

The Painswick Beacon

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The Painswick Centre is staying open

Our community has come together and saved the Centre from closure.

On the 30th May four new trustees were elected to the management committee of the Painswick Centre at a special trustees' meeting. The three existing members who had decided to partially close the Centre, immediately resigned. Two further trustees nominated by regular user groups have subsequently joined the management committee.

In addition to keeping the Centre open an early piece of work by the new trustees was to undertake a detailed review of the predicted costs used by the old management team to support their decision to close the Centre. It revealed that maintenance costs were overstated and yet the labour costs were understated whilst the anticipated professional legal fees could be minimised by the use of appropriately experienced residents.

The new management team are under no illusions as to the challenges facing the Centre and recognise that the Centre needs to be managed as a community asset with active community involvement both in its management as well as day to day activities. If you would like to offer your support, please email manager@painswickcentre.com or call 01452 814567



Further information on page 5

The Painswick Centre Trustees



On Saturday 8th July. See page 4 for full details of the programme of events.



4.25 acres of Land for sale in Painswick

The site located between the A46 and Gyde House is being sold by the Gyde Trust through Bruton Knowles by informal tender closing at noon on July 7th. The land is currently outside the Painswick settlement development area but adjacent to it so development for housing could be difficult. The trust will maintain overage of 35% should housing be given permission in years to come. Bruton Knowles has indicated that so far there has been a fair response. Would this be an ideal opportunity for smaller and more affordable housing in Painswick or is it seen as a threat of further development in the village!



New Rector appointed for Painswick

See page 6 for more details

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS by Mike Kerton from the meetings held on 21st June

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

As both the Chair and Vice Chair had sent apologies, the Committee unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Martin Slinger as Chair of the Meeting

Present: Cllrs Ann Daniels, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker, Martin Slinger.

Apologies: Cllrs Andy Cash, James Cross and Rob Lewis

Public Questions

None

Matters requiring a decision

S.23/1151/HOLD. The Red House, Lower Washwell Lane. Erection of twin extension to rear slope roof and replacement conservatory (resubmission of S.22/2456/HHOLD)

As the Committee had agreed to support the original application they agreed to continue support.

S23/1057/FUL Land adjacent to Beechcroft, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe. Erection of shed. The Committee agreed to support the application subject to the Local Planning Authority ensuring that the proposed shed and its use accords with the permitted usage of the field.

S.23/1035/HHOLD Fieldgate, The Highlands. Erection of a single storey side extension and two storey front extension. Alterations to landscaping and parking area. The Committee agreed to support the application.

S.23/1010/LBC Flat, The Old Bakery, New Street. Installation of replacement sash window. The Committee agreed to support the application.

S.23/0927/LBC Woodbank, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe. Replacement of roof tiles. The Committee agreed to support the application.

S.23/1029/HHOLD Yew Trees, Slad Road, Slad. Erection of rear and side extensions, installation of an air-source heat pump, construction of boundary wall. The Committee agreed to support the application.

S.23/1090/TPO Dry Knapps House, Edge Road. T1 – Large copper beech tree.

Reduce by 1m and 3m. The Committee agreed to support the application.

S23/1107/TCA Fieldcroft, Sheepscombe, Remove existing cherry tree in centre of garden. The Committee agreed to support the application.

The Meeting ended at 7.14pm.

PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman) Ann Daniels, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Roey Parker,

County Councillor: Susan Williams

Apologies: Cllrs Andy Cash, James Cross, Rob Lewis, Abigail Smith and District Cllr Gary Luff

The Chair opened the Meeting and congratulated County Cllr Sue Williams on her election to the position of Vice Chair of Gloucestershire County Council.

Public Questions

A member of the public, whose parents and grandparents are interred in the Cemetery, raised concerns over the standard of maintenance, stating that paths were overgrown and that the grass was unacceptably long. The Council agreed to visit the cemetery to ensure that the upkeep is acceptable. Also part of the cemetery is monitored by the War Graves Commission who have not raised concerns over maintenance.

Since the Meeting the cemetery had been visited and pleased to report that the grass and verges had been cut.

County Councillors Report

County Cllr Williams had submitted her report to Cllrs prior to the Meeting. She updated Cllrs on County Council matters affecting Painswick. Her report can be read on the Parish Council's website

District Councillors Report

District Councillor Gary Luff had also submitted a report to Cllrs prior to the Meeting. The report can be read on the Parish Council's website

Chairmans Report

The Chairman confirmed that the Council will form a working party, led by Cllr Abigail Smith, which will look at the opportunities arising from the sale of the Gyde Field.

He also confirmed that the Council is looking to update its Emergency Plan to ensure that everything is in place should an Emergency arise.

That unfortunately there has been a delay in delivering the speed cameras.

That the County Council is "tightening up" on utility companies who leave roadworks not completed or not finished on time causing problems for commuters. Also tarmac not being laid properly, causing early potholes which are then not filled in correctly.

To consider and approve partaking in the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System (V.E.T.S)

The Council agreed to ask the Painswick Surgery Patients Group to arrange a meeting with The Community Heartbeat Trust to further understand the VET scheme. The scheme involves a number of volunteers linked to one telephone number who respond to say an emergency call for a defibrillator.

Accounts

- A) Cllrs approved the Accounts for Payment as per the list circulated prior to the Meeting
- B) Cllrs approved a quote to undertake the 3 yearly tree inspections on the Recreation Ground and Cemetery
- C) Cllrs approved a quote to undertake remedial electrical works in the Town Hall, Cemetery Chapel and Workshop as required by the recent five yearly electrical compliance checks.

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To receive reports from representatives on other bodies

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group. Cllr Ian Massey updated the Council on the Conservation Groups recent activities. Painswick Community Library. Cllr Roey Parker updated the Council on Library matters, including details of a closure for several days to undertake maintenance. Gyde Trust. Cllr Ann Daniels advised that she had recently attended a Gyde Trust Meeting.

Ward Reports

None

Date of next Meeting

Wednesday 19th July 2023

The Meeting closed at 8.13pm



Traffic Lights A46 Broadham

Latest information

On Friday 30th June Chris Pollington, from Gloucestershire Highways, held a public meeting at the Friday Hub in the Town Hall for Painswick residents to discuss the proposal. The details of the proposed solution to return to 2 way working was outlined in the May Beacon. As the Beacon was already with the printers no report could be made but hopefully some idea of an introduction timetable could have been discussed.

