

The Painswick Beacon

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Festival of games and Official Opening of the Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion

14th June turned out to be a gloriously, mainly sunny day and with no rain - to the organisers considerable relief given the severe thunderstorms and downpours the previous day. Andy Harding from PSALMS had organised a festival of games, activities, food and competitions for all the family on the Recreation Ground supported by the local sports clubs - and families did indeed come to enjoy the afternoon. The Festival was opened by Andy who thanked all the clubs and many individuals for their considerable support. Pages 10 and 11 of the Beacon contains photographs of the afternoon.

However, this was the precursor to the official opening of the "Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion". Parish Council Chairman Martin Slinger officiated and welcomed all present. He began by thanking all those who had contributed to the development of the Pavilion and presented nominal gifts to a number of people. He started by wishing to thank Ian Marsh who had the initial vision for converting the former Rugby Club Pavilion into the "shining" building it has become. Ian had used the expertise within PSALMS to prepare and submit a successful application for part of the proceeds the Council was to obtain from the sale of the former Painswick Library building. The application had been submitted in conjunction with the Parish Council when Terry Parker had been the Council's Chairman. Further grants had been obtained from the Weston Foundation and the Gloucestershire Environmental Trust. A local appeal to the Painswick community had raised over £15k to complete the funding. The Youth Football Team gave considerable support. However, Ian with modesty had made himself scarce elsewhere on the field. Martin Slinger then thanked Alan Price (again in his absence) for giving his time as Structural Engineer, Dave Carlile representing the Football Club, Ray Hickman the Foreman of Carters the builders, Richard and Virginia Falconer for their work as architect and Project manager, Councillor Caroline White who headed up the Parish Council side and Andy Harding for his considerable help with PSALMS. Andy Harding also added his thanks and said that the young people of Painswick are extremely grateful for the hard work, expertise and money provided by extremely generous and community-minded folk. He gave an extra special thank you to Richard and Virginia Falconer who led the building project with such skill and a heart. The result is a building for the benefit of the WHOLE community of Painswick regardless of colour, creed or gender. (A tribute to Andy Harding by Ian Marsh appears on page 24.)

Then, what many had been waiting for, the Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion was officially opened with aplomb by local actress Lisa Maxwell. Lisa Maxwell, well known for her roles in *The Bill*, *Loose Women* and *EastEnders* entered into the spirit of the occasion and also posed for many photographs.

The photo above shows the moment after Lisa had cut the tape barring the entrance to the new Pavilion; the one on the left shows Martin Slinger after he had thanked and presented Virginia and Richard Falconer with their gifts.



STOP PRESS:

Recruitment Evening at Painswick Fire Station

on Tuesday 8th July, 6.30pm to 9.00pm.

Details are given in the report from Mark Hancock on page 9. After it received the report the Beacon congratulated Mike Powis on his 25 Year Service Award (reported by Mark Hancock) who then responded as follows

"That's why we are so keen to recruit more firefighters, because we are all getting older. One has just turned 60, two are mid 40s, and the rest of us are in our 50s and we can't go on forever. Most of us started when we were much younger (and had more hair!), but we can't seem to get the youngsters interested anymore. Oh well, fingers crossed."

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 18th June by Terry Parker

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jason Bullingham, Steve Morris, Ben Nicholls, David Oxendale, Roey Parker, Abigail Smith, Emma Smith, Caroline White.

Edge House, The Green, Edge (Revised plans). Erection of gazebo, and creation of a new parking area and access track. This item was deferred until the arrival of Cllr Roey Parker in order for the meeting to be quorate as Cllr Martin Slinger had declared an interest and left the meeting during the discussion. Earlier, Edge resident, Mrs Kate Hamilton had raised a number of questions mainly concerned with access and traffic movement. The councillors resolved to restate their objection to the application, their reasons being that it was out of keeping and that there were concerns regarding parking and access onto the highway. They were also against the loss of agricultural land for a track and a car park and questioned whether a Change of Use was required. The members resolved that if the District Council officers gave their approval for consent, the Parish Council would ask that the application be determined by the Development Control Committee.

The Committee recommended that the following applications be given consent:

Firle, Blakewell Mead. New dormer window to front elevation.

Land opposite Hillworth House, Gloucester Street. Alteration and extension of the Coach House to form new two bedroom dwelling, removal of existing car port, relevant services and parking. Revision and re-siting of site entrance and landscape works.

Highfield, Edge Road. Extension to rear of existing single storey extension and addition of four windows to rear.

Edge Lane House, Edge Lane, Edge. Single storey side extension.

PARISH COUNCIL

NHS Presentation

Defibrillator schemes. Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger introduced Mr Tom Hart from the South Western Ambulance Service who had been invited to speak to the Parish Councillors about the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of death in all developed western countries. In Europe, around 1 in 1,000 of the population suffers SCA each year, so in the UK there is likely to be approximately 60,000 cases annually. SCA had no preference on age, gender or background. A victim's chances of survival depend on how quickly a shock can be delivered from an AED. Defibrillation within three minutes can raise the chance of survival to 70 per cent. As time progresses the chances of survival decreases. Mr Hart

explained that the Council could either purchase its own defibrillator or purchase a fully supported package on a four year agreement. The cost of a support package scheme was £1,600 which was renewable every four years. Mr Hart said that one defibrillator and a cabinet would be provided at no charge. Training would be provided. Later in the evening at the Parish Council meeting the Council agreed in principle to enter the scheme. There was a need to consult with the Wards and to consider fund raising. An aide memoire was to be distributed to the Wards together with posters. Cllr Slinger thanked Mr Hart for his presentation.

Parish Council meeting

Public questions. There were none.

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Business Focus Group. There was to be a further meeting on 5th July with a presentation to the Parish Council at its July meeting.

County Councillor's report. Cllr Bullingham had submitted a written report in which he gave an update on the County Council's A417 campaign "to fix the Missing Link". He reported that Council Leader Cllr Mark Hawthorne had taken the county's 4,800-name petition to Number 10, calling for "£255 million of Government cash" to build the A417 Loop. The Downing Street visit followed news that the Missing Link had been added to a Highways Agency list of roads in the south west that needed major improvements because of capacity, safety and environmental issues. The road's appearance on the route strategy report meant that it was one step closer to finding funding when the Government allocated cash in spring 2015. Local businesses and commuters are encouraged to show their support for the A417 Loop by signing up and pledging their backing at www.a417missinglink.co.uk or emailing the County Council at info@a417missinglink.co.uk. Progress can also be followed at @A417Loop on Twitter.

Acting Together. Cllr Bullingham reported that each county electoral division had been allocated £40k to be spent between the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16 on sport and physical activity in the their area. Each division had also been allocated a further £5k to be spent specifically on activities for children and young people between 5 and 18.

From 2nd June this year, not for profit organisations will be eligible to apply for funding from both pots of money, with applications and guidelines made available on the county council website. Submissions must be supported

and submitted by the county councillor on behalf of the applicant. Cllr Bullingham can be contacted on 01452 810958 or by email: jason.bullingham@gloucestershire.gov.uk

District Councillor's report. Cllr Nigel Cooper introduced his newly elected colleague, Mrs Julie Job. He said that the District Council was recommending to the Boundaries Commission that the number of District Councillors remained at 51. He continued to be a member of the Development Control Committee. Mrs Job had been selected to serve on the Licencing Committee.

Parish Plan. It was agreed that the Parish Plan would be an agenda item at the Council's July meeting when Cllr Caroline White would be present. Cllr Ann Daniels said she was surprised that the Plan's Planning and Conservation section contained no reference to a policy relating to the protection of trees.

Land & Buildings Committee. It was agreed to support the Committee's recommendation that an application be made to the "Acting Together" County Councillor's allocation towards the cost of a Trim Trail. The Council also agreed to accept the quotation of £620 for the repair of some 11-12 metres of the Cemetery Wall.

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council 2014 Village of the Year competition. It was agreed that Painswick would enter the competition. The other villages were asked to consider entering. The closing date was 6th July.

IT equipment. The Council considered a proposal from the Deputy Clerk that the amount of paperwork could be considerably reduced with the use by Councillors of IPADs and Tablets. It was agreed to give further consideration to the proposal and report back to a future meeting.

Website updating. It was agreed that Cllr Rob Lewis would seek a quotation. Local Government Pension scheme. There was a need to register with the County Council. This was agreed.

Ward reports. Cllr Ann Daniels said that there was a need to cut back the bushes in "Recreation Alley" and also to lock the Ladies Toilet.

