

The Painswick Beacon

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Celebrate Your Library's First Birthday!

On Wednesday June 19th Painswick Community Library will have been open for a year. Thank you to all our volunteers and customers for supporting the library in so many ways. To celebrate this milestone everyone is invited to drop in on the 19th during opening hours (10-1 and 3-6) and join us for a slice of Birthday cake and a cup of coffee. You don't need to be a member of the Library or a regular customer although we hope many of these will come. There will also be an opportunity to see what we've been doing over the past 12 months and volunteers will be on hand to show you some of the resources you may have missed or not yet had time to find. All the computers will be available if you would like to explore this particular resource.

Our next "big" occasion will be for Art Couture when the Library will be open on Sunday July 14th. Last year we had an impressive 249 visitors – maybe there will be more this year? The weekend of July 13th and 14th is the start of the Summer Reading Challenge, with a "Creepy House" theme. All the children at schools in Painswick, Sheepscombe and Cranham will learn more through their schools but all children



between four and 12 are eligible to take part. More details will be available nearer the date from the Library and in the July

Beacon. The Library is freely available to everyone but you do need a Gloucestershire library card to take out books. Recent additions include Kate Atkinson "Life after Life", William Boyd "Waiting for Sunrise", Dan Brown "Inferno", Andrea Camilleri "The Dance of the Seagull" and Elizabeth George "The Edge of Nowhere". We are open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-1 and 3-6, Saturdays 10-1 in the upper room of Painswick Town Hall. Hope you'll share our Birthday celebration but everyone is welcome at all times.

Pat Francis, Librarian

Seven – a forward move for Karen

Karen Judd, our former post mistress, is truly sorry that the Post Office had to close. "It is, after all, the reason we came to Painswick," she says sadly. Unfortunately, with the removal of many services by the Post Office and a marked decrease in customer footfall it had become unviable.

Karen is keen to bring attention to the fact that the shop, now renamed Seven (a lucky number hopefully), is in the process of expanding its stock and will add to Painswick's variety of commercial outlets. In particular, greetings cards have become a major feature and the range is much wider than previously as is the price starting from as little as 99 pence. A loyalty card is an added bonus – buy five and the sixth is free.

At present, in addition to the cards, there is a range of delightful toys, local maps and books, confectionery, candles and stationery. You can try your luck on the Lottery and there is an excellent dry-cleaning service available. The shop is now open all day on Saturdays.

Karen is still in the process of developing the stock and other items are being considered. She is keen to make the shop a successful venture which in turn can only benefit Painswick. Do go in and show your support for this newly developing business.

Carol Maxwell

Vicar of Painswick Benefice - announcement

"We are pleased to announce that, following the interviews held on May 3rd, the next Vicar of the Painswick Benefice will be the Reverend Mike Holloway. He will be instituted and inducted by Bishop Michael in St Mary's Church on the 3rd of September at 7pm. Mike is currently the Team Vicar in the Benefice of Bishop's Cleeve and Woolstone with Gotherington and Oxenton, just the other side of Cheltenham, where he has been for nearly six years. Prior to this he was a physics secondary school teacher in Hampshire and a non-stipendiary priest. Mike is married to Margaret and they



have two grown up sons. Mike's interests include astronomy, bell-ringing (but I'm only a learner!) and folk music.

Mike and Margaret are looking forward to moving to Painswick and getting to know the people in all the communities of the Beacon benefice. He told us, 'I'm really excited by the prospect of ministering among you and helping you in showing that the kingdom of God really has drawn near. Please pray for us as we make preparations for our move to join you. I shall certainly be praying for you over the next few months.'

*David Bishop and
Frances Radway,
Churchwardens*

On other pages this month: Club Pulse, Return of the Victorians, Sports reports, Painswick in Bloom 2013, Village agents, a summer of discovery, Croft School news, Painswick summer ball, the Enaikishomi School in Kenya, Painswick Art Festival, stained glass workshop, local history teaser, Bob's Arctic convoy medal...

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 15th May by Mike Kerton

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

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office.



ANNUAL REPORT

It was a great shame that with our local MP, Neil Carmichael present, only five members of the public attended this annual review of the work undertaken by our Parish Council. A copy of the Councils report was included in the May edition of The Beacon.

Concern was raised by a member of the public over the effectiveness of the 20 mph speed limit through the centre of the village. Councillor Rob Lewis, Chairman of the Traffic Committee, explained that the Council had decided to take part in an initiative run by the Police to set up a voluntary speed check group. Full details would be published in the May edition of The Beacon. Volunteers were needed to operate the scheme.

Neil Carmichael was questioned about both the closure of the Post Office and the decommissioning of the Tibbiwell Post Box. He confirmed that he had received assurances from the Post Office Ltd that there will be another Post Office in the village once suitable premises had been identified. Currently two businesses had approached Post Offices Ltd but unfortunately it would be a least six months before a new office opened. A strong letter of complaint has been sent regarding the Tibbiwell Post Box.

Retiring County Councillor Joan Nash thanked the Council for their support during her twelve years as a County Councillor. For the past thirty eight years she has represented the local community as a Parish Councillor, District Councillor and latterly as a County Councillor. Chairman Martin Slinger thanked her for her hard work on behalf of both the local Council and community, presented her with a bouquet of flowers and wished her a happy retirement.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Less than 50% of Councillors (five only) were present for the committee meeting. Before the meeting began a member of the public asked the committee to clarify its attitude towards change of use applications to turn retail premises to domestic dwellings. Councillor Rob Lewis, Chairman, stated that this would be discussed by the committee as per the Agenda.

Catbrain Quarry

The Committee Chairman still has to arrange to visit the site and will report following his visit.

Matters requiring a decision.

There were four matters requiring a decision, two relating to Kingsley Cottage, Victoria Street where there was an application for a change of use from a defunct tea room to a single domestic dwelling. Although the Council had supported the original application in 2006

on this occasion they had been unable gain access to the premises. The final agreement was "No decision as they were unable to obtain access to the premises". Each application for a change of use would be carefully considered by the Council. It was agreed to support the two other applications, one by a majority vote.

Concern was expressed by the Chairman that a wooden fence had been erected on top of the wall at the Court House despite objections from the Council and members of the local community. The Stroud District Councils Enforcement Officer has visited the premises.

An advertising sign on the A46, erected by Richmond Village had now been removed following objections from the Council.

PARISH COUNCIL

Although this was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, when both the Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected by Councillors, only six out of eleven Councillors were present. There is currently one vacancy.

A member of the public raised a question about the "Marketing of Painswick". He understood that this was now the responsibility of "Painswick Matters" and he was concerned about the perceived lack of action. Councillor Rob Lewis, who is also a member of "Painswick Matters", responded strongly by saying that the new Saturday Community Market which had been started by Councillor Anne Smith, as part of the Mary Portas High Street initiative, had been taken over by "Painswick Matters". This was one example of the action that was being taken.

Chairman Martin Slinger opened the Meeting and asked that all present rise and observe a period of silence in memory of the late Derek Hodges who had been a member of the Council.

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, then assumed the Chair for the election of the Chairman. There were two nominations for Chairman, Councillors Martin Slinger and Caroline White. Councillor Martin Slinger was duly elected. Councillor Martin Slinger then reclaimed the Chair and sought nominations for position of Vice Chair. Councillor Caroline White was nominated and duly elected.

There were then nominations and votes for the Chairman of various Committees. All were unopposed and the following were elected:

- Finance and General Purposes Committee – Ian James
- Rural Environment - Ann Daniels
- Planning – Rob Lewis
- Traffic – Rob Lewis
- Land and Buildings – Caroline White

Matters Arising

Councillor Caroline White reported that work on the Youth Club project was still

continuing. There had been a meeting with the Architects and the contract would be sent out for tender by the end of June. The Clerk confirmed that he had heard from Post Office Ltd that they now had one firm expression of interest from a local business to take over the running of the Post Office. Providing the premises are suitable they expect the new Post Office to be open in the next 4/5 months. Post Office Ltd have stated that they are unable to assist with the provision of a mobile Post Office but the Council will again seek assistance from the local MP. Caroline White confirmed that the draft Parish Plan was out for public consultation. The plan would be presented to the Council at its June meeting.

