

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## Leslie Brotherton (1931-2016)

Leslie's contribution to the life of the Painswick community cannot be overstated. The members of the Painswick Beacon team have particular cause to remember the part he played in the production of the journal from March 1993 until December 2012 when he retired from the editorial team but continued until recently with the organisation of the Beacon Quiz. Leslie was instrumental in taking the production of the Painswick Beacon journal into the age of electronic desk top publishing and his expertise prompted others to seek his advice: one such was Upton St Leonards Parish Council who have recently produced their own monthly village magazine.

Leslie had a great interest in local government and he was for some time Clerk to Painswick Parish Council. Among his many achievements was to facilitate the creation of the Painswick Sports Council which amalgamated the individual bids for financial support from local sports clubs and resulted in a significant grant from the Foundation for Sports and Arts. Another was the creation of the Painswick Parish Plan which was the first in the country to be produced under a Countryside Commission initiative and served as an exemplar to many parishes. His greatest achievement shared with three colleagues, Tony Bradley, Philip Oakley and Norman Rampton, was to see the building of the Richmond Care Centre. The creation of the Centre had had its difficulties with opinion divided among the local community about its location. Eventually Richmond Healthcare was given planning consent for the Centre, albeit considerably reduced in size. A great disappointment for Leslie was the failure of the Painswick Gateway Project to reach fruition. The project involved the development of the former County Library building into a multi-purpose community building. However "the gateway" footpath between Stamages Lane car park and St Mary's Churchyard which was part of the Painswick Gateway Project has been completed.

Music was at the centre of Leslie's life and his contribution in supporting the various societies concerned with its promotion was considerable. Horticulture was also near to his heart having had a close involvement with the Horticultural Society over the years. One of Leslie's more recent leisure activities was that of Short Mat Bowls and his part in promoting this popular sport in Painswick has been widely acknowledged.

There will I know be many in the community who will have knowledge of other activities in which Leslie was involved. However I hope that the above will give those, in particular, new to the village a sense of his contribution to Painswick's life.

*Terry Parker*



## Police Report

The following is an overview of the Crime Statistics presented to the Parish Council AGM.

### Crimes in the Painswick area

April 2015-April 2016      April 2006-April 2007

Burglary dwellings	11	26
Burglary non dwelling	10	22
Theft from vehicles	8	46
Others	41	99

Between the two periods above there has been a large reduction in crime of 63.73%. This year there has been an 18.6% reduction in crime against the same period last year. Figures above provided by Colin Drewett ( Local PCSO)

Whilst we cannot stop crime we (all of us) can help prevent crime by putting in deterrents (alarms, locking doors/windows/sheds, security marking – taking photographs of high value items i.e. jewellery, silverware, trailers, lawn mowers, chain saws – keeping a record of all serial numbers etc.) It cannot be over emphasised the importance of this, it will help you and us in prevention or Crime Reduction which is all our responsibility.

Colin Drewett retires during this month and Debbie Campbell is the new local PCSO and can be reached on 101.

**Latest** -On Saturday 14th May at about 13.15hr there was an attempted house burglary by two men in Kingsmill Lane. They were disturbed by the resident and made off. Police attended.



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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held May 18th by Mike Kerton

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

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

## PARISH COUNCIL

Prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Cllr Martin Slinger announced the death of well liked and respected previous Clerk to the Council, Leslie Brotherton. He then asked the current Clerk, Roy Balgobin, to outline the contribution Leslie Brotherton had made to both the well running of the Council and the Community at large. SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE. At the conclusion all present rose to observe a minute's silence.

### Election of Chairman

As this was the first Meeting of the newly elected Council the Clerk, Roy Balgobin, assumed the Chair, opened the Meeting and then sought nominations for the position of Chairman of the Council. Cllr Martin Slinger was nominated by Cllr Ann Daniels and seconded by Cllr Rob Lewis. The nomination was unanimously supported by the Councillors present.

### Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Martin Slinger assumed the Chair and sought nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. He immediately nominated Cllr Ann Daniels and Cllr Rob Lewis seconded the nomination which in turn was unanimously supported by the Councillors present.

### Apologies for absence

Clerk, Roy Balgobin, advised the meeting that an apology had been received from Cllr Roey Parker.

### Committee Representation

Clerk, Roy Balgobin explained that the Council was "Committee Driven" and outlined the role of the various Committees. Only the Planning Committee had delegated authority. Cllrs were then asked to sit on various Committees. The

following Cllrs were unanimously elected Chairs of the Committees:

Finance and General Purposes - Ian James  
Rural Environment - Ann Daniels  
Planning - Rob Lewis  
- Mike Fletcher (Vice Chairman)  
Traffic - Abigail Smith  
Land and Buildings - Mike Fletcher

### Nominations on other bodies

Various Cllrs agreed to serve as Council representatives/Trustees on village Trusts and Committees. Members of the Community were also seconded to similarly represent the Council.

### Matters of Urgency

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger expressed his own thanks and those of the Council to Peter Rowe who led a team of volunteers to clear litter from The Beacon. SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE.

The Chairman also advised the Meeting that he and Cllr Ann Daniels had inspected the plans prepared by the Council's newly appointed apprentice to improve the layout of the area immediately in front of the Town Hall. A design plan had been drawn up and would form part of her NVQ qualifications. The estimated cost of the project was £300.00.

### County Councillors Report

The local County Councillor was not present and a report had not been submitted.

### District Councillors Report

None of the District Councillors were present and a report had not been submitted.

### Responsible Financial Officers Report.

The Council agreed payment of the various invoices. The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, advised the Meeting that the Council's

year end accounts had been audited and the Auditor had positively commented on the improved presentation following the introduction of the revised book keeping procedures. Cllr Rob Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, Irena Litton. This was unanimously supported by the Cllrs present.

### Ward Reports

Cllr Rob Lewis advised the Meeting of possible problems following the introduction of the revised traffic flow in Bisley St and Friday St. Early on Monday mornings a large delivery truck makes a delivery to Best One in St Mary's St. If the vehicle parks outside Best One it effectively "blocks" the road to through traffic. After discussing the matter the Council opted to keep "a watching brief" on the situation.

Cllr Rob Lewis also advised the Meeting about the continuing problems with potholes in both Gloucester St and the Old Painswick Rd. He had personal experience of driving into a large pothole close to the Rococo Gardens which seriously damaged two of the tyres on his car. He had to be "towed in" for repair.

Cllr Ann Daniels advised the Meeting that both she and local residents were concerned by the increasing amount of dog fouling on Pullens Rd, the Recreation Ground and surrounding roads. With the approach of the long school holiday she urged that local residents, who walked dogs, to take a bag with them to clear up any "fouling" and dispose of the bag in the bins provided.

### Public Question

Prior to the closing of the Meeting Terry Parker was allowed to ask a question seeking an update on the progress of "Fastershire" broadband. Cllr Rob Lewis

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responded advising the Meeting that two of the three green cabinets had been installed and that parts of Painswick were now “live”. To check if you are “live” you need to visit the Fastershire web site, click on “How to go faster”, enter your telephone number or post code and you will know immediately if you are “live”. The site also has a list of internet service providers for both home and business.

## PLANNING MEETING

Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis opened the Meeting and as there were no questions from members of the public moved swiftly on to the Agenda.

### Apologies for absence

Clerk, Roy Balgobin, advised the Meeting that an apology had been received from Cllr Roey Parker.

### Matters arising not on the Agenda

Cllr Abigail Smith queried whether or not any action was being taken about the fencing of the Common along Golf Course Road. After discussing the matter the Council agreed to further discuss this matter under confidential items at the Council’s next Land and Buildings Committee Meeting and seek a resolution through the GAPTC (Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils) that there should be an enforcement procedure put in place that the Planning Inspectorate can use for non compliance of Commons regulations.

### Matters requiring a decision

There were four matters all of which were unanimously supported by the Council:

- S.16/0833/LBC The Manse, Gloucester St. Replacement of external doors and windows.
- S.16/0774/HHOLD Greenbanks, Blakewell Mead To demolish existing pre-fabricated bolt together garage and to build new.
- S.16/0934/HHOLD The Nook, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe, Demolition of existing porch and construction of new extension and porch.
- S.0890/LBC Croome House, Bisley St. 1. Replace rotten window (dormer -c1985), like for like and 2. Replace 1980’s wooden fire surround with bath stone - seatatlas.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

# Chairman's report to the Parish Council AGM

The Parish Council elections are uncontested and we look forward to welcoming John Clifford as our newest Member. We still have vacancies for a new Councillor in Painswick and Slad. We have also taken on an apprentice; who is shadowing George and taking on some horticultural projects.

