

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Arabian Nights at Broadham

On a fabulous summer's evening, the village came together for a great party at the 2017 Painswick Ball with over 330 attendees from the village and nearby.

Held at Broadham Sports Fields, the home of Painswick RFC, Painswick Cricket Club and Painswick Tennis Club, the theme this year was created around 'Arabian Nights', supported with Middle Eastern musicians and a belly dancer as attendees arrived to the suitably adorned marquee.

The Ball fundraising activity raised over £3900 for Headway Gloucestershire who provide specialist services and support aimed to improve the lives of survivors of acquired brain injury in Gloucestershire; their partners, families, friends and carers.

More details on page 8.



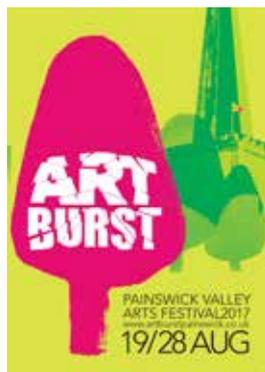
Belly dancer Cheroona in action (right)



Left: A well-deserved break for Gillian Hancock, Sam Twigg and Julia Murray, who were part of the Organising Committee  
Centre: The Moir family celebrate - Paul, Lucy, Claire, Rose and Will  
Right: Flowers arranged by the Bespoke Flower Company

## Artburst is here! 19th to 28th August

See centre pages for full programme, including an exhibition of iconic designer Zandra Rhodes at the ACP gallery, a host of other exhibitions and open studios across the village.



## Poldark in Painswick!



see page 7

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on July 19th by Alastair Jollans

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

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

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Rob Lewis opened the meeting by thanking Edge Village Hall for inviting the Committee and the Parish Council, and by welcoming Edward Crownshaw as a new Councillor representing the Slad Ward. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Matthew Birch, Steve Morris, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker and Mike Fletcher. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

In Questions from the Public, Carolyn Luke of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society expressed some concern that the planning application for Terreno at Longridge might set a precedent. The application for one house was refused by Stroud District Council, although supported by the Parish Council, and the Council has now received notification of an appeal against refusal. Cllr. Lewis pointed out that both Sheepscombe councillors had supported it, but that the Conservation Society had the opportunity to object again as part of the appeal process.

#### Matters requiring a decision

S.17/1301/LBC Barns associated with Knapp House, The Vatch. Conversion of barns and ancillary building into single family dwelling. These barns are currently very dilapidated and the Committee felt that the proposal would be an improvement. Unanimous support. S.17/1304/HHOLD Byways, Cockshoot Quarry, Sheepscombe. Proposed extension to create garden room, cladding of modern reconstituted stone in timber. Unanimous support.

S.17/1318/HHOLD 14 Canton Acre. Wooden cabin/shed – (10ft x 7ft) used as office. Retrospective application. Unanimous support except that Cllr. Abigail Smith declared an interest and took no part.

S.17/1374/FUL Land at 4 Court Orchard. Erection of one bungalow (revised scheme to S.15/0036/FUL). Unanimous support for this revision to an existing planning permission.

S.17/1375/FUL Land at 4 Court Orchard. Demolition of the existing dwelling, and the erection of three bungalows. Together with the application above, this would result in a total of four houses on the site. The committee agreed to ask for a deferral to enable a site visit (see separate article opposite).

S.17/1414/HHOLD GREENBANKS, Blakewell Mead. Replace existing conservatory with single storey garden room. Unanimous support.

S.17/1334/TCA GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road. Ash 16m (T11) Tag 0943 – Complete removal by sectional dismantling to ground level. Walnut 16m (T49) Tag 0985 – Reduce damaged branch, back beyond crack to secondary fork. Unanimous support.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Apologies were as for the Planning Committee above. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Chairman, Cllr. Martin Slinger reported that the County Council audit of footpaths, which should have been done by 30th June, had not been completed. However the Parish Council maintained a list of 147 footpaths in the parish, each with a named 'inspector'. The Cotswold Wardens also did a lot to maintain footpaths. It was agreed to write to the County Council indicating the work undertaken.

Cllr. Slinger reported that 'Project Tombstones' at the Cemetery had now been completed. All good tombstones had been stood upright, some of which had been lying down for years.

A Community Policing roadshow would take place at Stamages Lane on Friday 28th July from 10 am to 3 pm. The Police Horses should be in attendance.

The application for Gold Status for the Parish Council had now been prepared. Only three Gloucestershire Councils had

achieved this level. The Council thanked the Deputy Clerk, Irena Litton, for her work in preparing the substantial dossier involved.

A letter received on the state of the roads was discussed. There was some comment on the excellent state of the relatively little used Sanatorium Road in comparison with the dreadful state of the A46 in places. Cllr. Abigail Smith said the speed of repairs left a lot to be desired, although she recognised that there were geological difficulties in places.

#### County Councillor's Report

County Cllr. Keith Rippington said that the County Council had agreed to spend an additional £150m on Gloucestershire roads and he was hopeful that this would start to make a difference soon. There were plans to resurface part of the A4173 and depending on the outcome of a grant application, he hoped this could be extended to cover the entire length from Pitchcombe right down to the M5 at Brookthorpe. He was also pushing for the A46 to be re-surfaced from Pitchcombe to north of Painswick. He invited Parish Councillors to draw up a list of minor roads in most need of repair. Cllr. Abigail Smith welcomed the possibility of additional funds being applied, but pointed out that repeatedly works in the programme had been pushed back.

Money that had been available for maintenance of verges at Randalls Field was being reduced as it was taking up a disproportionate amount of the budget.

A highly critical report had been received from OFSTED on the County Council's Children's Services. Unfortunately the meeting to discuss it had been marred by media focus on Councillors who appeared to be asleep, or at least had their eyes closed!

#### District Councillor's report

Cllr. Nigel Cooper reported that system problems at the District Council had

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resulted in the Planning Portal being closed for two weeks.

### Financial Reports

Payments were approved in accordance with the budget. Quarterly income and expenditure statements were approved and will be made available on the website.

### Ward Reports

Cllr. Ann Daniels said that bushes in Bisley Street still needed to be cut back. Cllr. Abigail Smith thanked the Speed Watch volunteers for their work monitoring traffic in June. Cllr. Ian James reported

that hedges in Sheepscombe needed cutting back, but Cllr. Martin Slinger pointed out that there were restrictions now on farmers cutting back hedges.

## Zandra & I: seminal fashion pieces from a design icon

Zandra Rhodes, the internationally renowned fashion designer is a keen supporter of Art Couture Painswick (ACP), a Wearable Art charity that challenges, celebrates and rewards uninhibited artistic talent through its biannual Festival, Gallery and outreach programme. We create opportunities for everyone to be involved, and open career enhancing doors for wildly creative minds.



*Zandra Rhodes*

Zandra and I will take place at The Art Couture gallery in Painswick. This unique exhibition will allow a rare opportunity to view iconic pieces from the personal collection of Zandra Rhodes. Each piece has been carefully selected for its symbolic

role in the development of the designer's successful career; her first design to be featured in Vogue, the headpiece she wore when she met the Queen at Buckingham Palace and became a Dame. Key moments in the designer's life are celebrated against a background narrative which reveals the opportunities that Zandra Rhodes has created for others through her involvement and understanding of the key ethos of Art Couture Painswick; an inspiring work placement in her London design studio for Robin Watkins Davies, a sixth form design student and work placement winner of ACP 2016.

