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# **Rural Crime Initiative**

Police Community Support Officer Debbie Collicott has told the Parish Council that the Police have set up a 'Whatsapp' group specifically to help tackle crime in rural areas – particularly aimed at farms, landowners, gamekeepers etc. She has advised Councillor Martin Slinger that if he or any other farmers he knows would like to join the group they should please email PC Mel Campbell at: Melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Collicott has explained to the Parish Council that, "This group has been formed for the rural community with an emphasis on farmers, landowners/occupiers, small holding owners, or rural businesses of a farming nature. The idea behind the group is to share information about what's going on in the area you represent, so that other persons in the group can keep an eye out or share information they might have. This is not a reporting tool to log an incident with the Police – these should still be reported through 101 or 999 depending on the severity of what you are reporting. To tackle rural crime within Gloucestershire our Rural Crime Team have devised this group to empower the community to help us tackle the problems our rural community face. Subjects to alert others in the group about are: poaching, suspicious vehicles, criminal damage, thefts or burglaries. This will help members stay vigilant and help secure land and property, also providing intelligence for our Rural Crime Team.

We welcome applications so that the more people that can come on board, the wider the net we can cast to protect our rural community – anyone interested please contact Mel Campbell direct by email."

> *PCSO Debbie Collicott 49073* Email: Debbie.collicott@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

### An MBE for Frances

Frances Watson has been awarded an MBE. This is without doubt a truly deserved recognition of her outstanding work for and with people with learning disabilities. The award focuses particularly on the key role Frances has played at the heart of the charity, Building Circles, and how it now operates throughout the whole county. This



incredibly impressive and important charity was started by Frances on a small scale 12 years ago and now involves many volunteers as well as trustees and some part-time staff.

In May the Beacon gave a full account of Frances' work and involvement in this field which in fact goes back several decades. Aimed at improving the lives of vulnerable people and at educating others to develop a better understanding, her commitment has been tirelessly positive and constant. The award of an MBE comes as no surprise to many of those who know Frances even though she herself in her usual modest way was very taken aback at the news. Many congratulations, Frances, for this very fine achievement.

> Carol Maxwell Photograph: Simon Pizzey - Stroud News & Journaly

### **Painswick Church Essential Facilities**

For some time now the St Mary's Parochial Church Council and Church members have been looking into providing essential facilities within St. Mary's Church which are currently lacking. Our vision is to fulfil three principle aims, to provide:

- Welcome accessibility and user friendliness.
- Flexibility for both worship and community use.
- Warmth creating a place of peace, comfort and beauty.

The outline drawings which are in the church show the changes we wish to make which include:

1. Providing toilets, one disabled, and baby change facilities at the back of the church in the south west corner.

2. Providing a kitchen at the back of the Church in the north west corner to enable refreshments to be served. There are no such facilities at present.

3. A Balcony will span and link the top of these two areas in a curved sweep across the whole of the west end of the church. Stair access will be at the kitchen end. This will provide additional seating space for concerts, meetings, etc.

4. The removal of all of the pews and flooring to even out the floor levels from the chancel through to all doorways enabling easier access for all abilities. At the same time, we would also have the opportunity to install proposed new underfloor heating, to provide consistent more manageable warmth all year round. The existing Victorian tiles would be replaced with large stone tiles.

5. Refurbishment of some of the pews so that they can be moved around when required. They will maintain a more traditional feel to the church, which some people like. In addition, appropriate chairs will be provided which will enable a more flexible use of the large space.

6. Refurbishment of the Tower Vestry to enable its use for private multi-purposes e.g. an office, storage space, archive, etc.

It is intended that all the above will ensure that St. Mary's Church is fit for the 21st Century and beyond, and it is our wish to facilitate its use by as many new groups of people as would have done so when it was first completed in the 15th Century.

Please come into the church and see Outline Drawings. If you have any comments to make about these proposals please contact margaret.radway@tiscali.co.uk. All feedback is welcome positive or otherwise.

Margaret Radway

#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held on June 19th 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.

As there were no members of the public present Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger opened the Meeting moving swiftly onto the Agenda.

Apologies for absence

Clerk Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that Cllrs Roey Parker, Dawn Dart, Ian James, Rosie Nash, Rob Lewis had sent their apologies.

To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2019

The Minutes were approved.

Matters of Urgency

Chairman Martin Slinger advised the Meeting that there had been an ingress of water into the Cemetery Lodge. After investigation it was discovered that a blocked sump, adjacent to the kitchen wall, had caused the problem. The blockage had been cleared and the damage made good at a total cost of £780.This expenditure was agreed by the Council.

County Councillor's report

County Cllr Keith Rippington, updated the Meeting on the following Highway schemes:

Upper Washwell and Pullens Road - Resurfacing

Part A46 - Surface Dressing Canton Acre - Reduce Turning Circle Pitchcombe Junction - Work on redesigning the junction of the A46/A 4173 will commence on the 2nd September and is due to be completed by 10th January 2020.

District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Nigel Cooper was present at the Meeting and read from his prepared report. Following the AGM of the Stroud District Council the three local District Councillors remain on the following



Committees:

Keith Pearson - Strategy & Resources + Audit and Standards Julie Job - Housing Nigel Cooper - Strategy & Resources + Development Control (Planning)

In 2015 the District Council was the first local Council in Europe to be carbon neutral and they are now working towards achieving a carbon neutral district by 2030. At a recent Environment Committee Meeting this was discussed. Three motions were proposed covering electric vehicle (EV) charging points being installed on Council property,( in particular public car parks), that they should run on green energy and representations be made to Western Power regarding grid capacity (currently being restricted). All three motions were passed. Cllr Cooper reminded the Meeting that at the Parish Council's own Annual Meeting a resident had raised the issue of EV charging points being provided in Stamages Lane car park. The County Council are also considering the EV charging points situation so hopefully all parties will co-ordinate action on this.

Reference was made to the recent decision by the District Councils Development Control Committee to refuse the Planning Application by Forest Green Rovers to build a new 5,000 seat Football Stadium. Among the reasons for the decision was that the site was outside of all settlement boundaries, was not in the local plan and the possible harm to the amenities of local residents.

To accept the resignation of Cllr Stephen Tye

The Chairman read out a letter from Cllr Tye in which he stated that due to a change in his personal circumstances he was unable to continue his role as a Parish Councillor. The Council accepted his letter of resignation and placed on record its thanks for his efforts in starting the process in the registration of the Council's "Land and Buildings." Clerk, Roy Balgobin,



confirmed that he had commenced the process to replace Cllr Tye.

To agree to purchase .gov.uk Councillor Emails in order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation

The Clerk explained to the Meeting that the General Data Protection Regulations recommended that Cllrs should not deal with matters relating to Council business using their personal e-mail addresses. They should have a separate and distinct e-mail account to be used solely for Council business. The Clerk would assist all Cllrs to create .gov.uk accts, the cost being borne by the Council. Although it was not mandatory it was strongly recommended that Cllrs comply. Several local Parish Councils have already adopted this policy.

To set up a Working Group to consider Local Climate and Ecological impacts

Cllr Abigail Smith recommended that a small working party be formed to explore the challenges of "Climate Change." To bring ideas forward for instance, on how to reduce the local impact on climate and ecological change by expanding re-cycling schemes. It was unanimously agreed to form a Sub-Committee and that the matter should be a future regular Agenda item on Council/Committee Meetings.

