

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## Painswick Feast – Apple Day and Clypping



The Vicar, Rev Mike Holloway, said that he wished to thank the many people who had come to the Feast and taken part in the Clypping Service. The guest preacher was The Venerable Jackie Searle, the Archdeacon of Gloucester. The singing of the Clypping Hymn was led by Liz Butler.



The Pictures here reflect another successful Painswick Feast organized by the Orchard Group and St Mary's with numerous stalls, music, and pressed apple juice for the thirsty.



*Photographs, top left, top right and middle, courtesy Anne Marie Randall*

## Painswick Fire Brigade - Volunteers urgently needed

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that yet again there is a serious situation concerning the local Fire Brigade. There were now only 6 retained firefighters and bearing in mind that a minimum of 4 firefighters were needed to attend "a call out" there was an urgent need for more local members of the public to "volunteer". Consideration was being given to seeking volunteers from other villages within the Parish. Unless volunteers came forward there is a possibility that the local fire station will close.

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 16th September 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.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

The meeting was opened by Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Roey Parker, Ian James and Emma Smith. As there were no public questions the Chairman moved swiftly on to the Agenda.

### Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Chairman advised the meeting that the District Council had formerly "called in" the Planning Application for the proposed development at "The Park".

### Matters requiring a decision

There were four matters requiring a decision.

**Meadow House, Slad.** Single storey extension. Erection of terracing, balustrade, and external stairs. Installation of a flue. Unanimous agreement to support the application.

**Drovers Corner, Longridge, Sheepscombe.** Extensions and alterations to existing house. Unanimous agreement to support the application

**Emerald Hollow, Cheltenham Road.** Replacement dwelling. There was a considerable debate over this application. Cllrs were concerned about the increase in the ridge height of the replacement property, from the existing 3.2 mtrs to 6.1 mtrs. Also, cars being partially parked on a bridleway and that a letter of objection from a resident had been posted on the planning web site. Despite a recommendation for refusal being made the Council finally agreed to defer a decision until their next meeting. Prior to that meeting a site visit would be arranged for Councillors to attend and discussions held with District Council Planning Officers.

**Shetlands, Far End, Sheepscombe.** Alterations to Listed Building Application. Revised external wall finish to extension, viz, alteration from cedar boarding to provide external wall finish of coloured lime render on extension. Reduced footprint at Lower Ground Floor. Unanimous agreement to support the application.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Martin Slinger opened the meeting and as there no questions from members of the public quickly moved on to the main Agenda. The Clerk, Roy Balgobin reported that apologies had been received from Cllrs Roey Parker, Ian James and Emma Smith.

### Matters of Urgency

Chairman Martin Slinger advised the meeting of a serious situation concerning the local Fire Brigade. There were now only 6 retained firefighters and bearing in mind that a minimum of 4 firemen were needed to attend "a call out" there was an urgent need for more local members of the public to "volunteer". Consideration was being given to seeking volunteers from other villages within the Parish. Unless volunteers came forward there is a possibility that the local fire station will close.

The Chairman then referred to the ongoing car parking problems in Vicarage Street. The fire brigade had extreme difficulties in responding to calls in Vicarage St due to badly parked vehicles. It was vital that vehicle owners acted responsibly when parking in such a narrow street. If the difficulties continued responsibility to responding to calls from Vicarage Street could be passed to Stroud.

Chairman Martin Slinger then advised the meeting that a letter had been received from David Allott requesting that the Council contact the local MP regarding repairing the damaged post box in Tibbiwell. The post box had been closed for a considerable period of time and was causing considerable problems for local residents. A letter will be sent to the MP, currently Royal Mail say that the box is "irreparable".

### County Councillor's Report

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

### District Councillor's Report

Both District Councillors, Nigel Cooper and Julie Job, were present. Cllr Nigel

Cooper stressed the need for residents to complete the recently issued voters registration forms and outlined the guidelines for the new refuse collection service. See separate article in Beacon.

### To consider supporting the Armed Forces Covenant

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, outlined the aims of the Covenant, amongst which are:

- promote understanding and awareness among the public of issues affecting the Armed Forces community
- recognise and remember the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces community

It was proposed by Cllr Abigail Smith that the Council support the Covenant. This was unanimously agreed by the Council.

### To consider the District Council's Dog Waste Protocol

The Clerk advised the meeting that currently there were 21 dog waste bins around the Parish. Of these 18 were emptied by the Parish Council and 3 by the District Council. The District Council were considering asking all Parishes for a contribution of £223.08 to service the dog waste bins. Also, it was now permissible to place dog waste in standard litter bins.

The Clerk recommended to the Council that they take over responsibility for emptying the additional 3 bins. He had spoken to George Hodder, who could include the additional work within his current schedule. The Clerk went on to explain that many of the waste bins had been inspected and to their surprise they had discovered that they had a District Council number. Probably, the Parish had been emptying dog waste bins that were the responsibility of the District Council. It was agreed to write to the District Council:

1. Expressing annoyance at the proposed additional cost to empty the dog waste bins.



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2. Confirming that the Parish would assume responsibility for emptying the 3 bins currently being emptied by SDC.
3. If the Parish had for several years been emptying dog waste bins that were the responsibility of SDC then the Parish would be seeking a financial recompense.

**Responsible Financial Officer's report**  
Chairman Martin Slinger confirmed that they had received the External Auditor's report. The Council had "passed" what had been a rigorous audit. The Chairman passed on his personal thanks and those of the Council to The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, his Assistant, Irena Litton and members of the Finance Committee

for their hard work, including many additional hours they had worked, in preparation for the Audit.

The Auditor had raised several points of detail for the Council to consider, mainly relating to the presentation of the accounts.

**Ward Reports**

Cllr Mike Fletcher asked the Council to consider the impact of the Government's policy of "Right to Buy" for tenants of Housing Associations in rural communities.

Cllr Ann Daniels asked if this was included in the Stroud District Council's 10 year plan.

District Cllr Nigel Cooper advised the meeting that the District Council had

recently made a presentation to Cranham Parish Council on this subject.

Cllr Ann Daniels queried the position on the outstanding work to be carried out on the War Memorial. Clerk Roy Balgobin confirmed that the quotation to carry out the work had been accepted and they were awaiting the Contractor to commence work.

Chairman Martin Slinger stated that at a recent meeting of the Pavilion Committee a damp patch on a wall had been noticed. This was caused by a leaking pipe which had now been repaired.

The Meeting closed at 08.35pm

## Latest plans for the new recycling arrangements

**From 14th September 2015. Charges for bulky waste collections.**

Charges have been introduced for the collection of bulky waste items such as furniture, washing machines and other white goods. Hitherto these collections have been free. A charge of £15 will apply for a collection of up to three items and additional items at £5 per item. The Council currently spends £165,000 a year on the service and with reductions in support from central government the council have to make some pragmatic decisions. The money saved will also help improve waste and recycling services for every household.

**From February 2016. Optional garden waste collections.**

As part of a package of improvements, in February next year, the council will also introduce an optional, garden waste collection service for households who want it. There will be a one-off £20 charge for the garden waste bin and a £36 annual fee. The service will run from February to November each year.

**From November 2016 Weekly food waste collection**

The biggest changes come in towards the end of 2016 with the introduction of a weekly food waste collection service. Food waste currently makes up almost a third of the rubbish that goes to landfill. Sealed food bins and kitchen food waste caddies will be provided.

**Fortnightly collection of remaining waste**

At the same time, wheelie-bins will be introduced for the fortnightly collection of the remaining waste, although some households with restricted access or space will continue with black bags.

Further information is in the council's annual newsletter which has been delivered to every household in September. Further information on the changes is available at: [www.stroud.gov.uk/newscheme](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/newscheme)

Anyone interested in booking a bulky waste collection should call 01453 754424 or visit [www.stroud.gov.uk/bulky](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/bulky)

## Percy wins first prize again

To win first prize in Stroud District Council North Area Tenants' Garden Competition is an achievement. To win it seven times is nothing short of amazing, but that is precisely what Percy Franklin has done. The competition covers the whole district and this year Percy has again won first prize for both Best Floral Garden and Best Garden Overall.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# What's happening in our Churches?

## Harvest Festivals

October is the month for Harvest in our Churches – a chance to give thanks for God's gifts and to contribute something towards those less fortunate than ourselves. Whichever way you might be heading, you can join us in; - Harescombe on the 2nd at 7pm, Cranham, Edge or Sheepscombe on the 4th at 11am, Pitchcombe on the 10th at 6.15pm or St Mary's, Painswick on the 11th at 11am.