St Mary's Street Toilets

Councillor Caroline White updated the meeting on the present position. There was a need for public toilets in the centre of the village. A meeting had been held with The Painswick Centre to see if there toilets could be made available to the public and the Council were considering the use of the toilets in the Town Hall. Once a decision has been made by the Centre then the matter will be put out for public consultation in June. No decision regarding the future of the St Mary's toilets will be made by the Council until after the public consultation.

Responsible Financial Officer Report (RFO)

Roy Balgobin as RFO reported to the Council that the Auditor had designed an integrated spread sheet for use by the Council.

The Council agreed the following budgeted funding requests:

- £1000 towards the upkeep of St Mary's Church Yard.
- £333 towards the upkeep of Edge Church Yard.

The Council adopted their accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2013 and completed the Annual Governance Statement for the same year.

Ward Reports

Councillor Rob Lewis advised the meeting that a request had been made to Stroud District Council by parents who parked in the Stamages Lane car park and walked their children to school that car parking charges be suspended until 09.30. A similar scheme was already operating in Stonehouse. It would reduce the current congestion at the school. The pupils were designing a "badge" for their parents to display on the dashboard of their cars.

Rob Lewis also reported that following the article in The Beacon that six people had volunteered to be part of the "voluntary speed group". He was waiting to meet with a Sergeant from the Stroud Police Station to discuss how to operate the scheme.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

County Council Elections

Painswick Parish Councillor Jason Bullingham was elected as the County Councillor for the Bisley and Painswick Division at the four-yearly elections held on Thursday 2nd May.

Results

Anne Bonallack, Green Party, 938
Jason Bullingham, Conservative, 1500
Sheila McGrath, Labour, 456
Daniel Murch, Liberal Democrat, 145
Duncan Richardson, UKIP, 625
The number of votes cast was 3654. The total electorate, 9348.



At the County Council meeting on 15th May it emerged that, because no party had an overall majority, the Conservative Group would form a minority administration. The previous Council Leader Councillor Mark Hawthorne, was elected Leader of the new administration. Councillor Tony Hicks, was elected as Chairman of the Council with Councillor Philip Awford becoming Vice-Chairman.

Badger culling

At the Council meeting a motion was tabled which read:

The Council notes the serious and damaging animal welfare and economic impact that Bovine TB has on the farming community. This Council also notes that Government's 'solution' to bTB is shooting large numbers of free running badgers at night; a proposal that has met fierce criticism from the public, eminent scientists and animal welfare charities. This Council is concerned that the Government has ignored public, parliamentary and scientific opinion by ploughing ahead with badger cull this summer in a cruel and ineffective attempt to tackle bTB. The Council believes that Government would better serve the farming community by investing money in vaccinations for badgers and cattle and encourage farmers to improve bio-security in order to achieve the long-term eradication of the disease in livestock.

The Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs to:

- Highlight the Council's concern about the practicalities as well as the welfare implications of the current proposed cull.
- Object to the cull taking place on Council owned land.
- Call on the Government to seek alternative methods to tackle the problem of bTB.

The motion was passed by 25 votes to 20 with 7 abstentions.

Parish of Painswick (Painswick Ward)

Casual Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Painswick (Painswick Ward).

Applications are invited to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council (Painswick Ward), applicants must be over the age of 18 years. Applicants are requested to apply in writing, including a Curriculum Vitae (CV) to the Parish Clerk, The Town Hall, Painswick Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 6QA by noon on Tuesday 18th June 2013. If you require further information please contact the Parish Clerk on 01452 812722.

Dated this .27th.day of May 2013

Roy Balgobin
Clerk

Painswick in Bloom 2013

Painswick Horticultural Society



Painswick Horticultural Society is very keen for individuals and businesses to get behind Painswick in Bloom '13 and make Painswick even prettier than it already is. The competition is free to join and covers all plantings in any type of container or hanging basket; you can be as inventive or traditional as you wish – the only condition is that they need to be viewed from the road.

The judging for the competition will take place at the end of July or early August and the part of the village to be judged will be the central area, the boundaries of which were shown in the May issue of the Beacon. However, if you fall outside of this area and would love to take part, please just call me on 01452 814115 before the 28th of June.

As in previous years, there is one class for residents and one for businesses with the winner of each class being presented with the Society's silver trophy. To encourage greater participation, no winner in either class will be awarded first place in consecutive years. The results of the competition will be announced in the September edition of the Beacon. Why not have a go!

Caroline Bodington

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The following items are from the 13th May Newsletter from Head Teacher Ceris Towler to parents.



Letters

Richmond Bake-off

The winners of the Croft bake-off competition were invited by Richmond Village to recreate their winning cakes as part of the events to raise awareness and funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Croft bakers did extremely well and yet again produced some amazing cakes. The judges had to pick a winner who was Flo Cross in Year 4. She created a fantastic maypole to celebrate the fact that it was May Day. Flo was then invited back to Richmond to meet Dame Janet Trotter and talk to journalists who covered the event. Well done to her and all the competitors. The staff commented that the way they behaved and their baking skills were a credit to the school.

Court Reporter

Well done to Molly Reeve who won the court reporter award having taken part in the mock trial last term. This was a great accolade as there were 28 reporters who competed. Many congratulations to Molly.

Cheltenham Music Festival

Congratulations to Joe Hill who took part in the Cheltenham Music Festival recently. He entered two piano categories, coming third in one and winning the other with an amazing score of 98!

Darcy Lynall

Congratulations also to Darcy Lynall who performed in The Sound of Music in Dursley. She auditioned and was selected for the part of Brigitta, one of the children, and has taken part in three performances.

Bob's Arctic Convoy Medal

During World War II the Arctic Convoys undertook "the worst journey in the world" according to Winston Churchill. However, without them it is unlikely that the Allies would have succeeded in eventually defeating Hitler's army at the Russian front. It is, therefore, very appropriate that the seamen who braved that perilous voyage should be given recognition for their bravery, even though it is 70 years later.

Bob Watkin was conscripted into the navy and in 1943 sailed twice with the Convoy. He celebrated his 20th birthday on board. He is one of fewer than 200 members still surviving and on 24 May he was presented with the Arctic Convoy Medal by MP, Neil Carmichael, during a proud ceremony held in his honour at Richmond Retirement Village. The convoys transported much-needed ammunition, provisions and food through the freezing Arctic waters to Russia from 1941-1945. The journey lasted for eight days each way and Bob's convoy carried planes. It was both vital in the push to victory and incredibly dangerous with constant attacks from German planes and U-Boats. Overall, 2000 men lost their lives.

Bob was recommended for a commission and was subsequently posted to the Far East. His time with the Arctic Convoy is, of course, a vivid memory even after all these years. It is certainly a mission in which he can be very proud to have taken part and the presentation of the medal is a well-deserved acknowledgement of his achievement.



Carol Maxwell

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

Catbrain Quarry

Richard Falconer RIBA writes:

Why should it be necessary to grow bushes round Catbrain Quarry, which has already been changed to a neat industrial estate with incongruous walls? An appreciation of the beauty of our valley should include the rich history of industry that provided it. If only real local stone was still used, instead of that odd crystalline material from Stow, or reconstructed stone, a literal rather than an aesthetic material. The old quarries were infilled in the 50s to remove 'eyesores'. The quarry on the A46 past Cranham was a dramatic feature, but sadly most of it is now lost to trees.

We recently excavated an underground swimming pool at Syde. Some of the stone has even ended up in a wall off New Street. Please celebrate all our heritage, including our magnificent quarries.

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Gloucesters on the Beacon

At last, after some false starts, we have five Gloucester heifers grazing in the paddock on the South face of the Hill Fort, beside the Cotswold Trail. We trust that Jenny, Elsbeth, Daisy, Vert and Marmalade will enjoy their new surroundings and Painswick grass. Please enjoy looking at them, and reporting if you see anything amiss. Contact numbers are displayed on the fence notices. Sadly there has been some meddling with fencing and water supply already

David Allott, Chairman, Painswick Beacon Conservation Group 812624



A noble Painswick tradition

June 2013 is a timely occasion to recall a tradition which endured in Painswick, albeit with great dignity, for some fifty years. On the evening of the Queen's coronation, 2nd June, 1953, after the bonfire and the celebrations, a group of Painswick men raised their glasses to Her Majesty in The Falcon. They felt that the day had been part of what would become a significant point in history. With this in mind, they decided to repeat the toast every year on 2nd June and thus the tradition was born.