We have had a busy year, with lots of projects on our to do list. The Community Post Office is running in the Town Hall on a Wednesday and Friday mornings and if continues to be well used has the possibility of these times being expanded. As well as the Post Office we were thrilled to see the return of a new post box in the centre of the village.

We have developed the old toilets in St Mary’s Street into Enterprise Units ; which have been taken up by local residents. The kitchen and the Library windows in the Town Hall have been refurbished. The use of the Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion is being used increasingly by new groups and is popular for children’s parties. We are working with Play Painswick to apply for grants to enable them to succeed in their ambitions for providing some exciting new play equipment for the Recreation Ground.

We have worked with local groups and agencies to ensure that the villages are well maintained. We are very pleased to have installed defibrillators outside the Town Hall and at The Butchers Arms in Sheepscombe and the Woolpack in Slad. There is an opportunity for training in the Town Hall organised for the 25th May; which we hope will be well attended.

### Appreciations

I would like to start by thanking everyone who assisted to raise money for the Defibrillator Project in which the Community Lunches, PSALMS, Sheepscombe and the Children of Croft School have all contributed.

Thank you to Cllr Abigail Smith and her Speed Aware Team that has been making an impact by reminding us all to reduce our speed through the villages.

I am grateful to St Mary’s Church, Anne Smith and her team of volunteers in re-housing the Tourist Information Centre and keep it running.

A big thank you to all the other volunteers that keep our villages alive but especially; Play Painswick, The Community Library, Footpath Inspectors, PSALMS, We have worked with local groups and agencies to ensure that the villages are well maintained: the Beacon Conservation Group and the Snow Wardens.

Finally, my appreciation to my fellow councillors for their continued support, to George Hodder for his hard work at the cemetery and in our villages and the Deputy Clerk Irena Litton and the Clerk Roy Balgobin for ensuring that things run smoothly and projects get fulfilled and within budget.

*Martin Slinger (Chairman)*



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.

*Sarah Oliver of Stroud Road writes*

I am writing to strongly agree there should be speed bumps within the 20mph zone. The amount of times cars have sped past our house putting pedestrians in danger warrants this. I hope the council do something before there is a casualty. Children are crossing the road regularly on their way to and from school. I always drive as a “pace car” through Painswick and recently a car overtook me at speed as I was driving past the parked cars outside Stamages lane car park towards Stroud. This road is narrow anyway because of the parking, and the ignorance of the driver that "made a point" by driving right up behind me then overtaking at speed was a moron.

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Or write to me: Carol Novoth Neighbourhood Warden  
Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB

*Carol Novoth*

# Jottings

The foxes are at it again, working in pairs, to take lambs. One fox distracts the mother, then the other grabs the lamb and runs off with it, leaving the mother in distress. Unfortunately this is happening more often.

Now we're into May, the vegetation is growing madly. A lot of grass around here is permanent pasture, that is to say, it has not been ploughed in a very long time and has a good variety of herbs, old types of grasses and some weeds in it.

You have Leys, that is ground which has been ploughed and planted with grass mixtures, in most cases with one, two and four years, that is grass seed planted that will give its best production over that time before being ploughed back up again. You can get a grass seed mixture to give permanent pasture.

Permanent pasture can make good silage but for the best feed value, you need rye grass types which have a large leaf area. When cut, the grass is left for two or three days before picking it up in the big bales or into a pit.

For hay, the grass is cut and semi dried over four to five days and then baled into bales of different sizes. That is, of course, if the weather has been dry enough to allow it to dry.

There are many varieties of grass seed used, like the ryegrass types, timothy, cocksfoot, fescues and by adding clovers (which put nitrogen into the soil). The older types of grass have more stalks, so they are being replaced by newer varieties with the leaf we need for food value.

We start cutting for silage in May which then means you may be able to get three cuts during the summer. But do not leave cutting too late in the year as there is less goodness in the grass as autumn comes. Hay is cut in June for the best hay and then on into July.

Mole hills are a problem when making silage and hay as when the grass is cut, the soil is sprayed about and contaminates the crop, which becomes inedible. Also, large amounts of weeds like thistles, docks and stinging nettle do not help, as animals do not eat them when the crop is fed in the winter.

*Martin Slinger*



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## Surgery News

The new financial year has arrived with a number of significant changes for the surgery. First of course we lost our two senior partners, Drs Barraclough and Du Toit, to an extremely well-deserved retirement. Their tremendous service to the NHS and patients over the decades cannot be exaggerated. Happily they have agreed to remain involved in the surgery, albeit in a very limited and intermittent role. Please bear this in mind when looking for an appointment with one of them. It is entirely understandable that patients would wish to continue seeing them but remember they have earned their retirement. Reception simply cannot give you appointments if there are none to give, please do not take it personally!

This leads me to appointments in general. The wait for routine appointments is now 3 weeks, which we know is not good enough. Please be patient, I know you are aware we are doing our best. There has always been a pressure on appointments, but in keeping with GP surgeries across the UK, the number of consultations per registered patient has increased by between 15 and 20% over the past 5 years with no corresponding increase in doctors. We have the same number of doctors now that we did when Hoyland House first opened 2 decades ago. The problem is that there are simply no more doctors available, even if funding became available. One GP practice in Stroud closed its doors last year because they could not replace retiring doctors and 2 others have had an empty GP post for over a year. Between 40 and 50 full time GPs in Gloucestershire have indicated their intention to retire within the next 5 years, with no indication from whence their replacements might come.

Which brings us to the good news! We are extremely lucky to have Dr Samantha Kirkham join the practice as a full partner. Those of you that have met her will have discovered what we already knew from her Registrar year with us: she is a warm, caring and committed clinician and a skilled GP. In the face of a recruitment crisis, the addition of an excellent, female, full time doctor who is already familiar with the practice and patients is like Painswick winning not just the lottery, but the triple rollover!

*Dr Rhys Evans, Senior Partner, Painswick Surgery*

### Registration

Do you recall receiving a letter during the last year regarding your registration with the Painswick Surgery?

As part of a national project, our registration authority have written to hundreds of our patients asking them to confirm that they still wish to be registered with us and the address that we hold for them is correct.

If you have received one of these letters but have not responded, you will be removed from our list and will no longer be registered with any GP.

If you know you had one of these letters but did not reply (or are not sure if you replied), please inform one of our reception team and they can check for you.

This is very important as you may be at risk of not being registered with a doctor and will have to provide ID again to re-register.

*Mike Mack-Smith*

## Music for a Summer's Evening

Dursley Male Voice Choir will be singing at St Mary's Church, Painswick at 7.30pm on Saturday 2nd July. The Choir was founded by a group of enthusiastic singers in 1978 and has since grown to be one of the principal male choirs of the region with up to 60 singers drawn from all over the area.

Tickets are £10 with under 16s free, and can be purchased ahead of time from Ann Horner (01452 812128), me or at The Patchwork Mouse, New Street, Painswick. Subject to demand, tickets will also be available on the door. Refreshments will be available at the interval and there will be a raffle.

All the profits from the concert will go to support Citizens Advice, Stroud District – previously known as Stroud and District Citizens Advice Bureau. Citizens Advice provides free, confidential, impartial advice to all on a range of issues including employment, housing, debt, benefits, relationship breakdown and many other matters. We cannot maintain our work in Stroud and our other local outreach offices without the continued wonderful financial support that we have from the local community. Please contact Ann or me if you like any further information about ways to help.

*Peter Rowe (01452 813228)  
Citizens Advice, Stroud District*

## Election Results

### Stroud District Council election

For the Painswick and Upton ward the following were elected.

Nigel Cooper (Conservative 1,350)  
Julia Job (Conservative 1,350)  
Keith Pearson (Conservative 1,224)

The other results were  
Peter Adams (Green 809)  
Sarah Madley (Labour 680)  
John Ford (UKIP 397)

Turnout was 42%

### Police Commissioner

Martin Surl has been re-elected as Gloucestershire's police and crime commissioner. The independent candidate beat off stiff competition from Labour's Barry Kirby and the Conservative Party's Will Windsor-Clive to secure election for another term. Mr Surl secured a total of 78,592 votes to Mr Windsor-Clive's 51,567.

