Make & Cake Group	Library	10.00am to 12.00noon
		Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790	Town Hall	10.30am and 2.00pm
		Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		No Cupcakes for Carers	Church Rooms	7.30 to 9.30pm
		Bingo: Tuesdays	Church Rooms	9.30am
Wed	<b>10</b>	Cotteswold Naturalists' Coach trip to Newport Wetlands NNR, Usk Transporter Bridge & Tredegar House: Enq. 01453 872243	Youth & Community Pavilion	10.00am to 12 noon
		Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall	1.45 for 2.00pm
		Holy Communion	P. Centre Green Room	
Thu	<b>11</b>	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
		T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344	Stamages Car Park	
		Dog Training Club (Thursdays)	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	St. Mary's Church	12.00 noon
		New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
Fri	<b>12</b>	Country Market: Every Friday: Coffee Available	Town Hall	9.30am
Sun	<b>14</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	Church Rooms	9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed	<b>17</b>	Evening Prayer	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
Sat	<b>20</b>	<b>Copy Date for September Beacon</b>	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Sun	<b>21</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	Painswick Centre	
Tue	<b>23</b>	Yew Trees W.I. Summer Supper (no meeting)	Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
Sat	<b>27</b>	Painswick Local History Society Exhibition: entry free - refreshments available: also Sunday 28th	St Mary's Church	8.00am
			Catholic Church	8.30am
			St Mary's Church	9.30am
			St Mary's Church	6.00pm
			St Mary's Church	8.00am
			Catholic Church	8.30am
			St Mary's Church	9.30am
			Edgemoor Inn	7.30pm
			Town Hall	Daily

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Sun	28	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	29	Open Gardens - around central Painswick: Teas at the Catholic Church	Painswick	2.00 to 5.00pm

**SEPTEMBER**

Sat	3	<b>September Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Wed	7	Probus: The Australian Outback, Darwin to Perth - Bob Price	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	8	Cotteswold Naturalists' Annual Lunch at Three Choirs Vineyard and Tour & Tasting Enq. 01453 834486	Stamages Car Park	
Fri	9	Northern Soul Shin dig: Free entry: dance till you drop	Painswick Golf Club	6.00pm to 12 midnight
Fri	16	Friday Club: Camper Van Adventures - Nicola Clark	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	20	Local History Society: Chedworth Roman Villa - Nick Humphries	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	21	Probus: Origins & Development of Bristol Blue Glass in the 1780s to 1820s	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Table Tennis starts - Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
		Parish Council	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sun	25	Painswick Feast	Painswick Churchyard	11.00am to 5.00pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard - Shaun McCormack	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	28	Cotteswold Naturalists' Lecture: Iron-making in the Forest of Dean - Ian Standing: Enq: 814570	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	30	Friday Club: Secrets of Honeymoon Suitcase - Valerie Trefall	Town Hall	2.30pm

**OCTOBER**

Fri	14	Around the World in Eighty Plates: 14th stop: Hungary: 2 courses £13 per head. To book Tel: 01452 812180	Painswick Golf club	From 7.00pm
Wed	19	Probus: Around the World in 80 Images - Peter Berry	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Sat	22	Conservative Knitwear Sale	Town Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees W.I.: High Street Histories - Philip Wilkinson (Open Meeting)	Church Rooms	7.30pm

**NOVEMBER**

Wed	2	Joint Meeting: Bird Club & Cotteswold Naturalist's: The Natural History of Christmas - Dr. M. leach. Enq 812951	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
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# PLANNING MATTERS

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.16/1126/HHOLD 3 GEORGE COURT

Conversion of one garage to living accommodation. Blocking up with Cotswold stone and a door with window to be installed. Existing front door to be blocked up with Cotswold stone.

S.16/1335/HHOLD BARLEY MOW, Slad Road

Two storey side extension, front porch & creation of new access steps.

S.16/1374/HHOLD BEECHWOOD COTTAGE

Jacks Green, Sheepscombe  
Extension and porch to existing dwelling.

S.16/1482/TCA FALKLAND HOUSE, Gloucester Street

Dawn Redwood – Fell to near ground level.

S.16/1457/FUL WORGANS BARN, Folly Lane  
Replacement barn/outbuilding. (Resubmission of previously approved S.15/1615/FUL).

S.16/1462/HHOLD TABITHAS WELL, Tibbiwell Lane  
Alterations to garage to provide living accommodation.

S.16/1352/HHOLD ENGLEWOOD, Cotswold Mead  
Single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation.

S.16/1576/T5DAY GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road  
Silver birch – complete removal by sectional dismantling, including stump. Tree is in decline due to fungi.

## CONSENT

S.16/0464/FUL DOWN FARM, Slad  
Change of use of barn to guest accommodation and holiday let for occupation in conjunction with race horse training business.

S.16/0734/FUL LAND ADJOINING PAINSWICK MILL, Ticklestone Lane  
Revised 'as built' details and siting of stables to planning consent S.15/0745/FUL

S.16/1164/HHOLD WICK STREET FARM, Wick Street  
Erection of extensions.

S.16/1165/LBC WICK STREET

FARM, Wick Street  
Internal and external alterations.  
S.16/0934/HHOLD THE NOOK, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe  
Demolition of existing extension and porch and construction of new extension and porch.

S.16/0890/LBC CROOME HOUSE, Bisley Street

1. Replace rotten window (dormer – c 1985) like for like. 2. Replace 1980's wooden fire surround with bath stone – seatlac.

S.16/1053/HHOLD DIAL HOUSE, Sheepscombe

Erection of a porch.

S.16/1138/TCA HIGHFIELD HOUSE, Gloucester Street

1) Yew (8.0m tall and 10.0m diameter) – Reduce height and spread by approximately 2.0m all round (to leave approximately 6.0m tall and 6.0m diameter).

S.16/1195/FUL BLAKEWELL FARM, Edge Road

Proposed store and amendments to fenestration of approved barn conversion barn conversion S.14/0711/FUL.

S.16/1205/HHOLD & S.16/1206/LBC ABBEY FARM, Slad Lane

Replace existing windows. In situ repairs (like for like) leaded lights, stone surrounds, & timber sub-frames – all windows. Add new glazed canopy over back door. Erect new greenhouse in vegetable garden.

S.16/1223/HHOLD SWISS COTTAGE, The Park

Demolition of existing garage and sheds and construction of new garage, woodstore and studio.

S.16/1265/HHOLD 1 BROOKHOUSE MILL, Greenhouse Lane

Demolition of an existing conservatory and proposed single storey lean to extension with internal layout alterations.

## REFUSED

S.16/0576/HHOLD SETONFIELD, Vicarage Street

Create a door of property, first floor level in order to gain access to rear garden. Standard height glazed door and frame with steel framed walkway and handrails.

## Budapest Marathon

Rob Sidwell is in training for the Budapest Marathon which is being held in October. He will be running for the charity Action Against Hunger.

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### So Julia Mundell goes out for her weekly cycle ride....

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