Robin was awarded the opportunity to spend a week working (and living!) with Zandra Rhodes herself in her London design studio. This unique experience has led to a range of exciting new experiences for Robin and allowed access to some invaluable contacts within the art world. Robin's winning design "A Bugs Life" will be on display at the ACP Gallery during the Zandra and I exhibition.

*Gina Griffiths*



## PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

### NEW APPLICATIONS

- S.17/1374/FUL LAND AT 4, COURT ORCHARD  
Erection of one bungalow (revised scheme to S.15/0036/FUL).
- S.17/1375/FUL LAND AT 4, COURT ORCHARD  
Demolition of the existing dwelling, and the erection of three bungalows.
- S.17/1414/HHOLD GREENBANKS, Blakewell Mead  
Replace existing conservatory with single storey garden room.
- S.17/1563/HHOLD SIMMONDLEY, Queens Mead  
External works to existing facades & conversion of loft space into habitable rooms with rear & side single storey extension.

### CONSENT

- S.17/1247/HHOLD 1 TOCKNELLS COTTAGE, Cheltenham Road  
Single storey extension and associated works.
- S.17/1241/TCA DEAN RISE, Stroud Road  
Eucalyptus – remove to ground level.
- S.17/0994/HHOLD BLAKEWELL HOUSE, Edge Road  
Garage extension
- S.17/0956/HHOLD 12 THE CROFT  
Construct enlarged entrance porch, single storey rear extension and convert garage (integral) to form playroom.

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## Painswick Gardening Club Zingy Zinnias

are my favourite flower this month. Just a brief article as I'm on holiday (still involving gardens and gardening!) and time seems to be whizzing by rather too fast!



Due to other commitments I didn't join the recent outing to Eastleach House but I've been told by several people that I missed a wonderful afternoon. And on the subject of wonderful afternoons, congratulations to Debbie (Chairman) and Mike on a very successful NGS Open Garden weekend last weekend raising a total of just over £1000 to be shared amongst several charities.

As mentioned last month, we are starting the season off in September this year so make a note for the 13th (Church Rooms) with doors opening at 6.30pm. Come along to pay subscriptions and join us having tea/coffee and homemade cakes before the talk starts at 7.30pm. Julie Dolphin now runs Miserden Nursery but before that she worked as a horticultural researcher for the BBC Gardeners World programme and her talk promises to be a fascinating 'behind the scenes' insight. Guess what....she will be bringing plants for sale too....all the ingredients for a perfect evening! If you haven't been to any previous meetings but fancy finding out about the Club, come and share the evening as a visitor (£4); a warm welcome awaits.

Must go....my holiday resumes with a long overdue trip to West Dean Gardens in Sussex; can't wait!

*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*

## A Wild Night Out

Natural England are holding a 'Wild Night Out' event during the summer holidays on the 19th August 2017 for people to get closer to the night-time wildlife that lives on their doorstep.

The event will be held at The Ebworth Centre, The Camp, Stroud. Event attendees will have the chance to make moth traps and footprint traps, explore the wildlife rich beechwoods and grasslands after dark listening to bats on our bat detectors and looking for glow worms, badgers and owls. We will also set camera traps to catch glimpses of the more elusive creatures in our woodlands such as deer and foxes. There will be a wildlife quiz around the camp fire with plenty of prizes and all you can eat midnight feast jacket potatoes, marshmallows and hot drinks, along with a hot breakfast accompanied by the dawn chorus. If it all gets too much for the little ones a 'Zzz zone' will be provided where people can catch a couple of hours sleep if needed.

Adult tickets are £30 with any accompanying children FREE, concessions are £20. This price includes all food, materials and use of facilities. The closing date for bookings is 11th August 2017. To book please telephone: 01452 813982 / 07584 596377 or Email: [Charlotte.Williams@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Charlotte.Williams@naturalengland.org.uk).

*Charlotte Williams*



## Shortcut to physio

Do you have aches, pains, stiffness and muscular mobility problems which you know require, or would be helped by, physiotherapy? If so, it is not in fact necessary to make an appointment to see your GP in order to make the arrangements. Stroud Hospital, aware of the situation with over-stretched GP practices, has set in place a self-referral system for anyone in need of physiotherapy treatment.



An added bonus for Painswick residents is that the service is available at the medical practice in Hoyland House every Thursday morning from 8.30 until 12.00. Nine physiotherapists work at Stroud Hospital and one of them, Katie Gosling, pictured, is currently assigned to the Painswick sessions. Katie obtained a BSc degree in Physiotherapy and has been in practice for four years.

A similar system has been organised for Minchinhampton and Stonehouse. As Katie points out, this arrangement is an effective way of both reducing the pressure on GP surgeries and saving the patient a trip to a hospital and all that that entails. It saves time and is simple.

The procedure is straightforward. An appointment can be made direct either by telephone on 03004 218895 or by completing a form on-line at the Self Referral to Adult Physiotherapy, Gloucestershire Hospitals website. This is an excellent initiative which benefits everyone involved.

*Carol Maxwell*

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## Music Appreciation Group

First question - Are you a lover of Classical Music? Second question - Do you prefer to listen to Radio 3 or Classic FM? If the answer is YES, did you know that in Painswick we have an active Group that combines both, much to the enjoyment of its members. We meet every other Thursday in the Lower Hall of the Town Hall at 7.30 pm. We offer a varied programme of music covering all aspects of both modern and traditional composers, not forgetting of course our Opera buffs! In addition we arrange outings to Concert Halls in Birmingham and other cities. Our speakers are either drawn from our own members or visiting guest speakers.

PMAG will be opening its 2017 / 18 programme at 7.30 pm on the 14th September with a Gala evening, when our chairman Alex Nichols will outline details and play examples from the forthcoming programme.

Why not join us at our Gala evening? You will receive a warm and friendly welcome and an opportunity to meet and chat with like-minded people. The biggest draw of all - a glass of wine and nibbles during the interval! We look forward to meeting you on 14th September.

*Mike Kerton*

## Probus Policing and Entertaining

Richard Dickinson addressed the meeting on 21st June, describing his life in the Metropolitan Police during his 25 years of service from 1948. He met Jack Warner ("Evening All"). Richard highlighted the differences in policing then and now, illustrating them with his collection of photographs.

Gill White made a welcome return to Painswick Probus on 5th July to speak this time about "Robert Dudley, Queen Elizabeth I and the Kenilworth Entertainment of 1575".

After the Queen's coronation in 1559, rumours spread that Robert Dudley and the Queen were lovers. When Dudley's wife died in mysterious circumstances in 1560 a verdict of "Death by Misadventure" was recorded by the coroner. After the Queen's recovery from a near fatal smallpox infection in 1562 she was told she could choose her own husband. She made Dudley Earl of Leicester, gave him Kenilworth Castle but kept him hanging.

The Kenilworth entertainment was Dudley's three week extravaganza designed to persuade Queen Elizabeth to marry him. Dudley was unsuccessful in his aim. He went on to marry one of the Queen's cousins and died in 1588. Queen Elizabeth went into mourning and kept his last letter to her until her death in 1603. The full report may be seen at <http://painswickprobus.org.uk>

*Henry Hall / Ian Breckels*



## Yew Trees WI

Garden parties and ladies in big hats, the epitome of a British summer. How appropriate then that the title of the talk at Yew Trees' WI June meeting was 'Hilarious Hats', and a few days later members and their guests met for a fund raising coffee morning in the delightful garden of our President, Vicky Aspinall. Alexandra Stanbrook, the speaker at our meeting, proved to be a most entertaining raconteur. Her stories ranged from her life as a milliner, with a hat shop in Gloucester, her determination and success in overcoming cancer, to the history of ladies' knickers! While listening intently to her fascinating tales we watched in admiration as she selected different hats from a wide selection arrayed in front of her, wearing them in turn and looking glorious in all of them.

