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Above: The Ven. Hilary Dawson, guest preacher
Right: No pets were harmed in the preparation ...

Painswick Feast cancelled Clypping Service goes ahead indoors

A yellow weather warning for Sunday 22nd September sadly led the feast organisers to cancel the event the day before. A shower immediately before 3pm also resulted in the traditional 'Clypping', or embracing, of the Church around the outside being called off. The Clypping Service did go ahead though inside the Church with the congregation in a crowded St. Mary's forming a circle around the outer aisles. And the equally traditional 'Puppy Dog Pie', was still available from St. Michael's restaurant, prepared by chef Matt Black.



Photo by Simon Pizzey, courtesy of the Stroud News and Journal

Painswick businesses changing hands

A significant upheaval in the ownership of key local businesses seems to be on the cards, as two key businesses go on the market, and the sale of a third nears completion. The most advanced of the transactions is the sale of the Painswick Pharmacy, which has been owned by the Powis family for nearly 35 years, and will remain as a pharmacy. Mike Powis, the pharmacist, is the current Painswickian of the Year.

Both the Painswick Pooch and the Cardynham House Guest House and Bistro have also been put on the market. Local estate agents, Murrays, are marketing the Painswick Pooch, while Cardynham house is being sold by Christie & Co, based in Bristol.

But Painswick's burgeoning reputation as an art village has been bolstered by the opening of the Red Dot Gallery on St. Mary's Street (see page 5) and by Anthony Lewis Churchill's new gallery and art space in the former Falcon's Nest premises at the back of the Falcon Hotel.

Friday Club flooded

Torrential rain for a short period on Friday 27th September, led to quite serious flooding at the Town Hall, interrupting a meeting of the Friday Club in full flow. The Town Hall had to be evacuated and the meeting abandoned. More next month.

County Councillor quits Conservatives

Painswick's County Councillor, Keith Rippington, has announced that he has resigned from the Conservative Party following the expulsion of 21 moderate Conservative MPs from the party. Cllr. Rippington will now sit as an independent on the Council. He says that the Conservative Party has become very right wing and is not in touch with younger people, appealing only to the older generation.

Reporting to the Parish Council in September, Cllr. Rippington made clear his disillusionment with the direction the party has taken in recent months.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held on September 18th by Terry Parker

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

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and on-line at the Parish Council's web site.

There were no public questions.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs James Cross, Edd Crownshaw, Ian James, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and Abigail Smith.

The minutes of the July 17th meeting were agreed as a true record.

Casual vacancy in Slad Ward

One application had been received, that from Mr Andy Cash. Mr Cash had been a member of the Parish Council previously when living in, and representing, Sheepscombe Ward. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Cash.

Monthly County Councillor's report

Cllr Rippington told the Council that he had resigned from the Conservative Party and now sat as an Independent Member of the County Council. In his report Cllr Rippington spoke of the recent resurfacing of Pullens Road. He updated the Council on the Pitchcombe Junction improvement scheme which was to start on 7th October and continue for a period of 16 weeks, excluding Christmas.

Monthly District Councillor's report

No report had been received.

Recommendations of the Rural Environment Committee at its meeting on 4th September.

The Council approved the funding for the

creation of a conservation area on part of the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to allocate funding for up to £250 for the seeds, £100 for the fencing and £40 for the signage. The area lies between the tennis courts and the Cheltenham Road gardens.

Review of various policy documents

The Council reviewed and approved documents on Health & Safety, Complaints Policy, Equality Policy, and Community Engagement Policy. The Council also reviewed the Model Financial Regulations and approved them subject to several amendments that followed advice from the National Association of Local Councils.

Local climate and ecological ideas suggested by Members.

The Council agreed to make the subject an item on the next Land and Buildings Committee Meeting agenda.

Responsible Finance Officer reports

The Council agreed the payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the report which had been previously notified to members. The Council agreed the following funding requests:

- £250 for the Painswick Feast.
- Grant funding of £1,000 for Sheepscombe Village Hall.
- A £1,000 grant towards play equipment for Sheepscombe with the funding coming from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The amount to be released when all funding had been

secured.

Ward Reports

a. Cyclists. Cllr Ann Daniels advised that a local resident had expressed her concern that cyclists were using the Plantation footpaths. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek a legal opinion.

b. Climbing Frame. Cllr Mike Fletcher reported a loose piece of equipment. It was agreed that the Handyman would inspect it.

Reports from Council representatives on other bodies

Cllr Martin Slinger reported his attendance at an Edge Village Hall meeting.

Other matters

a. Given the number of Members present, Cllr Rippington asked how many Councillors were necessary to authorise Council business at a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk said the number was four.

b. Community Basic Life Saving session and defibrillator awareness. The Clerk asked the Members to remind residents of this important event taking place in the Town Hall on 25th September.

Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 8.28pm. The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 16th October 2019 in the Town Hall.



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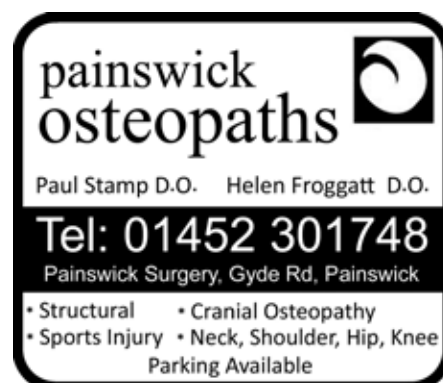
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Coming up this month

Fri 4th October Wick-Flix presents: Green Book (12A) - see right

Tues 8th October Painswick Business Breakfast
Postponed from last month, The Painswick Centre will be hosting the next Business Breakfast. These events are becoming a great way to network with other local businesses based in the valley and let them know what you do, and to find exciting ways to work together. Please email susieandrews101@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list, and find details of how to register for this event on our website, or on Facebook & Instagram.

Tues 8th October The Painswick Centre AGM, 7pm
This will be your opportunity to hear about how the Centre has fared over the last 12 months, how it is shaping up for the future, and to ask any questions of the Trustees. Please note this will be held in the Gardiner Room, not in the Beacon Hall.

Weds 9th October Fish & Chips, from 5.15pm
Simpsons will be back for the LAST TIME in 2019 with their award-winning (and gluten free) menu! Join us to pick up take away, or eat in with friends and family, with free squash and colouring for the children and ice creams for sale, as well as a special offer on bottles of Woodchester Valley wine. We're also delighted to announce that Simpsons will be BACK in Painswick from April-Oct in 2020!

Thu 17th October David Drew MP surgery, 1.30-3pm
Your Stroud MP will be holding a drop-in surgery in the Green Room upstairs at The Painswick Centre, to discuss any issues that matter to you.

Weds 23rd October Jack Rutter in concert, 7.30pm
Jack Rutter is a BBC Award winning singer, guitarist and multi-instrumentalist. His set features a range of well-known and rare traditional songs from a variety of sources, delivered with guitar and bouzouki, that complement his signature 'honest, unaffected vocals'. Tickets £12, available from Canton Acre Promotions: 07596 823 881 or cantonacrepromotions@gmail.com

Susie Andrews



Meet our Trustees

"Hello, I'm Vivien Barr and I was elected a Trustee at the AGM last year. I have been a member of The Arts Society Painswick (formerly PADFAS) for over 30 years and we meet most months in the Beacon Hall. The Painswick Centre is important for our Society and I became a Trustee to support the long-term plans for maintaining, improving and increasing the usage of the Centre. I am a regular at Wick-Flix and also help out with the Fish & Chips evenings. The Painswick Centre is a wonderful asset for us all and I want to support and protect it for the future."