Labour's candidate Barry Kirby secured third position following the counting of the first preferences.

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# Beacon Clear Up

A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out in the warm sunshine on Sunday 8th May, and picked up a lot of the rubbish that had accumulated on the Painswick Beacon. This year the total amount of rubbish was a bit less than in previous years, though some 18 black plastic bag loads were collected up, as well as several metal buckets, one tv stand, and a plastic cat/dog carrier. Several volunteers commented on the mindset of the minority of dog-walkers who carefully collect their dog poo in plastic bags, only to toss the bag and poo into the bushes where it hangs from branches for everyone to admire.

Like previous years we focused on the small quarries round the car park near Catbrain Quarry, as this is where most of the rubbish gets blown into. With 18 volunteers we were able to cover a wider area than usual and Polly took a small group in her car to another black spot on the Beacon.



We found a large load that had been fly-tipped close to the road leading up to Catbrain Quarry from the Cheltenham Road. If anyone sees such a load while out on the Beacon, please don't ignore it. Instead please inform Roy Balgobin, parish clerk (01452 812772), who will contact Stroud District Council and arrange for its removal.

Finally, thank you again to: Nick, Rita & David, John, Karol & Paul, Sheila, Bayley-May & Cole, Sally & Boo, Polly, Terry, Jane, Alan, Jane, and David. And to George Hodder who picked up the litter we had amassed as well as the fly-tipped rubbish and arranged for its proper disposal.

*Peter Rowe*



# Painswick Valleys Conservation Society AGM

“The Painswick” was the subject of an illustrated talk at the AGM of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society on April 28th in the Church Rooms. The project architect, Tony D’Alton and the General Manager, Luke Millikin, gave a fascinating insight into the renovation of this landmark property. A listed building, in the Palladian style, it dates from the 18th century, when it was the Painswick Vicarage. Detmar Blow made alterations in c.1902. More bedrooms were added, overlooking the gardens, later in the 20th century. There are many interesting aspects including an Italianate loggia, a private chapel and garden gazebo. The new owners, Calcot Hotel Group, were keen to restore the hotel and restaurant to its former style and elegance. It has been in a number of ownerships over the past 25 years, since the last major works were undertaken. Calcot have completely renewed the essential services and have redecorated and refurnished the hotel to a high standard, whilst retaining its historic integrity. We wish them every success.

The talk followed the AGM. The Chairman, Barbara Tait, in her annual report, referred to the various local projects such as the Painswick yew trees upkeep and the Cotswold Canal Trust which the Society had supported during the year. She also highlighted some of the planning concerns, which the Society addressed. Tribute was paid to the late Leonard Chittenden. Leonard was our Treasurer for many years and a very active member of the Society. He will be greatly missed. Thanks were given to Patrick Ridgwell who retired from the Committee after many years’ involvement and to Michael Little who in future will concentrate on the work of Pitchcombe Parish Council. Gillian Hancock was welcomed as a new member of the Committee.

We thank Hywel James FCA for examining the accounts. The Committee were re-elected, with John Luke as the new Treasurer.

A trip to Rousham House and gardens near Oxford has been arranged for 23rd June. It is the best remaining example of the work of William Kent, a famous early 18th century architect, garden and interior designer. The house can only be visited as an organised party. Please contact John Luke on 814139 if you would like to join the outing (car share). Entry to the house and gardens is £10 pp.

*John Luke*

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## Yew Trees Women's Institute

Each month I write an account of the Yew Trees WI regular monthly meeting but there is much more going on for members. We also belong to the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs and this enables us to take part in wider events. For instance there are visits organised and recently a visit to a mosque was arranged and in June members can go to Dyffryn House and Garden in South Wales. GFWI monthly walks with lunch take place and the next two are to Frampton on Severn and Guiting Power. Regular craft workshops are arranged and recent ones included the topics of floral art, needlefelting and sugar craft. More serious topics include a Campaign and Debate Day, training for new speakers and opportunities for members to submit resolutions on topical issues for National consideration. If all this activity exhausts members, holidays are offered and the one in October is to Crete.

Back in Painswick the Yew Trees Spring Event took the form of a lighthearted Beetle Drive on the 26th April. Maximum frustration was experienced as some failed to shake a six to start their game with drawing a beetle body. This was followed with whoops of joy as someone else managed to attach the head, antennae, eyes, legs and tail to win the round.

On June 21st members will be able to demonstrate their sporting ability again (some having already done so when they won the recent skittles round) at croquet followed by a picnic in the delightful setting of the Rococo Gardens.

The monthly meeting on Tuesday, 28th June at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms will be a talk by Harvey Sagar on "Teddy Bear's Triumph."

*Janet Jenkins*



## Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

This winter's clearance work has now finished and it has been very successful. Natural England funds were used for training to use chain saws, undertake stump treatment and spray invasive plants. Consequently, large areas have been cleared, regrowth should be minimal and already flower numbers are increasing.

There is evidence of the Duke of Burgundy butterfly feeding on cowslips, and the juniper scrape below the Trig point has a good population of dozens of young seedlings.

The main areas worked were:

1. Wildlife Corridor – between the Madams Wood track and Cud Hill.
2. Either side of the Gloucester Road by the upper Holcombe Lane turning.
3. The South and West sides of the Cemetery
4. The gully running east from the main Catbrain car park waste bins.

### GRAZING.

This is the most effective way of regenerating grassland once the scrub has been cleared. Finding local farmers willing to lend cattle for autumn grazing is proving difficult because of the perceived TB risk.

PBCG is looking into buying six to eight rare breed cows. We already have several people willing to buy a cow, but the problem is one of ongoing costs and daily checking. We will be launching a drive to help raise funds for this issue and to find new volunteers.

If YOU have skills in these areas or are willing to help contribute to this cause PLEASE HELP. The Beacon is ours to preserve, maintain and enjoy. Your help will make it an even better place.

### FAMILY WALK

Look out for details of an informal informative walk on the Beacon. Dogs WILL be welcome as will well trained children on a lead!!

### SUMMER WORK PARTY

Many pines need removing from key areas. This can be done where there is no risk to flora, fauna and nesting birds.

Meet at the main Cat brain Quarry Car Park (by the waste bins) Saturday June 4th 2016 at 9am.

Please come equipped with gloves, all other tools will be provided.

If you haven't been before don't be shy come and meet us, we are a very friendly group. It is very rewarding.

*Paul Baxter*

## Why pay too much for your heating oil?

Following on from last month's Community Big Switch article for energy prices it has been pointed out that there are heating oil clubs which do similar grouping together for oil customers. By grouping orders into much larger group orders, members could save on their bills. One such group can be visited on web site "secure.oil-club.co.uk".

*Roy Wallis*

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## The AGM

...of the Painswick Centre was held in The Beacon Hall on Tuesday 26th April. We were encouraged at the increased number of residents attending compared with previous years. This was due, in part, to the invitations that had been widely circulated throughout the village. The number of trustees has shown a steady decline in recent times, and it has given the remaining trustees cause for concern that we can only maintain the basics of running the Centre, and not be more creative in expanding our activities.

I'm delighted to report, however, that on the night of the AGM 4 residents expressed their interest in joining the team, two as Trustees and two as Helpers. Their support will be invaluable, and will mean that we can use their particular skills to enhance how we continue to improve the Centre's role in the village, 110 years after it was gifted to Painswick.

A number of issues were raised at the AGM and then discussed at the first Committee meeting. Car Parking continues to be a thorny issue, and there is evidence that a great deal of unauthorized parking occurs. This is unfair to users of the Centre and to those who have rented spaces for domestic or business use. We are considering a number of options, none of which we want to have to enact, so ask for everyone's consideration, and we are reminded that Stamages Lane car park is free after 5 p.m.

### What's On

- 10th June – Scratch Theatre Company – Heads and Tails
- 2nd July – Painswick Singers Concert
- 17th July – ACP
- 22nd July – Spaniel in the Works Theatre Group – Bernard and Beatrice's' Complete Guide To Modern Art
- 30th July – Hipkiss in Concert

## Broadband Update

Parts of Painswick were now "live". with most of the cabinets installed.

The picture below shows one of the sites proposed for the green cabinets which is in a controversial position near the Cross. Meanwhile B.T are confident all of Painswick will be live by the ends of the summer.

To check if you are "live" you need to visit the Fastershire web site, click on "How to go faster", enter your telephone number or post code and you will know immediately if you are "live". The site also has a list of internet service providers for both home and business.



