

The Painswick Beacon

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 17th September 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 Ian James, Ben Nicholls, David Oxendale, Steve Morris and Emma Smith.

Pyll House, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe. Erection of 4 bay barn. The members resolved to recommend refusal as, in their opinion, the barn was unsympathetic to the landscape with inappropriate materials. It was agreed that if the District Council Planning Officer recommended consent the Parish Council would ask that the application be determined by the Development Control Committee.

The members recommended that consent be given to the following applications:

Old Baptist Chapel, New Street. Replace 9 window frames to incorporate coloured glass. Replace 4 stone sills. Replace 5 internal window boards. Strip roof, re-felt and batten, new flashings chased into parapet wall and relay tiles.

Brownhill Court, Wick Street. Extend existing roof line of billiards room to tie into drawing room roof. Remove existing parapet wall and gutter between tow roof spaces and match the roof arrangement of opposite wing. Listed building and planning applications.

Court House, Hale Lane (revised plans). Demolition of existing garages and erection of 7 garages with store over. The members recommended that a condition be applied restricting the garages' use to domestic.

3 Vatch Cottages, Catswood Lane. Amendment to planning permission S.14/0193/HHOLD to increase the ground floor extension to full width of the site. Star Cottage, Hollyhock Lane. Reduce holly tree by 50%.

Valley Way, Vicarage Street. Reduce Portuguese Laurel by 30% approximately 1m all over.

Field Croft, Sheepscombe. The removal of 5 trees in the centre of the lawn at Field Croft due to excessive shading and low amenity value.

PARISH COUNCIL

Public questions.

There were several questions. Mrs Caroline Luke asked what action might

result from the Planning Inspectorate's decision not to grant retrospective consent for the erection of fencing at Golf Course Road. Council Chairman Martin Slinger said that the Inspectorate had no power of enforcement. The Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation and make the subject an agenda item at the October Parish Council meeting.

Mr Ross Monroe raised the question of the enforcement of the 20mph zone. Cllr Abigail Smith, Chairman of the Traffic Committee, offered her apology in that the advice she had given at the recent Traffic Committee had been wrong. She had since been made aware that the 20mph limit was enforceable. Mr Monroe asked whether the police had the necessary equipment to monitor the speeds. Cllr Smith said that she had been informed that the police carried out monthly checks. She said that a survey of traffic speeds was to start the following week.

Mr John Barrus told the Council that he believed the way forward for the Community Library and the Tourist Information Office was to bring the two together within the Library. This because of the limited number of volunteers.

Mr Terry Parker said that, given the Post Office agenda item was scheduled to be taken in the absence of the press and public, was it possible for the Council to give an update in general terms. In reply, the Clerk to the Council, Mr Roy Balgobin, made a statement which is reported separately on page 3.....

Major Peter Grant.

Before the meeting began, Cllr Slinger drew attention to the recent death of Major Peter Grant who had been Clerk to the Parish Council for 14 years prior to Mr Balgobin's appointment in April 2003. Cllr Slinger said he knew that members would wish to join him in expressing their sadness at Peter Grant's death. A period of silence was observed.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ian James, Steve Morris, Ben Nicholls, David Oxendale and Emma Smith.

Matters of urgency.

There had been many complaints about

fireworks, in particular at the Court House. The complaints had been forwarded to the police and the District Council's Environmental Health Department.

Councillor Jason Bullingham.

Cllr Slinger reported the resignation of Cllr Bullingham from the Parish Council. Cllr Bullingham had expressed his disappointment at his decision but he had no choice as he was moving to another parish. He said in his letter that he would continue to represent the Parish as its County Councillor. Members spoke of their appreciation for the contribution Cllr Bullingham had made during the ten years he had been a member of the Council.

District Councillor's report.

Councillor Cooper referred to the Local Government Boundaries Commission and said that their findings had still to be finalised. However, they had recommended that the number of District Councillors remained at 51. Cllr Cooper said that the present refuse/recycling collection contract would end in June 2016. A communications strategy was being drawn up to keep residents better informed. It was proposed that under the new contract there would be no change in the days of refuse collection and recycling collection would take place every other week. The policy of bulk item collection would change in two years' time. The number of items would be restricted to three and there would be a charge. Garden waste would be composted. Cllr Ann Daniels said the garden waste change was long overdue as it was nonsense that the waste was collected separately and yet still sent for landfill.

Traffic Committee.

The Council agreed the Committee's recommendation to approve funding of £472 towards traffic surveys. The Council also agreed to the Committee's request to approve the purchase of emergency access signage in Vicarage Street. Four signs were proposed each at a cost of £70.

Tourist information Office (TIO).

The Council agreed to apply for a Lottery grant on behalf of the TIO, this towards the cost of the refurbishment of the gravedigger's hut. However the Council resolved not to progress the grant until the TIO had

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agreed a ten year lease with the Gloucester Diocese.

Recreation Ground improvements.
It was agreed to vire £2,000 from legal fees in the 2014/15 budget to "Play Painswick" which is the name of the Parish Council's sub-committee tasked to look at improvements to the Recreation Ground play area. It was also agreed to share the purchasing costs of replacement goalposts. The amount was approximately £1,000. The Council supported the recommendation to provide a landscape assessment and play area review. Cllr Lewis said that £500 was to be received from a film company and this would be given to "Play Painswick".

Ward reports.

Ann Daniels referred to the demolishing of the telephone box at the top of Pullens Road. It was not known whether BT would replace the box.

Meeting closure. The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Recreation Ground Trust

A meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust was held at the conclusion of the Parish Council meeting. The members agreed to allow "Play Painswick" to update the play equipment. They discussed vehicular access and parking associated with the football club and the Youth and Community Pavilion. The members supported Cllr Lewis's proposal that a working party be set up to consider how such parking could be achieved. He stressed that he was against permanent parking on the Recreation Ground.

Councillor Jason Bullingham

At its September meeting the Parish Council received a letter of resignation from Councillor Jason Bullingham. In his letter Councillor Bullingham explained that the reason for his resignation was because he had moved out of the parish and was therefore no longer eligible to be a Painswick Parish Councillor. He stressed that he continued to be Painswick's County Councillor as the size of the County Division meant that his new address did not bar him from office. He hoped to return to Painswick. Parish Council members expressed their appreciation of Councillor Bullingham's commitment to the council in the ten years he was a member.



Post Office update

In response to a question from a member of the public at the September Parish Council meeting, the Clerk to the Council, Mr Roy Balgobin gave an update on the initiatives being taken to achieve a post office facility. He said that the location of a post office facility at the Painswick Centre was no longer an option. Discussions were taking place to provide an "Outreach" facility. This required a location at which a post office service would be provided for a weekly minimum of 15 hours. This facility would not preclude the creation of a permanent Post Office Local at some stage in the future. He said that it was unlikely that a post office facility would be in place before Christmas.