To receive an update on the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 5th June 2019

Cllr Abigail Smith confirmed that in addition to the Highway matters referred to by the County Cllr the Committee discussed:

 Non motorised user signs being displayed on Golf Course Road and Catswood Lane. These have now been provided by the County Council - examples were shown to the Meeting by Cllr Keith Rippington. They will be displayed to increase driver awareness of cyclists, equestrians and other non



motorists who use the Road/Lane.

- New Signs/Lines study. Following the success of a similar study a few years ago, a new study focusing on the roads beyond the A46 will be undertaken by Adrian Gyde, who has recently been Co-Opted on to the Committee, prior to lobbying the County Council for improvements.
- New Stroud Road Safety Group. This is a newly formed group whose aim is to pursue a multi site Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to reduce speed on various Stroud Roads. The Committee have expressed their support for reductions on a section of Slad Road and for the inclusion of Golf Course Road and Catswood Lane. The TRO will be submitted to the District Council by the Stroud District Road Safety Group.
- Electric Charging Points. These are being investigated for Stamages Lane Car Park.

Responsible Financial Officer's Reports

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

#### Ward Reports

- i. The Chairman reported that the Stroud Police Rural Crime Unit had set up a "WHATSAPP" Group to help tackle crime in rural areas. See separate report.
- ii.Cllr Anne Daniels raised concerns that the A46 footpath along the Cheltenham Rd had become very overgrown. The County Cllr agreed to refer this to the appropriate Dept.

Meeting closure. The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm The next meeting will be at Edge Village Hall at 7.30pm on 17th July.



### Robin in the Cathedral ...

Robin Watkins-Davis is without doubt an exceptional young woman. In January many will have visited the Painswick Centre to see her exhibition, Shift, an immensely thought-provoking style of body art. On 14th June as part of the now renowned ACP, Shift was on display in all its glory in Gloucester Cathedral. Indeed, it was a central feature and attracted much interest among the many visitors. This was certainly a prestigious achievement.



Robin's belief that the Arts and movement together transport people's minds to a more positive state is very evident in her art work. The installation consists of seven pieces of Perspex, recycled from old bus shelters, with prints of the body. It was beautifully displayed and very effective in the cathedral setting. The Perspex reflected the stained glass above, very much in keeping with the fact that, as she points out, her work was originally inspired by stain glass art. Lighting behind the installation, provided by Phil Ion of Painswick, further enhanced the display.

A highly qualified artist, Robin won a placement two years ago to work with Zandra Rhodes. More recently she has presented her work as a touring installation in various venues and the next exhibition locally will be in St Laurences Church, Stroud, 12th-18th October. There will also be music and movement as part of this event which promises to be something new – the arts and movement combining in a fresh and exciting venture. You can find out more about Robin's work and tour dates on www.shiftmovement.art

#### ... and with the alpacas

Robin is also of course the youngest, at the age of 21, qualified yoga teacher in the country. She has been invited by Tibbiwell Alpacas to hold outdoor yoga classes among the alpacas in the field overlooking the valley. These sessions will take place on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm throughout July. Anyone is welcome. You can either book in advance or simply drop in, but either way please contact Sandy on 07957458991 first.



Carol Maxwell





Email:

#### From Pen-nibs to Particle Physics



The Painswick Probus talk on the 29th May 2019 was given by John Berkeley OBE, former chairman of Brandauer & Co. Ltd, a Birmingham

based pen manufacturer established in the 1860's and still trading successfully today. In the 1800's steel pens (we call them nibs) were taking over from quills, and by the 1860's Birmingham was the centre of world steel pen making. Pen manufacture finally ceased in the 1960s. The family business survived and now produces an extensive range of pressings for many industries; Brandauer was the only European company capable of supplying certain components for the CERN Large Hadron Collider.

The Evolution of Battlefield Intelligence & Situational Awareness On the  $12^{\text{th}}$  June 2019 Dr. Tom Shannon re-

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Dr. Tom Shannon returned to Painswick Probus, this time to talk about developments in battlefield intelligence. In war it is vital to know as much as possible about your enemy's capabilities; Tom's talk

was about the progression of military reconnaissance over the years. The telescope in the 1600's and, later, binoculars were a vast improvement on the naked eye. Tethered balloons were used above the trenches in WW1 but they were easy prey for artillery. Aerial reconnaissance using aircraft and cameras became possible during WW1 and by WW II was capable of overwhelming interpretation staff with millions of photographs. Time was of the essence when processing and interpreting film. Today we have satellites, edge-of-space spy planes, and unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) all equipped with high powered cameras, that can transmit immediately images and 3D maps of terrain, by day and night. The challenge for today's commander is the analysis of the mass of data and the need to make timely decisions based on that data.

Henry Hall

## **Gyde Almshouses Charity**

Registered Charity Number 201098

A vacancy has arisen for an Almshouse at Gyde Road, Painswick. Applicants must be over the age of 55.

For further information on how to qualify and to receive an application form, please contact: Mrs S Baker – Clerk to the Trustees 14 Green Close, Uley, Dursley Glos. GL11 5TH Tele: 01453 860379 Email: shanibaker7@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: 31st July 2019





### **PROBUS Women**

It took two very brave men, on 10th June (Vince Williams and Jon Godson) to stand before us and announce that the title of their talk was "Idle Women". They informed us, after our initial gasp of disbelief, that they always made sure where the

'exit' door was before making their announcement! Very wise. Fortunately for these Speakers, they quickly offered an explanation.

The Government seriously underestimated how important canals were going to be as part of the wartime transport services. Experienced boaters had left the canal for other employment or 'joined up' taking their wealth of knowledge with them so, in 1942, The Women's Training Scheme was launched to help the war effort (main objective was to carry war cargo) and adverts were placed in The Times and John Bull magazine in order to attract middle class women who could read and write to work on the boats on the Grand Union Canal, London to Birmingham in crews of three operating a pair of narrow boats each 72 'x 6'10" known as a motor and butty - the first with engine, towing the latter by rope. Locks were widened to accommodate them. Freight comprised war products (every component of a Spitfire) and included at times - munitions. Loads weighing up to 50 tonnes all having to be 'clothed up' so Spies could not recognise cargos.

Accomplished Boat people, born and bred over generations and still working the canal systems, were not too happy about what they thought was 'their job'. Obviously a culture clash. The National Service badge worn by these young Women trainees (initially 50 but many dropped out along the way) had large initials 'I W' standing for Inland Waterways but the territorially jealous boat people re-interpreted this and nicknamed them 'Idle Women'.

Training was over a period of 6 weeks. Uniform was not provided. 18 to 20 hour days worked. Freezing weather conditions. Always hungry. No extra rations. Vegetable larder - nearby fields. Bread and jam stable diet. Hands, previously manicured, became red, sore, cut and chapped. No creams!. Gloves unsuitable for many tasks. Heavy boats difficult to manoeuvre - day or night. Lockgates to master plus boat maintenance. Canal terminology to absorb. Cramped living/sleeping accommodation. Small oven (wild duck size). Fold down beds. A bucket and chuck it system! No privacy!

The Idle Women received no recognition. Their vital contribution to the War effort lost in the mists of time and the ether of euphoria.

Now, we know. Idle Women - We salute you.

Next Meeting 8th July, Church Rooms, 10.30am. 'Quaint and Quirky' by Angela Panrucker. Guests £3.

delia Mason



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## **Meet the Author**

You are invited to a meet the author event with Elisa Lodato on Thursday July 11th, 7.30pm at the library.

Elisa is the author of the two novels both published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson. Her debut novel, An Unremarkable Body, was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award in 2018 and longlisted

for the Bath Novel Award 2016. Elisa's second novel, The Necessary Marriage, comes out in paperback in July.