Sheila Rowley from Edge WI was one of 4,300 ladies who attended the NFWI's AGM. She gave us a most interesting, informative and entertaining account of her day as our Group's representative at this gathering held, this year, at the Echo Arena in Liverpool.

There is no official meeting of Yew Trees WI in August so members have planned a social get together at a local hostelry.

*Celia Lougher 812624*



## Probus Women Away day to Sudeley Castle

For hundreds of years Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe and even its lands before that, has played an important role in the ever-changing and turbulent times of England's past history. The Castle has been fought over, argued over, given away, given back! Gifted, won, lost. It is well known for its Royal connections and Sudeley's Chapel, St Marys is the burial place of Queen Catherine Parr, the sixth Wife of Henry VIII who stayed at the Castle for a short time. Queen Elizabeth I was also a guest several times.

After a few owners and skirmishes, Sudeley was rescued by the wealthy Worcester glove-makers, brothers John and William Dent and eventually passed to Emma Dent. Emma did many things to improve the life of local residents such as building almshouses, a school and roads plus she created Winchcombe's first piped water supply and died aged 76 in 1900. It was later inherited by Mark Dent-Brocklehurst and his wife, Elizabeth. She has now remarried, but still works tirelessly to protect and promote Sudeley and her dedication ensures this important part of English history is safeguarded for future generations. Our guide believed both Emma and Elizabeth would approve of PROBUS Women and we certainly approved and applauded them!

Next meeting 11th September, Church Rooms 10.00 for 10.30. Talk by Peter Berry entitled To the Roof of the World. Male guests welcome and any steam train enthusiasts out there!

*delia Mason*

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# Painswick Theatre Club

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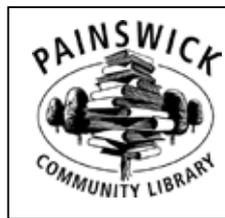
In Garden we got to eavesdrop on the resolution of the complicated domestic arrangements of House's staff. The hilariously monosyllabic Warn, the hunky gardener; the frazzled housekeeper Izzie; her mini-skirted daughter Pearl, oozing earthiness; and the dysfunctional husband-and-wife team of infuriatingly bossy Barry and long-suffering Lindy, the anoraks organising the fete.

With fine weather, a beautiful setting, an superb lunch and an entertaining play it was an excellent day out.

*Ross Munro*

# Library News

Summer Reading Challenge 2017, now under way for all children aged 4-11. This year's theme is "Animal Agents", and the aim is to discover who has been up to no good! If you haven't yet registered, come along to the library for your registration pack!



Unfortunately we didn't have a lot of entries for the July Children's Competition, maybe too many things competing for attention at the end of term! However, many congratulations to Olivia Dunn, age 5, to Georgie Milner, in year 4, and to William Booth, in year 3. They will receive a certificate and book token prize. Contact Ian Cridland on 812626 or [iancridland@btinternet.com](mailto:iancridland@btinternet.com).

Decorations over the summer

Don't forget the wonderful knitted garden by the Knit and Natter Group, on display. Also the magnificent illustrations for the Summer Reading Challenge, thanks to Mike Wilson for those.

The full list for New Books for July and August is available on the Library Desk

*Ian Cridland*

# Information sought – a family history

Tim Knowles from Australia is seeking information about his grandmother. Her name was Florence Winfred Saunders and she was a domestic servant, (Tim says she was a 'cook of high standing' possibly employed as such), in Painswick from 1921 to 1925. During that time she gave birth in Stroud Workhouse to two children, Winfred May (Tim's mother) and Ruth May, but details of the father were not on their birth certificates.

Tim is most anxious to find any information which may help him to complete this side of the family jigsaw, so if anyone can provide any details, however sketchy, he would be very grateful. Please do get in touch if you can help.

*Carol Maxwell*

# Cows and Cowslips

It has proved difficult this year to secure cows for the autumn



grazing on the Beacon. However at the eleventh hour a generous benefactor from the golf club has bought five 10 month Old Gloucester steers for us to manage. By the time you read this they will be settled into paddock 1 by the cemetery and should be there for approx. 4-6 weeks, depending how quickly they browse it down. They will then be moved to one of the other paddocks.

Old Gloucesters are a rare breed of cattle, very hardy and able to survive on the rough vegetation the Beacon has to offer. Their milk is still used to make single and double Gloucester cheeses on Jonathan Crump's Standish farm and their beef, being slow grown, is extremely good.

These cows have been well humanised and should be quite placid with people and dogs. You will still be able to walk through the paddocks but PLEASE always shut the electrified spring gates, keep your dog under close control and bag and remove dog poo. There will be a telephone number on signs to ring in the event of any problems. We are always looking for new volunteers so use the contacts below if you think you can help.

The grassland restoration we have been undertaking is going well and this autumn I'm hoping to encourage new interest by getting helpers to grow cowslip plants and plant them out next spring in suitable sites. Cowslips are the food plant of the rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly which is still found on the Beacon. If you have green fingers and would like to help please contact me on 07971 633242 or email [paulandkarolbaxter@gmail.com](mailto:paulandkarolbaxter@gmail.com) I will supply instructions (gleaned from the internet), seed collected from the Beacon and sieved mole hill soil to pot the seedlings in to. For a bit of fun there will be a prize for the most similar six plants and one for the most produced. This will save the group valuable funds as cowslip plug plants cost upwards of 60p each!

*Paul Baxter*

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## Poldark in Painswick

Not of course Aidan Turner, TV's current Sunday evening heartthrob - but his predecessor, Robin Ellis, who played the role of Ross Poldark in the 1970s TV adaptation of the novels. He came to Painswick around 1975, with his co-star Angharad Rees and a large film crew, to film part of an episode. Part of Friday Street was transformed into a corner of a Cornish village for the filming, which also took place at the cottages by Lovedays House, alongside the churchyard.

The scenes were recorded at the time by David Archard, who featured one of his photos in a recent talk to the Local History Society, and has kindly allowed the Beacon to print others.

Robin Ellis, the Poldark actor of the 1970s, has also appeared in the current series, playing the slightly less glamorous role of Rev. Halse.



Left: Friday Street as a film set  
Above: Robin Ellis and Angharad Rees outside Lovedays



## Painswick Valleys Conservation Society Outing to Brockworth Court

Brockworth Court is just a few miles down the road and is a jewel on our doorstep. The tithe barn was built at a time when it was a farm owned by Llanthony Secunda Priory. It has been lovingly restored by the current owners, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wiltshire with the help of English Heritage. The present house dates back to the 15th century, acquired by the Guise family after the dissolution of the monasteries and visited by Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. It has many interesting architectural and historical features including wall paintings and a priest hole.

Our tour was conducted by the enthusiastic and dedicated owners, Tim and Bridget, sharing their knowledge of medieval history and architecture. It was a privilege to be able to view their wonderful home. Afterwards we had refreshing cups of tea in the barn followed by a tour of the beautiful garden. We wholeheartedly encourage other groups to visit. Information is available on the house website.

