

The Painswick Beacon

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Parish Council moves on traffic

In the May issue of the Beacon we reported the outcome of the traffic calming survey which had shown that there was not a sufficiently clear weight of resident opinion to meet the County Council's criteria for the Parish Council to proceed with physical traffic calming. However the Parish Council is in discussion with the County Council about possible measures along the A46 between the traffic lights and the Old Fire Station.

At the recent Parish Council meeting Cllr Abigail Smith, Chairman of the Traffic Committee, said that the Council had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Martin Surl, requesting greater police presence, including speed enforcement in Painswick. Replying to the letter, Mr David Hawker from the Criminal Justice Department of the Gloucestershire Constabulary had written to the Parish Council to advise that the Constabulary had recently agreed to the recruitment of two additional mobile camera officers who would be tasked to look at enforcement in sites of community concern. The PCC had also agreed to fund the equipment for them to use and the equipment was already on order.

Mr Hawker went on to report that the officers were now trained and had begun their engagement with communities in the county. Because of the Parish Council's concerns he stated that he would add Painswick to the list of community concern sites and arrange for officers to visit the Parish Council shortly. He said that this was an exciting initiative for the Constabulary and very new, so tasking and coordination of the resource would evolve over time. It was the intention to feedback to the communities through local neighbourhood policing teams to let them know what was being done and when they would be doing it.



Painswick's alternative traffic calming method



The Patchwork Mouse - back very soon

... and certainly this month. Alistair Spiers and his fiancée, Gemma Marks, with dog Poppy have now moved in and are preparing to re-open the Mouse. There will of course be a few changes as they will want to give it a character in line with their own ideas, but essentially it will serve teas, coffees and cakes (all locally sourced), and specials for children and dogs.

Alistair and Gemma come to Painswick with a range of experience which more than equips them to run the Mouse. Alistair has worked in corporate hospitality for Wembley Stadium, Tottenham Hotspurs, PSG Paris and the Americas Cup in Bermuda; Gemma's work in media and events has been for London Fashion Week, Associated Newspapers, Coca Cola for the London Olympics and currently for ITV. This combined experience has given them a passion for organising hospitality really well and they are also keen to move to this area permanently. So, for them, running the Mouse in Painswick is definitely the ideal – 'an absolute dream'.

Carol Maxwell

Left: Gemma, Poppy and Alistair

Croft School Summer Fair - Save the Date

Saturday 14th July 12 - 3 pm, Croft School field. The whole village is invited to come along to join the fun and raise vital funds for the school. Traditional fair stalls, plus plants, hot food, cakes, ice cream and licenced bar. More details next month.

25 Years on the Beacon

To mark 25 years of voluntary work of conservation on the Beacon there will be a celebration walk on Sunday 24th June at 2pm from the golf club car park. See page 12 for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on May 9th 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 and on-line at the Parish Council's web site.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Public Questions

As there were no members of the public present Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis opened the Meeting and then moved swiftly on to the Agenda.

Declaration of interest

Cllr Abigail Smith declared an interest in Planning Application S. 18/0754/HHOLD PERIVALE, Stamages Lane.

Apologies for absence

Clerk, Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that Cllrs Ed Crownshaw, James Cross, Ian James, Steve Morris, Rosie Nash had sent their apologies.

Matters requiring a decision

There were seven matters requiring a decision. Cllr Abigail Smith left the Meeting prior to any discussions on the first Planning Application, PERIVALE and returned once a decision had been reached by the Council.

- S.18/0754/HHOLD PERIVALE, Stamages Lane. Internal alterations. Replacement single storey rear extension and single storey side extension to replace existing shed. Unanimous Support.
- S.18/08280/HHOLD Hinchley, The Highlands. Outbuilding comprising garage and carport and including excavation of banking and extension of retaining wall. After a discussion regarding the height of the proposed garage there was unanimous support for the Application.
- S.18/0690/FUL HAMMONDS FARM, Wick Street. Conversion of agricultural buildings into holiday lets. amenity building (tourism), agricultural workers accommodation, 20 stables and covered building for Alpacas. Cllrs Rob Lewis and Martin Slinger had visited the site and explained to the Meeting the work that was planned to be undertaken to bring an old dilapidated farm building back into use. They described the Application as an "Ambitious Project". After a discussion there was unanimous support for the Application.

- S.18/0915/FUL MAGPIE HOUSE, Lower Washwell Lane. Two storey side extension and first floor extensions (Revisions to S.16/258/HHOLD) The Council had supported the previous Application. The revisions related to raising the height of the eaves and drainpipe. These revisions had been requested by a Structural Engineer. Unanimous support.
- S.18/0913/HHOLD KNAPP FARM, The Vatch, Slad. Extension to garage. Unanimous support, subject to comments from the Ward Councillor.
- S.18/0905/HHOLD BEARS DEN, Cheltenham Road. New Porch area to first floor, pitch to dormer windows, widening of bay window area. Unanimous Support.
- S.18/0872/HHOLD LITTLE PLACE, Hollyhock Lane. Single storey side extension. Unanimous Support.

PARISH COUNCIL

As this was the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, the opening of the Meeting was Chaired by the Clerk. The first item on the Agenda was the Election of the Chairman of the Council.

Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Rob Lewis nominated Cllr Martin Slinger. This was seconded by Cllr Abigail Smith. There was a unanimous vote to elect Cllr Martin Slinger as Chairman. Cllr Martin Slinger then took over the Chair and asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Rob Lewis nominated Cllr Ann Daniels. This was seconded by Cllr Abigail Smith. There was a unanimous vote to elect Cllr Ann Daniels as Vice Chairman.

Apologies for absence

Clerk Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that Cllrs Ed Crownshaw, James Cross, Ian James, Steve Morris and Rosie Nash had sent their apologies.

Committee Representation

The following were elected as Chairman of various Committees:

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

Various Cllrs were allotted to serve on the Committees. Full details can be found on the Parish Council web site.

Nominations on other Bodies

Various Cllrs were allotted to serve on or represent the Council as either a member or Trustee of several local organisations/charities. Full details can be found on the Parish Council web site.

County Councillor's report

County Cllr Keith Rippington was not present: a written report had not been received.

District Councillors' reports

None of the District Councillors were present nor had a report been received.

To consider a draft letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Cllr Abigail Smith, Chair of the Traffic Committee, presented the Meeting with a draft letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Martin Surl, requesting greater police presence, including speed enforcement, in Painswick. This was in response to many comments received during the recent Traffic Calming Consultation and general concern about decreasing police presence over the last few years. This hopes to capitalise on his recent statement regarding additional resources available for Neighbourhood Policing.

In conjunction with sending this letter Cllr Abigail Smith has been working with John Sidwell to engage with our local MP,

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David Drew, to gain his support on this matter. A Meeting had been held and a briefing note provided outlining a series of questions they would like raised with both Martin Surl and the Police Chief Inspector.

Responsible Financial Officer report

The Council agreed payments in accordance with the report circulated by the Clerk.

Ward Reports

Cllr Ann Daniels reported that the drains in

Pullens Road have still not been cleaned nor had the pavements been swept. The Clerk will investigate.

Cllr Roey Parker requested an update on the works to repair the longstanding leak from a spring on the road near the Village Hall. Although the pot hole had been "patched" on several occasions a permanent solution was required. The Chair of the Traffic Committee, Cllr Abigail Smith, confirmed that she would seek clarification on the current position from the Counties Highways Dept.

To receive reports from representatives on other bodies

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger reported on a recent Meeting held with PSALMS. Several interesting points had been raised. Also that a life size "Tommy" had now been erected in the Memorial Ground, the funding for the figure was kindly donated by a local resident who wished to remain anonymous.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Parish Council Annual Report

An extremely busy year for the Parish Council, it is celebrating; as we have been recognised as a top Council after being awarded the Local Government Quality Gold Accreditation (one of only 35 out of over 10,000 Town and Parish Councils in England). The Panel were highly impressed with the community involvement and this award is a recognition of the community's achievements. Our Tourist Information Centre won an award from the Association of Industrial Archaeology for the best re-creative use of an industrial building for their home in the Grave Diggers Hut.