Elisa has recently relocated to Gloucestershire having spent most of her life living in London. Working for Google before training to become an English teacher, Elisa found that helping pupils to search for meaning in a text inspired her to take up the pen and write her own.

We are looking forward to welcoming Elisa to the library where after a reading from her latest novel, she will answer questions about her life as an author.

There is no charge for the event but spaces are limited so please either pop in or call the library on 01452 814744 to reserve a space. Refreshments will be available.

Recent additions include the following with a full list at the library -

Adult Fiction

Barker, Pat – The Silence of the Girls Hannah, Sophie – The Mystery of Three Quarters Luna, Louisa – Two Girls Down MacEwan, Ian – Machines Like Me Macneal, Elizabeth – The Doll Factory Tope, Rebecca – A Peril in the Cotswolds

Adult Non Fiction

Cohen-Hatton, Dr Sabrina – The Heat of the Moment Garner, Alan – Where Shall We Run To? A memoir Marshall, Tim – Divided: living in an age of walls Shepherd, Richard – Unnatural Causes

Junior Books Corderoy, Tracey – The Aliens are Coming Murphy, Jill – Dear Hound Onjali, Rauf – The Boy at the Back of the Class Walliams, David – Fing; The First Hippo on the Moon and There's a Snake in my School

Happy Reading

Pat Pinnegar

### Pre-school children...

Painswick Community Library (upstairs in the Town Hall) invites pre-school children (and their adults) to a session of Croc'n'Roll songs, stories, and fun!



(£1 per child)

Wednesday 10th July 2.30-3pm

See you there!

Roey Parker 812971

#### Painswick Library Book Club Monday 15th July 2.30 – 3.30pm in the library

During the last meeting, Lily Tuck took us to Paraguay from Paris in the 1850's. A brutal and devastating war in Paraguay unfolds against Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay until the main character, Ella Lynch, returns to Paris in the 1890's. Lily Tuck's



book, 'The News from Paraguay' won the National Book Award for Fiction amid some astonishment from many critics at the time.

For an historical novel which has seemingly been well researched, 'The News from Paraguay' gives frustratingly few factual details concerning Paraguay, its struggles, political and economic position, or its reasons for war. It has a distinctive style with separate short paragraphs giving the same scene from the perspective of various different characters. The result is a strange book with a confusion of characters, often drawn with excessive intimate details which is not best suited to the fainthearted reader!

The author for general discussion during the next meeting on Monday 15th July at 2:30pm is: F. Scott Fitzgerald with a specific focus on 'The Great Gatsby'

For further information, or if you would like to borrow a copy of the book, please contact Carole on 077 1234 2636 or email: painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com Or better still, come along and join us!

Carole Smith

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#### "The one that survived"

is what most people remember about Katherine Parr, Henry VIII's sixth wife. She was a highly educated woman, an author and religious reformer who led the most interesting life. These facts are often over-



looked, but were brought to the attention of the ladies of Yew Trees WI when Mike Bottomley gave a fascinating talk about Katherine's life, at their May meeting. Just months after Henry VIII died in 1547, Katherine married an old love, Thomas Seymour, and lived in Sudeley Castle until her untimely death at the age of 36, just 7 days after giving birth to a daughter in September 1548. Her funeral, the first to use the English language, was at Sudeley where she is buried. Hence her being known as Gloucestershire's Oueen.

Then, early in June a party of members and their guests visited Sudeley Castle. They had another fascinating talk, given by one of the Castle's guides, before being free to wander round the Castle and/or gardens. Those who chose to tour the gardens first did best as unfortunately it started to rain later in the day, but this did not dampen the enjoyment of a very successful outing.

At our July meeting on Tuesday 23rd, Professor Angela Newing will give a talk on Mazes. Ladies do come and join us for what should be another interesting evening. 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms. We look forward to welcoming you.

Celia Lougher 812624

#### Manor of Painswick

A collection of eighteenth century documents from the Manor of Painswick has been acquired at auction for Gloucestershire Archives, after Painswick's Local History Society stepped in to help with funding the bid. The documents are described as 'Courts Baron and Courts Leet' documents from 1756 - 1799. They were presented to the Archives on 30th May by Clive Andrews, chair of the Friends of Gloucestershire Archives, who also supported the bid. The documents can now be viewed at the Heritage Hub, Alvin Street in Gloucester. The photo shows



Ally McConnell of the archives accepting the documents from Clive.

### **Open Gardens for Cancer Research**



On Saturday 15th June the Painswick branch of Hamptons International hosted our first ever Open Gardens event to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

In spite of the poor weather leading up to the event, 16 property owners dotted around Painswick were happy to open their gardens to the public. We used the Painswick Centre as our base for the day and enlisted the help of lots of kind companies and individuals who could bake cakes, biscuits and scones for us to sell. We also had donations for a plant sale too and still have a range of plants available to buy from outside our office.

On the day, we made it a family affair with mothers, children, partners, wives and husbands of the staff all helping out. The weather wasn't on our side with drizzle most of the day but the hardened gardeners still came out to support us.

I am very proud to say that the end result was a quite superb £1700 raised to support Cancer Research UK and would like to offer a HUGE THANK YOU to all those who opened their gardens or supported us with donations of cakes and plants and to everyone that braved the weather to come out and support this very worthy cause.



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#### Stay up to date

Our new website is up and running! You can check out What's On by going to www. painswickcentre.com/coming-up. On the home page you can also subscribe to our email list - you can tick the events you'd like to hear about so we'll only get in touch about things that will interest you.

Coming up this month

Fri 5th July Wick-Flix presents A Private War - see right

Weds 10th July

Fish & Chips

Simpsons will be back at The Painswick Centre with their award-winning (and gluten free) menu on the second Wednesday of the month. Join us from 5.15pm for a fish supper: take away or eat in with friends and family, with free squash and colouring for the kids, and ice creams for sale. From 6.45pm there will be a special offer running on bottles of Woodchester Valley wine.

#### Tues 16th July

Painswick Business Breakfast

The next networking event for all local businesses will be kindly hosted by The Painswick Pooch. Look out for the link to register on Facebook, or to be added to our mailing list please email susieandrews101@gmail.com.

#### Coming up later this Summer

14th August: Fish & Chips

17-26th August: Art Burst

6th September: Wick-Flix presents Fisherman's Friends

#### Help needed!

We need someone to help with setting out tables and chairs for events at The Painswick Centre. As a charity we would welcome someone to volunteer their time for this, but we could pay minimum wage. If you can help please email Lindsay at painswickcentremanager@gmail.com

Susie Andrews

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Wick-Flix enjoyed another good turnout in June for Mary Queen of Scots. So far this year we have screened a range of films from musical to biopic, from historical drama to romcom. We try to bring you variety and we are working on a great selection for the second half of the year, kicking off with the ones below (please note we take a break in August).

#### Friday 5th July – A Private War (15)

Marie Colvin worked for The Sunday Times. She became one of the great foreign correspondents of our time until she was targeted by the Syrian Government and murdered in Homs in 2012. This powerful movie follows the life and trials of a truly amazing woman as she risked everything to reveal the TRUTH. Marie is played by Rosamund Pike with her trusted photographer, Paul Conroy, played by Jamie Dornan.

Friday 6th September – Fisherman's Friends (12A)

A 2019 biographical comedy-drama, based on a true story about Fisherman's Friends, a group of Cornish fishermen from Port Isaac who were signed by Universal Records and achieved a top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties. Directed by Chris Foggin and starring Tuppence Middleton, James Purefoy, Christopher Villiers, Daniel Mays, Noel Clarke and Christian Brassington.

