

The Painswick Beacon

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Low Speed Communication

Fibre Broadband may transmit information at super fast speeds these days, but internal communication within BT seems to be rather slower. The Beacon reported in July that plans to install a Fibre Broadband Cabinet outside the Nurses House in St. Mary's Street were in doubt, following a protest by the owners of the house, Roy and Ellie Harper. They had received an e-mail from the office of the chairman of BT, the contractors for Fastershire, confirming that an alternative site would be sought.

But on 22nd August, contractors for BT Openreach turned up to install the cabinet in exactly the same place as originally proposed, seemingly unaware of the commitment from BT. When challenged by Mrs. Harper, they referred the problem to the Parish Council, setting a deadline of 12 o'clock for it to be resolved, failing which they would abandon all plans, not just to install it there, but anywhere. Homes connected to the telephone cabinet at the top of Tibbiwell would be left entirely without fibre broadband on the basis that their target of 90% coverage had already been met.

The only alternative site to meet the BT Openreach requirement was the alcove just round the corner, housing a bench dedicated to two well-known former Painswick residents. The former Parish Council Chairman, Terry Parker, who had donated the bench, agreed to its removal, on the proviso that the Parish Council would seek an alternative site for it. Mr and Mrs Harper also agreed to provide a wayleave for the installation of the cabinet on land that seems strictly to belong to them, as a result of an error when the Health Service sold the house. As a concession, the box has been painted in a stone colour, rather than the usual dark green, to help it blend in a little.

So Fibre Broadband will go ahead for those homes affected, although at the time of writing there is still no news on when it may be available. But the village has for the time being lost a very popular bench. A new site for it is being negotiated, but there is as yet no agreement on exactly where and when. Two regular users of the bench were Kathryn Hodgson and her three year old daughter Amelie, for whom it was a favourite ice cream stop. As Kathryn puts it: "We often share the bench and chat to elderly people who use it to rest before walking home from the shop. The other day we were walking to the bench, ice creams in hand, when we realised the very sad decision has been made to remove it to make way for the BT fibre optic box."



Detail from a 1998 painting by M. Dawson that hangs in the Catholic Church, shows the bench as it used to be

Meanwhile a different metal box that used to stand on the pavement outside the Nurses House, has been removed. It had been put there as a storage box for the Royal Mail, who no longer used it. Arguably it was even more of an intrusive obstacle than the BT cabinet. Its removal has left many people asking whether some better solution for the cabinet and for the bench could not have been reached.

The Nurses House and Clinic was built in 1954 on a wartime bomb site, as Painswick's memorial for the Second World War. It was only the second such house to be built in the County. The local community contributed £700 towards the total eventual cost of £4,400.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held September 21st 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.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roey Parker. District Councillors Nigel Cooper and Julie Job also sent their apologies as did County Councillor Jason Bullingham.

Public questions

There were none, but Mr David Allott gave a brief report on the work of the Cotswold Conservation Board, with particular reference to the reseeded of an area of limestone grassland, part of Painswick Common.

Revised Standing Orders

It was agreed to adopt the Revised Standing Orders, subject to one amendment.

Emergency Plan

It was agreed to set up a working group to review the Emergency Plan.

Broadband Cabinet

The agenda item referred to the consideration of representation being made to BT concerning the installation of the Broadband cabinet alongside the former District Nurse's House at the junction of St Mary's Street and Friday Street. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to seek an alternative site for the memorial seat which had been removed to make way for the BT cabinet.

Editor's note. Please see the front page item which provides background information on this subject.

Land off Golf Course Road

The members agreed the wording of a letter to be sent to Mr Haydu-Jones at Beggars Roost concerning the fencing of land adjacent to Painswick Beacon Common.

Defibrillator outside the Town Hall

A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society, Mrs Barbara Tait, in which it was stated that "the siting of the defibrillator does seriously impact on the character of the Town Hall, a listed building prominent in the village centre". She went on to say that "We are disappointed that the PPC did not submit their original decision for listed building consent so that third parties could express a view on the best location. Listed building consent has typically been submitted for defibrillators on listed buildings elsewhere in the UK. We understand Stroud District Council did not require an application". Mrs Tait wrote, "We believe it is still not too late to find an alternative site for the defibrillator, easy for users to find but where the impact on the street scene could be lessened. For example close to the Town Hall there is a Parish Council notice board on a patch of land which could be combined with the site for the defibrillator and not impact on any listed building. An alternative would be to put the equipment in the current BT phone box, which is nearby. Over 3,000 defibrillators have already been successfully sited in phone boxes in the UK, and grants are potentially available for this. Even repositioning the defibrillator on the Town Hall to the left of the doorway could be beneficial. The Conservation Society would be willing to play its part by contributing to the cost of the work. We suggest that potentially suitable sites be investigated and a Listed Building application made if appropriate. We look forward to your positive response".

The members discussed the Conservation

Society's letter very fully, taking each alternative site offered in turn to consider. At the conclusion the councillors agreed that the present location of the defibrillator was in their opinion in the most visible position with visibility key in an emergency situation. The Clerk was instructed to write thanking Mrs Tait for the Conservation Society's letter and to provide her with a detailed response to the suggested alternative sites.

Neighbourhood Warden

The Council was asked to consider whether to continue with its contribution to the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme. Members were concerned that the Warden's work schedule was being directed more and more by the District Council. The Parish Council paid for 2 days a week to be dedicated to Painswick parish matters. Members were agreed that more information about the Warden's schedule was needed. Cllr Mike Fletcher asked whether the District Council had changed the job description.

ID cards for council members and staff

This agenda item was to consider purchasing ID cards for council members and staff. A lengthy debate was led by Cllr Ian James who spoke strongly against the proposal saying that he saw no requirement for such cards. The proposal was overwhelmingly defeated with one abstention. The decision overturned a Parish Council resolution of some years previously when the members had supported the proposal believing that they needed the ID cards as proof of identity should their authority be challenged on such occasions as site inspection panels. Cllr Mrs Ann Daniels said that she still had her ID card.

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Edge Ward application

A request had been received for a contribution towards the Edge Village Hall project. Members debated the proposal at some length. Members agreed a contribution of £500.

Ward reports

Cllr Mike Fletcher expressed his concern about overhanging bushes between the path to the Surgery and the Fire Station.

Cllr James reported that farmers were

having difficulty getting past overhanging bushes with their wide vehicles. Cllr Slinger said a problem for farmers was having to retract wing mirrors to get past leaving them poor visibility. Cllr James also spoke about pot holes that were marked but the markings had been washed away before the filling could take place. The Clerk to the Council said he would raise these matters with the County Council.

Other organisation reports

Cllr Slinger reported that he and Cllr

Mrs Daniels had attended a meeting of the Youth and Community Centre Committee at which Mr Mike Wilson had been elected Chairman. It had been agreed to hold two meetings each year. Currently four meetings were held. 28 young people were regularly attending and they had been divided into two groups by age.

Meeting closure

The meeting which started at 7.30pm closed at 9.25pm.

Painswick Feast / Clipping Service



This year's Clipping Service was notable as it was believed to be the first occasion that the homily had been given by a Roman Catholic Priest.

