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Once in a lifetime? Or back next week?

The striking picture alongside of the Aurora Borealis over Painswick, was taken by Annie Blick from her window in Whiteshill on the night of Friday 10th May. A sight that often requires travel to the Arctic Circle, but can occasionally be seen in Scotland or Northern England, was, for one or two nights only, visible in Gloucestershire. Even then, many local people were frustrated in their attempts to see or capture it.

It was perhaps a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the Northern Lights in Painswick, created by an unusual pattern of solar flares. On the other hand, experts say there may be another opportunity at the beginning of June, when the sunspot region rotates to face Earth again.



Painswick's County Councillor defects to Greens

Sue Williams, the County Councillor for Painswick, Bisley and around, elected in 2021, has defected from the Conservative Party and joined the Greens on the County Council. The news came less than a week after election results for Stroud District Council on May 2nd, which saw all three seats for the Painswick and Upton ward won by the Green Party. Pete Kennedy and Matt Sargeant won seats from the Conservatives, and Gary Luff, who won his seat in last year's by-election, was re-elected with an increased share of the vote. The detailed results of the election are shown on page 3.

Cllr. Williams, who was vice-chair of the County Council, said she had become increasingly disillusioned and angry with the direction of the Conservative Party nationally, especially over its treatment of asylum seekers and benefit claimants.



Cllrs. Pete Kennedy, Gary Luff and Matt Sargeant



County Cllr. Sue Williams

She has written a letter explaining her decision and apologising to those electors whom she may have disappointed, which we print on page 12.

Her defection means that the Conservatives have lost their overall majority on the County Council, although they are likely to remain as a minority administration.

This is the second time in recent years that Painswick's representative on the County Council has abandoned the Conservatives. In September 2019 Cllr. Keith Rippington similarly resigned from the Conservative Group and joined the Liberal Democrats, citing the rightward drift of the party.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meetings held on 15th May

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 15th May at 7 pm

Present: Cllrs. Adrian Gyde, Andy Cash, James Cross, Ann Daniels, Sandra Hunkin, Gary Luff, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash, Abigail Smith

In attendance: County Cllr. Sue Williams and four members of the public.

Appointment of Chairman: The outgoing Chairman, Martin Slinger, called for nominations. The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr. Adrian Gyde and he took the chair of the meeting.

Vice-chairman: The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Andy Cash as its Vice Chairman.

There were no declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th April were agreed and signed.

Appointment of Council Committees: The chairman and membership of each of the following Committees was agreed - Finance, General Purposes and Personnel Committee (Chairman, Cllr. James Cross), Rural Environment Committee (Chairman, Cllr. Ian Massey), Planning Committee (Chairman, Cllr. Andy Cash), Traffic Committee (Chairman, Cllr. Abigail Smith), Land & Buildings Committee (Chairman, Cllr. Rosie Nash). The members of each committee are recorded in the full minutes of the Meeting, available on the Parish Council website.

Nominations on other bodies: The Council appointed representatives to the following bodies: Gyde Charity, Gyde Almshouses, Rec. Sports Pavilion Committee, Painswick Education Foundation, Sheepscombe Village Hall, Painswick Centre, Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion, Play Painswick, Broadham Sports, Painswick Beacon Conservation Group, Hambutts Field Trust, Edge Village Hall, Swifts Hill Nature Reserve, Community Safety Partnership, Fair Trade, Painswick Community Library, Painswick Christmas

Lights, Painswick Business Group, Painswick Community Support Group.

County Cllr. Sue Williams introduced her report and explained her decision to leave the Conservative Party and join the Green Party. District Cllr. Gary Luff introduced his report. These reports are available on the Parish Council website.

The Council approved the accounts for payment as presented. The Council noted the Internal Auditors report for the year ended 31st March 2024. The Council agreed to adopt the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024. The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement. The Council noted the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights (3rd June until 12th July 2024). The Council agreed to adopt the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011.

The Council agreed to accept the quotation from Steve Noble to paint the outside of the Community Youth and Sports Pavilion at a cost of £1,580.

Reports from Representatives on other bodies: Painswick Community Support Group - Cllr Abigail Smith advised that the Group have now been allocated a weekly Fare Share slot. Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Cllr Ian Massey updated the Council on the Cattle on the Beacon.

Ward Reports: Cllr Sandra Huskin updated the Council on a recent Public Meeting about Sheepscombe Village Green. A Management Plan has been drafted which awaits approval by the landowner.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th June at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall. The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

PLANNING COMMITTEE 15th May at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs. Andy Cash (Chairman), Ann Daniels, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Rosie Nash

Also in attendance: eight members of the public

Public questions: The applicant for Planning Application S.24/0613/FUL - Hogs Orchard, Gloucester Road, Edge addressed the Committee

Apologies were received from Cllrs James Cross and Ian Massey

Review of Planning Applications

S.24/0639/HHOLD Matlock House, Greenhouse Lane

Erection of a porch, single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration. Erection of a detached car port and office. The Committee agreed to support, subject to a satisfactory Ecological Appraisal.

S.24/0686/LBC Court House, Hale Lane
Alterations to the internal layout and fenestration.

The Committee agreed to support and ask the District Conservation Officer to monitor the work.

S.24/0703/HHOLD Gyde Barn
Cheltenham Road

Replacement garage doors and erection of a garden store/ building

The Committee agreed to support and ask for a condition that it is not permitted for residential use.

S.24/0824/HHOLD 6 Hyett Close

Erection of a rear dormer and front roof lights

The Committee agreed to object to this application as it is considered overbearing and there are concerns about privacy.

The Committee agreed to support the following applications:

S.24/0717/VAR Chartwell, Back Edge Lane, Edge

S.24/0757/VAR Fletchers Knapp, Catswood Lane

S.24/0779/AFPA Highfold, Farm House
S.24/0652/HHOLD Stroud Slad
Farmhouse, Slad Lane

S.24/0613/FUL Hogs Orchard,
Gloucester Road, Edge

S.24/0684/FUL Londis Store, St Marys
Street

S.24/0704/LBC Gyde Barn, Cheltenham
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S.24/0762/LBC Russell House, Victoria
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Further details of all applications are available on the District Council website.



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Adrian Gyde, the new Chairman of the Parish Council, receives congratulations from outgoing chairman Martin Slinger.

Foodbank Report

We were very grateful for a dry and sunny morning to collect in May! It was our first collection this year in warm sunshine. Thank you to those who came to support the Foodbank.

Our next collection will on Wednesday 12th June. Volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12 noon. Please may we ask for some of the following: Milk (UHT), fruit juice (UHT), Fray Bentos pies, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, instant coffee, crisps and nuts, biscuits, nappies (sizes 5,6,7), shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, washing up liquid and laundry liquid.

As always, if you prefer to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:
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Election Results

Painswick & Upton ward now has three Green councillors on Stroud District Council. In the election on 2nd May, each Green candidate averaged 1,302 votes, each Conservative 797 votes, each Labour candidate 240 votes and the Liberal Democrat 239 votes. The Greens did well in other parts of Stroud as well, becoming the largest political group on the Council and will form the leadership administration, working with other parties.

Cllr Luff said: "Pete, Matt and I want to thank the residents who voted for us. The three of us will work hard to repay the trust placed in us, by doing what is best for our residents, for this special place that we live in and for the District as a whole."

Residents can contact their councillors at: cldr.gary.luff@stroud.gov.uk; cldr.pete.kennedy@stroud.gov.uk; cldr.matthew.sargeant@stroud.gov.uk

There was some consolation for the Conservatives in the election for Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner held on the same day. Their candidate, Chris Nelson, held on to his position, narrowly beating the Liberal Democrat candidate, Martin Surl.