The Honourable Painswick Guild of Loyal Toast Drinkers, with a founding group of 26 members, whose signatures appear on a document beautifully drawn up by George Brotherton, subsequently met up for a celebratory dinner and a toast in The Falcon every year until 1963. A constitution was produced and each year a letter was sent to Buckingham Palace informing the Queen of their loyalty. There was always a reply.

The practice was resumed in 1973 and included celebrations of other significant royal occasions in addition to the Coronation anniversaries. New members joined. Eventually, the decision was made to bring it to a close in 2003, 50 years after the Coronation, because there were no founder members left. George Brotherton had been the Master and when he died David Archard, who had been the scribe, took over the role. David had become involved in 1973. He explains that the meetings were always very joyful occasions but simultaneously serious in their intention and meaning. One year the BBC even broadcast the Guild's activities on the worldwide network. Although there are no longer any meetings David nevertheless

still flies the Union flag at the war memorial ground every year.

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Queen's coronation it is an appropriate time to remind ourselves of this very honourable erstwhile Painswick tradition and to ponder the notion that it may even have been unique.

Carol Maxwell



PMAG Members Blow the Horn

Painswick Music Appreciation Group, meeting at Richmond Village, enjoyed an unusual presentation by a real, live, professional musician, Kelly Haines, who brought along her instrument, the Horn; previously known as the French Horn, the first thing we learnt was that this is now properly known as the Horn since the French stopped hunting with it!



We had much more of the origins, history and construction of the Horn -- for example, a modern double Horn has 25 feet or so of tubing and we were invited to blow down 25 feet of garden hose pipe to prove that even this can produce a sound -- we then progressed to blowing the real thing, though with limited success (John Herbert winning this little contest).

And have you ever heard of a bumper in the orchestra Horn section -- an assistant hired to relieve the First Horn of the longer boring passages, leaving him/her fresh to show off in the flashy parts!

Kelly concluded by playing short excerpts of famous music to demonstrate the fine points of this famous and wonderful instrument -- hopefully we didn't awaken the Richmond Residents.

Stewart Price

Rubbish collection

The annual collection of rubbish on Painswick Beacon took place on Sunday 12th May. Those who volunteered for collection duties were, Peter and Jane Rowe, Mike Steed, David Bishop, David Little, John Barrus, Lilla McGrory and Charlie Morgan. Peter, who organises the collection, told the Beacon that the amount of rubbish was less than in previous years. That said, our photo shows some of the team behind a very considerable amount of waste material. The material included, some 13 black plastic bags full of rubbish, one kitchen surface, one heavyweight door, 8-10 rolls of carpet, 1 cathode ray computer screen, a cast iron pipe, and one wooden fence post which has been recycled.



Painswick - Back to Life

Brian Nunez of Olivas Delicatessen has written to the Beacon with his comments about the report published in the February issue.

He says that he feels he has to respond to the article which related to the feedback to a questionnaire which asked for ideas and suggestions that might ensure Painswick, the Queen of the Cotswolds, became more attractive. Mr Nunez says, "first of all, I would like to say that I thought the questionnaire was a great idea. In fact we took an active part in this survey. We sponsored the survey and were happy to give out the forms to our customers. Anyone who loves Painswick, who lives here or has a business based in the town would want to do everything we can to make sure it has a vibrant future. I was however surprised to read that many people pointed out that a 'Good' tea/coffee shop was necessary for Painswick to flourish. Published comments like this give the wrong image of Painswick to the readers of the Beacon and threaten the hard work of all who try to raise the town's profile

Perhaps not enough local people know about Olivas and what we already offer here on your doorstep. People come from miles away for our tea and coffee and cakes. In fact, I quote some recent comments on trip advisor: 'Great for coffee and cake: Stopped by for coffee and cake after walking some of the Cotswold Way. Getting a good decaf coffee can be hard but this one was excellent. Had the fig & almond cake which was both original and very tasty. The apple torte is like an apple pie but with more flavour and packed with fruit - very yummy.' and another: 'Great hot chocolate: We had coffee and hot chocolate here, and it was lovely, very warm welcome, and the food on offer looked and smelled wonderful, will definitely be going here again!'

In our first year of trading we won the Cotswold Life Retailer of the Year Award helping to put Painswick on the map. Olivas is now in its seventh year flourishing despite the lasting closure of the A46 after the floods and the economic down turn in 2008. As a small business we have supported local activities including the Painswick players, harvest lunch, clipping service, Painswick Centre Calendar and Wearable Art now known as Art Couture. We are well known outside Painswick with many people travelling miles to get here and visiting us time after time. We are also very well supported by many local people. We would love to see even more local support and our doors are always open to welcome you. I'm sure that we could also have a butcher (although we already have a local meat supplier on the A46), a baker, (although we already have such supplying through Olivas) and a greengrocer (that we also have in the form of the One Stop).

We should be using and spreading the word about the excellent local amenities that already exist. All of our local businesses need local support to thrive and survive.!"

Brian Nunez, Olivas Delicatessen

Review of Painswick Music Society Concert 4th April



For its final concert of the 2013 season the society joined forces with the Finzi Friends for a concert of English songs, most by composers with local connections: Finzi, who lived in Painswick in the 1920s, Delius, who once worked in Stroud for his family's wool business, two Delius proteges, Peter Warlock and Charles Orr whose years in Painswick are commemorated by a blue plaque and John Sanders, well remembered as Gloucester Cathedrals organist, the only outsider being Roger Quilter. The whole programme was magnificently sung by Mark Stone accompanied by Simon Lepper and Mark also provided a welcome set of programme notes.

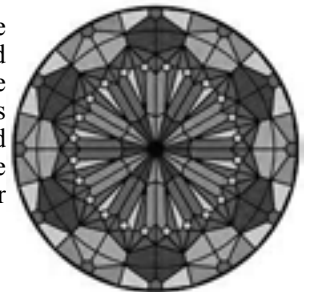
For many of us this was an eye-opener. After opening with Quilters setting of Drink to me only we had settings of ten of Hardy's poems by Finzi: Rollicum- Rollicum the pick of the bunch and The Clock of the Years a weepie to drown us all but that's Thomas Hardy for you. Three pleasant Gloucestershire pieces by John Sanders jokingly described by Mark as Advertisements for the Tourist Board led to Quilters setting of Barbara Allen an enjoyable singing lesson for us amateurs who can often learn from the Society's events. A tuneful piece by Warlock and Three Norwegian Songs by Delius brought our local boy, Charles Orr's setting of seven songs from Housmans Shropshire Lad (which Housman said described a land of lost content) was like everything in the programme beautifully done but again seriously gloomy. Finally Warlock's setting of John Masefield's drinking song usually called the old bold mate of Henry Morgan and two encore pieces by the American satirist Tom Lehrer cheered us up and brought the house down.

John Parfitt



Stained Glass Workshops

Claire Nayegon writes to advise that the workshops have resumed on the Beacon for the Summer. The workshops cater for all abilities on Sundays 10am to 12pm and Thursdays 7pm to 9pm. For more information call 07900 606234 or visit www.happypotter.co.uk



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A Summer of Discovery

The Field Club's next evening lecture takes place on Wednesday 5th June when we are privileged to have a lecture on Fungi given by Dave Shorten before he moves to France later this year. Dave has just retired from being Chairman of the Cotswold Fungi Group and he will share some of his extensive knowledge of the subject, including the British species of the Scarlet Elfcup (pictured). Refreshments are served from 7pm, the talk starts at 7.30 pm and non-members are welcome (£3).



A glance at the Painswick Beacon's Village Diary reveals two further excursions in the Field Club's programme: a trip to Bletchley Park on Tuesday,



23rd July organised by Jane & Robert Mann to see the historic home of WWII code-breaking activities and of Colossus, the world's first computer. (For booking details tel. 01453 872243). This is followed by a visit to the Blaenavon World Heritage Site and Big Pit on Tuesday 6th August organised by Patrick Ridgwell. The landscape and buildings of Blaenavon reflect the changes wrought during the early days of the Industrial Revolution when the iron and coal mining industries of South Wales were of global importance. It's a

fascinating and evocative place to visit and for more details tel. 813230. There are still seats available on the coaches for these tours (both departing from Stamages Lane Car Park) and non-members will be most welcome to join us.