Our first apprentice has successfully passed her NVQ2 in Horticulture and has left a legacy in her design of the Town Hall gardens, we are now in the process of giving another youngster, Lucas Edney the opportunity to undergo this training. We are carrying out lots of improvements to our lovely cemetery, which has seen us being able to re-erect several of the tombstones and we are carrying out some landscaping.

Play Painswick is raising funds for new play equipment and there have been several successful fun events, including Picnics in the Park and an Arty Party held by St Michael's Bistro with an auction from our local artists. We have a new Toddler Group in the village, meeting on Friday mornings in the Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion which is proving very successful, our thanks go to the volunteers that run the group.

The Council are working with the Cotswold Conservation Board and I can confirm that a successful bid for some European Funding to promote Painswick and the Cotswold Way as a Tourist Destination has been approved. The funding will allow us to 'create' new walks and produce new notice boards and leaflets. We are extremely fortunate that we have an army of volunteer Footpath Inspectors and the Cotswold Wardens have installed

several new kissing gates – ensuring good access to our beautiful countryside, they have also carried out some much needed scrub clearance on "Jacks Green", Sheepscombe.

The Community Post Office is an important asset, but we ask our residents to support this vital facility throughout the year and our sincere thanks to our Post Master for this excellent service.

A recent anonymous donation has allowed the purchase of a "Tommy" who stands proudly on the Memorial Ground; we have also planted some poppies around the War Memorial and they should start to blossom very soon.

We have recently carried out a Traffic Survey to gauge the communities feelings in regards to the installation of a traffic calming scheme, the results were very close with 52% in favour and 48% against. Given the close vote, the Council have agreed not to pursue a full traffic calming scheme at this stage. However, the Council is engaging with its MP and the Police & Crime Commissioner to ensure that speed checks and enforcement action are carried out throughout the parish.

I can report that the Council is working with Sealed Knot, who organise military re-enactments and it is hoped to run a large event in Painswick in 2019.

The Council have adopted the accounts for the year which are available for public scrutiny in the Parish Office. Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Council Members, the Council Clerks and Handyman and all of the Community Volunteers that do so much to make Painswick such a wonderful Parish.

Martin Slinger, Chairman



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Heath Quartet thrill Painswick audience

Painswick Music Society's third concert featured the Heath Quartet comprising Oliver Heath (violin), Sarah Wolstenholme (violin), Gary Pomeroy (viola) and Chris Murray (cello) with Mary Bevan (soprano), all winners of the Royal Philharmonic Society's Young Artist Awards. It was the Quartet's first visit to Painswick and their fresh and vibrant playing was a delight.

Their programme started with Haydn's Quartet in D major Op71 No2. A slow introduction is followed by octave leaps for all four players in turn that return at the end of the 3rd movement which was approached with a lightness of touch and energy. Then came Quartet no 5 by Jorg Widmann, the contemporary German composer, who draws on the traditions of quartet writing by composers such as Mozart, revealing the vitality of the older music. Oliver Heath introduced the work, named Attempt at a Fugue, which greatly increased the audience's appreciation. There was an unusual diversity of sound, including short jagged phrases, longer more melodic phrases, and differing use of the bows which contrasted with Mary Bevan's wonderful legato singing.

After the interval we heard Quartet No 1 in D major Op11 by Tchaikovsky which was full of lovely melodies played with sensitivity and commitment. The famous second movement, Andante cantabile, was played at a restrained tempo that increased its effect. The first theme of the Finale was played with great energy followed by the slower second theme in which there was perfect clarity in the pianissimo section. This brought a wonderful afternoon's music to a close.



Sue Pack

A glittering close to the season

This year, Vienna, Glyndebourne, Covent Garden and the New York Met have all enjoyed the soaring power and gentle playfulness of one of the greatest singers of our time, Dame Sarah Connolly. And now, to round off the concert season, Painswick was privileged to enjoy both a feast of English song and the world premiere of music by composer Sally Beamish who was there in person to hear her setting of four Laurie Lee poems which follow the turn of the seasons, Day of these Days, commissioned by Painswick Music Society in memory of Pamela Stewart, who left the society a most generous bequest.

Dame Sarah, in a kimono of vibrant, swirling colours (Vivienne Westwood?) held the audience entranced by that voice which ranges from steely glitter to velvet softness, the diction never less than perfect. Her pianist, Joseph Middleton, is a master of the art of song accompaniment and reflected the mood and soul of each song with wonderful dexterity and sensitivity. I should also congratulate the compiler of the programme - full details of the performers, the composers including Sally Beamish and her personal connection with Laurie Lee via her mother, and the complete texts of all the songs. Dame Sarah, our most eminent mezzo soprano whose enthusiastic, warm and friendly personality shines out through her art, brought our 2018 season of concerts to a glittering and memorable close.

David Homer

Edge Open Gardens

Sunday 10th June 12 noon to 5pm. This year there will be 6 gardens taking part in the Edge Open Gardens and all the gardens can be reached by foot following a circular walk of approximately 1 to 1.5 miles. Tickets cost £6 and can be purchased on the day from either Edge Village Hall or Edge Church. Limited parking is available on Edge Lane, outside the Church and on the side roads. Cream teas and a delicious assortment of cakes will be for sale in both the Village Hall and the Church. Please come and join us if you can.

Carole Hargroves

George Formby

Mavis Mandel has written to the Beacon concerning the Probus talk given by Matthew Sproston entitled "The life and songs of George Formby". She writes "Just a note correcting details in the talk which was reported in the March issue. I was a friend of his mother and I understood from her that George died at the home of his fiancée in 1961. He was indeed buried at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church off Aigburth Road in Toxteth, Liverpool, and I can say there were less than 50 people mourning, including myself.

When George's wife Beryl died, he "inherited" all his own fortune. Beryl managed all the finances, was very frugal, and kept George from "squandering" (her words). 5 months after her death, George became engaged to a School Teacher and apparently made a valid will making her sole beneficiary. His mother, and George's brother and sister, challenged the will and Mrs Booth claimed the body as his next of kin. There were indeed 100,000 people lining the streets in Wigan, but whether his body was actually sent there I really can't understand as he'd already been buried in Liverpool. As a footnote, the Booth family left their spacious flat in Belvidere Road, Toxteth and brought a smaller property. Before leaving, Mrs Booth gave me an inlaid mahogany and glass display case, which I still have".

Quirky map of Painswick

Anthony Churchill has designed a quirky map of Painswick which is currently on show in the Town Hall. He has had prints made for residents and is in the process of having post cards made with profits being donated to the Parish Council. The post cards will also be sold at the Tourist Information Centre.

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Tommy

Beacon readers will probably have seen the life-size silhouette of a British soldier, pictured alongside, which has been erected on Frederick Gyde Trust land close to the War Memorial. The silhouettes are being installed across the nation in preparation for the centenary of the ending of the First World War on November the Eleventh. Tommy is a symbol of remembrance created by the charity "Remembered" as part of their project "There But Not There". The aims of the project are simple:

- To Commemorate the fallen. Highlighting the sacrifices made by so many through silhouette installations around the country.
- To Educate all generations, particularly today's younger generation, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 people from Britain and The Commonwealth.
- To help Heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder and other lasting legacies of combat, by raising funds for our six benefitting charities. The income from the sale of the Tommy silhouettes will go to those charities.

The Parish Council is most grateful to the parishioner who donated the silhouette.

Roy Balgobin



Women's Probus

Our speaker, Mr Peter Petri, gave us a very thought provoking talk entitled "A whisper of eternity". It was the life story of Edith Cavell, a Nursing Matron who was shot by the Germans in Brussels on Oct 12th 1915. It was a relatively small event which had a huge impact on World War 1.