Stroud District Council Painswick & Upton ward

Gary Luff (Green Party)	1,492
Pete Kennedy (Green Party)	1,245
Matt Sargeant (Green Party)	1,171
David Castle (Conservative)	849
Tim Williams (Conservative)	807
David Lowin (Conservative)	737
Anne Snelgrove (Labour)	274
Ashley Smith (Labour)	245
Richard Osborn (Liberal Democrat)	239
Andrew Treacher (Labour)	202

Gloucestershire Police & Crime Commissioner

Chris Nelson (Conservative)	47,838
Martin Surl (Liberal Democrat)	46,352
Ashley Smith (Labour)	35,069
Matthew Randolph (Independent)	15,240

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Something for everyone

On 26th April, Ray Wilson gave a fascinating overview of industries in the Stroud area functioning during WW1 and WWII. Many of our older members recognised names and knew of relatives who had worked in some of the places mentioned.



On May 8th we enjoyed an outing by mini-bus to the Guide Dogs National Centre, near Leamington Spa. Volunteers had brought in their dogs, pure bred labradors, which are used for breeding puppies. The Centre is very well equipped and eco-friendly, with a world class breeding programme and dedicated veterinary centre. We observed some of the young dogs which had come in for assessment. They are teamed up with volunteers who train them for coping with situations faced by blind owners.

On June 7th we have Emma Alesworth talking of her experiences as a Fisheries Officer. This promises to be very interesting. Then another outing, on 21st June, this time to Nature in Art at Twigworth near Gloucester. This is a museum of art inspired by nature, which has won awards for work with children and offers adult classes in various art forms.

Going into July, on the 5th, we have a talk by Kirstie Bingham entitled: "Tudor swearing, sex & loos! As NOT seen on TV". We don't know where this is going. Why not venture forth and enjoy an afternoon with Club Members, rounded off with tea and biscuits and most important of all stimulating conversation with likeminded Members. Meetings commence at 2.30pm in the ground floor room of the Town Hall. See you soon.

Mike Kerton

Sheepscombe History Society Tea Party, Saturday 6th July

Every other year, Sheepscombe History Society invites anyone who lived in the village 60 or more years ago to a cream tea in Sheepscombe Village Hall. This year we are looking for anyone who lived in Sheepscombe up to and including 1964. The tea party will be on Saturday 6th July from 2.30 to 4.30 pm with tea served at 3.15pm.

Our first tea party was in 1981 and over the years we have enjoyed meeting many former residents, some of whom have travelled from distant parts of the world. We do wonder however, if there are people living in the Stroud area who are eligible to come but whose contact details we don't have. If you are eligible – or know anyone who is - we would

be delighted to welcome them. It's an opportunity to meet old friends! Please do get in touch with Caroline Roberts tel 01452 812786 or secretary@sheepscombehistory.org.uk
Caroline Roberts

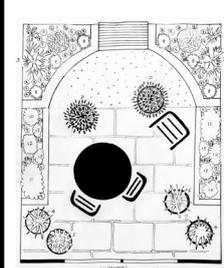
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Painswick Probus

On 8th May, Martin Gower, who has had extensive experience in administration of health boards at various hospitals, posed a question to the meeting: is the NHS a jewel in the crown or rather a patient in need of extensive therapy? After a very interesting talk the outcome of the meeting was that the answer to both is "yes".



Whilst the emergency care provided is indeed usually excellent and a jewel, elective care often is less than prompt or effective. It was thus surprising to learn that we spend as much per head on health care as do the Germans and French but far less than the Americans. It was recognised that in some NHS facilities very great improvements have been made in elective care, but this good practice can often be hard to extend to all areas of expertise. This is perhaps due to the "not invented here" attitude, and the very size of the NHS makes the dissemination of good ideas hard to achieve. The fact that only a quarter of NHS employees has any direct contact with patients exacerbates this obstacle. The best ideas are more likely to emerge from small units at the front line of the NHS rather than diktats from the top, and particularly if they come from politicians. The challenge is to nurture initiatives and embrace best practice.

Basil Butler

A kaleidoscopic quiz ... with no shades of Earl Grey

On St George's Day, Yew Trees WI celebrated Spring with a colourful quiz ingeniously crafted by President, Vicky Aspinall. Wine and nibbles added to a happy and friendly atmosphere which was mildly disturbed by the question of how many colours of tea are there! (Red Bush and Earl Grey being disallowed). The colours of the two rivers that merge at Khartoum (the Blue and White Nile) and Wally's green trousers caused less contention. Our thanks to Vicky for organising a quiz with a difference.



On the first Bank Holiday of May members enjoyed organising a cream tea in the Church Rooms which proved popular with all our customers.

On Tuesday 25th June Kirstie Bingham will give a talk entitled "Midwife, Herbalist, Surgeon, Witch". It sounds intriguing, so ladies do come along at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms.

Celia Lougher 812624

Three Counties Show Friday June 14th 2024

Painswick Probus currently have a number of spare seats on a coach for the day trip to the Three Counties Show at Malvern on Friday 14th June, leaving Stamages Lane at 9.00am and returning by 5.30 pm. <https://www.royalthreecounties.co.uk/>

Inclusive cost is £40 per person for Coach and show entry tickets. Children under 16 are very welcome at a reduced price of £20 each. Booking info to Michael.Houghton@dellfarm.co.uk and payment to Painswick Probus Club account 00817715 Code 30-98-29 or a cheque payable to Painswick Probus to Croft Orchard, Gloucester Street, Painswick GL6 6QN – Do quote name and 3C so we can book tickets for all.

Michael Houghton

Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club will be on Monday 10th June from 1.30 - 2.30pm and we will be discussing 'Ceremony of Innocence' by local author Madeleine Bunting. The author has very kindly offered to join us and we look forward to welcoming her to our meeting to answer questions about her novel. Following that we will meet again on Monday 8th July to discuss S'hrines of 'Gaiety' by popular author Kate Atkinson.



If you have not yet ventured to join us but would like to, please do come along to one of the meetings. New members are always welcome. For further information email painswick.librarybookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew

Igor Stravinsky Ballet Music

Dr David Lucas paid us a welcome return visit and presented an excellent informed talk on the ballet music of the Russian émigré composer who more than any other defined music's progression into the 20th century.



In the first session David concentrated on the ballets Firebird and Petrushka which had followed studies with Rimsky-Korsakov of Scheherzade and Flight of the Bumble Bee fame.

The second part was devoted to the infamous Rite of Spring, which at its premier under the baton of Pierre Monteux, led to riots in 1913 Paris. He explained that the genesis of the angst may have lain in the Paris insistence that all operas should contain a ballet sequence and the expectation was classical dance. The Rite choreographed by Njinsky and promoted by Diagelev was revolutionarily earthy in all respects particularly its suggestive style of dance but also scenery and costume and was as far from the ballets of Tchaikovsky, Chopin and Delibes as imaginable. It is now most often performed in the concert hall although by the 1930s was considered suitable as one of the main sections of Disney's Fantasia cartoon albeit with rather different choreography!

On May 9th with a large attendance the PMAG season came to a close with the traditional party. Reg Wrathmell presented a quiz which was won by Cathy Quant, repeating her Christmas success. There will be a rush to join her team next time. The committee is currently scheduling 2024/5 and a number of expert speakers are already booked. There will be a full performance on DVD of Holst's 'The Planets' continuing the celebration of his 150th anniversary. I am sure that many Beacon readers would enjoy the conviviality and relaxation this group provides and they should come along and give it a try at no cost. Next season will commence on September 19th: please watch this space.

Michael Grey

Winter Lectures and Trip to Norfolk

We have now come to the end of our program of fifteen winter talks. These have reflected the varied interests of our Membership from a talk about textile conservation (followed by a fascinating visit to the speaker's working studio), through the history of Stroud Workhouse, the restoration of the Cotswold Canals to, most recently, the future of nature conservation. Plus, dos and don'ts if you ever set up a bronze kiln in your garage! For reviews of our lecture series, please head to the website: <https://www.cotsnatsfield.club/p/recent-lectures.html> which also offers a page reviewing Club excursions so far this year: <https://www.cotsnatsfield.club/p/recent-events.html>



In September Club Members will have an opportunity for an exciting 5-day excursion to Norfolk (23rd-27th). This will include a visit to the Sandringham Estate, the Jacobean Blickling Estate, a trip on a paddle steamer and visits to Norwich Cathedral and Cley Nature Reserve. Full itinerary from Denise Magauran (01452 814570 denisemagauran@aol.com) or Lynne O'Farrell (01242 437754 Lynneof053@btinternet.com).

