

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Summer in St. Mary's Churchyard

The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations over the weekend of 11th / 12th June, were the occasion for a celebratory tea party in the Churchyard on the Sunday afternoon, organised by Clare Irving. The photo alongside shows the party standing up for the National Anthem. There's a report on this and on the Gloucester Street / Butt Green street party on page 5.

It was the first in a series of major celebrations to be held in the Churchyard over the summer, making greater use of this wonderful area right in the centre of the village, and following on from the Easter Egg Hunt, back at the end of March.

Next up will be Art Couture Painswick, which opens with a free musical event in the Churchyard on the evening of Saturday 16th July, before the main event the following day. For the first time this will see the area screened off and with an entry charge. More details on page 8.

Then in September, there will be the traditional Clypping Service, now combined with the Apple Festival and rebranded as the Painswick Feast. This will again be a free event, with no entry charge, and again there's more inside.

While many people have welcomed greater use of the Churchyard, it has also caused some controversy, as will be evident from our letters page this month. It is an area of consecrated ground and the treatment of the gravestones and tombs has certainly not always been respectful at previous events, while the introduction of charging is seen by some as an unwelcome commercial intrusion. The Church as ever, is trying to strike a balance between respecting tradition and adapting to changing times.



## Broadband Cabinets Victory or setback?

The positioning of the final fibre broadband cabinet for Painswick seems still to be unresolved, after a stand-off between the Council and Roy and Ellie Harper, owners of the Nurses House in St. Mary's Street. The pavement outside their house has been identified by BT and Council officials as the best site for the cabinet, which must be sited close to The Cross. Until it can be installed, large sections of Painswick have no access to fibre broadband. Mr. & Mrs. Harper point out though that they already have some 11 pieces of street furniture around the house, including a box, a bin, a bench, a telegraph post, a tourist board and various traffic and parking signs.

Now they have received an e-mail from the office of the chairman of BT, the contractors for Fastershire, confirming that an alternative site will be sought. Council officials remain tight-lipped on whether or not the proposal has been withdrawn, but will not confirm any alternative plans or sites for the cabinet.

## Reminders for this weekend Summer music

Saturday July 2nd - Dursley Male Voice Choir at St Mary's Church Painswick at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 on the door.  
Sunday July 3rd - Painswick Singers Summer Concert at The Painswick Centre at 3.30 pm. Tickets £10 on the door.

## Stroud votes Remain Vote goes against national trend

Voters in Stroud District opted for Remain in the EU referendum by a majority of 54.6% to 45.4% on a turnout of 80%, significantly higher even than in the General Election last year. The final result was 40,446 votes for Remain against 33,618 votes for Leave.

No separate results have been issued for Painswick, or other individual wards.

### On other pages this month:



Beacon helps trace great-grandchildren in Canada

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Local author sets thriller in Painswick

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New hairdressing business opens in Bisley Street

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held June 15th 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 the three District Councillors, Nigel Cooper, Julie Job and Keith Pearson. There were two members of the public present to discuss the Planning Application for The Barn, Painswick - S.16/1200/HHOLD and S.16/1201/LBC. They were the owners of Hill Farm House which was directly overlooked by The Barn. They had no objection to the proposed erection of a two storey extension, but were concerned that an ancient door on the first floor was to be replaced by a window. This would detract from the original agricultural purpose of the building and would overlook their property. Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis confirmed that the points raised would be taken into account when the Planning Committee discussed the Application.

### Matters arising not on this Agenda

The chairman advised the meeting that following the decision by Stroud DC to refuse the application for development of "Land South of The Park" the developer had submitted an Appeal against the decision. Cllr Rob Lewis was working closely with District Cllr Nigel Cooper in preparing a paper in support of both the Parish Council's and District Council's decision to refuse the application. There had been a public meeting in Sheepscombe over a plan to build affordable housing for local young people. It was agreed to formally invite the developer to meet with the Council's Planning Committee.

### Matters requiring a decision

There were fifteen matters requiring a decision:

- S.16/1200/HHOLD and S.16/1201/LBC The Barn, Painswick. Two storey

extension, new roof coverings with roof lights, chimney removal, internal and external alterations. In view of the comments made, the Council deferred a decision to obtain further information.

- S.16/1195/FUL Blakewell Farm, Edge Road. Proposed store, new vehicular access and amendments to fenestration of approved barn conversion. The original planning application had been supported by the Council, but after discussion the Council unanimously voted to oppose the proposal to turn the temporary vehicle access into a permanent access as this was clearly visible and affected the landscape.

All the other applications considered, received unanimous support. Details are included on page 19 and not repeated here (NB 1 Brookhouse Mill not considered).

### PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Martin Slinger opened the meeting and a member of the public, Mr David Allott, asked the following questions:

1. What action the Council proposed to take to clear the overgrown pathway between the village and Stroud?
2. Would any prosecutions of speeding motorists be well publicised to act as a deterrent to other motorists?
3. What action the Council proposed to take to rectify the constant flooding of the A46 in the dip below Broadham Fields?
4. What action could be taken to deal with overgrown hedging in fields and private homes?

The chairman confirmed that the County Highways Dept was mowing verges on both sides of the A46 between the village and Stroud and widening the footpath by cutting back the verges that had grown over them. The local County Councillor had used part of his allowance to ensure

that the work was completed.

Questions relating to speeding motorists would be addressed by the Chair of the Traffic Committee later in the Meeting.

Turning to the flooding on the A46 the Chairman stated this was well known by the County Highways Dept and was mainly caused by runoff from Broadham Fields. The drain there was "silted up" and because it was on private land the Highways Dept were unable to act. Also two drains on the A46 were badly placed and ineffective. Mr Allott said he would contact the appropriate County Council Dept.

On hedging, farmers were prohibited from trimming their hedges during the Summer months - much to the annoyance of the farming community. This restriction did not apply to homeowners.

The Chairman then read out a letter from Mr Jonathan Choat, seeking information on the results of recent expenditure of time and funding on the two signs in the 30mph area. Also the total expenditure and the proportions contributed by the Parish and County Councils.

The Chair of the Traffic Committee, Cllr Abigail Smith, responded on behalf of the Council, stating that both of the VAS (vehicle activated signs) are capable of producing data and this would be downloaded in July. See extended report under Traffic Committee.

Turning to the capital costs, the total amount for the two VAS was £6,800, made up of £3000 from the Parish Council with matched funding of £3000 from the County Council. The balance came from the local County Councillor's Traffic Budget. A written response would be sent by the Clerk Roy Balgobin.

### Apologies for absence

The Clerk Roy Balgobin confirmed that apologies for absence had been received

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#### Declaration of interest

Cllr John Clifford declared an interest in the confidential agenda item relating to Unit 1 (At your Convenience).

#### County Councillor's Report

County Cllr. Jason Bullingham was not present but had circulated a written report. The report highlighted that plans to sort out the A417 "missing link" were moving ahead following a £1m investment from the County Council.

The County Council together with NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group carried out, at the beginning of June, a survey of how Stroud residents travelled to healthcare appointments and how well their travel needs were met by the existing services. The feedback from the survey will help "sculpt" services in the future.

#### District Councillor's Report

Although none of the local District Councillors were present Cllr Nigel Cooper had sent a written report. The report confirms that in addition to being Leader of the Conservative Group on the Council, Cllr Cooper is a member of the Development Control Committee (Planning) and the Strategy and Resources Committee. Cllr Julie Job is a member of the Housing Committee and Cllr Keith Pearson a member of the Strategy and Resources Committee and the Audit and Standards Committee.

A serious matter had been discussed at the Strategy and Resources Committee concerning a major error in the financial reporting of available reserves in the Housing Revenue Account. A full investigation has taken place, fraud has been ruled out, but the Housing Committee will have to review its spending plans as £909k is no longer available to them.

#### To consider quotations for Stage One of the Play Painswick Project.

The Council unanimously agreed to approve quotations for this important project. (see separate article on page 11).

#### Update from the Traffic Committee, meeting held on 1st June

Cllr Abigail Smith, Chair of the Traffic Committee reported on the recent meeting and thanked the highly committed and effective Community Speed Watch team.

The Speed Watch weeks have resulted in letters from the Police being sent to recorded repeat offenders. The group has also influenced speeds through the village by the use of mobile VAS at various locations around Painswick.

The permanent VAS have data collection units within them. This will be downloaded in June/July. This will help indicate the efficacy of the signs and provide additional data to press the police/GCC for enforcement.

Broadham has finally been designated as an official police enforcement site. Speed checks were carried out in early June. Speed camera signs have also been erected by GCC on the entrance gateways to Painswick.

Due to the recent hold-ups to emergency services vehicles, the Neighbourhood Wardens will leaflet vehicles restricting access to Vicarage Street.