*Carolyn Luke, Committee member*

## Painswick Valley Toddler Group Closure

Our long established toddler group which is based in Pitchcombe Village Hall is at the risk of closure if volunteers do not step forward to help with the organisation of the group. This is the last appeal to any mums, dads or carers out there who might like to help and step forward to keep this excellent resource going in our community.

The group is hugely popular and has served lots of local families for many years. The group meets on Monday mornings at 9.50 in term time, there is a Funky Monkey music session for the first half hour, then there is a snack for the children and coffee and cake for the adults. There is also a craft table for the children to get creative and lots of toys to play with.

If you think this is something that may be of interest to you, please do not hesitate to get in contact as soon as possible as a decision regarding the future of the group is to be taken in the next couple of weeks. Please contact Gemma Fletcher on 07779 226463 for any questions or offers of help.

*Gemma Fox*

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## The Floods - ten years on Community spirit recalled

The 20th and 21st of July 2007 will never be forgotten by those who lived in and around Painswick and its valleys for the exceptional amount of rainfall. The Painswick Beacons of July and August that year covered the events in some detail but those events will be of interest to newer readers as well as reminding those here at the time of what occurred.

As well as causing devastation to properties along the Painswick Stream, the wider flooding caused the Mythe Water Treatment plant at Tewkesbury to cease operations, which meant that the Painswick area had no mains water supply. Bowsers were supplied and local advice was given regarding their locations. The bowsers were refilled periodically. One refilling tanker had come from Scotland.

Martin Slinger became involved both as a farmer and as a parish councillor when shipments of bottled water arrived in Painswick and were located in Stamages Lane Car Park. Stroud District Council set up a control centre which coordinated the supply of bottled water by the military from Ashchurch. Parish Councillors monitored the quantity of bottles and, when the number reached a certain level, telephoned the control centre whose officers then arranged with the military to have further supplies sent. Martin used his tractor and loader to lift the pallets from the military vehicle. Martin believes that he unloaded about 100,000 bottles. The servicemen were delighted when they arrived later to find that the unloading had already been undertaken. Neighbours made sure that those residents unable to get out still got the water they needed. Lists were made of the sick and disabled. Police officers monitored the distribution and noted the politeness shown by residents with the distribution, and their gratitude for the refreshments given them by nearby parishioners.

Terry Parker who was Parish Council Chairman at the time, remembers the community spirit that came to the fore. He and other councillors were delighted when Martin was invited as a member of the SDC delegation to a reception at Lancaster House in London by the then Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, and presented with a certificate.

## Painswick Ball 2017

The Painswick Ball, featured on the front page this month, was an outstanding event. With wonderful support from local businesses and expertise, including lighting from Phil Ions and amazing flowers and displays from The Bespoke Flower Company, the setting managed to evoke the Arabian themed tickets and posters kindly designed by Andrew Lovell and printed by Hamptons.



The emphasis of the last two events has been to create an evening everyone in the village can access and across age groups, something that was evident in the support and age ranges present on the night. The main entertainment for the evening were Halflight, who packed the dance floor and with one of the band living in Tibbiwell Lane, underlined the local feel. One of the highlights of the evening was the Charity Auction and Prize Draw. This year's charity is Headway Gloucestershire, who are an amazing local charity. The Committee wish to express their huge thanks to Goddards Garage, Richmond Village, The Falcon and The Oak Painswick for their sponsorship support which made the evening such a success. The event raised over £3900 for Headway.

The Ball Committee will be taking a well deserved rest over the coming months and appreciate all the support and great feedback. The next Painswick Ball will in June 2019. (Further details via our Facebook page Painswick Summer Ball)

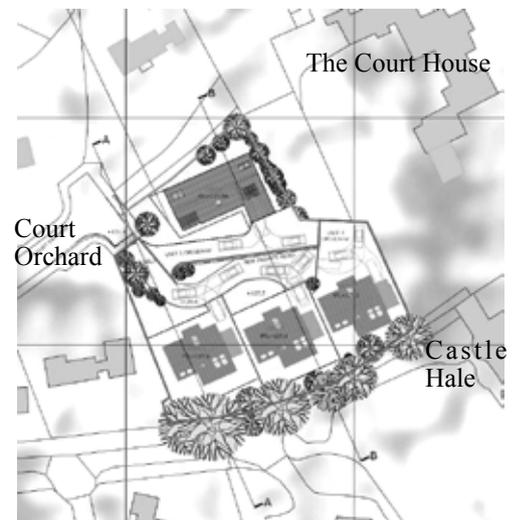
*David Nottingham*

## Court Orchard housing plans

Plans to demolish a house in Court Orchard and replace it with four new houses on the site are causing controversy with other local residents. Permission already exists for two new houses in the garden of 4 Court Orchard, but now the owners, David and Barbara Harley want to demolish their house and build a total of four houses. They will be energy efficient low maintenance properties pre-fabricated in precision-made sections and aimed at older residents. David points to a lack of suitable properties for older people in the village.

Neighbours however describe the plan as over-development of a garden and inappropriate to the site, which adjoins the Court House and Castle Hale. The buildings would be much higher density than any of the surrounding developments. Court Orchard is a private road, owned by the local residents, all of whom signed a covenant not to build on their gardens. The covenant was recently revoked by the Court, having become unenforceable.

At the Parish Council planning meeting in July, councillors agreed to defer consideration to allow time for a site visit. Stroud Council recently turned down plans for a development of nine houses in the garden of nearby Stamages House.



# Local History Society scanning News Photo archive ...

The recent closure of the Gloucestershire Gazette / Stroud News and Journal offices in Dursley is perhaps sad news. But in one happy side-effect, it has led to a major archive of newspaper photos being made available. A treasure



trove of negatives built up over many years has been offered to local history societies in several different towns and villages around Stroud, including Painswick. The negatives of photos from the Painswick area are now being gradually scanned by volunteers from the Local History Society, which is building up a database of images of the town.



The photos come in individual envelopes, with a reference and usually the name of the event recorded, but no other details. So identifying exactly what they show involves a good deal of detective work. With our thanks to the Stroud News and Journal for permission to reproduce the photos, here is one example, that readers may be able to help us identify. It is described only as an Over-Sixties tea party in Painswick

## Artistic centre



The Painswick Centre is one of the main locations for the ARTBURST festival that is being held from August 19th to August 28th. All of the rooms will be in use featuring a wide range of displays, as shown on the full calendar on the centre pages, and even the Car Park will be used for the Rolls Royce and Bentley Enthusiasts Club.

We hope everyone will take advantage of this unique event and visit all of the rooms in the Painswick Centre to support the Artists and Organisers, who have put so much into this event.

The Painswick Centre is also contributing to Flowerburst in St. Mary's Church from 24th-28th August, where an arrangement will showcase all the diverse activities that take place during the year.

*Mike Steed*

## ... and from the 1950s?

Elly McDonald has contacted the Local History Society to ask for help in identifying distant relatives in photos believed to have been taken in Painswick around 1950. They're described as being Aunt Tiny's family and they may have been either Lucys or Clarks. If you think you may know anything of them, please get in touch.

*Carol Maxwell*



## Painswick Infants of 1927

A photo of Painswick Infants at school in 1927 published in the June Beacon prompted Graham Gyde to write to say that he is fairly certain the little girl second from the left on the back row is his aunt Audrey Gyde, who would have been six years old when the photo was taken. Audrey was his father's youngest sibling. She was born in Vicarage Street in 1921, but sadly passed away in 1959 aged just 38, leaving a husband and two young children.