Tourist Office

Volunteers needed

The Painswick Tourist Office has not been able to open every day that it should especially Saturdays. This is due to a shortage of volunteers so more are needed now. Please contact painswicktourist@gmail.com

David Rawson

Latest news on Gigabit for Painswick

You may recall my articles in the Beacon around a year ago. Back then, our aim was to secure Gigabit Vouchers and collaborate with OpenReach to bring gigabit-speed internet connectivity to Painswick and Edge. However, the process turned out to be quite lengthy, and by the time we received a response from OpenReach, the government's Project Gigabit consultation and auction was around the corner, so were advised that we should hold off and wait for the outcome of this, which we are still awaiting.

Excitingly, it now transpires that Gigaclear is planning a commercial build for Painswick and Edge, independent of the Project Gigabit funding. This is fantastic news for everyone in the community, who have been desperate for a better service that many neighbouring villages have already been enjoying. Furthermore, I have also been informed by OpenReach that they have a commercial build planned to commence around the middle of 2025.

At present, Gigaclear is conducting surveys and engaging in detailed planning. The preliminary plan, pending confirmation, encompasses the area stretching from the western edge of Edge Lane to the southern end of Stamages Lane, extending eastward to Damsells Farm and northward to Painswick Golf Club. Once an exact timeframe is determined, a representative from Gigaclear will reach out to us and organise several events where the community can have their questions answered.

George Elphick

A46 Roadworks in Painswick

On Wednesday 21st June the contractors all duly arrived. A digger 3 trucks with all the gear and at least 7 men. By 11.30 they had all vanished and Painswick was back to normal. The signs still remain and we wait to see when this disruption will suddenly happen.



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Friends of The Croft School Summer Fair 2023

Saturday 8th July 12-4pm

It's here again, the event of the year, please join us on Saturday the 8th of July for Fun, Games, Food & Drink, all in support of our village school. Below is a teaser of what will be available;

Bouncy Castles - Toddler Playzone & Large Obstacle Run

Fair Games - Splat a Rat, Huck a Duck, Welly Wanger, Tin Can Alley & Coconut Shy, as well as some newly added for this year

Delicious Food & Drink - BBQ, Licenced Bar, Ice Creams & Sweets, Tea's, Coffee's & Cakes

This year we are introducing the Croft Village Green – a central space to showcase local talent:

Croft Choir Performance

Ballyhoo Dance School

Martial Arts

Dog Show

Tug of War

Parents Bike Race (Can Owls retain their title?)

Plus Much More

Luxury Raffle

Plant Sale

Face Painting

Meet the Emergency Services

Beat the Teacher Challenge



Volunteers

We really need your help to make it a day to remember for grown-ups and children alike. Here is the link to the sign-up sheet where you can see all the volunteers required to set up before, run the day, and also take down afterwards. Please have a look and see if you can spare some time to help.

www.volunteersignup.org/H78R7

Gazebos

Last year with your very kind support we were able to cover the majority of our stalls with Gazebos, which really helped protect our volunteers from the blazing sunshine we were so lucky to get on the day.

We are keeping our finger crossed for the same weather again this year, so if anyone has a gazebo that we could borrow for the day please let us know on fotespainswick@gmail.com.

Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Painswick Library Book Club is on Monday 17th July from 1.30-2.30. We will be discussing *The Family Tree* by Sairish Hussain. The book club will not meet in August but will resume in September, date to be decided. New members are very welcome. For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew

Painswick Feast – community call up

The Painswick Feast returns on Sunday 24th September 2023. This annual by-the-community, for-the-community event will run from 11am to 5pm, with the traditional Clypping service sitting at the heart of the day at 3pm. The day will also include the dog show to draw in Painswick's finest canines.

We already have some local foodie favourites booked including Mama's Meals, Burgerlish, The Box and Bake it Eat it. In addition to rolling out the apple press, the Orchard Group is making their return with the bar, serving their homemade cider and a range of other beverages.

As we continue to book the food and other stalls, we are keen to keep this year as local as possible and invite all local producers, artists and businesses to get in touch. Furthermore, we are keen to showcase the fantastic array of clubs and societies Painswick has to offer – for these volunteer-run organisations their pitch is free.

We would also like to invite any local bands who would like to entertain the crowds to get in touch.

Please send your stall and band enquiries to Alistair Spiers: painswickfeaststalls2023@gmail.com

If you would like to volunteer to help make this happen please drop Abigail an email: abigailsmith275@gmail.com

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The Painswick Centre - Looking forward

For those that don't know already, the Painswick Centre was gifted to the parish of Painswick by Frances Williams in 1906, to be run by and used by the community. This model of community involvement is the way forward to keep the Centre vibrant and thriving. See page 11 of the June Beacon

Estimates have now been obtained from local skilled trades people to undertake essential maintenance work at very reasonable rates, thank you! If there are any other local trades people keen to help support the Centre in a similar vein, please get in touch so we can have maximum community involvement, the more the merrier!

Since the new trustees have taken the helm, eighteen local people with diverse experience have offered to be trustees and a process guided by the Charity Commission is being undertaken to develop the best team to take the Centre through the next few months to the AGM in September. By the time this goes to press a skills matrix process would have been completed and a full board of trustees will be in place. If the Centre is to be open and inclusive then the management committee needs to reflect these qualities.

The new trustees held a meeting on the 14th June inviting those who had expressed a desire to help in some way. This was well attended by those who wanted to offer their time and skills to support the Centre. The Centre has a new, although temporary, volunteer manager, Dawn Tyson. Dawn is doing an amazing job, but urgently needs help with some small but time consuming jobs, so watch this space or contact Dawn for ways in which you can help with the day to day running of the Centre.

Many users have returned to the Centre; however the decision to stay open came too late for some who understandably were forced into making alternative arrangements. Whilst attempts are being made to encourage them back to the Painswick Centre, there will undoubtedly be a shortfall in income as a result.

The Painswick Centre is open for business but it will only be sustainable in the long term with your support. If you would like to offer your support, please email manager@painswickcentre.com or call 01452 814567.

The Painswick Centre Trustees

Booked a package holiday? Worried about what to do if something goes wrong?



The Citizens Advice website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) has lots of information about what to do.

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. This way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on was lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example if you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. Make sure you keep all your receipts even for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool being closed for the whole trip.

There's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather. Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance - check if your policy covers this.

If you're still not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline 0808 223 1133 or talk to an adviser online through the Citizens Advice website.

Peter Rowe

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New Rector for Painswick

The hot news for this month is that our interim minister, Revd Sarah Haslam is to become the next Rector of the Beacon Benefice. Her appointment has been widely welcomed throughout the benefice. It is expected that Sarah and her family will move into the Vicarage in Painswick sometime during the summer holidays with her ministry as Rector commencing in September. Sarah has set out her vision for the benefice:

“That we should celebrate in learning to live in the light of God’s love, growing in faith, growing in action and growing together”. Her licensing service as Rector is pencilled in for Sunday 17th September.