Canon Tom Gunning, Stroud and Painswick's parish priest preached from the belfry tower steps as countless Church of England ministers had done before him. Prior to the start of the service, all eyes had been looking to the skies as there had been a period of very heavy rain. However, prayers were answered and a beautiful rainbow appeared leaving the rest of the afternoon in bright sunshine. The Feast which commenced at 11am attracted a range of stalls selling various products. There was an excellent choice of hot food. Several local organisations took the opportunity to showcase their activities.

Our photo shows Canon Tom (centre) with Rev. Mike Holloway and Rev. Andrew Leach.



A section of the crowd on Sunday - and about 100 years ago

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What future for the Royal Oak?

The Royal Oak has been closed for several weeks now, and landlords Mike and Gill Brickell are sadly leaving the village, with some regrets. The notice outside the pub for the last few weeks puts the blame on the owners, Enterprise Inns, and for the last year or so, Mike has found it difficult to work with them.

Asked for comment, Simon Wilson, the Regional Manger of Enterprise Inns said their intention was to open again as soon as possible. "We are unable to provide a definitive timescale at present and the pub will be closed for a short time and our aim is to keep this to a minimum."

The Royal Oak has been a pub in Painswick for hundreds of years (see our 125 years ago feature below).



125 Years Ago News from the Painswick Annual Register for 1891

October 12th

At a meeting of the County Licencing Committee held this day the removal of the licence of the Red Lion Inn to the Royal Oak Inn and the adjoining house belonging to Mr. James Gardner, was confirmed. The two houses, to which the Licence now attaches, are to be combined into one, which is in future to be known as "Gardner's Hotel". The Red Lion and The Royal Oak will, as public houses, disappear. By this arrangement there is one less licensed house in Painswick than heretofore.

October 13th

A gale of unusual violence swept over the British Isles on the afternoon of Oct. 13. More trees fell in the Parish of Painswick than had ever before in the memory of any inhabitant, been blown down in a single day. Seventeen elms, some of them very fine and sound, were blown down almost within the grounds of the Edge House, and eleven trees on Mr. F. Gardner's Farm at Damsells. Eight trees and sixteen large limbs were blown down in the grounds of Painswick House. Eleven trees were seen lying side by side in Pope Wood. These numbers are given as specimens of what, it is believed, took place over the whole of the surrounding district. Besides the damage to timber trees, many shrubs and fruit trees were torn up by their roots.

November 11th

Another gale of great severity swept over the whole county to-day. In the Eastern and Southern Counties it was perhaps of greater violence than the storm of Oct. 13, but the number of trees blown down in this Parish was not nearly as great as that on the former occasion.

Is anyone able to confirm whether the 'Royal Oak' name did disappear for a period, before being reinstated?

A Boden Shopping Party For the British Red Cross

I am hosting a Boden shopping party on Tuesday 25th October at Hambutts Orchard, Edge Road to raise money for the British Red Cross. Whether you are new to Boden or know them well this is a chance to look at their range without the hassle of mail order. There will be a selection of Boden clothes in all shapes and sizes (even some men's and children's clothes) – but just as important coffee, cakes etc and a chance to get together with friends. Boden offer a discount of 20% on any order and there are extra incentives if you have never bought from Boden before or introduce a friend who is new to them. The house will be open to shoppers from 11.00 to 7.00 and all are most welcome. Simply drop in and take a look with absolutely no pressure to buy anything.

Kate MacDuff

Cupcakes for Carers



Cupcakes will be taking a break until next Spring. If you have any ideas about how to make us more useful to the community please let us know. Perhaps a different time or place

or format or perhaps we should focus on more specific groups, instead of all carers. If you would like to join the team we would welcome you. Phone Pat 813326 with your input.

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From Fire Helmets to Postmarks

Local History comes to life

Painswick Local History Society has a record of putting on fascinating exhibitions - their last exhibition in 2014 on Painswick in the First World War, won the prize for best exhibition amongst all the Gloucestershire Local History Societies in that year. So it was no surprise that this year's exhibition in the Town Hall on the weekend of 27th / 28th August was again superbly put together and full of interest.

This time it wasn't focused on one particular subject, but covered a range of different aspects of Painswick's history. Alan Fielder's research into Painswick's Fire Service was a notable feature, in the year when the fire station finally closed, and Harold Clark's display on the history of Policing in Painswick was a good match for it. But the range went all the way from Painswick's Coats of Arms to Painswick Postmarks and from Immigration and Emigration to Witches and Evil Spirits. There really was something for everyone.

And the range of contributors was if anything even wider. While some displays came from very long term Painswick residents, one fascinating display case had been put together by Kit Milner, a pupil at The Croft School. Painswick's history - and its future, is in good hands!

Alastair Jollans



The Painswick fire helmet on display was splendid - if slightly impractical

Grave matters in El Contador

St. Mary's Table Top Tombs or the "Tea Caddies" as they are affectionately known, complement the yew trees perfectly. In Simon Jenkins book, '1,000 Best Churches', he describes them as "Gloucestershire treasures". Let us hope that the fine craftsmanship and indeed their purpose will be respected.

I mention this because we are rapidly approaching All Souls Day, an important religious holiday here. Our cemetery sits in a walled and gated enclosure on the edge of the village. It is here on November 1st that families gather to clean the tombs of long gone and more recent generations and lay garlands of flowers. Usually there are subdued family picnics around most tombs too. It is a sad day, but of great reverence, with a thoughtful atmosphere that somehow permeates the village.

Of course, the so called revelries of the night before have reached here too, thanks to US television films and Harry Potter. Thankfully, the village elders and police stamped down hard on teenage excesses and vandalism, but at dusk, the costumed little ones at our door, accompanied by parents are a delight. It's a pleasure to offer sweets and a treat not known to kids here - toffee apples. Of course, as you can see from the photograph, they do get a surprise when our front door is opened. At least for my part, no dressing up or makeup is required ...

Christopher Piper-Short



Painswick Gardening Club

Shady Solutions

Just a really quick note from me this month to remind everyone that the Gardening Club kicks off the season again on Wednesday 12th October. The Church Rooms will be open from 6.30pm to allow time for payment of annual subscriptions (£18pp) and don't forget we will also be serving tea/coffee and homemade cakes from this time to 'encourage' everyone to come along a bit earlier than normal. A warm welcome awaits all comers and, as I've said before, we'd love to see new Members but if you'd prefer to come along as a visitor from time to time (£4 pp), that's great too.



Duncan Coombes will begin what promises to be a very interesting talk about "The Shaded Garden" around 7.30pm. Don't worry if you can't make it to the Church Rooms before this time as we can always collect subs after the talk!

My work here is done; I'm off to the garden again for another bout of autumnal weeding!
Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

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Tour of Britain draws large crowds

Riders pass through Edge and Pitchcombe

Large crowds turned out to see the Tour of Britain pass through Edge and Pitchcombe on 8th September, accompanied by an impressive cavalcade of motorcyclists, flashing lights, police escorts, support cars, spare wheels and spare bikes.

The route was part of a 194.5 km stage from Aberdare to Bath, via Gloucester, that the riders completed in 4 hours 45 minutes at an average speed of over 40 km/h (25 mph). A breakaway group of 5 led them through Edge, having built up a lead of around 5 minutes, but the main bunch of riders gradually hauled them back in by the outskirts of Bath. A thrilling finish to the day saw riders from the breakaway group just hang on to the top three positions, although a total of 36 riders finished on the same time.