Highways Community Action – many thanks!

With decreasing funds for highways coming from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), Painswick Parish Council's Traffic Working Group have initiated some Community Action activities, in line with the GCC "Highways: Your Way" policy. Over the last few weeks, Alan Hudson and David Allot have been working to clear signs obscured with vegetation. Many thanks to them, and to those landowners who have both enabled this and/or carried out such works themselves.

Ahead of the Tour of Britain, a working party cleared the weeds along the back of the A46 footways from Pullens Road to the Highlands. Not only did this tidy up the Queen of the Cotswolds for this national event, it also removed the weed nuisance for locals using the footway. Many thanks go to: Ben Nicholls, Daisy Tyson, Josh Gamble, Rich Goddard, Alan Hudson, David Allot, Charlie Morgan and George Hodder for completing this surprisingly arduous work

Abigail Smith, Chair, Painswick Parish Council Traffic Committee

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Library News



Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all those children who took part in, and special commendations to those who completed the summer reading challenge - "Mythical Maze". Even though you are all back at School, don't forget we still have many interesting and fascinating books for you to borrow through the Autumn - so come and see us again!

Congratulations also to those who completed the children's literary quizzes over the summer. Book tokens are on their way to the winners.

Story Time - Monday afternoons

The popular story time session for pre-school children has re-started at the library and is running on Monday afternoons - 2.15 - 3.00pm. This will include stories and maybe rhymes and songs.

More on the "Casual Vacancy"

We apologise that we had to close on Monday August 18th due to filming of "The Casual Vacancy". The Library had been given assurances that our opening would not be affected, but unfortunately this was not the case.

Request for Information

We've had a request for any information on the artist Bruce Taylor (1921-1989). He is believed to have been renovating a house in Painswick where his grandmother lived in 1961-- can anyone help?

Future plans

Our popular hamper draw will run through November for people taking books out or using the library computers. Please join in and give our issue figures a boost as well as the chance to win the prize.

Dates are being finalised for another Family History Course with Peter Rowe. More information and application forms available from the Library.

Ian Cridland

What's On

Attic Sale -

5th October 10am-2pm

Get all you unwanted knickknacks, get yourself a table (£10) and sell, sell, sell!
Or... Get you early prezzies ready for Christmas in the ultimate 'up-cycling' experience!
"One man's Junk is another mans' treasure!"
Or... Grab yourself a bacon butty, or a piece of cake and a nice cup of tea or coffee!

Halloween - 31st October

Kids Disco & Games 5-7pm

Bring the kids along for fun party games such as 'pin the tail on the Monster', 'Apple bobbing' and 'Dangling Donuts', as well as face Painting and Spooky disco! (Snacks provided, drinks available to purchase.) Tickets £4 (All Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Adults Party - 8pm-12am

For all the grown-ups that either, like to get dressed up and be a little devil for the night or, like to go out and watch other grown-ups dress up and be little devils for the night! So whether you choose to don a costume, a simple mask or just dress as you please, come along and have a spooky time!

Warning: If you refuse this invitation something awful may happen... You'll miss out on all the fun!

Goodwill Evening - 28th November (TBC)

Just For Fun Christmas Quiz - 6th December (TBC)

Jennie Barber

Community Lunches

Welcome to this session's lunches every Monday from October 6th for 10 weeks before Christmas (& 10 weeks in the new year). For £3.00 you get homemade soup, fresh bread, butter & cheese - and good company! - at Ashwell Centre, off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way.

The local causes to be supported this year are:

- The Wednesday Ashwell Group, run by volunteers who bring elderly house-bound local residents to Ashwell for the day providing coffee, lunch, activities and company; and the Painswick Defibrillator to be installed in the centre of the village - ready to save lives.

We do hope people of ALL AGES will come to support the lunches, as each week's different hosts (all local groups/societies) work so hard to provide them. Note especially on October 20th when Year 6 at Croft School will be the hosts!

Rita Bishop (Coordinator) & David Linsell (Treasurer)

December issue - Seasonal cover picture

It has long been the policy of the Beacon to print the cover in full colour for the December issue. To this end we have in the past received many remarkable offerings from readers, young and old, ranging from photographs to paintings.

We are again looking for one to use this year. There are few requirements, but our being able to scan within A4 size, or receive copy by e-mail of a photograph in high definition, are important. Essentially, a seasonal scene in a central part of the village is what we are after. We return any original, so can you help please?



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New Head teacher

Welcome to Mr. Kevin Howie who started in September as Head Teacher at The Croft. Mr. Howie was previously Assistant Head at Hillview Primary School in Gloucester.

He has a BA.Ed Hons degree in Primary Education and is in his 19th year of teaching. His previous schools have all been in Gloucester and has seen a variety of roles from teaching in all year groups, leading projects in a Children's Centre, and also include a year out of teaching as the Community Development Manager at Gloucester Rugby.

His interests are generally based around his two children Evie, (13), Owen (10) and his wife Rachel, but also include music, sport, Church and charity projects. When time allows he occasionally sings in Glos. and Worcs. Philomusica and is a keen supporter of Gloucester City AFC and Gloucester Rugby.

"I am really enjoying my time at The Croft so far. It is such a fantastic school with lovely grounds. The welcome from the children and parents has been so warm and I have enjoyed meeting members of the local community. I hope to continue developing, or building on, partnerships that not only enrich our school curriculum but also allow the school to be part of the heart of the village and surrounding area."

The Governors of The Croft School



Flu Vaccinations

Our annual immunisation programme to protect vulnerable patients from the influenza virus will commence as usual, in October this year. All the doctors at Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We would also suggest that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma/lung disease, kidney/liver/heart disease and patients who are immunocompromised are also vaccinated as they are especially at risk.

As in previous years, we will be holding clinics on Saturdays 4th, 18th and 25th October (8.30 am to 1 pm)

The Department of Health are continuing their Shingles Campaign this year and the vaccine will be available to those patients who were either 70 years old, 78 years or 79 years of age on 1st September 2014. Supply is such that it cannot be offered on the NHS to patients who are not in these age brackets, but we can now buy it and so can offer it to you as a private immunisation if you wish to have it. Please note, it is expensive at £110 per vaccine.

Should you wish to have either of these vaccinations, please contact the surgery to book a convenient appointment – please do not wait for a letter inviting you to come in. We would like as many people as possible to take up this offer. (We won't be organising 'flu clinics at the surgery during the week in order to reduce congestion in the car park.)