July will begin with the monthly benefice service which this month will be at our Harescombe church on 4th July at 11am. It will be a communion service led by Revd. Andrew. Harescombe has a beautiful little church in a field in a delightful rural location.

Cranham church will be celebrating the festival of their patron saint, James the Apostle on Sunday, 23rd July. They will be holding a special Songs of Praise service at 6.30pm led by Sue Hartley. There is a warm welcome to all to attend.

As promised last month you will have noticed that work on the new church roof has started. Please be careful when walking through the churchyard while the work is in progress. We apologise for any inconvenience.



David Newell

The appeal fund

is still open for contributions. Cheques should be made out to; Painswick PCC with “roof appeal” written on the back and delivered to the benefice office. You can also donate by bank transfer to; Parochial Council of St Mary’s, Painswick, Account No.10924113 Sort code 20-33-83.



Contribution from our new Rector

At St Marys the scaffolding is up and our re-roofing work is underway, and our doors are still very much open to welcome worshippers, tourists and other visitors alike as they continue to stop in at St Marys to admire this ancient place of prayer and escape the Summer sunshine/rain (delete as applicable).

People of all faiths and none are always welcome to pop in, sit quietly and just ‘be’, while the rest of the world busily continues ‘doing’. That said, many of our usual activities will continue this month, which includes working with Sportily, hosting music groups, holding fundraising cream teas, collecting for the foodbank, in addition to our regular 10am Sunday worship services and many Summer wedding ceremonies.

I’ve been serving in Painswick and around the Beacon benefice as an interim minister since February, and after a somewhat taxing interview process (does anyone actually enjoy job interviews?!) I am hugely delighted to say I’ve been appointed as the new Rector of St Mary’s Painswick and the six other parishes in our benefice of Cranham, Sheepscombe, Pitchcombe, Edge, Harescombe and Brookethorpe. I shall be licensed at 4pm on Sunday 17th September and you are all very welcome to come along.

Meanwhile, working closely together with the churchwardens and the PCC, this month we will therefore also be thinking ahead to September and beyond, and will consider how we can better work with and alongside others in the village to serve the wider community. So if you have any suggestions, please do give me a call, or drop in to St Mary’s and say ‘hello’.

Rev’d Sarah Haslam


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Painswick Probus Report

Probus members and their ladies gathered at the Painswick Centre on Wed 10th May for a talk given by Professor Colin Terrell entitled "The Brain". Professor Terrell, a well-known psychologist who has practised in Harley Street, Oxford and Cheltenham, gave a very entertaining and amusing account of the human brain, how it works, and how to keep it working!

Astonishingly, up until 1850, it was thought that brain function came from the heart! An unfortunate gentleman called Phineas Gage in 1848, was working on the railroads in the USA when an explosion caused an iron rod to enter through his neck and exit through the top of his head. He survived, but his personality altered and it was then realised that the brain was affected and was in fact inside his skull! This was then picked up by Sigmund Freud.

In 1900 a Frenchman, Alfred Binet, devised a way of testing the IQ of children and later the Stanford-Binet Test was used in the United States to choose military officers (there being no aristocracy in America!). The test was also used to decide which immigrants could stay in the US! In 1927, the Supreme Court decreed that women with a low IQ should be sterilised, and by 1950, some 60,000 women had been sterilised. In the 1950's IQ tests were introduced in the United Kingdom in the form of the 11-Plus.

The human brain relies on a healthy heart to function. The brain represents 2% of our body weight, yet needs 20% of our oxygen intake and one litre of blood per minute to keep the heart healthy and thus feed the brain. Diet is an essential part of maintaining a healthy heart and shockingly 55% of food consumed in the UK is UPF - ultra-processed food. The Japanese, who eat mostly fresh foods, stay fitter and healthier into old age. Other important factors for a healthy life expectancy are sleep, physical exercise, brain exercise, socialising and volunteering. Professor Terrell emphasised that pro-social exercise such as walking in groups is very important. He illustrated his talk with some very amusing cartoons and personal anecdotes. While the subject of his talk may have sounded a bit daunting, it in fact proved to be highly entertaining as well as informative.

The talk was followed by wine and a finger-buffet lunch.

Jerry Dunnett



Wow! was the universal reaction to the illustrated talk "A Ride Round England" which William Reddaway gave to the members of Yew Trees WI at their May meeting.

Between May and December 2013 William and his horse, Strider, travelled 2,674 miles to four corners of England, visiting 30 cathedrals on the way and raising money for 3 charities. The statistics of the journey were as impressive as the gentle, humorous and modest manner in which William delivered them. Before William could even set out on his challenge there were 600 hours of admin ahead of him. He first had to plan his route, find a suitable horse - no mean task - and then arrange 138 places for himself and Strider to stay for one night or more. Contact had to be made with all 30 cathedrals to inform them of the duos arrival and ensure Strider would be greeted with water and a carrot.

William usually rode for 5 days and rested for 2. While Strider rested, there was still lots for William to do as he achieved all this without any backup vehicle or crew. Strider's welfare was an overriding priority with William walking alongside him for many miles for reasons varying from a saddle sore to the fear of Sheffield's trams. At the end of his talk the audience was left with enormous admiration for William's unwavering determination which enabled him to achieve this remarkable feat.

"Reincarnation of the Kimono" is the title of a talk to be given by Jackie Loring at our July Meeting. Ladies do come along on Tuesday 25th at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms.

Celia Lougher 812624



Late entries from the Coronation Parties

On the left a picture from the Friday Street party and below Vicarage Street.

Sunday 7th May. What a glorious day and the Vicarage Street team set to work to create a Coronation Street party to remember. With a council approved road closure already organised: tables, flowers, bunting, a beer and Pimm's 'tent', live and recorded music, were all in place for a 1pm lunch on the day. All residents received a formal invitation and it was a joy to see such a good turnout of friends and neighbours celebrating together well into the evening. In addition to having a fabulous party we were able to give £275 to Stroud Food Bank. A big thank you to all who generously donated and to those who helped us make it happen.

Jane, Claire, Sarah, Alex, Abi, Gillian. *Jane Garbett*



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Painswick's pictorial history

Following the Society's AGM, members were treated to a presentation of photographs from the Painswick Beacon archive. From the late 1980s and through the following decade the pictures, though not beyond the memory of at least some of the members, are of course now of historic significance for Painswick. They included pictures of groups, personalities, buildings, sport and events. In the latter category annual events such as the Painswick Show and the Victorian Street Market brought back happy memories of those community occasions, sadly now gone.