Confidential Agenda. The Council resolved to exclude the press and public from the following item: To receive an update on the potential Post Office for Painswick.

Your war exhibition needs you

In August 1914 many young men from Painswick eagerly signed up for military service. They believed the war in Europe which they were about to join would 'all be over by Christmas' and that Britain would win a quick resounding victory over the Kaiser's forces. By the end of the war almost 250 Painswick men had gone, about one-fifth of them had perished and of the survivors many returned with terrible injuries and disabilities.

Whilst the men were away fighting the women often found themselves taking on new roles as family heads, workers and of course VAD and Red Cross nurses. Local industries, farming, schooling, family life, income etc were all affected. In fact, the effects were felt to a greater or lesser extent by everyone and certainly life was not the same afterwards.

To commemorate the beginning of this very significant war in international, national and local history, Painswick Local History Society will be organising an exhibition in the Town Hall for the weekend of 9-10 August. The aim is to show how the war affected the community as a whole by presenting as comprehensive and interesting a display as possible.

If you have any documents or artefacts such as photographs, medals, letters, clothing, posters, military items, etc relating to that time – they need not necessarily be specific to Painswick - and are willing for them to be included in the exhibition we should love to hear from you. All items will be displayed in locked glass cabinets for safe keeping. Was a member of your Painswick family involved in or affected by the war?

Please contact Carol Maxwell 813387, David Harley 813150, Ann Daniels 812651, Hywel James 812419, Peter Rowe 813228, Eddie Buttrey 812565 or Mark Bowden 814125 if you can help by providing either items or local information for the exhibition.

Carol Maxwell

Calling All Dogs!

Bring your owners and a £5 note to Painswick Beacon, Walkers Car Park on the 13th July 2014 between 12.00 & 2.00pm to join in a Charity Walk of 4K or 8K to raise funds for:



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The GRCC Community Activities Grant Scheme is a grant fund to support small grass roots charities and community groups in Gloucestershire to create social and physical activities.

Grants are available for community, voluntary or self-help groups to run projects to deliver positive social impact. Examples of this could be:

The purchase of equipment such as bowling mats and other sports equipment

The payment of hall hire fees so that activities such as Pilates, T'ai Chi and dancing can take place

Grants to luncheon clubs to provide after-lunch activities

Grants are available from £300 - £1,000. No match funding is needed. The overall project cost should not exceed £1,000 (as a rule of thumb). Grant applications for projects which involve older people (aged 50+) will have priority, however activities which target any age group will also be considered.

A simple report will need to be completed at the end of the year, summarising what the grant has been spent on. This will need to be sent to GRCC together with a photograph of your activity taking place.

Application forms and guidelines are available through Village and Community Agents or by contacting the GRCC on 01452 528491 or admin@grcc.org.uk or online by clicking on this link: http://www.grcc.org.uk/snap/GRCC/community_activities_grant.htm

Barbara Pond

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BBC's Filming of "Casual Vacancy"

As some of you may be aware, the BBC will be in town for a few days during the summer period to film a few scenes for a three-part TV adaptation of "The Casual Vacancy".

The location team will be available to meet and discuss specific details of how it may affect some of the residents at a special meeting in the Town Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th July.

We look forward to seeing you there."

Matthew Winter

Assistant Location Manager

'The Casual Vacancy Productions Ltd'



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What's On

5th July – Victorian Ball – Geoff Codd 01453 833150
 13th July – ACP
 19th July – 25th August – Painswick Arts Festival
 1st -25th August – Arts Festival Café
 12th September – Brass Band Concert

As well as all of our other regular classes – Pilates, Yoga, Muddy Feet Fitness, Bridge, Kids Karate, Badminton, Choir, Zumba Gold and Little Act.

Opportunities

We are currently looking for a minutes secretary for approximately 3-4 hours a month. If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact David Linsell on 01452 812464 or andrea.linsell@btinternet.com.

With the summer upon us we are now looking for volunteers to help out with our Arts Festival Café. If you think you could help for a few hours or even a few days throughout the café period (as above), then please contact Barbara O'Dwyer on 01452 813379 or baodwyer@icloud.com.

Normandy 44

A wonderful evening was had by all at the D-Day commemoration evening on 6th June to raise money for Combat Stress for whom we raised £716.38! So a huge Thank you to everyone that turned up and all the wonderful people who helped with their time, vintage items and memorabilia. A full list along with some wonderful photos is available to look at on our web page.

Manager – Jennie Barber - 01452 814567
jennie@painswickcentre.com

On site hours – Mon & Wed 12-3pm, Tue & Thu 9am-3pm, Fri 9-1pm.

Emergency out of hour's number 07769182229

Photos of the Normandy 44 evening



D day recollections and comments on the Normandy 44 Evening.

Leslie Brotherton sent the following letter but it is appropriate to include it here rather than on the letters page. Leslie also provided the photo below of Jennie Barber with her friends; Jennie provided the other photos.

Leslie Brotherton remembers:

A mixture of pride and mixed emotions were aroused on 6th June, in Painswick Centre, as that momentous and historic day of seventy years ago was recalled.

The most convivial of evenings in aid of charity had been inspired by Jennie Barber, whose tenacious labours to create a truly evocative environment had been aided by determined accomplices. Huge silhouettes of Spitfires and bunting hung from the rafters, we danced as a band played tunes we whistled in the '40s, ration books from which coupons yielded appropriately filled sandwiches, while many dressed in 'period costume' helped to revive memories for those now hovering around their eighties.

Animated conversations were overheard as many shared experiences from those distant days in 1944. Mine included awe-inspiring convoys heading southwards by day and by night along the A46 in late May that year, with vigilant armed escorts.

Our freedoms, and associated responsibilities, are precious.



Left to right - Robyn King, Lisa Warnaby, Jennie and Allyson Davis (Jennie's mother!)



Picnic in the Park – Saturday 2nd August

Remember the long hot days of last August and remember how the evenings cooled down into a balmy twilight. Now overlay that feeling with a gorgeous picnic, bottles of cool white wine and the company of your friends and family. You can create this experience by coming to the Picnic in the Park in the Rococo Garden. The gates will open at 7.00pm and you can picnic anywhere in the Garden. Tickets will be sold at the gate and will cost £3.00 for Friends and £5.00 for non-Friends; children under 16 are free. Bring your own food and drink and prepare to enjoy an idyllic chance to wander around the garden at a magical time of day! On the flip side – if it is pouring with rain the event will not take place but we're all crossing our fingers!



Vicky Aspinall

The Tempest in the Rococo Gardens

Don't forget to get your tickets for a performance of The Tempest by Gloucestershire Youth Players on 18th, 19th or 20th July. Now in its ninth season, this young and energetic company brings fresh eyes to the magical and mystical tale of Prospero and Miranda, Caliban and Ariel and the visitors to the island.

GYP's island is a huge patchwork quilt from which things appear and into which other things melt. Be prepared to be surprised by the 'conventional' and the 'experimental' in a place where nothing is quite as it seems. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for concessions. The performance starts at 7.00pm but the grounds will be open from 5.30pm for picnics. Tickets from www.gyptheatre.org or on the door.



Kate MacDuff

Close of season tea party

Our last Cupcakes tea party this season will be on July 8th from 2.00-4.00pm in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre. We have room for a couple more carers to maintain the lovely intimate atmosphere of our meeting so if you are feeling in need of a little space in the week from your caring duties do just drop in for half an hour or more. Our team comprises people of many skills (and none in my case although I can make good cakes). Our delightful village agent Lou Kemp is going to brighten this meeting by popping in so if you have any questions relating to help available to you please do come along. My phone number is 01452 813326 if you have any questions.



Following on our successful Memory Problems and Dementia talk recently, another session with further information will be held at Richmond Village on August 14th from 2.00-4.00 by the N.H. group Managing Memory 2gether. It looks interesting

Pat Burrows.

Pete's fish

We are lucky in Painswick to have the opportunity on a weekly basis to buy fish at its very best. Every Friday morning in the Town Hall car park, Pete's refrigerated fish van is to be found from 8.30-11.00am, loaded with a wonderful selection of fresh produce.

Pete is there whatever the weather conditions having collected his 'catch' early in the morning as it arrives directly, mostly from Grimsby and some from the south coast. Each week the selection may vary depending on the season and the fishing conditions, but all of it is as fresh as it possibly can be. He also sells a range of shell fish and delicious fish pates. Pete's fish is very good value, competitively priced and of the best quality.