## Painswick street names – a mystery

What's in a name? Juliet dismisses the notion as unimportant. However, in the process of historical research changes of street names often present seemingly insuperable challenges. And this is certainly the case in Painswick.

Some changes are known about, Pig Street to Victoria Street, Bell Street to Friday Street for example. However, there are others which appear with frequency in 19th century censuses for which I cannot identify a location. In particular, Cirencester Street is a real mystery. It seems to have been in the central area and to have housed many people. Little London, which at one point contained the police station, and Old Pound are also difficult to place.

The Drive, I believe, ran from Edge Road through to Painswick House, though I would appreciate clarification of the exact route. And where was Lawrences? What was the difference between Vicarage Lane and Vicarage Street, Tibbiwell Lane and Tibbiwell Street, both sets of names appearing simultaneously in several censuses? Perhaps this is being a trifle pedantic, but in the interests of historical accuracy when pursuing particular subject research and analysis it is significant. If anyone can cast a clear light on any of these locations please contact me on 813387 or email [carolmaxwell@talktalk.net](mailto:carolmaxwell@talktalk.net). I would really appreciate your help.



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# Painswick Art Club \*

We meet to paint every Tuesday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at the Church Rooms in Painswick. A friendly group, we support and help each other with ideas and technical suggestions.

A couple of times each year we bring in artists to demonstrate. Last month we invited Jan Whitton, a much admired Cranham artist, to demonstrate painting a landscape, using pastels. Jan demonstrating in photo. It was magical to watch her create this striking picture in under an hour, and then for the rest of the morning to have her move round members, advising each on how best to emphasise and highlight features in their own creations.



This month we will be taking down and changing the pictures that we hang on permanent display on the walls in the Assembly Hall. We do this 3 times a year, which gives all members the opportunity to display 2 or 3 different paintings each time. If you think you would enjoy drawing or painting you are very welcome to drop in, see what we do and have a chat.

\* Formerly the Country Studio

Donald Merrylees



"On Fire" Service, to be held on the evening of Friday 17th June, 7.00 -

8.30pm in the Church Rooms, Painswick. An informal service particularly for the young people of our Benefice. Theme this month is 'Who is my disciple?' Come and join us for praise, prayer, participation and pizza!

Next Messy Church event is on Thursday 9th June 3.30 - 5.30pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick. The theme this month is 'Love Your World'! Come and enjoy some crafts and games and have a delicious tea. Contact Fiona Gill on [fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net](mailto:fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net) if you have any queries.

Sue Shaw



## Truly magnificent

Many of us visit special places perhaps on several occasions and consequently feel we know them well. The Local History Society's annual outing in May was a guided tour of Gloucester Cathedral and the adjoining historic Parliament Rooms and this was a classic example of debunking that assertion.

Gloucester's cathedral is without doubt one of the most beautiful and dignified in the country, containing fine examples of architectural and period styles and many important historic features. Magnificent windows, exquisite detailed stonework, fascinating cloisters and breathtaking ceilings - looking upwards to Heaven of course - were just some of the details explained. The recently discovered Hyett tombs and other personal and local features were pointed out and the Parliament Rooms, with Archbishop Laud peering down from over the fireplace, were also a reminder of the past importance of this beautiful building.

With so many different points of interest throughout its many and varied rooms and spaces, this is a local place of beauty and significance, a real gem, which is well worth visiting with a guide. Members were all of the opinion that on future visits they will look at its many points of interest and magnificence with fresh and certainly more knowledgeable eyes.

Next month's meeting is the AGM when Lord Dickinson will speak about his ancestors, the Hyetts, recently rediscovered in Gloucester Cathedral and Barbara Blatchley will talk about sundials. Tuesday, 21st June, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

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# Sports reports

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## Cricket

- Results and highlights for May

Painswick cricket club has had a rousing start to the season. Some good victories, welcomed some new members and embraced a new refreshed training night every Thursday starting 1800. Things are a buzz. A successful fund raising evening has already passed by and plans are in place for the annual cricket week which will be in or around late July. Further updates will be provided asap.

On the youth side the U11s have had a successful start winning their first game and the U13s had a tie in their first game. There will be an under 9s tournament at the Painswick Club on Sunday 12th June. Training is on Friday nights at Broadham clubhouse and if anyone is interested in assisting with coaching please contact Dominic Barnard (Mobile 07952738954). Below are some recent results and highlights...

Cricket results for the first two Saturdays in May 2016

Painswick first team beat Cam CC in the County League by 1 wicket. Dave Boon 4-47 was the pick of the bowlers with batsman George Macduff top scoring with 45 runs. The following Saturday saw the first team lose to Westbury on Severn by 4 wkts in a tight affair. Gavin Clark top scored for Painswick with 30.

The 2nd team lost to Dymock firsts in Div 5 of the County league, Dominic Barnard top scored for Painswick with 69 runs. The second weekend saw the 2nds lose to AIW by 121 runs. The seconds are always slow starters and will no doubt find their usual winning ways shortly.

The 3rds have won both their matches so far and are top of Stroud Div 1. They have beaten Cam thirds by 75 runs with Andy Barnard top scoring with 90. They continued their winning ways the following week securing victory against Oldends 2nds, Henry Bonham scoring 99 runs and Adam Wager 47.

The 4ths lost their two opening fixtures to Hardwicke 2nds and Cam 4ths. Both games were played in a friendly manner with emphasis on developing and involving the clubs younger players and allowing the older ones to remember yesteryear. On the 21st May the rain won as all Painswick fixtures were cancelled.

*Stephen Pegram*



## Painswick Golf Club

This time of year is one of my favourites for playing golf at Painswick. The course is in excellent condition – in no small measure to the efforts of Martin Angel and Harry Burke. The grass has started to grow, but balls can be readily found in the rough. And there has been a good show of cowslips and the first orchids have appeared.

At the time of writing, there are still some places available at the club's two events celebrating our 125th anniversary. There is a Summer Ball, open to all, on Friday 1st July, and an Anniversary Golf Competition open to all golfers with active handicaps on Saturday 2nd July. Further details are available from the website [www.painswickgolf.com](http://www.painswickgolf.com), or by telephoning the clubhouse on 01452 812180

In the Seniors' section, the Seniors Championship – which is a medal competition over two rounds – was completed on 19th May. The winner was Mike Carter with an aggregate score of 160. The Seniors Tankard – awarded for the best net score over the same two rounds went to Jim Eva with a net score of 140. Unfortunately, the Seniors Open was hit by one day of particularly heavy rain and had to be postponed (now rearranged for 22nd September). The first group coaching session for Seniors, led by club professional Marc Cottrell proved a great success with some 18 golfers taking part. This was followed by the first nine-hole qualifying competition which was won by Frank Keelan. Congratulations to all the winners.

**Stop Press** : Peter Sibley, one of Painswick's golfers, won the 2016 Minchinhampton (old Course) Seniors open on 10th May with a score of 41 stableford points.

### Ladies golf at Painswick

The Ladies' Section will be playing their first match of the season at the end of May.

Competitions have been underway with the following results.

April Stableford, 1st Sarah Taylor. Kit cat Qualifier, 1st Jenny Wilson  
Rosebud Trophy, 1st Lesley Wylde. May Stableford, 1st Lesley Wylde  
Timmis Mixed Spring Foursomes, 1st Richard Howkins and Sylvia Walker.

As always the Ladies' Section is seeking to encourage women and girls to join them and enjoy the benefits of golf within a small friendly group.



## Falcon Bowls Club

The opening of the green went well with a great turn out. We recruited 1 new member who's a resident and also had people turn up and show an interest in the open day as a result of the feature in The Beacon.

The first FREE FRIDAY club umbrella was on May 6th. It will take place every Friday evening throughout the summer. This will be the chance for Painswick residents to try bowls for FREE. All they'll need is flat footwear and enthusiasm. People of all ages and abilities are very welcome at this very laid back evening. Refreshments are available. For more info go to [painswickfalconbowls.co.uk](http://painswickfalconbowls.co.uk)

The Abbeydale scouts visited our green on 26th April. On a freezing night 14 scouts and 3 leaders enjoyed their first experience of bowls. It was great fun despite the cold. Falcon's first friendly of the season on April 26th ended in narrow defeat against Pineholt. The score was 82 - 77 to Pineholt. Falcon's highest winning rink, skipped by David Wilson won 18 - 7.