Finally, if you are interested in the landscape and geology of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, why not join us for our trip (car-sharing) on Friday 7th June, leaving approx. 9am? Please contact me for further details (also for membership, the cost of which is now reduced for the rest of the year).

Jane Rowe, tel. 813228

GP Patient Survey

In the May newsletter to patients, attention is drawn to the results of the 'GP Patient Survey' sent directly to some patients from the Department of Health. 55% of patients who received a survey responded. Practice Manager, Nicola Hayward, writes that she thought it might be of interest to know some of the results which have just been made available. "84% of patients felt our opening times were convenient. Unfortunately, funding for extended hours (holding surgeries outside of normal surgery sessions) has been withdrawn from the Primary Care Trust. 94% of patients felt it was easier to get through on the telephone – and this is reassuring as we have six incoming lines available to patients. 91% of patients felt the receptionists were helpful – this is really lovely to hear especially as we are working under such huge pressures at the moment and it can get very stressful! 65% of respondents would recommend the practice who had just moved to the area with 95% being very happy with the overall care from the practice. The full table of results can be viewed at:

www.gp-patient.co.uk. The surgery code to find us is: L84025."


The PVCS held its 2013 AGM on 30th April after which a talk was given by



Chris Short of the University of Gloucestershire on the subject of Landscape-scale Conservation. He explained in his very interesting and thought provoking talk that this introduced a step-change in Government policy in which there had been a change of focus towards bringing together multiple interest groups in conservation issues affecting, for example, flora and fauna over the whole of the Cotswolds or a river catchment area. He placed considerable emphasis upon the collaborative working of special interest groups and agencies.

This was not a million miles from what Chairman Paul Castle described as the Society's practice in its own actions, but on a much smaller scale, when supporting the successful objections to development proposals at Wades Farm and Baxter's Field in the Slad Valley and off Tibbiwell Lane. The work of the Committee is in fact surprisingly wide ranging. Major strategic issues of the District Council are examined and commented on whilst, as a matter of routine, all local Planning Applications are scrutinised for conservation issues and a watching brief is maintained on changes to Listed Buildings. Much attention had been given during the year to helping the Old Library, Grade I Listed, on its way to better days by assisting the Church Rooms Committee in planning a new gateway path into the churchyard from the car park, and by caring for The Lychgate, which will soon be evident. These are brief glimpses into what the Society has been doing and the well attended meeting expressed itself well satisfied with the work of the Committee and the actions it was pursuing by re-electing it en bloc for a further year. He was pleased to tell the meeting that the Committee had recently been strengthened by the addition of David Hudson representing CPRE as replacement for Dr. Dick Jarratt who had filled that role for many years, and also Barbara Tate who had been welcomed as a co-opted member.

Maurice Maggs



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My Life as a Vet - Richard Aspinall



At our April meeting we were treated to a 'Surprise' evening with an overall St George's Day theme. Everyone arrived wearing something in red and very cheerful we all looked despite the continuing cold weather. During the evening we ate a range of British delicacies such as fairy cakes, sausages on sticks and minuscule Yorkshire puddings filled with tender roast beef and horseradish sauce and the increasing volume of noise attested to the fact that we were drinking large glasses of Pimms!

The highlight of the evening was a talk by Richard Aspinall who, luckily for him, was able to speak before the alcohol took effect! Richard, a local vet from AAS Vets in Gloucester, told us of his early training, how he met his wife at university and how, after working in several practices in Norfolk and Sussex, he set up his 'plate' in Cromwell Street next door to the notorious Fred West – yes, he was a client and had a longhaired cat called 'Topper'. At that time vets were not allowed to advertise so Richard made clients aware of his practice by driving a mobile surgery around the city, covering his practice in flamboyant window boxes, becoming the Severn Sound vet and by setting up a branch practice in Painswick. Eventually, after a few years Richard had acquired two partners, John Auld and Chris Clarkson (both now residents of Painswick) and the practice was successful enough to leave Cromwell Street and move to a purpose-built surgery in Abbeydale. The practice also has branches in Quedgeley, Stroud and Hucclecote.

Richard went on to explain how veterinary practice has changed in the last thirty years using examples of x-rays, ultrasound images and illustrated stories of various notable patients. The increase in technology particularly aroused our interest as many of us did not know that although ultrasound is used on animals, MRI scans are becoming much more common although most practices rely on referral practices to provide the mechanism to perform them. It is also quite common for dogs, particularly of large breeds such as Labradors, to have hip replacements and Richard even showed us an x-ray of a dog fitted with a heart pacemaker. The most significant change is the increasing proportion of women entering the profession. Thirty years ago the profession comprised 20% women and 80% men; nowadays it is the other way around – a change that is reflected in the medical profession as well.

I think it would be true to say that we all enjoyed our 'Surprise' and returned home with smiles on our faces wishing that St George's Day was celebrated much more often.

Maggie Drake

Painswick Arts Festival

This summer, Painswick is once again host to a whole range of artistic endeavour, with a full programme of cultural activities to entertain and engage you. The festival opens with the celebrated Art Couture Painswick event on the 14th July and continues through July up to and including the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Welcome to six weeks of artistic events in which you and all family members can either take part in or simply visit and enjoy.

Watch out for two new events -

- Firstly a '**Photography Competition and Exhibition**' in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre.

Opening Sunday 4th August at 2.00 pm through until Sunday 11th August. The Competition is open to all including Juniors (under 16 yrs.), adult amateurs and professionals alike.

It is not too late to enter, forms and details can be found in the front lobby of the Painswick Centre or enquire at painswickartsfestival@mail.com

Prizegiving - Sunday 11th August at 4.00 p.m.

- Secondly is the new '**Painswick Art Fair**', also in the Painswick Centre, Beacon Hall which will be open daily from

Wed 21st Aug to Mon 26th August. An indoor market of Artists Stalls displaying and selling a wide range of high quality Art at an affordable price. There are still a few spaces available so if you would like a stall please contact us at painswickartsfestival@mail.com for more details as soon as possible. Don't miss our Lecture / Demonstrations including '**Painting Portraits**' by award winning artist **Mike Skidmore** and '**Looking at Art**' by NADFAS lecturer **Lynne Gibson**. From the 1st August and into September the **Rococo Garden** will stage its annual **Art in The Garden Exhibition**, This award winning sculpture exhibition attracts many renowned artists and will be holding other special events alongside. Look out for details. The '**Gloucestershire Society of Artists**' and the '**Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen**' will both be holding top quality Summer Exhibitions as part of the Festival this year.

Local artists, both amateur and professional, will be holding high quality individual and group exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops throughout the festival including the following: Japanese Embroidery, Ceramics, Paintings of all media, Photography, Bookbinding, Paper Sculpture, Botanical Art, Calligraphy and a Summer Singing workshop with Sophie Sterckx.

IS THERE ANYTHING FOR THE CHILDREN TO DO IN THE HOLIDAYS?

Yes! Two great new activities for children include: -

1. Five days of workshops to '**ANIMATE A FILM IN A DAY**'. Targeted at children from 7 years and upwards and led by experienced writer, animator and director **Andy Symanowski** whose credits include '**Wallace & Grommit**', and '**Shaun the Sheep**' no less! Children will animate their own short film in small groups using plasticine, cutout or pixilation'. Every day will be different with a new film being made so children welcome for 1 day or all 5 days. Running daily from Mon 22nd to Friday 27th July. Places are limited so reserve a place early by contacting Andy at trickfilmanimation@hotmail.com

2. '**BALLYHOO**' We are also presenting a three-day musical theatre workshop for children aged 5 years and over. From Tuesday 30th July to Thursday 1st August in the Painswick Centre.

Judie and Heidi, who have performed extensively in the West End and on Broadway will be running this children's workshop where they will be able to have fun whilst learning to sing, dance and act. Both boys and girls will enjoy this high energy workshop that will be exploring the ideas of a popular new children's musical currently in the West End. For more details, prices and reservations please contact:

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Sue Ryder 60th anniversary vintage tea party



Members of the Painswick Sue Ryder fundraising group will be holding a vintage tea party on 6th July in aid of Sue Ryder – Leckhampton Court Hospice to help celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of Sue Ryder. The group of volunteers led by Ann Williams will transport attendees back to 1953, the founding year of the charity, with the help of bunting, balloons, and lashings of strawberries and cream, to create an atmosphere straight out of “Call the midwife”.