## World Peace

October also sees the annual Week of Prayer for World Peace from the 11th to the 18th. This is an initiative supported by many people of all faiths and none and, in the current international climate, sorely needed. There will be a time of prayer each weekday morning in Our Lady and St Thérèse Church in Friday Street starting at 9.30am. Please join us if you are able.

## On Fire!

A new initiative starting this month is the On Fire service in St Mary's. This is a service for young people but not just for young people. It'll have a modern slant but the age-old message of God's love is what we'll be preaching and encouraging people to show in their own lives. Find out more by joining the fun on Friday 16th at 7.30pm.

## Prayer for Healing

Sunday 18th is the day we remember St Luke whom St Paul called the 'beloved physician'. His writings certainly show great compassion for the sick and the suffering. As last year, we will be holding a service of prayer for healing at 3.00pm in Sheepscombe Church. It will be a quiet reflective time with a chance to be prayed for or to receive anointing for those who wish.

## Bishop Rachel

As you will know, the new Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, was formally installed in the Cathedral last month. You may have had a chance to hear her on Woman's Hour last month or preaching earlier this month at the 10th anniversary service for Psalms, our local group working with children and young people. She will be visiting the area on the 6th January and will be leading a service that evening in Stroud – watch out for more details.

## Messy Church

...and talking of children, Messy Church starts up again in the Church Rooms on the 8th. This is a chance for children and their parents to hear some of the stories from the Bible and to engage with them through various craft activities. This month we're talking about Jesus calling his first disciples. We start at 3.30pm. It may be messy but it's biblical and it's fun!

*Rev Mike Holloway*

# A Festival of Lights

on Saturday 31st October in St Mary's Church Rooms from 6pm onwards

The Painswick & Stroud Roman Catholic community invite you to participate in an evening of festivities to celebrate all things 'Indian' at the time of the big Indian festival of Diwali. Many of our community are from the Indian sub-continent and want to take this opportunity to share customs, traditions and culture with our wider community.

There will be music, dance, story telling and a buffet supper with a complimentary glass of wine. You may bring your own wine in if you like, corkage is free.

Using the theme of 'light' we hope to share with you how many peoples, many religions, many cultures occupy one space in that melting pot that is India.

Tickets on a first come first served basis: £12 per adult and £5 for children from 10 to 15 years, under 10s are free. For tickets contact Denise Magauran 01452814570 or email [denisemagauran@aol.com](mailto:denisemagauran@aol.com). All proceeds go towards the repairs to the roof of the Immaculate Conception Church in Stroud.

*Ela Pathak-Sen*



# School News

I have to make a special mention of Hannah Watkins in Class 4/5. Hannah takes part in tennis competitions around the country and went to the County Championships over the summer holidays and as a result is now the County Girls Singles Champion at U8, County Girls Doubles Champion U9, came 3rd place in the County Girls Singles U9. Well done Hannah we are all really proud of you.

*Kevin Howie Head Teacher*

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# Poetry reading at Quaker Meeting House

As part of Quaker Week this October, Painswick Meeting House is hosting a poetry reading by acclaimed poets Sam Willetts and Alicia Stubbersfield.

Sam's first book of poetry "New Light for the Old Dark" achieved the rare distinction of being nominated for all three prizes devoted to first collections, as well as being shortlisted for the 2010 TS Eliot Prize. A former journalist and travel writer, Sam has struggled with drug addiction and homelessness.

Alicia is one of the Cherington poets and her published collections include "The Yellow Table", "Joking Apart" and "The Magician's Assistant". She is a lecturer in creative writing and a tutor for the Poetry School, Arvon and the National Centre for Wales.

Both poets are now based in Gloucestershire. The reading will start at 2pm on Sunday 11th October, 2015 at the Quaker Meeting House, Withymeade Lane, Vicarage Street, Painswick. Entry is free but there will be a collection. For more information email [fiona@patiopeople.com](mailto:fiona@patiopeople.com)

*Fiona Meadley (Clerk of Painswick Quaker Meeting)*

## Community Lunches

Welcome to this session's lunches every Monday from October 5th for 10 weeks before Christmas (& 10 weeks in the new year). For £3.00 you get home-made soup, fresh bread, butter & cheese – and good company! – at Ashwell Centre, off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way.

We do hope people of ALL AGES will come to support the lunches, as each week's different hosts (all local groups/societies) work so hard to provide them. Note especially on October 19th when Year 6 at Croft School will be the hosts!

*Rita Bishop (Coordinator) & David Linsell (Treasurer)*

## Sue Ryder Annual Fair

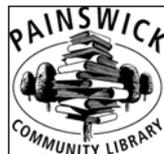
Saturday November 14th

This year the Fair will be held in the Town Hall on the above date from 10am until 2pm.

Donations of bric a brac, cakes, tombola/raffle prizes and children's toys would all be appreciated. Please contact:  
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Please come along to support us and enjoy tea or coffee and a mince pie.

*Angela Follows*



## Library News

### Green Bags for Garden Rubbish

The Library will be stocking and selling the green bags for garden rubbish, usually available at the Parish Office in the Town Hall. It will mean longer hours are available for their purchase.

### Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all those children who completed the Reading Challenge over the summer holidays. If you have not yet received your certificate (and The Croft, Sheepscombe and Cranham schools will have given them out), come to the Library to get yours.

### New Books

New books in all categories are now in the library. As always the full list is available at the Library counter.

Highlights include:

For Children: "The Boy in the Dress" by David Walliams; "Emily Prickleback's Clever Idea" Daisy Meadows.

Adult fiction includes:

"Chestnut Street Maeve Binchy; "The Tea Planter's Wife" Dinah Jeffries; "Private Sydney" James Patterson.

Non-Fiction

"First Lady, Life and Wars of Clementine Churchill" Sonia Purnell, "The Secret War" by Max Hastings.

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the Library will be held on 29th October at 7.00pm in the Library. All welcome.

### Lost Teddy

One of our readers (a younger one, probably), may be missing their teddy bear. He has been spending the time usefully in the Library and is now a very well-read bear. He has a red armband, a bit worn out, with "England" on it.

We have him in the Library, if he is yours, please come and collect him.

*Ian Cridland*

## Directory – final call

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

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

*Carol Maxwell*

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# Jottings

The cereal harvest is now coming to an end. Harvesting this year got off to a flying start, but then the weather turned, the rains came, and we encountered problems. You see, you cannot harvest when the crop is wet: the moisture meter needs to record less than 15% moisture before it can be stored, and the percentage needs to be even lower if the crop is intended to be sold.

If you don't cut your corn when it is ripe and before the wet weather arrives, then you can suffer a huge drop in revenue - and, if left a really long time, the crop will start to sprout in the ear and becomes useless. For example, in the case of wheat, good timing can make all the difference between a sale for use in good quality, high value bread and a lower value animal feed. And for barley, the difference between a malting barley and a feed barley.

When you see your grain you need to take a sample, which must be free from weed, seeds and pests. If you don't provide a good sample then you suffer a deduction in the price per ton received.

After harvesting the crops themselves, you finish off by baling up the straw for bedding or eating. This must also be dry otherwise it will go mouldy and solid in the bale, and the spores risk damaging animal health. Sometimes, instead of baling, the straw is chopped as it leaves the combine which, when it has rotted down, provides extra phosphate and potash as nutrients to support the next crop.

Once the harvest work is complete we see crows, pheasants and other birds foraging for seeds left behind on the soil.

Then it's time to start thinking of planting next year's crops!

*Martin Slinger*

# Update on The Painswick Valleys Conservation Society

This is just a very brief update on what we are doing as a society. We are still working hard to protect and conserve our valleys, and the committee meets on a regular basis throughout the year.

We held our AGM at the end of April when members were updated about our concerns and responses to planning applications for the previous year. Our new committee was appointed and we were given a fascinating talk about Washbrook Mill.

One of our biggest concerns at the present time is the application to build 80 houses at the Stroud end of Painswick Valley within the AONB at Grange fields. We have written and opposed this, but at the moment we do not know when the decision will be made.

We have expressed concern at the proposed development on land East of the A46 & South of the Park, as this is outside the development area and within the AONB.

We have also expressed concern about the unauthorised enclosure of Common Land along Golf Course Road, and the Parish Council are also involved in this.