The Society does not meet in July and August. The first meeting of the new season will be on Tuesday, 19th September at The Croft School when Dr Katherine Bradley will give a presentation on Women in the Arts and Crafts movement – some of whom lived and worked in Painswick of course. The programme for the next season includes a broad range of interesting subjects from the serious to the macabre and everyone is welcome.

An offer has been made by a university lecturer to give a talk in Painswick about a fifth century Saxon king of Wessex whose life and work had a significant effect on Gloucestershire including this area. Place and time are yet to be confirmed but the talk will probably be given in early October and is open to all. Details in next month's Beacon.

Carol Maxwell



A sample picture shown above is taken from the presentation and shows a cheque presented to Paradise in 1991. A Paradise article is on page 18.



It's summer, and I'm thinking cooling Rococo drinks!

If you are looking for something zesty and cooling for a warm evening then we have helped develop a tippie that will really hit the spot. New on sale in our shop this month is our 2023 summer season Special Edition Gin. This delicious rhubarb & ginger gin used 40kg of rhubarb from the Kitchen Garden. It's got the distinctive taste of the Rococo Garden combined with a sophisticated blend of botanicals and is made by the experts at Sibling Distillery based in Charlton Kings. Grab a bottle as I am confident it will sell fast.

Also newly-announced and selling very quickly (but for grown-ups only) – a summer wine tasting safari in partnership with the Stroud Wine Co. It's a one-off special coming up on the evening of Saturday 15th July - a chance to taste and learn about a selection of wines from around the world in the splendid surroundings of the Garden. Tickets are limited, selling quickly and are available from rococogarden.org.uk.

Although visitors to the Garden back in the 1740s would definitely have had a glass or two before wandering around this piece of paradise, most of our visitors now enjoy a coffee instead! For July, the Garden is open Wednesday to Sunday 10 until 5pm. From Saturday 15th July we welcome visitors daily for the whole of the school summer holidays. It's a great family day out and a safe place for children to run around and explore. From Saturday 22nd July through to the start of September, our Enchanted Garden family trail will bring a magical world of dancing fairies, fiery dragons and mischievous woodland boggarts back to our hidden valley. Skilfully sculpted out of natural willow, the woodland creatures are perfect for young explorers aged 5-10 to search for as they explore every corner of the Garden. No advance booking is needed – just turn up – but if you want to guarantee admission then you can book and pay on rococogarden.org.uk.

Come and revel in Rococo this summer. I am confident that you will have the most beautiful time and leave with happy memories.

Tim Toghill, volunteer

Perdi's back at the Pooch

You have perhaps noticed that, after several months being closed, the Painswick Pooch is open again, excellent news indeed. Perdi, back as manager, is keen to point out that a warm welcome is extended to everyone together with some guaranteed first class fare.



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PMAG

The Painswick Music Appreciation Group committee is putting together a programme of music and talks for the forthcoming season which starts in late September.

I am sure there must be many people in and around Painswick who would enjoy the opportunity to come and enjoy the best music from the best recorded performances on cd, dvd and Youtube and be entertained by the subject matter researched by some of our members and visiting experts. Sir Thomas Beecham, probably our greatest conductor, said that the British don't understand music but like the sound it makes, and that is all that matters for those that come along (nothing stuffy). The topic of the day may be classical composers of early music to true classical through romantic to modern day and occasionally jazz, popular song etc. Members can influence the subject matter. Come and see for yourselves and enjoy!

Currently we meet in the Town Hall on alternate Thursday afternoons from the autumn through to late spring for a couple of hours with a convivial break for tea and biscuits. It is worth coming just for the chat. Your first visit is offered as a trial run free of charge, so why not give it a try?

Look out for PMAG dates in the Beacon Diary. First up is towards the end of September and our season will range from local composers (as close as Painswick!) who led the English Revival and will acknowledge special anniversaries for example Gustav Holst, Rachmaninov (currently N0 1 in the Classic FM chart), Dvorak and Smetana. Further details will appear in the August and September Beacons.

Michael Grey

Friday Club



On the 26th May Members enjoyed an "Away Day" to Slimbridge. They were lucky enough to spend time "behind the scenes" visiting areas not normally open to the public on a "Wild Safari" – a Land Rover towing a wooden coach into the "back lands" of Slimbridge. Among the many species of birds members saw were cranes, and a rare black-winged stilt. One pair of cranes had a chick, which is a great success story for Slimbridge. We had excellent views of a marsh harrier flying overhead especially when it flew back flushing up all the other birds in the scrape! A day many will remember for a long time. The day was rounded off with an excellent lunch at the Fromebridge Mill Pub.

Then on the 9th June we all very much enjoyed a talk by Malcolm Lewis, that really took us down "Memory Lane," entitled "Classic Radio Signature Tunes." We had to guess the names of the shows that included amongst others Dick Barton, Special Agent, Housewife's Choice, Down Your Way, In Town Tonight and Much Binding in the Marsh and of course that all-time favourite about country folk, The Archers. Incidentally on the 9th June this year the BBC broadcast the 20,000th episode of The Archers! Then to cap it all "Muffin the Mule" which we all joined in to sing! A wonderful afternoon.

Our Summer Break is almost upon us. We only have two events in July. On the 7th we set off for a River Cruise and Lunch at Symonds Yat. Then on the 21st July, Friday Club Members are invited to the Presidents Tea Party which this year is being held at Yew Tree House in Vicarage Street at 2.30pm. We shall "Meet again" on the 8th September. ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BREAK.

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Public Consultation for the Updated
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The local communities are invited to attend an informal discussion with the Natural England NNR team regarding the newly updated management plan covering 2023-2028. This is your chance to comment on the plan whilst still in draft form.

The sites covered by this management plan are:

- Cranham Common
- Bulls Cross
- Juniper Hill
- Huddinknoll
- Edge Common/Rudge Hill
- Sheepscombe & St Georges Field
- Buckholt Woods and Rough Park

Consultation will take place:
Dates: Tuesday 3rd and Saturday 5th of August
Time: 10:00 to 15:00
Address: The Ebworth Centre, The Camp, Stroud, GL6 7ES

Hard copies will be available on the day. If you cannot make the consultation but would like an electronic copy please email charlotte.targett@naturalengland.org.uk or aidan.fallon@naturalengland.org.uk. Electronic copies will not be available until the 3rd July. Feedback can be given on the management plan in person on the day or via email by 9am 16th August.

Jasper Knaption

Jottings.