With the warmer weather upon us fish is an excellent option both for indoor dining and indeed as a barbecue choice. We should take advantage of this opportunity in our midst – after all, we don't want to lose Pete's wonderful weekly service.

Carol Maxwell



Richmond Painswick's Traditional Summer Fete

Richmond Painswick invite you all to a traditional 'summer fete' which is to be held on Friday 1st August 2pm-5pm. There will be something for everyone, games, ice cream and refreshments. Lots of lovely stalls, including jewellery, cakes, wooden carvings, crafts and much much more so please do join us. Walks with hawks will also be present and other animals too! Bring all the family for a lovely afternoon out! If you would like a stall at the fete, please contact Suzanne or Jay on 01453 813902

Jay Dexter



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PAINSWICK ARTS FESTIVAL



The summer is here and we are all ready to launch the sixth Painswick Arts Festival. Lasting from mid July to the August bank holiday weekend we welcome artists and performers from all over Gloucestershire and beyond. During July alone we are delighted to include Art Couture Painswick, Creative Arts Courses at Hawkwood College, the Gloucestershire Society of Artists Summer Exhibition (in the Beacon Hall with teas and coffees served), Jackie Hall's amazing Japanese Embroidery (Painswick Centre), a Contemporary Art exhibition at the Patchwork Mouse, and a weekend painting workshop with David Paskett (Painswick Centre).

For details of dates and places see the summary below up to 10th August on this page. Details of events from 7th August upto the end of August will be in August's Beacon.

Date	Times	Event	Where
13 th July	10.30 am to 8.00 pm	Art Couture Event	Painswick
Throughout Festival	10 am to 5 pm daily	Art Couture Gallery	Painswick Centre
20 th July to 30 th July	10am to 5pm daily	Gloucestershire Society of Artists Annual Summer Exhibition	Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre
Throughout Festival	Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5 pm. Sat & Sun 9.30 to 4.30	Contemporary Art Exhibition – Mel Cross & friends	Patchwork Mouse New Street
24 th to 27 th July	10am to 5pm daily	Japanese Embroidery Jackie Hall & Friends	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre
26 th &/or 27 th July	10am to 4 pm	Painting Workshops with David Paskett. Phone 01453 832238 to book.	Green Room, Painswick Centre
28 th July to 3 rd August	10am to 5pm daily	'Botanical Friends' – Joyce Barrus & Vivien Townsend	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre
28 th July to 3 rd August	10am to 5pm daily	Somerset Moore Seascape Pastels	Green Room, Painswick Centre
1 st to 25 th August.	10 am to 4 pm Daily	Skittle Alley Café open + 'Authentic Adventures' Arts holidays display	Skittle Alley Painswick Centre
1 st to 3 rd August	10am to 5pm daily	Country Studio Artists Annual Exhibition	St Mary's Church Rooms
Every weekend & Bank Holiday Monday	11am to 4pm	Arts & Crafts Museum The Ashton Beer Collection	Christ Church, Gloucester Street
1 st to 10 August	10am to 5pm	'Light Catchers' Photography Exhibition	Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre
4 th to 10 th August	10am to 5pm	Valerie Dugan & Paul Gray Botanical Paintings & Calligraphy	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre
4 th to 10 th August	10am to 5pm	Victoria Hendzel-Walker Ceramic exhibition	Green Room, Painswick Centre

Get all the details and more from our FREE 20 page brochures - now available from most outlets in Painswick but particularly from the Painswick Centre and Tourist Information Office. Please help yourself and distribute to friends, family and neighbours to help make the whole festival another great success in 2014.

Jackie Herbert

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The Painswick Center
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Thursday 9.30am £7.50

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strong focus on back care.
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yogikim@hotmail.co.uk

ACP Festival Weekend 12th to 13th July

Saturday 12th July 3pm – 4:20pm

Hermès Quartet

ACP with the Cheltenham Music Festival bring you the Paris based Hermes Quartet

Programme:

- Haydn String Quartet in B minor, Op. 33/1
- Beethoven String Quartet in G, Op. 18/2
- Debussy String Quartet in G minor



More details and tickets available through the Cheltenham Music Festival web site (www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music/whats-on/2014/music-at-art-couture). Tickets can also be bought at door for £12."

..followed by...

Saturday 12th July 4:30pm – 9:00pm

Live@ACP - this is our way of saying thank you to Painswick for hosting the festival. Bring a picnic or buy from the food stalls and enjoy top class music by local entertainers



– AND - a parade of 'Cars of Interest' from 6pm – 6:45pm.

Sunday 13th July 11am – 8pm

The big day will be filled with fun from start to finish: catwalk competitions of creative wearable art, music and entertainment on all three stages, street theatre, Dakota flypast, wildly creative stalls, and delicious food from local suppliers. This community event offers a wonderful day out for all the family.

Festival entry this year is free for children under 12. For all others it is £5 on the day or £4 in advance from the ACP Gallery in the Painswick Centre, or through the ACP website www.canvasforcreativity.com

Judie Hill

Road Closures for ACP on 13th July

The ACP Painswick Festival will take place on Sunday 13th July. The following roads will need to be free of vehicles and will be closed to traffic: Victoria Street, St Mary's Street, Vicarage Street, Hale Lane and Tibbiwell Lane (between St Mary's Street and Kemps Lane) from 8:30 am until 7 pm. Also: Friday Street from 8:30 am until 9pm..

Free parking will be available at Stamages Lane car park after 5pm. on Saturday 12th July.

Thank you for your support. We hope this doesn't cause you too much inconvenience and that you will come along and join the fun!

You will understand that ACP cannot be held responsible for any damage caused to vehicles, which have not been removed from the closed streets.

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Mythical creatures star in Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge for children is back in Painswick Library. Children aged 11 and under can sign up for the Challenge from Saturday 12 July. We have bought lots of fabulous new books which we hope will tempt both reluctant and enthusiastic readers during the holidays! Our teenage volunteers will be in the library on Wednesday and Friday mornings in the holidays to help children choose books and read stories on demand.



Children need to read six books and will be rewarded along the way with stickers and a gold medal for finishing. The theme this year is 'mythical maze', an area rich with fantastical stories. Children who would like to befriend a mythical monster may like to visit www.mythical-maze.org.uk for games, activities and reading ideas.



Also this month...

On Art Couture Sunday 13th July the library will be open for book loans and returns from 11- 2pm. Children can sign up for the Reading Challenge, and there will be drawing materials available for younger children.

We have a small exhibition 'Remembering Laurie Lee', highlighting Lee's work and the local community he lived in before he went to London in 1934. This portrait of the local area will be brought up to date with contemporary views on Painswick since the Millennium. This is a fluid display of written pieces and we hope you will be inspired to contribute more to this over the summer.

Julia Churchley

Preparing for the Reading Challenge. Librarian Pat Francis with Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Leader of GCC) looking at some of the books on myths and legends in the library.



Community Lunches 2013-14

Thank you to all who have supported the lunches held each Monday from October to Easter at Ashwell House Centre from 12noon to 1.15pm. Special thanks go to the 20 different village clubs, societies and groups of friends who have provided the homemade soups, fresh bread and cheese each week.

Our Treasurer, David Linsell, says that there has been £1300 raised this season - even more than last year. This money has been distributed to the two local groups- the Friday Club, for our older residents, which meets in the Town Hall on alternate Friday afternoons and organises talks and outings as well as important social gatherings. The second group in the village is under the umbrella of PSALMS, which works with young people in the village - running the Pulse youth club for secondary ages in the Youth & Community Pavilion on the Rec, and Messy Church for primary age children and families.

As the season finished we heard that Stroud Food Bank was in great need of support - and it has been able to support several people from our village. Thus after consultation with the two groups it was decided to divert £300 to the Food Bank, and the two village groups each received £500.

The new season for the Community Lunches starts on Monday October 6th and we would also like suggestions for 2 more local charities or good causes to support - with YOUR help.

Rita Bishop (814205) & David Linsell (812464)

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We recently received a visit from the new Chief Fire Officer for Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, Stewart Edgar QFSM who has joined us from the Highlands & Islands Fire and Rescue Service. During his visit he presented Mike Powis our station commander with a certificate of appreciation for twenty five years of service.