Is there somewhere you think Field Club Members would enjoy visiting, perhaps a day or half day excursion? If so, please get in touch and together we can make it happen! We need more help from our Membership if we are to continue offering a full and varied program of excursions. For further information about the Field Club, please contact Clare Woodman on CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com or visit our website <https://www.cotsnatsfield.club/> You can also follow us on FaceBook to see our latest updates.

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St. Mary's News

At the moment I would prefer to be outside enjoying the lovely warm sunshine rather than sitting in my study working. However, whichever of the two windows in my study that I look out through I see beauty. We are blessed to live in such beautiful surroundings.



As I reflect on the picturesque place we live in, my thoughts turn to the God who created this wonderful world. Around September our local churches will all be holding Harvest Celebrations, but we don't need to wait that long. You are invited to join in with our month-long 'Celebration of Creation' during June. All of our Benefice churches will be holding special events, some of which Revd Sarah, our Rector, highlighted in the May edition of the Beacon. Look at the posters, flyers, and leaflets that will be scattered (responsibly!) around our villages and churches. The events are many and varied, and should appeal to all.

During our Celebration of Creation it will also give us an opportunity to think about how we treat this wonderful world we live in. As I visit one of our local Primary Schools I can see that one of the most important issues to younger generations is the climate emergency. They learn about our planet's future, backed up by good scientific research and facts. They fear for the future, and despair about the lack of urgency that they see in Government and large corporations. The school is currently looking at changing the heating system to a more efficient one that does not rely on fossil fuels.

As a Diocese we have made a commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030, and many churches are actively researching ways in which they can reduce carbon emissions.

So, let's all enjoy the good weather and beautiful surroundings we live in, but also think about how each one of us can share in taking better care of God's wonderful Creation. May God bless you during this month of our Celebration of Creation.

Mike Campbell

Hawkwood discovered

Painswick Local History Society's annual outing in May proved to be something of a revelatory experience for most members. Hawkwood is so near yet, for most, so little is known about it. Originally named The Grove, there is evidence of buildings on site dating back to mediaeval times. A grand house with 1000 acres was constructed in the 17th century and the Capel family were the owners from later in that century. This Jacobean mansion was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1844 and was replaced by the huge Victorian Gothic house we see today. It was eventually sold by the Capel family in 1937 and renamed Hawkwood.



There is still evidence of its history, especially in the grounds which now comprise 42 acres. A sycamore tree estimated to be about 400 years old, parts of the stable block dating back to at least the Jacobean period and a recently reconstructed outhouse with mediaeval components are just three examples. In 1947 it was sold again, this time to Lily Whincop, and it was at this point that its destiny changed completely. She and her friend Margaret Bennell immediately set about changing its use from domestic to educational and it was opened officially as such on the Queen's wedding day.

For the past 75 years or so Hawkwood has enjoyed well deserved status as an outstanding arts and environmental education charity. It provides about 200 programmes every year attracting about 20,000 people and has an international reputation for excellence. The courses are very varied and very inclusive. Many well-known artists come to develop their own ideas, there are classes in a wide range of arts, creativity and therapeutic subjects and there are projects which include working with many organisations and local communities. In particular charities working with young people with problems, such as the Nelson Trust, have a strong, effective connection with Hawkwood.

This visit was very successful and much was learned about a worthwhile centre within a very short distance of Painswick. At the next meeting Howard Beard will give one of his intriguing photographic presentations revealing yet more about our local history. Tuesday 18th June, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

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A heart-rending crime

Jessica Bancroft-Livingston is passionate about the service she provides and for which she has an excellent reputation. Her business, Cotswold Animal Services, includes boarding animals and caring on a daily basis for dogs. Her understanding of each dog's needs and her ability to cater for such, especially a dog's need for walking exercise, are outstanding – she clearly loves what she does. How sad therefore to report that Jess has been the victim of a very upsetting theft.

Some time ago she was lucky enough to buy two cast stone canine statues from Kate Rich's lovely little shop in Tibbiwell for the doorstep of her house in Cheltenham Road. They were even given names, Whoops and Daisy, and Jess loved taking photographs of them with her clients' dogs next to them. She even dressed them up for Christmas which gave immense pleasure to the children passing by.

Imagine Jess's distress therefore to discover towards the end of April that her beloved statues had been stolen from the doorstep. Although not optimistic about finding them, Jess asks anyone who might have seen something, or might have footage, or might even see them being sold, to contact her. She herself has taken some steps, apart from notifying the police, such as contacting reclamation yards, local Facebook selling groups and the local newspapers.



These cast stone dogs are valuable, indeed precious, in so many senses. Above all however, they have real meaning for Jess. 'I am absolutely gutted,' she explains. 'It took me a long time to find these and I loved them so much.' If you can possibly help do get in touch with her, email cotswoldanimalservices@gmail.com or tel. 07814 955975, or contact the police incident number 400 – 27.04.24.

Carol Maxwell

Other local crimes

Two other incidents of theft have also been reported in Painswick on the 9th / 10th May, one in Hale Lane and one in Hollyhock Lane. Both incidents involved patio doors being smashed and other damage, with cash and some jewellery being stolen. If you can help, contact the police with incident number 0331 of 10/05/2024.

Painswick – so much to discover

June promises to be a lively month in Painswick with activities, music and much more - all connected to the planned celebration of nature programme. But how well do you know Painswick itself? It really is a fascinating village – actually a town – in all respects. One of the events in the celebration programme is a guided walk to take place on Wednesday, 12th June, and which promises to cover a wide range of truly interesting features of significance regarding Painswick's past and present. People, industries, buildings, legends, businesses, practices, occasions, incidents, the serious to the light-hearted, all will be revealed as the walk progresses.

Starting at 10.00am in Stamages Lane car park the route will essentially wend its way round the central area of the town to be followed by refreshments in the Church rooms from about 11.15am. If you would like to join the walk please contact Bea Hyde email beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com or tel. 07833 727701. We are fortunate to live in Painswick and an informed awareness of its many features definitely increases our appreciation of this lovely place we live in.

... and the yews

Of the many aspects which make Painswick so beautiful and attractive both to visitors and residents is the churchyard. Maintaining the area and especially the yew trees is a costly exercise. For the past few years the trees have been sponsored by individuals and groups but it is now critical to recruit a new set of sponsors if the trees are to be cared for in a way which retains their hitherto beauty. If you are interested in helping by becoming a sponsor of a tree please contact Jane Burt email burt.jane@jagin.plus.com or tel. 810935. And if you join the guided walk you can also, if you wish, give a donation towards the upkeep of the trees. Join the walk, join the sponsors – you won't be disappointed.

Carol Maxwell



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Painswick Gardening Club

At last we have been able to get out into our gardens after a very wet spring. Much of the time we have



been unable to clear the borders ready for planting because the ground has been saturated. On the 8th May we were encouraged by Reg Moule, BBC Hereford and Worcester's gardening expert. He was able to answer our questions, from how to work with peat free composts, to controlling aphids and powdery mildew. Do you need to put crocks in the bottom of your pots when planting? Reg gave clear explanations and advice to help us in our gardening.

This month, on June 12th, we are visiting Cerney House Gardens, near Cirencester. This is a secret Victorian walled garden with surrounding parkland and woodland. We hope the weather will be better.