Wick-Flix reaches a milestone this month. It's been almost 3 years since we first started up and October will mark our 30th screening. In that time we have filled almost 2,500 seats, and contributed over £20,000 to The Painswick Centre – far more than we ever expected. We have delivered a wide variety of films around a seemingly popular format, all of which has been built on the support of our amazing sponsors, our volunteers and our audiences.

Wick-Flix is now a fixture in the community calendar, not just for the films we show, but for the community spirit that it engenders. At the October screening we will be asking our audience for feedback, to ensure we continue to offer what you want at an affordable price. If you haven't been to Wick-Flix yet, come and try. We have some great films coming up.

Friday 4th October – Green Book (12A)
The big winner at this year's Oscars - Best Film, Best Supporting Actor, Best Screenplay. Set in 1962, the film follows a road trip across the still heavily racially segregated American Deep South by the sophisticated African-American classical pianist, Don Shirley, and his hired, very New York born and bred, Italian American driver. The two start off poles apart, but each challenges the other to view life from a different perspective. A brilliant script and casting.

Friday 1st November – A Quiet Place (15)
A first for Wick-Flix. A scary film for Halloween! Bring a friend to hang on to, just in case. A family try to survive in a post-apocalyptic world roamed by alien creatures that track their human prey by sound alone. Emily Blunt and real life husband, John Krasinsky star as a couple trying to protect their family and fight back. Great reviews and a big success at the box office.

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

David Chapman

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Painswick Probus Of sons and skies

Painswick Probus Club started their new season on 4th Sep 2019 with a talk by Robert Arley titled "Of Sons And Skies".

The talk was based on Robert's book of the same title in which he reviews the contribution of the allied air-forces to the defeat of the Nazis in WWII. The idea for the book resulted from his interviewing people when working as a TV producer, particularly air-force ground crew, about their wartime experiences. Robert guided his audience chronologically through the war years presenting some of the lesser known facts about the contribution of the allied airmen, both pilots and ground crew. Throughout the war technological developments on both sides were impressive as were the vast numbers of aircraft produced and lost, but these accentuated the awful risks that the aircrews were facing in both defence and attack.

Robert condensed a broad subject into a thought provoking talk 80 years after the outbreak of WWII.

John Wylde



Tax, Care and Toy Boys

When we returned on the 13th September, after our August break, we were greeted by sun tanned members all intrigued to find out about "Tax, Care and Toy Boys". Ben Ashenden from Co-op Estate Planning spoke to us about the importance of making a Will, providing for the cost of continuing care and ways to minimise liability for Inheritance Tax. A fascinating and thought provoking talk from which we all gained a greater knowledge of not only several simple ways to minimise our liabilities, but of the importance of seeking professional advice. Judging by the number of questions raised, many members will be reviewing their current arrangements.

October has arrived and what does it hold in store for the Friday Club? On the 11th we are off on our final outing of the year to Westonbirt. There are still a few seats available on the coach. If you would like to join us to enjoy the wonderful Autumn colours and an exciting day out, please contact Ann Williams on 01452 812344.

Then on the 25th October we have our AGM which will commence at the earlier time of 1.45pm. After the AGM Mark Abbott, a well known Juggler, will not only demonstrate the skills of juggling but will also teach members the basic skills. We are all looking forward to watching members putting their newly found skills into practice!

Mike Kerton



Probus Women Helping the homeless

Our talk on 9th September was by Pippa Medcalf, a Consultant responsible for Acute Medical Emergencies at Cheltenham Hospital. In this role she assessed patients once admitted, relocating them if required as well as diagnosing, stabilising and 'patching up' patients and sending them home with any appropriate medication. When patients were ready to 'go home', the plight of the homeless became all too evident - as revealing as any hospital X-ray - highlighting their suffering. Once discharged they were back to the streets (whatever the weather), back to the drug dealers, back to the cold and their worst enemy - rain! Many turn to drugs and alcohol to survive freezing temperatures and demoralisation.

Since 2010 in our country, the 5th richest in the World, homelessness has increased by 169% and is getting worse. Relationship breakdowns are a major factor, as well as cuts in benefits. Homeless people are usually not registered with a GP and estimated life expectancy is 42. Five years ago, after Pippa negotiated a Government grant of £32,000, a dedicated Housing Officer was employed to liaise with the hospital acute physician and has transformed the care of homeless patients, with over 84% being housed on discharge. This is now a permanent position, working so well in Gloucestershire and there are already plans for National collaboration. Many of those helped to date have said if it wasn't for this help they would be either dead or in prison. How apt the phrase - "Before you judge anyone, walk a mile in their shoes".

On Monday 14th October at Painswick Church Rooms we are holding our AGM 10.00 for 10.30am followed by a talk at 11.00am by Ann Williams:- Life of a Physiotherapist

delia Mason

Painswick Library Book Club Next meeting 21st October 2-3pm

On Monday 21st October 2-3pm, Katie Fforde will be talking about a day in the life of an author. Places are limited; if you would like to join us, please contact Carole on 077 1234 2636 or email: painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com



At our September meeting, local author Radhika Swarup gave a talk that was both interesting and informative. For Radhika, the purpose of writing is to convey the world as it is. Her father's family had been deeply affected by the 1947 Partition of India and Pakistan, hence her debut novel, "Where the River Parts" encompasses those devastating events as they unfold. We are looking forward to reading her next book which is due to be published shortly.

"Where the River Parts" can be borrowed from the library or can be purchased from Stroud Bookshop.

Carole Smith

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Starting with a bang

Our season certainly started with a bang! An excellent presentation by Ann Williams - Delius his life. During the first half of the evening Ann showed the wonderful film "Song of Summer", made in 1968 for the BBC by Ken Russell. It told the story of the last 5 years of the life of Delius. He was nearly blind and paralysed and living with his wife in Grez, France. They were joined by Eric Fenby who lived with them and took down new compositions from dictation. Superb acting and the final scene of rose petals being poured over his corpse was eye watering.

In the second half we learnt that Delius was born in Bradford in 1862. His father was a wealthy wool merchant and Delius's first job was managing the family factory in Stroud! He was sent to America to work as manager of an Orange Grove. Based on this he wrote his first composition - the "Florida Suite". We listened to excerpts from that suite which was followed by 3 songs he wrote for cello and piano. In 1889 he moved to Paris and the evening finished with "Paris - The Song of a Great City" which he composed to show how his life changed forever when he went to live there. A wonderful evening.

What's in store for October? On the 10th, Gordon Collins will be presenting "Two for the price of one", a talk on "great pianists" who were also great conductors. On the 24th October Dr David Lucas, a distinguished former teacher of music, will talk to us about "The World of Percy Grainger" who played a prominent role in the revival of interest in British Folk Music and also featured in Ken Russell's film "Song of Summer." There are still a few seats available for the evening concert in Cardiff on the 27th November. Please contact John Herbert on 01242 250247 for details.

Mike Kerton



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise.

Barbara Clark writes from Gloucester Road

I have recently spotted a red squirrel in our fruitful crab apple tree in our front garden. It was complete with red coat, tufty tail and white under belly, but with plain grey ears. I shall be interested to hear if any more have been seen – they are around!"

Andrew Ellis writes from Lyncombe Farm

Regarding the report in The Painswick Beacon about a dog attacking a cow on the Beacon. The owner of the dog was fortunate to avoid being trampled to death by the cows protecting their calves. It has happened before and it will happen again while people persist in walking dogs near cows with calves.