Along with the many small incidents, the Painswick Fire Crew recently attended two house fires in Stroud. Statistically, two in three people who die in domestic fires had smoke alarms fitted, but sadly they didn't work (because the battery was flat or had even been taken out). You have probably heard many times that testing your smoke alarm weekly is a good idea, you might even remember to check your's regularly by putting an alert on your phone or by marking the next test date on your calendar. If you have an elderly neighbour who might not be able to test their own smoke alarm and you are on friendly terms, why not check their alarms at the same time?

At this time of the year you might be asking friends round to enjoy a BBQ in your garden. However, the hotter the summer, the greater the number of accidents. It is very easy to become distracted with friends and family around having a drink or two. Please follow these steps for a safer BBQ

Choose a flat site away from trees, sheds and shrubs, children, pets and garden games; never leave the BBQ unattended; never pour on BBQ lighting fluid or other accelerant while it is burning; make sure it's cool before moving it. For additional safety advice please visit: http://www.glosfire.gov.uk/ysafety_o_genadvice.html. Enjoy a safe summer!

Don't forget to call in for a chat on our recruitment evening. If you can't make it on the night please give Mark Hancock a call/email for more information or alternatively, pop your details through the letterbox at the station and we will get back to you.

Mark Hancock



Volunteer Driver Scheme at Painswick Surgery

Many years ago, we set up a volunteer driver scheme here at the surgery where patients offered their services to take other less mobile patients to and from surgery appointments. Over the course of time, we have lost virtually all of these volunteers and I just thought this might be an opportunity to see if anyone out there was willing to participate in this scheme. Essentially, we try to put patients in touch with drivers who are local to them – so for example, if you're a volunteer in Painswick, we'll only give your contact details to other residents in the village. Patients further afield, would be 'partnered' with patients who lived near to them. The scheme offers help with transport to and from the surgery only. The practice will pay mileage to the volunteer driver for these return journeys, paid via a claim form that is submitted quarterly or annually, depending on the amount of help provided.

To be a volunteer driver, all we need is your details and we request that you contact your insurance company to inform them that you would like to join our scheme and would be offering infrequent, volunteer assistance taking patients to and from the surgery (just to cover you!) If you would like to know more, do please speak to Nicola, Practice Manager, at the surgery. Many thanks indeed

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Some memories of the 14th June afternoon



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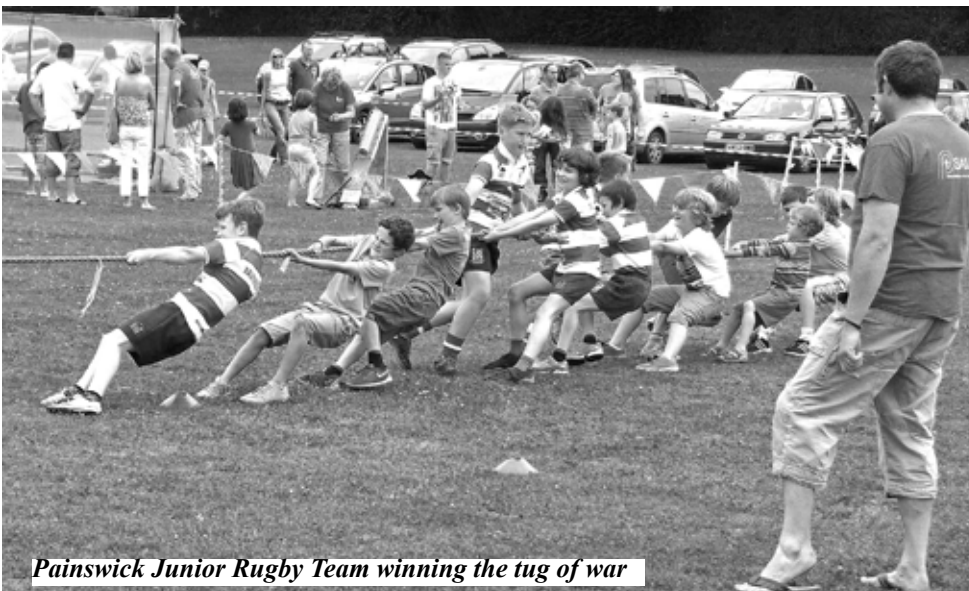
Getting ready for the Art Couture Festival



Popular all day - the Bouncy Castle



Andy Harding, back centre, with Iain Summers and Tim Lee & in front row Jon Coysh, Leone Ingram, Di Blandford



Painswick Junior Rugby Team winning the tug of war



Lisa Maxwell just before she cut the ribbon to open the Pavilion



Jousting



Face painting - the inset shows the result for Anoushka Black - it was great in colour!



Andy Harding introducing the afternoon and Parish Council Chairman Martin Slinger during the presentation

The Pathway entrance from the Churchyard nears completion

The last two weeks of June saw the pathway under construction from Stamages Car park through to the churchyard breakthrough into the churchyard. Completion of the pathway is still some weeks off but the Beacon thought it appropriate to mark this landmark event with some



Some massive stones had to be manoeuvred into place and expertly fixed. The bottom photo shows one of the stone masons, Noel Gay, checking the mullion



Welcome back, Jonas and Matthias

Jonas Pollard and Matthias Christian, our redoubtable cyclists, have now been back home for the past week, enjoying an undisputedly well-earned rest. Their 4000 miles epic fund-raising ride across Europe has been exciting, fascinating, exhausting and a wonderful learning experience, not least because of the kindness of so many of the people they have encountered on their journey.

They arrived back in Stroud to a hearty and rapturous welcome at 1.30pm on Saturday, 29th June. A sizeable crowd had gathered in the sunshine in front of the Subscription Rooms and as Jonas and Matthias came cycling up the road there was much spontaneous cheering and loud applause. The deputy mayor of Stroud, John Marjoram, gave the official welcome back speech having seen them off three months earlier and members of the press were also present. They have, of course, seen, done and experienced a great deal on their travels and will have many stories to relate. And after 90 or so days and nights in each other's company they are, happily, still the best of friends.



Taken at the Gotthard Pass

With a target of £10,000 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Nurses, Jonas and Matthias, both aged 19, are still hoping to increase what has to-date been pledged. Meanwhile, many people in Painswick have been following their progress with true admiration and, in recognition of their selfless achievement, the Monday group, Have Your Say, is organising a welcome home evening, with ploughman's supper, in the Painswick Centre on Monday, 7th July at 7.30pm. Proceeds will of course be added to the funds. Everyone is welcome – it promises to be a very happy informal occasion. If you would like to go along please contact Andrea Linsell on 812464.

Carol Maxwell

New Painswick map now available

The new map of Painswick, reported in the May edition of the Beacon, is now available in a range of sales outlets. Unlike its predecessor, it is double-sided with a large scale map of Painswick on one side with an inset showing the centre of the town and on the reverse side an excellent map of the wider area. This latter includes Sheepscombe, Edge, Pitchcombe, Cranham and Slad.

Clearly presented, these attractively designed maps provide useful detailed information including local footpaths, pubs, restaurants and places of interest. They are the work of David Haslam, a professional cartographer who lives in Painswick, and are available from the following: Painswick Tourist Information, Best One, The Falcon, The Royal Oak, Painswick Pharmacy, Dawn's Shed, AC Painswick, Rococo Garden, Hortons (Golf Club), Edgemoor Inn, The Woolpack (Slad), The Black Horse (Cranham), The Butcher's Arms (Sheepscombe) and The Royal William.

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Athletics

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SHINE@ATHLETICS 2014

Where do they start? Since the Barcelona Olympics twenty year's ago, a "Startrack" scheme has evolved offering coaching, and fun, for Year's 6 – 9. I have coached on it for the last eighteen years: Now called Shine@athletics, my friend Elliot Prince now runs the scheme at St. Edward's School, Cheltenham. This year it is over two weeks, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11th, 12th 13th and 15th August, and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 18th, 19th 20th and 22nd August: 10:15 am – 4 pm. Cost for four days £60, or £20 a day (siblings half price).

It is a great event enjoyed by everyone: the Children and all the Young Coaches – athletes from the Club. There are qualified coaches (as I am) taking sessions in running, jumping and throwing skills. Athletics is a very rewarding sport for all ages, at all levels and we keep life-long friends. For further information, if you have anyone currently in year's 5 – 9, please contact Elliot Prince (m) 07786647067, the_next_generation369@hotmail.com or letter/details to 15, Hillview Road, Cheltenham, Glos, GL52 5AE.

Joyce Barrus

Choral works enchanted

Supported not only by Painswickians in its choir but also a considerable number within the fully sold audience, Stroud Choral Society performed once again in Holy Trinity Church, Stroud, on 14th June. This time a change from famous choral works to English Choral Favourites, eighteen in all.