Our committee member, Paul Castle, spent a good deal of time advising and encouraging the parties involved in the completion of the passageway linking St Marys churchyard and Stamages Lane car park. What an amazing achievement this has been!

We have again contributed to the maintenance of one of the historic yew trees in the churchyard.

We are aiming to get a website up and running and are working on this at the present time.

If you would like to become a member, or would like to join our committee, or have any queries or suggestions at any time, then do get in touch. Our secretary is Judith Cochrane at 3 Gyde House. (e-mail: bill.cochrane82@googlemail.com.)

*Barbara Tait (Chairman)*

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# PMaG



What fun – hearing bits of music from each of the coming season's programme all in one evening. Ann Williams did an excellent presentation on 17th September in front of a large audience, containing many new faces and visitors, among them four from Indiana.

We heard about film music, Felicity Lott and the Art of Singing, John Honeywell and the Bijou Opera Club, bits by composers whose names beginning with "Z" and with "SCH", Ludvig Neilson and Works for Organ, music by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Gilbert and Sullivan, and lots more. An enjoyable and most instructive evening.

*Ralph Kenber*



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## Cup Cakes for Carers

The Beacon was a fine read in September. I was particularly drawn to the article from Lou Kemp, which majored on Village Agent work in helping carers get information, support and advice.

It appears that I am one of an estimated 6m carers in the UK and that the Adult Help desk, Carers Gloucestershire and Crossroads Care, not to mention Lou Kemp herself, are available at the end of a telephone line for the carer who needs help.

Phone numbers are available at the end of last month's Village Agents article. I would suggest that anyone who might be interested should read it, cut it out and keep it.

Cup Cakes, too, helps deal with the big issues; it's there, too, if the carer is just lonely, or needs a short break from looking after a family member or friend.

We have a drop-in tea party (free), usually in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre from 2.00-4.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Newcomers are welcome. Phone Pat on 813326 or Andrea 812464.

## Free Painswick Stream Flood Warnings

Stroud District Council has launched a free flood warning service for the Painswick Stream. Residents who sign up for the service will receive a series of warnings by email and / or text to a mobile phone or landline when a gauge shows the stream has reached one of four pre-defined levels that indicate flooding is possible. When an alert has been activated users can also check the stream's depth on a website. For more information or to register contact David Lesser, Water Resource Engineer, Stroud District Council, either by email to david.lesser@stroud.gov.uk or by post to SDC head office at Ebley Mill, Stroud, GL5 4UB.

Angie Scott



## Painswick Gardening Club - Start of a New Season

I'm sat here writing this on what is a truly autumnal morning and we haven't even potted into October yet! I love to see the colour changes in the garden at this time of the year but always wish that we could hold onto Summer for just that little bit longer.

The Wisley trip was a great success and, on behalf of everyone, I'd like to thank Judy Stevens for all her hard work to make it happen. Despite the rather long journey and a spot of queuing, it was a day of sunshine and 'feasting' on all things horticultural - fantastic greenhouse, beautiful borders in abundance and a lovely selection of specialist nurseries supplying 'treats'!

October brings the start of the new season for the Gardening Club with our first meeting on Wednesday 14th October. Just a reminder that this year we are opening the doors of the Church Rooms at 6.45pm to allow more time for payment of new subscriptions. Don't forget that if you come along at this time to join up there's coffee/tea and homemade cake being served before our talk - now surely there's an incentive not to be missed! We would love to welcome some new Members so if you are thinking about it but still aren't sure, pop along for a chat before deciding. We are very pleased that Caroline Tatham (Cotswold Gardening School) has agreed to start the season for us again this year with her talk "Making the 2015 Spring Show Garden" Those who have heard her speak before know that they are in for a treat of an evening with great photos and lots of laughs. Come and join us.

For further information on forthcoming speakers, our Christmas willow weaving event, and proposed trips for next year, visit our website ([www.thepainswickgardeningclub.com](http://www.thepainswickgardeningclub.com)) or pop along to our October meeting to see what we have lined up over the coming months. If you have any ideas or would like to give us some feedback, please email [thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com) or come and have a chat on 14th October.

The mist has cleared so I'm off to plant some more ferns (one of my favourite plants); you can never have too many!

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

## Scrub bashing

on Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve - Autumn 2015

Rudge Hill (Edge) - Sunday 1st November, quarry area opposite Edgemoor Inn  
Bulls Cross - Sunday 8th November, lower triangle  
Sheepscombe - Sunday 22nd November, quarry area above track

We will be working from 10am until about 3pm. Feel free to come along for the whole day or even just an hour or two. We will be pretty easy to find, just look for the smoke!

Please wear warm comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and sturdy footwear. If you are planning to stay all day then you will need to bring lunch - hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. It is also advisable to bring waterproofs in case of light rain. If it rains heavily we may have to stop work early or cancel the task so if the weather is bad on the day it is advisable to ring the mobile number below to check the task is still on. All tools and work gloves will be supplied.

No need to book, just turn up on the day. If you would like any further information please get in touch with Kate Gamez at [kate.gamez@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:kate.gamez@naturalengland.org.uk) / 07747 485136.

Kate Gamez

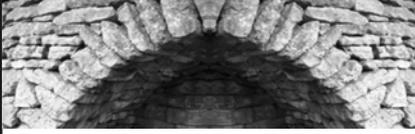


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# Obituary - Gordon John Charles Marfell

1912 – 2015

John was born the eldest of six boys in Drybrook, Gloucestershire. His mother, a teacher, was determined that none of her sons would go down the pit – ironically the very place John ended up whilst a POW in WW2. Graduating from the London School of Economics and a subsequent trip to Russia scuppered his chances of becoming an officer when he enlisted at the start of WW2.

A Royal Artillery gunner, John was captured in Crete in 1941 leading to four years of hard labour in Eastern Poland. He credited his survival to Red Cross food parcels, his Bible and the unflinching morale of his fellow prisoners. John wrote a memoir of his wartime experiences, a copy of which is now with the Imperial War Museum as a resource for future historians.

In 1946, John was accepted on a postgraduate course in education at Lincoln College, Oxford. He embarked on a new career as a primary school teacher; first at Horsley, then at Painswick, lodging in Tibbiwell, and finally at Stonehouse Junior School where he retired as Headmaster. Firm but fair and a born storyteller, he is still fondly remembered by his former pupils today.

In 1957, John met the love of his life, Marian Elliott, and they married at Pitchcombe Church. They lived in Lurks Lane, Pitchcombe and spent holidays and much of his retirement travelling extensively throughout the world.

They moved to Painswick in 1991 and embraced Painswick life with enthusiasm; John joined the Walking and Bible Study Groups and they enjoyed trips to classical concerts and the Opera. Always very welcoming of visitors, John loved to chat about his past exploits and adventures and his thirst for knowledge continued well into his 90's. He died in June 2015 aged 102.

*Janet Godfrey*



## Painswick Singers - Gear-Up for Christmas

The Painswick and The Thameshead Singers will be together in Concert at Christmas for the first time. We share the same Conductor, Andrew Hopwood, so it could not be long before we got together for a big bang sing that will be this year's Christmas Concert at St. Mary's Church on December 19th. We will be singing The Messiah Part I (there are 3 Parts, No. 1 deals with the prophesy of the Messiah and its fulfilment) and a selection of traditional Christmas Carols with the usual carols for people and choir. This year it will be with orchestral accompaniment provided by The Capriol Chamber Orchestra.

Charles Jennens, the clergyman writer who was Handel's Collaborator and Librettist for his oratorio Saul, persuaded him to take on his Messiah text, which contributed immeasurably to its success at a time when Handel was having little with his operas and oratorios. Hitherto the drama in the latter had been created from the words of characters named in the Bible, but the Messiah was different: it was composed entirely of selected biblical text. The passages Jennens selected so inspired Handel, he wrote some of the most glorious choruses that have ever been composed. Handel did it all in 3 weeks and they lift Messiah onto a level of religious experience and joy to sing that have never been equalled. Most choristers get to sing Messiah many times, never tire of it and usually find some new discovery about the work every time they open its covers. They also find themselves refreshed in their singing.