Jottings today are about plants and trees that may harm your animals and yourself. Just like humans, animals may react to eating a plant, where some may die and some just get a bad stomach.



Cattle

Ragwort: Gradually eating 1- 5 kg of the plant can, over time, cause a build up of toxins in the liver resulting in liver failure or even death.

Yew: Eating green leaves, fallen leaves and red berries from the tree are highly poisonous and can be fatal, maybe showing other symptoms before death.

Bracken ferns: They do not like eating them because they do not taste nice, but in the autumn if they are short of food, they may eat them and get symptoms of depression.

Buttercups: Are not usually eaten because they do not taste nice but if there is no grass, they will and the toxins may cause problems.

Apples and pears: They have two stomachs, so they will keep eating them, filling the first stomach before the mixture starts to ferment, causing bloating. There is nothing so funny as watching a drunken cow try to walk, but unless something is done quickly it blows right up. When the pressure get too great, the stomach presses against the heart and the animal dies.

Horses

Ragwort, Yew and buttercups as above. Deadly nightshade can cause unconsciousness in horses. Sycamore, maple and other acers can cause medical problems, as does box and privet. Including fallen leaves. They love acorns freshly fallen in the autumn and if they eat enough they can get colic and poisoning.

Humans

Giant hogweed: that makes your skin come out in blisters if you rub against it.

Ragwort: never pull it with bare hands always wear gloves or the toxins can gradually build up in your liver, leading to death. Deadly nightshade, Foxgloves, Cuckoo pint and some mushrooms, plus others, will cause poisoning.

Sheep

Acorns, yew buttercups nightshades as above. Ivy very poisonous when eaten, as are many other plants.

Poultry

Many of the plants above when pecked at contain toxins, including many garden bulbs. Curly Dock can be a problem.

Martin Slinger

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Historic July crimes

1833 Stephen Howell, Samuel Milsom, William Lodge, labourers, guilty of stealing half a peck of potatoes and some onions from the garden of William Hatton. Three months hard labour Horsley House of Correction.

1853 Henry Partridge, age 41, 5ft.6ins, hair black, eyes grey, visage long, complexion dark, very low forehead, cut centre upper lip, two cuts on thick of left thumb, arms much freckled, guilty of stealing 14 pieces of ash timber from Henry Spring. Two months hard labour Horsley House of Correction.

1883 James and Thomas Merrett guilty of damaging a stone garden wall. Mr Harper said much damage had been done at times to his property and that of others. Mr Hallewell remarked that he did not know any neighbourhood in which so much damage was done to property and it must be put a stop to. Fined 12s.3d each.

1893 Mary Jane Creed, drunk and disorderly. Defendant said she was guilty of having "a little drop". P.C.Packer attended in Vicarage Lane where she was very drunk and behaving like anyone mad, throwing stones and using bad language. She and her husband gave him a lot of trouble and had both promised to sign the pledge. Albert Creed, husband, said she did not look as if she had had a lot of beer and hoped the Bench would overlook the matter "just this once" as they had both made up their minds not to taste another drop. Defendant said she would become a teetotaler if "the gentlemen" would have a little mercy. She would never be brought there again and would not drink any more beer as long as she had breath. Twenty one days hard labour.

1903 Daniel Foxwell summoned for using obscene language at the Edge. Fine of 7s.6d or 7 days imprisonment.

Carol Maxwell

Local Growing Scheme Opens New Community Market Garden

Set up by Down to Earth Stroud, who are dedicated to providing access to fresh and healthy, locally grown food, Harry's Field in Sheepscombe promises to be an exhibiting hub for all those who want to become more self-reliant and closer to nature. Founded by Stroud local Amanda Godber, Down to Earth is a community gardening organisation that helps locals gain access to fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as provides opportunities for them to grow their own organic produce and learn new skills via informative and fun workshops. Down to Earth has a grand total of 7 Community Growing Schemes, including the Vale Hospital Allotment and gardening plots at places like Selsey, Cashes Green, and Ebley in the surrounding Stroud area.

Amanda is also planning an annual harvest festival at the site to share the produce with the local community later this year, which will also serve as an unofficial way of promoting its first year as a Local Community Market Garden project. All in all, this is an exciting new direction for both Down to Earth and the surrounding Sheepscombe and Painswick communities. The prospect of a new hub for organic growing can not only bring people together but serve as a focal point for other local enterprises and skill development. Harry's Field is a bold new venture that promises lots of opportunity for the much wider community.

Amanda Godber



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Painswick Cricket Club results and Club news



Some mixed results over the past few weeks, WEPL league wise, the firsts are looking competitive, plus successful cup victories have seen the club progress in three competitions.

Painswick 2nd XI playing whilst the Ultra Challenge Cotswold race was running through Painswick with the refreshment stop on Broadham.

First team results in WEPL league Glos/Wilts Premier two. Lost to Thornbury but only after a tough fight and a determined 79 by Jarren Bacher. Beat Corse and Staunton with Mathew Connelly scoring a vital 79 runs in Painswicks total of 225. Mathew and his brother Jonathan then took 3 wickets apiece, leaving Corse on a total of 68 and securing a 157 run victory for the club!. Then lost to Burbage and Easton Royal by 123 runs.

National Village Knockout Cup. Beat Marshfield by 7 wkts (M Connelly taking 4 wkts, George Patio King Macduff scored 60 runs and Rogan Wolhuter 84 runs.

T20 Cup WEPL competition. Beat Cheltenham by 16 runs, Bacher scoring 85 runs.

Stroud Fayre Cup. Won a very tight and closely fought quarter final match with our friendly rivals Frocester. The scores were tied at 178 runs apiece however Painswick had lost one less wicket and therefore went through to the next round. Alistair Connelly scored a fabulous 64 runs and Luke Woolway an equally fab 68 runs.

2nd team

Lost to Stone by 6 wickets. Beat Poulton 2nds by 64 runs with Jacob Moore scoring a marvellous 92 runs and Noel French taking 3 wickets.

Youth and Girls. Our youth and girls teams continue to play matches and train on Fridays and we will be looking to detail their results next month.

Notes for your diary Cricket Week plans

Friday 21st July - Youth presentation evening with BBQ and followed by a family quiz!

Saturday 22nd July - Afternoon of cricket versus Hathelery and Reddings followed by an evening of music with local band (Bits and Splits).

Sunday 23rd July - 6 a side competition, all day starting at 10am.

Bar and BBQ will be available for all of the above.

Further details will be placed on our media sites as we secure further cricket week fixtures. The club welcomes your support at Broadham fields, there is always a game on Saturday afternoon!