Nicola Hayward Practice Manager

Painswick Singers On-Song this Christmas – Come and Join Us

The Painswick Singers will, as usual, present a Christmas Carol Concert in St. Mary's Church, this year on Saturday 20th December at 7.30pm. This is always a good time to join a choir because it means you will be singing well known carols and other music that, if less well known, is bound to be tuneful. As the Community Choir pointed out last month, singing in 4 part harmony is uplifting and great fun; it is also proven to be so health-giving it almost merits prescription on NHS! Whilst we like our members to be able to 'read' music, because it helps the learning process, many do not. But they find their ability to draw sound images from the 'flies on the wires' surprisingly easy, which is what the 'readers' do anyway. So do not let music reading put you off – come and try it. Almost everyone has a choral singing voice, let us find yours for you and HAVE A FIRST TERM FOR FREE! We meet on Monday evenings 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, contact me for details: 01452 814092.

Our programme will contain items that have been favourites for many years and no doubt will feature some of John Rutter's wonderful Christmas music. But we always feature something special which this year will be Ralph Vaughan Williams' Hodie (This Day). He was 82 when he wrote this cantata, which juxtaposes the sacred, and the secular, the medieval and the modern, the austere and the sweet. In mixing biblical texts with poetry, Vaughan Williams uses some poetry written by his daughter Ursula.

The work gives tenor, baritone and soprano soloists some lovely melodic music to sing, whilst the choral music raises feelings of triumph and exultation and closes it in grand style, providing a triumphant and glorious ending. Put the date in your diary now.

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“A Makeover for St. Mary’s Church?”

St. Mary’s Church, the building, has stood in the centre of Painswick for over 600 years and likewise the church community, the congregation, is dedicated to being part of the community of Painswick. The Church building is open during the day, every day, both for visitors and for Painswickians who wish to find a quiet spot for thought or prayer. We host concerts, meetings and festivals and have done our best to provide a new home for the Tourist Information Centre. St Mary’s is a community resource.

But we would like to do more by providing better facilities in the Church. The church council have been discussing a bit of a renewal for our ancient building (or a “re-ordering” to use the correct term) for some time. They have consulted the Diocesan Advisory Committee and have made various modifications as a result. At the end of August we received their approval of the proposals. We are now in a position to share the vision with the village as a whole and to seek views. This public consultation period is the final stage before application is made to the Chancellor of the Diocese of Gloucester for permission to proceed (called a ‘faculty’).

The better facilities we would like and are proposing include: a kitchen area rather than a box with a kettle in it; some accessible toilets; an area where we can serve refreshments comfortably and put on exhibitions; and an area where groups can meet and be warm even in winter! To do this would mean moving the organ back to its original setting at the west end of the church. You will be able to see it in all its glory and hear it without it being muffled by being crammed in a corner.

This is a really exciting project in so many ways and we would like all Painswickians to get involved in it. To that end we have arranged four meetings in church in October and November 2014, at which the plans will be described, the costs will be outlined and the fund raising strategy will be explained. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and detailed reports and architectural drawings will be available for consultation. The drawings and reports will be available for perusal in church throughout most of October and November and we expect to make them available for the same timescale on the St. Mary’s web site (stmaryspainswick.org.uk/renewal).

The four meetings, all in the church, will be on.
Sunday 26th October at 11am (after the 9.30 am Sunday service)
Thursday 30th October at 7.30 pm
Sunday 2nd November at 11am (after the 9.30 am Sunday service)
Wednesday 12th November at 7.30 pm
Please feel free to join us at any of these meetings.
Light refreshments will be available
From the Vicar, Rev Mike Holloway

All Souls Day Service

All Souls Day is the day in the Church’s year when we remember our loved ones who have died. It is a chance to give thanks for their lives and to ask God to care for them.

St Mary’s Church is holding their annual All Souls Day service at 4.00pm on Sunday 2nd November. All are invited.

During the service there will be an opportunity for people to light a candle in memory of each of their loved ones. In addition, their names can be read out during the service. People who would like the names of their departed loved ones to be read out should leave a message at the Benefice Office. This can be done in person or via e-mail or telephone. Please mark your message ‘All Souls’.

Tel: 01452 814795 *Rev Mike Holloway*
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Week of Prayer for World Peace

12th – 19th October
2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the Week of Prayer for World Peace organisation. Painswick has participated in the week of prayer since the mid-seventies. The week is essentially an inter-faith event with the closing gathering taking place at the Al-Khoei Foundation in north west London on 19th October. In Painswick prayers for peace will be said at services on Sunday 12th October and Sunday 19th October. Each day from Monday 13th to Saturday 18th October, prayers for peace will be said in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese in Friday Street between 9.30am and 10am. Everyone is welcome and invited to take part whether of faith tradition or none.

*Terry Parker, Chairman, Churches Together
Around Painswick*

Some illuminating events in Kingsmill lane.

Further to my contribution in the July 2014 edition of “Painswick Beacon” there has been local interest in the functioning of the street light outside my house.

Well, Tuesday 14th July came and went and we were left in the dark about any lighting issues because nothing happened.

In fact nothing at all happened until the night of September 21st when the light came on again. So who IS controlling the situation? Maybe the folks at GCHQ are interested in the badgers destroying my lawn and want evidence of it? Or is it something else?

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Our changing landscape



At the September meeting 'the voice of Gloucestershire', Mr Eric Freeman, gave a fascinating unscripted presentation on the effects of the changes of local agricultural practices over the past few decades. Through a combination of facts, analysis and personal memories he explained how the landscape in particular has changed as a result of new farming methods and design changes in equipment such as the plough. With an obvious love of livestock he talked about old and rare breeds, the production of specialist cheeses and how a group of local farmers are working to prevent the disappearance of old breeds which "are part of our history." His love of birds and wildlife was also evident as he pointed out how modern agricultural technology has affected wildlife activity such as the tendency to cut hedges too tidily which enables birds of prey to spot smaller birds nesting.

Mr Freeman also looked at how farming practices used to be entirely dictated by the seasons, the weather and superstitions such as eating pork only when there is an r in the month. Many local Morris groups have their origins in the land and wassailing is about blessing the crops. Modern technology takes care of what used to be done by hard manual work and hope and prayer. Farming is now a business whereas it was in the past most definitely a way of life.

At the next meeting our own Paul Griffiths will give a presentation on agricultural tools and crafts. Croft School, 21st October, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Gardening Club

Goes live on the internet

Just a very short article from me this month to let everyone know that the Club now has a website! We are delighted with the results of the design work done by David and Craig from the Patchwork Mouse in collaboration with the Club Chairman, Debbie Grey.

The new website (www.thepainswickgardeningclub.com) is already live with lots of information, great photos and links to other gardening organisations and this is just the start....! We have our own email address as well as Facebook and Twitter so go on, have a look and let us know what you think; you won't be disappointed!