Looking forward to 2020

The CNFC 2019 programme of visits is drawing to a close with the start of winter talks and a lunch at the Severn and Wye Smokery on 22nd October. Please contact Denise Magauran 814570 or me for last-minute bookings, optional coach travel and menu. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, we are preparing for next year's excursions, walks and talks.

The coach excursions will include a second chance to see Georgian engineering wonders on the Kennet & Avon Canal by boat. We also plan to visit the Spring Gardens of Lydney Park, famed for its rhododendrons and azaleas, plus an optional side-trip to the Roman archaeological ruins, where stunning mosaics were found by Mortimer Wheeler. Denise Magauran is working on a week-long excursion to Dublin and Co. Wicklow in September, and, in May, David Thackray will lead a 3-day tour of Sussex including Charleston House - the gathering place of the Bloomsbury Group - with Berwick Church and its beautiful art, Ditchling Museum and the Cuckmere valley, Parham House and, hopefully, the Knepp Castle Estate, famous for its 'Wilding' initiative. Closer to home, we have a visit to Compton Verney lined up for July, famed for its art collection, exhibitions and gardens landscaped by Capability Brown.

Membership costs £20 (or £30 for two people) covering from now through to December 2020. Contact me for details or drop into one of our meetings in the Painswick Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.30 pm, the next being 6th November.

Jane Rowe, 813228



New Painswick Gallery


Red Dot Gallery opened its doors on Wednesday 18th September in the former hairdresser's premises on St. Mary's Street, with Mr David Drew MP as honoured guest, seen here with the opening artist Leigh Banks. Her works "Beautiful Creatures" will be on show till 8th October after which there will be another exhibit. The opening was well attended with excellent reviews.

With cards and other gifts available there should be something for everyone and every occasion. Do pop in, you are all most welcome!

Gilly Hill

Below: David Drew and Leigh Banks.



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News from St Mary's

For the first time in many years the Clypping Service last month had to be held inside the church instead of outside because of rain. The Archdeacon of Gloucester The Venerable Hilary Dawson gave the address. She reminded us that clypping meant embracing which spoke of love. God's love for all of us is not like the distance from here to the moon which is finite. His love is endless.



This month is the month of harvest festivals. It is salient to remind ourselves that we are very dependent on reliable harvests each year for our very existence. However, harvests do vary from year to year depending on the weather. This year has been a good one for growth with warm periods but also regular rainfall. We worship God as the creator and sustainer of all life and harvest festivals give us the opportunity to thank Him for his daily provision for us. Harvest festivals will be celebrated at 11 am on Sunday 6th October at Cranham, Sheepscombe and Painswick. The service at St Mary's will be a communion service conducted by Revd David Newell.

This month our new Rector Revd Janet Turville and her husband will be moving to Painswick from Louth in Lincolnshire. There was a typing error in last month's article. I mentioned that vicars and rectors had equal status these days. Historically it should have read that there was more kudos in being a rector but that no longer applies. Janet will be licensed as the new Rector of the benefice on Monday 4th November. The licensing service will be at St Mary's at 7 pm. A warm invitation is extended to all to attend this service to welcome Janet to the benefice. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

The last Sunday of the month 27th October is celebrated throughout the church as Bible Sunday. This is the Sunday when we especially praise God for having the Bible as a common possession. It was not always so. William Tyndale was martyred in 1536 for translating the Bible into English so that everyone could read it for themselves. The 9.30am service at St Mary's on Bible Sunday will be Painswick Praise conducted by Mike Campbell.

David Newell

Messy Church



Thursday 10th October from 3.30 to 5.00pm in the St Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick. Theme: "God loves a cheerful giver". 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: Thursday 14th November at The Church Rooms, St. Mary's, Painswick

Sue Shaw

Week of Prayer for World Peace 13th to 20th October 2019

Every day from Monday 14th to Saturday 19th, prayers for peace will be held between 9.30am and 10am in the Church of Our Lady and St Therese, Friday Street, Painswick. All welcome of any or no faith. Praying for world peace has never been more important.

The International Prayer for Peace

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace,
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

Sue Stick



Psalms update

How often is it that we hear that children aren't active, or the opportunities aren't there to entertain them. Well, no longer, as PSALMS are running a Sports camp in October Half Term. It will be on 30th -31st October, running from 10-3pm and based at the Croft School in Painswick. Any children in KS2 (years 3-6) can come along. It is £5 per child per day, and so an absolute bargain. We ran one at Easter, supported by members from the local church and it was a great success. Sign up online at www.psalms.uk.net/bookings or return the PSALMS booking form that every local KS2 Child has received, to the school office.

Do you sometimes feel that there is too much pressure for children to succeed in sport, rather than just enjoy it. Well at the Tennis session we run every Friday at the Painswick Rec, our aim is for children to enjoy every minute of playing sport amongst their friends. We have a great cohort of KS2 children involved each week, often looking at a particular shot and relating it to a Christian theme. It runs from 3:45-4:45pm and any children in years 3-6 are welcome to turn up and play, no previous experience needed. If you have any queries then email Nathan. youlton@psalms.uk.net

Nathan Youlton





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Farm fires cause problems

Two separate incidents of fires at farms around Painswick on the same weekend, caused problems for rather different reasons.

A case of arson

At 10.40pm on Saturday, 31st August, Philip Berry of Highfold Farm received a phone call from his neighbour, Nick Hallard, to say that two fires were visible in one of Philip's partially combined fields. Philip immediately contacted the fire service and police, both arriving within 20 minutes, and meantime Nick and his partner did as much as they could to put the fires out by clearing straw away and stamping on as much as possible. Police officers discovered another fire and that some of the standing straw had also been set alight. So, four fires in total. It was certainly deliberate.

Fortunately the wind was quite gentle and as Nick points out, the base of the crop 'was not tinder dry' otherwise the fire would have flared up much more rapidly. For Philip this could have proved disastrous. As it was he lost about ten bales of straw. 'It could have been terrible, much worse,' he says, 'and apart from the straw we could have lost the combine had the wind been blowing in a different direction.'

Crimes such as this are a serious threat to our farmers' livelihoods and of course to their animals, their equipment, our countryside and possibly to local houses too. If you were aware of anything in connection with this particular crime you should contact Stroud Police station referring to incident number 0483.

Carol Maxwell

Directory 2020 – Final Call

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

Carol Maxwell

Lunchtime Concert by Jubilate Chamber Choir

Come along to St Mary's Painswick on Saturday 19th October at 1.00pm and listen to some choral favourites sung by members of Jubilate Chamber Choir from Cheltenham! Jubilate is recognised as one of Gloucestershire's leading Chamber Choirs. Under its Musical Director, Ian Higginson, it has given concerts and recitals in a number of churches in the county.

Jubilate has also had the privilege of singing Choral Evensong in Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral in London and has given recitals in the Cathedrals of Gloucester, Worcester, Bristol and Christ Church, Oxford. The programme spans the centuries and includes some lighter pieces as well as much-loved choral classics. Please support this event and bring your friends. Tickets £8.00 (£7.00 concessions) available at the door.

Michael Garland

Access for fire engines blocked

A fire broke out at Beech Farm near Longridge on the night of Sunday 1st September, in a shed where both animals and equipment are kept. A considerable amount of damage was done, although luckily no animals were hurt. The damage was made worse by delays to a fire tender from Stroud, which was blocked at the top of Vicarage Street and able to make its way down only very slowly. Fortunately a second fire engine had been sent via Bulls Cross and eventually the two engines were able to put the fire out.

Sarah Hinds of Beech Farm would like to thank not only the fire crews but also friends and neighbours who offered help. She does though issue a plea to motorists in Painswick to park considerately, remembering that it's important to leave enough room for an emergency vehicle to get through. You never know, she says, next time it may be you needing a fire engine or ambulance.