Her life began in The Rectory at Swardeston, a village in Norfolk, in 1865. Her father was the rector and she had 2 sisters and a brother. She received a good education at Norwich High School for girls. She had a flair for languages and became fluent in French. She took a post as governess to a family in Brussels in 1890. She then went to the London Hospital and trained as a nurse, progressing through to Night Supt at Pancreas Hospital. Through her contacts as a governess she met a young surgeon named Antoine Depage, who was very concerned at the lack of training of nurses in antiseptic procedures in Brussels. He asked Edith to go to Brussels to start a training school. She was matron of three hospitals when Germany invaded Belgium.



Many allied soldiers were stranded in Europe and escape routes passed through Brussels. Edith Cavell got involved and helped by running a safe house for the soldiers, but a collaborator set a trap and revealed the names of the 30 people involved, one of which was Edith. She was imprisoned for 8 weeks, during which time she wrote letters to friends and family, some of which have survived. She was court martialled on 11th October, the trial was conducted in German, a language she didn't speak, and was sentenced to death by firing squad. She was allowed a visit from an English priest. At 5a.m. she was shot. Her death had a profound effect on the war, in that it evoked a wave of patriotism and conscription increased dramatically. After the war her body was returned to London where there was a state funeral in her honour. She was due to be buried in Westminster Abbey, but her family insisted she was buried in Norwich, in the grounds of the cathedral.

Our June talk on Monday June 11th is "Post Boxes" given by Trevor Radway. All members and visitors are welcome.

Sarah Taylor

Probus Club

On 25th April Sandra Ashenford delighted her audience of both ladies' and gentlemen's Probus Clubs with her interactive talk about forgotten objects of yesteryear. Her talk was followed by the customary buffet lunch arranged by Paul Sparks.

On 9th May, David Lemon returned to share his passion and knowledge of Africa, and in particular the Zambezi River, and the building of the dam at Kariba during the period of 1951 – 1958. At first engineers could not find a practical route, which would require many bridges and tunnels through the inhospitable terrain, for the road which was essential for getting materials and labour to Kariba. Then it was noticed that elephants had formed an ancient track along the ridges - a natural solution!

Tenders were invited in 1955 to divert the river, and to build the dam, turbine hall, and accommodation for the 10,000 labourers who would ultimately be employed for 4 years.

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A Truly Local Performance

Chris Hall and Robert Burgess first got together last autumn in order to combine their indisputable musical skills. Since then they have worked tirelessly to build and perfect an impressive repertoire and on 4th August they will perform their first concert together here in Painswick.



Robert lives in Painswick and many will already be aware of his outstanding skills as a pianist. He studied at Trinity College of Music where he specialised in piano accompaniment. During the past few years he has accompanied performers at Cheltenham Music Festival and has worked with many other musicians, choirs

and singers locally. Chris, who lives in Frocester, has received singing tuition to a very accomplished level as a bass baritone.

The concert will include pieces by Finzi, Vaughan Williams and Geoffrey Poole. Finzi, who lived in Painswick in the 1920s, and Vaughan Williams, who also had local connections, are renowned for their much-loved classic early 20th century English music much of which was based on poetry. Geoffrey Poole is a living composer living in Ruscombe and he too sets much of his music to poetry albeit in a more modern style. This concert will in fact be a world premiere for his pieces.

Chris and Robert are keen to point out that this performance is being staged in aid of Mindsong, a Gloucestershire-based charity which provides a range of services for people living with dementia. Music therapy is a key element of this charity's work and the founder, Anthea Holland, will be attending the concert.

Entitled Music for a Summer's Day the programme will consist of Songs of Travel by Vaughan Williams, Let us Garlands Bring by Finzi, Three Songs by Geoffrey Poole plus piano music by Debussy. In between the music there will be short talks about the composers and the music. The concert will take place in St Mary's Church on Saturday, 4th August at 3.00pm. Entry is free – no tickets needed - and there will be a retiring collection for Mindsong. With strong local connections both for composers and performers, a truly worthwhile cause and such a lovely seasonal programme, this promises to be a superb concert and one not to be missed.

Carol Maxwell

Cruck Beams – can you help?

The report on research recently carried out into the history of a house in Painswick emphasises the presence of cruck beams in the house. It also mentions two other houses in Painswick with cruck beams. These were a common structural feature in medieval buildings and continued in use, albeit to a lesser extent, until the early modern period. As cruck timbers were used increasingly for the construction of ships their use for domestic and agricultural buildings began to decline.

There are definitely more than two other houses and barns in Painswick with cruck beams forming part of their structure and Gloucestershire Building Recording Group, who produced the aforementioned report, would certainly be interested to know how many such buildings are here in our midst. Apparently they are not very common now so it would be interesting to discover whether Painswick has a higher than average number of cruck-framed buildings. If you know of any or indeed live in one, we should love to hear from you. Please email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or tel. 813387.



Carol Maxwell

Painswick Centre Manager

Jennie Barber is very well known in and around Painswick and one of her many roles has been running the day to day activities of the Painswick Centre for the last seven years - she's been 'the face' of the Centre! During this time Jennie has put her creativity, energy and enthusiasm to very good use. Unfortunately for us, these talents have been spotted by someone else and Jennie has been offered an excellent opportunity elsewhere so she'll be leaving us shortly. The Centre Trustees are all delighted for Jennie as this does sound like an excellent and very worthwhile opportunity for her - we all wish her the very best in the future.

Meanwhile, as we start the process of searching for someone to take Jennie's place, Dawn Tyson, currently our Secretary and a Trustee of the Centre, has offered to stand in and look after things for a while. The opening times for the office may change a little in the short term but contact details will remain the same throughout - 01452 814567 for phone calls and painswickcentremanager@gmail.com for e-mails.



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Surely many people would have on their “bucket list” the outstanding view of the frost shattered, icy peak of Everest in the Himalayas? Angela Follows, (member of Yew Trees WI), Carole Holland (Sheepscombe) and Clare Irving (Painswick) actually realised this ambition by trekking to Ama Dablan Base Camp in Eastern Nepal and saw this classic view from the Thyangboche Monastery on the way.

They had prepared for the trek by going up and down Tibbiwell often to get fit, by taking out insurance for helicopter rescue and by travelling light. They countered altitude sickness by walking at a slow, comfortable pace to acclimatise and by hydrating themselves regularly on the trek. They did not think the local remedy of garlic soup was the answer!

After sightseeing in Kathmandu in Nepal they took the one hour flight to Lukla airstrip where there is a difficult uphill landing. Progressing uphill they crossed bridges spanning ravines with raging torrents beneath and stayed at lodges at the end of each gruelling day. It was just as well that porters were carrying their baggage up to Ama Dablan Base Camp at 15,000 feet.

One of the main purposes of the journey was to raise money for the primary school at the craft village at Jamarko and they had also taken out equipment from the UK. The children were delighted to have even three crayons.

Their final visit was to Chitwan National Park for a jeep safari, elephant ride, stick dancing and an ox cart jaunt. It was good to share their experiences and to know that we had supported in some small way the children of Jamarko.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 26th June at 7.30 pm in The Church Rooms when Mike Bottomley will give a talk on “Rudyard Kipling”.

Janet Jenkins

Cream Teas? Yes please on July 7th

You know how the Women’s Institute has a reputation for making exceedingly good cakes? Well on Saturday July 7th Yew Trees WI are holding a cream tea afternoon in the Church Rooms when we will try and prove this claim to be absolutely correct. We will be open from 2.30 – 5.00 pm and our tea, coffee, delicious scones and cake will be £4.00/per person. Everyone is welcome so grab a few friends, visitors to the village or random passers-by and come and enjoy!

Vicky Aspinall

Painswick Gardening Club Wonderful Wortley

Almost halfway through the year (where’s it gone?!) and everything in the garden is at full throttle ... including weed growth! Unfortunately I couldn’t make it to May’s talk by Jill and Alun Whitehead but I have it on good authority that I missed a lovely informative evening. One friend described it “like the couple were having a chat”. Muriel drew the evening to a close with a somewhat raucous raffle give her an inch... !

Our annual plant sale 2 days later was another rip roaring success with all the monies being ploughed back into Club funds to help pay for really good speakers in the future. I’d like to thank everyone who contributed and supported the Club; it is very much appreciated. Don’t forget that there isn’t an evening meeting in June but we have organised a group visit to Wortley House during the day on 13th June. It’s not too late to join us. Please see the details in the May article or look on our website and get in touch.