Painswick Directory 2017

Final call for entries or amendments

The Painswick Directory is distributed with the January Beacon. It is a valuable source of information for residents and visitors and benefits those businesses and organisations which are included. The information is also posted on the Beacon website. It is a free community resource.

It is important that the details of all entries are correct and for this we rely on information provided to us. If you know of any changes which need to be made, or new additions, or items which need to be withdrawn please let us know immediately. Please send details to Carol Maxwell email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net, or the Beacon's email beacon@painswick.net or put in the Beacon box in New Street. After October will be too late.



Carol Maxwell

Painswick's Allotments

Do you remember the allotments? Do you have information about them? We are currently researching the subject in order to preserve as much information as possible, but there are gaps in the available documentary evidence.

Painswick had more than one set of allotments over quite a long period of time dating from the mid-nineteenth century. Lower Washwell and Ham Butts were definite sites but there were others, for example Kemps Lane which was still worked until a few years ago.

If you can provide any information about any of the allotments please contact Carol Maxwell tel. 813387 or email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net. Your help would be much appreciated.

Carol Maxwell

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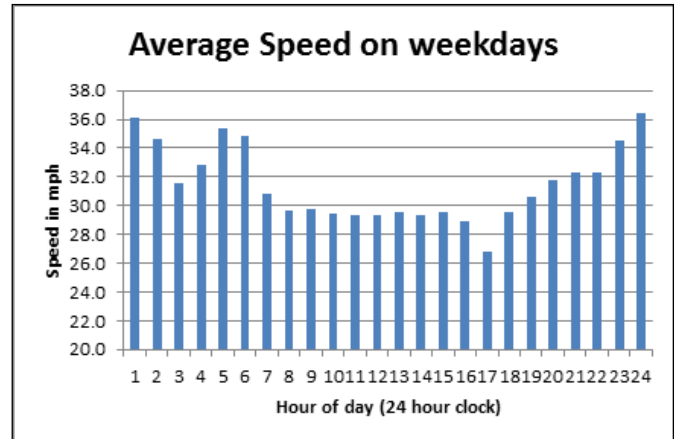
New data sheds light on traffic speeds

High speeds recorded at night

New and detailed data has become available on traffic speeds through Painswick. It shows a mixed picture. Overall there has been a small reduction in speeds, but at night it's a different story. While most of us sleep, it seems a few idiots are tearing through the village at quite astonishing speeds.

The data comes from the new speed warning signs on the A46 as you come into Painswick from either direction. They record the speed of every vehicle going past and store the data. That's for around 3,500 vehicles a day in each direction. Nine weeks of data has now been downloaded and has been shared with the Beacon by Cllr. Abigail Smith, chairman of the Parish Council Traffic Committee.

During the day most motorists do stick more or less to the speed limit. Average speeds at both ends of the village are under 30 mph from about 8 am to 5 pm. Then after a period of congestion around 5 o'clock, speeds of traffic coming in from the north start to creep up. By midnight there's an average speed of around 35 mph, and this continues through the night, although with very low volumes of traffic. The chart to the right shows average weekday speeds over nine weeks.



Data from the sign north of the village, measuring south-bound traffic - weekdays from 6th July to 8th September

To the south speeds are lower and have fallen in comparison to previous data. The overall average speed is 28 mph and the fastest 15% of motorists are travelling at or over 33.3 mph. Even at night the average speed rarely rises much above 30 mph, although individual speeds can go up to 60 mph. The design of the road, as well as the warning sign, seems to keep most speeds down.

From the north though, the fastest 15% overall are travelling at or over 35.9 mph, barely changed from earlier figures. This means over 500 motorists a day are at speeds where the police could prosecute them. And at night the equivalent speed for the fastest 15%, rises to around 45 mph. The daily maximum speed regularly hits 60, almost always at night. The single highest speed recorded over the period came in at a staggering 85 mph.

The downside of the reductions in speed that have been achieved is that they reduce the case for further investment. In particular there seems little prospect of speed bumps being installed in the near future. The County Council has a limited budget for traffic measures and aims to use it in the areas of greatest need. The criteria include the speed of the fastest 15%, and also the accident record. Luckily there have been few injury accidents in central Painswick, although that can feel like a 'Catch 22'. Speed bumps can't be installed to prevent an accident - only after one has occurred!



Speed campaigner Jonathan Choat of New Street says this is immensely frustrating, and it may even be possible to challenge it in the Courts. He'd like to see more focus on the 20 mph area in New Street and Gloucester Street, rather than the 30 mph area. He also suggests rumble strips through the centre might be a cheap and effective alternative to speed bumps.

Abigail Smith welcomes the small reduction in speed that has been achieved, but says there is much more to do. She'd love to see changes to the road layout and points to Stonehouse as an example of what can be done. But she recognises that Painswick is unlikely to get this level of investment any time soon. In the meantime Abigail aims to build Painswick's reputation as somewhere where there are regular controls. In the last week of September, she and her team of volunteers are holding another speed week with police radar guns and hi-vis jackets.

One of the areas they are focusing on is at the bottom of Pullens Road, where traffic leaving the village has a tendency to accelerate away after Goddard's Garage. Another is in New Street, where cars often race up to the lights.


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Kerry and the Falcon's Nest

Kerry Jane Page's art work is beautiful. Take a walk round to the back of The Falcon and there you will come across Kerry's little gift shop, The Falcon's Nest. Kerry took over the shop premises recently after Meggie moved away to Stow-on-the-Wold and she is overjoyed to be in Painswick.

Focusing on wildlife, Kerry's drawings are mostly pencil work, some with a little subtle decorative colour. The skill and craftsmanship evident in each drawing is superb and the result is that each one is simply beautiful. "I'm very wildlife orientated," she says adding that she would love to promote an interest in the subject amongst a wider audience. Prints of her pictures are displayed in the shop, framed and unframed, and also as greetings cards. All are for sale as are the originals on request.



Essentially a gift shop, The Falcon's Nest is a source too of some lovely and unusual gift ideas. Kerry is gradually building up the stock which already includes gift wrap, candles, honey, wine (Hammered and Sloshed!), a range of cards and much more. She will also by popular request be selling fresh flowers by the time you read this. There will certainly be plenty of ideas for Christmas gifts. Throughout October the shop will have a Halloween theme with special displays. It will appeal to all ages and especially children. Do go and take a look.

Kerry's passion for drawing wildlife subjects goes back to her school days. On leaving school however, she trained and subsequently worked as a dental nurse for some years but always retaining her drawing interest. Then about four years ago she started selling some of her work in Cheltenham and when the Falcon shop became available it was an opportunity not to be missed. She regards it as the ideal situation and hopes to develop her work here in Painswick.

Kerry's drawings were recently on display in The Patchwork Mouse and were very well received. "I would like to thank local people for all the support I've had so far," she says. "It's been incredibly exciting." Shy about publicising her work, this gifted young woman is deserving of our attention. Do go in and take a look.

Carol Maxwell

Library News

Author Event – Andrew Taylor Thursday 6th October

We are lucky to have Andrew Taylor visiting us. He is known both for crime and historical fiction, and two of his latest – The Ashes of London and The Silent Boy combine the two, the first a murder mystery set in the smouldering ruins after the Great Fire, the second is shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger award. Tickets £3 from the Library, to include a drink, and books will be on sale.