On 8th October there will be a very short presentation about the new website before our first talk of the season by Caroline Tatham - it will be a great evening so come early (starts at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms) to get a good seat.....and don't forget it's time for new subscriptions. We would love to welcome new members so come and join us for the evening and see what you think."

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

Painswick Valley Toddler Group

Painswick Valley Toddler Group is back in full swing after the summer holidays!

We are a friendly group that meets every Monday during term time, in Pitchcombe Village Hall, from 9.50-11.30 am.

The session begins with 30 minutes of music by "Little Act", followed by snacks and juice for the children and a hot drink and cake for the adults. The children then have the opportunity for craft and free play.

The cost is £4 per family and the first session is free! We welcome babies, toddlers and pre-school children with their parents, carers, grandparents, child-minders, etc. from Painswick, Stroud and surrounding areas.

There is no need to pre-book, just come along and join in the fun!

For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/painswickvalleytoddlergroup or call 07810 358200

Amy Leivers

Colour pictures in this issue.

Our thanks to Mike Hall for the superb front page photograph, and on the back page contributions from James Woodward, Iris McCormack and the Beacon team..



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Police Report

for July and August



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

Burglary

There were three recorded burglaries over the two month period. Of these reports, one was an attempted dwelling burglary which occurred overnight on July 16th 2014. An insecure external door was opened but no entry appeared to have been gained to the property and nothing was taken. There were two non-dwelling (commercial) burglaries overnight on July 6th and between July 9th and 10th 2014 both in rural areas of the Parish. In the first garden equipment was taken from an insecure garage and the second a wooden garden shed was forced and an item of garden machinery stolen. At this time there are no lines of enquiry into any of these crimes and they remain undetected.

Theft (Motor Vehicles)

Over the two month period there were seven substantiated thefts from motor vehicles. These thefts occurred across the district, several from rural beauty spots. The thefts occurred from secure and insecure vehicles and took place during the hours of daylight and overnight. All remain undetected at this time.

Theft

There were two reported thefts during the two month period. One occurred at a business premises where property was stolen from the unattended bag of an employee. The second involved the attempted theft of property from a garden where the offenders were caught and challenged by the owner and made off empty handed. Enquiries are ongoing into the second matter.

Criminal Damage

There was one report of criminal damage to a motor vehicle in the Slad area overnight between 17/08/2014 and 18/08/2014. There were no lines of enquiry and the crime remains undetected.

There was a decrease in non-dwelling burglaries in the form of shed and garage breaks compared to previous months. Homeowners are still advised to be on their guard as other areas

within the Stroud District have still been subjected to frequent and repeated thefts from sheds, garages and outbuildings. Homeowners are encouraged to report suspicious activity persons or vehicles particularly during the hours of darkness.

PC David Wood

Zero Six Papa Two

(Painswick Fire Engine Call Sign)

Painswick's fire engine was recently called to an industrial fire involving large stocks of pallets and although one building containing pallets was completely destroyed by the fire, Painswick fire crew, wearing breathing apparatus, assisted in stopping the fire spreading to an adjacent building which contained more valuable equipment.

This month Chris Garbett passed an Incident Command course as part of a crew manager's training programme to develop further skills. These skills enable him to take on the role and responsibilities of Incident Commander at smaller incidents where no more than three fire appliances are in attendance. He will also be able to take on other duties in a command support role to assist the Incident Commander at larger incidents. After passing the same course earlier in the year Mark Hancock has been promoted to Crew Manager and now will regularly take the role of Incident Commander.

As the evenings now get cooler, you are probably thinking of lighting your wood burner or open fire. Please act now and have your chimney swept to avoid the possibility of soot and creosote build up and old bird's nests catching fire, particularly if the fire has not been lit for a while. At the very least chimney fires cause inconvenience. At worst, they can totally destroy a property and represent a very real threat to life.

If you do have a chimney fire...

Bring everyone in the house to the ground floor and be ready to leave the house

Dial 999 and ask for the Fire Service

Make sure your fireguard is in position and move furniture and carpets away from the fireplace.

Keep doors and windows to the room closed and do not attempt to put out the fire.

Remember. There is no charge for the attendance of the Fire Service. The Fire Service aims to create a minimum amount of mess when dealing with a chimney fire. The Fire Service will ensure that the fire is properly out to prevent further damage and will advise you on what further action you may take. Do not relight your fire until the chimney has been swept. Do not attempt to light your fire with any flammable liquids and do not deliberately set your chimney on fire to clean it.

As you know we are always looking for men and women from all walks of life to join our team. If you are available during the day and would like to train to be a fire fighter, learn new skills and help protect your local community in the process, then please visit http://www.glosfire.gov.uk/recruit_ff_retff.html for more information. Alternatively, contact Mark Hancock at mark.hancock@glosfire.gov.uk or 07967 316038

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(Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless)

.. continues to channel help for the homeless and disadvantaged of Stroud through Marah and the Stroud Food Bank. Currently they are in need of tinned ready meals and tinned fruit, dried milk powder, small jars of instant coffee and toiletries. There are collecting boxes at Murrays Estate Agents and at the back of Painswick Church and all donations are very gratefully received.

We also run a small change collection (5ps, 2ps and 1ps) which provides cash for emergencies (bus fares to hospital, a spare pair of socks etc). Over the last 3 years we have contributed over £2,000 in this way. Alison Robinson (812286) or Frances Watson (812071) are happy to come and collect these (even a small bag of 2ps can be surprisingly heavy!) or drop anything you can spare into Hazelbury Cottage in Edge Road. And again anything you can spare will be gratefully received and put to very good use.

Alison Robinson

Raising awareness of the work of Prostate Cancer UK

Well, I did do the wingwalk on September 20th, which my children and grandchildren had booked for me as my 80th birthday "present" (see the last Beacon). For those that don't know, wingwalking consists of sitting or standing, harnessed, on the top wing of a Boeing Stearman biplane during a 15 minute flight – it was quite 'exciting' though I'm glad we didn't do the loop the loop! The photo shows me in place during a low level flypast.

Why did I do it? Well, you can't disappoint grandchildren but I thought it was an opportunity to raise awareness of the work of Prostate Cancer UK. Amongst other things the charity funds research into better tests and treatments of prostate cancer. I chose the charity because last year I was diagnosed with prostate cancer but was fortunate in having it apparently successfully treated at Cheltenham Hospital and I gratefully acknowledge the treatment I received there and the support from out local doctors. I can now continue to carry out activities I love such as sailing – and even do a wingwalk!