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A successful Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks from Painswick Playgroup

As a charity Painswick playgroup relies on our fundraising through the egg hunt to run and create the best learning experience and opportunities for our children possible. We wanted to thank everyone involved in the successful running of the event. Thank you to the egg hunt organising committee who give up so much time and effort over the preceding months to ensure the day goes ahead without a hitch. Thanks to the parents and sponsors who voluntarily year after year surpass themselves with their egg decorating capabilities and help on the day running the stalls alongside our wonderful Playgroup Staff. Thanks especially to our incredibly generous sponsors, all those who donated to the amazing range of raffle prizes and to local businesses, many of which helped out on the day.

This year we were very lucky with the weather and the turn out was brilliant, the village was so busy and we sold out of cake before the end of the day! Congratulations to Hannah Barnett who won the great Painswick bake off with her towering raspberry and lemon sponge.



Pictured here with, on the left, judges Cath and Dawn, and on the right, our Vicar Sarah.

In the Junior (Under 16) bake off category, our winners were: Iris for her delicious cupcakes and Luna won the best decorated cake. Congratulations to all our lucky raffle winners too. Rector Sarah and her team of volunteers in the church also gave up their time to help sell hot drinks and biscuits and also had a kids egg colouring competition which was announced on Easter Sunday morning.

Overall, playgroup have raised over £5000 this year which allows us to carry out essential maintenance at the playgroup but also organise exciting musical and animal visitors to come into playgroup and to buy new play equipment (especially bikes and other vehicles for outdoor play and development)! Thank you so much to everyone!

Jessica Barnett



The next showing at Wick-Flix is The Miracle Club and will be on Friday 14th June 2024.

Set in 1967, The Miracle Club is a heartwarming film that follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) of Ballygar, a hard-knocks community in Dublin, who have one tantalizing dream: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes, that place of miracles that draws millions of visitors each year.

When the chance to win presents itself, the women seize it. However, just before their trip, their old friend Chrissie (Laura Linney) arrives in Ballygar for her Mother's funeral, dampening their good mood and well-laid plans. The women secure tickets and set out on the journey that they hope will change their lives, with Chrissie joining in place of her mother. The glamour and sophistication of Chrissie, who has just returned from a nearly 40-year exile in the United States, are not her only difficult traits. Old wounds are reopened along the way, forcing the women to confront their pasts even as they travel in search of a miracle. Deep wounds from the past can only be healed by the curative power of love and friendship.

Come along - doors open at 7pm. Admission £10 which includes a drink.

Ceri Chaplin

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The return of the Black Horse

The Black Horse Inn at Cranham has reopened as a community pub independently run by tenants Joe, Karina and Paul who, until the end of 2022, were responsible for the popular Waypoint at the golf club.

This famous pub in the heart of Cranham village has been saved by around 200 members of the community and all are to be congratulated. It has been fully renovated and sympathetically decorated and retains its charm dating back to the 1600s. To think that early patrons may have discussed the end of the Tudor age and the arrival of the Scottish king: Gustav Holst may have celebrated the completion, down the road, of his Christmas hymn In the Bleak Midwinter!

The writer and family enjoyed an excellent competitively priced Sunday lunch in the dog friendly bar which accommodates up to 40 people. An upstairs dining area seats a further 30. Outside there are benches and small tables.

Sunday menus included roasts and vegetarian options with weekday menus still evolving. The bar includes local ales from Stroud, Uley and Hooky breweries. The intention is to base all fare on produce drawn within a 30 mile radius.

Future plans include a B & B flat upstairs for up to 6 people and to extend the versatility of the dining area for larger gatherings. Currently opening time is 11 am from Wednesday to Sunday.

- Lunch noon until 3pm (4pm on Sundays).
- Evening meals from 6pm until 9pm (Wed to Sat).

I recommend booking by calling 01452 447174

Michael Grey



We are delighted to announce that The Painswick Baby and Toddler Group will have a new home at The Painswick Centre. Anna who runs the group has shared the following:

The group has been running many years in Painswick and it's a great opportunity to come along and meet other parents/carers and their little ones. Every week, we have plenty of toys, there is singing and of course bubbles. There is also a craft area for the children to get creative. Grown-ups can enjoy a tea or coffee. In our new home we have a huge space to be able to offer many activities for the children, as well as a garden, at the moment it needs a lot of TLC, so any volunteers that would like to help us clear this space for the children would be greatly appreciated. It would be nice, one day for the children to use the garden to experience nature and 'Grow their own'.

We would like to re instate the monthly visit from the local Health Visitors. Even if you don't wish to attend the group, you are welcome to pop along to see the Health Visitor. They offer baby weighing, as well as advice for newborns to 5 year olds. The Group is hoping to re open in June, but this is yet to be confirmed, so please keep an eye on Facebook for all updates. The group is run by volunteers, and is a great community group, so please do come along. All welcome.

£1 for children under 1 year, £3 for children over 1 per family. At The Beacon Hall, The Painswick Centre on Friday's (Term time only) 9:30-11:30. Parking available on-site.

For further information or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Anna +44 7841 450960
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Meliora Collective at St Mary's



On Saturday 11th May Painswick Music Society rounded off their 78th season of Spring concerts with a debut from the Meliora Collective. This is a creative group of young graduate musicians providing an imaginative and enthusiastic approach to chamber music. The ensemble consisted of five strings (two violins, viola, cello and double bass) with flute, oboe, horn, clarinet and bassoon



providing a rich almost orchestral sound but allowing clarity with individual instruments shining through at appropriate moments.

An early composition of Gyorgi Ligeti (1949) opened the proceedings with his 'Old Hungarian Ballroom Dances'. Immediately the rich sound from the ensemble filled the church with swirling melodies from early 19th century Hungary. These were far away from the Vienna of Johann Strauss and offered darker colours and an intriguing sound world of an era long past.

Ligeti was followed by French composer Jeanne Louise Farrenc and her Nonet op38. What a revelation this work provided with its fine structure and flowing melodies. Each instrument was given its highlight during the four movements whilst the ensemble combined effortlessly to great effect.

After the two little known but enjoyable works, the concert ended with one of the great chamber works of the 19th century, Brahms Serenade No. 1 op11. Meliora provided the almost orchestral strength that this work requires. The

sound at times presaged the development of the First Symphony with their impressive string tone filling St Mary's with wonderful Brahms colour. The individual wind instruments also played their full part in completing a memorable performance of the Serenade in the form for which it was originally written.

St Mary's audience gave an enthusiastic reception to these wonderful young players who will certainly be welcome back to Painswick. All Music lovers are invited to the Society's AGM on Saturday 9th November at 7pm in St Mary's Church rooms. A convivial evening of music and wine (no charge) will follow the AGM.

David Cutler

Songs for a Summer's Day ... and for a Summer's evening

Painswick's month-long 'Celebration of creation!' opens on Sunday 2nd June with a concert of Songs for Summer by two distinguished local musicians. The bass Andrew Hopwood and pianist Julian Elloway will perform Stanford's Songs of the Sea and Finzi's Earth and Air and Rain. in St Mary's Church at 3pm. The composer Gerald Finzi lived at Kings Mill in Painswick for a period in the 1920s.

The concert will last about an hour followed by light refreshments. Admission is free with a retiring collection.



Andrew Hopwood

On Saturday 15th June at 7pm at St. George's Church in Nailsworth, Stroud Choral Society, including Stroud Choral Youth Choir, will be performing 'Songs for a Summer evening'. Under conductors Simon Bell and Zoë Hynes, the concert will feature traditional British and American songs arranged by John Rutter and Aaron Copland, madrigals given the jazz touch by Bob Chilcott, poems set to music by Betty Roe and the familiar sounds of Simon and Garfunkel's Scarborough Fair.



Tickets are £15, or free for under 13s, available from Shiny Goodness, Nailsworth, from choir members or on the door. Online sales via Ticketsource at bit.ly/SCS15June2024

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News from Paradise

Open Day - Saturday 29th June, 1 - 4 pm

Following last year's successful Open Day, Paradise House is again preparing to open its doors! Set in the wonderful Painswick valley, Paradise House is home to adults with learning disabilities



The day will showcase Paradise House and share what we accomplish. There will be displays of art and craft, creative workshops and health & wellbeing activities. Take a walk around our beautiful grounds. Join us for a BBQ and refreshments. We are proud of Paradise endeavours and excited for the future. Paradise values being part of the Painswick community. Everybody is welcome! To register that you will be attending, please email: info@paradise-house.org.uk

NB. We are sorry, but there will be no general parking on site, please let us know if you have accessibility needs.