Falcon's second friendly of the season against Gloucester City on April 27th was abandoned after 6 ends because of hailstones

### Other Results:

Frampton Friendly 30th April Frampton 97 - 94 Falcon, highest winning rink for Falcon skipped by Jon Ellis won 17 - 15

Fairford County League 1st May Falcon 23 - 50 Fairford

*Jon Ellis*



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# Tennis

93 years old – time to call it a day

Ralph Kenber, at the age of 93, has decided that the time has come to stop playing tennis. A longtime member of the Tennis Club Ralph has been playing regularly all these years and what an achievement to be playing into your 90's. In his letter of resignation Ralph said that he greatly enjoyed being a member of such a fine club and meeting such nice people.



# Rococo Reflections

The summer gets off to a great start with one of our favourite theatre groups – The Handlebards – resident at the Garden for two nights with their unique and engaging productions of Shakespeare. This charmingly chaotic and extremely energetic bicycle-powered travelling theatre company are performing *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Richard III* on 10th and 11th June respectively. With the Shakespeare 400 Celebrations running through this year, we are proud to be joining in. Tickets are going fast so we recommend that you book now via our website (details below) to ensure you see Shakespeare as you've never seen him before.

With our winter projects complete, our focus has now turned to the planting and maintenance of the Garden. The kitchen garden is looking particularly promising, planted out with many heritage varieties of vegetable, some of which are seldom seen nowadays. After our warm winter, which brought the snowdrops out early, we are now finding some plants are late. We've had good displays of bluebells and wild garlic. Luckily our orchard blossom has escaped frost damage so far, so our fingers are firmly crossed for a good crop of fruit. June is one of the peak times to see the Garden at its summer best, so do pop up and visit.

We've been taking a lot of enquiries recently for special occasions in the Garden - weddings, guided tours or celebration teas have been the most popular. Our Café is a very popular destination per se, with food of an extremely high standard and masses of free and easy parking too. If you have an event in mind, do ring us or pop in and see if we can help.

For up-to-date information about the Garden, follow us on Facebook or Twitter or visit our website [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk)

*Tim Toghill, trustee*



## Newport and the Usk for wildlife & heritage

The Cotteswold Naturalists' 2016 programme of outings began in April with over 50 members visiting the University of Oxford Natural History Museum, pictured, for 'behind the scenes' tours of the fossil, mineral and archive collections.

On Wednesday 10th August we are running a trip to the Newport area which is packed with interest. Our day starts at the Newport Wetlands National Nature Reserve which was created at the mouth of the River Usk as mitigation for the loss of habitats when the Cardiff Bay Barrage was built. Containing a diverse range of habitats, including pools and reed beds, the reserve is home to a fascinating array of wildlife. We will have coffee here before a look round, including the option of the short pleasant walk to the East Usk lighthouse overlooking the Severn Estuary.

Newport lies on the River Usk which has the second largest tidal range of any river in the world. In the late 19th century, a crossing was needed to transport workers to the new Lysaghts steel plant which would not hamper the huge amount of high-masted shipping using the river. The solution was the Newport Transporter Bridge which today is a Grade I listed structure, and one of only two surviving in the British Isles. After an introductory talk about its history we will be transported (on foot) there and back across the river.



Our final destination is Tredegar House, the family home of the wealthy Morgan family and considered to be one of the finest 17th century Grade I listed Restoration mansions in Britain. There are formal walled gardens, an orangery and Grade I listed stables adjoining 90 acres of urban parkland with lake, mature oaks and woodland walks.

The cost of the trip is £18 inclusive of coach, morning coffee and the pedestrian charge for Transporter Bridge. Non-members are welcome to join us by contacting the organiser Robert Mann on 01453 872243. The Nature Reserve is free of charge. Tredegar House is free to National Trust members, otherwise admission will be charged at an additional £9.30. An optional buffet lunch can be pre-ordered via Robert for an extra £10.

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The David Vaisey Prize is a new £5,000 award to recognize an outstanding library initiative. The initiative should be able to demonstrate the power of reading and encourage

community support and volunteering within the library. David Vaisey is the son of a Gloucestershire gardener, who won scholarships to Rendcomb College and subsequently to Oxford. He later became head of the Bodleian Library.

The aim of the prize is to celebrate the benefits that reading can bring, and the integral role of volunteers in supporting any special projects. The trustees at Painswick library would like to appeal for any ideas you may have for this award. The idea may support literacy, or offer health benefits, or widen horizons of a certain group of people within our community. Whether you are an individual with an idea or represent one of our community groups who can see a beneficial partnership with us through books we would love to hear from you. It really is an opportunity to try something new, with possible funding to sustain it.

We would need to get the project up and running this year and submit our idea in March 2017 for judging. The prize will be awarded at the 2017 Cheltenham Literature Festival.

If you are interested in learning more, details can be found at the library or from me at the email address below.  
Julia.churchley@hotmail.co.uk

### Family History Help

If you are researching your family history, the Library has "Ancestry", and "Find my Past" which are free to use on our computers. Ancestry now contains Gloucestershire parish records going back for many years. Instructions on how to use the facility are on the wall above the computers.

### Holiday Extensions to Loan Period

With the holiday season coming up, and good books are always part of a good holiday, don't forget to ask for an extension to the normal three-week loan if you need it.

For the longer car journeys, or indeed at home if you prefer, you can hire a spoken word CD book for just £1.30 for three weeks. Additional weeks can be paid for on return.

### New Books this month include:

- Mary Berry Cook Now, Eat Later
  - Winston Graham The Black Moon (5th in Poldark series)
  - Deborah Rodriguez Return of the Little Coffee Shop of Kabul
  - Rural District Nursing in Gloucestershire (which has several references to Painswick and a new title for the local interest section)
- As always, the full list is available at the Library counter.

Ian Cridland

## The Painswick Singers

Summer Concert July 2016

The Painswick Singers will be taking you back to some of the biggest musical hits of the days before the war, when the hits that were on everybody's lips, most often came from big Broadway musical shows or the London West End.

The Oscar Hammerstein & Jerome Kern musical Showboat, written in 1927, opened on Broadway in 1935 and in London in 1937 for 1,646 performances. Most famous for O'! Man River and lots of others: Make believe, Along came Bill, Why do I Love You, Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man. If you have not heard of these then you absolutely must come to the concert; if you know them you will need no urging to come. Added to these songs there are others from Porgy and Bess by George Gershwin in 1934: I got plenty o' nuttin, Summertime, It ain't necessarily so, Doo doo doo, Wadoo zim bam boddle-oo, (yes there is plenty of that). Strangely the show was revised and restaged in Copenhagen in 1943 with an all white cast, until some Nazis brought the curtain down. Then there is Me and My Girl from the West End in 1937 with its cockney overtones: Take it on the Chin, The Sun has got his Hat on and, most famously, it introduced: The Lambeth Walk. This show was revived and revised in London in 1984 and gathered 2 Olivier awards; it had the curious addition of the George Formby hit: I'm Leaning on a Lamp Post. When you know that Stephen Fry was one of the writers who penned the revision, that is perhaps not so surprising.

Come and join The Singers in a feast of 20th century show tunes when lyrics were tuneful, amusing and sentimental (they don't write them like that anymore) on Sunday 3rd July at 3.30 pm. in The Painswick Centre. Tickets £10, available from the Patchwork Mouse or Gordon Owen 01452-621151 or at the Door. Children are free. Bar open throughout plus tea and coffee in the interval.  
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## Painswick Theatre Club

Perhaps appropriate to currently commemorating all things Shakespearean, the Theatre Club visited Oxford to see a production of *The Herbal Bed*, a story based on a real event in the life of Susanna Hall, Shakespeare's daughter.

Based on historical events gathered from ecclesiastical court records, a story is woven - almost a 17th-century soap opera. The stage was set with a mysterious room-sized box – a box that opened up to reveal the titular medicinal garden and the first few of a small cast. I'm told that Rafe Smith was not quite dashing enough to explain why Susanna would risk all in her husband's moonlit garden but the austere, and frankly terrifying, Vicar General ensured the audience sympathy was with Susanna.

Even more appropriate to Shakespeare's anniversary year, the club's next visit is to Stratford to see his rarely performed tragicomic romance, *Cymbeline*. Set in the 21stC, with gender reassignments and some comparing Britain's then relationship with the Roman Empire to today's relationship with the EU, it promises to promote much discussion during the journey back to Painswick.