The “Sue Ryder Foundation and Forgotten Allies Trust” as the charity was initially called was founded in Cavendish, Suffolk, by its founder, Lady Ryder of Warsaw in her mother’s home in the village. The charity was to be a “living memorial” to recount the huge loss of life and terrible sacrifices made by ordinary people across Europe during the Second World War. Over time Lady Ryder’s tireless work would lead



to a charity firmly rooted in the United Kingdom, but one that would have a global reach, with sister charities today working in Poland, Czech Republic, Ireland, Albania, Malawi, and elsewhere. Lady Ryder sadly died in 2000, but her values and spirit continue to live on in the care provided by the organisation to the present day, and tens of thousands of local people have supported the vital work of the charity in Gloucestershire since the opening of Leckhampton Court Hospice near Cheltenham in 1980.

The vintage tea party will be held at the Church Rooms from 2pm and will feature period entertainment, and for an entrance fee of £5 will offer delicious strawberries and cream, cake and a cup of tea. We would also welcome any contributions local people would like to make in terms of their memories, pictures, meetings with Lady Ryder, and other historical artefacts related to the 60 years Sue Ryder has been operational. Proceeds from this event will go to support local people from across Gloucestershire at Sue Ryder – Leckhampton Court Hospice. The hospice supports people living with life-limiting and life-changing illnesses and is the only in-patient hospice in the county, offering a variety of specialist in-patient and day patient care, and a hospice at home service.

For more information about the hospice and the incredible care Sue Ryder provides visit www.sueryder.org

We would love to see as many people from across the community of Painswick as possible to help us celebrate this important milestone for Sue Ryder, and if you would like more information and tickets please call Ann Williams on 01452 812344 or Morna Holliday on 01452 813063.

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'Beyond Reasonable Doubt'

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Invited to pen a review of the latest Painswick Players production - 9-11th May - the first night had to be the one upon which to discern strengths or weaknesses in performance, production, and conveying the combination of the mix of drama and humour which almost uniquely characterise plays by Jeffrey Archer

One could not help but approach the evening wondering whether an amateur group, even one as strong as this, could hold our attention through the meticulously scripted formalities of a murder trial at the Old Bailey and, after the interval, retain our curiosity through four scenes which revealed - now with humour in places - the actuality of what had transpired and led to the charge. It has to be a tribute to the 'players' that they chose to be tested in this manner.

From the very moment the curtains parted to reveal a skilfully simple set dominated by a full colour Royal Coat of Arms, the audience was gripped by the seriousness of the proceedings and unadulterated use of the language to which a judge and counsel are so accustomed; we slipped almost unwittingly into the role expected of us - listening to every word and watching the mannerisms conveyed by the judge (George Krasker), the court officer (Jill Walford), the eloquent lead for the prosecution Anthony Blair-Booth QC (Swithin Fry) and defendant and ex-Chairman of the Bar Council Sir David Metcalf QC (Dave Kilmister). Those who are familiar with treading the boards are acutely aware of the importance of the flow of dialogue if their words are to hold our attention and we were to witness the very best in this regard, aided though it may have been in this play by the 'documents' to which actors were surreptitiously or otherwise able to refer. Messrs Fry and Kilmister were exemplars of memorising extensive passages whilst projecting their personalities, and were to complement the sharp inputs from witnesses Detective Chief Inspector Travers (Norma Dickenson), Doctor Weeden (Cathy Munday) and, most significantly, Mrs Rogers the housekeeper to the accused (Sue Leighton-Boyce) - whose deportment emulated that of Miss Marple. The court evidence had been laid before us as we adjourned to the jury room - incongruously known as the bar; here we could vote as to whether we thought Sir David had killed his wife.

The 'flash backs' to the actual events which had been expounded to the 'jury' in the first half of the evening, were to reveal so much more than the judicious words and phrases we had heard and had based our opinions. We were to meet the deceased Lady 'Millie' Metcalf (Jean Burgess) and appreciate her truly exceptional acting qualities; the part required an ability to repeatedly switch between relaxed humour, a loving relationship, and the pathos of knowing that she was suffering from a terminal disease.

So, did the 'players' pass the Archer test?

The answer for this witness was 'Beyond a Doubt'

The applause for the entire cast was loud and heart-felt. The 'unseen' roles of Director Kevin Parker and Producer Stephen Friar, together with stage, costume, make-up, lighting and so much more which made the evening so intriguing, were cleverly and seamlessly interwoven. There is no doubt that we had been entertained as well as challenged as to whether the reality of private lives can truly be conveyed to a courtroom, and if justice through jurors can take such into account.

Leslie Brotherton

"Music Festival in aid of Milestone School"

Milestone School is attended by severely disabled children from across Gloucestershire. They are holding a fund-raising music festival on Saturday 6th July between 2pm and 11pm in Hartpury. Over 16 local bands will be performing at this fully accessible site. There will also be an art tent for children and food and drinks stalls. Camping is also available. Tickets are £5 adults, £1 under 14s. For further information call Rebecca Hill on 07794587133, or find us on Facebook as milefest1.

Men's Probus

We have enjoyed a varied programme over the last few weeks. Doctor Anne Dunn, a classical singer, gave us a fascinating insight into the topic "The voice and its repertoire". She explained that the voice should be considered as an instrument and explained how the vocal range can be extended by those able to best control their breathing. We held an efficient and speedy AGM during which David Walker handed the presidential mantle to Alan Hudson. We then repaired to The Falcon to celebrate another successful year for Painswick Probus. Our Wine Tasting event took on a new look this year. Paul Sparks introduced each tasting with video clips featuring a single, family run, Italian farm in the Chianti region where all the wines originated. Thanks go to the Probus Ladies for rounding off the event with an excellent buffet lunch.

Stewart Price gave us a thought provoking talk about the electricity generating and distribution industry in this country. He explained in plain language how the privatised power generation companies interface with the National Grid and how the electricity ends up with consumers. He pointed out that the old CEGB had a legal requirement to provide power at all times, whereas it is now market forces alone which make that provision. As electricity cannot be stored, the industry must always have enough capacity to meet peak requirements, not just when the wind blows or the sun shines! Currently the majority suppliers of power are Coal and Gas fired power stations but these are to be decommissioned over the next few years.



Glynn Nixon

Reading Circle

The Painswick Reading Circle invites a few serious readers (Male or Female) to join them. They currently meet monthly on a Wednesday afternoon but have a flexible policy about that. Interested? – contact Maurice Maggs on 814092.



Art Festival:

We are pleased to announce the following opening dates for the skittle alley café: 5-26 August, 10.30am to 4.30pm. We all hope the weather will encourage people to perambulate through the festival displays and pop in for a friendly refreshing cuppa and cake! So don your summer hats and sunglasses and sashay over!



Chris and Maire concert:

A reminder that this duo will be performing on Friday 7th June from 7.40pm. Please book this night in your diaries, it will be an amazing evening of Irish music played by 2 virtuoso musicians. To add flavour to the evening, there will be a selection of Irish drinks available! Tickets available from the former post office, Gilly Hill 07583011326 or Jeannie Barber 07769182229. Perennially on the web site www.thepainswickcentre.com

Your Centre needs YOU!

Just in case you missed the last edition of the Painswick Beacon, we eagerly invite anyone who has an interest in the community to consider joining the current merry band of trustees. You are welcome to sit in on a meeting or call to ask questions: Gilly, number as above, or David on 01452 812464. We are poised to receive your calls ...