But, having done the wingwalk I thought I would also take the opportunity to give something in return as a 'thank-you' and decided it would be a nice idea to support the work of Prostate Cancer UK. I am therefore trying to raise a minimum of £500 by seeking donations for the charity preferably via my Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/Peter-Jenkins9>. Alternatively I would be happy to receive cheques made out to Prostate Cancer UK – donations large or small would be most welcome

Peter Jenkins



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2014

The RBL remains the leading charity supporting members of the armed forces, and their families, in the UK, spending £1.6 million per week on those in need. The Poppy Appeal raises over 40% of this money and in 2013 Gloucestershire alone raised £730,000 towards a grand total of nearly £40 million nationwide.

This wonderful achievement is due to the excellent work of our loyal band of local volunteer collectors and to your continued generosity. My sincere thanks to everyone. We are now urgently seeking a new generation of collectors and helpers. Please consider whether you could give just an hour or three of your time to help this major national cause. Please call me for more information on 01452 813229. I will then find a task that fits in with your wishes and lifestyle.

The Poppy Appeal this year runs from the 25th October to the 8th November 2014.

Russell Herbert Local RBL Organiser

Christmas cards at Dawn's

A little anxious about Christmas cards? You can put your worries aside. As from the beginning of October Dawn will be offering for sale a splendid new range of charity Christmas cards at her Shed in New Street.

The cards will be on sale together with her existing wonderful and amazingly large range of general greetings cards and there will also be a selection of interesting little gifts.

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Letters



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Our Queen is looking great again

Having raised the issue of Painswick's recent weed ridden image with both Gloucestershire Highway and our Parish Council Chairman, which was reported in last months Painswick Beacon. I would like to congratulate David Allott and his team, Councillor Abigail Smith and Ben Nicholls and his team for the speedy and very effective way they repaired our tarnished image, in time for Tour of Britain cameras. I know their endeavours are much appreciated. This is an excellent example of community participation.

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PMAg

An exciting new season began on 18th September, with Alex Nichols regaling a large audience containing a number of new faces who we hope will become new members, with a great variety of excerpts of music we shall be hearing in the coming months. Space is limited, but here are a few super ones: "Le Canari" – Birdsong ; "Things to Come" – film music; Kathleen Ferrier in "Midnight" by Mahler; the bass Oscar Natzka in Mussorgsky's "The Fleas"; the Swedish Airforce Band playing the cracking "Florentine March"; a startlingly unusual Fantasia by Beethoven; and Max Bruch's lovely violin concerto.



Ralph Kenber

- an update:

Our annual scrub clearance season has re-started now that summer is over. Our next Saturday morning sessions are on October 11th, October 25th and November 8th. For these sessions we will be meeting and working near the public car park on the Catbrain Quarry road. Sessions are from 9 am to 1 pm. If you can spare an hour or so between these times you will be very welcome to join us. Tools are provided – all you need is some old clothes, gloves and a mid-morning drink and snack. Ring 814205 or 813734 if you would like more information.



Cattle grazing will continue on the Beacon until end of November. At the time of writing this there are 15 animals in Paddock 4 which is on the west side of the Beacon but they are due to be moved to Paddock 2 on the east side along the Cotswold Way in the near future. Grazing management has been improved over the summer by the installation of water pipes for all paddocks. This has been funded in large part by the Biffa Waste Management Fund in a joint project between the Golf Club and the Conservation Group.



The grazing on the Beacon over the last few years has been judged a success by Natural England who guide our work. One of the aims of this effort is the encouragement of rare breeds. We have had Belted Galloways on the Beacon and currently there are two Gloucester cows up there. Building on this experience there will be a talk on cattle rare breeds by Paul Griffiths and the owners of the Gloucesters at our AGM this year. This is to be held on Thursday 13th November at 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms. A date for your diary! All are welcome whether members or not.

David Bishop, PBCG Chairman

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New Play Equipment - Update

The Parish Council sub committee - Cllr Caroline White, Cllr Emma Smith and Becca Eccles have been very busy over the past 6 months researching play equipment, play equipment providers, looking at other play parks and learning about best practice and delivery models

The group started public consultation on Sunday 21st Sept, as part of the Painswick feast day in the Church Yard. We will be visiting schools- The Croft and Sheepscombe, local play and toddler groups, Psalms youth club, PYFC, as well as holding another public consultation session, or two!

We are keen to secure lots of public input- young and old- to deliver a project which meets the needs of the wider community. Public support is also key to securing grant awards and funding.

We are looking at an ambitious scheme to provide equipment for a broad range of ages- toddler to late teens- and abilities as well as fitness equipment. We are also considering the setting, access, signage, seating etc

A project of this scale will require circa £100,000 to be raised. We are pleased to announce that we have secured a grant of £5k from GCC towards the fitness equipment which kick-starts our fund raising programme. We will of course keep you informed with regular updates

Cllr Caroline White

The Painswick Feast, - Apple Day & Clypping

The revival of the Traditional Painswick Feast marked a new departure for Painswick as The Orchard Group joined forces with The Parish Council, Local Businesses and St Mary's Church to create a Green and Gorgeous Festival celebrating some of Painswick's more unusual talents from Stephen the Snail Farmer to gifted massage therapists! We feasted on the famous "Puppy Dog Pie" seated at long tables drawn up between the tomb stones and quenched our thirst with pressed apple juice. A huge thank you to all those who gave up so much precious time to make this wonderful event sparkle and smile in the September Sunshine

Iris McCormack

The Clypping Service was well attended. The Vicar, Revd Mike Holloway, welcomed

everyone and explained the order of service. The Salvation Army band accompanied the procession and visitors joined with parishioners in embracing or clypping the Church which calls for an unbroken circle of adults and children holding hands around the outside of the Church during which time the Clypping Hymn is sung. The Vicar then introduced the guest preacher, Revd Canon Robbin Clark, who is the Gloucester Diocese Dean of Women Clergy. However before Canon Clark began her address she was presented with the traditional 'Speaker's Fee' which is a Clypping Bun. At the conclusion of the service, the children were invited to receive their present which was a Clypping Bun with a 50p coin.

Terry Parker



Directory – final call

Please send details to Carol Maxwell, email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net, or the Beacon's email beacon@painswick.net or put in the Beacon box in New Street. After October will be too late.

Carol Maxwell

Sue Ryder Christmas Fair Change of Date

- due to double booking by the Town Hall we can advise that the date for this year's Fair will be Saturday 22nd Nov from 10 am-3 pm. Donations of cakes, bric a brac, books will be welcome to Morna Holliday, Tel 813063 Meriel Middleton Tel 814357 Angela Followes Tel 814605

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Wanted: **Anyone with Grapes** interested in producing Painswick Wine this year. Contact Jonathan Choat, 07880 554162 jonathan.choat@nexuspr.com

New home needed for The Painswick Community Press and associated equipment. Have you got an unused stable or outbuilding where we could store our Orchard Group equipment including the community apple press? Ideally somewhere with a source of water and electric where we could do some pressing during the autumn months? Tel. 812879 Iris or Greg for details

Overgrown Hedges

Could we kindly request that any property owner with hedges that overhang paths and footpaths ensure that they are cut back and kept clear. Thank you for your co-operation.