*Ross Munro*

## News from St Mary's

We have celebrated the two major Spring Christian festivals namely Easter and Pentecost or Whitsun. The next twenty two Sundays in the Christian calendar are named after Trinity with the liturgical colour changing to green.

June is quite a busy month. The first event is Open Gardens at Edge on Sunday 5th June when there are 6 gardens to view. Admission tickets are available from the village hall on the day and proceeds are for church and community funds.

Project St Mary's which is fund raising for improvements in the church have a wine tasting evening on 11th June, 6 to 8pm. This will be at Painswick Mill by kind permission of the owners. Tickets at £20 each cover the cost of the wine and canapés and are available from Joan Warner (812649), Lindsay Gardiner (814282) or Janet Jenkins (812724). The Queen's official birthday will be celebrated in St Mary's churchyard on Sunday 12th June with a tea party from 3 to 5pm. This celebratory occasion will be preceded by the ringing of the church bells for half an hour before the start time. All are welcome to join in this joyful time. The monthly "On Fire" service will be in the Church Rooms on 17th June at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend whether young or old.

Three of the churches in our benefice have John the Baptist as their patron saint; Pitchcombe, Edge and Harescombe. Their festival is being celebrated on Sunday 26th June. There will be a special service for all three parishes together to mark this occasion at Edge church at 11am to be conducted by Andrew Leach.

*David Newell*

## Painswick Fire Service - History of..

Our thanks to Alan Fielder for this short history of Painswick's Fire Service. Alan has written a full and very thoroughly researched history of the Service which is in Painswick Chronicle number 16 and available in Painswick Pharmacy.

In the 1890s there were two major fires in Painswick, made worse by the up to two hour delay until the arrival of the fire engine from Stroud. It was decided to form a Painswick Volunteer Fire Brigade and on 16th January 1896 the new horse-drawn but manually operated Shand Mason fire engine rolled into town. Painswick Parish Council owned the engine and paid for its upkeep, whilst the crew, including the Chief Officer, Walther Henry Burdock were all volunteers.

By the early 1930s, because of mechanisation, the Brigade was having difficulty in finding suitable horses and men to work the pumps. As a result, the Parish Council considered the engine obsolete and were no longer prepared to finance its upkeep, but would agree to hand the machine over to the Brigade if they wished to carry on in a personal capacity. The crew decided to continue on their own and from December 1931 became the Painswick Private Volunteer Brigade, financed entirely by local fundraising. In 1934 the Brigade acquired a motorised trailer pump which was towed to incidents behind a Burdock lorry.

By 1938 the storm clouds of war were on the horizon and the Fire Brigade Act of 1938 placed responsibility for fire safety on local authorities. As a result, in 1939, the Painswick Volunteer Fire Brigade lost its independence and was absorbed into the new Stroud District Joint Fire Service. This arrangement was short-lived because with the onset of war the new Stroud District brigade, in August 1941, became a part of the National Fire Service.

After the war, the National Fire Service was disbanded and local fire security became the responsibility of Gloucestershire County Council, an arrangement that has continued to this day. Throughout those 120 years there has always been a fire engine based in Painswick, initially at the engine house in Burdock's yard in New street, and since 1953 at the purpose built premises in Pullens Road.

Regrettably, no record appears to have been kept of all those who freely gave their time to keep us all safe. However, it is known that many men served for more than 20 years, including Walter Henry Burdock, Dennis Browning, Arthur Perrins and George Hodder and some for over 30 years. (apologies for all the others not included).



The last Painswick fire crew plus past members  
*Photo : Anne Marie Randall*

First of all many of you will know that I had been working shortened hours over the last couple of months due my father's illness and sadly his death last month. I would like to thank so many of you for your support and kind comments over this painful time. Always a difficult time it has been inspirational to feel the support of the community and the empathy of others.



across the county both in the day and evening and are 2 ½ hours long. The programme covers health and well-being, emotions and stress, practicalities of caring and the possibility of respite, finance and resources, how to access services to support, how we juggle caring with other demands.

So now to news -There's lots going on around the county this month, and one big event on June 5th marks "Walk in my Shoes" to celebrate Carers Week from 6th to 12th June.

Carers in Gloucestershire last year saved the local economy an incredible £540 million! The event takes place in Pittville Park, Cheltenham on Sunday 5th June 2016. The event will see people from across the county swapping footwear with their family, friends and colleagues to walk a mile around the beautiful Pittville Park to show their support for local unpaid carers. Registration is £10 for adults and £5 for children which includes your 'Walk a mile in my Shoes' t-shirt and goodie bag (under 16s can register for free if they don't want a T-shirt).

If you are one of the 63,000 unpaid carers and are not already in touch with Carers Gloucestershire I do urge you to contact them. In addition to providing information, advice, support in the form of groups, days out, counselling and a bespoke support line, Carers Gloucestershire also provide the "Positive Caring programmes". These are free local sessions giving carers the opportunity to meet other carers in similar circumstances to gain and share knowledge and information. Open to all adult carers, whether you are the main carer or not, or whether you live with the person supported, or not. The sessions are run

As a carer, there can be additional worry about what would happen if you were to become ill yourself. That's why there is "The Emergency Carers Scheme" which works on two levels of need. Most of our local charities which focus on physical and mental health conditions will also offer more specific information to support you as a carer. Carers Gloucestershire Telephone: 01452 386283

**Gloucestershire Young Carers**-is a support network for young carers across the county. Working with young carers they ensure that service providers understand young peoples' special needs and respond appropriately. Telephone: 01452 733060

**Healthwatch Gloucestershire**- free phone 0800 652 5193

**Carers UK**-is a charity set up to help millions of people who care for family or friends. Telephone: 0808 8087777

**The Carers Trust** -A charity for, with and about carers which works to improve support services and recognition for anyone living with the challenges of caring, unpaid, for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or who has mental health or addiction problems. Telephone: 0844 800 4361

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## Peter Bungard, Gloucestershire County Council Chief Executive, Talks to Probud.

Peter Bungard, Chief Executive, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), talked to Painswick Probud Club on 27th April 2016 about his role. He has comfortably outlived the average time in post for his peers of three and a half years, achieving 11 years to date.

Challenged by the audience about the state of the local roads, he explained that the council was responsible for some 3000 miles of roads (excluding motorways), and 5000 miles of public rights of way within an annual budget of £32M against the backdrop of an estimated £100M backlog of repairs to restore all roads to "perfect" condition. On a brighter note, he was confident that the promised 3 mile "missing link" to complete the M4 to M5 route around Birdlip would start in 2020, or soon thereafter. Some 44000 Gloucestershire people were among the 20% worst deprived of opportunities. Consequently, social services consumed some 70-90% of GCC's available resources. Targeted groups include vulnerable people, many of whom were living longer but had ever greater needs for services to help them cope with ill-health, immobility, and dementia. The safeguarding of children was also a high priority.

He outlined the strategy of the government to achieve a balanced budget by 2020. There was no provision for growth in demands for services caused by an increasing and ageing population. Past efforts to economise had concentrated on finding efficiency measures and offering fewer services. The future will see even more emphasis on reducing the demand for services by working in closer partnerships with other public service providers and more local taxation such as this year's adult social care 2% levy. Peter's talk was enlightening and he was warmly thanked for visiting Painswick Probud Club whose members were joined on this occasion by guests from other Painswick groups.

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# Indian Twist at ACP Festival on July 17th

What does the Art Couture Festival and India have in common? Surely the vibrancy and colour that bursts onto the Painswick scene on July 17th is all too familiar on the Streets of India. Now you have an amazing opportunity to win 2 free tickets on the wonderfully insightful Fabric of India tour to India, generously donated by Steppes Travel, and led by Rosemary Crill who curated the recent exhibition at the V and A. What Indian gathering would be complete without an elephant or two, so ACP has joined forces with students at the Star Centre to create some bright and animated elephant heads that will be bringing their own character to the event.

This year the Painswick Churchyard and the Beacon Hall will become payzones, requiring you to buy a wristband if you want to enjoy the Entertainment in the churchyard or the body painting in the Beacon Hall. However each adult ticket will entitle the purchaser to 10 free raffle tickets from The Steppes tent "The Art of Travel" in the Churchyard. Prizes include tickets for 2 to India, value £8000, a case of wine from the Woodchester Valley Vineyard, plus some other tempting prizes. Tickets on the day adults £8, children (3-18) and students £3. In advance, available now from the Gallery or on line £6 and £2.50. Beacon Readers are invited to take their June or July Beacon to the ACP gallery where they will be given a voucher for a further 5 raffle tickets for each advance adult ticket bought. This offer closes on July 15th.