Steve Pegram



2023 Charity Tennis Tournament

24 Ladies from around the county took part in the annual tennis tournament at Painswick tennis club on Friday morning the 23 rd June. Despite ladies dropping out due to injuries and Covid there were still sufficient to enjoy competitive, friendly and challenging tennis with coffee and cakes in abundance.

Ask Sal was also there with her wonderful array of tennis clothing and shoes.

At the end of play congratulations went to Helen Williams from Chalford in first place and Pam Parsons from Cam and Dursley as runner up.

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Painswick Golf Club - Good win against Minchinhampton

Painswick Golf Club 'A' Team, now in the first division, picked up their first win of the season at home against Minchinhampton. The course was playing tough following the recent dry weather however a very competitive game played in a good spirit was eventually won 4-2. Carl Gyde, our recently crowned Club Champion, was one of the winners playing alongside Jake Lee.

It was also great to see Josh Rudder, our newest member of the Team, pick up his first win of the season for the Team playing with the reliable Finlay MacLean. Other winners included our top 2 pairs, Simon Green with Nick Davies and Martin Angel playing with Kenny Overthrow.

Up until this point it has been a tough start to the season with 3 losses albeit against the 3 Teams most likely to win the league. Despite losing the games by heavy margins all of the matches were keenly fought. The team go into the 2nd part of the season with renewed hope and knowing our home form gives us a good chance to stay in the top division.

Robin Anthony

Seniors Golf

As I write this, I am hoping for a little rain to help the grass on the fairways and greens. The hard ground has helped my golf with the ball bouncing further, but it is making it more difficult to control.

The Seniors Open took place on 24th May. This is a better ball pairs competition open to senior golfers from Painswick and further afield. Some 136 players took part. The best score of 47 points was achieved by two pairs; the winners, Iain McLeod and Paul Baxter pipped Martyn Brown and Rob Goode on countback. Subsidiary competitions were won by Graham Hoult (nearest the pin on the 18th), Kish Venkatasami (nearest the pin in 2 on the 17th), David Fleming (nearest the pin in 3 on the 9th) and Ian Broderick (straightest drive on 13th).



The Seniors Championship is a medal competition played from the white tees over two rounds (on different days). The 2023 champion is Finlay McLean with a gross score of 138 for the two rounds.

The Seniors section held their 'Away Day' this year at Woodlake Park Golf Club, not far from Usk. It was a great day out with good company on a lovely course. Some 28 members took part in teams of four playing a 'Cha Cha Cha' (three scores to count on the first hole, two on the second, one on the third, and then back to three on the fourth, two on the fifth and so on). The winning team with 89 stableford points was Paul Gobey, Paul Holmes, Andy Beard and me; John Bentley had the best individual score with 38 points; Phil Jennings and John Bentley won 'nearest the pin' on the 7th and 16th holes; and Finlay McLean won the longest drive on the 17th hole. The Seniors Tankard for the best qualifying net score was won by Paul Gobey. Congratulations to all the winners.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors to play our unique course, but as many will know, at present catering is limited. For more information about booking tee times, please call 01452 812615.

Peter Rowe

The Coronation Hamptons Inter Street Bowls Competition



..has got off to a flying start with the Hamptons own team gaining an early victory over Knapps and Kemps Lane. Strong competitions awaits them from Kingsmill Lane who are this year fielding two teams. The Competition has been expanded this year to include village groups such as Alumni from both Cambridge and Oxford University in the Village making up teams. The other teams entered are Edge lane, Lower Washwell, Tibbiwell and Friday Street. As the competition runs to the end of August there is still time to enter.

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General Round Up.

A number of PBCG volunteers have signed up to help Natural England work on other local Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Meetings are arranged once a month, generally on a Friday. It is interesting to see how other sites are managed compared to the Beacon and new skills are learned, fencing and scything so far. If you fancy helping please contact Jasper Knapton (NE warden) directly by email

on jasper.knapton@naturalengland.org.uk

Once again we are experiencing unusual weather. A long cold, wet spring and now extreme heat and drought. At least we had plenty of rain in April this year; this has resulted in lush vegetation growth and plenty of butterfly food plants. However butterfly numbers do seem at the moment to be down again, probably a result of last year's drought. Early purple, common spotted and pyramidal orchids have produced plentiful strong blooms this year.

Purple Milk Vetch is a very rare flower only recorded on two small areas of the Beacon and only producing a handful of blooms each year. However I recently found a new, unrecorded patch whilst looking for my ball on the edge of a fairway and there were at least a dozen blooms. How many more may be out there just waiting to be found? They are small blooms and only flower for a short while so are easily missed even if you know what you're looking for.

The Dexters, by now, will have had (and hopefully passed) their TB test. They will be put out on Cud Hill as early as we can, but restrict them to the rougher sections for restoration grazing. The plan is to then give a shorter conservation graze to the whole site before getting them onto the Beacon. If things work out we would like to keep them on the Beacon all year by giving them access to poor quality areas and supplying water with a bowser.

We are offering a guided walk to explain the conservation work we do. Sunday 16th 10:00 am from the ramblers car park. Do come along and learn what make this wonderful site tick.

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Property Report

The relative shortage of properties for sale in Painswick itself continues, but Coombe House in Vicarage Street (Hamptons, £800,000) is that rare thing - a 4 bedroom Cotswold stone village house new to the market this month - with period character, contemporary design, private parking and garden. There are also two smaller properties in Bisley Street. Bank Flat (Murrays, £235,000) is a spacious 2 bedroom flat with large roof terrace with views over the village, and Westholme (Hamptons, £470,000) is an elegant grade 2 listed stone house with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and 2 reception rooms.

Further out of the village, Casa Mia on Beacon Close (Murrays, £850,000) is a modern detached 3/4 bedroom house with large gardens and lovely views right on the edge of Painswick Beacon. In Paradise, Hillside (Hamptons, £650,000) is a detached 3 bedroom stone cottage with scope for improvement and no onward chain, and in Sheepscombe, Briar Cottage (Hamptons, £850,000) is another 3 bedroom stone cottage with south facing garden and lovely views.

Long Close in Greenhouse Lane has gone under offer, as have Grove House and Down Cottage in Slad and Old Pound Cottage in Bisley, all through Murrays. Greyholme in Pitchcombe and Greycot in Sheepscombe are also under offer through Hamptons. Eden Cottage in Cheltenham Road, St Marys Cottage in Victoria Street, Olivias and 2 The New House in Friday Street, 4 Juniper Cottages at Wick Street, Fieldways at Longridge, Millfields at The Vatch and Penlan at Pitchcombe have all exchanged and/or completed.