Doors open at 7pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £7 (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. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Up-to-date information on future screenings can be found at www.painswickcentre.com/coming-up or on Facebook at @ WickFlix. Come along and support your community cinema!

Alison Smith





### News from St Mary's

By July we are into Sundays after Trinity. Have you noticed that all the major Christian festivals occur in the first half of the year – Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost? There is not another major festival now until Advent which begins on 1st December. All the Sundays between now and Advent are named after Trinity. The liturgical colour is green which is thought of as God's favourite colour. He has painted the countryside green – green leaves, green trees, green grass, green crops. More recently green has taken on a new dimension with or green movement focusing on the environment.

the growth of the green movement focusing on the environment.

The weather stayed fine for Pitchcombe Church celebrating their 200th Anniversary on 22nd and 23rd June. The celebrations included a flower festival, a village photograph and two special services on the Sunday - a communion service and a thanksgiving service both well attended by the benefice. The Bishop of Tewkesbury, speaking at the thanksgiving service emphasised the importance of the church in the community for over 200 years and his hopes for the future. He congratulated the church for raising the necessary funds for the renewal of the church roof and praised the artistry of the flower arrangers for the beautiful displays.

We congratulate one of our St Mary's members Frances Watson, who was awarded an MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list. The award was for services to people with learning difficulties.

On 28th July our Cranham Church celebrates its Patronal festival of St James the Greater. The celebrations include a Songs of Praise service at 6.30pn conducted by Revd. Andrew Leach and Sue Hartley.

The advertisement for a new Vicar of the benefice has attracted one application. The candidate will be interviewed early this month. Please pray for the interviewing panel that they may make the right decision for the benefice.

David Newell



**Messy Church Fun Morning** 

SATURDAY 6th JULY

10.30am to 12.15pm

A Family Fun Morning with refreshments and hot dogs

Painswick Recreation Ground

Messy Church is a family event, so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries please Email: beaconmessychurch@outlook.com

Next Messy Church session will be after the Summer Holidays on: Thursday 12th September at St. Mary's Church Rooms





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#### The Painswick Pooch

The Beacon is pleased to report that the Painswick Pooch Coffee House is extending its opening hours for the summer months of July and August.

Alistair and Gemma will now open their doors on New Street seven days a week from 9.30am till 5pm weekdays, 9 to 5 Saturdays and 10am to 4pm on Sundays. They look forward to welcoming you to "The Pooch" very soon.

# Stroud Festival of Nature

Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club is offering a walk on



Painswick Beacon as part of the Stroud Festival of Nature. It is on Wednesday, 7th August, starting from the Painswick Golf Club at 2:30 pm followed by tea in the Golf Club at 4:15 pm. It will be led by Paul Baxter, Project Manager, who will explain what work the Painswick Conservation Group is doing to increase the biodiversity of wildlife on this SSSI. There is a charge of £5 - Cheques payable to CNFC-ONE. Please book through Joyce Barrus on 01452 812942 or email joycebarrus@yahoo.co.uk.

#### Painswick Ball

David Nottingham writes that The Painswick Ball was an overwhelming success with over 350 Painswickians 'Cruising to the Caribbean' style. A further report next month.



### Cotswold composers: **Orr and more!**

After their hugely successful debut together last August in Painswick, local musicians Chris Hall (baritone) and Robert Burgess (piano) will be returning to St Mary's Church this August with a completely new programme. This year their concert will form part of the opening day of ArtBurst Painswick, the Painswick Arts Festival. The festival theme will be "The Character of the

Cotswolds", so Robert and Chris have decided to focus their programme on music by composers with Cotswold links, and on one composer in particular: Painswick's very own song-writer Charles Wilfred Orr. C W Orr lived in the house right next door to St Mary's Church from 1934 until his death in 1976, and there he wrote some of his most beautiful music. This August's concert will include several of his haunting and attractive songs. The programme will also include works by other Cotswold composers Carr, Finzi, Gurney, Holst, Howells and Vaughan Williams, along with some other less local favourites.

In the past year Robert and Chris's concerts around the region have raised almost £1,600 for charities that are dear to their hearts. Robert, who has a very successful career as a pianist, has Aspergers Syndrome. Chris's father has advanced dementia and still enormously enjoys playing the piano. So it's not surprising that Robert and Chris have tried to support charities that provide services such as music therapy for people living with dementia and for autistic people, and especially charities that work locally.



This concert, which will be at 3pm on Saturday 17th August in St Mary's Church, Painswick, is no exception. It will be free to enter - no tickets needed - and there will be a retiring collection for the Gloucestershire Branch of the National Autistic Society. Local musicians performing lovely music by local composers, all in support of a local charity – not to be missed!

## David does it again

After the AGM on Tuesday 19th June 2019, David Archard, a long-time member of the Society, used his extensive collection of photographs and his prodigious memory to give us a slide show, plus anecdotes, on Painswick people and events from the end of the Second World War until the end of the 1990s. There were about 50 slides divided into decades; amongst the '40s slides was one of the war canteen which started in the Institute (Painswick Centre)

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and continued for many years after the war. The next group of slides in the '50s included work on the Church spire and the money raising that took place to fund that work. In the 1960s section were two slides of the White Horse and its last publican prior to the pub being pulled down for the entrance to White Horse Lane. David reminded us that, before the building of motorways, the A46 was used heavily by south-bound traffic, particularly in summer when the traffic was non-stop. One of the slides in the '70s section showed Horns Garage in New Street shortly before the garage was demolished and another slide, this time in the '80s group was of the 1982 snowfall when Painswick was cut-off for a day and a half and the Royal Oak did a roaring trade all through the day. David finished with a slide of the spire of Painswick church, a church which has meant a lot to him and his friend and ex-talks colleague, Helen Briggs, who died a few months ago. Many of the Society will remember their Briggs Archard productions.

Pat Harper



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### Master classes booking up. Children's art competition

Jackie Herbert reports that many of the ArtBurst Master Classes are now filling up and new bookings should be made quickly. "We are aiming for up to 10 attendees and some are nearing capacity now" she says.



Jonathan Choat reports that after several people expressed their concerns about the arcane mysteries of abstract painting, he spoke to Danny Rolph, the very down to earth and humorous Master Class guru, who assured him that this will be a non-intellectualised introduction to abstracts with a very practical workshop on the afternoon of Saturday 17th August. "I need all those attending to bring lots of different coloured and textured paper, glue, scissors and a pad to mount it all on. We are going to explore shapes, form and colour so everyone will be able to take home their first abstract picture says Danny Rolph.

Jonathan Choat

ArtBurst, Painswick's major public art event, will feature up to 250 pictures from the pupils at the three junior schools in the Painswick Valley, Painswick, Sheepscombe and Cranham, at an exhibition in the Painswick Centre Bowling Alley for the 10 days of ArtBurst, 17th to 27th August this year.

There will be prizes of Art sets, generously contributed by Jackson Art materials in Gloucester, for the top three paintings in each of the three age categories, 5 to 7, 7 to 9 and 9t o 11. The children will be painting on the subject of "My favourite thing" to allow plenty of scope for their imaginations. The competition is open to all children in the area and will be judged on Saturday 24th August by local artists Adele lambert and Anthony Churchill.

Jackie Herbert, Chairman of the ArtBurst organisers says "We are grateful to the head teachers of the three schools for their enthusiasm to involve all their pupils in ArtBurst and Rebecca Slater's Cranham School will be designing the show banner for the exhibition as well. We are fortunate that the Children's Art Competition has been supported by a generous personal contribution from David Allott and other individual patrons of ArtBurst. Whilst the ArtBurst fullcolour programme is now completed, it is still possible to advertise on the web site www.artburstpainswick.co.uk"

### The Croft School Summer Fair 2019

Saturday 13th July 12 – 3pm Croft School

This year our fair is not to be missed! It is literally bursting at the seams with fun, games and delicious food. We invite the whole village to come along to join the fun and help to raise vital funds for our school.