Free programmes available now from around the village. Please help us create a buzz around this extraordinary event. Check out [www.canvasforcreativity.com](http://www.canvasforcreativity.com) or [www.steppestravel.co.uk](http://www.steppestravel.co.uk) for further information.

*Libby Graesser*

## PROBUS Women (9th May 2016)

A ride around England by William Reddaway.

William said he would raise money for charity after he retired. Excellent!

He said he'd take 6 years to plan this - pouring over 120 maps. Golly! He was going to achieve this by riding a horse on public roads in a circular route through towns and cities covering over 2,500 miles to the four corners of England, calling in at 30 Cathedrals along the way without any backup 'crew'. Incredible! When he said he didn't have a lot of horse-riding experience. Didn't own a horse. Had to ask an expert-on-horses friend to help choose a suitable animal (Strider) for his project. Was aware of how sensitive horses are to noise in general. Knew horses got skittish sighting prams, wheelchairs, scooters to name a few. You'd think him mad as a box of frogs. As did his Family! He had 'practice runs'. All went fine - riding away from home. Strider obeyed red lights. Nothing was going to stop him Homeward Bound though - Red lights included!

On 10th May 2013 and well-practiced, they set off on their adventure from Gloucester Cathedral. William had organised places to stop over where man and horse could be fed, watered and rested as camping didn't appeal and there were many kind offers of help. Finally, on 8th December 2013 via Gloucester Cathedral, Strider was back home in his stable at Farncombe having helped William raise over £77,000 (ongoing) for Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre Riding for the Disabled Association (the Common - not Prison) and to the Family Holiday Association.

Strider, the most blessed horse in England, was sold back to the family he came from - fitter, fatter and in superb shape. William, on the other 'hoof' - was wrecked!! Happy endings - William still visits Strider.

No talk in June. PROBUS Women are out-and-about. Kelmscott Manor.

*delia Mason PROBUS Women*



"Cuck-oo, cuck-oo"-

The 10th May field trip with Martin Wright, bird-song expert, was to the gleaming waters and joyous greens of the Cotswold Water Park. So to the auditory dimension that day, first on open land, only lately Nature-invaded, with rapid-growing "goaty" willows but no mature trees. Absent deer-browsing was clue to nightingale country! At once, the cuckoo-calling, harbinger of summer? First had been the robin, willow warbler and song thrush. Excitement mounted like the temperature as came the nightingale in song, first of 6! We heard species songs into their thirties, from the high tones of the nightingale to the hurried jitter of the sedge warbler-numbers far more than in our immediate locale. And the cuckoo called and called! At lake no. 42 were pockets of primrose, cowslip and teasel and then the insect-gobbling hobby flew high in the sky.

The Club would like to record its celebration of the life of Leslie Brotherton, a long standing member and supporter of the Club and wishes to extend its sympathy to family and friends.

The next is a joint meeting with Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club (20th June @ 2.00pm) when we have a Farm Walk at Whittington with owner and keen conservationist, Ian Boyd. Meet at Whittington Lodge Farm, Cheltenham, GL54 4HB. (Grid:SP012213) 20 PLACES ONLY, BOOKING ESSENTIAL, please contact Helen Richardson, 01452 812951" for details."

*Wendy Addy*

## Richmond Painswick Open Day

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## Gardening Club.....And the Season Stomps On.....

May is such a beautiful and exuberant month but our May meeting was tinged with sadness at the announcement that Leslie Brotherton had recently passed away. Leslie had been a Member of the Club for many, many years and more recently, a tireless Chairman. His enthusiasm and commitment will be greatly missed.

Steve Quinton, Head Gardener at the Rococo Garden, gave a very interesting talk about recently completed projects and plans for the future, brilliantly illustrated by the 'before' and 'after' photos - clearly barrow-loads of hard work but splendid when a plan comes together! If you haven't visited Rococo for a little while, go and explore; you are in for a treat.

We are delighted to welcome back Norman Jeffery OBE, NGS County Organiser for Gloucestershire and President of the Club, for our last meeting of this season on 8th June (Church Rooms at 7.30pm). Please don't be put off by those 3 boring letters 'AGM' - it will be done and dusted in a matter of minutes and then we can all sit back and enjoy listening to a natural raconteur talking about the wonderful NGS Open Gardens that raise so much money for many charities every year. As always, we love to welcome visitors (just a nominal charge) so if you fancy the topic or would like to talk to Norman about opening your own garden, come along and share an interesting and entertaining evening with us.

Must get on; I'm off to do some more potting on, potting up and potting out!  
*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*



## PMAG

No wonder Mozart seems to be classic music lovers' favourite composer

nowadays – Peter Jenkins' wonderful presentation on 28th April was great evidence! He showed how Mozart's piano concertos are constructed, and how their structure and his use of melody helped him achieve his aim of great music.

We learned about his masterpiece, no.9 in e flat and his ritornellos K 271, followed by no. 24 in C minor, K 491 and no 19 in f, K 459 a great one to finish. Melody is probably the most accessible factor in Mozart's music.

At our brief AGM the present committee was re-elected and the accounts approved. The next season starts on September 15th.

*Ralph Kenber*

## PROPERTY REPORT for May from Hamptons International

It is another glorious day in the Cotswolds and I, for one, am looking forwards to a vintage summer ... at least let me dream! As I forecast in my last report, March did indeed turn out to be a very busy month in the run up to the introduction of the new Stamp Duty levy on second homes that came into play in April. Our estimates show a 76% increase in transaction numbers compared with last March with half of all sales in the last two weeks of March being to landlords. The Nationwide support this view stating that 165,400 transactions completed in March, an all time high and around 11% higher than the previous peak recorded in January 2007. This resulted in a shot in the arm for annual house price growth that jumped to 5.7% in March but this now returned to just under 5% in April which is broadly in line with the trend we have seen since last summer. The intended effect of this policy was to support first time buyers in competing for properties with investors, however, with affordability still presenting a great challenge for many they may not easily be able to step in and take over from investors meaning we could be in for a period of slower growth in transaction numbers. The other great topic of discussion at present is the "Brexit" referendum. The impact of a vote to leave on the property market will depend on the overall impact on the wider economy. As with a General Election, we will most likely see a slow down in activity as some buyers, particularly investors, wait for the results before making substantial purchases. The likelihood is that, even with a vote to leave, the UK will remain a strong economy in the long run but the transitory period could prove to be painful depending on how exit negotiations are conducted. By this time next month we will know which road we are taking ...!

As always, if you are considering selling your house, or simply wish to get an update on its value in today's changing market, please call Hamptons for a free, no-obligation market appraisal based on recent comparable evidence and with the benefit of 140 years of experience in selling properties.

In brief, new instructions include: 3 Brookhouse Mill, Lynton in Paradise, The Garth, 2 St. Marys Mead and 6 Painswick Heights in Painswick; 7 Churchfield Road and 2 Cannons Court in Upton St. Leonards; Detcombe House in Sheepscombe and Greywalls in Birdlip. Properties going under offer recently include: 2 St. Marys Mead and 9 Hyett Orchard in Painswick; Yeomans Cottage, Mill Cottage and 7 Churchfield Road in Upton St. Leonards; Vatch Cottage and 2 Vatch Cottages in The Vatch; Rose Cottage in Pitchcombe; Bay Tree House in Sheepscombe and Michaelmas House in Birdlip. Properties that have now sold include: Hambutts Mynd in Painswick; Pen-y-Bryn and Riflemans in Slad; Weavers Cottage and Greycot in Sheepscombe; Cotswold Bungalow and The Green in Edge; and Inglenook in Pitchcombe.