Congratulations to James Murray of Murrays, who completed the David Goggins 4x4x48 endurance run in June and has so far raised £3500 for The Nelson Trust, running 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours through day and night. It's not too late to sponsor him at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/james-murray66> Murrays themselves are sponsoring the Falcon Bowls Club this season, who play on one of the oldest Bowling Greens in the country, dating back to the 16th century.



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	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms	7.00pm
	Table tennis. Contact David on 01452 812464	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Yoga with Kate. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or josephinedaley@me.com	Church Rooms	12.30 - 1.30pm
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. www.lovelifeladies.co.uk	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm
Thursdays	After school art classes. Email classes@painswickcentre.com . Term time only	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm
	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
	Qi Gong Classic Exercise - contact Jeff Docherty on jeffdocherty@yahoo.com	Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or josephinedaley@me.com	Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm
	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
	Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre
Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com		Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome		Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgswain:btinternet.com or 01453 822998		St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or josephinedaley@me.com .		Church Rooms	11.00 - 12.00pm
Tea, cake & watercolours art course starts April 14th for 6 weeks		Painswick Centre	2.00pm
Sundays	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am

Village Diary

Please let me know your club and society dates for the diary on cvasp.26@gmail.com. Please note that anything booked in the Painswick Centre may be subject to change.

July			
Sat	1	Painswick Beacon published	
	1	Handlebards perform A Midsummer Nights Dream. Wwwrococogarden .org.uk	Rococo Garden 6.30pm
Sun	2	Summer woodcarving with Natasha Houseago. rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden 10 - 12.30pm and 1.30 - 4.00pm
Tues	4	Cotteswold Naturalists: Royal Chelsea Hospital, optional Physic Garden or National Army Museum by coach. Prebook 01453 872243	Stamages car park 8.00am
Weds	5	Holy Communion	Richmond 11.30am
	7	Wild Arts Opera on the Bowling Green. Www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden 6.15pm
Fri	7	Friday Club: Outing to Symonds Yat	Leave Stamages Lane carpark by coach 10.00am
Sun	9	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 10.00am
Weds	12	Gardening Club: Garden meeting in Pitchcombe. Members only	Jackie Sanderson's Garden 6.30pm
Thurs	13	The Arts Society: Women in Japan - Suzanne Perrin	Painswick Centre 10.00 for 11.00am
Sun	16	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 10.00am
	16	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Guided Walk. 5-6 people /group. Email pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com	Ramblers car park 10.00am
	16	Cream teas in aid of Raising the Roof Appeal	Church Rooms 2.30 - 5.30pm
	16	Deadline for Beacon copy	
Mon	17	Library Book Club	Library 1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	18	Holy Communion	Resthaven 11.00am
Fri	21	Friday Club: Presidents Tea party	Town Hall 2.30pm
Sun	23	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church 10.00am
Tues	25		Church Rooms 7.00 for 7.30pm
		Yew Trees WI: Reincarnation of the Kimono - Jackie Loring.	
Wed	26	Cotteswold Naturalists: Tewkesbury Abbey & the John Moore Museum. Prebook 814570	Touching Souls Café 10.15am
Sun	30	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 10.00am
August	5	Beacon published	

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.23/1151/HHOLD The Red House, Lower Washwell Lane

Erection of twin extension to rear roof slope and replacement conservatory (resubmission of S.22/2456/HHOLD).

S.23/1057/FUL Land Adjacent To Beechcroft, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe Erection of shed.

S.23/1035/HHOLD Fieldgate, The Highlands

Erection of a single storey side extension and two storey front extension. Alterations to landscaping and parking area.

S.23/1010/LBC Flat, The Old Bakery, New Street

Installation of replacement sash window S.23/0927/LBC Woodbank, Jacks Green Sheepscombe. Replacement roof tiles.

S.23/1029/HHOLD Yew Trees, Slad Road, Slad.

Erection of rear and side extensions, installation of an air-source heat pump, construction of boundary wall.

S.23/1090/TPO Dry Knapps House, Edge Road

T1 - Large copper beech tree. Reduce by 1m and 3m.

S.23/1107/TCA Fieldcroft, Sheepscombe Remove existing cherry tree in centre of the garden.

S.23/1212/AFPA Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane

Agricultural machinery and storage barn.

CONSENT

S.23/0643/HHOLD Holcombe House Replacement roofing, reinstate gable entrance and erection of link extensions to barn.

S.23/0644/LBC Holcombe House Replacement roofing, reinstate gable entrance, erection of link extensions and internal alterations.

S.23/0532/HHOLD Southwood, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe

Erection of single storey pitched annexe.

S.23/0631/HHOLD Mirfield, Stroud Road

Erection of first floor extension, change of external materials and replacement garage. (Alterations to S.22/2437/HHOLD)

S.23/0755/HHOLD Edgewood, Longridge, Sheepscombe

Raise the ridgeline, erection of single storey rear extension and alterations (Amendment to S.22/1391/HHOLD)

S.23/0748/FUL Fletchers, Knapp, Catswood Lane

Construction of 3 agricultural general purpose buildings

S.23/0897/HHOLD Trillgate, Slad New greenhouse.

S.23/0708/HHOLD Chestnut Cottage, The Park

Erection of two storey side & single storey extension. (Resubmission of S.20/0342/HHOLD)

S.23/0620/HHOLD Highpoint, Golf Course Road

Installation of solar panels on roof.

S.23/0922/TCA Gyde House, Gyde Road

T1. Ash - Fell. T2. Ash and Acer group - remove stems.

REFUSED

S.23/0128/LBC Kings Mill House, Kings Mill Lane

Repairs & alterations to staircase, repairs and alterations to fenestration, flood mitigation measures, work to fireplaces

S.23/0649/FUL Horsepools Piece, Paul Mead, Edge

Proposed replacement dwelling and detached garage.

S.23/0749/FUL Land at Briar Cottage, Sheepscombe

Erection of a single dwelling & associated works

Give a Ukrainian family a safe home

Many Ukrainian families are still in desperate need of a place of safety. Some families are still arriving from Ukraine and others have completed a six-month stay with a local Gloucestershire family and now need 'move-on' accommodation. Could you offer a couple of rooms, an annexe or do you have a second property you could rent out at a reduced rate? Many Stroud families have already opened their doors and have found the hosting experience an overwhelmingly positive one. There are several organisations set up to help host families, including SSWU, a local network of volunteers helping Ukrainian guests and their hosts, so you won't feel alone! Refugee guests are able to live and work in the UK for up to three years. Six to twelve months is the initial expected stay.