New Books for October include:

Adult Fiction Latest offerings from Jilly Cooper (Mount), Ian McEwan (Nutshell), Andrew Taylor (see above - The Silent Boy), Peter Robinson (DCI Banks – When the Music's Over) and Elizabeth Strout, Olive Kitteridge; Dawn French Oh Dear Sylvia (Spoken Word CD)

Adult Non-Fiction Chris Packham, Fingers in the Sparkle Jar; Paul Kalanithi When Breath Becomes Air

Junior Fiction Enid Blyton, Island of Adventure; Daisy Meadows Olivia Nibblesqueak's Messy Mischiefs

We have done a swap of various spoken word CD's with Minchinhampton Community Library, so please check out those shelves for those car journeys

Ian Cridland



Music ... and Words

Our Introduction meeting on 15th September showed us what a wonderfully varied exciting programme is in store for us this season – that was the impression we gained listening to Alex reviewing it with examples of the lovely music we'll be hearing: symphonies, concertos, sonatas, operas, operettas and sacred music, folk and light music, with a wide spread of classical and modern composers.

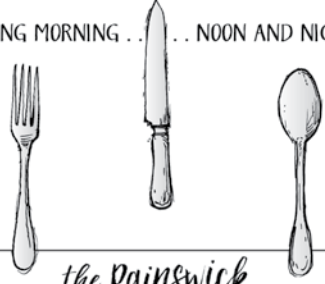
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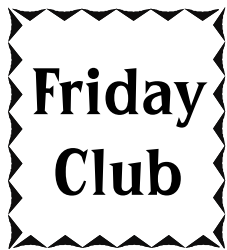
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Our AGM is coming up in October and sadly Jane Robinson will be standing down as our secretary. She has done a marvellous job of organising us all on the committee, as well as doing the agenda and minutes for the three entertaining committee meetings we hold each year plus the AGM and other typing and

emailing jobs. So we are looking for somebody with some computer skills (it is the 21st Century!) to come and join us on the committee. It is not onerous and we all work together. We are also looking for a couple of others to join us.

I do hope somebody will come to our aid. Please contact me on 01452 812344

Ann Williams

Christmas Art & Craft Fayre

at Cranham Village Hall on Sunday 27th November from 11 am until 4 pm New & Different Art & Craft Stalls. Unusual Christmas Gifts. Refreshments Served All Day. 'Christmas Hamper' raffle.

If you would like to have a stall, contact Jane on 01452 814873 or e-mail jane-rosecottage@hotmail.co.uk

Jane Shepherd

Gyde House Centenary

On Saturday 10th September, residents of Gyde House and Gyde almshouses gathered in the grounds to celebrate the centenary of the building of Gyde House. A fine example of Arts and Crafts architecture, the house was designed by Percy Richard Morley Horder originally for the purpose of providing a home for orphans and blind and deaf children. It finally opened as an orphanage, with the first intake of children in 1920. The residents of the lovely apartments which Gyde now houses certainly enjoyed the happy celebration of this important Painswick building.

Carol Maxwell



The Natural History of Christmas With the Cotteswold Naturalists and Painswick Bird Club

Every winter, tradition has it that we should be making mulled wine, stirring puddings and decorating our homes for Christmas but just where do these customs come from?

Dr Michael Leach will provide some of the answers at a joint meeting of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club and Painswick Bird Club on Wednesday 2nd November at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre. Dr Leach will also describe the natural history of the holly and the ivy, explain the pre-Christian roots of hanging mistletoe and confirm that turkeys never did come from Turkey! In his illustrated talk, he will show how our love of Christmas trees helps conserve owls, uncovers the true and not entirely civilised character of our favourite winter bird - the robin - and suggest a reason for the origin of the Yule log. He has also promised to reveal just how it might be that reindeer come to fly.

The Cotteswold Naturalists will be issuing the next edition of our Newsletter with details of next year's programme of excursions at the 2nd November meeting. And don't forget our meeting at the Hub Minchinhampton on Tuesday, October 18th, also starting at 2.30 pm, when Peter Berry will talk about Sub-Zero China. Peter has gone round the world photographing his passion - steam trains - and the remote communities and beautiful landscapes through which he has travelled.

Jane E Rowe 813228



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Messy Church Thursday 13th October



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FREE but donations on the day for the food would be welcome. Messy Church is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries, please contact Fiona Gill on 07771 513382 or fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net

Next Messy Church: Thursday 24th November 2016

Sue Shaw

News from St. Mary's

October is traditionally the harvest festival month. Hopefully all the cereal harvest has been gathered by now but the root harvest is still in progress. Harvest festival services will be celebrated at Pitchcombe on Saturday 8th October at 6.15pm and on Sunday 9th October at Painswick at 9.30am and Edge at 11am. All are welcome at any of these services.

On Sunday 16th October we celebrate the Festival of St Luke, author of the third gospel. Besides being an evangelist, St Luke was a medical doctor so we celebrate healing on this day praying to God and thanking Him for all medical services. There will be a special healing service on 16th October at Edge church at 3pm. Also on this day Richard Atkins, Presenter of the Sunday Breakfast Programme on Radio Gloucestershire will be preaching at Sheepscombe church at the 11am service.

16th October also marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for World Peace. Churches Together around Painswick have organised special services during this week (see below).

We have a special weekend on 22nd and 23rd October for teaching and reflection on Prayer. This will be led by John Pritchard, formerly Bishop of Oxford. John is a well known author who has written several books including one specifically on prayer. The day on 22nd October will begin in the church rooms at 10am. There will be morning and afternoon sessions and some activities will be in the church. This day is open for anyone to attend and is not just for Anglicans. The Saturday studies will be followed up on Sunday 23rd October at a benefice service at St Mary's at 10am which will be led by Bishop John.

David Newell

Annual Hospital Service Stroud Hospital League of Friends

The Annual Hospital Service will take place on Sunday 16th October at 6.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Stroud (just above the hospital). The preacher will be Father Frank Wainwright, Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Bishop's Health Advisor for the Diocese of Clifton.

Refreshments, and all welcome

*Susan Strongitharm
Stroud Hospital League of Friends*

Week of Prayer for World Peace 16th – 23rd October

The week is essentially an inter-faith event with the closing gathering taking place at the Westminster Quaker Meeting House in St Martin's Lane London WC2N 4EA on Sunday 23rd October at 2.30pm.

In Painswick prayers for peace will be said at services on Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd October in local churches. Each day from Monday 17th to Friday 21st, prayers for peace will be said in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese between 9.30am and 10am and on Saturday between 9am and 9.30am. Everyone is welcome and invited to take part whether of faith tradition or none.

Terry Parker - Chairman, Churches Together Around Painswick



A festival of lights

The Roman Catholic community of Painswick & Stroud invite you to A Festival of Lights on Saturday 29th October in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Beeches Green, Stroud from 7pm. Entitled "Diversity in Unity", the event is a sharing of traditions, culture, food, with music by THE RAGA BABAS. Tickets are £10 per head, children under 15 years free. Tickets include an Indian buffet supper. Bring your own bottle and soft drinks will be available. All proceeds toward the repairs of the roof of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Tickets from: Denise Magauran on 814570 email: denisemagauran@aol.com or Helen Baker 813091.

Ela Pathak-Sen

Painswick Open Gardens

Many thanks to those people who opened their gardens on 29th August and to the many residents who came on what was a gloriously sunny Bank Holiday to view the gardens and to enjoy the delicious cream teas in the Town Hall. Approximately £2,000 was raised towards the cost of the repairs to the roof of the Immaculate Conception Church in Stroud.