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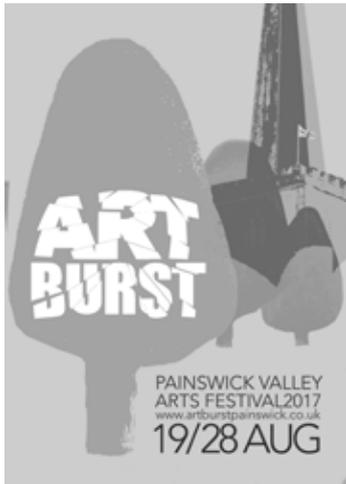
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# Painswick Valleys Arts Festival

## Arts centre for the Cotswolds?

After months, even years of planning, Artburst 2017 is almost here. A range of events and exhibitions that both in terms of quality and quantity would do credit to a major town, is about to burst over our small community.



Jackie Herbert, chairman and organiser of the festival, is ambitious to build on the reputation of the two now well established art events which alternate bi-annually in the village. This year Artburst is open for ten days from August 19th - 28th and next year Art Couture will be back on the scene in July.

‘Both these events have grown in their size and status and are now distinct and special occasions for Painswick and the wider world of art’, Jackie says.

She believes that Painswick has always been highly attractive to artists as somewhere to live and work and to enjoy the delights of the Cotswold countryside. ‘But we should take the opportunity with all this available talent and the success of these two major and very distinctive festivals, as a basis to develop a reputation for Painswick becoming a centre for art in the Cotswolds throughout the year’.

This year Artburst is at its biggest and best with over one hundred artists spread over nine different venues, including the Gloucester Society of Artists' Annual exhibition plus the ACP and artists' individual shows at the Painswick Centre; a selection of exhibitions at St Mary's Church and Rooms and in the Town Hall; the Golf Club, the Abbey Bird Park plus ten individual Open Artists Studios, every one exhibiting and demonstrating to visitors. And remarkably, ArtBurst is free entry and programmes to all visitors.

A new competition for local artists, ‘Aspects of Painswick’, is being generously supported by The Painswick Hotel with a £300 prize for the best exhibit, to be judged by a famous international artist, Daniel Chadwick, who lives locally at Lypiatt Park. ‘This is the first year we have offered prizes, thanks to ‘The Painswick’ and artists are all interested and excited about the judging - and winning’, says Jackie. With two years to prepare before Artburst 2019, and with continuing support from the community, she is looking forward to attracting more named artists, bigger prizes and a rising standard of artistic works to benefit both professionals and amateurs alike.

‘We should be looking to make Painswick the liveliest centre for the Arts in the Cotswolds’ enthuses Jackie. ‘We could not have achieved Artburst 2017 without support from our sponsors and patrons, but we know our efforts for a successful Festival will draw thousands of visitors, which benefits not only our artists, but all the businesses, shops, and services in this lovely village and we look to all of them to give us greater support in 2019’, she says.

### VENUES

- THE PAINSWICK CENTRE, Bisley Street
- OTHER OPEN STUDIOS IN AND AROUND PAINSWICK  
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- PAINSWICK TOWN HALL
- ST MARY'S CHURCH
- THE PATCHWORK MOUSE ART CAFÉ
- HORTONS RESTAURANT AT PAINSWICK GOLF CLUB
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- ACP GALLERY
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- CAR PARK
- 'THE LOOVRE' St Mary
- THE STUDIO, Golf Course Road, Pain
- ST MARY'S COTTAGE Victoria Square.
- THE WATCH HOUSE, New Street.
- 'THE ARTIST STUDIO Vicarage Street.
- GROUND FLOOR HALL Victoria Square
- IN THE CHURCHYARD
- IN THE CHURCHYARD
- INSIDE ST MARY'S CH
- CHURCH ROOMS ASSEMBLY HALL
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# Burst Programme of Events

## ARTBURST 19TH to 28th AUGUST ARTISTS AND EVENTS

### OPENING DATES & TIMES

	<b>GLOS. SOCIETY OF ARTISTS</b> Exhibition of Paintings, Wood Carving, Sculpture Etc.	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.</b> Tea, Coffee and Cakes served
	<b>JACKIE GARNER</b> Wildlife Artist	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.</b>
	<b>KAREN GREEN - Paintings &amp;</b> <b>DENIUS PARSON - Wood Carving</b>	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.</b>
	<b>EXHIBITION " ZANDRA AND I"</b> Iconic pieces from the colourful collection of Zandra Rhodes.	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.</b>
	<b>ADELE LAMBERT, JAN PETRIE ANGE MULLEN-BRYAN</b> <b>BARBARA SWINDIN and HANNAH ELLIS</b> in their working studios.	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.</b>
	<b>ROLLS ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB</b> Display Of Vintage And Classic Cars.	<b>Wed 23rd Aug from 11.00 am</b>
y's Street.	<b>RUPERT AKER</b> Paintings	<b>Daily 11.00 am to 3.00 pm</b>
nswick	<b>LUCINDA BURGESS</b> Sculpture in metal, burnt wood and paper.	<b>Open 10.00 am to 5.00 pm</b> N.B. Weekends 19th 20th 26th 27th and 28th only
STUDIO	<b>ANNE CASTLE</b> Paintings	<b>Daily 11.00 am to 4.00 pm</b>
	<b>ANTHONY CHURCHILL</b> Illustration	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.0 pm</b>
	<b>JANE GARBETT</b> Abstract Paintings	<b>Open 10.am to 5.00 pm</b> August 19th 20th 25th 26th 27th and 28th only.
L	<b>EXHIBITION &amp; DEMO'S</b> <b>MARIELLE UPRICHARD</b> Paintings, <b>FRANCES RODEN</b> Paintings, <b>JILL HUTTON</b> Needle felted animal models.	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm</b>
	<b>GREG THATCHER</b> Drawing the Yew Trees.	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm</b> 19th 20th and 21st only
	<b>ALEXANDRA DARBYSHIRE</b> Outdoor Painting Demonstration.	<b>Sunday 27th at 2:30</b>
URCH	<b>PAINSWICK FLORAL SOCIETY,</b> Floral Displays In The Church With The Theme 'Aspects Of Painswick'.	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm</b> from Thursday 24th to Monday 28th August
	<b>OPEN EXHIBITION/COMPETITION 'ASPECTS OF PAINSWICK' Artists Taking Part;</b> <i>Janet van Rensburg, Andy Lovell, Angela Cash, Anne Castle, Dave Morris, Frances Roden, Gerry O'Dwyer, Gill Hutton, Greg Thatcher, Jackie Garner, Jackie Herbert, Jane Garbett, Jim Davis, Marielle Uprichard, Nicholas Simmonds, Rachel Simmonds, Rupert Aker, Sara Kirby, Adele Lambert, Monica Fisher and Anthony Churchill.</i>	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.</b> Tea, Coffee and Cakes etc. served
M	<b>ANNE WEARE - Bookbinder</b> <b>VICKY HENDZEL-WALKER - Ceramics</b>	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00pm.</b> Café open.
	<b>KERRY JANE, Paintings and Drawings on the walls.</b>	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.</b> Tea, Coffee and Cakes served
	<b>DIANE HYETT-HUDMAN</b> Botanical Art Exhibition	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.</b> Café/Restaurant open.
	<b>THE GLOUCESTER YUKELE BAND</b> Tickets from 'Hortons' please, 01452 812180 /Friday 25th Aug 7.00 pm.	
NHAM	<b>MONICA FISHER</b> Wildlife Coloured pencil artist.	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.</b> With Café and Bird Park open.
DM s Lane	<b>JONATHAN CHOAT</b> Sculpture Exhibition.	<b>Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm</b>
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## News from St. Mary's

August, the holiday month when we welcome extra tourists to the village. They come to admire the beauty of the area, catch up with some history, see the lovely churchyard with its yew trees and table top tombs and enjoy the various exhibitions featuring local arts and crafts.