T.C.S. £100,000!

The Children's Society (T.C.S) founded in 1881 by Edward Rudolph, has been caring for vulnerable children ever since then. People in Cranham, Painswick and Sheepscombe have been supporting them for at least forty years. In the 80s there were box holders and carol singers at Christmas, the churches often gave their Christmas Day collection. Now donations made at the Crib Services, Christingle services and some Christmas Day services as well as Box Collections form our donations to them.

I was delighted to receive an email from them telling us that as a Beacon Benefice we have donated £100,000 over the years. Wow! We are holding a simple celebratory service on 20th October in St Johns, Sheepscombe at 11am to which everyone is very welcome. Roseann Thompson is coming to speak about the work they are doing now with vulnerable children and families. There will be time to talk to her and ask questions and celebratory refreshments afterwards.

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Farewell to two 'Painswickians of the Year'

The group of former Painswickians of the Year is a small but very distinguished one. Their number was reduced earlier this year by the death of Joyce Tranter and sadly again in September by the death within three days of each other, of Margery Leney and Anne Kenber. We offer our condolences to the family and friends of two very inspiring ladies.

Midge Leney



Margery Leney, known to almost everyone as Midge, has died at her home in Painswick, shortly after her 92nd birthday. She was born in Kent and aged 12 when war broke out, was evacuated to South Wales. Her mother, a teacher, had to move with her school to a different part of the country.

After the war, Midge herself trained as a teacher and as a young woman travelled around southern England teaching

home economics to rural housewives. As a life-long vegetarian she remembered teaching farmers' wives how to cut up and preserve a pig.

Her job eventually brought her to Gloucester and in the late 1960s to a cottage just opposite the church in Painswick. A round of redundancies offered an opportunity of early retirement for both Midge and her colleague Margaret Goodwin, who decided to pool their resources. Together they moved into Tabithas in Vicarage Street and threw themselves into community life in the village. Midge was for many years the local organiser for Meals on Wheels and was featured in a film for the BBC by Jonathan Stedall about some of the less traditional aspects of Christmas around Painswick. The film was re-shown in Stroud last Christmas.

Midge was a great animal-lover, an active volunteer for the RSPCA and for the Red Cross and she and Margaret ran countless coffee mornings, open gardens and other events at their home to raise money for these and other charities. Margaret died in 1997, but Midge continued to work tirelessly for a whole range of community organisations, including the Friday Club, the Bowls Club, the Tourist Information Office and the former Christ Church in Gloucester Road. She was one of the main movers in creating, and running for many years, what is now the Wednesday Ashwell Group. Little more than a year ago, by then past 90 herself, she was still offering lifts to bring 'old' people in to Ashwell for the day.

She was recognised in 2011 as Painswickian of the Year, and although not born here, she was a true Painswickian, contributing to the life of the village for over 50 years, and always ready to help other people. She briefly moved higher up the village to Berry Close, but ended up moving back to her beloved Vicarage Street and to Glendale Cottage, where she died in September.

Anne Kenber



Anne Kenber, who has died at the age of 92, came to Painswick only in 1992, when she was already well past retirement age. The fact that just 20 years later, at the start of 2013, she was named 'Painswickian of the Year', says everything about the extent of her involvement in the local community in the years that followed.

Anne had trained and worked as an occupational therapist in Exeter, Birmingham, Southern Rhodesia and Hackney before becoming a full-time mother. She and her husband Ralph, who died in January, moved to Kingsmead after their retirement and both of them were very active and well-known through a host of activities and societies in the village. Even in their 90s they were still paying Bridge together at Painswick Bridge Club, Ralph had retired from the local Tennis Club only at the age of 93, and only a few months ago Anne could have been found quietly helping in the background at the Wednesday Ashwell Group.

Anne had helped at Ashwell in various roles over many years, but her range of activities was wide and varied. She organised the coffee rota at St. Mary's and the teas at Music Society Concerts, where she was also for a time the Secretary. Anne played tennis and golf to a good standard, hosted Austerity lunches and she and Ralph welcomed foreign students into their home for weekends and for Christmas under the HOST Scheme. They also opened their wonderful garden under the Red Cross gardens scheme, and were both involved with the Music Appreciation Group.

But one of Anne's most important and fulfilling roles during her time in Painswick was undertaken outside the village. She trained and worked as a Victim Support volunteer at the Stroud Magistrates Court and later as part of the Witness Support Team supporting prosecution witnesses, often frightened and bewildered by their experience and the court procedures. She was much admired in this role both for her knowledge and skill and for her caring approach.

Anne and Ralph celebrated their Golden Wedding in 2014 and are survived by their two sons, Mark and Jeremy, and granddaughter Natasha.

News from Yew Trees WI

As there has been no meeting since my last report you might expect there to be no news from Yew Trees WI. On the contrary, members have been caught up in a whirl of activities! It all began with a lovely friendly coffee morning generously hosted by Mary and Paul Sparks. Rain did nothing to dampen spirits or prevent members from enthusing over our hosts' beautiful garden.



A few weeks later members gathered at The Waypoint on a perfect summer evening. Pre-dinner drinks on the terrace were followed by a delicious meal accompanied by a lot of laughter! In early September a party of members and guests enjoyed a quieter, but equally enjoyable, night out in Cheltenham starting with a meal at the Café Rouge followed by a visit to The Everyman to see A Woman of No Importance. The final social activity of the summer was a fascinating walk round Frampton-on-Severn guided by the very knowledgeable Rose Hewlett. The morning concluded with a scrumptious lunch at Mrs Massey's Delicious Diner, quirkily situated in the heart of an industrial estate – a well hidden gem!

From this you will realise that Yew Trees WI offers its members a wide variety of social activities in addition to its monthly meetings. The next of these will be on Tuesday 22nd October when Frankie Marsh is coming to tell us about the work of Street Pastors. Members note this is a change from our programme, Chris West will now demonstrate cake icing in November. Both these meetings should be very interesting, so ladies do join us at the Church Rooms at 7.30 pm.

Celia Lougher 812624



A posh lad at school in Sheepscombe

Our opening talk of the 2019-2020 Season on the 17th September, was a talk by Elisabeth Skinner of Sheepscombe Local History Society entitled The Diary of a Posh Lad 1838-1841.



The 'posh lad' was Chichester Fortesque who was born in Ireland, near Carlingford. He became the Liberal MP for Louth and served in various roles under Palmerstone, Russell and Gladstone. When elevated to the Peerage, he became the First Baron Carlingford.

He kept a diary throughout his life with a section dealing with the 3 years he attended school at Sheepscombe run by the Vicar, the Reverend Ostrehan. The school ran for two halves (terms) a year for an annual fee of £120

The question which Elisabeth couldn't answer is why did he go to school at Sheepscombe when just getting there was arduous. She felt it must have been something to do with the Reverend Ostrehan himself and indeed Fortesque went on to get a First in Classics at Christ Church, Oxford.

The diary for the three years gives a great deal of local information about what teenage boys got up to, with examples of the problems that arose between the boys at The Vicarage school and the boys at the local school. His ill health is well documented as are his many trips to Cheltenham, shopping, walking around, just simply enjoying himself.

It was a fascinating talk and set a high standard for the rest of the 2019-20 season. Our next meeting on 15th October, 7.30 at the Croft School, will be a talk on the Gloucestershire VAD Hospitals 1914-1919.

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The Ancient Youths need you

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The bells of St Mary's Church Painswick are not only beautiful, they are also internationally famous. Now with 14 bells, not only unique for a small town but more than in some cathedrals, St Mary's has for many years attracted ringers from far and wide.