Painswick Catholic Church Committee



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Croft School News

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children; those starting their school life and those in other year groups. We have three new governors who we look forward to working with.

The Reception children have been getting to know their way around, the staff and their two new pet guinea pigs, which they love. They have been taking an 'All About Me' box home to fill with their favourite things to share with the class and get to know each other better. Their topic work is based on 'The Three Little Pigs', their pets and other animals. They use the nature area regularly to develop investigating and exploring skills.

Key Stage One children are learning about The Great Fire of London. They are looking at properties of materials and how they are used. They are identifying the keys to successful learning. The children in Key Stage Two are learning about the Ancient Maya. They will be investigating their writing, religion, number system, art work, temples and their agricultural systems.

Parents and children have enjoyed happy times in the swimming pool during the summer; we would like to thank the Committee for their hard work in maintaining the pool and keeping it open.

Rebecca Gore, Head Teacher

Remember, Remember ... The Croft School Fireworks Night

The Friends of The Croft School are planning a fantastic fireworks evening to raise essential funds for the school on Saturday 5th November 5pm -7pm at the The Croft Primary School. We will have hot food, mulled wine and extend a warm welcome to come along and enjoy the fun – it is always great to see villagers and former Croft School pupils supporting our events.

More details will be publicised around the village, on our Facebook page and in the November issue of the Beacon. We will endeavour to minimise any disruption to local residents.

The Friends of the Croft



Painswick's new Zip Wire has arrived in the Recreation Ground

Knit and Natter

We meet on the first Monday of the month in the Library between 10 am and 12 noon. We knitted Knitivity last year and had it on view in the Library. It has now been sent to South Africa to Pat Chase's Vine Charity.

This year we are knitting The Twelve Days of Christmas. As you can imagine there are quite a lot of characters to knit, so if you would like to come and join us and knit a French Hen or a Lord a Leaping we would be happy to see you. Just turn up or contact me on 01452 812344

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Stunning Chedworth

The Society's new season began in September with a thought-provoking presentation by Dr. Nick Humphris on Chedworth Villa. Situated close to Cirencester, a town of great importance to the Romans, Chedworth is one of many villas in the area. It is, however, one of the finest and biggest in Britain.



With ongoing archaeological work more features are being uncovered, in particular exquisite mosaics and surprisingly intact pieces of fresco work. The workmanship and artistry are exceptional. There were also very sophisticated hypocaust systems in the villa heating the luxurious dining rooms and bathhouses. With a fresh water spring and a small temple this was the scene of luxurious living with grand hunting parties and lavish entertaining. It was very elaborate and the site of some very high status accommodation.

With no extant documentary evidence, the owners and occupiers are unknown. However, there is also no evidence that it was the centre of a farming enterprise, the usual practice for Roman villas, and it was therefore probably simply a very luxurious residence.

Started early in the second century the villa, covering two acres, was extended and upgraded over the next two centuries. After the exit of the Romans from Britain the villa went into decline, obliterated by trees and bramble. Rediscovered in 1864 by John Scott the site was cleared and bought by the National Trust in 1924. Some damage was done during the Victorian recovery, for example a hole in the stunning seasons mosaic in a dining room. However, what is on view today is both stunning and exceptional – well worth a visit.

At the next meeting, Tuesday, 18th October, Rose Hewlett will give a talk on Old Frampton Court. Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

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Sports reports

assembled by John Barrus



Painswick Cricket Club

Another season comes to a close with the first eleven finishing mid-table County League Division One. Unfortunately some Saturday downpours put paid to key fixtures on 21st August and 3rd September. The 2nds finished comfortably mid table in Division 5.

The mighty thirds finally finished second in Stroud Division One and gained promotion to the Stroud Premier league. Hearty congrats to skipper Tony Bebbber and his squad.

The club fourth team battled throughout the season and although they finished bottom of Stroud 2nd, they managed to introduce and develop more youngsters into cricket (which is our aim).

Recent highlights were as follows:

27th August

The firsts defeated Redmarley by 16 runs, Uddipan Mukherjee and James Harber taking 3 wickets apiece for Painswick in a low scoring affair. The seconds defeated Apperley 2nds by 5 wickets with Painswick legend Dom Barnard 85 not out and Gavin Clark scoring 62. The thirds beat Eastington with Adam Wager taking 5 wickets for 28 runs

13 August

A maiden century from Adam Brown 127 not out and 5-27 from the young and promising Richard (Mac) Barnard saw Painswick 3rds defeat Stone 2nds by 139 runs.

Youth update

The youth section continued its success, the club ran several age groups with the promising U13s finishing 4th (out of 9). Well done to them and the coaching team.

Steve Pegram Vice Chair PCC



Junior Tennis Painswick 14&U Junior Boys win league

Congratulations to all our boys and girls teams over the summer. Painswick had over 30 boys and girls, across 11 teams representing Painswick Juniors.

The 14&U boys won their Gloucestershire league with wins against Lydney, Frampton and Redmarley. Well done to local boys Augustine Edwards, Patrick Courts, James Stevenson and Ethan Courts.

Juniors tennis continues over the winter, with the Tennis Academy training with Lorraine Ristic and Mark Wontumi. In addition, the 12&U boys have started playing mini-leagues in preparation for next year's games. For information on Juniors tennis please contact Lorraine Ristic on 07775 606399.

Steve Courts

Painswick Girls Rugby

At the Club that gave Gloucester Rugby their shirts, we are building a Girls Under 12's to Under 15's squad (team members in years 7 to 10). Painswick Rugby Club is one of the best in the county with many excellent coaches so, whether you are an experienced player or would just like to give it a go, contact me via this email: GirlsU13PainswickRFC@gmail.com.



It is vital that you get in touch if you are interested as the teams can only work if enough people express interest. As women's Rugby is one of the fastest growing sports in England, there is likely to be funding available from the club and from England Rugby to support the team. Never before has Painswick RFC had an all-girls team, so we will have the club's head coach looking after us, with female coaches to come. It would be great if lots of people showed an interest, as it would give many girls in and around the Stroud area the opportunity to take up rugby.

The reason why there's a need for a girls rugby team is because lots of girls want to play rugby. Painswick has the space and Stroud currently does not have a girls team although Stroud High has a group that plays every week at lunchtime. Rugby is mixed, up to and including the under-12 sides, but segregated after that. Painswick has some girls playing at pretty much every age group up to that point but currently, when they turn 12, they either have to find another club, or give up playing.

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Stroud Community Agriculture Open to new members

Stroud Community Agriculture (SCA) is a community led farm. With rented land at Brookthorpe and Hawkwood College, it provides weekly veg boxes for over 200 members in the local Stroud area. Having been successfully running for over 12 years, members of Stroud Community Agriculture decided last year to launch a new project: a starter farm, where entrant growers could learn to run their own agricultural business within a supportive environment.

Funding was secured, a three acre site just below Hawkwood rented from the Biodynamic Land Trust, and since the spring, SCA's first starter farmers Clare Whitney & Sylvie Planel have been busy cultivating the land and growing vegetables.

Sylvie explains: "Working in collaboration with SCA has given me the support I needed to run my own business. We have a guaranteed market for our produce and, if we have a problem or need advice, we can speak to the farmers at SCA. Without this help, I wouldn't have had the confidence to become a vegetable grower."