Roy Balgobin Clerk to the Parish Council

Painswick Summer Ball

Save the date Friday 26th June. Building on the success of previous events a new committee have formed to develop the Ball next year and are keen to ensure the whole village can be involved. Marquee's menus and themes are already under discussion but we would be delighted to build on support already offered within the village to try and make it an event for all. With a live band, DJ, charity auction, three-course supper and other live entertainment planned, it should be a midsummer's night to remember.

Please see painswicksummerball.co.uk as further details are confirmed or if you can help to support the event.

David Nottingham



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Beginning of Autumn on the Farm

Hay, silage and straw are now in store ready for whatever the autumn and winter weather throws at us. We'll be starting to use it in about six weeks as the grass stops growing with the colder nights.

I was coming down over Bull's Cross with a trailer load of straw on the back of the tractor when the trailer started to jump around, a blow out on one of the back tyres. I pulled into the lay by and as I was looking at the shredded tyre a walker passes, saying, "you have a flat tyre". I will not tell you what I said! We have to call out specialists to repair farm equipment - replacing the tyre, for instance, needs big jacks to lift the heavy weight of the loaded trailer. But the job was done and I was on the way back to the farm within an hour.

Over several years, grass in the hay meadows wears out and the surface becomes rough. We have just ploughed up a couple of fields and planted a new ley of grass which should soon show signs of life when the rain comes. Birds take the seed and then bugs, particularly the larvae (leatherjackets) of the crane fly (Daddy long legs) are a menace, stripping the roots of the seedlings.

Green woodpeckers are partial to the leatherjackets - you can see them prodding in your lawns. People have been asking what is digging up their lawns, leaving larger holes. This is more likely badgers digging for the many bugs that may be under the grass of your mature lawn. They also take apart wasps nests. Because the weather has been very dry there has not been as much food about (slugs, worms etc.) so they start on the vegetables, shredding your corn-on-the-cob, carrots and parsnips.

A neighbour has been having a horse exercising ring built. A large lorry bringing in the soft, bouncy surface was too high to get down the lane so the material was tipped out in our yard and then transferred down to the site in a smaller vehicle. The material turned out to be shredded carpet from scraped cars. It appears you can also use shredded door seals, wire free telephone cable, shredded car lorry and aircraft tyres and much more. Whatever next!

Martin Slinger

Percy wins again

Walking into Percy Franklin's garden is one of those experiences that simultaneously both takes your breath away and brings on a smile. It is an absolute joy. It therefore comes as no surprise to learn that yet again Percy has won the Stroud District Council North Area Tenants' Garden competition.

For 89-year old Percy this is the fifth time he has taken first prize for the Floral Garden section and best for the Overall Garden. Competition was stiffer than ever with over 100 entries. Producing a winning entry was therefore by no means assured. Judging took place in July and the grand presentation ceremony was held in September when Percy received two certificates, a shield and a beautiful framed photograph.

So what is his secret? Not prepared to sit back all day, Percy, a perfectionist when it comes to his garden, does all the work himself. He takes cuttings, collects seeds and overwinters tubers and corms. He is always planning ahead with the intention of achieving even better displays with each succeeding year. "I enjoy it," he says, "and feel I've achieved something. And it's uplifting when people come to enjoy what I've done."

The garden is beautifully set out with different areas of interest. Imaginative planting ideas, discreet features and a consciously bird-friendly atmosphere combine to produce a wow factor at every turn. Beans, tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers blend happily with a stunning display of flowers. Percy's garden, a worthy winner indeed, is definitely a reflection of his own very positive outlook - it is a happy place evoking instant joy and cheer.

Carol Maxwell

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New opportunities for Painswick's children

The benefits to children of learning to dance are manifold. We are fortunate therefore to have new classes in Painswick which are open to both boys and girls of primary and pre-school age.

Ballyhoo Dance School has been holding a small class in St Mary's church rooms for the past few months. At the end of term display the faces said it all – fun, achievement and pride. Now the plan is to hold more classes in primary dance and develop into ballet, tap and modern. For pre-school children the classes will be in the daytime and for those at school they will be later in the afternoon.

Heidi Hardy and Julie Henderson are the principals of Ballyhoo and both are well qualified and experienced dance teachers. Both mothers themselves, they have a sound knowledge and understanding of the needs of children learning dance from the physical skills to the performance and fun aspects. Their school is based in Chalford but they are keen to develop the same dance opportunities for Painswick's children.

Heidi is known to many already in Painswick as an excellent and popular pilates teacher. Both she and Julie studied dance full-time, qualified as teachers and spent time performing and choreographing for prestigious theatre productions. They now focus their energies on their dance school and teach to the ISTD syllabus.

The benefits which result for children attending dance classes cannot be stressed enough. Balance and posture, strength and control, a sense of musicality, self discipline, working with and respecting others, performance, and above all, perhaps, a passion for dance, movement and music and the great joy that that brings. The acquisition of new skills combines with what is essentially a fun activity. The photograph shows Julie with some of the children in the existing Painswick class. For more information email ballyhoochalford@gmail.com or telephone 07970.911103. There is a website www.ballyhoo.me



Carol Maxwell

Painswick to lose yet another business?

It is sad to have to report that JK'S @ St Michaels restaurant will cease trading in November. Unfortunately the lease expires on the 14th and cannot be renewed so the last day that meals will be served will be Sunday, 9th November. Jean and her team, Jarrad and Angie, have over the past three years provided Painswick with a truly excellent place to eat, with interesting and well presented meals at a reasonable price and in very pleasant surroundings. Furthermore, they have established a much recommended and popular outside catering business, including a regular service to Ashwell House, providing meals and takeaways, both frozen and cooked.



Having just won another Trip Advisor award, Jean is keen to continue both the restaurant and the outside catering and is currently therefore eagerly looking for new premises in Painswick. Somewhere central would be preferable but Jean also points out that she would be willing to set up the restaurant in a field (if one was available) as she has a couple of railway carriages which could be used for the purpose. Now there's a thought and an interesting idea!

Jean is keen to point out that existing and new customers of the outside catering section of the business will continue to be catered for. This of course covers a wide range of situations from functions and events, to group meals and individual orders.

In the meantime, Jean, Jarrad and Angie wish to thank all those people who have supported them for the past three years. After 9th November orders can be placed using Jean's mobile number 07719 782780. And if you know of suitable premises in Painswick or indeed a suitable piece of land or a field, she would be pleased to hear from you. It would be such a pity to lose this excellent business.