Keep your eyes peeled for posters around Painswick advertising another “special” plant sale, possibly at short notice, sometime in June. The Committee are currently trying to work out the logistics to benefit from a very generous offer by Paul Hervey-Brookes to sell plants from his Chelsea show garden ... wow!

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)



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News from St. Mary's

From the beginning of June we are into Sundays after Trinity. This season lasts until All Saints Day at the beginning of November. The liturgical colour for Sundays after Trinity is green.



The monthly communion service at Richmond village is on Wednesday 6th June at 11am. There is an open invitation for anyone to attend this service. It is not just for Richmond residents.

Sunday 24th June is celebrated as the birthday of John the Baptist. We have three churches in our benefice for whom John the Baptist is the patron saint – Harescombe, Edge and Pitchcombe. They will all be celebrating their patronal festival on that day. There will be a three parish communion service at Pitchcombe on 24th June at 11am which will be conducted by Revd Andrew Leach and the preacher will be Sue Hartley who is a Reader in this benefice.

This weekend coincides with the Pitchcombe Church flower festival. The church will be open on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June from 9am to view the flowers. Coffee and cakes will be served in the nearby village hall from 10 am to 12 noon in the morning and from 2 to 4 pm in the afternoon, except during the service time on the Sunday. A very warm welcome is extended to all to view the flowers and sample the refreshments.

David Newell

Catbrain Clear Up

On the 14th May, a PSALMS run youth club 'Club Pulse' ventured up to Catbrain Quarry to clear up the area on behalf of Painswick Parish Council. It was a beautiful evening, and the young people were fantastic at mucking in and found a huge variety of stuff that can be recycled. Give thanks for the youths' willingness to get involved and serve their local community. Please be on the lookout for more jobs and work to do round the local area, as the youth have started to get the knack for it.

Nathan Youlton

Messy Church

Thursday 14th June - 15.30 to 17.15



St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick. The theme for our next session is "God 24/7". Please join us for some story related activities, as well as a delicious tea together. Messy Church is a family event, so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries please contact Katherine Davies: Email: dandkdavies@hotmail.com

Pulse Leadership Academy

PSALMS has begun its Pulse Leadership Academy (PLA) again and has started to develop young leaders in the local area already. Nathan Youlton, the minister for the area shares his thoughts so far 'We've been blessed with a fantastic group of individuals from diverse backgrounds, but all coming together for one goal - To grow in leadership and discover more about faith. The sessions so far have been emphasising getting to know one another and oneself, and understanding that in order to lead effectively you need to gauge your own strengths. One of the ways in which we have done this has been through a more active strand, by combining sport and play as key characteristics of developing leadership characteristics. We've had such fun in the first couple of sessions, and also spend time on the bible and eating together to ensure a



fully immersive experience. We now look forward to sending some of these leaders out into our local areas to support, have fun and lead in lots of different opportunities'.

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Look to the future – Nathan’s inspiration

The future of any society will, of course, lie in the hands of today’s young people. Along the Painswick valley our children and young people are well on the way to ensuring that tomorrow’s world will be healthy, responsible and very caring. Club Pulse, part of the PSALMS mission to address the need for Gloucestershire churches to reach out to young people, is lively, active and very popular here. This has in large part been down to its leaders and now Nathan Youlton, who took up the full-time appointment as Sports Minister last September, is without doubt leading the club forward in a very positive way.

Nathan took a sports science degree at Aberystwyth University and then worked in East London as an intern for Ambassadors Football, a faith-based charity. This involved working with the whole community including the very poor and the homeless and was, as such, an excellent learning experience. He then worked as a chaplain at Dean Close School in Cheltenham which, as he points out, though socially very different nevertheless presented many, often similar, challenges.

Covering all the local villages plus the suburbs of north Gloucester, Nathan’s PSALMS role is basically to coordinate and initiate a range of activities for children aged 11-17. “This job combines those elements I’m passionate about,” he says, “faith and sport.” With obvious health benefits, there is additionally much more to this youth club. “It’s about relationships, both with and among the members but also linking with the local community,” says Nathan. Involvement in local projects is important. Recently, for example, the club did a great clear-up for the parish council on the Beacon. Nathan also runs the Leadership Academy for the area. Aimed at 15/16 year olds the idea is to identify skill sets via fun sports activities and to consider various leadership qualities. Meeting

monthly the sessions comprise sport, a meal and discussion about how one can lead in order to help within a community and indeed further afield. This is veritably a worthwhile project for young people and promises well for the future.

The youth club takes place in the Pavilion every Monday evening and is understandably well attended. Nathan also runs lunchtime sports clubs at Cranham, Sheepscombe and the Croft schools and an after school multi-sports club at the Croft. Once a month he takes the service at St Mary’s Church with the aim of uniting the whole community. He is passionate about his job and its broader potential for our young people and is very committed. Painswick is lucky to have a young man with such positive vision working within the community.

And on the morning of 10th July, with the theme of ‘perseverance’, the annual Pulse Games for the three schools will be held on the Recreation Ground. It should be fun so do go along and enjoy the occasion.

Carol Maxwell



A hectic month

What a hectic month May turned out to be for the Club! It started on the 4th with a moving and inspirational talk by Jean - Shefalie Hollis who had been abandoned as a baby and taken into Care by Dr Barnados where she lived in a Home until she was 15. She explained that Thomas John Barnado had travelled from Dublin to London to study Medicine. He was shocked and appalled by the poverty in London and founded Dr Barnardos in 1866 to provide care for children. Their Motto of "No Child shall be turned away" came as the direct result of an incident where a young boy was turned away by a Barnados Home and was found dead the next day - he had literally frozen to death. After that no child was ever turned away again. After serving in the Armed Forces Jean is now a member of Barnardos National Council. A fascinating but at times difficult talk to listen to.

Then on the 11th June 27 hardy souls set off for a day at the Malvern Show. After a longer than usual coach ride - the traffic jam started on the M5! - everybody enjoyed



the incredible floral displays and picked up many gardening tips. Look out next year for many transformed gardens in the Village.

Then on the 18th we held a joint Meeting at Richmond. George Yiend's talk was entitled "Cider with Rosie." He mesmerised his audience by not only acting the part of the young Laurie Lee, complete with local accent, but reciting from memory, large parts of the novel. He brought the novel to life, you could imagine that you were sitting in the classroom with Laurie Lee.

On the 1st June Paul Denny, a local Stroud resident, is scheduled to talk to us about "Snow Business". He manufactures "Snow" for film makers - come along and learn the "tricks of the trade". Then on the 15th, Cherry Knott will tell us about the continuity and change there has been in walled gardens over the past 350 years.

To round the month off, on the 29th we will be holding our President's Tea Party in the Town Hall. We are all looking forward to not only enjoying a cream tea but playing several games of Bingo. What could be a better way to spend an afternoon!

Mike Kerton

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Local History Day success for Carol Best history article in Gloucestershire

This year's Gloucestershire Local History Association Day at Churchdown on 28th April was marked by a major award for Carol Maxwell, the chairman of Painswick's Local History Society (as well as feature writer for the Beacon). The Bryan Jerrard award is presented every year for the best journal article on an aspect of Gloucestershire history, published in any of the many Local History Society magazines in the County. This year, from a shortlist of ten articles, it was awarded to Carol for her article on 'Painswick's Criminal Past', a review of crimes recorded in the area in the 19th century and earlier, published in the Painswick Chronicle number 19 at the end of 2016.

The article was the product of two years of research, looking at over 1900 criminal cases. These ranged from a seven year old stealing apples and receiving a sentence of ten days hard labour in prison, to a murder committed with a sword, for which hanging was the inevitable consequence. Every sort of crime was committed in Painswick by men, women and children of all ages and social class, the penalties including fines, whipping, hard labour and transportation.