The produce from the starter farm goes directly to SCA to complement the veg shares. With a successful season of growing at the starter farm, SCA is now looking for new members! To join or for more information, visit our website: <http://www.stroudcommunityagriculture.org/projects/starter-farm/>

Paul & Clare Sheridan

The Nutcracker at Christmas

Join young Clara as she is swept away into an enchanting winter wonderland of dancing snowflakes and a Sugar Plum Fairy. Her magical Christmas tree and her handsome prince with his army of toy soldiers are an unforgettable delight. In this most festive ballet, gigantic sets, lavish costumes, 60 dancers and a full orchestra combine to make the perfect Christmas treat for the entire family.

Sponsored by the Painswick Theatre Club, everyone is invited to join the trip to see a matinee performance at the Birmingham Hippodrome on Tuesday 13th December. The coach will leave from Stamages Lane car park to be at the theatre in time for lunch before the performance. Cost is £47 but the trip can only go ahead if sufficient tickets are sold before Tuesday 25th October. Contact me on 01452 812575 for further details.

Judith Munro

Community Lunches

Welcome to this session's lunches every Monday from October 3rd for 10 weeks before Christmas (& 10 weeks in the new year). For £3.00 you get home-made soup, fresh bread, butter & cheese – and good company! – at Ashwell Centre, off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way.

We do hope people of ALL AGES will come to support the lunches, as each week's different hosts (all local groups/ societies) work so hard to provide them. Note especially on October 17th when Year 6 at Croft School will be the hosts!

Rita Bishop (Coordinator) & David Linsell (Treasurer)

Jottings

When cameras came to the farm some five years ago, installed by Defra to watch what badgers did around the buildings, we were told that we had four mother sets – that is, sets with more than three holes. Today we have seven, plus two just outside our farm boundary. If this number grows much more we will have more badgers than there is food for them. A drought or a very hard winter will leave them short and they will be after our animal and bird food and digging up our gardens for food. With more animals closer together, disease may sweep through.

Researchers from Imperial College, London, working with the Zoological Society of London, have done a two year study. Over four hundred cattle and one hundred badgers were fitted with collars and monitored every twenty minutes. The researchers found that, although there were thousands of opportunities to meet, the badgers did not come within two metres of the cattle. Badgers avoid cows but love being on cattle pasture. This is because they live mostly on the earthworms and small bugs which are present. So the researchers concluded that transmission of bovine TB is through the environment, not direct contact.

Badgers excrete bTB infection in faeces, urine and it can be in their saliva; so if they are snuffling around in pasture, they could contaminate the pasture. Cattle also excrete TB in their dribble, dung and even whilst breathing. So they could also contaminate pasture. Problems may be cattle and badgers drinking from the same water troughs, badger latrines and animal feed troughs.

Martin Slinger.

(Martin's Jottings on badgers will continue next month)



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The first clinic on Saturday 1st October is fully booked. However there are appointments available on both Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th October from 8:30 to 12:30. Please ring the surgery to make an appointment. Patients who have registered for Patient Access will be able to make appointments online. Please only make an appointment if you know you are eligible for the vaccination.

Samples

If a GP has asked you to bring a sample to the surgery, please could the sample arrive at the surgery no later than 11:30am.

Paternity leave

Dr Matthew Heywood is currently on Paternity leave.

Extended hours

For patients who have difficulty attending the surgery during normal hours, we offer both GP and nurse appointments every Monday from 7:00am until 8:00am.

Reminder on Patient Access

Patient Access is a new system that enables patients to order their repeat medication, book appointments and view aspects of their medical records online. Over the next year, Patient Access will be replacing the old online system that we have been using for the past few years. There will no longer be any need for patients to type in their medication – as soon as a patient is registered, they will see all their current repeat medication, and just have to tick the items required. A number of future appointments will also be available for booking online. Appointments can also be cancelled through this system. All patients over 16 years old can register. To do so, each patient must come in person to the surgery with two forms of ID, one of which must be photographic. You will have to fill out a form and then your registration details will be prepared for collection from the surgery within the next 48 hours. We would encourage all patients to register for this service. It really is good!

Michael Mack-Smith

Inspired – a worthwhile cause

A few months ago Wendy Davis heard the news that her brother Andy, aged 60, had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. The oldest of six siblings and also grandfather of eight, Andy underwent extensive chemotherapy and then decided to do something himself to help others in the same situation. He would raise money for Prostate Cancer UK.

Wendy is the youngest of those six siblings and she decided to join him in his fund-raising efforts. To this end they decided to walk the Yorkshire Three Peaks – a challenge indeed. This gruelling 24-mile trek defeats many who try it and Andy and Wendy, together with another brother and sister and some friends aimed at completing it in 12 hours. Not well-seasoned hill walkers and mountain climbers, most of them managed to complete in 13 hours – a stunning achievement.

‘He inspired me to do it,’ says Wendy of her brother. ‘He was so determined.’ In the light of what he had been through just weeks before, she sees this determination as a true inspiration. His aim had been to raise £500 but already he has exceeded that by at least four times.



Wendy is an accountant who lives in Painswick and has two children both at university. She points out that until this all happened she, like so many people, was really not aware of the importance of being checked for early diagnosis of this common male condition. She is now very keen to try to raise awareness of the need for regular check-ups in the same way that women attend for breast cancer checks. It is a new experience for her but the situation has made her realise that the condition is woefully under-publicised.

Undeterred, Andy is already planning to tackle Ben Nevis next year to continue to raise money for this very worthwhile cause. And, also undeterred by a few blisters acquired on the Three Peaks, Wendy intends to do Ben Nevis with him. She is determined to raise awareness. Sponsorship would be very welcome. Wendy can be contacted by email at wendy@accountrix.co.uk.

Carol Maxwell


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Do you recognise this sign?

The road sign pictured here was recently found abandoned in Worcestershire, presumably after a night of drunken revelry. It has been safely returned to Painswick Parish Council.

The only difficulty is that no-one can remember where it came from. Does anyone know of an appropriate pole that's missing its sign?

December Issue Seasonal Cover Picture

It has been the Beacon's policy for many years to print a painting or photograph on the cover page of the December issue in full colour.

We invite readers to forward their picture for possible inclusion to the Beacon address, beacon@painswick.net.

The picture should, ideally, be seasonal with a Painswick setting and be able to be scanned within A4 size and be of high quality definition. Originals will be returned. The closing date for receipt of contributions is Saturday 12th November.

DASH Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless

It is now several years since we started collecting food for the homeless and disadvantaged in Stroud and it has been very moving to see how generously people have responded. With the deterioration of the economic situation, the need has steadily increased and last year the Stroud Food Bank handed out packs of emergency food to last 3 days to more than 4,000 people or families.

In order to help ensure a steady supply of items, most major supermarkets now have a box for donations to the Food Bank near their checkouts - in Stroud, Waitrose, Sainsbury's and Tesco's all do - and for many people that is an easier way than bringing the food home and then remembering to take it to the collecting boxes at the back of Painswick and Cranham churches or to Murrays Estate Agency. Unsurprisingly we have noticed a marked drop in the amount given in this way. We shall leave the boxes in situ for those who find this easiest - and may from time to time (e.g. at Christmas) make an appeal for specific items but otherwise suggest that you take advantage of the supermarket boxes when doing your weekly shop. As a guideline for what is most needed, the Food Bank is currently asking for donations of tinned fruit, 1 litre cartons of UHT milk, sugar, jam and small jars of instant coffee.