Rehearsals have just started. Those reading this who would like to join the choirs for this concert are cordially invited to come to Monday rehearsals (Painswick Singers), 7.30pm at the Church Rooms, ring Gordon 01452 621151 or Tuesday rehearsals (Thames Head Singers) 7.30pm at Brimscombe Primary School, ring Rita 01452. 814205

*Maurice Maggs*

## Nepal Earthquake

Many people in Nepal are still homeless after the earthquake disaster. Kim Brockett has worked tirelessly to raise money for the charity LivetoLove which is helping to rebuild homes. Every penny raised is used for this purpose. In the latest effort Kim writes – 'We are going to do a leaflet drop throughout Painswick encouraging residents to make a direct link with those in Nepal who have no home. It is essentially a leaflet explaining who we are and what we are trying to do. But there is a twist ... on the back of the leaflet is a flat brick for them to cut out and stick together, one side has been left blank for them to write a message to the villagers of Nepal. Once their brick has been created they can take it and their creation to one of the hosts of our houses and we are going to use our hosts to help us build model houses.

So far through Yoga and wonderful kind donations we have raised £1500 and it costs just £2000 to fully rebuild a home there.' This is a direct appeal to the people of Painswick to help in this very needy situation.

*Carol Maxwell*



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# Murder trials

## and other memories from the Bench

A talk given for charity by recently retired High Court Judge and Painswick resident **Sir Alistair MacDuff**

Friday 9th October at 7.30 pm at the Painswick Centre

An evening of reminiscences and memorabilia including memories of the trial of the nephews of the Kray twins, the Cromford taxi murder and the two Defendants who got away (literally) with murder.

Fascinating insights into presiding over high profile trials, including slides and images from the trials themselves. All proceeds go to Longfield (formerly Cotswold Care Hospice). Tickets £10. Please pre-book with Longfield at [events@longfield.org.uk](mailto:events@longfield.org.uk) or on 01453 886868. Alternative ticket outlet; The Longfield Shop, Bisley Street, Painswick (Mon to Sat; 9 to 5). Subject to availability; tickets on the door

*Alistair MacDuff*

# Rococo Garden appoints new Director

It's all change at the Rococo Garden.

After nearly thirty years managing the Rococo Garden, Paul Moir is standing down as Garden Director to take a well-earned retirement. Paul, who will be a very familiar face to people who regularly visit the garden, is handing over at a significant time, as new plans are being laid to enhance the services offered.

The Rococo Café too will see changes as Claire Moir, Paul's wife, is also retiring after creating a well-regarded and much used local institution. Together they have built the garden and café into a beautiful and restful destination for tourists and locals alike. Originally created in the 1740s, the Rococo Garden was the ultimate "Secret Garden" as it fell asleep in the 20th Century and became overgrown until 1984 when it was rediscovered and the wooded valley was cleared. Thus began a major garden restoration project. Paul took a key role in bringing this unique site to the attention of an international audience and developing its reputation in the garden and tourism world.

To build on Paul's and Claire's success the Rococo Trustee Board have appointed a new Garden Director, Dominic Hamilton, who will be taking over from 1st January 2016. Dominic comes with impressive experience with the National Trust as Manager at places as diverse as Snowhill and Tyntesfield, and was previously with Cheltenham Jazz Festival. The board is very confident that he will continue to develop both garden and café as a real asset for Painswick and Gloucestershire.

Dominic will work with local businesses and organisations including the Friends of Rococo to promote the site and develop the activities that are provided there. These include summer Shakespeare productions and plays, art installations, weddings, celebrations, courses and many other events.

The Rococo Garden will open 10th January 2016 for the snowdrop season and remains open every day until 31st October from 11am – 5pm daily. The Café is open at all times during this period whether or not you are visiting the garden.

*Tim Toghill*

## Rococo Reflections October

Summer is now a long distant memory as we turn to our last month of opening for 2015. The Autumn colours as always will be spectacular but this year we have the added bonus of some lovely new Acers. These have been planted on the bank near the maze and have been paid for by the Friends of the Garden.

The area chosen is underplanted with a carpet Cyclamen Hederifolium. These delicate flowers have been established at the Garden for almost as long as the snowdrops and we have some corms the size of dinner plates. This variety is known as the Autumn Cyclamen as opposed to the Spring 'Coum'. The main distinguishing feature (apart from flowering time!) is that the Autumn one flowers before it breaks into leaf, whilst the Spring one throws out its leaves before the blooms.

Over recent weeks we have stripped out the soft fruit borders as many of the bushes are nearly 20 years old. This has given us the chance to clean out the beds and rotavate the soil, something you just can't do with established plants in place. We are now replanting with new bushes and have taken the opportunity to recreate the scalloped tumps as each end of the borders that were planted with herbs. One other observation we have made over recent weeks is the lack of conkers on the Horsechestnuts. We have three large trees on the drive and normally at this time of the year the drive becomes a mess of mashed conkers and husks as car drive up and down. But this year hardly one has hit the ground, there are just none around. We are hoping it is a one off phenomenon and not a sign that the trees are reaching the end of their life.

Finally at the end of this month, the Rococo Kitchen will be saying a fond farewell to Lucy John. It has been an absolute delight to have her working beside us, even though I am biased, as she is my daughter! Lucy will however not be going far as she will in the future be working alongside her husband, Charlie, at The Falcon Inn.

*Paul Moir*

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## Pins and Painswick

Without pin making Painswick's economy would have been in dire straits after the collapse of the wool cloth industry. Brian Jowett's presentation about the pin industry at the first meeting of the Society's new season of talks was therefore of great significance.

Pins are the oldest fasteners known and for many centuries were a sign of wealth. Mr Jowett explained the laborious process involved to produce each pin, requiring ten different workers, use often being made of pauper women and children from the workhouses. The introduction of machinery in the 19th century transformed the industry so that 12,000 pins per hour could be manufactured albeit in horrendously noisy conditions.

In 1830 Lightpill Mill in Stroud was the first water-powered pin mill in the world. Later one of its employees, Peter Watkins, set up business in Painswick (Watkins and Okey), followed by Savory. Brookhouse Mill, Cap Mill (which made the machines), Kings Mill and Rock Mill were at the centre of the industry locally. Later hooks and eyes were made at Cooks Mill (later Reeds then Painswick Mill).

An excellent article on pin making in Painswick is to be found in Painswick Chronicle No. 10. At the next meeting, 20th October, the canal archives will be explored by three knowledgeable speakers. Croft School, 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*



Man's migrations pepper history but rarely of the magnitude and mortality of the current Middle East exodus. Yet the scale of the latter is small compared with the vast numbers and distances involved annually in avian migration, often in comparative safety. Indeed 40% of all birds are migrant!

At this season, arrives the fieldfare for the rowan berry harvest as famously the swift leaves, fledglings (under 50g) for sub-Saharan Africa feeding and sleeping on the wing until return after 3 years to breed. Vagaries of weather add to risk, timing critical. Short sea crossings feature, millions via Gibraltar at night safe from raptors needing day thermals for altitude. Complex is the migration story with genetic factors in orientation. Why was it that 80% of terns of one colony chose to nest within 8 metres of the previous year's position?

As our own offspring migrate shorter distances to academia, what cerebral stimuli await at the Club in our Michaelmas term? At the Painswick Centre on Wednesday, 7th October at 2.30pm we meet with the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club to hear farmer Ian Boyd on Environmental Stewardship and on Thursday, November 5th at 7.30pm at the Town Hall, we can anticipate Jim Almond's photographic extravaganza, entitled "North Norfolk, Here I Come." In December comes the Frampton Lakes field trip (see the Beacon diary) We welcome all visitors to our meetings."

*Wendy Addy*



## Fairtrade

As you will know from the signs as you enter Painswick, we have certified Fairtrade status. Buying or using Fairtrade items is a very simple way of ensuring third world farmers get a fair price for their produce and are enabled to support their families and also to enable their local communities

to help themselves. Our local shops stock Fairtrade products: the shops and the products they sell are listed below. Various restaurants/cafes and community organisations serve tea and/or coffee with Fairtrade ingredients. Please consider buying Fairtrade items when shopping in the village.

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*Alison Robinson and John Rohrbeck*

## Prinknash Abbey to be demolished

Plans to demolish the empty 1972 abbey at Prinknash and build ten luxury houses on the site have been lodged with Stroud District Council.

The 12-strong community of monks at Prinknash abandoned it in 2008, and it has lain empty since. They moved back to the 15th century Grade 1 listed St Peter's Grange, 300 yards away, which had been their home since 1928.