To encourage tourists and locals to visit the church, St Mary's is staging a celebration in flowers called Flower-burst as part of the Painswick Arts Festival. This will be staged from 24th to 28th of the month. The Flower Guild will seek to portray some of the many activities that take place in the village through attractive displays and relevant accessories. Be sure to look in the church during this Bank Holiday Weekend and admire the many flower arrangements.

Perhaps it is not well known that hospital chaplains rely on family and friends to let them know when loved ones are in hospital. They appreciate being told so that they can offer comfort and spiritual care to newly admitted patients. The chaplain at Gloucester hospital is Revd John Thompson – tel. 03004226200, email, spiritualcare@glos.nhs.uk. The chaplain at Cheltenham hospital is Revd. Katie McClure – tel. 03004224286, email, Katie.McClure@glos.nhs.uk. Remember that the chaplains are on site and can visit outside normal visiting hours.

Next month we will be celebrating the annual Clypping Ceremony together with Painswick Feast. Make a note of the date in your diaries which is Sunday 24th September. If there is anything else that you would like to know about St Mary's, look us up on our website – stmaryspainswick.org.uk.

*David Newell*

## Pulse Leadership Academy (PLA)

The Pulse Leadership Academy had their Celebration Service on Monday 10th July at St. Marys. This marked the end of a year long project for nine aspiring young people. This service was followed by games and refreshments at the Youth Club, which were enjoyed by all.



The PLA has been such an important project and one we hope to repeat next year. It has developed this group of nine teenagers into a strong friendship group, they have had lots of opportunities to practice leadership in church services, at the youth club and on residential.

They have met some excellent leaders for their training sessions - +Rachel, Tim Hastie Smith (Director of Scripture Union), Tim Friend (who used to lead the youth work in Painswick), Laura and Jamie Mears from Dean Close, Helene Sammon, Richard Harvey and Barrie Voyce from The Door, to name but a few.

They have learnt what it means to be a Christ-like leader. I have really enjoyed getting to know this amazing bunch of young people who have been so committed to the project. I have been so impressed at the willingness to get involved even when it was scary and being committed when there are so many other calls on their time. As a result of the leadership academy, one of the members started a Christian Union in the Marling / Stroud High sixth form.

*Fiona Gill*



## Painswick Singers prepare for Christmas

The Painswick Singers choir is busy planning for its Christmas Concert at St Marys Church on Saturday December 16th at 3 PM

The committee has appointed a new Music Director Jessi Pywell. Jessi is highly qualified having studied music at Cambridge University and conducting at Leeds University and has experience in many facets of conducting, teaching music and singing. She believes that singing in a choir should be enjoyable, taking the music seriously but not ourselves – it should be fun!

We are looking for additional choir members for all parts, ability to read music is not essential, ability to hold a tune and listening to your fellow singers will suffice. No auditions are held, please come along and try us out, there will be no subscription to pay for your first term starting at 7.30 on September 18th in the Auditorium at Richmond Painswick. For more information or to let us know that you are interested in joining us, please contact our Membership Secretary Jean Jones on 01452 813545

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## David's story From Ministry to ministry

Many in the Painswick area will know David Newell, either through his church ministry or from his other involvements within the local community. However, before his ordination and work with St Mary's Church, he was fully engaged in another, very active, career. David's story, and it is a full and interesting one, is told in his newly published autobiography, Furrows Turned.

David began life with his twin brother in Huntingdonshire, the son of a farmer. It was indeed agriculture which was to feature prominently in his life for many decades. Growing up in a small village community and being involved throughout childhood and adolescence with work on the family farm it was not surprising that David went on to study agriculture at Nottingham University. From there he returned to join his father and brother, successfully modernising the family business.



After a few years, with both academic and practical experience under his belt, he successfully applied for a position in the Ministry of Agriculture. David explains that this was at a very interesting time, the 1960s, in the farming world as during the decades following the war many exciting and interesting changes were being applied to British agriculture. The result across the country was to make the whole business more efficient, much more effective and economically more successful. He was fortunate to be involved and to help bring about these changes.

David's career did mean several moves to different areas of the country and eventually in 1989 he moved into a position in Gloucester, choosing to live in Painswick. He had always been involved with the Anglican church in one capacity or another and, after taking early retirement, he decided to make a greater commitment to that side of his life. Training, study and practice led at last to ordination in Gloucester Cathedral in 2004 since when he has continued to be an active minister within our local community.

David's story is of course much fuller than this outline. His book is easy to read and a fascinating story of his personal involvement in an important part of post-war agricultural development and his own subsequent new career. Available direct from David, telephone 812083, or from Amazon.

*Carol Maxwell*

## A very British summer

Looking back, we've had the usual mix of weather that comes with a British summer, with the Handlebards being one casualty - we had to postpone their 21st July date to the following week due to extreme wind and rain! Despite a week of oppressive heat and a week of rain, our visitor numbers remain around a third up on last year at the end of June.

# Roco Reflections

The Kitchen Garden continues to be fantastically productive. Our Cafe team are making memorably good bakes using the produce, including a moist rhubarb flapjack and a colourful beetroot and chocolate cake. We've a smart new produce trolley at the front of the cafe with the day's harvest, which can be yours for a small donation.

Looking ahead, we've a summer of fun planned - the Garden is a fantastic place for families to explore together. Throughout the summer, we're running our brand new Minibeast Trail, which will be a chance to discover some of the amazing little creatures that live in the Garden. Finding the facts, deciphering the clues and untangling the letter puzzle will win all participants a prize. And best of all, it's free.

Over the Bank Holiday weekend we follow IK Productions down the rabbit-hole once again, this year joining Alice as she meets the weird and wacky residents of Wonderland. So bring along a picnic and join the Mad Hatter's tea party, and experience Alice's world as it becomes curiouser and curiouser. Tickets for the performances on 27th and 28th August are available from [www.everymantheatre.org.uk](http://www.everymantheatre.org.uk) or 01242 572573.

And in case you missed our stonebalancing live on the BBC local news on 6th July... you can see Adrian Gray's gravity-defying sculptures in the Garden until 31st August. Do bring friends, relax and enjoy our friendly welcome.

*Dominic Hamilton, Garden Director*

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# Sports reports

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## Ladies charity tennis and lunch event

The annual Painswick lunch and tennis event was held at Broadham in aid of Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court. 32 ladies played in a competitive tennis tournament and afterwards enjoyed lunch.

The winner was Carole Clayton from Chalford, runner up Vicky Smith from Painswick and in joint third place was Delyth Allen, Painswick, Row Wakefield, Cerney Lakes and Celia Lawson-Pegg from East Glos. A sum of £526 was sent to the charity. Many thanks to all who attended, to Ask Sal for the sale of tennis clothing and to all those who helped.