The small change collection will continue - it is a much appreciated source of cash for Marah, the charity in Stroud that we work through (and which is itself affiliated to the Food Bank). Alison Robinson (812 286) and Frances Watson (812 071) are always delighted to receive any contributions, small or large.

Alison Robinson

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A New Winter Season



The cattle have been grazing paddock 2 for a month, at time of writing, and the results are highly visible. In due course they will be moved to one of the paddocks on the other side of the Beacon to continue the good work.

I recently bought a scythe and during the summer have learned how to use and sharpen it. It's old technology but is a very efficient way of cutting back invasive weeds and mowing long grass that can't be grazed. Mowing wild flower meadows is a vital part of their continuity; removing the hay helps reduce the soils fertility, lower sward height helps the seeds germinate and vigorous grass growth helps suppress invasive weeds. If we had a small team of scythers much could be achieved during the growing season. To that end I'm willing to pass on what I've learned, FREE, to anyone who fancies a go. Just give me a ring on 07971 633 242.

The first work party was small, probably because of the awful weather?! But two huge bonfires made short work of brash cut earlier in the year and the logs have been stacked by the bridleway to be carried off by anyone who fancies some fire wood. The next work parties are on Oct 8th & 22nd at 9.00am. Please phone 07971 633 242 or 07780 782804 for details of where to meet. There is much to do. PLEASE COME AND HELP.

Finally don't forget the Natural England talk at the AGM. 7.30 in the Church Rooms on Nov 10th.

Paul Baxter

Autumn News



The story last month was of recommencing bird migration but now it is to contemplate the excitements and challenges of the new

year's programme.

We start in communion with the Music Appreciation Group on October 13th at 7.30pm in the Town Hall when we will undoubtedly be enthralled again when listening to Gordon Kirk's birdsong recordings in the context of the glories of much classical and other music.

Michael Leach returns for a joint meeting with the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club in the Painswick Centre on November 2nd at 2.30pm on "The Natural History of Christmas" (see separate article).

The Slimbridge Field trip on December 6th at 11.00am is to delight in all those arriving winter migrants. We look forward to welcoming back all our members and the many visitors who fly in to pursue this year's bird club extravaganza!

Martin and Wendy Addy

PROPERTY REPORT for September from Hamptons International

Two months after the vote to leave the EU, the UK is still in flux – Brexit may mean Brexit, but that could still mean a number of things. The UK could sail through with just a minor interruption to the pace of growth or things could be messy with fractious trade negotiations and a more severe downturn. As is often the case, the reality is likely to be somewhere in between. It is clear that the situation is vastly different from 2008/9 where the lack of availability of finance was a major problem for households and businesses. Today, the picture for the UK housing market is still difficult to unpick, but the pre-emptive measures by the Bank of England and a notable improvement in sentiment after the initial shock of the vote to leave the EU are encouraging. There are still many risks, but the horizon is brighter than it was on June 24th.


We have two very important dates for your diary coming up. Firstly, we are excited to announce that Hamptons will be hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research UK on Saturday 1st October in the Painswick Centre between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Cancer is a disease that touches all of our lives and many of us will benefit directly from the valuable research funded by CRUK. The Charity receives no government funding and relies on donations raised by events such as this for its income. Hamptons are committed to supporting this cause and have raised over £26,000 so far this year. We are selling raffle tickets in our office prior to the event and on the day to win some fantastic prizes, there will be a children's book reading by a local author, a "Bake a Cake for Cancer" competition with the cakes being sold off to raise further

funds and many other side shows. Please bring the family along for a slice of cake and a drink and help us to raise as much as we can for this amazing charity.

The second date is Saturday 8th October when Hamptons will be making the most of our 33 London branches by offering to take your property right to the doorsteps of active buyers in the Capital as part of The Roadshow. The event will involve bespoke displays of properties and a focus on all that is best about life outside of the M25. To ensure your property is showcased at this exclusive event, contact us today – the deadline for inclusion is 1st October. 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: Washwell Cottage, Ebworth House, Rosemullion, Coombe House and Six Acres in Painswick; Hazel Hanger in Sheepscombe; Upper Wells Barns and 2 Maitlands in Brookthorpe; Tansley in Pitchcombe; Highcroft in Edge; and Peace Cottage in Great Witcombe. Properties that have now sold include 2 St Marys Mead and 2 Hillview Cottages in Painswick, Willingdon and Gretel Cottage in Upton St Leonards, Detcombe House and The Lodge (formerly known as Windyridge) in Sheepscombe, 16 Chervil Close in Gloucester and Rose Cottage in Pitchcombe.

Guy Tabony, Branch Manager



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OCTOBER

Sun	2	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	3	Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Community Lunch: Hosts - Country Market (Off Churchill Way)	Library Town Hall Ashwell Centre	10.00am to 12.00noon 10.30am and 2.00pm 12.00 to 1.15pm
		Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Church Rooms	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	4	Probus Outing to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard: £44 Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Make & Cake Group	Stamages Car park Church Rooms Youth & Community Pavilion	8.30am 9.30am 10.00am to 12 noon
		Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Ashwell House	10.00am 2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	5	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 Table Tennis - Wednesdays	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am Afternoons
Thu	6	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms	7.00 to 9.00pm 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market: Every Friday: Coffee Available	Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
Sat	8	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - all welcome: tools provided. Location check tel: 520524 Painswick Music Society AGM & Social Evening - Recital by Louis Morford (violin) & Laurence Kilsby (tenor)	Painswick Beacon Church Rooms	9.00am to 12noon 7.00pm
Sun	9	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Harvest Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	10	Community Lunch: Hosts - St. Mary's Church (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	12	Holy Communion Gardening Club - Subscriptions (6.30pm) & Talk: The Shaded Garden - Duncan Coombes	St. Mary's Church Church Rooms	12.00 noon 7.30pm
Thu	13	Messy Church Joint meeting - Bird Club & Music Appreciation Group - Music & Birdsong	Church Rooms Town Hall	3.30 to 5.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	14	Friday Club: Call My Bluff - Mike Around the World in Eighty Plates: 14th stop: Hungary: 2 courses £13 per head. To book Tel: 01452 812180 On Fire: Music, Prayer, Praise, Participation & Pizza	Town Hall Painswick Golf club Church Rooms	2.30pm From 7.00pm 7.00 to 8.30pm
Sat	15	Conservative Finger Buffet	The Park	6.00 to 8.00pm
Sun	16	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am




Mon	17	Community Lunch: Hosts - Croft Primary School (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	18	Local History Society	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	19	Probus: Around the World in 80 Images - Peter Berry	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Evening Prayer	St Mary's Church	6.00pm
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	22	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - all welcome: tools provided. Location check tel: 520524	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon
		Conservative Knitwear Sale	Town Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
Sun	23	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Benefice Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	24	Copy Date for November Beacon Community Lunch: Hosts - Our Lady & St Therese Church (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	25	Boden Shopping Party for Red Cross	Hambutts Orchard	11.00 am to 7.00 pm
		Yew Trees W.I.: High Street Histories - Philip Wilkinson (Open Meeting)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	26	Theatre Club trip - Malvern: Relatively Speaking - Alan Ayckbourn; Enq. 812575	Stamages Car park	
Thu	27	Music Appreciation Group: Gilbert & Sullivan	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	28	Friday Club: AGM (1.45pm) & Talk - Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Elaine Clarkson	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	30	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	8.00am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	31	Community Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Group (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	2	Probus: Louise Emerson CEO, Cheltenham Festival	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Joint meeting - Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club & Bird Club:	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
		The Natural History of Christmas - Dr Michael Leach: Enq. 812951		
Sat	5	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	7	Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	9	Gardening Club: Artists' Gardens - Bill Laws	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	10	Music Appreciation Group: Robert Schumann	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	11	Friday Club Outing to Cadburys World		
Sat	12	Sue Ryder Fair: Mince Pies, Stalls, Tombola	Town Hall	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	14	Community Lunch: Hosts - Wednesday Ashwell Group (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.16/1562/FUL BEACON HEIGHTS, Cheltenham Road
Replacement dwelling. Resubmission of previously approved application S.14/0290/FUL. Amendment to access arrangements and garage.