The Paradise Angel

In the minibus loaded high with months of creative endeavour, we waited for a blustery April shower to pass. The rain eased and we seized the opportunity to carry The Paradise Angel into Saint Mary's church Painswick, where she was displayed for Easter celebrations for all to enjoy.

Paradise residents Shelley, Rachel and Lucy helped install the angel. Taking a step back to admire their work in situ there was a sense that Spring had sprung! Adorned with daffodils, she stood serene and resplendent. "This is the most beautiful piece we have ever had on show here!" was the first of many comments of appreciation. Thus, The Paradise Angel's tour of Cotswold churches began!

The angel was made by residents of Paradise House in the Textile Studio, with craft tutor Kirstie Nayegon-Bishop. Started during lockdown, the angel is a labour of love and a shining example of what can be achieved working together. She embodies the skills of multiple hands and hours spent in a shared creative activity. The residents of Paradise are rightfully proud of their achievement. Wooden letter blocks were pressed into clay to make the overarching "AMOR ET LUX ET PAX VOBISCUM" a blessing of love, light and peace for all. Our hope is that as the angel travels the work of Paradise residents is celebrated. If you know of any venues that would like to take part in The Paradise Angel's tour, please do get in touch. takepart@paradise-house.org.uk

The angel is currently in St John the Apostle parish church of Sheepscombe, where she featured in May Day celebrations. She will soon be moving to St John the Baptist church, Pitchcombe. Please support us and visit her as she tours. Notes made in the comments book are much appreciated, we enjoy reading them out during crafting coffee breaks! Made of recycled materials, including net curtains, coffee pods and pistachio shells... How many different materials can you spot?! To find out more about Paradise House, visit our website www.paradise-house.org.uk

Art Studio Evening Classes

We wish to share our facilities at Paradise House and develop our community connections. Social, relaxed and welcoming, classes for the public will be ongoing on Monday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 pm (term time only). Learn and explore basic techniques in printmaking onto papers and textiles: collagraph, dry point, linocut, monoprint, and screen printing with paper stencils.

Art tutor, Eppie Short, will introduce and demonstrate techniques. Taking part in the class you may work on either individual or collective projects. The hope is that a relationship can develop between the work made in evening classes and the daytime projects of Paradise residents', with the potential in the future for collaboration and shared exhibitions. This will develop over time as opportunities to contribute to the local community, with printing and art works, evolve.

£6 per session, covering the cost of materials used. Refreshments will be provided. To register for the class please email Art Coordinator Eppie Short: takepart@paradise-house.org.uk



Shelley Ryan, Liz Eden, Maxine Allan and Lucy Gibson with the Paradise Angel

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Happy Cows

The cows survived the winter out on the Beacon exceptionally well this year. Last summer produced a huge amount of vegetation growth which kept them in good condition without the need of supplementary feed. So far, this year seems to be shaping up the same way, with masses of lush growth. Since returning from Cud Hill, they have grazed two paddocks and we have just moved them to a third, the newly cleared area at the Royal William end of the site. They behaved like kids in a sweet shop, not really knowing what to choose to eat but wanting to try everything. Beech leaves, hawthorn leaves, oak leaves, cow parsley, old man's beard and, oh yes, grass! My favourite was watching one of the old girls eating sticky willy (cleavers) like it was spaghetti. It is only a small paddock, just over a hectare, so they will soon be moving on to the next area of rough grass to continue the restoration grazing.



The good growing conditions should give a good showing of the earlier flowering plants. The green winged orchid site produced eighteen blooms, the most I have recorded, and the early purple orchids were plentiful too, over 200 blooms, some very big. Cowslips seem to have had a particularly good showing too. It is obvious that where the cows are grazing regularly many small seedlings could be found in the sward, germinated from previous years seed. These will mostly flower next year, further increasing the display. I have said before how much I like cowslips and seeing them proliferate shows the sward is getting healthier. Other flora and fauna will also benefit.

The vegetation monitoring project is gaining momentum. We have nineteen members on a WhatsApp group, and we have had two training sessions with our mentor, Kathy Meakin. We will soon start recording which of the twenty key plant species we find in grids of 25 x 25m, covering key areas of the Beacon. Over the years we will build up a profile of the site and be able to accurately determine the success, or otherwise, of any management plans which are implemented. It should be a very sociable thing to do. We will work in groups of two or three so that less experienced botanists may learn on the job from more experienced ones. This really is citizens' science, so, if you fancy helping do get in touch. It really is a case of "the more the merrier".

Paul Baxter. 07971 633 242

Nadia in the art studios

We are fortunate in Painswick to have an art studio accommodating a group of outstanding artists, and whose art forms are all different. The latest person to join the group is Nadia Ryzhakova whose work might be described as fluid art.

Nadia's journey to her present art form is certainly interesting. It began in Moscow with a strong academic training in applied arts, concentrated heavily on the many technical details involved although limited in nurturing artistic freedom of expression. She became somewhat disillusioned and abandoned the idea of pursuing a career in art. In 2010 she moved to London where she studied for an M.A. in cultural policy and management at City University, moving on to an administrative job in an art gallery. However, deep down she always 'had this creative craving to get back into painting'. Her time in London coincided with the start of digital art. Nadia turned her hand to that and was quickly very successful indeed, becoming quite well known. Having met and married her husband in London they moved to Gloucestershire with their two children in 2018. The Cotswolds, she explains, was a completely new experience for her - and a very lovely one. And back into her beloved painting too.



Nadia started with landscapes in oils, but decided to try to produce a more fluid medium by diluting the oil paints with turps. She further went on to use acrylic. 'I like to experiment which leads to new ways of working,' she says. 'I like the way gravity takes the fluid paint' and she is keen to show how acrylic produces organic and natural-looking images, not flat and lacking real detail. Having started as a landscape artist, Nadia has progressed into nature with childhood figures included. She describes her work as a combination of abstract and decorative with child - happy with the overall theme of childhood and nature. Do go in regularly to the art studios. Each one of the artists there is outstanding in his/her art form and we are privileged to be able to see them at work. You might even like to buy a piece of original artwork.

Carol Maxwell



Dear Residents,

On May 10th I resigned from the Conservative Party as your County Councillor. I appreciate this will be very disappointing to those who voted for me as a Conservative and continue to vote Conservative. I wish to sincerely apologise and explain that this was not a decision taken lightly. Since 2021 when elected there have been many changes. The COVID pandemic changed many aspects in our lives. I could not defend national policies on so many issues which affect the parishes that I represent, particularly those who are struggling with the cost of living, health, education and the environmental concerns.

I defected to The Green Party and will serve my Division as a Green County Councillor. I will continue to work hard on your behalf. I am happy to meet individuals who want to discuss this further. Please contact me on 01452 770928. Or susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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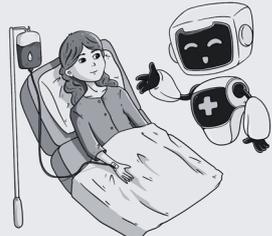
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Library News

Summer Reading / Library Challenge

As in previous years we will be running a challenge during the school summer holidays, mainly aimed at children in the 5 – 11 age bracket. We, with the County Library Service, are finalising the details of the challenge, and we will give further information next month for the start of the challenge in July.



Team Members always Needed !

We have a team of 25 or so volunteers who run the desk at the Library. Would you like to join us? Training is given on the computer system, but familiarity with computers in general is useful. Contact us on the e-mail painswicklibrary@btconnect.com, or talk to any of the volunteers when you visit.