- Meet the gorgeous Tibbiwell Alpacas
- The Army are coming! mini obstacle course & check out their kit
- Pedal a fruit smoothie & quality 2nd hand kids bike sale
- Bring your children's bikes along for a check over from our bike mechanic.
- Traditional fair stalls including human fruit machine, coconut shy and face painting
- Police car, Fire engine and Stroud Fire Fighters
- Plant stall including donations from Rococo Gardens
- 2nd hand toys and school uniform stall
- · Hot food burgers and sausages locally sourced, vegetarian and gluten free options
- Tea, coffee and delicious cakes and ice cream
- Pimms tent and licenced (cash) bar

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### Summer Shopping Event

This year's Summer Shopping Event at Richmond Painswick will be held on Thursday 22nd August between 3pm – 5pm. As well as many stalls selling homemade gifts, jewelry, preserves, greeting cards and more, there will be refreshments available and a charity raffle raising money in aid of Teckels Animal Sanctuary. Extra parking will be available at the Rugby Club. If you are interested in a stall at this event, please contact Jay Dexter at jay.dexter@richmond-villages. com

# Summer fete at Resthaven

Saturday 13th July at 1.30pm Everyone welcome



# Sophie's and Victoria's new course

Painswick is renowned for its diverse and appealing range of classes. It is good therefore to report that a brand new course with a difference will commence on Monday, 9th September. Sophie Cater and Victoria Withers will offer five sessions, each lasting from 10.00am to 1.00pm, on the subject of upholstery. The classes aim to teach the skills necessary for re-upholstering chairs and it is envisaged that each group of five sessions will cover everything needed to complete a chair. As Sophie points out, essentially it is usually a question of renovating the whole of the soft part of the furniture which requires quite a lot of work but is nonetheless ultimately an impressive treatment with satisfying results. An old chair looking rather tired and redundant can be brought back to life and indeed take pride of place again in the dining room!

Sophie and Victoria are very well qualified to run these classes. Having studied at the London College of Printing Sophie went on to study textile design at Bristol UWE and Victoria ran her own business making gowns and wedding dresses. A few years ago they attended an evening course in upholstery and subsequently opened a bay at the Malthouse Collective. Last year they completed a diploma course in Bath for a full qualification in upholstery. Additionally they both have valuable experience in retailing, Sophie as a buyer for Cotswold Outdoor and Victoria in her own clothes shop in Cheltenham.

At the Malthouse Collective they run workshops for making soft furnishings such as lampshades, seat caning, painted furniture, fairy lights etc more or less on a monthly basis. With an obvious love of textile design it is also very much about practical skills and the furniture upholstery reflects both elements. 'We love what we do,' says Sophie and her enthusiasm is infectious.



Sophie and Victoria are sisters who grew up in Birdlip. Sophie lives in Painswick with her husband and three children two of whom attend the Croft School and the oldest a student at Stroud High. Victoria and her husband live in Bentham. They have two children both now adults. Sophie is pictured in the forefront.

Most of us probably have a tired-looking chair or two somewhere in the house. Many old chairs are in fact beautifully made and can enhance the look of any room given a chance. Re-upholstering and effectively restoring them is also, as an additional benefit, a recycling exercise. With Sophie and Victoria's expertise and encouragement these classes, to be held in the church rooms, offer an excellent opportunity to learn some practical skills which can be put to many uses.

As numbers for the course will of necessity be limited it is essential to pre-book a place. This can be done by email at sewvintage66@ gmail.com or by telephone on 07766114940 or 07835617213. There is a website www.sew-vintage.co.uk

Carol Maxwell



David Allott from Stamages Lane writes::

Will they? Won't they? Get permission to build 8 or more houses on the field off Stamages Lane, just below New Drive (which is owned by the Parish for all of us)? The crucial decision date has been repeatedly put back from March 12th through April, May and all of June until the 28th. But it may move again since an assessment from Natural England is still awaited before their Statutory cut-off date of 10th July! Confused? Aren't we all?



Drainage and Landscape/heritage issues have caused several delays and so the 70 or so "Friends of New drive Field" who have objected are still on tenterhooks. Will it go to Committee, will there be an appeal, will it be resolved before you get to read this? And, we need to remember, this is only an outline application; a new application for 16-20 smaller houses could be submitted any day. Don't hold you breath.

David Allott from Stamages Lane writes:

I am leading a tiny group who are battling brambles, weeds and gravity as we attempt to convert the 111 year old retaining bank in New Drive into an attractive, nectar



producing haven for bees, butterflies etc. The tiny group would like to be bigger and so we welcome your help whether in kind, such as plants or planting (we have already put in 100 plants and are growing 700 more) or dead-heading and weeding; or in cash. We have already raised several hundred pounds but more will be needed for a reliable, dedicated water supply, and for some paid-for specialist help. We now have a purpose made set of steps to make work up the slope easier and safer. Do please consider how you might help by getting involved, or at least making encouraging noises as you stroll past. For more information please ask me: David Allott on 812624.



# Jottings

In the last month, June, we have had over 4 inches of rain, coming down in bursts so no time to do any silage making. Haymaking is out of the question. Gloucester usually gets about 30 inches a year, but we in Pitchcombe only got 21 inches last year. Below average.

I have just done a quick survey of where all the water in the Painswick stream comes from. I counted up to over 40 main springs feeding into it, starting in Cranham, Sheepscombe and Edge. Down to Stroud, most of the springs start high up our valley sides. Then there is the Slad Valley catchment with a stream heading down another of the "Five Valleys".

When it comes to market gardening, growing vegetables on large areas of land supplying the big stores etc, you cannot depend on rainfall. Growers have to get a licence to abstract water from bore holes, rivers, wells and lakes. Some of the big growers have now dug huge reservoirs to store water in the winter to irrigate in the summer.

Root vegetables like carrots and parsnips need an inch of water a week, going down at least 6 inches down the length of the vegetable. Potatoes need the water to get down to 8 to 10 inches. Tomatoes need about half an inch a week, but this needs to be very consistent, so they don't get diseased. A high yielding corn crop needs about 22 inches of water in its life time, 15 to 16 inches only produces a low yield.

So, considering the amounts of water our crops need, you need 27000 gallons of water to give an acre of grass an inch of water. At home, if you want to water your lawn properly you need 62 gallons of water a week. But then you will always be mowing it!

Martin Slinger.

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## Asters and much more

Picton Gardens is world famous for holding the United Kingdom national collection of Asters. The collection was originally established in 1884 and has been curated by three generations of the Picton family since 1947.



In a talk entitled "The Picton Gardens in the 21st Century", Helen Picton and Ross Barber gave us an informative and amusing talk on the exciting transformation of the gardens they have masterminded over the past few years. As well as the Aster collection, the gardens now possess a collection of over three hundred species of snowdrops. In addition, both Helen and Ross are passionate about Alpine plants and have created a specialised bed which ensures that the plants both thrive and maintain their original compact form. Extensive remodelling and carefully researched planting means that the traditional Autumn Aster blooming is now complemented by an impressive display of flowers throughout the year. The thoroughly entertaining talk was followed by an informative and helpful question and answer session.