Some of these we knew well such like Parry's "I was glad", "Lift thine eyes" from Elijah and "Hear my prayer", both by Mendelssohn, and Handel's "Zadok the Priest". Others less known were equally well appreciated. Many hard working rehearsals were needed, but the tremendously powerful choir, excellent soloists now affiliated to it like the soprano Zoe Hynes and Simon Bell, the versatile organist, gave us a joyful evening to remember.

Next concert: Elgar, "Dream of Gerontius", 15th November, Tewkesbury Abbey, 7.30 pm.



Ralph Kenber

Probus Women Summer Outing

For our summer outing this year Probus Women visited Rodmarton Manor which is a beautiful and complete Arts and Crafts house. We were given a guided tour of the house and its furniture by Simon Biddulph. The construction of the house was started in 1909 by Claud and Margaret Biddulph and took 20 years to complete. It was built and furnished in traditional style using local materials and craftsmen and was responsible for the revival of many local crafts that were in danger of dying out. Most of the furniture was built for the house by Sidney Barnsley, his son Edward and Peter Waals. We also saw two delicate oak chairs made by Dennis French of Painswick. As well as furniture there is pottery decorated by Grace Barnsley and a beautiful archway painted by Hilda Sexton with leaves, birds and squirrels in line with the Arts and Crafts emphasis of working with nature. There was another fine mural by Hilda Benjamin on the stairs. Needlework was also represented with some beautiful appliqué panels designed by Hilda Sexton and executed by the Rodmarton Women's Guild.

After an enjoyable lunch we toured the extensive gardens which follow the Arts and Crafts design of a series of interconnecting outdoor rooms. Work started on the 8 acre garden whilst the house was being built and is varied and extensive with lovely herbaceous borders producing a tapestry of summer colour. After a cloudy morning the sun came out for our garden visit so we were able to see it as its best and enjoy the views. Some beautiful photos of the gardens can be found on the Rodmarton website.

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Letters



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Laurie Lee recalled from El Concaador
Christopher Piper-Short writes:

The Laurie Lee centenary events outlined in "The Beacon" made me wonder if he, as the book of his Spanish journey says, "Walked out one Mid Summer Morning" around these parts. We are in Andalusia after all. I was privileged to meet the man himself while living in Slad during the early 1980's and briefly as a lodger in The Woolpack under the steely gaze of the landlord, the late Richard Covington. Those who were there and are still with us, will remember those dark winter Sunday nights of yarning and hilarity in the pub.

His book sits with the travel guides for our visitors and the first paragraphs of Lee's essay, "Hill Cricket" has comforted me during bouts of homesickness. To my surprise, a Spanish neighbour, a retired classics professor, has enjoyed Mid Summer Morning. So I'm pleased to say that there is some sort of tenuous connection here. I'll be following events with great pleasure and nostalgia.

Road closures etc at Edge

Graham Lilley from Edge writes:
It seems to me that SOMEONE should apologise to those in surrounding communities for almost three months of road closures, delays and inconvenience resulting from work undertaken in Edge without notice, consultation or District Council approval. Since the work is not approved, Stroud District Council are it seems unable to impose or enforce any conditions.

I realise that I risk being considered old fashioned, but lack of any warning or consultation regarding works that disrupt a community causing damage, noise and inconvenience seems to me to be arrogant and ill mannered, but then as I say, I'm old fashioned. Perhaps such behaviour is acceptable in London these days.

Perhaps through the Beacon I can, as a resident of Edge, take it upon myself to express regret for the inconvenience caused to those who have need to use the roads through Edge. Hopefully it will not be for much longer

Speeding traffic through Painswick

Jonathon Choat writes from New Street:

I have read with interest the persiflage around the subject of the speeding traffic in Painswick, Indeed, I am amazed at the narrowness of the streets and pavements and the disdain which 70% of motorists have for the 20mph maximum speed limit which is impinged on me day and night since I came to live in New Street. I contacted Cllr Bullingham who promised traffic speed statistics to no avail. His recent throw away suggestion of restoring 30mph, is surely not to be taken seriously and the worthy citizens taking occasional speed readings will be well intentioned but worthless in preventing continual and acute speeding. And surely we do not want prosecutions, but robust signage which cannot be flippantly ignored and proper speed restricting road bumps of an appropriate nature, which are notably effective throughout Gloucester and contrary to myths, do not make extra noise.

Bookbinding

Anne Weare advises:

Your readers may be interested to know that I will be in Painswick during August in the Centre Green Room, from Monday 11th to Sunday 17th August 10.00am to 4.30pm, and the Beacon Hall from Thursday 21st to Bank Holiday Monday 25th, 10am – to 5pm.

I have had the pleasure of seeing and working on resident's treasured books in past years, and I am always happy to have a just chat about the bindings.

An Insider's View of Building Societies

At the end of May we welcomed John Parker who was the Chief Executive of the Stroud & Swindon Building Society for thirteen years before it was swallowed up by The Coventry. His talk, 'Building Society Industry - Past, Present & Future' was a fascinating insight into the origin and rise of Building Societies followed by the seismic changes that came about during the Financial Crisis in the last decade.



For 200 years, Building Societies had a virtual monopoly of financing mortgages in this country. Finance was provided by savers to lend to home buyers and over that time the self-regulated system worked well, was safe and boring! But then came the changes which turned their industry upside-down.

John traced the origins of the financial crisis back to the Vietnam War when the US government faced a huge deficit. Many of us found it difficult to keep up with the changes to the financial world as he outlined the litany of vague memories including; Inflation of the 70s & 80s, Euro dollars, Petro dollars. Then there were more recent memories including; Exchange Control abolition, Right to Buy, MIRAS, Big Bang, Abolition of Building Societies' monopoly, Free-for-all mortgage lending, Sub-Prime mortgages, Money Market borrowing, Derivatives then Lehman Brothers...

We learned that a slimmer, leaner, wiser Building Society Industry is now trying to return to what it should be - safe and boring!

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"You Cannot Be Serious" and a visit to Beckford Silk



In addition to our regular meeting in May, Yew Trees WI also had an outing to Beckford Silk

John McEnroe's legendary challenge to a Wimbledon umpire's decision set the scene

for a talk by Brian Partridge on 27th May. Brian played tennis for The City of Bath Grammar School and the county of Gloucestershire. Later working for the Civil Service gave him organization skills that he applied to tournaments. When he stood down from playing as a veteran for the County in 1988 he decided to train first as a line judge and then as an umpire.

Those of us who have played tennis appreciated particularly his explanation of the duties of the various line judges and umpires, the breaches of the code of conduct, correct uniform and stories about the attitude on court of the well known players.

Brian Partridge has officiated as a line judge team leader or umpire for over 500 matches at Wimbledon since 1962. The games included so many of the top players with whom we are so familiar such as Tim Henman, Andy Murray, Pete Sampras, Stephi Graf, Venus and Serena Williams, Ilie Nastase and many more. We were happy to share so much of his experience that he interspersed with anecdotes and good humour.

Beckford Silk near Tewkesbury is a country workshop for textile design and the hand printing, dyeing and sewing of silk. Fifteen members drove up there on 16th May and were given a talk outlining the history followed by a tour of all the processes that ranged from modern digital printing and traditional



screen printing to the final finishing.

Eleven family members set up this enterprise and each contributed their personal attributes. It is a prime example of what British industry can be for their entrepreneurial skills have captured a niche market to produce silk scarves, ties, tunics and dressing gowns for British museum shops and some abroad.

Members enjoyed a light lunch and eventually they ended up in the Accessories Shop. Here a rainbow selection of silk, velvet and devoree lured them into buying presents for family and friends.

At the WI meeting on July 22nd a potter, Neil Alcock will demonstrate his craft

Janet Jenkins.

"Painswick Gardening Club; a New Year, a New Name"

"A short interlude between watering, weeding and a spot more weeding gives me the chance to update Members and potential new members alike on recent news.

The Committee were chuffed to see such a turnout for the June AGM meeting which was kicked off by Leslie giving a very comprehensive summary of actions and results over the past year. Some of you will know that we had recently completed a simple questionnaire exercise and Debbie concisely summarised our findings - one of them being a view on the name. A vote on this has resulted in the change you see in the title above. Leslie brought the AGM to a conclusion by thanking the Committee for all its hard work and then relinquishing his position as Chairman. Debbie Grey has been voted in as Chairman and the Committee are delighted to be joined by several new volunteers including Yvonne Tebb as Treasurer.