Carol Maxwell

Probus Women

For our first meeting after the summer break Angela Panruker gave us a lively and interesting talk on the history and origins of Pub Signs. We see these signs all around us but rarely give them a second thought or delve into the social history which they represent. Angela drew all the strands together and her talk covered both historic and modern depictions of pub names.

Our AGM is on October 13th and the speaker is Lou Kemp, Painswick Village Agent.

The following meeting on 10th November will be a talk given by Katie Fford, the Stroud author. Our programme for the coming year covers a wide range of interests from High Fashion in the 50s to Independent Rail Travel in India.

All our meetings commence with coffee at 10am for a 10.30 start and are held in The Church Rooms on the second Monday of the month. You are very welcome to come as a guest to sample one of our meetings. The cost for guests is £3.

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Sports reports

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Tennis

Mens matches this summer

The Painswick men's teams had quite a successful season in the Dunlop Gloucestershire 2014 Summer League. The A team finished a respectable third in the very competitive Premier League whilst the B team, having been relegated last season, secured promotion back to Division 1, finishing comfortably second in Division 2B. The C team after a tricky start, rallied, (no pun intended) to finish fifth in Division 2A. In Division 3A our D team also finished fifth, in a closely fought league, where any of the top five teams could have won. Our E team this year were keen to bring through some of our juniors and it is pleasing to report that they finished third in Division 3B. The juniors all played very well and will certainly be playing in higher teams next season. The F team came up against strong opposition in Division 6A, which this year included some strong new teams working their way through the divisions. They finished in sixth place.

August Tournament

The annual handicap tournament again took place this August for mixed pairs but with a reduced entry.

However the finals night provided the usual close finish with Joan Griffiths and Simon Hewer sharing first place with Carole Hargroves and Damien Barwick.

Golf Club defeated our worthy champions at home. And a 5-woman team from Painswick successfully reached the 5th round of the Mail on Sunday Golf Challenge and were sadly beaten at Ross-on-Wye.

Painswick Ladies' section is a small group of keen and supportive golfers of varying handicaps. Our matches are friendly ones, as we are not large enough to field a team for alliance matches, but all matches except one have resulted in wins. Only one match is left to play.

In the club competitions, new member Jenny Wilson won the Timmis Mixed Foursomes with Neal Haddock. The Ladies' Past Captain's Trophy was won by Ann Smith. The Men's Past Captain's Trophy was won by Kish Venkatasami. The Seniors Millennium Trophy was won by Mike Horton. Congratulations to all the winners.

In October the Margaret Kemp Texas Scramble, which is an annual seniors/ladies' competition along with Minchinhampton Old Course, will take place at Painswick. This is a very sociable match which is followed by a meal together. Mixed Texas Scrambles take place fairly regularly during the autumn and winter, and are much enjoyed by all.

The club welcomes visitors and new members throughout the year. A special offer of £150 for membership until the end of March is open to anyone new to Painswick Golf Club. For more details about playing or membership, please get in touch with Marc Cottrell, the club's professional (812615). Catering and refreshments are available to golfers and to the public at the clubhouse – please contact Mike or Tom Horton for opening times (812180).

Painswick Yacht Club

Anniversary voyage 2014..

The second anniversary of Painswick Yacht Club saw a spirited effort of celebration by the club members sailing from Lymington marina to Cherbourg and returning over the weekend 12 -14 September 2014. The 8 man local crew under skipper Dave Lynall and second mate David Bullows, made the tough channel crossing under sail in a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 49 registered in Cowes sailing

under the name WAITA with crew support from Ferris Greenwood, Danny Luke and Steve Twigg mainly on the outward voyage and Allister Keating, Rob Green and Dylan Hill maintaining a safe helm back to the Needles and safer water of the Solent on the return leg after navigating some formidable Force 6 – 7 gusts and the ever threatening shipping making passage across the busy channel lanes for a challenging experience. Achieved with an average 8hrs crossing in each direction the trip was enjoyed by the crew with a well earned shore rest in Cherbourg where local food and refreshments were heartily consumed by all. Our extended thanks to Lymington marina for the loan of such a lovely boat and gratitude to all those who watched over and kept us from the perils of the sea.

Allister Keating Gyde House



Golf Club

Two members from Painswick Ladies' Section, Sarah Taylor and Kate Dennison, narrowly missed going to the finals of the Daily Mail foursomes Golf Competition in Edinburgh. They had reached the 7th round of the competition, where the original 3,000 club pairs who had entered, had been narrowed down to the last 32. All other Gloucestershire teams had been defeated and the Painswick pair had already played and defeated teams from Oxfordshire, Somerset and Gwent as well as some Gloucestershire teams. Unfortunately a pair from the Vale of Glamorgan

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Cricket

The season was somewhat disappointing. The first team finished second bottom in the Gloucester premier league although losing 4 games very narrowly. They were also beaten in the Stroud cup final by Frampton. The second team finished mid table under the leadership of Paul Morris with many youngsters featuring in the team. The thirds and fourths had a mixed season as well but many youngsters also featured. The Sunday eleven managed by George Macduff had a superb season only losing twice. The youth section continues to flourish under the leadership of Dom Barnard. At the recent presentation night the following awards were given: 1st team player of year; James Cook. 2nd team player of year; Russ Pipkins. 3rd team Samuel Andrews and 4th team Tony Pepper. Clubmen of the year were Reece Morris and Rodney Barnard. The "unsung hero" award went to Dom Barnard, this prize kindly donated by Neil, the proprietor of the Falcon hotel where the event was held. Guests enjoyed lovely food at the presentations. Once again thanks to our sponsors, the Falcon hotel, Painswick Pharmacy, Paul Morris building and Aqua bathrooms

Junior rugby returns to Broadham.

The start of September has seen a hive of activity down at Rugby as the new season's commences. Registration and training started on 7th September and once again the club welcomes all new players from U/6 right through to U/18 colts teams.

Following on from the success of the Ladies in winning the World Cup, the club is also looking to develop its girls rugby. With several girls already key members of U/9 teams and below this year there is a new opportunity for girls 11-13 (years 6-8) to receive dedicated training and something the club and RFU is keen to develop more. Across the club however all players are welcomed and in particular we would love to see more U/8's. So for a warm welcome great atmosphere specialist training and some fresh air get down to Broadham on a Sunday morning from 10.00 onwards and join the 150 others already enjoying it!

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The Personal Column

Congratulations

to CHLOE and BRIAN McCARTHY on the birth of a daughter SIENNA ROSE at home on Sept 15th, a sister for Maddox. Chloe is the beauty therapist at Three Gables, Painswick.