Unfortunately the resurfacing scheme on the B4073 between Painswick and Gloucester has been postponed until 2017/18. The Parish Council have agreed to write to GCC expressing dismay at the decision and to ask for significant patching works to make the worst sections safe for road users - motorised and non motorised.

#### To agree a working group to carry out a refresh of the Painswick Parish Plan

The chairman confirmed that the Plan was last reviewed in 2013. He recommended that the Chairs of the various Committees form the working group with a remit to study, comment and suggest amendments

to the existing Plan. This was unanimously agreed by the Council.

#### Responsible Financial Officer's Report

The Council agreed payment of the various invoices.

#### Ward Reports

Cllr Ann Daniels reported that despite her plea at the last Meeting for dog owners to clear up fouling by their dogs the situation in Pullens Road had not improved. She renewed her appeal to dog owners to act responsibly.

Cllrs Roey Parker and Ian James both reported ongoing problems with blocked drains in Sheepscombe.

Cllr Steve Morris reported that a successful party had been held in Slad to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday. There was possible subsidence on the B4070 close to the Salt Box possibly caused by a collapsed drain. Clerk, Roy Balgobin, will arrange for this matter to be investigated.

#### Confidential agenda item

The Council resolved that, because of the confidential business to be transacted, the Public and Press leave the Meeting.

- To consider approving the following recommendations from the Land and Buildings Committee regarding:

- A long term agreement for the Tennis Courts
- Unit 1 ( At Your Convenience), St Mary's Street - surrendering the lease for the existing tenant and approving the lease for a new tenant
- The Fencing on the Beacon

## Reflections from El Contador

I don't know about you, but as I round the Pitchcombe bend on the A46 my heart lifts when I see St. Mary's spire above the trees.

Sentimental? yes, but on a return visit in February this year, after a bitter Winter in El Contador and a rain and snowswept drive through the length of Spain, it was a sight more than worth the journey. Not conscious of my speed as chums and lunch at The Falcon beckoned, I shot past the rugby club and was suddenly brought up short by the speed warning gismo and the 20mph restriction - quite right too. We have been following the speeding debate in Painswick of late, and I was interested in Sarah Oliver's letter in the June edition regarding speed bumps.

They are very popular in towns and villages here. Mostly they are of the teeth rattling variety or straddle the road like the north wall of The Eiger, but not too far apart to allow you to accelerate before the next one. Do you weigh safety against yet more traffic signs and street furniture? No contest I would have thought.

Lunch by the way was excellent.....

*Christopher Piper-Short*

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## The Painswick Conspiracy Novel with a local setting

Painswick is the setting for a new book 'The Painswick Conspiracy' by local author Chris Evans, due to be published on 29th July. The story, described by the publishers as a 'thrilling and fast-paced novel' is entirely set in and around Painswick and features many local businesses, including The Patchwork Mouse, the Royal Oak, the Falcon, Hamptons and (in its previous ownership) the Painswick Hotel. Several local houses also feature, although names have been changed. You may need to read the book to see if you can recognise your own house under an assumed name!

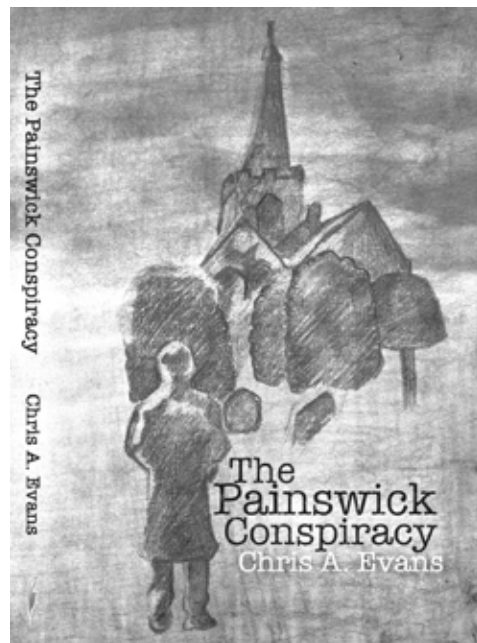
One house that appears under its own name is 'Bellevue' in Vicarage Street, where the hero, John Parks, lives. This is one of two small cottages that the author bought and restored 5 years ago, before selling the other one on. The book is dedicated to Cath and Ivor Dicks, who with Cath's father, lived in the houses for around 50 years before moving to Gloucester.



Although Chris himself lives in Brockworth, he is a great enthusiast for Painswick. He would like nothing better than for readers from elsewhere to come to Painswick and visit the locations in the story. The book will include a map to help anybody who wants to do this. He also promises that there will be other books set in the area and featuring the same character. The second story, due to be published in Spring next year, will be called 'The Painswick Chronicle' and Chris is now writing a third, provisionally called 'The Painswick Enigma'. He sees the series eventually stretching to five novels.

As an author he already has one published book, and another, unrelated, novel 'The art of words' is to be published at the end of August. Other plans include a series of children's books. His books are illustrated by his wife Debbie, a talented artist, who also designed the book cover for 'The Painswick Conspiracy', featuring St. Mary's churchyard.

The release of the book will be celebrated with a launch party in the Patchwork Mouse, provisionally on 29th July, followed by a reception at The Royal Oak. Copies can be pre-ordered at the Patchwork Mouse, or bought from local bookshops or (failing all else) from Amazon. There is a website at [www.thepainswickconspiracy.co.uk](http://www.thepainswickconspiracy.co.uk).



## The Comedy of Errors in the Rococo Gardens

The Rococo Gardens is delighted to host the Gloucestershire Youth Players again this year. They return with the Comedy of Errors on Friday 22nd July. Those who saw last year's production of As You Like It will appreciate the enthusiasm and freshness this young company brings to Shakespeare, making it truly accessible for all ages. Founded in 2005, GYP is open to any young actor; each year, the ensemble votes for the Shakespeare play to be performed the following season. This year they have chosen The Comedy of Errors and we find ourselves in a play set in the world of the travelling performers, the circus troupadours. We meet not just one, but two pairs of twins (clowns and circus masters) on journeys to find one another – accidentally and unexpectedly. Will the players be united with one another and their true selves, and will we, through their collisions and near-misses, find something we did not realise we were looking for? Bring your rugs and picnics and join GYP in this fast-paced, bitter-sweet, energetic tale.

Tickets (£10 for adults and £5 for children) can be bought online at [www.gyptheatre.org](http://www.gyptheatre.org) or on the gate. The show starts at 6.30 but the gardens are open for picnics from 5.30pm.

*Kate MacDuff*



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# The Queen's 90th Birthday

## Butt Green & Gloucester Street

Following a very successful party for the Diamond Jubilee, the residents of Butt Green and Gloucester Street decided to hold another street party. For the second time the appalling weather forecast forced us to reconsider partying in the road and we retreated under gazebos in Ann Johnstone's lovely garden. It rained for moments at the start of the party, stopped for the duration, and came down in torrents after the last gazebo was packed away at the end – such luck!

We have so many talented and resourceful residents who contribute not just time but wonderful things to our events. There were games and craft activities for children, music from every decade of the Queen's reign and some brain teasing quizzes for the adults. Residents provided plates of finger food for lunch and an amazing array of cakes for afternoon tea. The centre piece of the table was a fabulous Union Jack cake made by Karol Baxter. Over 60 people came and enjoyed all or part of the day. We are now looking forward to our next get together at one of the themed meals at Painswick Golf Club later in the year.

*Tina Sawyer,*



The Butt Green & Gloucester Street party in full swing

## St. Mary's Churchyard

It was raining in the morning and there were thunder storms in the evening but between 3pm and 5pm on 12th June there was blue sky and hot sunshine throughout Painswick. This was a huge relief to those involved with arranging the tea party in St Mary's Churchyard to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty The Queen - as it must have been to the organisers of various other celebrations in the area. Indeed, it was a good thing that the party could be held outside as there would not have been room for everyone in the Church Rooms.

All offers of cakes and scones had been accepted and both locals and visitors enjoyed an archetypal English afternoon in the beautiful setting of the churchyard. A minibus full of Spaniards were particularly thrilled to find themselves part of such a very special occasion! There was plenty of food to go around and the children were entertained with making crowns, garden size Jenga and 4-in-a-Row. There was a huge Union Flag birthday cake and everyone was able to have a piece once The National Anthem (with all standing) and 'Happy Birthday' had been sung. As The Vicar made the first cut in the cake surely many would have been making the wish 'LONG MAY SHE REIGN!'

*Clare Irving*



The Rev. Mike Holloway thanks Clare Irving for organising the St. Mary's event



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## Summer on the Beacon

We have now passed the summer solstice and growing conditions are good. This winter's work areas are showing results already, the cowslips have gone over, but orchids are appearing in recently liberated grass. Rudge (Edge) common is spectacular this year, with eight varieties of orchids spotted on a recent nature walk lead by Kate Gamez of Natural England. This is what we hope to emulate on the Beacon.