*Joan Griffiths*



## Golf

The golf course has been at its most challenging for the last month or so, because the 'rough' has not been cut so as to encourage the wild flowers and allow them to seed. Unfortunately, few amateur golfers are accurate enough to avoid going off the fairways and into the 'rough' from time to time. But there is good news for golfers - by the time you read this article a programme of grass cutting will have started and the 'rough' should be less penal.



The Seniors Centenary Cup competition has taken place over the last month. This competition takes place over three rounds – the best two counting to the overall score. John Bentley had a superb first round score of 43 stableford points, and emerged victorious with a total of 77 points overall.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors and new golfers. It is an amazing golf course and the one on which I learnt to play golf after I had retired. It is a friendly club and has a huge benefit of relatively few members so that during the week one can usually just turn up and play. It also has some unique challenges – such as teeing over the ramparts of an iron-age hill fort - that test and develop one's skills. When I joined, I was put in touch with a few people at my stage of learning how to play and we have progressed together. If interested in joining, don't hesitate to contact the club 01452 812180 or me directly.

*Peter Rowe 01452 813228*

## New Coach for Painswick Rugby Club

Former Gloucester winger Mark Nicholson is the new coach for Painswick RFC. Last season Painswick were relegated to Gloucester Div 3 so with the new coach they are looking forward to a better season ahead.

## Cricket Week

Painswick's Cricket Week has been part of every Painswick cricket season for what must be about the last 20 years. It has become somewhat of a tradition for the club and the major highlight has always been the Sunday 6-a-side tournament. Again on Sunday 23rd July, members, supporters and friends all joined together to produce a fabulous club day. The weather, somehow, despite all forecasts, managed to disrupt proceedings for only an hour or so. The sun even turned up!



The club would like to congratulate Ullenwood Bahrat on retaining the title of Painswick Sixes champions. This year in the final Ullenwood were tested at times by Reece's Ringers, however, Ullenwood have some exceptional players who thrive in the sixes environment and were just too strong. Painswick CC would like to thank all the teams who took part, plus all the bar and backroom gang, the bouncy castle folks and the grounds team for making it all so possible.

As an aside....on the league front..., after a run of close nail-biting defeats our firsts have returned to winning ways with two recent victories over Kingsholm and A.I.W in the Gloucestershire County League.

*Stephen Pegram*

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# News from the Tower

## The ancient society of Painswick Youths

Some people reading the Beacon may not be aware that the Bell ringers in Painswick are known as the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths. This old Society was formed in 1686. Before 1731 there were 8 bells in the Tower but the ring was augmented in 1732 and 1819 by a further four bells. In 1986, to celebrate the tercentenary of the society (ASPY), a thirteenth bell was added. In 1993 the addition of an extra treble bell, made possible by a generous donation, completed the present ring of fourteen bells.



The ringing chamber is above the Choir Vestry at the rear of the Church. The bells are two floors above it with the 'clock room' in between. Our bells are very well maintained by one of our members and are checked bi-annually by a local bell hanger to ensure they are safe to ring.

In future, we hope to update residents on a quarterly basis on what is happening in the Tower. Obviously every time the bells are rung it is a public 'performance'. Our practice night is currently Tuesday evening each week with a quarter peal by a local band, including some Painswick ringers, every fourth Wednesday in the month. The July method (tune) will be Grandsire Caters on 10 bells. The August method has not yet been chosen but will be on 12 bells. A quarter peal lasts approximately 50 minutes and a full peal around three and a half hours. Only four full peals per year are allowed. On 1st August we will be having visiting ringers from Hexham Abbey and on 2nd September ringers from St. Albans, Herts. will be ringing a quarter peal.

We have had several weddings so far this year where the bells have been requested and there are more weddings booked. If couples want the bells for their special day, the sooner they are booked the better, to ensure there are enough ringers available.

*Janet Crispin.*

## Summer lapses

Keeping active, fit and calm is always a good idea at any time of year. In the summer it is easy to lapse as many of our exercise and interest classes take a break for a few weeks. It is good to report therefore that throughout August Kim Brockett will be running weekly yoga and meditation sessions. These will take place in Sheepscombe village hall on Monday evenings from 7.30-9.00pm on the 7th, 14th and 21st August.



Kim has been teaching Hatha yoga in the Painswick area for 11 years and for several years previously in Oxford. She trained with the British Wheel of Yoga, the largest teaching body in the UK. Strength, balance, posture and flexibility combined with a general feeling of wellbeing and relaxation make yoga a truly beneficial practice for everyone regardless of age, gender and state of fitness. It is of course non-competitive and, as Kim points out, these drop-in classes are open to all from the complete novice to the very experienced. Everyone can benefit.

Kim's website is [www.yoginikim.co.uk](http://www.yoginikim.co.uk), telephone number 812623 and email [yoginikim@icloud.com](mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com) for more information.

*Carol Maxwell*

# Croft School report



Pupils and staff had a fantastic year at The Croft and we would like to thank parents and members of the community for their on-going support.

We were all very proud of retaining our 'good school' status from what is a much more stringent OFSTED inspection process. This has recently been followed up with excellent SATS results for both Key Stage One and Two as well as for Phonics Screening and Early Years External Assessments.

The Croft pupils have enjoyed a wide variety of experiences and school life activities. Teams have enjoyed success in Netball, Football and Cricket leagues. They have also taken part in rounders, cricket, netball and football tournaments. Pupils from across the school have attended quad-kids events, multi-skills activities, the small schools athletics and swimming gala.

All classes have been on a variety of school trips ranging from STEAM to Bristol Aquarium and Cadbury World, not to mention the annual Year Six residential to the Isle of Wight. We have also had many fantastic creative experiences including an art workshop creating Christmas baubles, a music recital from the Carducci Quartet, visits to the cooking studio at Waitrose and a visit from some Japanese students who demonstrated some dance, martial arts and Japanese Calligraphy. We have also contributed artwork to the Painswick Arts Festival and photos showing artwork were shown during the Jazz night at The Painswick Centre.

*Rebecca Gore*



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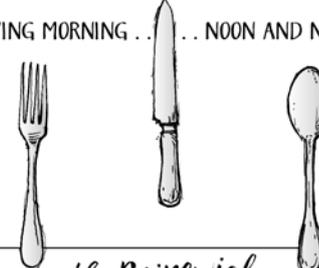
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# Overhead Matters

Those of you who live on the south side of the village may have noticed unusual activity in the fields recently. During June and July unfamiliar construction vehicles have been observed keeping the cows company. So, what was it all about ?

Inspection of the 33Kv overhead electric supply had revealed defects relating to 79 poles between the Camp side of Bulls Cross and Painswick Valley Car Sales. Helicopter inspection showed cables needing attention as well, and with increased demand loading an upgrading programme was called for. A team of engineers travelling daily from Ludlow, set about the task with care. When new poles were installed the cables always needed earthing to prevent hazards as the defective poles were systematically replaced on a progressive basis.

Then came the time for cable replacement which was a difficult job as the maximum haul on any one winch was 1000 metres. That required additional temporary pole support and patience. One of the longest hauls was from Dell Farm to Ticklestone Lane which took over an hour for each of the three cables. The cables are semi-flexible multi stranded aluminium which have a greater visual impact than formerly, particularly when the sun is going down. They should reach Pitchcombe by mid July and hopefully help to eliminate any future outages due to defects.

*Trevor Radway*



## Village Agent

Gill Cannon retires as Village Agent at the end of July. More information in the September Beacon.