The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, Painswick's ringers, was formed in 1686 when the bells were already well established. At this time the number was increased by two to make eight and this is the first reference we have to the bells. Two more were added in 1731 with another two in 1821 – probably to compete with St Lawrence's, Stroud which had recently increased its number to ten! Another was added in 1986 to mark the tercentenary and another from a re-casting in 1993.



Some of today's Ancient Youths

Over the years Painswick Youths have won many competitions with record peals and the town has been rightly proud of them. Highly competitive, especially with Stroud and Bristol, they have consistently set new records. On special occasions our bells create a wonderful atmosphere and this has been the case for over 300 years. It is a little sad therefore to report that currently the bells cannot often be rung in all their glory on such occasions and competitions are definitely not possible. The reason - there is a shortage of ringers.

At present only three of the ringers are Painswick residents. This means there is a dependence on ringers from elsewhere. Deborah Foreman, Janet Crispin and Rachel Bolt are local, Alan Hodges (steeplekeeper) and Jacqui Pillinger from Leonard Stanley, both long-standing members, and Angela and Peter Newing from Stroud - all regular stalwarts. Usually only six to eight people are regularly in attendance on practice night. Nonetheless great camaraderie and teamwork are certainly conspicuous. 'We love it. It can be a real passion' they say.

Encouragingly, three local young people aged 13-14, Thomas, Daniel and Sophie, have recently expressed an interest in learning. It is of course an activity which is open to all ages, both men and women. (It is an interesting fact that historically many of our bellringers have lived to very great ages!). It is a skill which involves coordination, rhythm and patience, is undoubtedly challenging but immensely satisfying. Learning to handle the bell usually takes about six practice sessions and from then on more skills and coordination will be developed. Interest never wanes as there is always something new to learn.

Our ringers need more people to join them. If our special occasions such as weddings, Clypping, Sunday services and celebrations are to be lively and joyous as of before it is essential that a full team is ready and willing. This is a very proud Painswick feature, a veritable piece of our heritage, and it would be sad if it disappeared. If you are a 'lapsed' ringer or indeed a complete beginner you would be made very welcome. Why not have a go? Practice is on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm in the wonderfully historic church tower. If you would like to join this lovely team and learn an amazing set of skills please contact Deborah Foreman tel.812306.

Carol Maxwell

Creativity unbounded

After the success of her art installation in Gloucester Cathedral in June, Robin Watkins-Davis will present her Shift project in St Laurence's Church in Stroud from 12th-18th October. This combines some wonderful visual and aural presentations with a serious purpose.

The whole project has been organised by Robin, a Painswick resident and only 21 years of age. Originally created whilst she was a student at Stroud College as a means of improving her own physical and mental health through art and movement, the project is now being presented on a broader scale. The event will include 37 local creative people, musicians, artists, dancers, performers, authors and poets. Through workshops, performances and presentations, people can experience for themselves how the arts can have a transformative effect on their lives. The inclusion of outreach projects will mean that 200 pupils from local schools will also participate in art and movement workshops to develop supportive practices for their mental and physical wellbeing.

Several key organisations from across the county, aware of both its health and its entertainment value, will be supporting the whole programme and 15 charities are also involved. The full programme can be seen on the website www.shiftmovement.art/full-event-program

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Ju jutsu – a new community activity



Quentin Ball moved to Painswick about five years ago and more recently to Longridge. In January this year he started rehearsing his part in Sheepscombe's pantomime and this was the moment his martial arts identity was revealed. His part involved teaching the arts to the child characters. In fact, Quentin has a long and distinguished background in the teaching of and participation in ju jutsu. He started learning as a hobby at the age of 16 and by the age of 26 his interest was very serious and he decided to move to Japan to learn authentic techniques. Japan of course is where martial arts have their origins dating back for many centuries. He stayed there for four years, teaching English whilst learning and also acquiring his qualifications as a martial arts instructor.

On returning to England Quentin taught ju jutsu semi-professionally for a number of years in Gloucester whilst also running a business selling martial arts equipment. Gradually the teaching became somewhat minimal but the business, based in Gloucester Business Park, is thriving. However, the practice of ju jutsu is Quentin's real passion. Encouraged by many, he ran a taster course early in the summer. This proved to be very successful and now he is offering two introductory four-week courses, one for children and one for adults, commencing in October.

Ju jutsu is a particular style, very much defensive, not aggressive and so particularly suitable for children. It is essentially a set of learned techniques within a structured environment and requiring mental focus as well as physical control. As Quentin points out, it is not competitively aggressive and it is very fulfilling both physically and mentally.

Married with a daughter, Quentin is very much a community-minded person and is hopeful that ju jutsu will become a valued community activity. The classes will take place in Sheepscombe Village Hall on Fridays starting 18th October:- children 6.30-7.45, adults 8.00-9.30 in the first week and one hour later in the ensuing weeks. Quentin is highly qualified and very experienced and will be assisted by his ju jutsu partner, Dave, also highly qualified. Why not give it a try? For more information you can email him on quentin@ninecircles.co.uk or telephone 07790 024742.

Carol Maxwell

Remember Remember The Croft School Fireworks Night

Saturday 9th November 5 – 7pm, at the Croft Primary School. All welcome. If you came along last year you'll know this is not one to be missed. The Friends of The Croft School are planning a fantastic fireworks evening to raise essential funds for the school. We will have a bonfire, hot food, mulled wine and extend a warm welcome to come along and enjoy the fun – it is always great to see villagers and former Croft School pupils supporting our events. There are still some sponsorship opportunities for local companies to help support this wonderful village school - for further information contact Hannah on hannahjanelansdowne@gmail.com

Tickets are limited (Available from The Painswick Pharmacy, the school reception, or on the gate) £4 per adult, £2.50 per child (under 3's free). £12 Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children). More details will be publicised around the village, on our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/friendsofthecroft) or on Instagram @fotcsinsta or Twitter @FOTCSpainswick We will endeavour to minimise any disruption to local residents.

The Friends of the Croft team

Memorial Bench Frederick Gyde Trust

There is a need to replace at least one of the Memorial Benches sited on the Memorial land adjacent to St Mary's Churchyard. If any member of the public would be interested in sponsoring a Memorial Bench, please can you contact the undersigned.

Roy Balgobin, Clerk to the Frederick Gyde Trust, 812722

Community Lunches

The lunches are held at Ashwell House on Mondays from 12 noon to 1.15 pm. They are hosted by different local groups each week and profits go to local charities - last year £1350 was given to The Haven in Gloucester and to Painswick Psalms.

Unfortunately the group hosting the lunch on 11th November have had to withdraw and we are hoping that another village group may be able to replace them. If you would consider doing this, please telephone Mary Sparks on 814169 or Charles Garstang on 812146.

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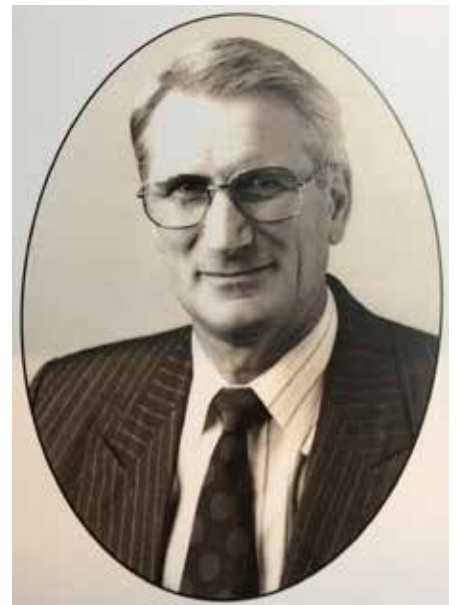


John Courts (1943 - 2019)

John was born in Coventry where he met and married Judith 53 years ago. He joined Midland Bank in 1961 in Coventry where his career progressed round the West Midlands, Head Office London and to manager at Stroud Branch in 1985, moving to live in Pitchcombe. When Area Manager of HSBC in Cheltenham, he left the bank in 1995, having become well known in the business community. He continued working for 12 years at an Accountants in Cheltenham and for Gloucestershire Development Agency.