Grazing is essential to achieve good results and to that end we have secured help from a local farmer willing to lend cattle this autumn. We will need volunteers to help daily checking of the cattle and fences. PLEASE DO HELP. Contact Polly Lillico 01452 520524 or Paul Baxter 07791 633242 for details and offers of help.

The last work party removed, logged and burned the brash from 5 large pine trees in the glade NE of the Catbrain Quarry car Park. This has resulted in more sunlight reaching the glade floor. We are keen to encourage summer based work parties and to that end have undertaken a few trials:-

1. Cut an area of ash saplings in leaf and treated the stumps to check they are dead next spring
2. Tested a tree puller to rip out saplings by the roots.
3. Investigated using sickle and scythe (rather than strimmers) to cut back invasive species especially rosebay willow herb and hemp agrimony before they seed. This equipment is inexpensive and requires no specific training courses.

Future dates: OPEN TO ALL, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

Working parties	Sunday July 3rd and Saturday July 30th, both at 9 am. Locations to be confirmed. (phone 07991 633242)
Summer BBQ	Wednesday July 20th at 6pm, Broadham Fields
A butterfly walk	Saturday 6th August 11am at the cemetery car park (led by our chair, Polly Lillico)
Family Walk	Sunday 14th August, all ages welcome (details in next issue)

*Paul Baxter*

## PROBUS Women Away Day 9th June

Like Harry Potter - through that wall searching for Platform 9 3/4, we turned off the main road, followed the Kelmscott sign and suddenly, as if by magic, found ourselves in an utterly charming and delightful 'little bit of England'.

Kelmscott, a small rural village just over 2 miles from Lechlade, leads to nowhere. Lanes eventually tail off into a towpath running alongside the impressive River Thames surrounded by enchanting country views. Undoubtedly comparable views witnessed by Morris himself.

Kelmscott Manor - Cotswold home of poet, craftsman & socialist William Morris from 1871 until his death in 1896. Ladies enjoyed a tour followed by lunch. We ambled leisurely around this charming and unspoilt village which comprised a 12th century Church, Memorial Hall, a few houses and The Plough pub/restaurant situated in the centre of this picturesque village. The garden being absolutely perfect to sit and watch, not the World go by, but just the occasional one or two ..... passing by.

We visited Kelmscott on a day in June. Sunshine warmed our faces. Birdsong filled our ears. William Morris experienced exactly this on a June day all those years ago when he first saw the house. He knew immediately his search for a retreat had ended. He called Kelmscott his "Heaven on Earth". We all understood why.

*delia Mason*

## Painswick Music Society Piano Recital by Benjamin Grosvenor

The final concert of the 2016 series, presented by the Painswick Music Society, was a piano recital held in St Mary's Church.

We were fortunate to have as our soloist the brilliant English pianist, Benjamin Grosvenor who, at 23 years of age, is widely considered to be one of the finest young pianists in the world. He first came to public attention when, as a twelve year old, he won the piano section of the Young Musician of the Year Competition. He continued to develop his enormous talent at the Royal College of Music in London. In the autumn of 2015, he was a soloist in the Last Night of the Proms.

Benjamin performed a well-balanced programme of compositions by Mendelssohn, Chopin, Ravel and Liszt. His ability to inhabit the moods of these varied works enabled him to take his listeners on an emotional journey ranging from the darkly enigmatic Funeral March Sonata by Chopin to Liszt's glittering account of Venetian and Neapolitan melodies, which brought the recital to a barnstorming conclusion. The young pianist displayed astonishing technical facility; his imaginative interpretations, clarity of passage work and ravishing tonal palette swept away his capacity audience.

After rapturous applause, we were treated to two delightful encores; the first was from a group of Countryside pieces by Mompou. In the final work, Percy Grainger's arrangement of Gershwin's Love Walked in, Benjamin's exquisitely-judged sonorities and subtle rubato tugged at the heart strings of his listeners, leaving us in no doubt that we had heard something very special. Later, he joined concertgoers for tea and cakes at the Church Rooms.

*Reg Wrathmell*

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*Jayne Knowles Smith of Pullens Road writes:*

I hope that this year the Arts Festival and those visiting will respect the area they are in and the historic table-top tombs of which many have been renovated. I hope we do not see a repeat of previous festivals of people jumping, climbing and dancing on them. They are our heritage and should be respected. Are the organisers going to prevent any damage?

*Barbara Blatchley of Friday Street writes:*

What a daft idea to charge the public £8 to enter the churchyard on July 17th for the Festival, unless a percentage of the fee goes to church repairs.

At the numerous entrances to the churchyard people can be charged, but the public only have to climb over the wall in New Street to get in for nothing.

*Jean Lewis of New Street writes:*

Sarah Oliver is quite right! Speed bumps are the only solution to ensure speeding motorists behave and observe the 20 mph area - from one end to the other. The cost of the efforts of the Parish Council and the reluctant involvement of the County Council Traffic Committee in putting inappropriate 30 mph signs which are ignored, could have been spent on speed bumps, which cannot be ignored.

Why are we still waiting for this obvious solution?

*David Allott of Stamages Lane writes*

Now you see it, now you don't! Lush growth of trees and shrubs soon obscures local signs at this time each year. Luckily we have some activists who busybody themselves by snipping away around Painswick.

When recording speeding motorists on Cheltenham Road, two of Abigail Smith's volunteers noticed signs disappearing from view, at the A46 junction with Lower Washwell. Still standing out in their high-viz jackets they attacked the tireless triffid type growth.

If you know of another sign needing such treatment, please let David Allott know on 812624. Or better still please come and join in. Remember if your hedge hangs over or into any footpath it is your responsibility to deal with it.

*Rev. Mike Holloway from St. Mary's Church writes*

I would like to clear up some confusion over access to St Mary's Churchyard during the ACP festival and what has been agreed by the Church and ACP.

First, the 'payzone' is only for Sunday 17th and will not start until after the morning services. People may go freely through the Churchyard to the Church for the services. There will also be no charge for attending the event on Saturday evening.

Second, access to the Church itself will be free throughout the rest of the day. The Stocks gate will be kept clear for access to the Church and the area immediately south of the Church (which includes the memorial garden where ashes are buried). Access to the Tourist Information Office will also be free.

## Scams Awareness month

Citizens Advice and Trading Standards are launching Scams Awareness Month on 1st July to help stop people falling prey to scams by following a three-step rule: get advice; report it; and tell others about it. For more details of how to access advice go to [www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk)

*Sally Pickering*



## Tombs and time

After the AGM in June two short presentations were given by Barbara Blatchley and Lord Dickinson. Barbara explained that sundials are a truly ancient time-telling system and that the Nutgrove sundial in Painswick, on the wall above the Pharmacy, is an excellent example of the horizontal style. Apparently the oldest mechanical clock, dated 1368, in England is in Salisbury Cathedral.

Recently the lifting of the Hyett ledger tombs in Gloucester Cathedral was the subject of considerable media coverage and Lord Dickinson described how he had been approached by cathedral staff informing him of their intention to install a lift on or near these, his ancestors', tombs. It was deemed necessary therefore to determine who was in fact interred beneath. The lift will be part of a massive project to improve the cathedral experience for visitors. Lord Dickinson read from Francis Hyett's family history which notes that the Hyetts were not, apparently, exceptional in any way. He briefly described the lives of some past Hyetts including the death by smallpox of eight children in one branch of the family.

The Society does not meet in July and August. However, we shall stage an exhibition in the Town Hall during the last weekend in August.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# ACP FESTIVAL 2016

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- 4.15 pm Kick off with Croft School Children, followed by every manner of fabulous music from Mango Jam to Ragged Edge
- 6.30 pm Cars of Interest Parade. Supported by the infamous Zog Ziegler
- 9.00 pm Finale Sing Along