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## PROPERTY REPORT from Hamptons International

The temperatures outside have risen since my last report and activity is heating up in the housing market too! We have had seven houses exchange contracts in Painswick in the last month alone so you are sure to be seeing lots of new faces in the village over the coming weeks. Selling a property is rarely straightforward and our success is attributable, in the main, to our team of highly experienced and knowledgeable staff who are available to draw upon decades of experience to achieve the best outcome for you.

Here at Hamptons, we have several exciting new initiatives coming our way. We are currently running a competition to win £1,000 to spend with Farrow & Ball to help you transform your home. To enter, simply ask Hamptons to conduct a market appraisal of your property this July or August. If you instruct us to sell your house in this time, you will be entered again giving you two chances to win!

We will be conducting our very successful "Roadshow" events once again in four of our London offices on 14 October. Having participated in these events previously I can assure you that this is a superb opportunity to actively promote your property directly to buyers in London. However this year it comes with an added

twist! Our promotion of the event will be in conjunction with Twentieth Century Fox in the run up to the launch of their new film Goodbye Christopher Robin!

On the weekend of 4-6 August we are proud to be sponsoring the Festival of British Eventing at Gatcombe Park for the 14th consecutive year. We are delighted to be working with renowned British rider Harry Meade and over the course of the weekend Harry will be offering advice and tips on what to look for in an equestrian property. Come and join us for a glass of prosecco with face painting and sweets for children.

Last but not least, we are running our Grand Prize Draw and Auction again to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. Last time we raised over £12,000 for this very worthy cause and this time we intend to better that and need your support. Raffle tickets will be available to buy in our offices from 24 July until 18 August so please pop in and help to make this event a success – not to mention giving yourself a chance to win some superb prizes.

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**AUGUST**

Sat	5	'Picnic in the Park'	Rococo Garden	6.30 to 9.30pm
Sun	6	Mass Parish Communion Meeting for Worship	Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Mon	7	Knit & Natter Group Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Library Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.00am 10.30am and 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Church Rooms	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	8	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Gentle Pilates for all - Tuesdays: contact Vicky at abcPilates@btinternet.com or 07934977171 Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Guided Health Walk (one hour) Tuesdays. Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Church Rooms Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	9.30am 9.30 to 10.30am 10.00am
Wed	9	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Holy Communion Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176	Town Hall Ashwell House Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall St. Mary's Church	2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am 12.00noon Afternoons
Thu	10	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	11	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Willow Weaving at ACP Gallery	Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.30am 10.00am to 3.30pm
Sun	13	Holy Communion (Traditional Language) Mass Sharing in One Bread - Holy Communion Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Wed	16	Evening Prayer	St. Mary's Church	5.00pm
Thu	17	Cotteswold Naturalists' Coach Trip to Westwood Manor (NT), Tithe Barn & Ilford Manor Gardens. Enq. 01453 836618	Stamages Car Park	
Sat	19	Artburst: Arts Events (until 28th August) Cotteswold Naturalists Guided Walk at Westbury Garden Cliff. Pre-book: 813228	Around Painswick	Daily
Sun	20	Mass Parish Communion Meeting for Worship	Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Mon	21	<b>Copy Date for September Beacon</b>		
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I. Summer Supper (no meeting)		
Wed	23	Cotteswold Naturalists' Visit to Sisters Long Barrow Archaeological Dig near Cirencester. Pre-book. - 813228		7.00pm
Sun	27	Holy Communion (Traditional Language) Mass Painswick Praise Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am



Thu	31	Theatre Club visit to Stratford upon Avon: Anthony & Cleopatra.	Stamages Car Park	
Sat	2	<b>September Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>		
Mon	4	Knit & Natter Group	Library	10.00am
Tue	5	Cotteswold Naturalists' Visit to RAU Innovation Centre & Abbey Organic Farm, Cirencester. Enq. 01453 834486		
Wed	6	Probus: Sport & Entertainment in the 18th Century - Mike Rendell	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	7	Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30 to 5.15pm
Fri	8	Cotteswold Naturalists' Evening Guided Walk for Bats: pre-book: 813228	Stratford Park	
Mon	11	Probus Women: 'To the Roof of the World' (Himalayan Railway Journeys etc.) - Peter Berry	Church Rooms	10.00am
Wed	13	Gardening Club: Working on BBC Gardeners World - Julie Dolphin	Church Rooms	6.30pm
Thu	14	Music Appreciation Group: Gala Evening	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	15	Friday Club: Christmas Garden Lore - Pam Slater	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	16	Arts & Crafts Market	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.00pm
		Charity Concert: Song Recital by Sarah Burges Watson (Soprano) & Craig Greene (Piano)	St. Mary's Church	3.00pm
	19	Local History Society: Stroud Museum in the Park - Alexia Clark	Croft School	7.30pm

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

## Presentation for Tourist Information Office

On Friday 21st June a presentation in the churchyard recognised the successful conversion of the old grave-digger's hut into the Tourist Information Office. The award came from the Association of Industrial Archaeology, as one of their first awards for the best creative re-use of an industrial building. It was one of three awards for community focused developments in 2015, alongside other awards for commercial developments that included recognition for the conversion of Millend Mill in Eastington.

The award was presented by Amber Patrick of the Association, who is shown holding the certificate alongside the vicar, Rev. Mike Holloway. A plaque to mark the award has also been attached to the door of the Tourist Information Office.



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# The Personal Column

## Congratulations

To PATRICK MCMEEKIN AND POLLY ASPINALL who were married at St. Mary's, Painswick on July 1st followed by a reception at The Old Rectory, Beverston. Polly is the daughter of Richard and Vicky Aspinall of Paradise, Painswick. (see back page).

## Condolences

To the family and friends of BRIAN DAVIES who died unexpectedly on June 20th while in the Mumbles, Wales. Brian lived with his wife Linda on the Highlands, Painswick for over 20 years and was a member of Christchurch, former Treasurer of PSALMS and well known in the village.

To the family and friends of COLIN LEWIS who died peacefully in the middle of June. Colin and his wife lived in Stamages Lane, Painswick for several years before moving to Bourton on the Water two years ago.

To the family and friends of JACK SMITH who died recently. We hope to publish a tribute to Jack in the next issue of the Beacon.

*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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## University Challenge features Painswick student

Monday 24th July saw the first appearance on University Challenge of Painswick student, Dom Hewett, representing the University of Bristol in an exciting contest that they eventually won, defeating Trinity College, Cambridge. The episode is now available on BBC iPlayer at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08zkm0z>. Having won their first contest, Dom's team will be back on screen, possibly around November to January for their next match. All episodes have already been filmed, but Dom remains tight-lipped about how far his team progresses through the competition. Watch this space!

Dom's family live in Lower Washwell, having moved to Painswick just before he finished primary school. He has just completed a Master's degree at Bristol University after gaining a first degree in English Literature at Hertford College, Oxford. At Hertford also he won a place on the University Challenge team, but they were not selected to appear in the competition that year.



## Community Safety Roadshow

The Neighbourhood Policing and Community Safety Roadshow at Stamages Lane car park on Friday 28th July was attended by two Mounted Police Officers with their horses and a Stroud based Fire Engine. Also in attendance were Neighbourhood Warden, Carol Novoth, Police Community Support Officer, Debbie Campbell and Fire Safety Advisor, Paul Barrett.



The scene at Broadham on 1st July for the Cotswold Way Challenge



Polly Aspinall and Patrick McMeekin, who were married at St. Mary's on 1st July (see page 19). Photo by Rupert Marlow.