Gilly Hill on behalf of the Trustees

Return of the Victorians

Saturday 6th July once again sees the return of the Victorian Costume Ball at the Painswick Centre, which being a magnificent Victorian building is an ideal venue for such an event. The occasion is one for enjoying the music and dances of a bygone era when an appearance at a Ball of this kind was an essential part of the social calendar, so if you would like to return to the elegant days of the late 19th, early 20th century why not try this evening of music and dance. Ball gowns and tiaras were of course very much the fashion for ladies of high society with the gentlemen in tails or military uniform, but attending was the most important thing and many Victorians followed the Queen's style and wore black and white only, so many long black skirts and high collared white blouses would have been seen. The evening consists of a programme of traditional country and old time dances which would have been popular at the beginning of the last century and during the reign of Queen Victoria, such as the Dashing White Sergeant and the Virginia Reel with waltzes, gavottes and two steps Dancing commences at 7.30pm, there is an interval for supper, with a bar facility and the evening finishes at 11.00pm. Further information can be obtained by phoning 01453 833150. We will be holding a workshop the prior to the event (phone for details) when there will be an opportunity to learn some of the dances,

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The Enaikishomi School in Kenya

The Enaikishomi School, situated in the Kenya Highlands 200 miles north of Nairobi, is a joint venture between the local Maasai community and a group of donors concerned with sustainable development. It was inspired by Amy Elgar, the late daughter of Edward and Sandy who visit the project every year. The School has close links with Painswick and has received donations from many people and organisations including St Mary's Church, The Croft School and the Quakers. The School's head teacher, Evalyne Mutea and the cook, Siyaine Kisio were delighted to receive Painswick aprons and tablecloths. These will be put to good use as pupil numbers have doubled in the last year and the School now caters for, 93 Maasai children who enjoy two free meals a day. The main purpose is to create a sustainable school. Solar panels provide electricity to the perimeter fence to protect the school compound from elephants, goats, cows and other intruders! This secure environment has allowed the creation of a large garden with drip feed water irrigation, which is an additional source of food for the children and staff.

The newly built kitchen is equipped with two modern wood-burning cookers, which are fuel efficient – an important feature given the scarcity of wood. Local native trees have been planted in the school compound to provide fuel for the future. Newly constructed, 140 metre deep borehole supplies water both to the School and to the local community. A solar powered pump distributes the water to two, large tanks, which between them hold 45,000 litres of water. A highlight of the past two years has been the School safari hosted by the nearby Borana Lodge. Many of the parents work from the Lerwa Wildlife Conservancy. One of the fathers, Nkoojer Kisio looks after a one year old rhino that was born blind. To support the recent growth in pupil numbers, the school is hiring a third teacher, constructing two new classrooms and three more staff accommodation units. A full report on the school is available in both electronic and print form from Edward or Sandy Elgar;

Email: Edward@e-elgar.co.uk or sandy@e-elgar.co.uk or telephone: 01452 814359.



Nkoojer ahead of the blind rhino.



Head Teacher Evalyne and cook Siyaine.



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Your attendance and donations will help to support:-

- Work at the Bible College; the first training course for Ordinands wives has just been completed, but it is hoped to run more.
- Combating AIDS and family planning; A communities Family Planning worker has just been employed.
- Brinckman High School. The Gloucester Diocese is supporting this project which needs a further £30,000 to set up but then will be self-supporting; the school will provide education for 320 students.

WANTED PLEASE! Any gifts of items which can be sold or raffled will be most welcome. (e.g. Homemade cakes, sweets, wine, books, pottery etc.).

More Information? Please 'phone Sandy Garrett 01452 812907

Private fitness studio opens in Painswick

Lyn Thornton, our resident Personal Trainer, after a successful period of working locally, has recently opened her own private Fitness Studio at her home in the heart of Painswick. Using one-to-one training, Lyn can provide motivation, personalised programmes and dietary



advice. Also, with qualifications in Counselling Lyn can help you to become more confident and to develop better self esteem with regard to body image.

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Natural England BioBlitz

Everyone is invited to join in the Cotswold Commons & Beechwoods National Nature Reserve (NNR) BioBlitz on Friday, 5th and Saturday, 6th July 2013 at Cranham Scout Centre. A BioBlitz is an exciting event where naturalists, students, school children and members of the public come together to explore and record the local wildlife, in our case that of Cranham Common and Buckholt Wood, both part of the Cotswold Commons & Beechwoods NNR. The event is organised by Natural England's Gloucestershire NNR Team and will span 28 hours, from 10 am on Friday to 2 pm on Saturday, allowing us to discover both day and night time species.

There will be a range of guided walks and surveys on Friday and Saturday, from looking at lichen, detecting bats to discovering birds and searching for white-clawed crayfish in the stream. On Saturday from 10 am, wildlife related activities, crafts and a quiz will take place at our basecamp, Cranham Scout Centre, where you will also be able to enjoy refreshments, cakes and sandwiches. Visit the woodland and grassland hubs to help us find as many species of wildlife as possible – help with identification will be at hand. At 2 pm, we will be excited to hear the announcement of the total number of species identified (so far). After this at 2.30 pm, there will be a local history walk led by Jan Whitton, followed in the evening by a presentation, guided walk and survey looking at glow worms starting in Cranham Village Hall.

The whole event is suitable for families and offers something for everyone with an interest in wildlife, from the novice to the professional ecologist. For more information and an updated programme visit www.cotswoldnnrbioblitz.weebly.com. If you are interested in volunteering at the BioBlitz as a naturalist or a general event volunteer, or for any questions about the event please get in touch: britta.kohler@naturalengland.org.uk or 0796 4246113.



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The Nightingale Sang - and the Dippers Dipped!



The Club's first summer adventure was led by David Cramp (RSPB) for a one and a half hour walk in Highnam Wood Nature Reserve on May 2nd. The evening, first sun-lit, fresh and still, saw violets and bluebells beneath oak and ash while the cuckoo, its flower profuse, emitted no call! The cycled coppicing promotes nesting and roosting, so in the dusk came the delight of male nightingales calling from the thickets, unseen, to entice in arriving females! Diverse was the bird calling from the hysterical escape cry of the blackbird, the musical ascendancy of the song thrush, crudity of carrion crow, atmospheric explosion of the pheasant and the discreet utterances of the tits (thus perhaps our human titter?) A rather different morning excursion ensued on May 13th happily led again by Martin Wright, expert on bird song. Unexpectedly we enjoyed the good wishes of the Sun God and the discreet absence of the Rain Goddess to walk the Stroudwater Canal from beneath the old anti aircraft gun emplacement at Bond's Mill into the great glories of delayed Spring.

We saw the nesting moorhen and evidence of multiple coot reproduction, some young still with golden halo, even the huge nest of a pair of mute swans. Then we were beneath chestnut candles and sycamore tassels while the yellow wagtail, of distinctive call, danced the mud exposed by active canal restoration. We witnessed a good avian array by sight or song, including identifying features of sundry gulls soaring above. Passing ancient Eastington Church and playground children, we returned through the meadows in more exposed, windy conditions seeing many gobbling house martins and swifts before reaching again our starting point and a convivial snack at the "Café on the Canal." Concluding, we had sight of a pair of dippers darting in and out beneath the mill stream bridge to complete our trip.

On Monday, June 10th at 10.30am, our RSPB guide will lead us at the Nagshead Nature Reserve in the Forest of Dean, starting from the Visitors Centre (grid reference SO606085) to spot various migrants such as flycatchers and redstarts. Visitors very welcome (£3.00). Places remain available for the residential field trip to the North Norfolk coast (October 7th-10th). For more information please telephone 01452-812951/01452-813094.)

Martin and Wendy Addy

Local History Teaser

This delightful group of young Painswick people were celebrating a special event. Can you name the occasion and are you able to identify any of them? They don't look so very different nowadays ...

Last month's photograph brought several responses. Two were correct in identifying Wick Street House - Anthony Carter, who is the current resident, and Virginia Falconer who lived there with her parents, Dick and Joy Jarrett, from 1964-1979. The photograph was taken from a collection of glass slides from the early years of the last century.

If you have a photograph which would interest or challenge readers please do make contact.

Carol Maxwell



At the May meeting the Society was treated to a splendid Briggs/Archard production. Helen Briggs and David Archard presented an entertaining and informative look mainly at New Street but also Friday Street and Victoria Square.



Illustrated with some of David's fascinating photographs, including the oldest known one of Painswick taken in 1857, it was interesting to note which areas of the town have not changed but also those parts that look rather different now. In particular, the strip of land adjacent to the churchyard along New Street had previously been occupied by cottages opposite the Falcon and tall trees where the war memorial now stands. For different reasons a large part of Friday Street was changed dramatically because of the bombing in 1941.

The presentation comprised facts and anecdotes about characters, businesses, buildings, street features and installations. It was a delightful combination of information and personal memories with readings by Helen and commentary by David.