Prinknash Abbey's bursar, Father Martin McLaughlin, said that the sale of the site to Tetbury developer, Edward Blake Ltd, would release funds to convert a farmhouse in Prinknash Park into a retreat centre, which would mean that the monastery would once again play an active part in the spiritual life of the Catholic church, and "breathe new life" into the Prinknash community.

There have been unsuccessful attempts to list the brick built abbey with English Heritage, but it had been rejected as having no architectural merit. Prinknash Abbey was originally designed by Goodhart-Rendel in the 1930s, but construction was halted by the war and was eventually completed in a severely truncated form by his partner Francis Broadbent in the 1960s.



# Letters

The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Painswick Outreach Post Office Comment:-

*Helen Holterman of Friday Street writes.*

I have tried to use the outreach Post Office. The first time the post office was closed when it was supposed to be open. The next time I was told by the outreach postmaster that businesses (with Royal Mail accounts) couldn't use the service, and that I had to go to Stroud. I was clearly surprised by this; if businesses are unable to use the facility this will certainly reduce the usage of the outreach Post Office.

I mentioned this to my Royal Mail business support manager, and was told that I should not have been turned away due to the reciprocal arrangements that Post Offices and Royal Mail have (she is raising a formal complaint). I thought I would write this letter to share my experiences of unfortunately not being able to use the outreach service, following the September 'call' for support for the Painswick Post Office.

## Editorial comment.

The Royal Mail does not collect from Outreach post office facilities. Letters and parcels are accepted by the postmaster at the Town Hall and then taken to the Upton St Leonards branch for collection by Royal Mail. Representations are being made to Royal Mail to have a collection from the Town Hall. We understand that the item referred to in Helen Holterman's letter was pre-paid and that there is no reciprocal arrangement with Royal Mail and Outreach post offices for handling such items.

## The Cotswolds 88 Hotel - contents sale

The hotel is being totally refurbished between Oct 2015 - March 2016 by the wonderful Calcot Hotels, its proud new owners. On instruction from Calcot Hotels, a collection of beautiful and eclectic furnishings, decorative items, fine art, beds, and bathroom fittings, will be auctioned by us on Sat 24th Oct 2015 11am live at the Malt House GL6 6NU (catalogue will be online c.15th Oct)

## The Queen's longevity – a celebratory ring

At 6.30pm on Wednesday, 9th September the bells rang out from St Mary's Church across Painswick to celebrate the Queen's record as the country's longest reigning monarch in history. She had now reigned for 23,226 days, surpassing the previous record set by Queen Victoria. Bells had been ringing throughout the country all day but locally the decision



was taken to ring at 6.30pm by which time the record was firmly established.

Eight of our ringers rang the bells, including a call change sequence called 'Queens', for half an hour to mark this momentous occasion. Painswick is fortunate to have a remarkable, indeed famous, set of bells and it was fitting that the Queen's record was marked in this way.

The ringing team practises every Tuesday at 7.30pm, continuing a long tradition in Painswick. New members are welcome and if you are interested in joining the team contact David Bishop tel. 814205 or email dc.bishop@btinternet.com

*Carol Maxwell*

## Tour de France comes to Painswick

On the 5th July 2014 Ursula Daws set off on a challenge that would last approximately 14 months. It was the day the Tour de France started in Harrogate. Ursula mounted an exercise bike in the Richmond gym and began a 3,360k "ride" to complete her own Tour de France. As she rode she visualised the rolling French countryside and the Mountain climbs to come.

Ursula struggles with a significant disability, she has trouble with her balance, a direct result of her suffering from anorexia earlier in her life. Despite this disability she can be seen every day, early in the morning, in the Richmond Gym peddling on a bike and woe betide anybody who is using "her" bike when she arrives!

When she crossed the finishing line in August this year a member of the Richmond staff presented her with a mini "yellow jersey" which she proudly displays in her apartment. Ursula has always set herself personal goals, she was awarded a half blue for lacrosse by Oxford University, and is currently cycling the equivalent of London to Paris – at the moment she is somewhere "under" the English Channel! Previous "rides" for charity have raised in excess of £450. What will be the next challenge this indomitable lady sets herself?



*Mike Kerton*

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## WI Centenary

This year the Women's Institute (WI) is celebrating 100 years since the organisation was formed. Yew Trees WI have planted a golden Acer in the churchyard to mark this event. The photo below shows Jane Burt (President), Joan Hardwidge and Vicky Aspinall (Vice Presidents) digging in the shrub on September 12th. It is hoped that this will create a lasting tribute to the WI.

*Vicky Aspinall*



## Surgery News

### Flu vaccinations

Our annual immunisation programme to protect vulnerable patients from the influenza virus will commence as usual, in October this year. All the doctors at Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We would also suggest that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma/lung disease, kidney/liver/heart disease and patients who are immunocompromised are also vaccinated as they are especially at risk

As in previous years, we will be holding clinics on **Saturdays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October (8.30 am to 12:30 pm)**

Should you wish to have this vaccination, please contact the surgery to book a convenient appointment – please do not wait for a letter inviting you to come in. We would like as many people as possible to take up this offer. (We won't be organising 'flu clinics at the surgery during the week in order to reduce congestion in the car park.)

When you come for your flu vaccination, we will check to see if you are eligible for the shingles and the pneumonia vaccination.

### New staff

We are very pleased to welcome our new Registrar, Dr Tom Moore. We have also been joined by Lisa, our new Healthcare Assistant.

*Michael Mack-Smith Practice Manager*



## Managing Farm Habitats for Wildlife

With the Field Club

The first meeting of the 2015-16 season will be held on Wednesday 7th October at 2.30 pm in the Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre when Ian Boyd will talk about Environmental Conservation. He will describe how he has moved from running a production-led farm to managing farm



habitats for wildlife. The result is an abundance of wildflowers and insects attracting birds all year, as well as a diversified range of crops and organic beef products. Ian is also an excellent photographer, as evidenced by this image of a cock pheasant, so we can expect some stunning illustrations. This will be another of our popular joint meetings with the Painswick Bird Club. Enquiries to 814570.

We have a further talk arranged this month, on Tuesday 20th October at 2:30pm at The Hub, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton when Clare Webb will talk about her 'Cotswold Way Challenge'. Clare, who is employed by Natural England, will outline the activities of the organisation, its objectives and some projects, before recounting her adventures when walking the length of the Cotswold Way in aid of Parkinson's UK. She was joined on this challenge by her two young sons during their school holidays. She has a very personal reason: her mother suffers from the disease and Clare hopes the family's efforts will aid research into future treatments. CNFC will also be making a donation. Further details tel. 01453 836618.

We provide light refreshments at both meetings and visitors will be very welcome.

*Jane Rowe*

### Field Club Excursion to London

The Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club (CNFC) Long Excursion to Outer London, 3rd - 7th September, took us straight into the field, at Kew. We took the Runnymede Magna Carta river cruise and saw the new statue of Queen Elizabeth II as the longest reigning Queen of England. I was keen to see The Red House because of the link with William Morris. Then, Strawberry Hill, Horrace Walpole's Gothic castle; Eltham Palace, Chiswick House and Kenwood House, along with Dulwich Art Gallery, completed a whistle-stop tour of art and architecture from the Renaissance to the Pre-Raphaelites.

*Joyce Barrus*

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# Painswick Probus Tour of the Jaguar F Type Assembly Line

On the 17th September around 30 Painswick Probus members and guests spent an interesting day visiting the Castle Bromwich factory of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR). The Castle Bromwich site is the body construction and final assembly line for the XF and XJ saloons and the F-Type sports car. The tour was conducted in small groups by knowledgeable JLR engineering staff and enabled members to get up close to the assembly processes. The tour concentrated on the line for the F-Type cabriolets and coupes which are of an all aluminium, bonded and riveted construction and followed the process from rolls of aluminium sheet through to final finishing and drive-out of the cars.

It was fascinating to see how the modern, robotised assembly line had been incorporated into a historic site which is constrained on all sides by motorways and other development. The site was originally built as the Castle Bromwich Aircraft Factory (CBAF), a shadow aircraft factory to utilise the skills of local people from the motor industry to produce wartime aircraft. In total over 12000 spitfires were built at CBAF, over half of the total production, in addition to Lancaster bombers. The site transferred to Jaguar Cars in 1977.