## Festival Day, Sunday July 17th

Churchyard Stage

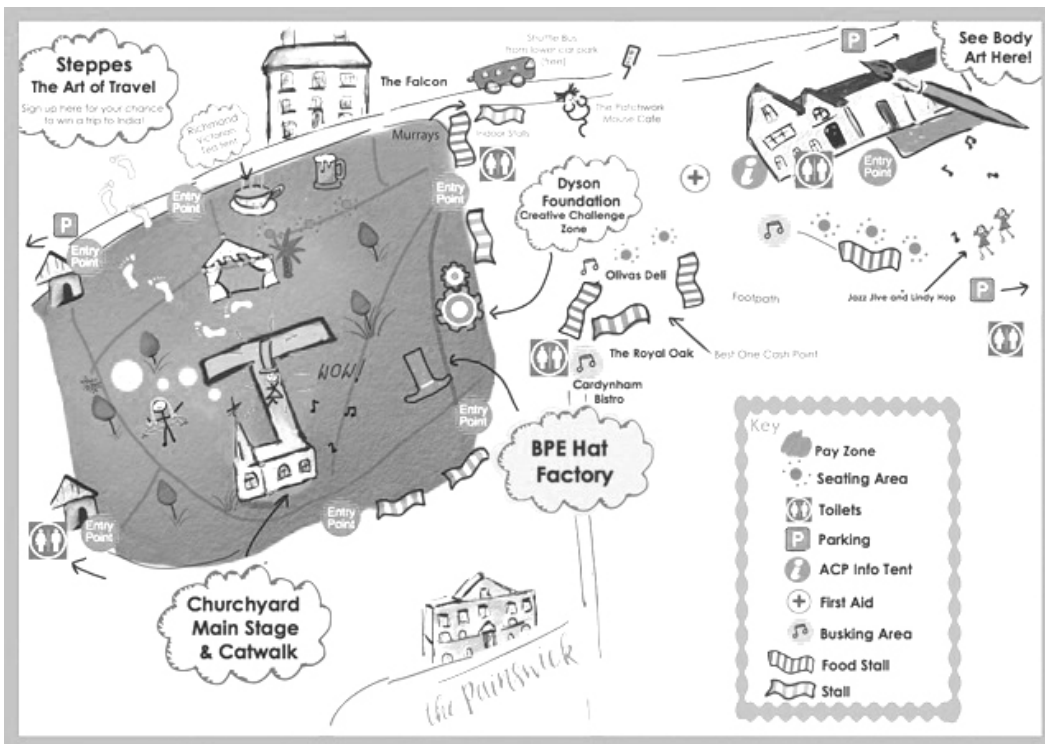
- 11.30 am Music by the PANTastics,
- 12-12.30 pm Jaw-dropping Wearable Art Catwalk by our Under 12's & Creative Heads
- 12.30-1 pm Live Music and Gala parade
- 1-1.30 pm Awards for under 12's & Creative Heads Special 'Moving Parts' Catwalk (a must see!)
- 1.30-2.15 pm Entertainment
- 2.15-3.30 pm Catwalk by Open Category, 12-17 year olds, 18+, Students & Independent Designers
- 3.30-4.15 pm Entertainment & Parade
- 4.15-4.45 pm Body Artists strut their stuff!
- 4.45-5.45 pm Awards - our recognition of excellence!
- 6.30-8 pm Live Music from the popular New Carnival and Max Radford

### Festival Tickets

For entry into the pay-zones (see map)

Adults £8, Children (age 3-17) & students £3  
Children under 3: Free

Advance Tickets (available before July 15th in the ACP gallery, or online at [www.canvasforcreativity.com](http://www.canvasforcreativity.com)).  
Adults £6 Children & students £2.50



As a charity ACP does not seek to make a profit, simply cover costs and create opportunities for creative minds

### Free raffle

Festival Adult tickets include 10 free raffle tickets for a trip for 2 to India on the amazing Fabric of India tour - to be claimed from STEPPES Art of Travel tent who have kindly donated this incredible trip worth £8,000!

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## ACP Road Closures

On Festival day the Painswick streets will be full of quirky stalls and unique tasty treats. To facilitate this, the streets are closed in the middle of the village from 7am – 7pm on July 17th. These include Victoria Street, Friday Street, St Mary's Street, Bisley Street and Tibbiwell to the Kemps Lane junction. We require all vehicles to be removed from the affected streets prior to 7am on July 17th. Remember there will not be any passage over these areas until 7pm.

Stamages Lane car park has free parking from Saturday at 5pm.

We thank you for your co-operation and hope that your enjoyment far outweighs any inconvenience. **SEE YOU THERE!!!**

*The ACP team*

## Jottings

Over the last few weeks I have regularly noticed a lone deer in one of our fields at Ruscombe. It is a large field and I was thinking she might have a baby tucked away somewhere in the long grass. Just in the last few days I have seen her and skipping alongside her, twin fawns.

Thistles are one of our main problem weeds in the grassland at the moment. There are ten varieties of thistle, but mostly around here is the creeping thistle with far reaching lateral roots which send up more plants, soon covering a piece of land if not stopped. Then there is the large ground thistle which stays level with the ground and spreads its large leaves sideways. Nick-named the picnic thistle, you put your blanket down for your picnic and feel it as you sit down! Also, the Scotch or spear thistle which stands upright to about a metre.

Crows, rooks and jackdaws are becoming a big pest. They congregate in flocks of up to a hundred damaging silage bales, bombarding animals and poultry in their sheds, stealing their food and making life unbearable for them. With so many, diseases develop in their droppings which other animals and birds may pick up.

The Dutch elm disease is still about. A young tree grows until it gets to some twenty feet tall. As the bark matures, the beetle attacks. The tops leaves start to go yellow followed by the rest in succession and then the tree dies.

*Martin Slinger*

## New Slad take-away curry service

Rehana's Friday Curry is a new small business providing authentic home-cooked Pakistan curries on a Friday evening for pick-up from Steanbridge Barn in Slad (next to the Mill Pond, below the main road). The menu will be straightforward – a choice of two curries, one meat and one vegetarian, but changing each week. Curries can be ordered by Wednesday evening from Deborah Kerr on 01452 812927 for pick up on Friday after 5pm. On 15th July Rehana and Deborah will be holding an end-of term Curry and Snacks tasting with voluntary donations to support Sheepscombe School.

*Deborah Kerr*

## PROBUS A sombre sounding subject



On 8th June 2016 Painswick Probus Club members hosted a talk by James Showers from Family Tree Funerals on a sombre-sounding subject "The changing face of the dismal trade". It turned out to be informative – even amusing !

In medieval times funerals were held on Saturdays, when all those working could attend. Carpenters measured the body, made the coffins from plentiful elm or expensive oak, and supplied the wagons. The church bell would be struck 30 times for a male and one for each year of his age. It was thought to be fewer for a woman.

As the population increased, the Victorians created extensive rules of bereavement etiquette - 'professionalising' old rituals, and introducing black clothing and black accessories – a boon to the clothing and tailoring trades. Done correctly a funeral conferred status and prestige.

The First World War brought astonishing loss of life: fearing a grief-storm the government – via the church and media of the day - demanded we 'cease this unseemly obsession with grief' and 'stop parading bereavement'. Families had to swallow their grief and wear a stiff upper lip.

Nowadays, death is no longer seen as 'God's Call' but a 'Natural' or 'Medical' event, with two thirds occurring in hospital. Funerals more often reflect the style and character of families and celebrate the deceased. Princess Diana was buried wearing her own clothes on private land; Elton John sang; her brother gave an edgy and impassioned speech prompting spontaneous applause: some of these (except perhaps Mr. John) being common elements in many funerals today.

The Painswick Probus Club meets fortnightly and new members will be warmly welcomed – please see the programme of talks in the village diary towards the end of this issue.

*Henry Hall*

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# Sports reports

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## Falcon Bowls

Falcon's open day was a major success with 27 new people taking part on a lovely mostly sunny day. All ages took part with people from Painswick, Cheltenham, Gloucester and Cranham all enjoying their first experience of bowls. Several have since joined the club and others have planned a revisit.

The Falcon Bowls Club had some notable successes during May. On May 15th Falcon beat Chipping Campden in the 1st round of the Men's County 2 Rink competition by 10 shots overall. In the Cotswold League, Falcon recorded an 8 – 2 victory against Cirencester B. On May 27th Falcon entertained Sir Thomas Rich's in a friendly winning 114 – 92. On the same Day Falcon's June Gardiner had a great win in the 3rd round of the Champion of Champion singles against Wotton's Rachael Winter Alsop. 21-14. May 29th saw Falcon take on Royal Forest in the County League. The result was a victory to the Falcon club 5:1.

The Swindon Village scouts visited Falcon in May. This was also a fantastic success with 18 scouts enjoying a superb evening (see picture)

If any Painswick residents would like to try bowls at The Falcon come along on "Bowl Free Friday" when throughout the summer Painswick residents can try bowling free at our club sessions 2 pm & 6 pm. It's very relaxed and friendly and all you need is flat footwear. We are behind the Falcon Pub. To find out more or to book an individual session contact Jon on 01452 506513

*Jon Ellis*

## Golf

The grass is starting to grow on Painswick Beacon and lots of wild flowers are bursting into life. Yesterday (as I write this) I saw three types of orchid, including a bee orchid for the first time this year. However, the growing grass makes the rough particularly dangerous for good scores and adds significantly to the challenge of the course at this time of year.



In the Seniors' section, the main competition last month was the Organ Niblick – a competition in which one is limited to three clubs and a putter. In a very close competition, three people tied on 36 stableford points, with the winner being John Courts – the current Seniors Captain – with a better score on the last 9 holes. Congratulations John.

*Peter Rowe*



## Painswick Bowls

At our last Open Day it rained all day! We are grateful to the four new members who visited us that day.

We are having another on Sunday 31st July from 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and meet us, have a look round and have a roll-up.