S.16/1682/FUL LANDATEDGEHILL BUNGALOW, The Green, Edge Lane
Erection of a covered yard for livestock.

S.16/1709/TCA MOUNT PLEASANT, Vicarage Street
T1 Large Mature Conifer – Fell.

S.16/1764/HHOLD 3 WHITE HORSE LANE
Construction of hardstanding for one vehicle. Erection of front entrance porch.

S.16/1329/LBC PAINSWICK MILL Ticklestone Lane
Replacement external door to main entrance hall.

S.16/1849/FUL PAINSWICK ROCOCO GARDEN
To erect a wooden shed within the garden to be used for storing tools and equipment.

S.16/1723/HHOLD MOP TREE COTTAGE, CLATTERGROVE
Part two storey, part single storey side extension to dwelling and insertion of roof lights to side elevations to facilitate loft conversion. Raise ridge height of garage to facilitate conversion to office.

S.16/1329/LBC PAINSWICK MILL, Ticklestone Lane
Replacement external door to main entrance hall.

S.16/1911/TCA THE ROWANS, Sheepscombe
Conifers (x6) – Fell all due to decay/disease. Silver Birch (x2) – 30m in height, shape and reduce by 6m (20%).

S.16/1920/TCA THE LITTLE FLEECE, Bisley Street
2 x Leylandii – fell to ground level due to becoming too large, excessive shading and low conservation value.

S.16/1936/TCA VALLEY WAY, Vicarage Street
Eucalyptus – Fell.

S.16/1923/VAR PAINSWICK LIBRARY, Stroud Road
Variation of condition 6 on planning application S.12/1633/FUL. Window can be opened for ventilation, but controlled with a restrictor stay to maintain privacy.

S.16/2001/HHOLD ROSE COTTAGE, Catswood Lane
Construction of a first-floor extension.

CONSENT

S.16/1189/HHOLD COTSWOLD BUNGALOW, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge
Single storey extension and alterations to garden/garage store.

barn conversion S.14/0711/FUL
S.16/1200/HHOLD THE BARN, Painswick
Two Storey extension, new roof coverings with roof lights, chimney removal and internal alteration.

S.16/1201/LBC THE BARN, Painswick
Internal and external alterations.

S.16/1335/HHOLD BARLEY MOW, Slad Road
Two storey side extension, front porch & creation of new access steps.

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.16/0144/LBC FIERY BEACON, New Street
Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey extension to rear and internal alterations.

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

S.16/1227/HHOLD HILLVIEW, Vicarage Street
Removal of existing kitchen and bathroom and replace it with an extension.

S.16/1226/LBC HILLVIEW, Vicarage Street
Internal and external alterations.

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.16/1374/HHOLD BEECHWOOD COTTAGE, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe
Extension and porch to existing dwelling.

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.16/1491/FUL COMMUNICATION STATION (T-Mobile 68616) Painswick Golf Club
The removal of the existing 14.7 metre high tower, the installation of a 15 metre high Phase 5 monopole and Samo cabinet, measuring 750 x 600 x 1980mm, located within the existing compound, and associated development.

S.16/1551/HHOLD CORINIUM HOUSE, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge
Erection of two storey linked garage (Retrospective) (Resubmission of

previously approved scheme S.15/0867/FUL).

S.16/1546/LBC THE RIFLEMANS, Slad Lane
Interior alterations. Replacement of front door and exterior gutters and downpipes.

S.16/1592/HHOLD 2 CLATTERGROVE
Rear dormer extension.

S.16/1604/HHOLD ABBEYWOOD COTTAGE, Slad Lane
Reinstall balustrade to make accessible flat roof of existing rear extension safe to use as a terrace.

S.16/1594/TEL COMMUNICATIONS STATION (Orange GLO7038) At Skinners Mill Farm, Stepping Stone Lane
Proposed telecommunications installation upgrade and associated works.

S.16/1716/HHOLD DIALHOUSE, Sheepscombe
Erection of a Porch (resubmission of S.16/1053/HHOLD).

S.16/1688/HHOLD THE OLD MILL HOUSE, Edge Road
Demolish two storey 1970s extension to the front (north) elevation and restore the original façade. Create raised terrace at rear. Insert three conservation roof lights in the south facing rear elevation.

S.16/1709/TCA MOUNT PLEASANT, Vicarage Street
T1 Large Mature Conifer – Fell.

REFUSED

S.16/0465/VAR BARN at Slad
Amend conditions 7 & 8 to S.10/0979/COU

WITHDRAWN

S.16/1682/FUL LANDATEDGEHILL BUNGALOW, The Green, Edge Lane
Erection of a covered yard for livestock.



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The Personal Column

Congratulations

To MICHAEL AND JO WELLS from South Croydon, Victoria, Australia on the birth of a second son, Jude Richard Thomas Wells on September 2nd. A brother for Leo and a fourth grandchild for Joan Warner of Stamages Lane.

To DAVID LANSDOWNE and HANNAH MEARNS from Cedar House, Stamages Lane who were married on September 3rd at St Mary's Church, Painswick followed by a reception and dance at The Painswick.



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To the family and friends of MALCOLM ERNEST GORDON MONK, formerly of Lower Washwell Lane, Painswick who passed away peacefully at the age of 83 on September 11th. Malcolm is survived by his wife, Patricia Witchell Monk, his three children and his sister Beverley Gorton of Pitchcombe. Malcolm attended Marling School where he first played rugby. He went on to play for the Gloucester team. After leaving school he was apprenticed to the Gloucester Aircraft Company. He and his wife emigrated to Montreal, Canada in 1957 where they raised 3 children. They subsequently lived in Rochester, New York and Sharon, Massachusetts. Malcolm will be remembered for the love of his vegetable garden, cooking and his gentle spirit. Memorial donations may be made to the Painswick Rugby Club at the following site <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/MalcolmMonk>.

For everyone's information

Steve Jordan at WICK STREET SECURITY writes: 'As some of you may know, I am recovering from a stroke which I suffered in 2015 and due to on-going health issues I can no longer offer a locksmith service. As such Wick Street Security is no longer trading but I am happy to provide telephone advice and support to past customers: mobile number 07976 841113. A local lock service I am happy to recommend is Alan Clayton at Alpha Locksmiths in Stroud 01453 569288, mob: 079763 382175.'

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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