The judges in the contest commented on the quality and the depth of the research carried out and on the imaginative use of a range of charts and diagrams to bring the crime statistics to life. They considered that it could usefully serve as a model of best practice in the area of local history.

The Painswick Chronicle is published annually by Painswick's Local History Society, usually carrying six or seven major articles of various types on different aspects of Painswick's history. Issue Number 19 is still available from the Society or from Painswick Pharmacy for £6, as are other back issues and the recently published issue number 20. Articles from earlier issues have several times been shortlisted for the Bryan Jerrard award, but have never previously won it.

The Local History Day also featured displays from Local History Societies on the theme of 'Between the Wars'. Painswick's display picked up on the theme of 'Votes for Women' and focused on notable activities and achievements by women in Painswick between the Wars. To cap off a memorable day, it was awarded third Prize in the Display Competition.



Carol Maxwell receiving her award from Bryan Jerrard

A tranquil escape

After plenty of rain in April and a pretty sunny May, the Garden is about to look its summery best. The Exedra Garden has now been completely restored, with a planting plan as close as possible to how it may have been in the 1740s, according to researchers. Our team of staff and volunteers have taken the opportunity to renew the edging boards, resurface the paths and repaint the Exedra itself. Along with the heritage roses (including Rosa Moschata, Rosa Centifolia, Rosa Mundi, Rose 'La Belle Sultane', and Rose 'Souvenir de la Malmaison') we will be planting out our annuals shortly. These would have been an important part of the 18th century flower garden. All the plants are species which would have been available to gardeners in the 18th century, including Dianthus, Lychnis and tall bearded Iris. The Exedra would have been the horticultural high point of the Garden, back in the day, and is a lovely spot to enjoy some sun and relish the peace on a summer's afternoon.

Another part of the Garden to have received attention is the Eagle House border. Last autumn our Garden team planted up a

collection of day lilies (*Hemerocallis*) which will also be looking good this month. We will be planting a changing display in that border which will change each year. This year will be predominantly sunflowers, with around 30 varieties from 15ft giants to 2ft dwarfs. Look out for these changes the next time you visit.

We're also eagerly awaiting the return of the historic gates which lead from the Eagle House to the former entrance to Painswick House. In a poor state of repair, the gates have been dried out over the last few months under cover and stripped of paint. They have been collected by our skilled local woodworker to be repaired, and we are expecting them back very soon.

Do visit us and enjoy the constantly evolving story of this fascinating place, just on our doorsteps.

Tim Toghill. Volunteer

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Music Appreciation Group



What has been a very enjoyable and successful Season drew to a close on the 10th May. Our AGM was tinged with a certain sadness as our long serving Chairman, Alex Nichols, retired after some 20 years plus "in the Chair." Ann Williams spoke not only of Alex's dedication to the role of Chairman but of his encyclopaedic knowledge of Opera and his famed record collection. Much to the delight of the Members Alex was made Life President of the Club, a well deserved reward for his hard work.

On the 26th April we had a visit from one of the Club's favourite speakers, Gordon Collins, who had travelled all the way from Buckinghamshire to talk to us about "The Art of the Accompanist." In the early part of the 20th Century it was said "the world was overstocked with brilliant solo pianists but there were precious few good accompanists in the field." This comment probably still holds good today!

Although not a professional accompanist Gordon went on to outline how, as an amateur, he had enjoyed and suffered many of the joys and trials of the professional. Without doubt the Accompanist needs to demonstrate sympathy, rapport, patience, adaptability and above all tact as not all soloists are easy to get on with. We listened to many excellent examples of the Accompanist skills including Kiri te Kanawa/ Andre Previn and Dietrich Fischer Dieskau/Gerald Moore. True partnerships.

We also heard about the trials and tribulations many of the great Accompanists experienced with various artists including one where a famous Prima Donna said to her accompanist "Finish the song with a chord where the voice part ends, else my applause will be spoiled!" And another who asked for the Accompanist and his piano to be hidden from view "In order that the public may be able to feast their eyes on the singer alone!" Oh to be an Accompanist!!

Mike Kerton

Jottings

Gone are the days where you get the cows in to milk twice a day. Now if you have a large herd and can afford it, you can invest in a robotic milker. With this new machine the cow can walk in whenever she feels like wanting to give milk: lines up with the others to enter the machine all on her own at her pace to give milk. The machine will only allow her in up to three times a day. If she tries to get into the machine more often it will refuse her entry. The cow has a strap round her neck with a transponder. This is her identity that the machine recognises and gives her a little bit of food. The udder is cleaned and brushed while the machine pinpoints where the teats are and attaches the teat cups and she gives down her milk. When she has finished, the machine removes the cups, the gate opens and the cow walks out.

Now the machine takes the milk and weighs it, samples it and kind of looks at it and this is passed onto the cow's record. At the end of the day the machine's computer prints out the full day's action from all of the cows. It can then tell if a cow's milk is not right, its temperature, and if she has not been milked, all sorts of checks. The cowman looks at the printout then he can take any cows out of the system if things are not right. The farm still has another place to milk a few cows with an illness which may need treatment, so their milk cannot go into the tank for at least three days. If the machine breaks down there must be a mechanic who must be no more than a couple of hours away so that he can come quickly and mend the machine.

Martin Slinger

Jet Age Museum

Members of Painswick Local History Society were treated to an amazing journey down memory lane with a visit to The Jet Age Museum at Staverton. With the museum celebrating 100 years since the formation of the Royal Air Force we were given a fascinating insight into the importance of Gloucestershire in the aircraft industry.



Starting with Martyn and Co who turned their woodworking skills into making the wooden frames for early aircraft, they became the Gloster Aircraft Company and eventually Hawker Siddeley. With Sir Frank Whittle they produced the first jet engine that was eventually incorporated into the Gloster Meteor. They produced the Hawker Hurricane and Hawker Hunter among many other famous aircraft.

Smiths Industries of Bishops Cleeve developed the first Automatic Landing System for the Trident passenger aircraft.

Our visit concluded with climbing into the cockpit of a Vulcan bomber to experience the extreme conditions the airmen underwent to fly these aircraft. The museum is manned entirely by enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all members.

The next PLHS meeting on Tuesday June 19th at 7.30pm is our Society AGM followed by a brief talk by David Archard on some historical snippets of Painswick. All are welcome.

David Harley

The cockpit of a Vulcan bomber below



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Letters



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Audrey Timpson of Hambutts Drive writes:

I regularly read the Council reports, and have become very concerned at the number of regular absentees from the meetings. The last issue states apologies from 8 councillors, and only 4 including the chairman present at the last 2 meetings. It seems to me that the same names crop up very often, and I cannot help wonder at the commitment of these members who regularly excuse themselves from the public service to which they were elected.

This situation reflects badly on Painswick, as people will think that decisions are being made on their behalf by a very small group, who may not have their interests at heart. I hope this letter will encourage a better attendance in the months to come.

Joyce Barrus writes from Stepping Stone Lane

The Painswick Centre is planning to increase car parking at the Centre when they take back the bowling green in 2022. This means demolishing the recently renovated building, skittles alley and grass lawns. Then perhaps a two storey parking area. Recouping the enormous cost of this will necessitate charging a high parking fee. Road-side parking partly on pavements in the centre of the village will then be banned because off-street parking is available. Locals will have to park, at their own expense, here or elsewhere. The thought of the congestion of coming down from the A46, manoeuvring at this junction and in and out of the bottle neck entrance to the current Painswick Centre is mind-boggling. Especially for older people. But, of course, it will leave the access roads clear of cars and tourists can take their photographs of the Queen of the Cotswolds.

Celebration walk

We cordially invite you to attend our celebrations to mark 25 years of voluntary conservation work on the Beacon. On 24th June at 2pm we will lead a number of guided walks starting from the Golf Club Car parks.

They will be of various lengths, but will all aim to show how our work is helping improve the overall quality of the grassland flora and fauna. At 5pm the golf club caterers will be laying on a BBQ for about £10 per head and the bar will be open. If you would like to come please phone 07971 633 242 or email pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com to book.