*David Linsell 812464*



The Scouts visit to the Falcon Bowls Club

## Cricket

The wet weather has interfered with several games of late.

Painswick first team beat local rivals Stroud CC in the local Frocester Fayre Knock Out Cup, they are now due to play Eastcombe in the next round. However the league has not been so kind to the firsts with defeats against Tetbury and Kingsholm.



The 2nd team produced a rare tie with their Tewkesbury counterparts. The next week they beat Stroud 2nds by 4 wickets in the Lge. Paul Morris and Tom Hayward were the main run getters.

The 3rds have continued their winning ways and remain top of Stroud Div 1. They beat Charfield 2nds by 8 wkts with an outstanding performance from Nathan Evans who took 5 wkts for 23 runs.

The 4ths who have struggled for numbers over the years have greatly improved and are able to field eleven players without too much difficulty. On the 4th June they produce one of their better performances with a win over Hawkesbury Upton 2nds with veteran Wayne Neville top scoring with a effortless fifty nine. The Painswick Sunday eleven beat Sutton Benger CC on 12th June with Dylan Cowling top scoring with 67 runs.

Fingers crossed that the weather will dry up soon and more cricket will be able to be played!!

*Stephen Pegram*



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## Joan's lovely surprise – a heart-warming story

In the May edition of the Beacon we reported on the party to celebrate Mrs Joan Wood's 99th birthday. After reading the article on-line in Canada Emma made contact to say she believed Mrs Wood is her Nana with whom she lost touch many years ago. She had fond memories of the fun they had when Joan visited Canada even though she was very young at the time and had kept her letters. In fact, Emma is indeed the granddaughter, now in her thirties, married with two small daughters of her own.

This is such lovely news for Joan and especially to know that she has great-granddaughters aged seven and four. Looking at pictures of the family in Canada certainly brought a wonderful smile to her face.

*Carol Maxwell*

## A Walker's Campsite for Painswick

Inspired by the beauty of the Cotswold Way, we were excited by the idea of a simple backpacker's campsite close to shops and eateries and on the Cotswold Way which would open up the trail to new and different walkers.

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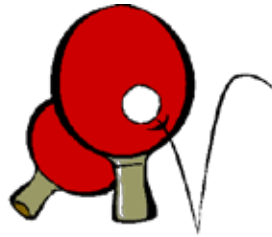


*Iris McCormick*

## Play Painswick

The first step in realising Play Painswick's ambitious vision for the Recreation Field will be taken this summer, with the installation of fitness equipment, a table tennis table and a junior zip wire.

The volunteer group has longer term plans that include a compressed dust path around the field as well as a secured toddler play area and other equipment. The plans have been agreed by the Trustees, but are still



dependent on raising sufficient finance, hopefully from a variety of sources. In the meantime funding from the County Council and Parish Council has been put together with contributions from others including Painswick Playgroup, Community Lunches and various film companies to enable Stage 1 to go ahead. The all-weather table tennis table will be installed outside the pavilion, exercise equipment a bit lower down, and the 30 metre two-way zip wire will go across the middle of the field to minimise the effects of noise.

## Dementia Evening Painswick Town Hall Tuesday 12th July 7.30 pm

In conjunction with Painswick Parish Council, Lilian Faithfull Homes will be giving a talk on Dementia.

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*Lilian Faithfull Homes*

## Migration Watch

The Spring migration watch from the Beacon finished at the end of May. Most



observations were done from Catbrain tump near the metal seat, very handy for taking the occasional rest. The last four weeks produced totals of over two thousand swifts, five hundred swallows, three hundred and fifty house martins, together with a good passage of birds of prey including forty buzzards, twenty five red kites and five hobbies. Four shovelers were a new addition to the site list and other specialities included little egret, wood warbler, yellow wagtail, spotted flycatcher and ring ouzel. Ten singing blackcaps were recorded in the area during the early part of the month.

The weather has been mixed lately but some young blackbirds, robins and dunnocks have successfully flown and our blue tits fledged also and have been seen being fed. It's hard to imagine that some birds will start moving south in a few weeks time. Last year the first common and black headed gulls together with thousands of swallows and swifts were noted with a few crossbills and the odd group of ravens, so there's much to look forward to.

*John Fleming*



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## Rococo Garden

With the summer weather in full swing, we have been steadily busy during May and June, which is a considerable delight to us as a small independent conservation charity. Even on rainy days there is a buzz in the cafe over lunch, and there's something different to see each week as we work to maintain and develop the Garden.

The big wow here at the moment is the Kitchen Garden, where the high quality and impeccable presentation of the heritage varieties of fruit and veg have been attracting great comments. Our orchard wildflower area features delicate pyramid orchids, and we are also pleased to be home to a giant willow ball for the summer.

We've been delighted to welcome a number of villagers as volunteers over the last few months. If you have a little time on your hands and would like to use your skills to support your local special place, please do contact Dominic, our Director, on 813204, for an informal chat.

In the cafe, we've launched our summer menu, featuring as much of our homegrown produce as we possibly can. At the time of writing we're featuring heritage varieties of lettuce in all of our salads, as well as rhubarb in cakes and desserts. Obviously this will change regularly as the season progresses. Our Gardeners' Platter for sharing is garnering particularly positive reviews from our visitors. You are welcome to visit the cafe without visiting the Garden - though don't forget that if you become a Friend of the Garden, you can visit as often as you like during opening hours. Ask at the welcome desk for details of joining.

*Dominic Hamilton*

## Picnic in the Park

The rain will stop and the sun will come out in time for Picnic in the Park in the Rococo Garden on Saturday August 6th. This annual event is growing in size and popularity and this year we have added music in the form of the Cranham Orchestra. Imagine a gently warm evening, beautiful gardens, good food and wine (provided by you!) and the background sound of classical music – what could be nicer? But this is not all as we also have Professor Collywobbles, the popular provider of a first class Punch and Judy show which has recently been enjoyed by several Painswick Societies. In addition Matthew Sproston, a talented ukulele player, will wander around the garden to serenade us.

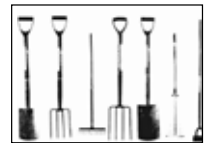
Advance tickets cost 3.00 to Friends and 5.00 to non-Friends and are available from the Welcome Desk in the Garden and other outlets in Painswick. More information will be on the Garden website [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk). Tickets on the day cost 4.00 to Friends and 6.00 to non-Friends. Children under 16 are free and dogs are welcome but must be kept on the lead. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Please come and enjoy the beauty of the lovely Rococo Garden at a time of day not normally available to us. Come and see the stunning new 'castle' in the trees and the intriguing Hermitage (still needing a tenant). We are so lucky to have this garden within the village precincts and we should make the most of it. All proceeds from the event will go to support new projects involved in the restoration. Tickets available from the Tourist Information Centre, the Patchwork Mouse and the Rococo Garden.

*Vicky Aspinall*

## Painswick Gardening Club Bloomin' Marvellous

Despite only having a few minutes to set up Church Room tables and many crates of beautiful plants for the Club sale on 28th May, all hands on deck meant the tills were soon ringing and shoppers were spoilt for choice of homemade cakes to accompany their tea/coffee. On behalf of the Committee I'd like to thank everyone who made the afternoon so successful: the shoppers; the gardeners who donated plants; the cooks who donated delicious cakes and especially the nurseries and shop namely Hoo-House, Miserden, Rococo, Shady Plants and Allomorphic who very generously donated a % of sales from the fabulous selection of plants they provided. The Club boosted its coffers by almost £300.



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Two days before, Members had a fantastic afternoon (after detours!) visiting the Laskett Garden which proved to be a beautiful, quirky, OTT, sensory overload of a treat! Take a peek at [www.thepainswickgardeningclub.com](http://www.thepainswickgardeningclub.com) for photos. Those who braved the AGM were rewarded with a great return visit by Norman Jeffery - his boundless enthusiasm for the NGS (and homemade cake!) is infectious. Vast sums are raised (£120,000 gross in Glos alone last year) to donate to nursing charities that the NGS supports.

Now, where's my Yellow Book.....

*Caroline Bodington*

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## Dyson collaborates with ACP in Painswick

Painswick's ACP gets involved in a wide range of activities, far beyond their big Festival day in July. One of the most exciting is their partnership with Dyson to encourage creativity. This was showcased in a workshop in the Painswick Centre on Friday 17th June. ACP and Dyson collaborated to deliver a workshop for 50 secondary school students from across Gloucestershire. Under the guidance of top Dyson engineers, teachers and

ACP members, they worked through the day making prototypes within one of the ACP Festival themes of 'Moving Parts'. The crowded hall was buzzing as students set to work in teams to create something from a wide variety of Dyson parts, together with all manner of material made available to them on the day. In line with Dyson's interests, their prototype had to be powered by air, and in line with ACP's interests, it had to be wearable in some way. Other than that their imaginations were given free rein, with support and guidance not far away with teachers, Dyson engineers and ACP members. There were some truly amazing and creative prototypes being produced.