Croc'n'Roll

Young fans of Croc'n'Roll (babies and upwards) will be delighted to hear that sessions will be taking place in Painswick Library from 2.30 to 3pm on Wednesdays June 12th, 19th and 26th. On Wednesday June 5th there will be a Storyteller to entertain pre-schoolers, from 2.30 to 3pm - a lovely introduction to the joys of reading! £1 per child for both Croc "n" Roll and Story Time (Adults free!)

Ian Cridland

High summer hopes

To my mind, there's nowhere better than high summer in our green and pleasant land. Sunny June days at Rococo are a rather special part of the year. As well as stunning surroundings to enjoy, we also have an outstanding series of events to entice you to visit during this gorgeous season.



Throughout June we will be open Wednesday to Sunday 10am until 5pm. No advance booking is needed – just turn up – but if you want to guarantee admission then you can. This is the time to see our unique Kitchen Garden in its prime with heritage vegetables and fruit all flourishing! On a hot day you can lounge in the shade and enjoy an iced coffee and locally-made ice cream from our café.

An evening event here is usually one of the most memorable of my year. This month we host two of our best-loved actors on Saturday 22nd June in "Red Sky at Sunrise". It's a delightful celebration of Laurie Lee and his work. Being a local author from the Slad Valley, we are particularly excited. Anton Lesser and Charlie Hamblett star in an evening of words and music in the magical setting of the Bowling Green. Visit rococogarden.org.uk for more information.

This is the final call for our wine tasting on Friday 7th June in partnership with Stroud Wine. It starts at 6pm and to me feels completely in the spirit of the Garden - friends, good wine and fun. There will be 35 naturally-grown wines from around the world to try accompanied by jazz from local trio Three Bop. For more details visit rococogarden.org.uk.

Our special summer ale has just been bottled and is now on sale, made exclusively for us using hops grown in the Garden. It's a limited edition crisp pale ale, ideal slightly chilled and consumed in comfort at home on a warm summer evening!

Come and rest and recharge in this beautiful space this June!

Tim Toghill, Volunteer

Book Signing in Rococo Garden

Bestselling local author Rachel Sargeant will be in Painswick Rococo Garden on Saturday 15th June to chat to visitors and sign copies of her new Gloucestershire Crime Series.

The books feature Steph Lewis of West Gloucestershire Police, a fun-loving, no-nonsense detective inspector with secrets to keep. The opening chapters of book one, Her Deadly Friend, are set in the Garden.

On the day, Rachel will be in the Bothy from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. You will not be required to purchase a ticket to meet Rachel or visit Rococo's wonderful café.



The book cover features Rococo's Exedra

The swifts return

Three swifts were spotted in the evening sky over Painswick on 12th May, six days later than their arrival last year. About a dozen parent birds left last July with their young. Maybe this month has been too cold for the insects they feed on to be plentiful. Let's hope more are on their way.

Penny Govett

Ed: by the evening of 25th May there were close to 20 swifts wheeling over the village

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A & B Teams

The North Gloucestershire Foursome League matches have now started with Painswick A team losing their first two matches but managed to get a great win over Broadway GC at home in their latest match 3.5 to 2.5. The B team have started well lying 2nd in the B team Div 1.



The mens competitions are now well under with our last years captain Harry Burke winning the County Medal competition in glorious weather.

Seniors

Unfortunately the Seniors Open on Wednesday 22nd May was cancelled due to heavy rain. A great disappointment after all the hard work getting the course into excellent condition. The revised date will be Wednesday 2nd October.

The seniors team won all three matches during the month against Cleeve Hill, Lydney, and Cotswold Hills.

We continue to entertain many guests who enjoy the course and its great condition and if you are interested in membership please do feel free to contact the club even if you are early in your golfing journey.

Chris Tatner 07788 176095

Pickleball

The new section within the Tennis Club has now started with two courts at the Recreation Ground. Taster sessions have been held with good support. It is planned to have dedicated club sessions as well as a booking system for pre-arranged games. Those interested please email Ruth Smith on ruthandtreavor@btinternet.com and for beginners there will be another taster session on Wednesday evening 5th June at 7pm with no commitment

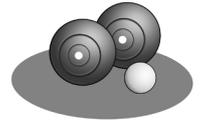


Tennis Club goes bowling

The Painswick Bowling Club held an open evening for the Tennis Club which proved to be a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks must go to Angela Follows, Joan Griffiths, Hamish and Lyndall McLean and others for trying to teach us the skills of bowling!



This was followed by a barbecue and light refreshments. The sun certainly shone on the righteous as it was a magnificent evening and some of the tennis club are now members of the bowling club!



Painswick Cricket Club

The club would like to acknowledge the sad passing of Don Hayward. Don played for the cricket club for thirty plus years starting in the late 1950s. He was one of its most loyal servants, a superb bowler and tough competitor, he rarely went for any runs and was livid if any were taken from his tight bowling. Don lived in the heart of the village, he loved the game and the club. He was awarded life membership when he retired from playing and in his later years he used to regularly ask about how the club was progressing. I am sure he would be very proud of the club nowadays, even though it wouldn't be as good as in his day! The club would like to send its condolences to all his family and friends, RIP Don.



On 4th May the firsts travelled to Wotton Bassett and won by 9 wks. Royal Wootton Bassett reached 230 for 7 and Painswick reached the target with ease, Keegan Van Rensburg 111 runs and Philippe De Roux 104 runs. On 11th May Painswick beat Avebury CC by 2 wks. Reece Morris 35 and Matt Conelly 28 provided the main runs, and on the day after, the club beat Winterbourne in the Knockout cup by 74 runs. Van Rensburg 164 and Jono Conelly 90 saw Painswick reach 333 for 4. But on 18th May the firsts lost to Cheltenham by 49 runs, Cheltenham scoring 281 and Painswick falling short on 232.

Meanwhile the seconds beat Oakridge Firsts, with Magnus Hall scoring 50 and then lost against Hatherly and Reddings by 8 wks, Andy Barnard scoring 43. The thirds beat Cam 3rds by 4 wks with top scorers Dave Nottingham 84 and Niall Galvin 67 and also beat Eastcombe 2nds with Nottingham 82 and Bruce Walker 60 leading the way.

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Jottings Farming in the 1950s and now

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Planting corn: We planted corn with an early corn drill and when it was too wet for it we had to use a fertilizer spreader towing grass chain harrows to cover up the seed. Now there are modern machines that can near enough count the seeds that are being planted. Planting other crops the machines plant the seed even down to spacing the seed the right distance apart.

Years ago you planted crops like mangel, which is like swede but related to beets and sugar beet, to feed your stock in the winter. It was planted in rows about a foot apart and when it came up you went out with a hoe, thinning the plants to a few inches apart, known as singling. We would spend many days doing this back-breaking work and at the end of the growing season pull the mangels up, cut off the tops and put them in heaps. They were covered with their leaves and when harvesting had been completed, stored in a silo. Animals were fed through the winter by cutting them up with a hand driven chipper. Now a machine pulls them up, tops them, puts them in a trailer and takes them back to store.

When it came to cutting your corn with a binder you would first go around the headland of the field and cut a path-way with a hook. This was done so that the first time round with the binder did not damage the crop and you lose some corn. The crop was collected into sheaves, bundles of grain stalks laid lengthways and tied together; then you "stook" the sheaves till you could build them up into a rick. They stayed like this until a local contractor could come round with his threshing drum to thresh it to get your corn. Now a combine harvester turns up and does all that work in one move, so days of work are now done in a couple of hours.

With hay making, first came the scythe, then a land wheel driven mower which took a long time to mow a field towed either by a horse or tractor. Then came tractor driven mowers through a power take off; rotary mowers came next. Over the years these have got bigger and bigger. So what took all day to mow 5 acres now takes less than an hour. Tractors started very small with engines of 20 to 40 horse power (hp) and as the years have gone by the average small tractor is 80 to 100 hp but a lot now are 150 to 300 hp.