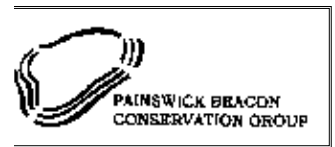
Several members of our group attended a Back from the Brink training day to study and find Duke of Burgundy butterflies on Rodborough Common. We saw plenty of the Dukes, learned how to spot their habitat and understand how they behave. What a joy it was to be in the presence of such expert ecologists who were so willing to pass on their knowledge. I can thoroughly recommend signing up for any of the courses BftB organise and they won't cost you a penny. Incidentally an adult Duke has been seen on the Beacon above the Madams Wood track. This is encouraging as to the best of my knowledge one hasn't been seen for four years.

If anyone has cowslip seeds germinated and needs to prick them out get in touch with me as I have suitable soil and containers to use. The seeds I planted last August germinated this spring and I have approx. 250 seedlings to transplant. We will take advice from Butterfly Conservation on where to plant them out next autumn.

Paul Baxter

Ron Bridgman from Stamages Lane writes:

Reference The Painswick Centre presentation on its future, and its plans for closing the bowling green. The Trustees report has been somewhat disingenuous on the payments made by The Bowls Club for its 25 year lease agreement. The verbal presentation and display boards, made great play of "The Bowls Club only paying £1 annually for its 25 year lease". This lease agreement, included the Bowls Club bestowing its new clubhouse, built in 1997 at a cost of £75,000, back to the Painswick Centre Trustees, when it expired, for a peppercorn rent of £1. In reality, when the lease expires, the Bowls club will have paid the equivalent of £3,001 annually, and not the £1 annually as publicised by the Trustees. I would call upon the Trustees to correct this anomaly please. What would Painswick residents prefer to see there, a bowling green, or an ugly carpark.



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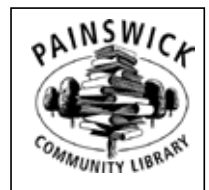
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Every child in England is entitled to a free Bookstart pack at 0-12 months and 3-4 years and they are available at Painswick Community Library so please pop along to collect your pack.

Community Libraries' Week – June 4th to 9th. Painswick Community Library will celebrate Community Libraries' Week with a special Coffee & Cake morning on Wednesday June 6th to thank the many volunteers who enable the library to run. Please join us any time after 10.30am and take the opportunity to find out more about the library.

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New President Elected

CNFC members have elected Denise Magauran from Painswick as their new President. Denise is a retired eye surgeon but is still closely involved in fund-raising for the Guild of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, so it will quite a challenge to take on the Presidency as well. The Club is county-wide but draws its membership mainly from the Cheltenham, Painswick, Stroud and Minchinhampton areas. Monthly lectures during the winter are held at the Painswick Centre, with more informal tea and talks at Minchinhampton later in the month. Excursions are organised by different officers offering a variety of interests: history, natural history, geology, archaeology and more. Denise has already organised a very successful trip to Ireland and, with Vice President David Thackray, is planning a 3-day Autumn Excursion for members based in St Albans. There is a lot going on with something of interest for everyone. But, of course, we need some more ideas and organisers to plan for future events. Denise would welcome help from anyone keen on good company and enjoying our natural and built environment.



The summer and autumn programme of excursions has now been published and is available from Jane Rowe (813228). Places are also available for two walks: on 4th July, a 3-mile circular walk along the River Windrush, returning to Asthall Manor where the gardens form a glorious setting for a biennial exhibition of contemporary stone sculpture, with an optional garden tour. Closer to home, on Tuesday 10th July, we will have a guided afternoon walk on Rough Bank Nature Reserve near The Camp which is managed for butterflies & wildflowers.

Joyce Barrus

On our doorstep and so much a part of Painswick, we are delighted that The Rococo Gardens has agreed to become a Wick-Flix sponsor. Dominic Hamilton spoke about the garden and the summer schedule at our recent screening of Murder on the Orient Express and will be joining us again later in the year. After our July screening of Darkest Hour, Wick-Flix will be taking a break in August, but will be back with an exciting schedule for the autumn starting with Finding Your Feet in September.

Friday 1st June The Greatest Showman (PG)

A hugely popular musical based around the life of the great circus impresario, PT Barnum, starring the talented Hugh Jackman. Some great scores support and interesting storyline in this feel-good film.

Friday 6th July Darkest Hour (PG)

This is a powerful film exposing the extreme situation Churchill faced up to in the weeks preceding Dunkirk. Gary Oldman justifiably won the Oscar for Best Actor for his masterful performance.

Friday 7th September Finding Your Feet (12)

A very British feel-good rom-com with a great cast led by Joanna Lumley, Imelda Staunton, Timothy Spall and Celia Imrie. Some lovely one liners and a plot that says "It's never too late for life to begin again".

Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £7.00 (one price for all) including one free drink. Payment on the door. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity.

As always up-to-date information on what's coming up can be found on the Wick-Flix page at www.painswickcentre.com. Come along and support your community cinema!

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Falcon Bowls Club

It seems to be boom time all of a sudden at Falcon bowls club! For years the membership at the club has dwindled but for some reason people are now interested.

We recruited several new members for the start of the season and also have interest from about 15 – 20 other people.

The feedback we're getting is that our Beacon articles have played a big part in this turn around which is backed up by the fact were attracting local people. We've also been working with groups such as U3A and Age UK to promote the club and bowls in general. Financially the club is also looking more secure as we now have three sponsors, Murrays Estate Agents, Price Davis Accountants and Oakridge Wealth Management.

This season Falcon will be hosting coaching events, taster sessions, target bowls evenings, and an open day for the general public in August. The club has also been selected as a venue by Gloucestershire University for a study on the beneficial effects of staying active by playing bowls.

So it's all happening here so please feel free to contact us or just pop up and see what going on. You'll be very welcome. We're behind the Falcon Inn. Club contact davidglass20@gmail.com 01452 814186



David Glass

Tennis Club Open Day

Painswick Tennis Club held an open day on Sunday 13th May when the sunshine brought out many players ranging from juniors to seniors and from beginners to players with some experience. There was a great friendly atmosphere with coaching activities and fun games for the little ones. Our two experienced coaches were both there to help and encourage.

Club evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays are busy but we welcome anyone who would like to consider playing to come down to Broadham and join in.

Joan Griffiths

Painswick Cricket News

Painswick 1st Eleven were at Broadham Fields for their first home match of the season on Saturday 5th May when the visitors were Chipping Sodbury. On a gloriously sunny day Painswick batted first and reached an all-out total of 235. Highlight of the Painswick innings was Luke Woolway's undefeated 145. With only one other Painswick batsman reaching double figures, Luke's century was crucial in the home side's victory. A further highlight was the last wicket stand where Luke and Nathan Evans amassed a total of 88 runs. Luke reached his century with a fine six which he dispatched over the long-on boundary. He is pictured (carrying his helmet) returning to the pavilion with Nathan at the end of the innings. Luke who hails from South Africa holds a British passport. His father is from Yorkshire.



Result. Painswick 1st Eleven 235 all out. Chipping Sodbury 1st Eleven 89 all out.

Painswick Girls in winning team

Following up on last month's report, Holly Luke (15 yrs), Gracie Twigg (15 yrs) and Ilana Turner (14 yrs), who are part of the Stroud Handball team, competed in two National England Handball finals in Derby over the early May bank holiday weekend.

On the Sunday morning the girls played Ealing in the U16 National final and achieved an excellent win, making Stroud the top under 16 team in England. It was a nail biting match with Stroud only up by 1 goal at half time. Gracie's attacking skills and speed around the court combined with Ilana's defence and interchange play was exceptional. The final score was Stroud 13 - Ealing 10 with Holly being presented with the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award for scoring 7 goals

The girls had also played Cannock in the U19 final on the Saturday afternoon. It was a very close match with Stroud taking the lead on two occasions. However Cannock scored a winning goal in the last 20 seconds of the game and the final score was Stroud 23 - Cannock 24.

The girls are busy with regional matches now and are hoping for a place on the Futures programme which will offer them the opportunity to play in Europe over the summer. The girls are also in the Under 15 Handball National School Finals which take place on the 9th June, we wish them every success.