It seemed appropriate that the plant was now producing cars with bodies constructed of bonded aluminium in a similar way to modern aircraft construction. Each car was being built to the individual customers specification with the correct components arriving at the assembly line at the appropriate time. Surprisingly sequential cars could be of any colour, hard top or soft top, any trim specification, any engine specification and so on. Although much of the assembly was done by robots there was still a significant human input, particularly in the final stages, and against all pre-conceptions this did not seem to be a mindless repetitive job. According to our guide staff morale is much higher now than when JLR were owned by Ford. JLR are now owned by Tata Steel of India but are largely left to manage their own business and are enjoying healthy sales. It was notable how many of the cars were in left hand drive format with 83% of production going for export, mainly to the US, China and the Middle East.

*John Wylde*

## Probus Women - Stroud Food Bank

Will Mansell, the head of the local Stroud food bank, gave us a fascinating insight into the working of this local charity. Forty percent of the 4395 people helped were children and single parent families. All clients using the food bank have to be referred by a recognized organisation such as the CAB or a local community group. They are given a voucher by the organisation which is signed and numbered so that it can be traced back to that organisation. They are then given three days worth of food and are helped to find the correct organisation which can help them in their present crisis. Recipients can only have three, three day parcels of food in six months.

Along with the parcel of food is a recipe card explaining how to use the ingredients given. Running alongside the food bank is Kids Stuff which supplies equipment for babies. Also the Furniture Bank which supplies furniture for adults for a fee of £30. Anyone wanting to donate cots or buggies for babies or furniture can contact any of the above and they will collect free of charge.

Donations of food can be left in the baskets in supermarkets around Stroud. The next meeting on 12th October is our AGM followed by a talk by Liz Atkins Marathon walking in Wales. Visitors always welcome fee £3.

*Anne Newhill*

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# Sports reports *assembled by John Barrus*

## Painswick Junior Rugby

With the Rugby World Cup hopefully progressing well by the time this is distributed, Painswick Junior Rugby is also in full swing with Mini, Junior and Youth Rugby all underway with new rules, new age groups and a new clubhouse all to be absorbed.

More than any year, Painswick would love to see more children particularly boys and girls of primary school age coming down to try out Tag and Mini rugby on a Sunday morning. Starting at U6 ( year 1) there are plenty of opportunities for those children (and parents) inspired by the World Cup event to come down and join in the fun.

With trained coaches across all age groups we would love to see more U 6, U 7 and U 9 boys and girls whilst all age groups offer a warm and friendly welcome to new or returning players. With free taster sessions available and the bonus of a complimentary hotdog after training, plus the opportunity for parents to enjoy the new bar, clubhouse and world cup matches (being shown every weekend), please come and see us on a Sunday from 10.00 each week or visit our website for further details. We look forward to seeing you.

*David Nottingham*



## Tennis - Wimbledon champion

Lorraine Ristic Head Coach at Painswick Tennis Club won the Women's 50's National Singles Championships held at The All England Club at Wimbledon. Lorraine defeated the number 1 seed Bim Newton 6-3,7-6, who earlier in the year was the British number 1, then in the semi finals she comfortably defeated the number 3 seed Susie Reid 6-1, 6-1. The final, played in temperatures exceeding 30 degrees, was much more arduous and Lorraine served her way to victory defeating her old rival Joy Tacon 6-4,4-6,6-4. Following 18 months of injury Lorraine captained the Women's 50 GB team in the World Team Championships reaching the semi finals where they narrowly lost 2-1 to the USA; the eventual winners. Well done Lorraine!



### Club Over 50's Tournament.

Graham Britton and Ness Fair beat Richard Bailey and Lisa Balfour.

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## Golf

The summer season's competitions and events are reaching their conclusion this month and the winter season's programme will be starting shortly.

Brendan Nunan organised a successful Men's Invitation Open competition held on 18th September. It was a gloriously sunny day and a number of visitors commented on the excellent state of the course. Forty people entered, from a total of 8 clubs. It was played in pairs on a four ball better ball basis, with three quarters handicap. The winner was Mike Hoey (Painswick) and Geoff Allen (South Cerney) with a total of 42 stableford points.

In the Seniors' section, the Millenium Cup, played on 27th August, was won by Frank Keelan with a score of 43 stableford points. And the September Stableford was won by Brendan Nunan with a score of 38 points, just pipping David Warren with the same score but on the basis of a better back 9. Congratulations to all the winners.

Visitors are welcome at Painswick Golf Club, whether to play a round or to come to the clubhouse for meals and refreshments. Our caterers, Mike, Tom and Cheryl Horton are now taking bookings (01452 812180) for Christmas lunches

*Peter Rowe.*



## Short Mat Bowls

We meet Mondays in the Lower Room of the Town Hall from 10.30 a.m. The club provides all required equipment except flat shoes.

The club would welcome new members at any of the sessions from 10.30 a.m. up to 9.00 p.m. Coaching will be available if required.

The cost is only £10.00 per annum and £2.00 each time you play which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Your first 'Roll up' will be free.

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## Painswick Bowls Club

By the time you read this the outdoor Bowls season will have come to a close. At the time of writing we have one midweek seniors match against Gloucester Spa to play, a mixed weekend match against Cam Mills and then ultimately the Presidents Day/Closing of the Green.



It has been a busy season for the Club and, although the weather has been indifferent, only two matches were affected/shortened by the weather. In the midweek Seniors matches and the mixed matches at the weekends results have been reasonable with about a 50% win ratio. As the Captains of each team will tell you though, the main objective is enjoyment and, in that, the Club has been wholly successful. In the league we won our first two matches but then had a month where many of our players were away and had to withdraw. With more members we are hoping for a better season in the league in 2016. The weekly club nights on Friday also proved very successful. In the winter months the club hold short mat bowls in the clubhouse and usually have social functions including the Annual dinner and skittles evenings. A post-season trip has also been organised to the Dorset Golf and Country Club, which includes an indoor bowls facility.

We are a fairly small friendly club and are actively recruiting new members to build the club further. We have had a reasonably successful time in recruiting and, hopefully, throughout the winter and into next year we will continue with this trend. We thank the Beacon for printing our reports and details of the Open Day, where, although numbers of visitors attending were still relatively small, was more successful than in previous years. If you are looking for a relaxing sport throughout the summer the game of bowls on a green overlooking the valley on a summer's afternoon takes some beating. If you are interested could you contact Ken Quick on 01452 728516 or David Linsell on 01452 812464.

Ken



## Painswick Football

**Players urgently required - u/11 footballers.**

Painswick u /11 are a successful team who have been together for 5 years. However with a new 9 a side league a larger squad is needed. So for those children locally in year 6 looking for excellent coaching, training and regular matches please contact Craig.Darkin@hotmail.com. Training takes place on Wednesday evenings at 6pm with matches on Saturday mornings. The club fields teams across various other age groups and new players are also always welcome.



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## The Personal Column

### Congratulations

To LAURA SANDERSON AND HENRY CLOSE BROOKS who were married at Pitchcombe Church on August 22nd. A lovely sunny happy day.

Also to JAMES BARNETT who recently qualified as a Chartered Accountant

### Welcome

To SUE AND CALVIN OWEN who have recently moved from Evesham to Wyckway, Stepping Stone Lane, Painswick.

Also to RUTH GREGORY who has recently moved into Gloucester Street from Minchinhampton with a new baby

### Thank you

As I leave Painswick for a new job in Sussex, I would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to all the volunteers (both garden and shop) and all the regular customers that I have had the pleasure of meeting during my time at the Rococo Garden – Becky Howarth.

### Condolences

To the family and friends of JOHN RHODES who died at home on September 17th.

Dodge



## Forthcoming events

Monday nights 6-7.30  
Painswick Youth Centre (next to recreation ground)  
School Years 7-11

5th Oct Rugby World Cup!  
12th Oct Skittles Night  
19th Oct Art Couture  
26th Oct HALF TERM  
2nd Nov Light Party  
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16th Nov Messy Games  
23rd Nov SURPRISE Trip  
30th Nov Creative Christmas  
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## October News

# VILLAGE Agents

I would like to begin this month's article by reminding you of the county wide befriending scheme "Friends for You" that's being managed by Sue Black, one of my colleagues at Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. Not surprisingly, we have plenty of people asking to be befriended but sadly in the area that I look after, can't match them up with a volunteer befriender.