Muriel presented Leslie with a superb specimen rose and a beautiful book and thanked him profusely on behalf of everyone for his immensely valuable work...and his good humour at our lively Committee meetings!

Following the AGM, Steve Quinton, Head Gardener at the Rococo Garden, informed and amused his audience with a fascinating overview of work carried out in the last 12 months together with his future plans and an excellent 'drone' film of the garden. Members are always happy to welcome Steve back as a speaker so will be pleased to know that they will be seeing a little more of him as he, too, has volunteered to join the Committee.

Just a couple of reminders....

Club Members have been invited to a tour of Rococo with Steve on 6th August at 6pm (nominal charge if not a Rococo Friend).

Bookings for the Malvern Autumn Show to Muriel on 01452 813535 ASAP please (closing date 11 Aug). Open to Members and Non-Members at a very reasonable £25 pp including admission charge and only a few steps away from the entrance gate!

We haven't forgotten about Painswick in Bloom; possibly running just a little later this year!

My work here is done....shame I can't say the same about the weeding!"

Caroline Bodington, Committee Member

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Moving around can be eased by using the buses from the museum's own vintage collection, with the additional option of relaxing on a short boat trip on the Dudley Canal through the limestone caverns. Those with energy to spare could volunteer for some traditional tunnel-legging. The whole site is an excellent destination for grand/children! The cost of entrance and coach travel from Stamages Lane car park is £29 (discounts for under-18s), departing at 9.05 am. Full details and booking forms from either me, or from Robert Mann, tel. 01453 872243. Non-members welcome.

From Defense of the Realm to Peacetime Pursuits

The Club's final excursion of the year, to Portsmouth and Hampshire, Monday to Friday, 22nd to 26th September, has a few spaces left and non-members are welcome to join us. Highlights will include visits to Sandham Chapel to see Stanley Spencer's visionary paintings, Henry VIII's fated warship the Mary Rose in its stunning new museum-setting in Portsmouth's historic dockyard, and the D-Day Museum's Overlord Embroidery centrepiece inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry. There will also be a chance to relax in the gardens established by Sir Harold Hillier at Romsey, with visits to Beaulieu Abbey, house and gardens and the famous car collection, and to enjoy a leisurely tour of the country manor house and tranquil gardens at Hinton Ampner. For the full itinerary, please either contact me, or the organiser Sue Brown, on tel. 01453 836618 or by email smbro@btinternet.com

Finally, for news of any last-minute places on the trip next Wednesday, 9th July to Downside Abbey and Kilver Court Gardens & Designer Village, please contact the organiser Denise Magauran on tel. 814570.

Jane Rowe, 813228

Some illuminating events in Kingsmill Lane

I few years ago a decision was taken by the relevant Authority to save on the cost of electricity and reduce light pollution by turning off street lights in the Parish. A reasonably simple thing to do albeit some strategic lights were left on such as the main road. The principle was to be applauded although no thought was given to leaving a few lights on where you could walk towards them on very dark lanes rather than trying to achieve full lighting.

BUT, are the Authorities in control of the extra-terrestrial forces ?

I suggest not.

I relate below a very disturbing sequence of events outside my house which happens to be on the division of two postcodes and also two directions of electricity feeds.

The mercury-vapour streetlight has been turned off for about 2 or 3 years and remained so until January this year. One night it just came on and that was that for some weeks when for one night it came on again. I then started to record incidences.

Tuesday 1st April 2014 the light was on. Tuesday 6th May (5 weeks) it was on again. Tuesday 10 June (5 weeks) it was on again. I cannot explain why the light came on at dusk and went off at daylight next morning on just those nights.

I reported the first incidences to the Parish Council on two occasions who said they had spoken to the Highway Authority. No action was taken as they did not appear to be interested.

So here I am, will Tuesday 15th July 2014 be an illuminating event is the big question ?

If the answer is in the affirmative how and why will it come about ? Are we being watched by GCHQ or aliens from Outer space or elsewhere ?

Maybe I am just becoming paranoid in my old age ?

Trevor Radway



PAINSWICK Parish Police Report - 01/05/14 to 31/05/14

Under the Painswick Parish including Sheepscombe, Edge and Slad Districts for the period May 1st to May 31st 2014 there were nine substantiated crimes recorded. The breakdown of these offences as according to Home Office banding rules was as follows;

Violence

There was one historic sexual assault recorded during the month that is alleged to have occurred in 2009. This retrospective report by a non-Parish resident remains an ongoing enquiry.

Burglary

There were five recorded non-dwelling (commercial) burglaries reported over the month. Of these reports, four were in the village of Slad and one in Sheepscombe. Various garden and power tools were stolen from four of these and the fifth offenders may have been disturbed leaving articles at the scene. At this time there are no lines of enquiry into any of these crimes.

Theft (Motor Vehicles)

Over the month of May there were two thefts from motor vehicle. The thefts from motor vehicle occurred in PAINSWICK on 04/05/2014 one involved a window being smashed and property removed from therein the second a vehicle had a front number



plate stolen. There was also one theft of a motor vehicle which occurred between 25th and 26th May 2014, the vehicle was stolen without keys from the owners address.

The community are reminded to be particularly vigilant with regard to the security of their outbuildings, sheds and garages. There continues to be an ongoing issue with thefts of garden machinery, power tools and on occasion bicycles from both secured and insecure outbuildings, sheds and garages.

The community are encouraged to report suspicious vehicles or persons in the area, particularly after dark, by reporting it to the Police – 999 if incident is in progress i.e. you feel threatened or alarmed

– or 101 if the incident has been in the past. Audible shed alarms are a deterrent and can be purchased from reputable DIY outlets or through Gloucestershire Constabulary Crime Reduction at cost.

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Painswick 30 years ago



At the June meeting of the Society members were treated to a BBC film made in 1981 entitled 'A day Out in Painswick'. It was interesting to see how certain aspects of the town had changed, particularly the increase in traffic, but also how many features were still, and often surprisingly, unchanged. Painswick was presented as a model of idyllic English country life in a beautiful tranquil setting – do we still see it that way?

The Society does not meet in July and August. The first meeting of the new season will take place on Tuesday, 16th September when Eric Freeman will give a presentation on farming through the ages, a subject very relevant to this area. Croft School, 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Knitting blankets for vulnerable African children

For the past few months, residents, staff and volunteers at Richmond Painswick have been knitting 8"/20 cm squares to send to South Africa, where they will be sewn into blankets for the orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa.



It is estimated that there are 14.8 million orphans in sub-Saharan Africa. 1.9 million live in South Africa. Many of these children are AIDS orphans or have been abandoned.

Richmond Painswick knitted 292 squares and the residents of Richmond Northampton, who also took part, donated a further 248 squares. In total, all of our 540 knitted squares will make 15 complete blankets for this worthy cause.

Further information on the Knit a Square project can be found on their website knitasquare.com

Jay Dexter

The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

New Painswick Guide

After several years without an official up to date guide, a new Painswick guide is about to be published. The Beacon has undertaken to publish and update the guide on behalf of the Parish Council. It will be available in the usual shops and the tourist office at £2 a copy.

Fun on the Rec

Plans are well advanced for the first Painswick Charity Fun day. The Recreation ground will be the central venue for the charity stalls and the Companion Dog Show. Flower and craft competitions are to be held at Christ Church in Gloucester Street. The Painswick Centre will be holding a Tombola and opening its Car Park to all for free.

New Bus Service

The new No 256 bus service to Gloucester on Wednesdays and Saturdays has met with a reasonable response however the usual strictures apply, "use it or lose it".

20 years ago

New Digital Telephone Exchange

BT will be opening a new digital telephone exchange in Painswick in a few weeks time. The new computer controlled exchange replaces the existing electronic equipment which has served the local community since 1972. The new exchange enables BT to improved reliability and speech quality as well as providing itemised bills free of charge.

Victorian Market Day

IT is full speed ahead for the Victorian Market Day on 9th July organized by the local village traders. All the local shops, pubs, hotels and tearooms are taking part and there will be various entertainments during the day.

30 years ago

Low Flying Aircraft

The last few days of June seemed that Painswick was the centre of a full scale NATO exercise, as a succession of jet aircraft zoomed in low over the village. In response to a letter of complaint the RAF replied of the vital need to train its pilots in low level flying and that Painswick did not suffer any more than other permitted areas.