John was an accomplished sportsman in tennis, badminton, golf and rugby in his younger days. During his 10 years as President of Painswick Tennis Club he oversaw the building of a new Pavilion and two new tennis courts at Broadham. A President too of Probus, also their speakers secretary, at the time of his death he was President of Painswick Golf Club. Gloucester Rugby was special to him with a season ticket at Kingsholm.

He became Treasurer of The Vernon Smith Trust for the churches of Edge and Pitchcombe for many years, also delivering The Beacon for 20 years, knowing most of Pitchcombe residents. John and Judith moved to Painswick 15 months ago, but after a brave fight he died peacefully on 25th August. He will be greatly missed by Judith, sons Steve, Ian and Ben with their families and his many, many friends.



Experience the colours and tastes of autumn

The Garden is the perfect place to enjoy autumn colours, from the historic beech trees behind the Exedra to the oaks near the Red House, there's a fantastic display. The leaves are already starting to turn an array of spectacular colours and those early morning starts for our Garden team have started to feel pretty chilly at times!

Our focus for this month is finishing off the harvest and readying the Garden for winter. Right from the start of the month we are hosting the Painswick Orchard Group's fabulous press, so anyone with fruit can come along and convert it into bottled, pasteurised juice. You can book easily online – and best of all, it's free (though there is a charge for bottles). For all details, visit the events page at www.rococogarden.org.uk.

The end of the month brings our Family Autumn Festival, over the weekend of 26/27 October. It's our celebration of the turning of the season and the nights drawing in. We will have gorgeous displays, tastings, pumpkins for sale (remember that Hallowe'en is on the way) and a new autumn trail for children. We also have our very popular apple baking on the wood fire on the Bowling Green at the centre of the Garden. And of course there's the ever-popular chance to find the golden apple hidden somewhere in our hidden valley, for which a prize is offered.

I mentioned honey last month – I can confirm it's arrived and is looking and tasting very good indeed. Looking a little further ahead, our annual Christmas Carol Concert in St Mary's church is confirmed for Friday 6th December at 6.30pm. Everyone is invited, so put the date in your diary. Always popular, always glorious music and the perfect way to get into the Christmas mood. Mince pies (maybe your first of the festive season?) and mulled wine are available afterwards. So, we have a fantastic few months ahead of us - I look forward to seeing you soon.

Tim Toghill, Trustee and volunteer

Jottings. Food Waste of all kinds

Most city dwellers and others as well, want produce which is perfect in shape and size and with no blemishes. This is not possible in a lot of cases. A vegetable may be bent, have a blemish or be too big or small, for what is wanted. With vegetable seeds and other seeds like potatoes, by choosing the right seed with the right characteristics you require, you can now go a long way to getting what the retailers want. But which ever way you grow your vegetables and fruit, you will always get blemishes, cracks and trimmings, and as it's grown outdoors, the weather and bugs may attack it.

The growers need to be in constant contact with the buyers and growing the product to a specification, but with the retailers demanding better produce each year to keep the public happy, then the lower grade of fruit and veg need somehow to be sold. The most waste comes from the sugar beet industry. After the sugar is extracted you are left with a large amount of pulp which could be turned into another product like ethyl. Then there are potatoes. The tubers need to be free from everything harmful, and not knobbly. A lot of the waste goes to animal feed. The same applies to carrots and other fruit and veg.

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An invitation to our AGM

PBCG would like to warmly invite all interested people to our AGM to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday Oct. 17th at 7.30pm. The formal part of the evening will be followed by drinks and cake and a short, informative talk by Julian Bendle on the Back from the Brink project and how it has benefited local conservation projects. Admission is £2 or £10 for a year's membership.

What a shame the Painswick Feast was cancelled because of the weather. We were looking forward to using a stall as a means of promoting our work and attracting new helpers. Two years ago was quite successful so it was a shame to miss out this year. Concerns about the natural environment are gathering pace and there is no better place to start than at home. So, come and give us a try. No experience is needed - we will supply training and equipment. Please ring me on 07971 633 242 for details. Our next work party is Oct 5th and then fortnightly up to Christmas.

This year has been good for butterflies; the early summer produced large numbers of marbled whites, meadow browns and ringlets and later numbers of holly blues, common blues and chalk hill blues were good. Migrant painted ladies were abundant. Butterfly conservation figures show that 60% of butterfly species increased this year. Whilst that is good news, the overall trend is still downward for most species and that is cause for concern.

This summer Joyce Barrus has worked hard to do butterfly surveys on the Beacon by redoing the transect surveys originally started by our founder, Cedric Neilson. She will give a short resume of her findings at the AGM.

Paul Baxter

Library News for October

Change to Opening Times

Please note from Monday October 28th the library will open 30 minutes earlier each afternoon but also close half an hour earlier. These new times of 2pm till 5pm will apply throughout the dark autumn and winter months as suggested by our readers and volunteers.



Blind Date with a Book

If you would like some encouragement to read beyond your usual authors why not try a 'Blind Date with a Book'? We have a selection of books on our special display with contents concealed and just some clues written on the wrapping. Why not give it a try? You may be pleasantly surprised.

We are in the process of adding the following books to library stock with a full list available at the library –

Adult Fiction

- Atwood, Margaret – The Testaments – a sequel to The Handmaid's Tale
- Barclay, Linwood – Elevator Pitch – psychological thriller
- Cleeves, Ann – The Long Call – from the author of the 'Vera' and 'Shetland' series
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- Pullman, Philip – The Secret Commonwealth – The Book of Dust volume 2 –

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- Brown, Dr Amanda – The Prison Doctor;
- Bryson, Bill – The Body – A Guide for Occupants;
- Lownie, Andrew – The Mountbattens;
- Mackintosh, Clare – A Cotswold Family Life;
- Olsen, Amanda – The Yorkshire Shepherdess

Junior Books

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Cricket



The club's first eleven managed to stay up in the high quality West of England Premier League, finishing 8th after competing well throughout the season. Some timely heroics allowed the side to record 7 victories out of 16 games. A big well done to skipper Jack Hobbis who led the team superbly and the whole club who supported the side throughout the season. The club also won the 20/20 Frocester Fayre Knock Out Cup plus the Gloucester MidWeek Division 2 league. A mixture of players took part in the cup and the midweek fixtures and George Macduff the skipper should be very pleased with his efforts to involve all. The legendary tale of the midweek side being the '10 who went to Tewkesbury' and then won off the last ball will live long in the memory!

The 2nds were unfortunately relegated but recorded some notable victories when at full strength. The thirds managed to get carried away and won promotion to Stroud One. Our youth section continues to flourish, Friday nights being a regular highlight. To skippers Gavin Clark and Gary Fagg, well done fellas and many thanks.

The coaching set up has improved and we will look to do more again next season in this area and increase the number of matches. A number of the youngsters are finding themselves involved with the senior sides and have acquitted themselves well. Fundraising has begun for the new Net Bay and we will pass further information on that topic over the winter months.