The prototypes from the project will be on display at the ACP Festival on Sunday 17th July. A huge thanks to all those involved - the teachers, Dyson, University of Gloucestershire and the Painswick Centre.



The ACP Dyson workshop in full swing

## Painswick Country Market



### Town Hall – Fridays 9.30 – 11am

We are always grateful for the support from our loyal customers week by week, and we are beginning to notice an increase in visitor numbers as people come and enjoy all that the Market and Painswick has to offer.

We would however value your help. We are in need of more BAKERS (both for cakes/puds and for savoury bakes), and bread would be a welcome addition to our range of produce on sale. If you think that you would like to join our team of producers (even on an occasional basis), please get in touch or pop in on a Friday to see what is involved.

As gardens are now beginning to flourish, we are also desperately looking for fruit and vegetable GROWERS. If your garden provides you with more than you can eat and you'd like to sell any surplus at the Market, we would love to hear from you. This is obviously very seasonal, but this is what Country Market is about, and our customers love the variety of produce that comes from local growers. We are always on the lookout for anyone who has spare plants or flowers that they would like to sell too, so please be in touch.

If this has got you thinking, and you find you are able to help with any of the above, or in fact would like to help at the Market on a Friday, please contact Chris Campbell on 01452 812600 or email: [chris@mc-cc.co.uk](mailto:chris@mc-cc.co.uk), or head for the egg stall on a Friday and have a chat. It's a great team, and a good way to meet people and make new friends. In anticipation ...

*Chris Campbell*

## Tourist Information News from the gravedigger's hut

The temperature is rising and so are the numbers of visitors finding their way to Painswick from all over the world. We have also been enjoying visitors from the village, thank you. If you are about to have grandchildren and visitors over the summer period, we have now got puzzles, treasure trails, both around the village and churchyard, as well as postcards, maps, mugs, coasters, tea towels, bookmarks, and now selling tickets for THE PICNIC IN THE PARK - Rococo Gardens - on August 6th, look forward to seeing you.

*Anne Smith*

## Yew Trees WI Carson and I



Mathew Gacek had a life changing experience which he described to us with humour and first hand detail on 24th May. He and his wife decided to leave their teaching posts to follow their dream and retire to Cornwall. They needed to find a home and job and so they responded to an advertisement saying that a couple was required near Mevagissey in idyllic surroundings. It transpired that Mathew was to work as an under gardener and his wife as a cleaner in the fifteen bedroom castle designed by John Nash. The sixty acre woodland garden was full of outstanding trees such as magnolias, camellias and rhododendrons.

In 2002 the housekeeper handed in her notice and the family appointed Mathew as Butler of the Castle in her place. In Edwardian times there had been twenty one members of staff at the castle but Mathew had only three and a part-time cook to do the same work. This involved him in dealing with food, wine, laundry, guns, cleaning, flowers and walking the family black cocker spaniel, Bimsey.

From October to the end of January was the Shooting Season with fourteen drives and numerous guests, many of whom brought two dogs with them. Then came the Spring Cleaning Season which lasted for two and a half months. Finally the House and Garden Opening Season arrived and visitors came to admire the castle and its grounds. The perks of the job for all this hard work were generous tips from the guests, the ends of the wine bottles and left over cheeses!

After eighteen months in this demanding post Mathew found that Cornwall was too far away from friends and family and so he moved back and theology took over as he trained as a Reader in the Anglican Church.

Hopefully Mathew will now have a quieter life after emulating Carson in Downton Abbey and copying the roles of many other members of staff at the same time. The meeting on Tuesday, July 26th at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms will be a talk by Pam Slater on The Cotswold Perfumery.

*Janet Jenkins*



## Brand new business, lovely premises



The start of a new business in Painswick is always welcome news and Hair @ The Fleece is no exception. Situated in The Old Fleece in Bisley Street – premises with a long history of commercial enterprise in the past – this brand new hairdressing salon opened its doors at the beginning of June.

Suzanne Crilly is the proprietor and is very pleased indeed to be back working in Painswick. For twenty years she was part of David Winston-Ursell's hairdressing team and always loved working here. "It's so good to be back working in Painswick's friendly community," she says. Previously she had worked in salons in London and Cheltenham. After David sold the business she worked freelance for some time largely with customers who had been her regulars over the years. Then, last October she was offered the option of converting The Old Fleece into a salon and this was an opportunity not to be missed.

It has taken several months to make the necessary changes – always a slow process with listed buildings – but the result is delightful. Fresh and welcoming, the salon and its facilities combine smart modern detail with fascinating original features. At present there is no signage but it is easy to find just above the National Trust house. It is good too to see another business in Bisley Street, once Painswick's main thoroughfare.

Suzanne is of course a very experienced hairdresser and has built up a very loyal and diverse customer base. "They (her customers) have been so encouraging and supportive," she says referring to the new enterprise. This is not surprising. Her approach is very much about treating each customer as an individual and she recognises the importance of giving sound and appropriate advice based on years of experience. Professionalism, personal attention and a friendly, welcoming atmosphere are key elements at The Old Fleece. Married (her husband is a photographer) with two sons, Suzanne is happy to welcome both her existing and, of course, all new male and female customers of all ages. Appointments, though not always necessary, can be arranged by telephone on 699372, or simply call in.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Summer Reading Challenge



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is called "The Big Friendly Read" – and of course it has a Roald Dahl theme, this year being the anniversary of his birth. All children aged 4 - 11 can take part and it starts on the 16th July. Please register at the Library for the usual goody pack. Prizes also for finishing (reading 6 books through the holiday). We will also be developing some more local incentives for participants at Painswick.

### Young People

Following support from the Trustees, we would like to develop ideas for engaging young people, encouraging the power of reading. We hope to use this as a way of getting our entry to the David Vaisey prize (see last month's Beacon). Ideas welcome from everyone, so please get in touch with Julia at the email address below. Julia.churchley@hotmail.co.uk

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### New Books

The New Books list is available, as always, on the Library desk

*Ian Cridland*

## Three Choirs Vineyard With Cotteswold Naturalists

The Three Choirs Vineyard is today one of the largest English vineyards producing not only prize-winning wines but also impressive beers and ciders. Started by two farmers on just half an acre of land in 1973, the vines now grow across 75 acres of south-facing slopes on free draining sandy soils near Newent.



Cotteswold Naturalists have arranged a tour of the vineyard and wine-tasting on Thursday 8th September. Our coach leaves Painswick at 9.35 am to arrive in time for coffee. The visit will end with lunch in the Three Choirs' private dining room accompanied by a glass of a local wine or soft drink. The price is £49.50, or £52.50 for non-members. If you would like to join us please contact Peter Wilson on 01453 834486; email: petertwilson@dsl.pipex.com

Please also contact Peter if interested in tours of two Cotswold Gardens in Ampney Crucis on Monday 18th July. We will meet the owners and hear about their designs and planting schemes. In the morning we visit the Corinium Museum for a talk about 'Roman Cotswolds' or can opt to explore Cirencester. Price including afternoon tea and coach £32.50, light lunch £5.00 extra.

Jane Rowe 813228



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## News from St. Mary's

July gets off to an early start with a concert in the church on Saturday 2nd July at 7.30pm. It will feature, "Music for a Summer's Evening" by Dursley Male Voice Choir.

We have two patronal festivals in the benefice this month. The first is at Sheepscombe on Sunday 10th July celebrating the feast of the apostle John. The morning service there is at the usual time of 11 o'clock and will be conducted by Revd Andrew Leach. Then on Sunday 24th July Cranham are celebrating their patronal festival to the apostle James. This will be marked by a "Songs of Praise" service in their church at 6.30pm.

Also on 24th July, our Archdeacon The Venerable Jackie Searle will be visiting us. She will be participating in the Painswick Praise service at St Mary's at 9.30am. Come and meet our Archdeacon then. Afterwards, she is going on to Edge to take part in the Family Praise service there at 11am.

There will be a change from our normal Sunday morning routine during the Art Couture weekend. The main Sunday service on 17th July at 9.30am will be outside on the Art Couture stage. Please feel free to join us then. You will be very welcome.

*David Newell*

## Painswick Theatre Club

Sex, violence, deceit, beheading, child abduction, revenge, blood, infidelity (alleged), gore, cross dressing and gender reassignment, are all part of the RSC's current production of Cymbeline, Shakespeare's rarely performed romance of power, jealousy and a journey of love and reconciliation. This was the destination of the Club's most recent visit.

As one reviewer said: "It's a chaotic beast of a play, with characters doing personality u-turns throughout, and a soap operasque plot that even Hollyoaks scriptwriters would balk at. Indeed George Bernard Shaw decided Cymbeline was the "stagey trash of the lowest melodramatic order". But what this production, directed by Melly Still, does so brilliantly is to embrace those bonkers overblown aspects of the play, and make a compelling, overwhelmingly heartfelt spectacle."