Skip

Stroud District Council was prepared to position a temporary skip in the village for items unsuitable for normal refuse collection. They required the Parish Council to provide a suitable location and to publicise the dates. The Parish Council agreed to try out the idea over one weekend.

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TENNIS

Annual ladies charity tournament

Friday the 13th June turned out to be a lucky day for Painswick Tennis Club when 31 ladies played in the annual Charity tennis tournament. After a morning of very competitive tennis the ladies were refreshed with a delicious salmon and wine lunch. A huge thank you to the players who came from clubs around the county and the large number from Painswick.

A cheque for £400 will be sent to Sue Ryder for the Leckhampton Day Centre.



Road To Wimbledon

Painswick LTC held the Road to Wimbledon Tournament for under 14's. The tournament was well supported with a full draw. The boys final was between Columba Leeper and Louis Lovell. Columba started very strongly taking the first set 6-1. In the second set Louis started to hit consistently on his forehand side. A competitive second set went with serve until Columba broke serve to take the set 7-5. He went on to represent Painswick LTC

at the county finals and won the consolation tournament.

The girls final was a repeat of last years semi-final between Isabella Nunez and Regi Ristic-North. These two highly rated county players battled in a very competitive match. The standard of play was exceptionally high. After a long, tough match Isabella edged a good win 6-4, 6-4. Isabella represented Painswick LTC at the county finals and played brilliantly to finish as runner up. This means that as a consolation she will be invited to Wimbledon to train with Tim Henman.



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Golf

£10k grant for Golf Club to protect wildlife

Painswick Golf Club submitted the application for an Environmental Award on behalf of the Lord of the Manor, Selina Blow, and Natural England who are contracted to manage the land on Painswick Beacon with the assistance of the Golf Club and Painswick Conservation Group. The application made to Biffa Awards, which redistributes income from land-fill tax to benefit local communities, was successful and the £10,000 will be used to provide an underground mains water supply to four grazing paddocks on the Beacon.

Cattle grazing on the Beacon was introduced last year and has been proved to enhance the quality of the grass, which in turn encourages wild flowers such as orchids and attracts more butterflies. Gillian French, Biffa Award programme manager, said that "projects like this which aim to protect and encourage rare species at the local level are incredibly important and that is why we invest in them".

There are currently two expectant Gloucester cows in residence relying on volunteers and the Golf Club to bring water up to the troughs. They are due to leave shortly to calf.



Cricket

At present the 1st eleven are mid table in the Gloucester premier division winning 2 and losing 4 matches so far. Apart from being well beaten at Dumbleton all the other games should have been won, in particular on Saturday 21st July in the match against Hatherley and Reddings when with 7 runs needed for victory the last 5 wickets fell for 2 runs. However Andy Edwards scored a magnificent 96.

The second eleven contains many youngsters and have a similar record to the first eleven. These youngsters are pushing for first team places so things look good for the future. The thirds and fourths are struggling a little, although the thirds had a fine win against Frocester.

In the mid week fixtures the club has reached the Stroud Cup semi final versus Cam on Tuesday 1st July. The youth section flourishes under the leadership of the hard-working Dom Barnard which sees many boys and girls training on Friday nights at Broadham. The club is always looking for new members of any age contact the chairman Ian Hogg on 07972405209. The club has four major sponsors: the Falcon hotel, Paul Morris builders, Painswick pharmacy and Aqua bathrooms. Their support is much appreciated.

Some future Home fixtures for the first XI
19th July against Lydney CC
2 August against Gloucester A.I.W Sports CC

Jottings

The baby owls have hatched and have left the nest and are around the yard shouting for food.

Butterfly Conservation asked people to send in records if they saw any Duke of Burgundy Butterflies this year. A photograph sent in of one seen on Edge Common this year showed markings that had been painted on it last year, so it has survived the winter and is breeding this year.



We have cut and baled large amounts of grass for hay and silage this year which will be going for feed next winter. Nature has a way of levelling things out - we may have a drought, wet weather, an early autumn or a cold spring, and so on, but it balances out over the years. What we do need is 210 days of feed for the winter; and bedding as well.

Whilst we were baling and wrapping the silage we suddenly realised that we had the company of four Red Kites circling and swooping down to ground level, catching mice and other food. They were spectacular as they swerved past the tractors.

Passersby are fascinated by the silage wrapper putting the plastic on the bales, watching, trying to figure out how the bales are turned in two different ways at the same time. It is very simple when you know how.

It is still very wet in the fields from the rain that we have had over the last few months, as people can see looking across the valleys to see where the tractors have dug up the ground whilst doing their work.

People have asked what "haylage" is: It is half way between hay and silage, it was not dry enough to be hay so it is wrapped and is mainly fed to horses.

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you can spend time waiting there instead of in the hospital, and they will ring through when you need to go for your treatment. If you need to rest, there are quiet, comfortable areas to do so. If you would like to have a look at Maggie's or the hospices but feel concerned about going on your own, I would be happy to take you in the first instance.

It's important to remember that many people with cancer are cured and others are able to lead an active life living well with cancer. Treatments are improving all the time and we know more about how diet, exercise and emotional wellbeing can all help to improve how well we can live. Our specialist Palliative team is available to inpatients in hospital, through the hospices, in the community and home visits can be arranged. Palliative care is there for you at any stage of your diagnosis.

There is an enormous amount of information available on websites such as Macmillan, Marie Curie, and Penny Brohn. There are day and residential courses on offer, support lines and groups and educational and supportive information available.

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for Gloucestershire who are responsible for buying our health services, want to hear from you if you or someone you care for has been affected by cancer. There is an open event on July 7th where you can give your opinion to help influence the future of cancer care in Gloucestershire.

Cotswold Care Hospice 01453 886868
 CCG Event July 7th 0300 421 1930
Lou Kemp 07776 245767

I am there to help you get the right benefits, help with the practicalities of arranging mobility aids or care support if that is what you require. I can look for grants that are available to help in certain circumstances or tell you about the services available in our county to support you and your family. We have some fantastic hospice services available in our county at Cotswold Care in Minchinhampton, and Sue Ryder at Leckhampton in Cheltenham. The hospice services are available free to anyone with a life threatening illness, at any stage of the diagnosis. Both Cotswold Care and Sue Ryder offer a programme of day therapy which is tailored to the individual needs of the person. That might be having complementary therapy, counselling, taking part in art therapy, being with others who might understand what you are experiencing. Both hospices offer "hospice" at home and Sue Ryder has 16 beds which are for those needing to stay to help get relief from complex symptoms or for those who need care at the end of life where that care can't be given elsewhere.

We have "Maggies" in Cheltenham near the Oncology unit which is a wonderful facility and a beautiful building where you can receive practical and emotional support. There are workshops, benefits advice, Tai Chi classes and a warm and welcoming area to sit, drink tea and chat to others. Because it is so near Oncology,

PROPERTY REPORT for June from Murrays

Summer has come to the village and Murrays have again had a very successful few months with both properties coming to the market, viewings and sales all on the up!

We are continuing to see a rise in the housing market with the Nationwide saying that house prices recorded their thirteenth successive monthly increase in May, rising by 0.7%. As a result, the annual pace of price growth edged up to 11.1% up from 10.9% the previous month. There have however been signs that the housing market is beginning to moderate with mortgage approvals in April down by 17% on January this year, but it is too early to say whether nationally this is indicative of a cooling trend in the wider market. The slowdown may partly be the result of the introduction of Mortgage Market Review (MMR) measures, which may take a few months to settle down. The underlying pace of activity should become more evident as we move through the summer months and the impact if any of MMR becomes clearer. There has also been talk of interest rates rising by the end of the year, for the first time since 2007, which will of course will effect those with and or getting mortgages in the future but as of yet The Bank of England have not confirmed this.

We have again taken on lots of lovely new properties including Fig Tree Cottage, a recently refurbished and extended detached

family house on Kemps Lane, Baraclough House an impressive modern Georgian style 4 bed detached family house in Hambutts Mead, Croome House a handsome 3 / 4 bedroom stone town house right in the centre of the village, Carsebreck a substantial modern 4 bed detached family house with beautiful gardens and lovely views on Kingsmill Lane, No 6 Stamages Lane, a modern town house style 4 bed house with far reaching views, Bonds Grove, a detached family house set in 3.5 acres with lovely views in Slad (already under offer) Overdale House, a 6000 square feet 5 bedroom new build property in Slad which is nearing completion, Lypiatt Cottage, a Cotswold stone 4 bed cottage with gardens and views in Miserden, 4 The High Street a new build red brick cottage in the centre of Upton St Leonards, Applecroft, an immaculately presented and spacious modern property with stunning views in Pitchcombe and 1 Daisy Cottages a 4 bed cottage with studio in the garden in Epney.