Finally, a big thank you to all those of you who supported the club this season. To all our sponsors and supporters, we could not do this without your support. To all those who made teas for all the sides and contributed, our thanks. The club must reserve a special thank you to Mrs Lorraine Evans who made the vast majority of the first team teas over the season and received great plaudits from both players and officials alike.

Steve Pegram

Painswick Golf Club A cautionary tale



With the leaves starting to turn into their autumnal tints, the Beacon remains a stunning place to play golf, to walk and to ride. All pursuits can take place with relative harmony with give and take by all.

However, last month it was reported that a golfer played over the heads of people on the golf course with total disregard for safety. When challenged he admitted he was not a member at Painswick – he claimed to be a member at Minchinhampton – and had not even paid for his round or reported in at the clubhouse. All using the Beacon should be aware that there are occasionally rogue golfers around. As there are also rogue dog walkers who collect their dog's poo into plastic bags and then throw it into the bushes; and riders who allow their horses to canter or gallop up the fairways causing huge damage particularly in wet conditions. Fortunately, most people are very considerate to other users.

In the Seniors section, there should have been three competitions since last month's report, but one – the monthly stableford – was cancelled because of poor weather. The Organ Niblick was held on 27th August and is an individual competition where players are limited to three clubs and a putter. It was won by Nigel Barnett with an excellent score of 38 stableford points. Then the section held its Away-Day at Naunton Downs. The team competition was won by Robin Hare, Brendan Nunan, Nigel Cooper and John Hitchcock with 83 stableford points and the individual competition was won by Peter Rowe on count-back from Robin Hare, both of whom scored 37 points. And finally, the Iron Man knock-out competition which has been taking place over the last few months, has been won by Nigel Cooper. Congratulations to all.

The club's caterers 'The Wayfarers' held the inaugural monthly Quiz Night on 6th September. With Gourmet Burgers on offer from the kitchen and drinks available from the bar, everyone was well fed and watered. 14 Teams participated and it was 'The Spanish Mafia' who won overall, taking home the spoils and bragging rights. There was also a prize for best team name which was won by 'We know Burger all'. The next quiz is on 11th October; please call 01452 812180 to book a table.

Peter Rowe

Rich Barnard retirement game

Rich (aka Max or Mac) Barnard says he is putting away his bat and whites for the last time, and to mark the occasion there was a game Upton v Painswick at Upton St Leonards on Sunday 16th September. Lots of past and present players from both cricket clubs were there for a great occasion. Max started playing for Upton in the late 1960s, that's more than 50 years ago. He was skipper of the Upton second team and a youth coach there for many years. For the last 12 years he played his cricket at Painswick, and his sons Andy and Dominic will continue to play for Painswick. See photo opposite.

Andy Russell



Painswick cricketers at the match against Upton to mark Rich Barnard's retirement: (left to right) Darren Polson, Chris Loveridge, Noel French, Sam French, Tony Bebbler, Dom Barnard, Ian Brotherton, Euan Gegg, Will Barnard, Ian Hogg, Andy Barnard, Rich (Max) Barnard, Reece Morris, Mike Hewitt, Paul Morris, Nick Marment, Jack Hobbis, Mike Powis, George Macduff

Falcon Bowls

It's been a successful season at Falcon. The Men's league team secured promotion to the South Cotswold league division two by finishing runners up in their division. The club hosted several ladies' events including national competition trials and county finals. Falcon also had several players represent the club at county level, both ladies and men. We also enjoyed great success in our friendly games, winning considerably more matches than we have in recent seasons.

We revived the Painswick Triples which saw Falcon take on teams from Painswick Bowls Club. This event has not taken place for several years. Matches were played on both greens. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, so hopefully this event's back for years to come.

We've been successful off the green! We attracted five new members this season including several younger people. We've also worked on revamping our green surrounds in partnership with the Painswick Gardening Club.

That's it now until April for us outdoors. We now go into indoor bowls hibernation and rely on our quiz nights to fill the gap. We're hoping to add maybe five new fixtures to our calendar for the 2020 season and therefore give people even more opportunities to enjoy our great game. For more info on the free summer taster sessions we offer, contact: davidglass20@gmail.com, ring 01452 814186, website Painswickfalconbowls.co.uk, or find us on Facebook.

Jon Ellis



Painswick Bridge Club

New members welcomed

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Film crews visit Painswick

Two different film crews have recently been spotted in Painswick, so look out for footage on TV in the weeks to come. Filming at the Rococo Garden is expected to be shown on Gardeners World on Friday October 11th. There is no date yet though for the showing of film of building works at The Chur in Bisley Street, recorded for 'George Clark's Old house, new home'.

PROPERTY REPORT by Beacon Staff

Have you always dreamed of running a café? The Painswick Pooch on New Street has become an important hub of Painswick life, and is now looking for a new owner. It comes with a 2 bedroom apartment above and is on offer through Murrays for £450,000. Or at the same price Murrays have Cotswold Villa in Gloucester Street – no café, but a detached 3 bedroom listed building.

There are two more modern family houses available within easy reach of the Croft School. 14 Canton Acre is semi-detached with three bedrooms (Hamptons, £330,000) while 15 Berry Close has four bedrooms and is detached (Murrays, £495,000).

Howbeg on Stamages Lane is a detached chalet bungalow (Moulton Haus, £825,000) and Lovedays Cottage is a period property facing onto the churchyard (Hamptons, £700,000). Some of the best views of Painswick though come from Longridge, where Orchard View is now on the market (James Pyle, £725,000). Other properties outside Painswick include Monks Ditch, hidden away in Cranham Woods (Murrays, £995,000),

Rest Harrow in Cranham (Moulton Haus, £525,000) and the historic Lower Lodge of Prinknash Abbey (Hamptons, £400,000). Or for grander country living there's Zoons Court farmhouse in 7 acres of land (Hamptons, £1.35m) or Brookthorpe Court farmhouse, a wing of an old Manor House (James Pyle, £750,000).

Properties going under offer include Beehouses in Stepping Stone Lane and Vermont in Cranham, through Murrays, 18 Upper Washwell and Mount Pleasant Cottage in Vicarage Street, through Hamptons, and 8 Hyett Orchard through James Pyle. Contracts have been exchanged on Cherry Trees in Orchard Mead (Hamptons) and sales have completed for Hazelbury House on New Street, The Riflemen at the Vatch (both Moulton Haus), and the Old Star in Gloucester Street (Murrays).

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Strictly Gardening.

It was enormously encouraging for the Painswick Gardening Club Committee to see



so many of our members returning for another fantastic calendar of speakers. We also welcomed many newcomers to the group, so it seems we're on track for a great season. Our first Speaker, Marion Stainton, whose topic was Murder, Magic and Plant Potions, had us all wondering if we might not survive the night! It would appear that many of our garden plants have been used for more sinister applications, but along with that, as we know, many that have over the centuries healed and cured us of sickness and disease. A really interesting and informative evening.

On October 9th at 7.30 we welcome Nathalie Mignotte who will be discussing the relationship between Islamic garden design, the landscape and Islamic faith. I'm sure we will be surprised at how much of all garden design is influenced by this style. For those of you who haven't looked at the PGC website for a while, you'll see that it's had a bit of a makeover and will be a great reference point for all our details, future speakers, events and trips, so if you're not too sure what's coming up next just get clicking. We look forward to welcoming even more of you next time, when we will have had a chance to digest all the ideas from the open forum evening with Paul Hervey-Brookes. Until then,
K-E-E-P Gardening.