Set in post-urban dystopian Britain, where the inhabitants' clothes are upcycled from scraps, matched with unkempt hair, it was certainly dramatic but it worked. The plot is timeless, indeed having rebelled against Rome, Cymbeline, Queen (in the original, King) of the Britains, opts to remain in the Empire ... did Shakespeare foresee Britain's relationship today with the EU?

The Club takes a break now and planned visits are to a matinee performance of A Tale of Two Cities in Oxford on 24th September and an evening performance of Relatively Speaking at Malvern on 26th October.

*Ross Munro*

*(Written before the Referendum)*

## Messy Church Thursday 7th July



3.30pm - 5.30pm in the St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick. Come and enjoy some crafts and play awesome games and have a delicious tea. Join us on the journey.

FREE but donations on the day for the food would be welcome. Messy Church is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries, contact Fiona Gill on 07771 513382 or [fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net](mailto:fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net)  
Next messy church: Thursday 8th October 2016

*Sue Shaw*

## PADFAS Decorative and Fine Art Society



PADFAS is running an outing to Wightwick Manor & Gardens on Thursday 28th July.

Wightwick Manor was inspired by the Arts & Crafts movement and provides a wonderful setting for the superb collection of William Morris textiles, wallpapers and furniture and William De Morgan ceramics, Charles Kemps stained glass and many Pre-Raphaelite paintings and drawings.

Coach leaves Stamages Lane Car Park at 8am. Coffee & biscuits on arrival included in the price. Guided tours of the Manor at 15 minute intervals for our group followed by lunch which is included in the price. Departure at approximately 4.30pm.

Cost £30 per person. Non NADFAS members £1.00 extra/Non National Trust Members £10.00 extra. Details from Carol McClements at [lorac.24@hotmail.com](mailto:lorac.24@hotmail.com) or on 01242 510683

*Duccio Leoni*

## Painswick Feast Be a stallholder?



On Sunday 25th September the church yard will be bustling with feasty fun. Building on the success of last year we will combine Apple Pressing in the magnificent Painswick Press with live music, wonderful food and of course the famous "Clypping". A true community get together and opportunity for local clubs and societies to tell us what they do, sign up new members or raise some money. We are looking especially for local people to take stalls at the Feast. Edible, wearable, giftable, charitable, plantable – we have a few places left for some quirky, interesting stalls and especially local stalls. Contact Stephen Aiano at [info@rural.support](mailto:info@rural.support) or telephone 812879. You can find further details at [www.painswickfeast.org](http://www.painswickfeast.org)

*Iris McCormick*

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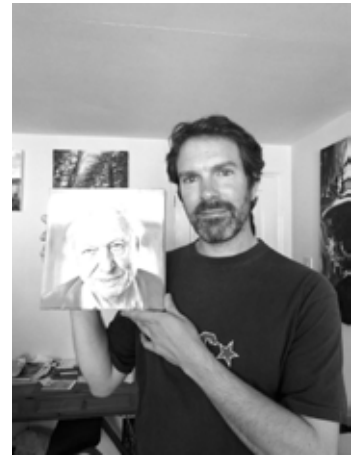
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## Not to be missed – Nick’s exhibition

For several decades Painswick has justifiably earned a reputation for including some excellent artists among its residents. Nick Pike is one such artist. His work is both beautiful and compelling. It draws the eye to a focal area set within a context and holds the attention with superbly crafted detail. He achieves this so effectively by using sponges to apply oil paint and the result is, intriguingly, both soft and fine, rich in texture and alive. He is quite simply an excellent craftsman.

Much of Nick’s work focuses on portraiture particularly of the famous. The photograph shows Nick holding a work in progress of Sir David Attenborough and, although not yet complete, it already holds the attention with its lifelike appeal. He also loves painting landscapes, especially the Cotswolds, and several of his works feature scenes in and around Painswick. “It’s so beautiful,” he remarks about the local landscape. Some of his landscape paintings have been reproduced as greetings cards, on sale in the Patchwork Mouse.



Nick, who grew up in Cirencester and Dursley, studied art, specialising in illustration, to HND level at college in Worthing. He subsequently moved back to Cirencester selling his work at the Corn Hall craft market. Gradually however, he became more interested in painting people and landscapes, enabling him to indulge his interest in the use of colour combined with his eye for and skill at executing detail. Working from his studio at his home in Bisley Street, Nick is very settled in Painswick. “I love it here,” he says, adding that it is the perfect inspirational place for an artist. It is also the ideal location for combining physical, mental and artistically inspired relaxation. To this end Nick organises and leads monthly walks locally, usually on Saturdays, which are designed to restore a feeling of wellbeing. They are part of the Cotswolds Natural Mindfulness Walks programme.

Nick’s work is exhibited nationally and currently he has a Parisian-themed exhibition in L’Artisan Restaurant in Cheltenham. From 12th July to 22nd August he will have a solo exhibition at the Patchwork Mouse Art Cafe, coinciding with Painswick’s Art Couture festival. This is a wonderful opportunity to see Nick’s fine work so do go along. For more information Nick can be contacted by email [nickpikeart@outlook.co.uk](mailto:nickpikeart@outlook.co.uk) or tel.07798 897634. He welcomes commissions and there is also a website [www.nickpikeart.co.uk](http://www.nickpikeart.co.uk).

*Carol Maxwell*

## PROPERTY REPORT for June from Murrays

With only one week until the country votes whether or not we will stay in EU it is an extremely hot topic at the moment and may or may not have effects on the housing market, greatly dependant on the impact on our economy. With very different views and predictions from both the “leave” campaign and the “stay” campaign I don’t think anyone can be really sure what if any the impact of leaving the EU may do to our market. However one thing that we can be certain of is that any major difference/change to the economy will cause uncertainty in the market, which as a rule of thumb can stall and have an effect on the housing market. By the time that this is published though we should all know which way we are heading!

Nationwide reported that UK house prices edged up 0.2% in May and the annual rate of growth was little changed at 4.7%, compared with 4.9% in April. The annual pace of house price growth remains in the fairly narrow range between 3% and 5% that has been prevailing for much of the past twelve months. It will be interesting to see what the house prices have done in June before “brexit” as many people are waiting to see what happens before either putting their house on the market or purchasing a property.

We have again taken on lots of lovely new properties and land including Lovedays House a beautiful example of a 4/5 bedroom Cotswold Georgian family house with Queen Anne façade full of character and village history set right in the centre of the

village with lovely views (already under offer), Tres Tabernae, Bisley Street, a terraced Cotswold stone family house with large garden and views in need of modernisation and currently split into 2 apartments, Appin, Pullens Road, a detached 3 bedroom bungalow full of potential in the centre of the village, 3.6 Acres of equestrian land off Ticklestone Lane in Painswick and 5 acres of equestrian land off Yokehouse Lane, Painswick, 14 Gyde House, a contemporary 2 bed split level apartment within Gyde House in Painswick and Roadway Farm, an impressive Grade II listed farmhouse with converted coach house, outbuildings and 5 acres in Oxlynch, Nr Haresfield (already under offer). Properties that we currently have under offer are Lovedays House, St Mary’s Street, Painswick, Rake Hill in The Highlands, Painswick, Cotswold Villa, Gloucester Street, Painswick, Mount Pleasant on Vicarage Street, Painswick, 4 Ashgrove Cottages in Ruscombe, Ashleigh in Randwick and Roadway Farm in Oxlynch, Nr Haresfield. Properties that have now sold are St Andrews, New Street, Painswick, Chessed in Slad, and Oak End House in Elmore.

Murrays are also delighted to be a major sponsor of this years ACP festival being held over the weekend of the 16th and 17th July and Richard and myself plus some of the staff will be working alongside our sister Fiona Shiners vineyard Woodchester Valley Wines so please come and find our stall on the Sunday and try (and buy!) some of our local wines!