*Guy Tabony, Branch Manager*

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**JUNE**

Sun	<b>5</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	<b>6</b>	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623  Community Choir Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall  Library Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall  Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.50 to 11.30am  10.00am to 12.00noon 10.30am and 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm  7.00 to 8.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	<b>7</b>	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Make & Cake Group  Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Church Rooms Youth & Community Pavilion Painswick Centre  Town Hall Ashwell House	9.30am 10.00am to 12 noon  10.00am  1.45 for 2.00pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	<b>8</b>	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Funerals - Celebration of Life? The Changing Face of 'The Dismal Trade' - James Showers Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays Holy Communion Gardening Club: 'NGS Gardens' - Norman Jeffery OBE (County Organiser) & AGM	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL  Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre  Croft School  St. Mary's Church Church Rooms	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm  9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am  10.30am to 12noon  12.00 noon 7.30pm
Thu	<b>9</b>	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Probus Women visit to Kelmscott Manor Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays Messy church New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Kelmscott Town Hall  Town Hall Church Rooms Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 10.30am 12.00 to 1.00pm  12.30 to 1.30pm 3.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	<b>10</b>	Country Market: Every Friday: Coffee Available Much Ado About Nothing - The Handlebards Scratch Theatre Co. - Heads & Tales - double bill of one-act plays by Alan Ayckbourn & Alan Bennett	Town Hall Rococo Garden Painswick Centre Beacon Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	<b>11</b>	Richard The Third - The Handlebards	Rococo Garden	6.30pm
Sun	<b>12</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion Tea Party to celebrate The Queen's 90th birthday - All welcome	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St. Mary's Churchyard	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 3.00 to 5.00pm
Tue	<b>14</b>	Make & Cake Group  Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326	Youth & Community Pavilion P. Centre Green Room	10.00am to 12 noon 2.00 to 4.30pm
Wed	<b>15</b>	Cotteswold Naturalists' Coach Trip to Croome House & Park (NT) Enq. 01453 298732 Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	Stamages Car Park  St Mary's Church Town Hall	  6.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	<b>17</b>	Friday Club: George Formby - (Tea Party) On Fire: Music, Prayer, Praise, Participation & Pizza for Youth & Adult	Town Hall Church Rooms	2.30pm 7.00 to 8.30pm

Sat	<b>18</b>	<b>Copy Date for July Beacon</b>		
Sun	<b>19</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	<b>20</b>	Joint visit of Bird Club & Cotteswold Naturalists': Walk at Whittington Lodge Farm. Pre-book: 812942 / 812951	Whittington Lodge Farm	2.00pm
Tue	<b>21</b>	Local History Society: AGM & Talk	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	<b>22</b>	Probus: Bess of Hardwick & Hardwick Hall - Gillian White	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Sun	<b>26</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	<b>28</b>	Yew Trees W.I.; Teddy Bear's Triumph - Harvey Sagar	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	<b>30</b>	Painswick Players play reading: contact Sue:01542 676723		
<b>JULY</b>				
Fri	<b>1</b>	Friday Club: Hilarious Hats - Alexandra Stanbrook Painswick Golf Club: 125th Anniversary Summer Ball: Tel: 812180 for Tickets	Town Hall Golf Club	2.30pm 7.30pm to 12.00
Sat	<b>2</b>	<b>July Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Painswick Golf Club 125th Anniversary Open golf Competition; Tel: 812180 for entry forms Music for a Summer's Evening: Concert by the Dursley Male Voice Choir	Golf Club St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
Sun	<b>3</b>	Painswick Singers Summer Concert: Showtime Music: Tickets £10 from Patchwork Mouse or on the door	Painswick Centre	3.30pm
Wed	<b>6</b>	Probus: The Floods 2007 - Dr Tim Brain	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	<b>7</b>	Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30 to 5.30pm
Mon	<b>11</b>	Probus Women: Natural History Topic	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	<b>12</b>	Make & Cake Group	Youth & Community Pavilion	10.00am to 12 noon
Fri	<b>15</b>	On Fire: Music, Prayer, Praise, Participation & Pizza for Youth & Adult	Church Rooms	7.00 to 8.30pm
Sat	<b>16</b>	Live @ ACP: Free local party with music: Mango Jam, Ragged Edge & Tetraphonic	St. Mary's Churchyard	5.00 to 9.00pm
Sun	<b>17</b>	Art Couture Festival: Advance tickets available at ACP Gallery or on line: <a href="http://www.canvasforcreativity.com">www.canvasforcreativity.com</a>	Around Village	11.30am to 8.00pm
Mon	<b>18</b>	Cotteswold Naturalists': Coach trip to Corinium Museum, Ampney Crucis & Coach House Garden. Enq. 01453 834486	Stamages Car Park	
Wed	<b>20</b>	Probus: Summer Luncheon with the Ladies	The Hill, Stroud	
Fri	<b>22</b>	Spaniel in the Works Theatre Group: Bernard & Beatrice's Complete Guide to Modern Art	Painswick Centre Beacon Hall	
Tue	<b>26</b>	Yew Trees W.I.: Cotswold Perfumery - Pam Slater	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	<b>29</b>	Cotteswold Naturalists' Coach trip to Game Fair, Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire. Enq. 01453 834486	Stamages Car Park	
Sat	<b>30</b>	Hipkiss in Concert	Painswick Centre Beacon Hall	

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# PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.16/0143/HHOLD FIERY BEACON, New Street  
Erection of single storey extension to rear and internal 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 - seatatla.

## CONSENT

S.16/0447/HHOLD HALFPENNY COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane

Removal of existing and replacement of garden shed.

S.16/0653/FUL HAMMONDS FARM, Wick Street

Change of use of existing farmhouse (C3) to an 8 bed Guest House (C1).

S.16/0630/HHOLD 15 CHURCHILL WAY  
Single storey extension. Erection of entrance porch.

S.16/0506/HHOLD QUIETWAYS, The Highlands  
Erection of a single garage.

S.16/0713/HHOLD GREENAWAY, Lower Washwell Lane  
Single storey extension.

S.16/0774/HHOLD GREENBANKS, Blakewell Mead  
To demolish existing pre-fabricated bolt together garage and build new.

## REFUSED

S.16/0549/HHOLD & S.16/0550/LBC COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane  
Proposed Summer pavilion, new hedge screening, new Cotswold stone walling to rear formal garden.

S.16/0543/HHOLD WASHBROOK MILL, Edge Road  
Extensions to property, double garage and landscaping (revised scheme).



## "In, Out, In, Out"

### Remember the EU vote on Thursday 23rd June

## 10,20,30 Years ago

### June 1986

Dry Knapps Farm bid fails.  
There was an atmosphere of excitement at the Falcon Hotel when an auction of a farmhouse and land off Edge lane took place. The local community bid with a maximum of £40,000 failed when the lot went for £67,000.

### June 1996

The Falcon Hotel is set to re-open. The first phase of restoration work is nearing completion and the hotel is due to open mid June.

### June 2006.

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of providing a shelter/ rendezvous area for young people on the recreation field away from residential areas. The shelter idea proved popular with young people in Nailsworth.

## MINI-ADS

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# The Personal Column

## CONDOLENCES

To the family and friends of **LESLIE BROTHERTON** who died peacefully on May 4th. He was the loving husband of Dulcie and father to Julia and Andrew. His funeral was at Cheltenham Crematorium on May 23rd.

To the family and friends of **JOHN WEST-COTT**. His wife, Pam, would like to thank all her friends in the village and beyond for the many cards, kind thoughts and support she has received. Also grateful thanks to the Rev. Andrew Leach for the very fitting church service.

Ros Harris writes "my dear friend **SARA VERNON** (nee Yeomans) died on April 22nd after some years of courageous struggle with leukaemia. In later years her parents Kathleen and Eustace Yeomans lived at Fairfax Cottage, Vicarage Street but in her childhood, Sara lived in the Highlands. A service to celebrate her life was held at Topsham Devon where she lived for many years and brought up her daughters Polly, Topsy and Chloe.

To the family and friends of **JULIAN REED** who died peacefully at home on May 16th. The family would like to record their thanks to the wonderful staff of Longfield Hospice, who cared for Julian during his final illness.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To **BILL BOYDELL** and **PENNY PERRY** of Randalls Field, Painswick on their recent marriage.

To **POLLY ASPINALL** of Paradise, Painswick and **PATRICK (PATCH) MCMEEKIN** of Beverstone, Tetbury who have recently become engaged. They will be married in Painswick Church next July.

### HELP !

Does anyone know the whereabouts of a lady called **JUNE (NEE MILLET)** who lived in Painswick in the 1960s or 70s and who had two sons? She would be aged 70 now and her sons would be 45-50. She also had a sister called Susan. I recently met an old school friend of hers called Sally (nee Coles) who would love to see her again. Please contact Lucy Milne on 01453 860592/owlpenwood@gmail.com.

## Road Closure Slad

Slad Road, Stroud & Slad - Proposed date of works : Between 11/07/16 to 31/08/16 from 9.30 to 15.00hrs each day -- Surface dressing rolling closure one/two days during that period

*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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