Vicky Luke

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Golf Club

May is one of the best times of the year to play at Painswick Golf Club. And the greenkeeper and helpers managed to get the course in perfect condition for the Seniors Open on 9th May. The Open is played in pairs with the better net stableford score counting. Two pairs scored an exceptional 50 points – David Key and Nigel Parkhouse (both from Basset Down GC) just pipping Brendan Nunan (Painswick) and Geoff Davies (Stinchcombe GC) on countback. We would like to thank The Falcon and all those who sponsored the event.



In the Seniors section, there have been two competitions since my last report. Three players tied with 38 points in the April Stableford, so the result was decided on count back. George Paton was the winner, followed by Phil Taylor and Nigel Barnett. The Seniors Championship – a medal competition over two rounds – took place in May and was won by George Paton with a combined gross score of 163. The Seniors Tankard – awarded for the best net score over the same two rounds – was won by Nigel Barnett. Congratulations to the winners.

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of David Walker – a member for many years at Painswick Golf Club who was twice elected Club Captain. Until last winter, he was my playing partner in the Seniors Winter Pairs competition and was always supportive and a joy to partner. He would amuse fellow golfers with stories and was a true gentleman. He was a friend to many both at the club and around Painswick. We will miss him and offer condolences to Sylvia and his family.

Visitors, whether golfers or members of the public requiring refreshments or something more substantial are welcome at Painswick Golf Club. For more details of golf or catering, please phone 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe

British Award for Isabella

Isabella Weatherall of Painswick was awarded the National award of 'Best Long-Distance Swimmer of the Year' by the BLDSA (British Long-Distance Swimming Association). Isabella was awarded the trophy by the president of the BLDSA at the Annual AGM in Cambridge.

Isabella's swims last year under BLDSA rules (no wetsuit, just costume) included 2-way Coniston, a total of 11 miles in 7hrs 30mins, and Lake Windermere the longest Lake in Great Britain at 10.5 miles, which she completed in 7 hours 14minutes, on Sept 9th 2017. She is one of the youngest in history to achieve this. She is now in training for an English Channel relay in August this year. Well done and Good luck Isabella.



Wimbledon - Men's Singles Final

Interested in Tennis? Interested in the Wimbledon men's singles final? Enjoy viewing tennis on a big screen in comfort with others? Enjoy strawberries and cream? A glass of Pimms? And willing to support Stroud Citizens Advice in the process? Then come and join us in the comfort of Sheepscombe Village Hall on Sunday 15th July. Doors open at 1.15pm for the expected 2.00pm start and close at 5.00pm unless the match is still in progress! Entry by ticket only. A maximum of 60 tickets are available and will be sold on a first come first served basis. Tickets are £12.50 each and include a glass of Pimms and a bowl of strawberries and cream, tea and cake. Tickets may be purchased from me (Peter Rowe – contact: 01452 813228 or petermrowe2014@gmail.com). All profits go to Stroud Citizens Advice.



One thing that most people don't realise is that Citizens Advice is not funded by central government. Stroud Citizens Advice is an independent and local charity – as are the many other Citizens Advice services across the country. Each year our local Citizens Advice service typically helps 6,000 households in the Stroud and Cotswolds Districts including a number from the Painswick area. Advice that helps people manage their money and debts, that helps people with employment issues, with housing problems, with relationship issues, with consumer rights issues, and so on. For me, Citizens Advice is the 4th emergency service.

The amount of help that can be given is limited by funding. Although Stroud and Cotswold District Councils provide core funding for their respective districts, other sources are needed too. Your support helps in two ways. Every pound helps provide a better service, and your participation demonstrates to councils and others that there is strong local support for the service. You have probably gathered by now that I am involved with Stroud Citizens Advice. I am proud to help with local fundraising activities.

Peter Rowe 01452 813228

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Sheepscombe Common Sunday 24th June 2pm

Sheepscombe Common is arguably at its best in June when many of the orchids can still be seen flowering, songbirds are abundant and butterflies are on the wing. Not only does Sheepscombe have some quite rare and special wildlife such as tree pipits and bee orchids but it also has wonderful displays of many other species that are unique to these beautiful limestone grasslands. Why not join us for a pleasant afternoon looking at some of the wildlife that make Sheepscombe Common and St George's Field so special? Along the way we will have plenty of time to give you some tips on how to identify some of the common's wildlife as well as sharing a bit about how it is managed.

For both walks booking is essential via the contact details below. Cost £5 per head, £3 concessions, under 12s free. If you would like any more information about the walk please get in touch. t: 07747 485136
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Kate Gamez

PROPERTY REPORT Now written by Beacon Staff

Larger houses coming onto the market in Painswick this month include Old Meadow, a 4 bedroom house in around a third of an acre on Cotswold Mead (Hamptons £950,000). Coombe House in Vicarage Street, a 5 bedroom cottage packed with period features, is available through Moulton Haus (£670,000), as is Hillfoot Cottage in Gloucester Road with 4 bedrooms, a beautiful garden and green surroundings (£675,000).

On Tibbiwell, there is currently a choice of two detached three-bedroom period cottages with beautiful views across the valley. Spring Cottage, on the right as you go down, is with Murrays for £400,000, while Horseshoe Cottage in Tibbiwell Gardens on the other side, is offered for £499,950 (Hamptons /Moulton Haus). A more modern house is available at 6 The Croft (Murrays, £395,000) while James Pyle have one of the larger apartments in Gyde House for sale at an asking price of £495,000. Two houses in Upper Washwell are for sale through Hamptons, No. 21 at £225,000 and No. 10 at £260,000.

Hamptons are also marketing a pair of spacious detached new homes in the centre of Sheepscombe. Hazel Hanger and Lime Tree House are set in 0.3 acre plots with detached garages and spectacular views.

In terms of commercial premises, the old Hairdressers Shop in St Mary's Street is now available through Murrays (£250,000), who have recently sold the Patchwork Mouse on New Street, due to open again shortly.

The sale of Byfield House in Bisley Street has completed quickly through Moulton Haus, as has the Watch House on New Street. Hamptons have sold 2 Hambutts Cottage, the Lychgate Cottage and 14 Berry Close, while Ann's Cottage in Pitchcombe has completed through James Pyle. Another Pitchcombe property, Catbrain Cottage has sold through Murrays and Rockleigh on Kingsmill Lane went under offer through Murrays in the first 24 hours of marketing. We apologise for some confusion last month over which properties had been sold by which agents.

As well as houses to sell, Moulton Haus currently have a variety of rental properties, including a three bedroom terraced house in Hyett Close and a 3 bedroom detached house in Paradise.

James Pyle welcome Natasha Williams who has joined the team as Sales Manager. Based at their office under the surgery, she can be contacted on 812054. Meanwhile Hamptons are sponsoring the Croft School Safari supper on 16th June and Murrays are sponsoring ArtSpace Painswick.