It's a sad fact that with an increasing ageing population, families scattered or no family at all, a lot of older people do not receive regular social contact. A reliable, local volunteer visitor calling regularly each week for an hour or two offering friendship and a listening ear has a positive impact on a person's state of mind and sense of wellbeing. Their visits provide an opportunity for a chat, a chance to enjoy a cup of tea together or maybe go for a walk. Some contact may also be achieved through phone calls but the thrust of the scheme is to enable face-to-face contact where possible. The friendships that develop enrich the lives of both people.

The overall aim is to reduce loneliness and isolation, which is the scourge of our modern society. Loneliness is a bigger problem than simply an emotional experience and can shorten someone's life expectancy.

Even if you don't have the available time to make the commitment of regular visits, perhaps you may have the time to make one off visits to our clients? I will put Sue's contact details at the end of this article.

My second reminder is in regards to the "Memory walks" held at Stratford Park and organised by Fair Shares. They meet outside (or inside if the weather is bad) the Museum in the

Park, Stratford Park, Stratford Rd at 10.30am for a tea or coffee. The walks start at 11am, are wheelchair friendly and usually last between half an hour and an hour. There are usually 2 walks, one shorter for those who have more difficulty with mobility and another longer walk that usually goes around the park. There is an opportunity to stop to feed the ducks, enjoy the scenery and the wildlife. Generally, after the walks you return to the Museum for another tea or coffee. People are welcome to pop in and out of the walks as they wish; they are very relaxed and gentle. They are designed to be accessible to anyone living with dementia. If a carer is required, could that person please attend? However the walks are also enjoyed by many people who are not living with dementia but enjoy or feel they benefit from a gentle walk.

Disabled parking is available next to the Museum, go through the barrier at the top of the leisure centre car park, press the buzzer and the reception will open the gate. The Memory walks will continue every 2 weeks until the end of November on the following Fridays: 19th and 23rd October, 6th and 20th of November

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or email [sue.friendsforyou@gccc.org.uk](mailto:sue.friendsforyou@gccc.org.uk)

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

## PROPERTY REPORT for September from Hamptons International

As I write this on a cold and drizzly late September morning, the summer holidays now feel a long way behind us and the housing market is also showing signs of responding to the changing seasons. In line with expectations, the summer was a quieter time for new instructions although we have recently been meeting a lot of owners to advise them about appropriate strategies for bringing their properties to the market over the next few months. Sales agreed over the summer were very strong and this bodes well as we move into the autumn market where we typically see activity levels increase after a summer break.

The latest Nationwide figures show that the annual rate of house price growth slowed down from 3.5% in July to 3.2% in August which is the slowest rate of growth since June 2013. However, they comment that this gives further evidence to the thinking that house price growth is stabilising in line with earnings growth – one key element in ensuring property remains at affordable levels. Another key element are interest rates and the Governor of the Bank of England has indicated that rates may begin to rise "around the turn of the year", but with no guarantees! Overall, the shape of the economy now suggests that, although rates will rise, they will settle well below the long term average of around 5% which will continue to support the affordability of credit needed to buy homes. This gives reassurance to our own experience here in Painswick which is that, although our housing market remains strong and the transaction numbers are healthy, the key to selling a property remains unchanged: realistic pricing evidenced by actual sale prices of comparable properties. If you wish to sell your house in the next 12 months, please call us to make a no obligation appointment to discuss how Hamptons are able to offer you the widest range of marketing opportunities backed by an experienced team of four fulltime staff in Painswick and an expanding network of over 85 offices nationally including six offices spanning the Cotswolds.

New instructions over the summer include Dumbledore, a newly constructed detached house on an elevated plot; Longridge Farm, a superb equestrian property offering stabling, an arena and 7.5 acres of pasture; Dormy House, a modern detached 2 bedroom house; 12 Randalls Field, a beautifully presented detached house with a bank of income generating photovoltaic panels; Cotswold Bungalow at Edge, a refurbished 3 bedroom bungalow standing in over one acre; Gretel Cottage in Upton St Leonards, a beautifully presented detached cottage with generous parking and garaging; and Hambutts Mynd, a 5 bedroom extended period house with scope for renovation. Recent sales agreed include Baraclough House, 15 Hyett Orchard, Stonebarrow and Dormy House in Painswick, Jenkins Barn in Edge, Partridges in Birdlip and Down Court Cottage in Slad. Sales now completed are Baraclough House, Cambrai and The Croft in Painswick, Rosewood House in Birdlip, Jenkins Barn in Edge and 252 Stroud Road in Gloucester.

Guy Tabony, Branch Manager

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## OCTOBER

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|-----|-----------|---|--|--|
| Sat | <b>3</b>  | Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734  | Painswick Beacon   | 9.00am to 12noon   |
| Sun | <b>4</b>  | Painswick Music Society AGM & Recital<br>Holy Communion (BCP)<br>Mass<br>Sung Eucharist   | Church Rooms<br>St Mary's Church<br>Catholic Church<br>St Mary's Church  | 7.00pm<br>8.00am<br>8.30am<br>9.30am   |
| Mon | <b>5</b>  | Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only)<br>Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627)<br>Community Lunch: Hosts - Country Market (Off Churchill Way)<br><br>Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623<br><br>Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)<br>Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.                    | Pitchcombe Vill. Hall<br>Town Hall<br>Ashwell Centre<br><br>Sheepscombe Vill. Hall<br>Painswick Centre<br>Church Rooms | 9.50 to 11.30am<br>10.30am<br>12.00 to 1.15pm<br><br>6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm<br>7.00 to 8.30pm<br>7.30 to 9.30pm |
| Tue | <b>6</b>  | Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790<br>Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228<br>Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890   | Painswick Centre<br>Town Hall<br>Ashwell House   | 10.00am<br>1.45 for 2.00pm<br>6.30 to 9.00pm   |
| Wed | <b>7</b>  | Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk<br>Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623<br>Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays<br>Bird Club / Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club: Farming for Wildlife - Ian Boyd. (joint meeting) Enq. 813228<br>Table Tennis - Wednesdays | Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL<br>Sheepscombe Vill. Hall<br>Croft School<br>Painswick Centre<br>Painswick Centre          | 9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm<br>9.30 to 11.00am<br>10.30am to 12noon<br>2.30pm<br>7.00 to 9.00pm                  |
| Thu | <b>8</b>  | Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623<br>T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344<br>Dog Training Club (Thursdays)<br>Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480<br>Experienced beginners - Thursdays<br>New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com   | Painswick Centre<br>Town Hall<br>Church Rooms<br>Town Hall<br>Town Hall<br>Painswick Centre                            | 9.30 to 11.00am<br>9.30am<br>9.30 to 12.00noon<br>12.00 to 1.00pm<br>12.30 to 1.30pm                                     |
| Fri | <b>9</b>  | Messy Church<br>Country Market: Coffee available<br>Friday Club: How Parliament Works - Liz Price<br>Talk: Murder Trials & other Memories from The Bench - Sir Alistair MacDuff. £10 - in aid of Longfield (Cotswold Care) Pre-book : 01453 886868  | Church Rooms<br>Town Hall<br>Town Hall<br>Painswick Centre   | 3.30 to 5.30pm<br>9.30 to 11.00am<br>2.30pm<br>7.30pm  |
| Sun | <b>11</b> | Holy Communion (BCP)<br>Mass<br>Harvest Festival  | St Mary's Church<br>Catholic Church<br>St. Mary's Church   | 8.00am<br>8.30am<br>11.00am  |
| Mon | <b>12</b> | Week of Prayer for World Peace - Prayer Time - daily until Sat 17th October<br>Probus Women: AGM & Talk: Marathon Walking in Wales - Liz Atkins<br>Community Lunch: Hosts - St. Mary's Church (Off Churchill Way)   | Catholic Church<br>Church Rooms<br>Ashwell Centre  | 9.30am daily<br>10.00am<br>12.00 to 1.15pm   |
| Tue | <b>13</b> | Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326  | P. Centre Green Room   | 2.00 to 4.30pm   |
| Wed | <b>14</b> | Probus: Industrial Archaeology in your Garage, Shed & Attic - Bill King<br>Holy Communion<br>Gardening Club: New Subscriptions & Talk: Making the '15 Spring Show Garden - Caroline Tatham  | Painswick Centre<br>St. Mary's Church<br>Church Rooms  | 10.00am<br>12.00noon<br>6.45pm   |
| Thu | <b>15</b> | Music Appreciation Group: The Art of Singing  | Town Hall  | 7.30pm   |