A successful sale of plants, kindly donated by Paul Hervey Brookes from his Chatsworth Garden Show exhibit and sponsored by Brewin Dolphin, took place on 6th June at the Rococo Gardens.

Finally, our July meeting will consist of the Annual General Meeting, followed by a Gardeners' Question Time with a panel comprising the garden team from the Rococo Garden. If you have any issues which you would like discussed, please submit a written question to a committee member by email over the next couple of weeks.

Rob Stevens



On the 24th May an intrepid group of Friday Club members set off by coach to spend an exciting day exploring the Safari Park and Stately Home that is Longleat. We were glued to the coach windows watching lions and tigers freely roaming in the Park. The coach escaped the attraction of the monkeys but we did see several cars driving around the monkey enclosure with monkeys enjoying a free ride on either the bonnet or the roof of a car! A very enjoyable day.

Then on the 7th June we held our Meeting at Richmond where Phil Ellaway - Training Manager - and a member of Dementia Friends spoke to us about "What is Dementia?" He explained that "dementia" describes a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem solving or language. These changes are often small to start with but ultimately become severe enough to affect a person's daily life. We were asked to list the actions to make a cup of tea. Sounds simple but when broken down it involves more than 15 action points before you actually pour the tea - including locating the kitchen. Food for thought!!

Being a Dementia Friend means learning more about dementia, putting yourself in the shoes of someone living with the condition and turning your understanding into action. From visiting someone you know with dementia to being more patient in a shop queue. Our tea ladies were pleased to be away from the Town Hall as both tea and biscuits were provided by Richmond.

We are fast approaching our Summer break. On the 5th July we have our President's Tea Party, when we shall not only enjoy a cream tea but also relax and watch a "film." Then on the 19th July we shall be packing our buckets and spades for our outing to Weston - hopefully the tide will be in!!

Mike Kerton

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### **Rococo-inspired**

You will hopefully have already heard good things about our extraordinary display of beautiful sculpture, which adorns the Garden this summer -118 sculptures in a variety of media have been skilfully placed around our hidden valley and are attracting lots of lovely visitor comments. Accompanying this are a number of free Lottery-funded workshops by artists and

sculptors. Local artist Anthony Lewis Churchill will be leading children's workshops which explore what "rococo" means, focusing on creativity and garden design skills. And Madeleine Staples will be using shells and sculpture to explore and illustrate some of the characteristics of art of the rococo period. These workshops are free, thanks to our National Lottery Heritage Fund grant, and are filling up rapidly – for more information and to book, visit art unbound the courses page of our website http://www.rococogarden.org.uk/Whats-On/Courses

One of our most popular summer theatre shows is likely to be Illyria's "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves". Visiting for the first time this year, this fabulous touring theatre company are with us on Saturday 27th of July at 2.30 - and yes, it's where those magical words "Open Sesame" come from. With vast treasures inside the cave, can Ali keep the secret from his jealous brother? And how will the five actors play all forty parts? We can't wait to see what Illyria will make of this classic tale. To find out more visit www. rococogarden.org.uk/events

We do love to dream up an exciting and engaging children's trail, and the next one is no different. Our summer holiday trail is all about time travelling back to the rococo heyday of the Garden. Discover the history of rococo using clues and our 18th century garden friends. And best of all, the trail is free to take part and there's a prize at the end for every participant. It runs from 20th July -8th September, and we're open every day of the week from 10.30-5pm.

We do hope to see you soon.

Tim Toghill - Volunteer and Trustee

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### Do Something amazing - Volunteer with Citizens Advice

We are recruiting volunteer advisers to join our dynamic team. We couldn't function without the time and dedication of our volunteers who are our most valuable asset. We are looking for people who can spare 8-10 hours a week for a minimum of two years to join our adviser training programme which starts on 6th September 2019. Full training and support will be given and expenses paid. One of our volunteers shares what she gets from volunteering

I applied for the adviser programme at Citizens Advice as I was looking for a challenging, interesting way to become more aware of, and get more involved in, local community issues. You are gradually introduced to client work alongside training which helps to fill out subject knowledge and an understanding of how best to help clients. Training is also provided in soft skills such as interview and research capabilities so there really are personal development opportunities. I trained with a really interesting, fun group of people. Having worked in a range of public and private sector organisations during my career, the CA adviser programme is one of the best training programmes I have come across.

There are opportunities to get involved in local campaign issues and also to specialise in areas which really interest you. I find working with clients really rewarding; to help someone move forward with a problem (or more often, problems) which has caused them stress and/or hardship can be challenging but often results in a client who can move on with their lives knowing that there is a path to help with their problem.

In short, being a CA adviser is the challenging and rewarding role I was looking for!

For more information about volunteering and to apply please look on our website www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk. If you would like to discuss this volunteering opportunity further, please contact Susie McCormick, Training Officer on 01453-758252 ext. 214.





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#### Sports reports assembled by John Barrus

**Junior Tennis** 

PainswickTennis club ran a successful Road to Wimbledon competition for club players aged 11-14yr on Saturday 8th June, which doubled up as the Painswick Junior Club Championship. A strong field of boys and girls resulted in some excellent tennis, and a really enjoyable afternoon.



The winner of the girls event was Hannah Watkins (centre), with Eliza Moore (left) as runner-up. The boys event was won by Marcus White (centre) with Felix Jack (right) as runner-up.



Congratulations to all that took part. We wish our players good luck for the county finals, with the eventual winners invited to compete in the national finals at Wimbledon in August. If you are interested in having coaching or joining the club, please contact Ruth Smith on 01452 813693 or email ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com.





# Painswick Cricket Club news!!

Painswick first team have made a good start to the season. The side are well aware of the tough challenges ahead but to begin with 4 wins from 6 matches is certainly a fantastic effort. As of 14 June the club lies fourth in the West of England Premier League (Gloucester Division).



Results and highlights for the first team are as follows: Lost to Rockhampton by 8 wickets.

Won by 78 runs against Staunton and Corse (George Macduff 41 runs with Ross Martin scoring 39 and taking 3 vital wickets).

Won by 4 wkts against Frocester 2nds (Ross Martin scored 71 runs supported well by Nick Marment who added 38 runs).

The foundations for the nail biting 1 wicket victory over Tewkesbury was a fantastic knock by Reece Morris scoring 92 runs and it still took some heroics by skipper Jack Hobbis to see Painswick over the line with a six off the last ball of the match!

Lost to Hatherley and Reddings by 102 runs.

Won by 5 wickets against Cheltenham Civil Service, George Macduff 49 runs and Reece Morris 46 runs. Ross Martin taking 2 wickets.

#### Youth and Shirts!

Youth cricket is up and running and Friday evenings at Broadham is the place to be. The club would like to thank James Pyle & Co for their support in providing a number of junior shirts for 2019. James Pyle



can be seen handing over his shirts to youth coach Dom Barnard in the picture below. Many thanks James!

If you are interested in youth cricket, please contact Dom Barnard (email domrolle@yahoo.co.uk). Five Valley Girls team are up an running. They are training on Mondays, if interested please do contact Daisy Hewitt (email fivevalleyscc@gmail.com).

Steve Pegram PCC



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A Level 1 qualified coach will be in attendance

All the necessary bowls and equipment will be provided by the club for the day. All we ask is for you to wear flat sole shoes (no heels).

Tea /coffee plus snacks will be available free of charge and the bar will be open

The Club is situated behind the Painswick Centre, Bisley Street, Painswick

Further Club details can be found on the club website:www. hugofox.com/community/painswick-bowls-club-8716/home

# **Painswick's Gas Supply**

It is about 100 years since Town Gas came to Painswick. It was manufactured in Chestnut Lane Stroud off Cainscross Road and then piped to Cap Mill Lane Painswick, now known as Kingsmill Lane. There was a holding tank there and an office etc until c. 1972.