*James C Murray - Director*

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**JULY**

Sat	<b>2</b>	Painswick Golf Club 125th Anniversary Open golf Competition; Tel: 812180 for entry forms	Golf Club	
		Music for a Summer's Evening: Concert by the Dursley Male Voice Choir	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
Sun	<b>3</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) No Mass Today (Mass in Stroud at 11.00am) Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 9.30am
		Painswick Singers Summer Concert: Showtime Music: Tickets £10 from Patchwork Mouse or on the door	Painswick Centre	3.30pm
Mon	<b>4</b>	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall  Library Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.50 to 11.30am  10.00am to 12.00noon 10.30am and 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Community Choir Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Painswick Centre Church Rooms	7.00 to 8.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	<b>5</b>	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Make & Cake Group	Church Rooms Youth & Community Pavilion	9.30am 10.00am to 12 noon
		Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Painswick Centre  Town Hall Ashwell House	10.00am  1.45 for 2.00pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	<b>6</b>	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: The Floods 2007 - Dr Tim Brain Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL  Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Croft School	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm  9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 10.30am to 12noon
Thu	<b>7</b>	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 Tai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays Messy Church New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall  Town Hall Church Rooms Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm  12.30 to 1.30pm 3.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	<b>8</b>	Country Market: Every Friday: Coffee Available	Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
Sun	<b>10</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	<b>11</b>	Probus Women: Natural History Topic	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	<b>12</b>	Make & Cake Group	Youth & Community Pavilion	10.00am to 12 noon
		Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326 Dementia Evening & Talk: in conjunction with Painswick Parish Council & Lillian Faithfull Homes	P. Centre Green Room  Town Hall	2.00 to 4.30pm  7.30pm
Wed	<b>13</b>	Holy Communion	St. Mary's Church	12.00 noon
Fri	<b>15</b>	Friday Club Summer Outing		
Sat	<b>16</b>	Live @ ACP: Free local party with music: Mango Jam, Ragged Edge & Tetraphonic	St. Mary's Churchyard	5.00 to 9.00pm
Sun	<b>17</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Outdoor Service on Art Couture Stage Art Couture Festival: Advance tickets available at ACP Gallery or on line: www.canvasforcreativity.com	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Churchyard	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am





Mon	18	Cotteswold Naturalists': Coach trip to Corinium Museum, & Two Cotswold Gardens. Enq. 01453 834486	Stamages Car Park	
Wed	20	Probus: Summer Luncheon with the Ladies Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	The Hill, Stroud St Mary's Church Edge Village Hall	6.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	22	Spaniel in the Works Theatre Group: Bernard & Beatrice's Complete Guide to Modern Art	Painswick Centre Beacon Hall	
Sat	23	<b>Copy Date for August Beacon</b>		
Sun	24	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I.: Cotswold Perfumery - Pam Slater	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	28	Painswick Players Play Reading: Contact Sue: 676723		
Fri	29	Cotteswold Naturalists' Coach trip to Game Fair, Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire. Enq. 01453 834486 Painswick Art Club Annual Exhibition: Also 30th & 31st	Stamages Car Park Church Rooms	 10.00am to 5.00pm
Sat	30	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party: for details Tel: 01452 520524 / 07791 633242 Hipkiss in Concert	Painswick Beacon Painswick Centre Beacon Hall	9.00am
Sun	31	Benefice Communion Service Open Day at Painswick Bowls club: (next to Painswick Centre): All Welcome	St. Mary's Church Painswick Bowls Club	10.00am 11.00am to 5.00pm

#### AUGUST

Mon	1	Exhibition: Anne Weare - Bookbinding & Vicky Hendzel - Ceramics; Daily until Sat 6th	Church Rooms	From 10.00am daily
Sat	6	<b>August Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Butterfly Walk: Around Painswick Beacon	Cemetery Car Park	11.00am
Wed	10	Cotteswold Naturalists' Coach trip to Newport Wetlands NNR, Usk Transporter Bridge & Tredegar House: Enq. 01453 872243	Stamages Car Park	
Tue	23	Yew Trees W.I. Summer Supper	Church Rooms	7.30pm

#### SEPTEMBER

Wed	7	Probus: The Australian Outback, Darwin to Perth - Bob Price	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	8	Cotteswold Naturalists' Annual Lunch at Three Choirs Vineyard and Tour & Tasting Enq. 01453 834486	Stamages Car Park	9.35 am
Tue	20	Local History Society: Chedworth Roman Villa - Nick Humphries	Croft School	7.30pm

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Eddie Buttrey at: [mikeandeddie@thebuttreys.com](mailto:mikeandeddie@thebuttreys.com)**



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## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.16/1164/HHOLD WICK STREET FARM, Wick Street  
Erection of extensions.

S.16/1165/LBC WICK STREET FARM, Wick Street  
Internal and external alterations.

S.16/1053/HHOLD DIAL HOUSE, Sheepscombe  
Erection of a porch.

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

S.16/1195/FUL BLAKEWELL FARM, Edge Road  
Proposed store, new vehicular access and amendments to fenestration of approved barn conversion

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

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

S.16/1205/HHOLD & S.16/1206/LBC ABBEY FARM, Slad Lane  
Replace existing windows. In situ repairs (like for like) leaded lights, stone surrounds, & timber sub-frames – all windows. Add new glazed canopy over back door. Erect new greenhouse in vegetable garden.

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

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

S.16/1223/HHOLD SWISS COTTAGE, The Park  
Demolition of existing garage and sheds and construction of new garage, woodstore and studio.

S.16/1137/TCA ST JOHNS CHURCH, Sheepscombe  
3x Yew Trees – remove ivy and remove the Elder and Sycamore at the base of one to the trees. Remove the tops to leave approximately 4-5m tall stems with regeneration retained.

S.16/1138/TCA HIGHFIELD HOUSE, Gloucester Street  
1) Yew (8.0m tall and 10.0m diameter) – Reduce height and spread by approximately 2.0m all round (to leave approximately 6.0m tall and 6.0m diameter).

S.16/1199/TCA BYFIELD HOUSE, Bisley Street  
Cherry Tree – Fell by sections near to ground level.

S.16/1265/HHOLD 1 BROOKHOUSE MILL, Greenhouse Lane  
Demolition of an existing conservatory and proposed single storey lean to extension with internal layout alterations.

extension to sitting room at front.

S.16/0572/HHOLD BANKSIDE, Kings Mill Lane  
Loft conversion with dormer and gable window.

S.16/0657/HHOLD VINERS WOOD HOUSE, Wick Street  
Loft conversion with side dormer and skylights. Existing door replaced by window. Existing window in side elevation replaced by doors. Retaining wall to provide access path to new door.

S.16/0763/FUL HANLEY HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Replacement dwelling. Retrospective application following rebuilding of the dwelling. (Hanley House known as Norway House).

S.16/0716/LBC FLAT 16, GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road  
Erect a gas pipeline from the gas mains box.

S.16/1137/TCA ST JOHNS CHURCH, Sheepscombe  
3x Yew Trees – remove ivy and remove the Elder and Sycamore at the base of one to the trees. Remove the tops to leave approximately 4-5m tall stems with regeneration retained.

## CONSENT

S.15/288/FUL DILLAY FARM, Slad Road  
Erection of detached outbuilding (for self contained staff accommodation, covered parking and storage) and erection of porch on main dwelling.

S.16/0531/HHOLD HIGHCROFT, Longridge, Sheepscombe  
Roof alterations to front and rear with

## REFUSED

S.16/0829/LBC SHETLANDS, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Application to install 12mm thick Slimline gas filled Double Glazing to replace single glazing in approved window frames.

S.16/0830/LBC SHETLANDS, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Application to install single Conservation Rooflight.

## MINI-ADS

**Beading:** Are there any Beaders in the Painswick area who would be interested in meeting up now and again for informal Beading sessions? If so, please contact Jayner1954@gmail.com

For Sale: **Barrat & Robinson Upright Piano.** Good Condition. £100 ono. Contact Painswick 814241

For Sale: **Oval dining table and 6 matching chairs** (2 carvers). Max dimensions of table 6 feet by 3 feet. Table has twin pedestals with brass feet and castors. Buyer collects. £250. 814360

For Sale: **Sideboard** – an exact copy of that in Nelson's flagship 'Victory' (as seen in picture available). 2 drawers, 2 side cupboards, 6 legs. Buyer collects. £150 ono 814360

For Sale: **Three cane seated bedroom chairs.** £25 each. 814360

**For Sale:** 3 drawer, grey, steel filing cabinet £35 Large cream leather sofa £75 Hall Table with 3 drawers £15 Petrol lawnmower, old but working £25. Contact David Haslam 812293

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# The Personal Column

## Condolences

To Rev. MICHAEL WEAR and family on the death of his wife SHIRLEY who died peacefully at home in Filey, North Yorkshire on May 18th. Shirley and Michael spent many happy holidays in Painswick with their young family, staying with Michael's parents Kath and Bill Wear.

## Congratulations

To KAREN AND JONATHAN HOLLOWAY who were married on June 1st at St Mary's Church. Jonathan is the son of the Rev. Mike Holloway who officiated at the marriage. Karen designed and made her own dress which was designed to enable her to climb the belfry to ring the bells with her family and friends.

To ALAN AND AUDREY PRICE of Kingsmill Lane who celebrate their diamond (60th) wedding anniversary on July 14th.

## Thank you

JUDY REED AND FAMILY would like to thank all their friends in the village and beyond for the kindness, love and support that they have given them since Julian's death. The many cards and messages of sympathy have been truly wonderful. Also grateful thanks to Canon Michael Irving (a very dear friend) for making the two services for Julian at St Mary's Church so memorable and a real tribute to a man of deep faith. Thank you also to David Archard who guided the family every step of the way.



Karen and Jonathan in the Churchyard with their families.

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

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