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| Sat | 17 | Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734          | Painswick Beacon       | 9.00am to 12noon  |
|     |    | Arts & Crafts Market  | Town Hall              | 10.00am to 2.00pm |
| Sun | 18 | Holy Communion (BCP) Mass   | St. Mary's Church      | 8.00am            |
|     |    | Sung Eucharist  | Catholic Church        | 8.30am            |
| Mon | 19 | Community Lunch: Hosts - Croft Primary School (Off Churchill Way)                                 | St. Mary's Church      | 9.30am            |
|     |    |   | Ashwell Centre         | 12.00 to 1.15pm   |
| Tue | 20 | Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club meeting: Cotswold Way Challenge - Clare Webb Enq. 01453 836618 | The Hub Minchinhampton | 2.30pm            |
|     |    | Local History Society: An Evening with the Archive - Iris Capps, Lois Francis & Jane Bethel       | Croft School           | 7.30pm            |
| Wed | 21 | Evening Prayer  | St Mary's Church       | 6.00pm            |
|     |    | Parish Council Meeting  | Town Hall              | 7.30pm            |
|     | 22 | Christian Aid Casserole & Curry Autumn Supper: Tickets from Benefice Office. Info: 812966         | Church Rooms           | 7.00pm            |
| Thu |    |   |                        |                   |
| Fri | 23 | Friday Club: German Occupation of Jersey - Michael Pezet  | Town Hall              | 2.30pm            |
| Sat | 24 | <b>Copy Date for November Beacon</b>  |                        |                   |
| Sun | 25 | Holy Communion (BCP) Mass   | St Mary's Church       | 8.00am            |
|     |    | Painswick Praise  | Catholic Church        | 8.30am            |
| Mon | 26 | Community Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church (Off Churchill Way)                                      | St Mary's Church       | 9.30am            |
|     |    | No Community Choir (Half Term)  | Ashwell Centre         | 12.00 to 1.15pm   |
| Tue | 27 | Yew Trees W.I.: Treasuring Your Memories through Scrapbooking - Kaeren Coverdale                  | Painswick Centre       | 7.30pm            |
|     |    |   | Church Rooms           | 7.30pm            |
| Wed | 28 | Probus: Henry V111 & the Field of the Cloth of Gold - Gillian White                               | Painswick Centre       | 10.00am           |
| Thu | 29 | Music Appreciation Group: Surprise Play Reading - contact Sue Leighton-Boyce 01452 676723         | Town Hall              | 7.30pm            |
| Fri | 30 | The Painswick Banger: String Ukulele Group, Fireworks & Food. Tickets £10 - Tel: 812180           | Painswick Golf Club    | 7.00pm            |
| Sat | 31 | Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734          | Painswick Beacon       | 9.00am to 12noon  |

## NOVEMBER

|     |   |  |                   |                 |
|-----|---|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mon | 2 | Community Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Group (Off Churchill Way)      | Ashwell Centre    | 12.00 to 1.15pm |
| Wed | 4 | Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture - Enq 814570              | Painswick Centre  | 2.30pm          |
| Thu | 5 | Music Appreciation Group concert outing to Symphony Hall, Birmingham | Stamages Car Park | 4.00pm          |
| Fri | 6 | Friday Club AGM (1.45pm) Talk - The Final Furlong -                  | Town Hall         | 2.30pm          |

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

**YEW TREE HOUSE**, Vicarage Street  
Tulip tree to the side of the house. Reduce all over to near previous (2-3m).  
**FOLLY ACRES**, Folly Lane  
Change of Use from Rural Conservation Organic Study Centre to Live Work unit and Agricultural Small Holding. This includes demolition of timber barn and conversion to Artists Studio.  
**GREENLEAS**, Stroud Road. Provision of a porch to previously approved garage.  
**MEADOW HOUSE**, Slad  
Single storey extension. Erection of terracing, balustrade and external stairs. Installation of a flue.  
**DROVERS CORNER**, Longridge, Sheepscombe. Extensions and alterations to existing house.  
**EMERALD HOLLOW**, Cheltenham Road. Replacement dwelling.  
**S.15/2093/LBC SHETLANDS**, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Alterations to listed building approval. Revised external wall finish to extension, viz, alteration from cedar boarding to provide external wall finish of through coloured lime render on extension. Reduced footprint at Lower Ground Floor.  
**S.15/2200/TCA DRY KNAPPS HOUSE**, Edge Road. Removal of brittle branches on dead apple tree.

## CONSENT

**S.15/1640/LBC BLACK HORSE COTTAGE**, St Marys Street  
Installation of signage to exterior of building.  
**S.15/1638/ADV BLACK HORSE COTTAGE**, St Marys Street  
Installation for three signs for Painswick Hairdressers and Barbers.  
**S.15/0764/LBC 4 COLDSTREAM COTTAGES**. Removal of partition wall in the sitting room  
**S.15/0933/DISCON BROWNSHILL COURT**, Wick Street  
Application to discharge Conditions 4, 5, 7 and 8 in relation to consent S.14/0812/LBC.  
**S.15/1615/FUL WORGANS BARN**, Folly Lane. Remove existing outbuildings and replace with new stable block.

**S.15/1695/TCA CHURCH ORCHARD**, Far End, Sheepscombe  
T1 Douglas Fir – To dismantle the tree down to the ground.  
**S.15/1526/TCA BYFIELD HOUSE**, Bisley Street. T(1) Fell Cherry tree by sections to near ground level.  
**S.15/1773/TCA FLAT 18, GYDE HOUSE**, Gyde Road. Beech Tree – Height reduction of 3.5 -4m. Reduce the spread on south and east side by 3.5m, shape and balance. Ash Tree – Remove 1 scaffold branch.  
**S.15/1770/HHOLD DAMSELLS LODGE**, Painswick  
Alterations and extension to garage and summer room (Re-submission of S.15/1079/HHOLD).  
**S.15/1778/LBC RECREATION COTTAGE**, Slad Road, Slad  
Division of bedroom to create room with toilet and wash/hand basin.  
**S.15/1763/LBC STONELEIGH**, Gloucester Street  
Covered access and storage area.  
**YEW TREE HOUSE**, Vicarage Street  
Tulip tree to the side of the house. Reduce all over to near previous (2-3m).

## REFUSED

**S.15/1780/LBC BROWNSHILL COURT**, Wick Street  
Internal alterations.

## MINI-ADS

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## ‘Off The Wall ‘ and across the pond!

“ Beautifully presented, excitingly different”. Jersey “A completely unexpected joy. What fun; what creativity; a wonderful memory of Painswick”... Montreal Canada “Great, better that Tate Modern visit this week”.... Stroud.

These were just a few of the comments left in the visitors book by some of the 1500 visitors to the recent exhibition which ACP hosted in their Gallery at the Painswick Centre.

Mary Wing To created the sculpted leather horses head for the Queens Jubilee. Mary works with Buckingham Palace as a Saddler and is the only British artist to win The World of Wearable Art competition in New Zealand. We are thrilled to welcome her to our festival as a judge and loyal supporter

The dress created by Adnan Bayyat out of 30,000 paper clips created quite a stir. ACP is very lucky to have the continued support of Adnan and his many talents (more to be revealed on Nov 28th at St Marys church)

The creative curator team of Caroline Crawford, Wendy Edwards, Leigh Charman and ACP intern Rosanna Thorn Lees turned the gallery into a white cube to set off the exhibits with ingenious lighting generously donated by local resident Phil Ions of Core lighting, what a stunning result!



We are so grateful to all those who loaned their works of art, for the continued support of BPE solicitors, Ellis Clowes for providing the insurance for the exhibition and to “The Painswick “ for kicking things off in such style with delicious nibbles and drinks.

Off course none of this would have been possible without our army of volunteers who so generously gave up their time to steward the exhibition. A very special “thank you” to you.

Details of our event on 28th November in St Marys church will soon be posted on our website [www.canvasforcreativity.com](http://www.canvasforcreativity.com) and will appear in the next issue of the Beacon. We look forward to sharing more amazing creativity.

*Caroline Crawford*



## December Issue

### Seasonal Cover Picture

Once again the Beacon is looking for a suitable picture or artwork to provide a seasonal front page for the December issue. Any offerings for consideration would ideally have some link to Painswick and may be emailed to the Beacon email address or placed in the Beacon post box by the 1st November. The picture or artwork should be of sufficient quality for scanning and printing and less than A4 size. Any originals can be returned.

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