The current residential uses have been blighted in recent years by gas leaks from the old cast iron pipes. It is still possible to smell residual Town Gas at certain points along the road and recent longer term efforts by British Gas to trace the Natural Gas leaks have also proved to be frustrating to all.

I understand plans are now in hand to place a new modern pipe under the road to improve the situation.

Many local people and drivers of vehicles will no doubt read this with relief.

Trevor Radway

### Neighbourhood Warden

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Matt Jones. I am the new Neighbourhood Warden for the Whiteshill and Ruscombe area. I have been working at Stroud District Council as a Neighbourhood Warden since the 7th May 2019. As I'm still fairly new I am working my way around all of my areas and will be setting up various drop in sessions and other monthly meetings to introduce myself into all of the areas I cover.



My area covers Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon, Cranham, Harescombe, Haresfield, Miserden, Painswick, Pitchcombe, Randwick and Westrip. Upton St Leonards, Whiteshill and Ruscombe. I am one of a team of 7 Wardens. Between us we cover the Stroud District dealing with a range of issues, including

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- Fly-tipping
- Fly-posting
- •• Graffiti
- Supporting residents and partner agencies
- Personal safety talks
- Installing and maintaining Careline equipment
- •• Neighbour disputes

Please say hello if you see me out and about in the District and feel free to contact me should you need advice or help. Telephone: 07811263075. Email: matt.jones@stroud.gov.uk





The summer started with a period of hot dry weather and it seemed as if we were to have a repeat of last year. However, we have experienced a long spell of cold, wet and windy weather. This has had a detrimental effect on butterfly sightings but been good for the grasses and flowers.

As I write this the weather has turned warm again so we should hopefully see an increase in butterfly sightings.

The guided walks organized this summer have been designed to show the progress made on the Beacon by the winter work parties. Areas cleared of scrub usually show an increase of plant species which need more dappled light. We now have two large patches of white helleborines and a good showing of broad leaved helleborines and twayblades. We have cleared several large patches of brambles and it is surprising how quickly the area can recover with the right after care. With repeated cutting and grazing brambles can be beaten. However due to the difficulties of grazing the Beacon and limited manpower at our disposal we have had to resort to careful use of selective weed killers applied by spraying. This is best done early in the summer when the regrowth is small and actively growing. Then, later in the year, small plants which have germinated from seed can be hand pulled easily and any larger plant which were missed can be sprayed. Other difficult weeds, such as rosebay willow herb and hemp agrimony are treated by regular cutting, to weaken it and then spraying the regrowth.

Our new Dexter cattle have settled in well and have just been moved to a new field. They should stay there until the first week in August, when they will be moved back onto the Beacon. They are coming to the bucket of nuts so that will make moving them easier in the future.

Paul Baxter

#### **PROPERTY REPORT Written by Beacon Staff**

There are several new smaller houses on the market this month, both modern and period properties. Hamptons have 24 Upper Washwell at £175,000, and at the same price, 2 Vicarage Street, both one bedroom properties close to the centre of the village. 6 Hyett Close (Moulton Haus, £245,000) is a three bedroom terraced house close to the school, and Yew Tree Barn (Moulton Haus, £300,000) is tucked away behind the Falcon on New Street.

Murrays have three more expensive properties, including two close to each other near the Cross Hands junction. Rockleigh (Murrays, £550,000) is a 3 to 4 bedroom semi-detached house off Kingsmill Lane and Beehouses (Murrays, £795,000) is a modern detached house with beautiful gardens running down to the Painswick Stream. Meadowcroft on Lower Washwell (Murrays, £950,000), is a four bedroom detached house next to the Recreation Ground.

Further out are two houses in stunning settings. Winding Waters in Cranham (Murrays,  $\pounds 1,000,000$ ) is a five bedroom family house with a swimming pool and large gardens set around

the brook. Yew Tree Cottage (Hamptons, £900,000) is a real chocolate box cottage at the end of a narrow lane between Bisley and Slad.

Sales this month (subject to contract) include The Old Surgery in Gloucester Street, Knapp Corner House in Knapp Lane and 2 Court Orchard, all by Hamptons. Murrays have sold Nettles in Kingsmill Lane, Southview in Vicarage Street and Little Acre in Cheltenham Road. Moulton Haus have sold 3 Hillview Cottages in Gloucester Street and Stonechat Cottage, both within their first week of listing with the business.

Hamptons thank all those who helped to make the Open Gardens event a success, raising £1700 for Cancer Research UK. Murrays are now raising money for the Silver Lining Brain Injury charity, with James and Richard Murray and Josh Ford-Loveday jumping out of a plane at 15,000 feet on 8th August. You can support them at https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal/fundraiserPage?pageId=1061084, or pop into the office to donate.





**Regular Village Activities -** If the times of your regular activities have changed please let Vicky Aspinall know on cvasp.26@gmail.com

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	Monday	/S	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm
			Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
			Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
			Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
			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 Heid Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	i Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
			Sheepscombe baby and toddler group - every Monday excep holidays. New members welcome.£ 4.00 for first child, £1.00 for each one extra.		9.30am
	Tuesday	/S	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. Contac 07766101790	t Painswick Centre	10.00am
			Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
			Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers - during term time	g Rococo Gardens	10.00am
			Nia Holistic Fitness	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
			Table Tennis	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Wednes	days	Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	) Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
			Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
			Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
			Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Thursda	iys	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
			Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480		12.00 - 1.00pm
			Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced beginners. Contac Julie 01453 752480		12.30 - 1.30pm
			Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@ hotmail.com	) Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm
	Fridays		Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris Campbell 01452 812600	2 Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
			Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
			Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
			Bowls open training/taster sessions for beginners. Season end is Sept 27th	Club	6.00 - 8.00pm
	Saturday	•	Artspace Painswick	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm
	Sundays	S	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am
			Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	July				
	Fri	5	Art Unbound sculpture exhibition - open all month. Every day	Rococo Garden	10.30 - 5.00pm
		5	Beacon published		
		5	Wick-flix: A Private War	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	Sun	7	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
,	Mon	8	Painswick Women's Probus:Quaint and Quirky - Angela Panrucker	Church rooms	10 for 10.30am

Wed	10	Pop-up Fish and Chips	Painswick Centre	5.15- 8.00pm
	10	Painswick Probus club: A Taste of Africa - David lemon	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	10	Painswick Gardening Club: AGM and gardening question time	Falcon bowls club	7.00pm
Sun	14	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Wed	17	Parish Council meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
	17	Midday Prayer	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
Fri	19	Friday Club: Outing to Weston-super-Mare		
Sun	21	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	22	Deadline for Beacon copy		
Tues	23	Yew Trees WI: Mazes - Prof Angela Newing	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	24	Family summer holiday trail daily until 1st September	Rococo Garden	10.30 - 5.00pm
	24	Painswick Probus club: Ladies Summer Event	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	26	PSALMS prayer group	Church Rooms	9.00am
Sat	27	Ali baba and the forty thieves: tickets rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	2.30pm
Sun	28	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	28	Painswick Bowling Club Open Day. All welcome	Bowling Club next to Painswick Centre	10.30 - 3.00pm
Wed	31	Parkinson's café - a friendly get together in lovely surroundings. For further info Maggie Daley 01452 676855	Richmond Village	2.00 - 4.00pm
August				
Thurs	1	Art Unbound sculpture exhibition - open all month, every day	Rococo Garden	10.30am - 5.00pm
Fri	2	Wick - flix:	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	3	Beacon published		
Wed	7	Cotteswold Naturalists: Guided walk on Painswick Beacon SSSI for Stroud Festival of Nature. Pre-book 812942	Painswick Golf Club	2.30pm
Wed	14	Gardening Club: Outing		
	14	Pop-up fish and chips	Painswick Centre	5.15 - 8.00pm
Thurs	15	Theatre club - Taming of the Shrew. RSC Stratford. Details ring 01452 812575		
Mon	19	Deadline for Beacon copy		
Wed	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: Coach trip to Brecon Canal, steam railway and cathedral. Enq 01453 872243	Stamages Car Park.	
Tues	27	Yew Trees WI: Summer Supper	Painswick Golf Club	7.00 for 7.30pm
1400		Ten Trees Summer Supper		,