The properties that we currently have under offer are Merrills on Friday Street, 2 Sunny Terrace on Vicarage Street in Painswick, Smalls Mill on Pincot Lane, Pitchcombe, Clovelly and Sangria both in Upton St Leonards, 7 Haresfield Court in Haresfield and Bonds Grove in Slad and we have now completed on Firlie on Blakewell Mead in Painswick and 1 Wellersley Cottages in Bisley
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JULY

Sat	5	Victorian Costume Ball. For info. Tel. 01453 833150 'Jenson's Journey' - Charity Race Night: Tickets £10, to include food - Tel 812180	Painswick Centre Painswick Golf Club	7.30 to 11.00pm
Sun	6	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Evensong	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 4.00pm
Mon	7	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 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	8	No Guided Health Walk Today Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £5 pp Tuesdays	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890	P. Centre Green Room Ashwell House	2.00 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	9	Horticultural Society Trip 3: Stourhead Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Coach trip to Downside Abbey & Kilver Court Designer Village & Gardens: Tel. 814570	Stamages Car Park Stamages Car Park	tba 8.35am
		Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: 1607 The Great Severn Estuary Flood - Rose Hewlett	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am
		Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays	Croft School	10.30am to 12noon
Thu	10	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays Messy Church	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm
			Town Hall Church Rooms	12.30 to 1.30pm 3.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	11	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	12	Saturday Market: Produce, Art & Craft - various stalls Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965 Painswick Arts Festival until 25th August - Events around the village. See p 6 for details of events until 10th August Art Couture Painswick: Hermes String Quartet Concert ACP: Music Event - Live@ACP - bring a picnic or buy from food stalls	Town Hall. Lower Room Stamages Car Park Around Village St Mary's Church St Mary's Churchyard	10.00am to 4.00pm 10.00am Daily 3.00 to 4.20pm 4.30 to 9.99pm
Sun	13	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Outdoor Service - Art Couture Art Couture Painswick: Stalls / Wearable Art / Music / Entertainment / Dakota Flypast	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Throughout Village	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 11.00am to 8.00pm
Mon	14	Probus Women: My Friends the Refugees - Angela Lerwill	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	15	Health Walk (One Hour) Enq. 813228 - Tuesdays Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided evening walk: Cotswold Buildings in South Woodchester: pre-book on 813228	Town Hall	1.45 for 2.00pm 5.30pm
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Friday Club: Teckells Animal Sanctuary - Sean McGough Gloucestershire Youth Players performance of The Tempest (also Sat 19th & Sun 20th) - grounds open from 6.00pm for picnics	Town Hall Rococo Gardens	2.30pm 7.00pm
Sat	19	Copy Date for August Beacon		
Sun	20	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: A Potter Demonstrates his Craft - Neil Alcock	Church Rooms	7.30pm



Wed	23	Probus Summer Luncheon with the Ladies	The Hill, Stroud	12.30 for 1.00pm
Fri	25	Horton's Summer Bash - food & evening of crazy entertainment from Forester Terry Osbourne £20 - Tel 812180	Painswick Golf Club	
Sat	26	Race Night with food - in aid of local Gloucestershire charities. Tickets 0 812180	Painswick Golf Club	
Sun	27	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am

AUGUST

Sat	2	August Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Picnic in the Park	Rococo Garden	7.00pm
Tue	19	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Coach trip to Black Country Living Museum. Enq. 01453 836618	Stamages Car Park	9.05am
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I. Summer Supper	Church Rooms	7.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Wed	3	Probus: Cheltenham Racecourse - David Mackinnon	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Mon	8	Probus Women: Just Hanging About - Angela Panrucker	Church rooms	10.00am
Fri	12	Friday Club: The History of Abbeyfield - Nereide Gilhead	Town Hall	2.30pm

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A Tsunami at Painswick or a High Severn Boar??



David Allot sent this photo of more deplorable dumping on the Beacon. The Ex-speed boat, possibly called "Misfit" was found off Sevenleaze Lane beside Cud Hill Common. It was backed into the bushes with one wheel missing.



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NEW APPLICATIONS

LONG MYND, The Highlands
Amendment to reduce the size of the garage/study/workshop already approved under S.12/2341/HHOLD
FIRLE, Blakewell Mead
New dormer window to front elevation.
LAND OPPOSITE HILLWORTH HOUSE, Gloucester Street
Alteration and extension of the Coach House to form new two bedroom dwelling, removal of existing car port, relevant services & parking. Revision and re-siting of site entrance and landscaping works.
HIGHFIELD, Edge Road
Extension to rear of existing single storey extension and addition of four windows to rear.
EDGE LANE HOUSE, Edge Lane, Edge
Single storey side extension.
CAROUSEL AND GREENACRE, Slad Road, Slad
Replacement dwelling Carousel (revised scheme) & replacement dwelling Greenacre, Slad
TOPHAMS, Friday Street
Demolition of existing single storey extension, to be replaced with new single storey extension and alterations to existing stair.
4 CANTON ACRE,
Single storey rear extension.

CONSENT

COURTSIDE, Hale Lane
Change of use from dwelling to guest house (Resubmission of S.13/2576/COU)
COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane
Demolition of existing garages and erection of 7 garages with store over.
BLAKEWELL FARM, Edge Road
Proposed repair and conversion of barn into residential property.
BONDSGROVE, Slad Road, Slad.
Side extension, minor alterations and internal reconfiguration.
PARK COTTAGE, Butt Green
Detached garage.
GREENHOUSE COURT LODGE, Greenhouse Lane
Remove internal walls to latterly added modern extension to form larger Kitchen/ Dining Room area.
HALECROFT, Stamages Lane
Creation of dormer window
MILLCROFT, Stepping Stone Lane
Erection of a conservatory on the west gable.
BEECH FARM, Beech Lane
Erection of covered yard for livestock.
12 ASHWELL HOUSE
Renovation of property and conversion of garage into office space.

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Renewed from last year	440	462
Total including postal	487	489

The Personal Column

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the Family and Friends of RICHARD BURGESS WATSON who has died recently, and to the family and friends of JOAN BRADLEY who has also died recently

Farewell

ANNE and BRIAN SHAWCROSS would like to say Farewell to Painswick and thank you to all the people here who have made the last 18 years such a happy era in our lives, we are sad to be leaving but we are not going far and from June 23rd our address will be 3 Tivoli Villas, Lypiatt Drive, Cheltenham GL50 2JB, Tel 01242-581973.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to Hilda Cureton on her 100th birthday. Hilda is a resident at Richmond retirement Village.



The photo shows Hilda holding her card from the Queen. Hilda was originally from Nailsworth, had a career in nursing and as a mother before moving to Richmond 18 months ago.

Thank you

JENNY BROADBANK would like to thank her friends for all the support they have given her following the death of Andy Sheppard, he was a wonderful carer to her father.

ANN BURGESS WATSON and family would like to say thank you for all the kind letters and the supportiveness of the Painswick community which has been a great source of strength at a sad time.

JOHN GRIFFITHS of Vicarage Street would like to convey his sincere thanks to those friends and neighbours who have been so kind and helpful both during and following his recent stay in hospital. Your gifts, cards and wonderful assistance with everyday life and the care of his dog and cat have been very much appreciated by himself and his daughters.

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.

Andy Harding - a Tribute

After 6 years with PSALMS with responsibility for the youth work in Painswick as well as Stroud, Andy Harding is moving on to a new challenge in August.

He has been appointed as Youth Pastor of a large Church (1000+ members) in the centre of Edinburgh. He will be moving north with his wife, Odele, who has also worked for PSALMS but in Stonehouse and Nailsworth, and their baby son, Jensen.

They will be much missed, in Andy's case, by the young people of our community here for his easy going manner, inventive and fun activities, his wisdom and interest in their lives, and his friendship.

Some of Andy's accomplishments during this six years have included completing his Master's Degree, setting up and running Pulse FC, (a football team project for young men permanently excluded from schools), taking 24 young people to South Africa last summer to build 2 homes for poor families - as well as pushing for the remodelling of our Youth Club building. We wish him and the family well and thank him for all that he has done for our young people"

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