Martin Slinger

Painswick Valleys Conservation Society

Our AGM on May 2nd was in two parts; a summary of planning matters addressed by the Society in the past year, followed by a fascinating illustrated talk by Sally Church, a local bee-keeper. Sally introduced us to the many varieties of bees and their relatives, including the European hornet, a gardeners friend, that inhabit our gardens. She then let us into the day to day life of the hive and the social structure of the honey bee.

We welcomed a new Chairman, Fraser Leggate, already much involved in Painswick, and sourcing trees for the Society's donation to the Rococo Garden of a large number of trees to replace losses from ash die-back. We continue to monitor planning applications which may impact upon conservation matters and be alert to issues arising from unlawful land uses, which may damage the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We comment where there are particular conservation or environmental concerns, always professionally based, in accordance with the policies within the Stroud District Local Plan.

We have liaised with the Council on unlawful works on common land, which is being acted upon by their Enforcement Team. We are seeking to ensure the new access into the Rococo Garden will be revised to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations. At present the pathway is twice the gradient allowed and impedes access for those less able. We are in correspondence with SDC Planning and our District Councillor.

Our current project is to provide an information board for St Mary's Churchyard, to highlight the listed tombs of various designs. This has been drafted and is currently being scrutinised by the Diocese. We hope that our membership will agree that we are continuing to operate in the interest of our valued local area.

Carolyn Luke, pp The Chairman

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An Exhibition not to be missed Town Hall, 6th and 7th July

Painswick has without doubt a rich and varied history ranging from the personal to the industrial, the criminal, architectural, educational, religious, horticultural, archaeological, social etc., and ongoing research continues to reveal more and more on a regular basis. The Local History Society has for some time now held a biennial exhibition and this year it will take place in the Town Hall in the first weekend in July.

Learning about the past of the place in which we live certainly helps towards developing an understanding of the present. Painswick's past is fascinating and the exhibition will present a range of subjects covering different areas of interest. The Croft School will also be displaying work of a historic nature covered by the children this year. The exhibition will be open on Saturday and Sunday, 6th and 7th July. Entry is free and refreshments will also be available. Everyone is welcome. Don't miss this opportunity to learn even more about Painswick's past.

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Community Support

FareshareGo

After a 9 month wait, we are pleased to announce that we have now been given a permanent weekly slot for collection of surplus food at Tesco in Stroud. Since registering last summer with the FareshareGo scheme, which tackles the problem of food waste from supermarkets and restaurants in the UK by donating food to local charities and community organisations, we have been collecting surplus food from local supermarkets on an ad hoc waitlist basis.

Now that we have been given a permanent slot, we will be collecting surplus, non-perishable food on a Friday evening from Tesco Stroud to make available to all villagers for collection in the porch of St. Mary's church every Saturday from 9.30am. We never know how much or exactly what we will be given - items so far have included bread, pastries, fruit and vegetables and even bunches of flowers!

This is available to all villagers to help themselves and help reduce food waste at the same time.

Volunteer Update

We have recently surveyed all of our existing volunteers to ensure we can match the type of requests we receive with their capabilities. We have also put out a Facebook post to enlist new volunteers. Currently, we have a team of 32.

Without these amazing volunteers, we would not have been able to help villagers through the Covid pandemic or provide ongoing support, including lifts to hospital, dog walking, befriending and more recently ensuring events such as Painswick Community Hub cafe, Wednesday Pop-In, Fareshare, Community Fish & Chip Suppers and Lunches all run smoothly.

We are conscious that only a few serve the many so if you would like to offer ad hoc support please do take a few moments to fill out the below questionnaire and let us know which areas you are most keen in supporting. Join the team - <https://forms.gle/EbxromXKcNoRrjU2A>

If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956 203087, email: painswickcommunity@gmail.com). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

*Delyth, Abigail, Louise & Hannah
Painswick Community Support*

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July publication date change

Please note that the publication date and copy date for the July issue of the Beacon have been brought forward by one week, to allow us to cover the candidates standing for the new 'North Cotswolds' constituency in the General Election on July 4th.

Our copy deadline is now June 16th and publication will be on June 29th.

Property Report

Properties going under offer this month include Ludloes in Gloucester Street, Stone Barrow on Tibbiwell, 17 Gyde House, 7 White Horse Lane, Wragg Castle Farm in Pitchcombe and Bramley in Cranham (all through Murrays) as well as Mount Pleasant Cottage in Vicarage Street and Cockshoot House (over towards Jacks Green) through Hamptons. The Cup House in Bisley Street has exchanged, while The Glebe in Pullens Road and Hillside in Paradise have completed.

There are relatively few new properties coming to the market in Painswick itself, although a few more in the surrounding villages. Station House in Cheltenham Road, a contemporary three bedroom property, is now available through Hamptons (£695,000) and Coombe House in Vicarage Street, a renovated Cotswold property with four bedrooms is offered by Murrays (£795,000). Apartment 11 at Richmond Village (Murrays, offers over £500,000) is an independent living apartment with 2/3 bedrooms and access to all the facilities at Richmond.

Further afield, Grey Cottage in Edge is a semi-detached cottage with character, but in need of renovation (Hamptons, £400,000) and Rose Cottage in Sheepscombe is an extended Cotswold stone cottage (Hamptons, £865,000). Murrays have Knoll Lodge at the Knoll in Cranham at £575,000, a modern detached 3 bedroom home with large garden and planning permission to extend, and Hamptons have Bopoto in Slad, an individual architect-designed single-storey house in a plot of over 2 acres with scope for improvement or redevelopment (£1,000,000).

Hamptons thank all those who joined in the Open Gardens event on 25th May, preparing their gardens with less than perfect weather over recent months. All money raised is going to the mental health charity, Mind, and it is still possible to donate at the Hamptons office or through Just Giving. Murrays are looking forward to the Painswick Ball, which they are sponsoring in June, and which promises to be quite an event.

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Personal Column

Welcome

Welcome to James and Holly who have recently moved to Hillside, Paradise.

Congratulations

To EMMA HUTCHINSON and SIMON THOMSON who were married at The Painswick on May 18th.

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

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Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am	
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am	
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am	
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm	
	Community Choir. Contact sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm	
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm	
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm	
	Painswick Singers . Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	7.30pm	
	Paradise Art Studio evening classes. Contact takepart@paradise-house.org.uk	Paradise House	6.30 - 8.30pm	
	Painswick Bootcamp. Details contact Becca Meadows 01452 451505 or info@beccameadowsnutrition.co.uk	Broadham Field Rugby Pitch	7.30 - 8.30pm	
Tuesdays	Drawing Classes in a block of six. Info from Hannah Dyson at www.hannahjdyson.co.uk or dyson_hannah@hotmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm	
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am	
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm	
Wednesdays	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am	
	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 11.00am	
	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms	6.45pm	
	Table tennis. Contact David Harris on 07453 027766.	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.00pm	
	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 info@daleypilates.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.30 - 11.30am	
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. www.lovelifeladies.co.uk	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm	
	After school art classes. Email classes@painswickcentre.com . Term time only	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm	
	Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 9.45am
		St Mary's Mums - for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers. Contact 07833 727701. Term time only	Church Rooms	9.15 - 10.45am
Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com		Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am	
Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@cloud.com		Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45am	
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		Painswick Rugby Club	9.30 - 12.30pm	
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 info@daleypilates.co.uk		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 and Zoom	9.30 - 11.00am
	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 cgsuain@btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm	
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Church Rooms	11.00 - 12.00pm	
	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am	
Sundays	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