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	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm	
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm	
	Have your Say - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 536325	Church Rooms	7.30 - 9.30pm	
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm	
Tuesdays	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15- 11.30am	
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm	
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am	
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am	
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am	
	Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm	
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers - during term time	Rococo Gardens	10.00am	
	Nia Holistic Fitness	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm	
	Wednesdays	Botanical Illustration classes - mornings or afternoons. Prebook 07810 725772	Painswick Golf Club	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
		Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176			Afternoons	
Thursdays	Table tennis	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 9.00pm	
	Yoga - all abilities	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am	
	T'ai chi. Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am	
	Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm	
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings	
	Art class (watercolours) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons	
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm	
	Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm	
	New Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre		
	Fridays	Country market. Coffee available	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
Baby and toddler group - term time only		Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am	
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm	

JUNE

Fri	1	Wickflix screening: The Greatest Showman (PG)	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
		Friday Club. Paul Denny. Snow Business	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	3	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	4	Knit and Natter	Town Hall	10.00 - 12.00pm
Wed	6	Richmond Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am
		Painswick Probus Club: The Role of the RNIB - Talking Books campaign. Jo Killick	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Sun	10	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am



Mon	11	Painswick Probus Women: Post Boxes. Trevor Radway	Church Rooms	10.00 for 10.30 am
Wed	13	Gardening Club: Visit to Wortley House Gardens, Wotton under Edge (No evening meeting in June)		
Thur	14	Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30pm
		Cotteswold Naturalists Coach trip to St Fagans Welsh History Museum & Royal Mint. Enq 01453 872243	Stamages Lane car park	
Fri	15	Friday Club. Cherry Knott. Within Garden Walls	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	16	The Handlebards Gents perform Shakespeare's Twelfth Night	Rococo Garden	6.30pm
Sun	17	Parish communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	17	The Handlebards Gents perform Shakespeare's Twelfth Night	Rococo Garden	6.30pm
Tues	19	Painswick Local History Society AGM and talk	The Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Painswick Probus Club. Quaint and Quirky Gloucestershire. Angela Panrucker	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	20	Evening prayer - lay led	St Mary's Church	5.00pm
Sun	24	Painswick praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Walk followed by barbecue at the Golf Club.	Golf Club car park	2.00pm
Mon	25	Copy date for July Beacon		
Tues	26	Yew Trees WI. Rudyard Kipling. Mike Bottomley	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	27	Cotteswold Naturalists: New Members' Reception in the walled garden. Enq 813228	Museum in the Park	12.00 noon
	27	The Handlebards Ladies perform Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet	Rococo Garden	6.30pm
Fri	29	Friday Club. BINGO. President's tea party	Town Hall	2.30pm
	29	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
JULY				
Wed	4	Painswick Probus Club: Kathmandu and Beyond- Teaching and writing in south east asia. Martin Spice	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists - walking in the Windrush +Asthall Manor Garden and Sculpture. Pre-book 813228	Asthall	10.45am - 2pm
Fri	6	Wickflix screening: Darkest Hour (PG)	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Sat	7	July Beacon published		
		Yew Trees WI: Cream Teas	Church Rooms	2.30 - 5.00pm
Tues	10	Cotteswold Naturalists - Guided Walk at Rough Bank Nature Reserve, The Camp. Pre-book 813228	Reserve car park	1.45pm

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John Gozzard died suddenly at his home near Painswick on May 4th aged 85. He was an inspired inventor and engineer whose contribution to broadcasting is immensely important and universally recognised. Working in television in the 1970s as a sound recorder, he became frustrated and dissatisfied with the heavy and cumbersome equipment that he was required to use especially on outside broadcasts. His remarkable achievement was a revolutionary 'zeppelin-shaped' microphone windshield designed to combat the wind and other extraneous noises that affected the quality of sound recording. John's windshield not only minimised unwanted wind noise, but was also much lighter and more durable. He was able to set up and manage a company,

Rycote, to manufacture the windshield. 40 years later his designs are still in use worldwide.

His restless curiosity and energy ensured that he was very active in his retirement. He loved his corner of the Cotswolds, the sea, Bach, car boot sales and antique locks. He lived simply, delighting in the wildlife around his home, while maintaining an active engagement with the world around him. John became an exceptionally generous donor to charities close to his heart and interests; he brushed aside thanks and recognition with a bluff: 'well, it's what people who have money ought to do.' Few people have so little care for their own comfort and so much concern for other people's wellbeing as John. We will miss a very special man.

Richard Bryant

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.18/0690/FUL HAMMONDS FARM, Wick Street

Conversion of agricultural buildings into holiday lets, amenity building (tourism), agricultural workers accommodation, 20 stables and covered building for alpacas

S.18/0915/HHOLD MAGPIE

HOUSE, Lower Washwell Lane

Two storey side extension and first floor extension (Revisions to S.16/2582/HHOLD)

S.18/0913/HHOLD KNAPP

FARM, The Vatch, Slad

Extension to garage.

S.18/0905/HHOLD BEARS DEN,

Cheltenham Road

New porch area to first floor, pitch to dormer windows, widening of bay window area.

S.18/0872/HHOLD LITTLE PLACE, Hollyhock Lane

Single storey side extension.

S.18/1020/TCA STONECROFT,

Sheepscombe

To cut back overhanging silver birch tree by 3 meters to the boundary line.

S.18/1087/LBC EDGE HILL FARM, The Green, Edge

Repoint front elevation of house in lime mortar, repoint North gable on main house, minor repairs to other stonework as required

S.18/0951/TCA CASTLE HALE,

Stamages Lane

Ash located at the left front of house - Dismantle 11 - Holm oak - located at the top of retaining wall - Dismantle 614

Group - Yew/Portugal Laurels - located at the rear (Roadside) - Reduce all over hang back to wall 16 - Portugal Laurel located near the house - Dismantle 615 - Holm Oak -located at the lawn area - Heavy crown lift and thin Northwest side to re-balance 616 - Scots Pine located at rear wall roadside - Remove all major deadwood 637 - Lime located at the front of house - tidy up tree that has been badly pruned.

CONSENT

S.18/0327/LBC WOODSIDE HOUSE, Slad Road

Internal Works.

S.18/0240/FUL DILLAY FARM

Erection of detached outbuilding to accommodate self contained staff accommodation, covered parking and storage and associated earth works.

S.18/0213/FUL SEVENACRES, The Camp

Siting of six glamping cabins and new access track.

S.18/0502/HHOLD THE WOOL BARN, Far End, Sheepscombe

Two storey extension to create a lower ground level store and a larger garage.

S.18/0615/HHOLD & S.0616/LBC

TRILLGATE, Slad

New external boiler and housing. Revision to approved scheme S.16/2215/HHOLD & S.16/2216/LBC

S.18/0697/FUL BEACON FARM,

Painswick.

Erection of extension to existing agricultural building.

S.18/0729/HHOLD ABBOTTS

LEIGH, Stamages Lane

Erection of a porch.

S.18/0787/HHOLD COTSWOLD

BUNGALOW, The Green, Edge Lane

Amendment to previous permission to create double garage.

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S.18/0217/FUL 4 COURT ORCHARD
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The Personal Column

Congratulations

To VALERIE DUGAN and PAUL GRAY who were married in Bath on May 26th after 25 years together. They ran the Shetland Shop in Painswick for 15 years. Valerie has combined her calligraphy skills with botanical illustration to produce memorable letter motifs and illustrated poetry. Paul has been developing his framing skills from a studio in Nailsworth. His original ideas now include embossing, continuing the theme outside the picture to the frame and this is used to good effect with Valerie's work.



Valerie Dugan on her stand at the recent Malvern Spring Show, and below a part of the Knitted Garden at Malvern, which included flowers from Painswick's Knit and Natter Group



Gilet found

Found in recreation ground - boys Next gilet to fit a 9 year old. Contact Paul Boulton on 07741 489355

To LIZ AND ANTHONY FISHER, who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 15th June.

Condolences

To the family and friends of DAVID WALKER who died recently. David was twice Club Captain of Painswick Golf Club and well known to members of the Bridge Club as well as many others.

To the family and friends of JOHN GOZZARD of Cheltenham Road, who died recently (obituary on page 19).

To the family and friends of JOHN PARFITT who has died recently. John's funeral will be at St. Mary's on Tuesday 12th June at 2 pm.

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

Cotswold Way

When my wife and I moved here from Australia we really had no idea how beautiful the countryside was around Painswick. It was our first visit to the Cotswolds. We have since discovered the Cotswold Way, which is only a stone's throw away from where we live. It is our aim to walk the entire Cotswold Way over a period of time from Chipping Campden to Bath and it is much easier with two vehicles. We wondered if there were any couples in or around Painswick who would be interested in joining us for these walks (between 10 and 15 kms at a time). On the sections we have already done we take a picnic lunch or if conveniently placed a pub lunch. It would also be a nice way to meet some of the locals. We

can be contacted on 07432 483987 or silver_beat@hotmail.com

Roger and Alison Brown

New e-mail

Please note the altered e-mail address for the Beacon Editors. We have had problems with mail sent to the previous address, which has not been delivered reliably in recent months.

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