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Caroline Banks

Employment and Skills support in Painswick

If you are currently unemployed and struggling to find work – maybe you haven't worked for a while, or have some health problems – the Employment and Skills outreach programme may be able to help. The programme is free and is open to anyone who is keen to work, but who doesn't have a requirement to work by the job centre. Alison Willis, the coordinator in Stroud, can help with job searching, CV writing and interview practise, providing ongoing one to one support for up to six months to help you move forwards. You can contact Alison at alison@stroudvalleysproject.org or call 07810 202489.

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News from Paradise (pictures on back page)

On Saturday, 17th June, many visitors enjoyed the beautiful and inspiring setting of Paradise House on its first open day for a long time. It was however, rather more than a conventional open day; it had considerable significance and potential possibilities.

Paradise House is home to about 30 adults with learning disabilities. It has always had a strong relationship with Painswick - until Covid, that is. We were all affected to a greater or lesser extent by Covid inasmuch as our social interaction was curtailed. By now most of us have been able to resume our erstwhile social and interactive lives but for the Paradise community it has not been so straightforward. Until Covid Paradise House residents were to be seen often in Painswick, joining in with various activities and engaging in conversation with Painswick residents. Then Covid struck and for more than the following three years the residents were unable to walk into Painswick. They were effectively cut off. Furthermore, being masked for the duration their interactive communication was effectively eradicated even at home. For the residents this is crucial – daily verbal communication and interaction is fundamental to their self confidence and independence, much more so than for the rest of us.

The resulting aftermath of Covid is therefore extremely significant for Paradise residents. Many have been traumatised and have lost their self confidence. There is a definite need to rebuild positive relationships and for them to re-learn social and communication skills. It is a core feature of their physical health and mental wellbeing. For them this is essential, even more so than for everyone else. The open day presented an interesting opportunity for visitors to see the various daily activities in which the residents can participate. A wide range of art mediums, including for example pottery, textile crafts, painting, were on display showing some of the superb results of the residents' work. Other therapy forms using language, dance, music and team work were evident as ways of leading to an affirmation of positive thinking and ability to deal effectively with difficult situations. The staff involved are all obviously passionate and enthusiastic about what they are doing with a firm belief in the purpose – to enable the residents to enjoy a fulfilled life.

In addition to the in-house activities there is an understanding of the need to re-establish the precious links with the wider Painswick community. With that in mind some new openings will commence in September. There is a new art studio which is to be used by the residents for four days every week and, to quote, "We'd like to share some of our space with you", there will be a once a week evening class of various art mediums open to Painswick residents. And the cafe is to be open to us all from September. Details will be given in the August edition of the Beacon. This is a lovely and welcome opportunity for all to enjoy the beauty of the site, to learn new skills, to enjoy what the cafe offers and, most of all, to support the delightful residents.

Carol Maxwell



**COTTESWOLD
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— FIELD CLUB —

A Day in Tewkesbury/Short Break in Devon

The Field Club is offering two exciting trips this July. There are still a few places on the 4th July excursion to the splendid Royal Chelsea Hospital in London. The day includes a guided tour of The Hospital with free time to visit either The National Army Museum (free) or the Chelsea Physic Gardens (an additional £12.50), both within walking distance. The cost of the trip (£50 per person) includes coach and entrance/tour of The Hospital only. For further information contact Robert Mann; 01453 872243.

On 26th July there will be a self-drive excursion to Tewkesbury. This will include a guided tour of Tewkesbury Abbey followed by a self-funded lunch. The afternoon includes a visit to The John Moore Museum, a beautifully preserved medieval Merchants House, and the recently restored Baptist Chapel, itself a former medieval hall house. The afternoon will be introduced by Curator Kirsty Bingham who previously gave a talk to members about the Museum. Please contact Denise Magauran on 814570 for information (approximate cost £18).

Looking ahead; bookings are now being accepted for a 3-night, 4-day excursion by coach to North Devon running from September 19th-22nd. Members will be based in Bideford with a full itinerary each day. Further details in next month's Beacon, or from Robert Mann; 01453 872243.

If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact Jane Rowe; 813 228. Membership costs £20 per annum or £30 for two or more people at the same address.

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Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of PATRICIA KENSHOLE of Gyde House, Painswick who died on Friday June 2nd after a fall. Her funeral was held at Edge Church on June 21st.

Congratulations

To LUCY AND CHARLIE JOHN on the birth of their son Henry Gwyn Howard John, born 18th May. A brother for Margot, third grandchild for Neil John and Paul & Claire Moir and a fifth great grandchild for Marguerite Treglown.

Thank you

MANDY GARSTANG would like to thank everyone who scoured Hollyhock Lane in search of her wedding ring. Two metal detectors were used and vegetation cut back to no avail. The ring has now been found not in the lane but in the freezer!

The Beacon is always willing to publish in the Personal Column, news of births, weddings, significant birthdays or anniversaries, new arrivals in Painswick, people leaving the village to live elsewhere, or of deaths. There is no charge for this service.

You could help Vicky Aspinall, if you would send information about those you know for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated cvasp.26@gmail.com

Use it, support it, or we'll lose it

Painswick now has so few shops and so those we do have are rather precious. It is therefore worth reminding ourselves that Longfield, our only charity shop, is regularly under review because, as one of the smaller Longfield shops, it needs to be constantly financially viable in order to avoid the possibility of closure. Currently there are some concerns in that regard.

Few would dispute the fact that it really is a little gem of a shop. Only the best quality clothes for men, women and children are on sale plus lovely jewellery, shoes, bags and luggage. In the children's section there is an outstanding selection of toys and games, and more generally for all there are some excellent jigsaws, pictures and books. Furthermore there is a wonderful range of crockery, glassware, ornaments and decorative pieces. And the extra quality feature in our Painswick shop is the fact that the two main members of staff, Val and James, are passionate and so caring about their desire to offer great service and present us with the very best.

It would be so sad if Painswick lost another shop and especially this one. It is of course dependent on donations but equally, or even more importantly perhaps, its survival is very dependent on sales. It really is worth calling in on a regular basis – the displays change often – and you may be very pleasantly surprised by what you find, especially the excellent value. Longfield is undisputedly a truly remarkable charity offering support locally to so many. Our Longfield shop is special and it, in turn, needs your support.

Carol Maxwell

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Pictures taken during the Rococo Garden Village Party.

The Rococo Garden team opened its gates to local residents on the 23rd June as a thank you for their support over the years



Pictures from the Open Day at Paradise



Phil Taylor “The Parish Council’s representative for taking forward it’s Friendship and Co-operation Agreement with Slavutych, is shown with the mosaic he recently made in the hope of peace in Ukraine.”