June			
Sat	1	Painswick Beacon published	
Sun	2	Benefice Communion	St Mary's Church 11.00am
	2	Recital by Andrew Hopwood and Julian Elloway	St Mary's Church 3.00pm
Wed	5	Holy Communion	Richmond
Thurs	6	Painswick Probus: The Crown Jewels - John Gayler followed by wine	Painswick Centre 11.00 for 11.30am
Fri	7	Wine tasting evening with Stroud Wine Company. £35.00 each. Book in advance. Details rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden 6.00 - 9.00pm
	7	Friday Club: A day in the life of a fisheries officer - Emma Alesworth Enq 812942	Town Hall 2.30pm
Sun	9	Family Worship	St Mary's Church 11.00am
	9	Evensong	St Mary's Church 6.30am
Mon	10	Library Book Club	Library 1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	11	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church 9.00am
Wed	12	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 12.00pm
	12	Gardening Club: visit to Cerney House Gardens. Book in advance - 07500 820205	
Thurs	13	The Arts Society: Cash for Coronets - Mark Meredith	Painswick Centre 10.00 for 10.45am
Fri	14	Painswick Probus: Coach trip to Three Counties Show, Malvern	Stamages car park 9.00am
	14	Wickflix: The Miracle Club	Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	15	Book signing by author Rachel Sargeant (Glos. Crime Series)	Rococo Garden 10.30 - 4.00pm
Sun	16	Deadline for Beacon Copy	
	16	Father's Day - Holy Communion	St Mary's Church 11.00am
Tues	18	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church 9.00am
	18	History Society: AGM + photo presentation - Howard Beard	The Croft School 7.30pm
Wed	19	Holy Communion	Resthaven
	19	Solstice Yoga on the Bowling Green with Kate Beaty. See website rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden 7.15 - 8.45pm
Thurs	20	Painswick Probus: The iPhone - its practicality for us elders - Col. Tony Singer followed by wine	Painswick Centre 11.00 for 11.30am
Fri	21	Friday Club outing to Nature in Art Museum/Gallery. Enq 812942	Stamages car park
Sat	22	Red sky at sunrise - Laurie Lee in words and music. Book via rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden 3.30pm or 7.30pm
Sun	23	Beacon Praise + Baptism	St Mary's Church 11.00am
	23	Wood Carving workshop with Natasha Houseago. Details from www.wtscollective.co.uk	Rococo Garden 10.00 - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Tues	25	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church 9.00am
	25	Yew Trees WI: Midwife, herbalist, surgeon, witch - Kirstie Bingham	Church Rooms 7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	28	Community Hub hosted in the Auditorium	Richmond 9.30 - 11.00am
Sat	29	Painswick Beacon published	
	29	Paradise House Open Day	Paradise House 1.00 - 4.00pm

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.24/0717/VAR Chartwell, Back Edge Lane, Edge

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.23/1461/HHOLD - addition of porch and dormer windows, changes to garage level and changes to fenestration. S.24/0757/VAR Fletchers Knapp, Catswood Lane

Variation of condition 2 (plans) from S.23/0748/FUL - alteration to the siting of one agricultural building.

S.24/0779/AFP A Highfold, Farm House Formation of a new field entrance.

S.24/0762/LBC Russell House, Victoria Street

Replacement of front door.

S.24/0824/HHOLD 6 Hyett Close Erection of a rear dormer and front roof lights

S.24/0814/HHOLD 1 Gloucester Road Erection of a single storey rear infill extension

S.24/0883/HHOLD and S.24/0884/LBC Holcombe House Alterations to house, coach house, barn, pool house & landscaping.

S.24/0801/LBC Washwell House, Cheltenham Road

Installation of a kitchen.

S.24/0900/LBC Court House, Hale Lane Internal alterations to form a new open plan kitchen/dining room, including the lowering of the ground floor level.

S.24/0866/LBC Dover Cottage, Vicarage Street

Replace existing timber framed casement windows with like for like windows.

CONSENT

S.23/0407/FUL Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane

Retrospective application for a pond.

S.23/1539/HHOLD Millfields, Slad Lane Two storey side extension, cladding and render. (revised plans 06.05.2024).

S.23/1836/HHOLD Pen Y Bryn, Slad Two storey side/front extension, new outbuilding, cladding to garage (revised plans 23.04.2024).

S.24/0205/HHOLD Croft Edge, Hollyhock Lane

Erection of extensions, installation of two air source heating units, photovoltaic panels, exterior insulation, and alterations to the fenestration.

S.24/0332/FUL Butchers Arms, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe

Proposed stationing of two shepherd huts for use as holiday lets (sui generis)

S.24/0366/HHOLD Abbey Barn, Slad Lane

Replacement shed to store domestic & home working floristry items (retrospective)

S.24/0468/HHOLD Little Acre, Kemps Lane

Construction of garden store & alterations to orangery (demolition of conservatory)

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S.24/0528/CPE Beechwood, Cheltenham Road Certificate of Lawfulness to demonstrate that the site has been used as residential for a period in excess of 10 years. (Resubmission of S.23/1730/CPE)

S.24/0542/HHOLD South Gables, Cotswold Mead

Erection of two-storey rear extension with single storey element.

S.24/0597/VAR The Byre, The Park Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.23/0084/HHOLD - alterations to the design of the two storey extension.

S.24/0603/TPO Castle Godwyn, Paradise

T1. Dead Perry Pear - Remove. T2 + T3 Ash Dieback - Fell. T4 Ash Dieback - Fell.

S.24/0604/TCA Ashton House, Gloucester Street

T1. Holm Oak - Reduce height by 50%.

S.24/0779/AFP A Highfold, Farm House Formation of a new field entrance.

REFUSED

S.24/0429/HHOLD Edge Cottage, Edge Road

Erection of a two storey front and side extension.

WITHDRAWN

S.24/0516/FUL Gen. Purpose Building at Fletchers Farm, Catswood Lane

Retention of 1 No. agricultural general purpose building.

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The Verlands



Tibbiwell House

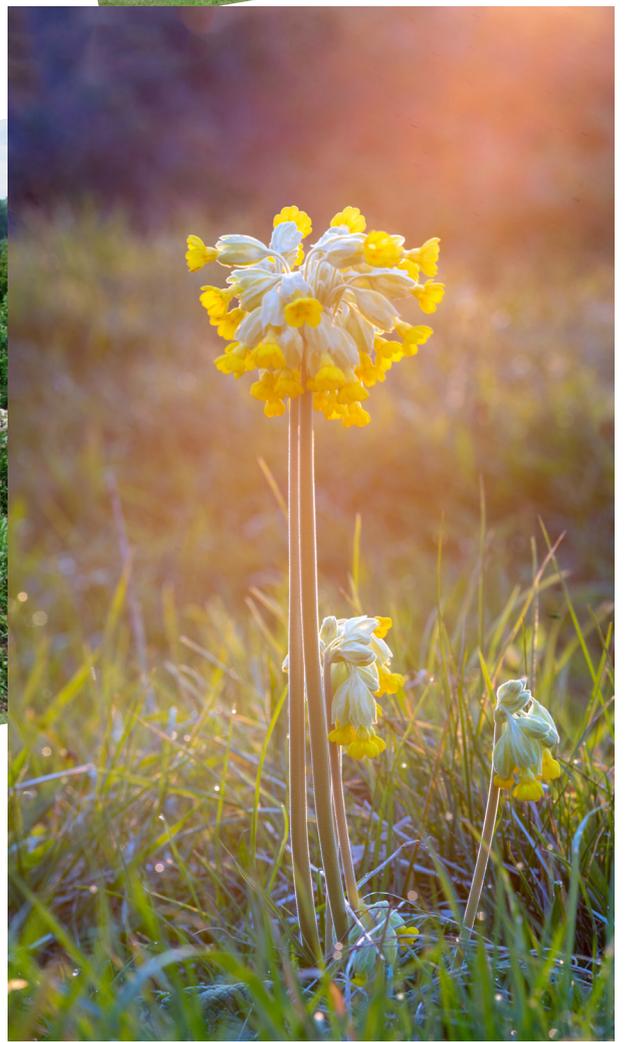


The Cloth Hall



The Churn

The rain held off and seventeen beautiful gardens were on display in the Open Gardens event on 25th May organised by Hamptons in aid of Mind, the mental health charity



This photo of cowslips on the Beacon at sunrise was taken by Pete Llewellyn