The next meeting will be the AGM followed by a presentation on Fox's Field Finds by Cotswold Archaeology. This promises to be a very interesting evening. Tuesday, 18th June, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

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Sports reports *assembled by John Barrus*

Golf Club Seniors Open



The Painswick Seniors Open took place on 15th May. This year the Open was held as a four ball better ball competition – with two golfers playing as a team and the better score counting on each hole. The competition attracted some 96 competitors, including a large number of visitors (many of whom are local residents who are members of other courses). The course was in good condition and the weather encouraged some good scoring. The winners were Brendan Nunan (from Painswick) and Geoff Davis (Stinchcombe) with a score of 49 points. Nigel Barnett (Painswick) and Tim Davies (Broadway) were runners up with 47 points. In addition to the main competition, there was a “Nearest the Pin” competition on the par 3 18th hole, which was won by Phil Payne (Painswick); a “Nearest the Pin in 2 shots” on the par 4 17th hole, which was won by D Milne (Hinksey Heights); and a “Straightest Drive” on the 13th hole, which was won by Ted Claxton (Kingsdown). Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to Richard Wright and John Courts – the two organisers. The Seniors are also very grateful for the excellent first prize donated by Hatton Court – the club’s new caterers.

Other Golf

Now summer is approaching, there are a number of competitions and matches as well as less formal golf. The first round of the Seniors’ Championship took place on 16th May. The leaders at the half way stage are David Walker and Phil Payne with gross scores of 79. There have been four Seniors’ matches since the last report – with a home win against Minchinhampton (New) and three defeats in away matches.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors and new members. If you would like to try the unique course – which includes traversing an iron age settlement - please get in touch with the professional, Marc Cottrell (01452 812615) or Seniors’ captain Peter Rowe (813228) for further details.

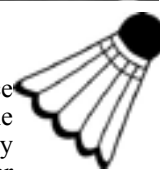
16s. At this juncture he was, he claims, disappointed not to be picked for the England under 16s. Undaunted, Simon joined Gloucester Academy’s youth training scheme and feels that this was a really helpful step. He progressed through the same system for under 18s and this time successfully attained the ultimate goal – captain of the England team.



Simon is currently tackling his A level exams at Marling and the school is, of course, very proud of his sporting achievement. He plans to read Middle Eastern Studies at either Exeter or Edinburgh, both of which universities have a good reputation for rugby. He will take a gap year first during which he hopes to travel. He does, however, still have links with the Painswick club and talks of the possibility of helping with Painswick Juniors next season. It is after all where he started and he is certainly an excellent role model for the current young hopefuls. He himself was coached there by Chas Fox. Simon is a very focussed young man with a commendably structured outlook on both his studies and his sport, probably the result of the disciplined approach he has had to adopt in achieving his success. “I’ve been doing what I enjoy from the age of six with Painswick up to playing for England,” he says rather modestly. He is indeed fortunate to have achieved so highly in an activity which he quite evidently so loves.



Badminton



The Badminton Club annual tournament took place on April 25th in the format of a round robin. The winning man then paired off with the second lady and the second man with the winning lady. After a very close three set match Roy Woodward and Julia Richardson (pictured left) narrowly beat Djon Parrotte and Eddie Buttrey. John Wylde, the Club Chairman, is shown presenting the cup. The main season finished at the end of April but summer Badminton continues on Thursdays for 6-8 weeks subject to demand.

Top of His Game



Simon Linsell has come far in the world of rugby football. In March he was captain of the England under 18 team which played against Ireland, and that has to be the supreme achievement. Simon’s playing career started when he joined Painswick Juniors at the age of six, then a pupil at the Croft School, and continued to flourish at Marling School. At the age of twelve he was picked by the Gloucester Junior Development Squad going on to play for the county under 15s and under 16s plus the South-west under

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Tennis

Congratulations to Alicia Barnett completing her first year in America. Going to university is an exciting and daunting time for youngsters, even more so for Alicia who went to America last September to take up a tennis scholarship at Northwestern University in Evanston, just north of Chicago. One of the older universities in the US, it is set in a beautiful campus on the shores of Lake Michigan. Alicia has had no time to feel homesick because of the heavy tennis schedule of training and competition she has had to balance with her academic studies. Her university tennis team, the "Wildcats", play in the Big Ten Conference against other universities such as Purdue, Virginia, Alabama, Duke Georgia, Iowa, Notre Dame and others. The "Wildcats" have had a successful season becoming the Big Ten Champions and qualifying for the NCAA Nationals Tournament against the other regional conference champions.

Alicia has enjoyed her first year playing American Collegiate tennis. She has not only played in a National tournament, but finished with fourteen consecutive doubles wins with her partner Veronica Corning, and has had a solid undefeated run in singles. She has also kept up her grades academically! Alicia returns to England in mid-June. She will be playing for Painswick LTC over the summer. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Ruth Smith on 01452 813693.



Big Ten Champions. Alicia is third from left on the back row.

Cricket

Net bays launched

On a bitterly cold evening last Friday at Broadham Fields, Painswick Cricket Club formally opened their latest facility. It was also the occasion of the presentation of the Terry Parker "Young player involved in senior cricket" trophy to Reece Morris. The net bays, which have long been hoped for, will provide a first class practice facility. Event organiser, Steve Pegram, in his presentation said that the club wished to express its appreciation to their main sponsors, estate agents Moulton Haus, whose support had been crucial in moving the club forward, particularly during the past twelve months. He thanked Paul Morris of Paul Morris Builders who had spent a considerable amount of time in organising the construction of the bays and paid tribute to Painswick Rugby Club for their assistance in setting up the facility. Finally, Mr Pegram said that he wished to thank the Club Chairman, Ian Hogg, who together with a number of dedicated club members had had the vision and drive to bring the project to fruition. Pictured are Hugo Moulton and Ian Hogg cutting the tape. In our second photograph are, left to right: Hugo Moulton, Ian Hogg, Caroline Crawford, first eleven captain Mike King, Paul Morris and rugby club representative, Martin Hayward.



Painswick first eleven pictured before their match against Lechlade last Saturday.

First Eleven results

Sat 4th May. Stroud 203-8 Painswick 204-3 (E Bressington 88 J Griffiths 53).
 Sat 11th May. Westbury & District 315-4 Painswick 233 (A Armstead 67*).
 Sat 18th May. Painswick 170 all out Chipping Sodbury 172-4.
 Sun 19th May. National Village Cup – Second Round.
 Painswick 224-8 (J Harper 59*) Dumbleton 103-9 (M King 5-14).

Home fixtures

Sat 25th May. Painswick 1st XI v Lechlade 1st XI.
 Sun 26th. Painswick v Christian Malford.
 Sat 1st June. Painswick 2nd XI v Rockhampton 2nd XI.
 Sun 2nd June. Painswick v Chaklford.
 Sun 2nd June. County Cup. Painswick 1st XI v Bristol West Indians 1st XI.
 Sat 8th. Painswick 1st XI v Biddlestone 1st XI.
 Sat 15th. Painswick 2nd XI v Bourton Vale 2nd XI.
 Sun 16th. Painswick v Ampney Crucis.
 Sat 22nd. Painswick 1st XI v Dumbleton 1st XI.
 Sun 30th. June. Painswick v Stone.
 Sat 6th July. Painswick 1st XI v Westbury 1st XI.
 Sun 7th July. Painswick v Wotton Bassett.



I thought I'd write this month about driving and the "whys and wherefores" of having to stop driving. For those of us living in rural areas being able to drive isn't just about having choice or convenience. It gives us freedom and independence and sometimes is necessary to allow us to continue living in our homes. These can be experienced as significant losses when we can no longer drive. Someone who has had to stop driving recently said to me that they felt life wasn't worth living. That's a very strong statement, but shows just how much being able to drive meant to that person.

(Information sourced from Age UK). If we've got to 70 and are still able to drive, there is no reason why getting older means automatically means stopping, but there will be a renewal application sent by the DVLA (a D46P form sent 90 days before your birthday) which needs to be filled in every 3 years. Depending on the situation, it might need to be done annually. Some medical conditions that older people can develop can affect driving ability and you must report certain conditions to the DVLA regardless of age, or if your condition worsens. Often there will be a way to carry on but sometimes you have to stop. Some of the medical conditions you must declare are Dementia, diabetes (if it is insulin treated), Parkinson's, epilepsy, any chronic neurological condition such as multiple sclerosis, any condition that affects both eyes, or total loss of sight in one eye.