Catherine Bond (Committee member)

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Mondays	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 Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Sheepscombe baby and toddler group - every Monday except holidays. £ 4.00 for first child, £1.00 others	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30am
	Community Lunches at the Ashwell Community Centre start Monday October 7th, every Monday until March	Ashwell Centre	12.00- 1.15pm
		Church Rooms	9.30am
		Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Bingo	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers in term time.	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Nia Holistic Fitness	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
	Table Tennis	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
Wednesdays	Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Painswick Bootcamp	Town Hall	9.30am
	Drawn to Look with Susan Kester. 4th September - 23 October email skester@outlook.com or 07794942680	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	T'ai chi. Contact 812344	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
	Dog training club.	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact 01453 752480	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	Jolly Stompers as above: Experienced beginners.	Town Hall	9.30am
	Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Stroud and District Philatelic Soc. 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month throughout the winter. Contact 813440	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
Fridays	Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris 812600	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Adult ballet class	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm
Sundays	Meeting for Worship Mass	Quaker Meeting House Catholic Church	10.30am 8.30am

October

Fri	4	Beacon published		
	4	Wick-flix: Green Book	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	5	PBCG beacon conservation morning	Lock up by golf club	9.00am
	5	Painswick Music Society: AGM and social evening with recital by musicians from Wycliffe College	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Sun	6	Holy Communion for Harvest festival	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	7	Knit and Natter	10.00 - 12.00pm	Library
	7	Community Lunch - provided by St Mary's Church	Ashwell centre	12.00 - 1.15pm

Tues	8	Painswick Centre AGM	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
	8	Business Breakfast: email susieandrews101@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	9.30am
Wed	9	Gardening Club: Islamic gardens - Natalie Mignotte	Falcon Bowls Club	7.30pm
	9	Parkinson's Café. Further info: 01452 676855	Richmond Village	2-4.00pm
	9	Pop-up Fish and Chips	Painswick Centre	5.15pm - 8.00pm
Thurs	10	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Two for the price of one - Gordon Collins	Town Hall	7.30pm
	10	Messy Church. enq. Email beaconnessychurch@outlook.com	Church Rooms	3.30pm
Fri	11	Friday Club: Outing to Westonbirt. Further details ring 812344	Stamages car park	10.00am
	11	The Waypoint Quiz	Golf Club	7.30pm
Sun	13	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	13	PBCG Talk by Martin Slinger on local farming and conservation followed by tea and cake	Pitchcombe Village Hall	2.00pm
	13	Week of Prayer for World Peace runs until 20th October. Daily prayers from Monday 14th - Saturday 19th	Church of Our Lady and St Therese	9.30am and 10.00am
Mon	14	Probus Women: My Life as Physiotherapist - Ann Williams	Church Rooms	10.00 for 10.30am
	14	Community Lunch - provided by The Country Market	Ashwell centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	15	Local History Society: Gloucestershire VAD Hospitals - Geoff North	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Parish Council meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
	16	Probus: Outing to Caerent and Caerleon Roman ruins.	Stamages car park	10.00am
	16	Midday Prayer	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
Thur	17	David Drew - MP surgery	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 3.00pm
	17	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	19	PBCG beacon conservation morning	Lock up by golf club	9.00am
Sun	20	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	21	Deadline for Beacon copy		
	21	Community Lunch - provided by Dog training group	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	22	Yew Trees WI: The work of street pastors - Frankie Marsh	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	22	Cotteswold Naturalists: Annual lunch to Severn and Wye smokery. Enq 814570	Stamages car park	
Wed	23	Concert - Jack Rutter	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Thurs	24	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The World of Percy Grainger - Dr David Lucas	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	25	Friday Club: AGM and Juggling Workshop - Mark Abbott	Town Hall	1.45pm
	25	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Sat	26	Family Autumn Festival	Rococo Garden	10.30 - 3.00pm
Sun	27	Family Autumn Festival	Rococo Garden	10.30 - 3.00pm
	27	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	28	Community Lunch - provided by Our Lady and St Therese Church	Ashwell Centre	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	30	Painswick Probus: Life in the East End, a story of a fancy box cutter - Martin Collisson	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am

November

Fri	1	Beacon published		
	1	Garden, café and shop open throughout Nov. Owners of dogs go free	Rococo Garden	10.30 - 4.00pm
	1	Wick-flix: A Quiet Place	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	1	The Waypoint Quiz	Golf Club	7.30pm

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.19/1862/HHOLD 1 CHURCHILL WAY

Single storey side extension.

S.19/1865/HHOLD 2 WASHWELL COTTAGES, Cheltenham Road

Two storey rear extension.

S.19/1891/HHOLD ALWAYS, Kingsmead Single storey extension.

S.19/1859/HHOLD and S.19/1869/LBC SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, Jacks Green Creation of access, erection of carport and landscaping.

S.19/1896/FUL QUERCUS BLUFF, The Park Proposed new access track to The Byre (Dwelling 2 as on drawings).

S.19/1946/HHOLD BUNCH OF GRAPES, Cheltenham Road

Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey garden art studio.

S.19/1856/TCA TOWER COTTAGE, Kemps Lane Fell mature ash tree due to honey fungus and ash dieback. Tree in danger of potentially collapsing onto adjoining property in due course.

S.19/1874/TCA STEEPWAYS, Sheepscombe Various tree works.

S.19/1970/MISC Public Payphone At Edge Removal of payphone service from telephone kiosk

CONSENT

S.19/0336/LBC COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane

Removal and replacement of internal architectural features (signs, doorcases, door furniture, bannisters etc) Works to outbuilding including store pool pergola and hamlet suite.

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.19/1417/HHOLD ANGEL S ROOST, Vicarage Street.

Proposed conservatory to front elevation. S.19/1435/LBC TRES TABERNAE, Bisley Street.

Installation of timber garden gate.

S.19/1490/HHOLD LOWE R GREENHOUSE, Greenhouse Lane.

Proposed new outdoor swimming pool and plant.

S.19/1496/HHOLD and S.19/1497/LBC SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, Vicarage Street. Single storey rear extension, new skylight on roof and minor internal alterations.

S.19/1517/TPO THE OLD HOUSE, Slad. Yew trees x 2. Fell and replant.

S.19/1535/HHOLD THUMPERS COTTAGE, The Grove, Sheepscombe Conservatory Extension, alterations to fenestration, enlargement of hard standing. S.19/1551/FUL GROOMS COTTAGE ANNEXE, Dell Farm Full conversion (already partially converted) of barn to an independent dwelling.

S.19/1532/LBC AMESBURY, 3 Vicarage Street Replace four windows to the front elevation and one to rear. Also restore/repair one front facing window.

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Personal Column

Congratulations

To baritone CHRIS HALL and pianist ROBERT BURGESS who raised over £500 for the National Autistic Society at their 'Music from the Cotswolds' concert in St Mary's Church on Saturday 17 August at the opening of Painwick's Artburst Festival.

Condolences

To the family and friends of MIDGE LENEY, who died at home on 16th September, aged 92.

To the family and friends of ANNE KENBER, who died on 14th September, aged 92.

To the family and friends of STEPHEN FLOREK of Whitehorse Lane, who passed away peacefully on September 7th aged 54, surrounded by his family.

To the family and friends of BARBARA BLATCHLEY, who died on 22nd September.

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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Seen around Painswick ...



The yew trees in the churchyard being cut recently with large petrol-driven hedge trimmers makes an interesting contrast with the same operation performed in 1936 with hand shears (and in suits).

Right: Painswick's phone box briefly turned pink in the summer, before getting a new top coat.

Below: A Woodpecker and a Jay share a feeding station on Painswick Beacon



Below: Pete Llewellyn captured this beautiful photo of a honey bee drinking in a bird bath



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