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to Vicky Aspinall at: cvasp.26@gmail.com

# Internship with PSALMS from September

PSALMS offers two individual internship streams to choose from: 1. Sports Specialism: This stream is ideal for those who are interested in developing in youth work, but also have a passion for sports and sports ministry for those aged 8 to 18. More conventional youth work practice is combined with sports activities in a variety of ways.

2. Youth ministry: PSALMS Youth Ministry Stream aims to develop core youth work and ministry skills through community, schools and church work.

In each of these streams, successful applicants will work over

the placement to develop and deliver a project that fits into their core specialism

areas. There are also opportunities within these roles to develop media skills. PSALMS partners with New Wine Discipleship Year and successful applicants will spend one day a week at New Wine Cheltenham as part of their placement. The internships also include a number of retreats, training conferences and camps, such as Soul Survivor. For more details And an application pack visit:

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#### PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

#### NEW APPLICATIONS

S.19/0976/FUL SEVENACRES, The Camp

25 Caravans with 6 electrical power points, shower block, reception area and glamping lodge (Retrospective).

S.19/1222/LBC TOCKNELLS COURT, Cheltenham Road

Internal and external alterations. New oil tank position. Revisions to approved scheme S.17/2524/HHOLD & S.17/2525/LBC.

S.19/1243/HHOLD TOCKNELLS COURT, Cheltenham Road Internal and external alterations. New oil tank position. Revisions to approved scheme S.17/2524/HHOLD & S.17 2525/ LBC.

S.19/0739/HHOLD 1WOODBINE COTTAGE, Slad Road, Slad

Extension of existing retaining boundary wall to enclose a buried gas tank within the ground behind. Additional natural stone low level wall along part of the eastern face of the house.

S.19/1241/HHOLD 1 WASH-WELL COTTAGES, Cheltenham Road Single storey rear garden room extension. New window to front elevation.

S.19/1277/TPO 8 HYETT ORCHARD, Hyett Close

Large Lime tree near property. In need of re-pollarding. Causing excessive shading.

S.19/1092/LBC KNAPP HOUSE, The Vatch, Catswood Lane

Repoint external masonry Replace glazing to two ground floor windows.

S.19/1046/FUL THE OLD STABLES, Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp Ground floor extensions, loft conversion including new rooflights and external works to allow access to lower ground floor.

#### CONSENT

S.19/0287/CPE COURT HOUSE, Hale

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#### Lane

Certificate of Lawful Development to establish that residential use as a single dwelling house has occurred for a period in excess of four years.

S.19/0709/LBC SNOWS FARM, Slad Erection of single storey extension to the cottage. Inclusion of french doors instead of windows to existing annexe. Addition of oak porch to front door on main house, and false window to gable.

S.19/0687/HHOLD SNOWS FARM, Slad Erection of single storey extension to cottage. Replacement of windows with patio doors on front elevation of annexe. Addition of canopy oak porch over front door of main house together with false window to front gable of main dwelling

S.19/0725/FUL HAMBUTTS, Orchard, Edge Road Erection of 4 bed dwelling.

S.19/0752/HHOLD THE HOME-STEAD, Cheltenham Road Re-placement single storey side extension.

S.19/0712/LBC ABBEY FARM, Slad Lane

Alterations to roof, new rainwater goods. Replacement windows in 1980s extension. Replacement door to adjacent privy.

S.19/0823/HHOLD PENYBRYN, Slad

Two storey extension to main dwelling, cladding and render finish to existing garage.

S.19/0838/FUL FLETCHERS KNAPP, Catswood Lane.

Erection of field shelter.

S.19/0841/TCA BUNCH OF GRAPES, Cheltenham Road.

T1-T20 20% pruning of each tree so as to improve their overall appearance. This will bring more light into the garden. It will also ensure the trees are well maintained.

S.19/0338/FUL CEDAR HOUSE, Stamages Lane Erection of car port and conversion of

garage to annexe and holiday-let.

S.19/1016/TCA THE PAINSWICK, Kemps Lane

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Station House, Station Road Stroud. GL5 3AR 01453 790900 www.michaelgamble.net T5. Lawson Cypress. Fell. T6. Yew. Cut back 2m. T7 Yew. Cut back 2m. T5 Lawson Cypress, young. Growing close to wall, fell to avoid future structural issues. T6 Mature Yew - cut back from property to leave 2 metre clearance. T7 Mature Yew - cut back from property to leave 2 metre clearance.

S.19/1024/TCA DRYKNAPPSHOUSE, Edge Road

T1 - Copper Beech - Reduce back by 2m over adjoining property (Fairview). Thin canopy by 20% over adjoining property (Fairview), as the tree is now encroaching on neighbour's and blocking the light. Last done about 6 years ago.

S.19/1030/TCA 22 GLOUCESTER ROAD

T1 - Ash. Fell - Very tall & leaning over reservoir. Also, decay in upper section.

#### REFUSED

S.19/0763/LBC 3 VICARAGE STREET Replacement of windows.

# A46 Temporary Road Closure

Gloucestershire Highways plan to close the A46 for approximately four nights between the hours of 7pm and 7am for carriageway resurfacing from Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th July. The area of the A46 affected is that between its junction with Lower Washwell Lane and Clattergrove.





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# Personal Column

#### Congratulations

To BARBARA and HAROLD CLARK as they celebrate their Diamond wedding anniversary. They were married on July 25th 1959 at St. Paul's Church, Broadwell, near Moreton-in-Marsh.



Harold was a police sergeant here between 1966-1972 but wishing to return to dear Painswick, retired back here after 34 years! Our lovely family have arranged a party at The Royal William, Cranham.

To ROWAN LEWIS and JOHNNY GILMOUR who were married at Our Lady and St Theresa's Catholic Church, Painswick on Saturday May 25th. Rowan is the daughter of Dr Ewart Lewis and Dr Candy Jansen. Both the Lewis and Gilmour families are delighted!

To LOUIS and CLAIRE NAYEGON of Wellspring Painswick Beacon on the marriage of their Daughter Emily Nayegon to William J Poulter on the 7th June 2019 in Sorrento Italy.

To TIM and JESS MORGAN on the birth of their daughter Camilla (Millie) on 21st May. A grandchild for Andrew and Sally and great grandchild for Jim and Jane Hoyland.

To RICHARD and EMMA POLHILL on the birth of their son Thomas James on the 26th of May, a brother for George.

#### Condolences

To the family and friends of LAWRENCE NORMAN who was for some years in charge of the National Children's Home Branch at Gyde House. The NCH moved from Gyde House in March 1986. Lawrence died on Tuesday 11th June.



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Wanted. Young Receptionist for Artist's studio in Painswick for weekends and odd weekdays during ArtBurst 17th to 27th August. Hours to be agreed. Contact Jonathan Choat 01452 812805.

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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.



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