There are other conditions and disabilities which need to be declared and these can be found on www.gov.uk/health-conditions-and-driving or read the DVLA D100 booklet. I can help you to get this information if you need me to. You may be

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asked to have an assessment or you can self-refer if you are worried about your driving. The staff will talk to you or your family about your concerns and will help you to continue driving if they can. They are not there to catch you out. The assessment will include: A physical assessment to see if you can move your legs and arms easily (it might be possible to make adaptations to your car). A cognitive assessment to test your reactions, and a visual assessment to check your eyesight.

What about if you simply want to feel more confident driving? I have met many people who are aware that they may not be feeling as "on the ball" as they used to, or have stopped driving for a while due to illness, or are taking over the driving as their partner has had to stop for some reason. You can book an experienced assessor through the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) or the Advanced Driving Society (ADS). Our own council operates SAGE (safer driving with age). If you're considering giving up driving look at the cost element of running a car. Add up ALL the annual costs; MOT's, servicing, tyres and other parts, insurance and tax. That's a lot of taxies! So if you are able to continue driving, have a thought for those around you who can't. Offer them a lift to a local event, church, shopping or even the great pleasure of looking at our fabulous countryside.

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The latest figures from both the Nationwide and Land Registry report that pricing remains stable and that this has now been the case for two full years. In my view this is good news for buyers and sellers: it gives confidence and reassurance that the housing market is a safe investment and it helps people to understand the relative pricing of different types of properties.

With demand for properties in the country up 22% year-on-year, Hamptons took action to tap into this trend by hosting a successful three day 'Country Roadshow' event across key London locations last week. Capitalizing on our strong network of 29 branches in London and 72 across the South of the UK, experts from all parts of our network were on hand to give advice on how to make a successful move out of London. Although the traditional commuter belt areas were of real interest to attendees, it was the Western areas such as Gloucestershire that captured the imagination of those looking to out-migrate. With home

working becoming more and more common and Londoners seeking better value for money than ever before, demand in this area has increased significantly recently.

Once again, I want to add that the keys to selling in the current market are to take evidence-based advice on realistic pricing and to select an agent with a proven track record and access to the widest audience – be they local, national or international.

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Sat	1	Saturday Market; various stalls - every Saturday until September	Town Hall. Lower Room	9.00am to 2.00pm
Mon	3	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Club Pulse for school years 5 - 8: Mondays (next to Recreation Ground) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall P'wick . Youth Centre Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 5.30 to 7.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	4	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	P. Centre Green Room Ashwell House	1.30 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	5	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Baby Bounce & Rhyme (Library) Wednesdays Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Fungi - Dave Shorten. Enq. 813228	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 2.00 to 2.45pm 7.00 for 7.30pm
Thu	6	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	7	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Landscape & Geology Walk - South Wales Coast: Enq. 813228 Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Chris & Maire: A World / Folk Music evening with renowned Irish Harp & Guitar Duo	Car Share Town Hall Painswick Centre	 10.00am 7.30 for 8.00pm
Mon	10	Probus women: Visit to Chavenage - travel by cars Bird Club Field Trip: Summer Migrants at Nagshead Nature Reserve, Forest of Dean (grid ref. OS 606085)	Visitors Centre	10.30am
Wed	12	Probus: A Journey Through Mexico - Bob Price Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Visit to Tyntesfield House & Gardens, Somerset	Painswick Centre Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Thu	13	Theatre Club Outing to Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham	Stamages Car Park	6.45pm
Fri	14	Friday Club: President's Meeting & Cream Tea	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	15	Coffee Morning to support the work of Helen & Alastair Sammon in Tanzania	Edge View, Gloucester Road	10.00am to 12 noon
Tue	18	Local History Society: AGM followed by talk - Fox's Field Finds - Cotswold Archaeology	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	21	Horticultural Society Outing to Blenheim Palace & Flower Show Conservatives Mid-Summer Garden Party	Stamages Car Park Sheephouse, Stepping Stone Lane	9.30am 7.00 to 9.00pm
Sat	22	Copy Date for July Beacon		
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: Chatsworth & the Cavendish Family 1550 - 1850 - Gillian White	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	26	Probus: Sir Thomas Phillips - a Bibliomaniac B*****d - Chris Arnison	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	28	Friday Club: Moths in a Cotswold Garden - Bob Smith Painswick Beacon Distributors' / 35th Birthday Party	Town Hall Church Rooms	2.30pm 6.30 to 8.00pm

JULY

Thu	4	Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30 to 5.30pm
Sat	6	July Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Sue Ryder Foundation: Vintage Tea Party Victorian Costume Ball: for info. Tel. 01453 833150	Church Rooms Painswick Centre	From 2.00pm 7.30 to 11.00pm
Mon	8	Probus Women: Antarctica - Brian / Sally Lamerton; followed by Social Lunch	Church Rooms	10.00 for 10.30am
Wed	10	Probus: My Ancestors - the Bloody Vikings - Tore Fauske Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Greek Flowers - Dr Makis Aperghis. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 7.00 for 7.30pm

Fri	12	Friday Club: Boat Trip from Gloucester Docks		
Fri	19	Friday Club: Antiki Expedition - John Russell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Theatre Outing to Bath	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
Tue	23	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Guided tour of Bletchley Park. Enq. 01453 872243	Stamages Car Park	
		Yew Trees W.I.: Demonstration of Indian Cooking - Ela Pathak-Sen	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	24	Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon	The Hill, Stroud	12.30 for 1.00pm
		Horticultural Society Outing: Westbury Court, picnic & Severn Bore	Stamages Car Park	8.45am
Tue	30	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Botanical Walk (car share) Pre-book on Tel: 813228	Barrow Wake Car Park	11.00am

AUGUST

Thu	1	Art in the Garden (daily until Sept 15th)	Rococo Garden	11.00am to 5.00pm
Sat	3	Friends of Rococo: Open Air film in the Garden "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf"	Rococo Garden	6.30 for 7.00pm
Tue	6	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Coach trip to Blaenavon & The Big Pit: Enq. 813230	Stamages Car Park	
Sat	10	Friends of Rococo Garden: Picnic in the Garden	Rococo Garden	6.30 to 9.30pm
Wed	14	The Handle Bards perform Twelfth Night (also 15th)	Rococo Garden	5.45 for 6.30pm
Thu	29	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Walk: Decorative building stones of Cheltenham. Enq. 813228		

SEPTEMBER

Mon	9	Probus Women: Waitrose talk on Cheese	Church Rooms	10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	13	Friday Club: Bookbinding - Ann Weare	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	29	Apple Day		
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: History of Penicillin - Denys Thompson	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	27	Friday Club: The Vine Project - Pat Chase	Town Hall	2.30pm

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MURIEL ANDREWS who lived in the village from 1972-2002 with her husband Graham. Last year they celebrated their Diamond Wedding. She is survived by her husband, daughter Gillian, son Peter and six grandchildren.

Condolences also to the family and friends of PEGGY MINES of Nailsworth, formerly of Gloucester Road,

We extend our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of AUDREY HASLETT who with her surviving husband, Brian, lived for many years in the village.

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

Derek Hodges 1921 - 2013

I write to express my sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbours who kindly sent letters, cards and flowers on the loss of my dear Derek. These have been of great comfort to me and my family and it has been good to know how much Derek was loved and respected as Headmaster of Painswick School for 20 years and also for his involvement in so many parts of Painswick life. I am thankful that we had 27 years of happy marriage and were able to celebrate our Silver Wedding, and Derek's 90th birthday. I have many wonderful memories to cherish.

I would also like to thank the Staff at Resthaven who cared for Derek in his last weeks and who gave me such loving support.

Finally I must thank the Revd. Andrew Leach for conducting such a lovely dignified Requiem Mass for Derek and for the very uplifting Service of Thanksgiving on 17th May. And to all of you who joined me and my family on that day and surrounded me with kindness and love – thank you – I shall remember it always with gratitude.

Irene Hodges



The Club Pulse Painswick group helped the village remain beautiful as they enthusiastically picked litter on the Recreation Ground, in the bushes, along the public footpaths and outside the Town hall. It is great to see young people caring for their community and to have them channel their enthusiasm for the benefit of others.

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Thank you

The good wishes and support I have received from many of you following my riding accident helped enormously to get me through a very difficult time. Thank you all so much.

Jacki Sanderson

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