Golden Wedding

DAVID and JEAN NEWELL will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 24th October. After a career in Agriculture, David trained as a Non-Stipendary Anglican Minister and has been officiating in the Painswick Benefice for the last eleven years. They married after Jean completed her nursing training at Nottingham City Hospital. Their first married home was in Yorkshire. Here they were blessed with two children Stephen and Susan. From Yorkshire they moved to Leamington Spa and then to Great Dunmow in Essex. On promotion they moved to Somerset and finally to Gloucestershire where they have made their home for the past 25 years. Throughout their long and happy marriage Jean has been a proper 'homemaker'. She has considered it a great blessing to be able to share her home with others, no doubt this will continue now they have moved into Blakewell Mead

RAY and ANNE JACKSON who have lived for the past 28 years at Laura's Cottage, Cheltenham Rd celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 8th October 2014

Thank you

Thank you Painswick
Over 300 relatives and friends filled St Marys Church to say Goodbye to JENNIFEER BARNETT. She loved the village and was proud to have lived here for 27 years. Among her many and various activities Jennifer was a member of the Beacon Team for several years and contributed the Christmas front cover on occasion. Nigel, Jessica, James, Alicia and Sophie would like to thank the congregation and Canon Michael Irving for making it such a beautiful service. A thank you must also go to Dr Barraclough, Dr Heywood and Nurse Jane for their unflinching help and support over the past 14 months. Anyone who missed out on putting pen to paper in the 'book of memories' is encouraged to send a note to Nigel at Stamages House

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BETTY COPE wishes to say a fond farewell to all her friends in Painswick, both at St Marys and in the wider community and to thank them for all their kindness, especially in recent years. She came to Painswick in 1949 with her late husband John, and is now moving to a Carehome in Bagshot to be nearer most of her family. Her address will be : Room122 Sunrise of Bagshot, 14-16 London Rd, Bagshot, Surrey. Tel 01276 456000

The Painswick Hairdressers. The Beacon apologies that DAVID WINSTONE-URSELL's name was omitted from his letter of appreciation in the September Beacon.

Condolences

Also our sincere sympathies go out to the family and friends of HUGH MCGREGOR ROSS who has died recently

Comings and goings

BETTY COPE is leaving Appleways for Berkshire
Mrs and Mrs GRELLIER are moving to Appleways.
MR and MR POCKETT are moving to 7 Canton Acre.
REV PENNY WEST is moving from the Coach House, Sevenleaze Lane LINDA CORDONA and NICKY GWYNNE are moving into the Coach House .
MR and MRS BOX are moving to Weavers Cottage, Longridge

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.

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is moving into The Old Bakery on New Street, where The Chairman was trading from. We are very excited about the move and our designs for the office. It will be a little more creative than your usual estate agent.

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It seems a long time since I saw so many of you in June at the opening of the Youth Club building. If you can stretch the memory banks that far, I was handing out leaflets for a project to knit mini jumpers for bunting for the Tour of Britain cycling event. I am delighted to say that in total the "In Touch" project received 1,407 mini jumpers which were displayed in Painswick, Stroud, Wooton under Edge and Nailsworth. I know that a lot of people got great pleasure in being involved in this project, some people joined together and enjoyed the social aspect of being in a group, others took the opportunity to teach others how to knit and some just enjoyed having a fun project to do on their own.

Please feel reassured that they will still be used for other events (I saw them last night at an awards ceremony held at Gloucestershire Cathedral, they will be made into children's glove puppets and into blankets.

I recently attended a workshop run by Healthwatch Gloucestershire which was set up in April this year to replace LINK. Healthwatch is there to give children, young people and adults a powerful voice locally and nationally. Our Healthwatch is all about local voices being able to influence the delivery and design of local health and social care services. Not just people who use them, but anyone who might need them in the future. They are involved in a number of different projects but at the moment they are asking for you to share any experiences you have had recently in regards to hospital discharge (to home or to residential care), podiatry services and patient transport. The findings are going to be taken to a local and national level, and hopefully will lead

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to improvements in these and other services. I'll give you contact details at the end of this article but I'm also happy to come to you and relay your experience back to Healthwatch on your behalf.

Age UK is running all sorts helpful computing courses. I've noticed that "tablets" (no, not the medicinal kind) seem to be taking off not just for younger people,

but especially for older people who never got involved in using a computer. They're light to hold, easy to use and portable.

1. Apple iPad for Beginners-- get off to a flying start with your iPad Thurs 16th Oct, 10.30-12.30. Cost £10. Venue: Age UK, 26 Station Road, Gloucester GL1 1EW

2. Apple iPad for Improvers---the next step...tips and tricks. Thursday 23rd Oct and Thursday 30th Oct. 10.30-12.30. Cost £20. Venue: Springbank Community Centre, Cheltenham

You will need to bring your own iPad for these courses and be confident* using the internet and have a working email address - we can't set up one during the workshop.*if not, why not sign up for our one to one sessions?

1. Android Tablets for Beginners. Introduction to your Samsung, Hudl, Nexus Android type tablet. Please bring your own Android tablet with you. Thursday 6th Nov, 10.30-12.30. Cost £10 @ Age UK

2. There is also a session for trouble shooting your own computer; please contact Age UK for details. Age UK- 01452 422660 Healthwatch Gloucestershire Tel: 01452 504989 or Freephone: 0800 652 5193

Lou Kemp 07977 508811

PROPERTY REPORT for September from Hamptons International

It's that time of year again. Not just back to school, but a time to reassess our market forecasts for 2014 to see what has changed and what we might expect ahead. The latest figures from the Bank of England show an almost idyllic scenario with economic growth up, inflation within target and wage growth becoming stronger. There are always risks but the UK economy appears to be in a good place and the risk of an early rise in interest rates is low even though some members of the MPC voted for a rise last month.


Price growth in England and Wales for 2014 isn't too far away from our expectations but we've revised up our forecast for 2014 from six to eight per cent, partly because of the tremendous pace of growth already seen in London where prices have been growing at 16 per cent, but this pace of growth is waning.

2015 is more interesting. It's an election year and the housing market will be on the agenda of all the political parties. But that doesn't mean that economic conditions and new regulations governing mortgage affordability and banks' exposure to higher loan to income ratio mortgages won't have a bearing on how the market performs. Both of these factors will limit the rate at which finance will be available to satisfy demand which in turn will help to dampen expectations about how quickly prices will rise in future. All that adds up to much lower growth in house prices in 2015 where we are now forecasting 5.5 per cent for England and Wales.

Forecasts of prices tell only half the story – transaction levels are a more important indicator of the health of the market. The latest data shows that the pace of transactions growth is already slowing - mortgage approvals are down and so are the numbers of transactions recorded by the Inland Revenue. The good news is that the total numbers of transactions are likely to continue to rise. The less good news is that the pace of that rise will slow. But the silver lining is that more stock is coming to market which helps liquidity and so supports transactions. The overall direction of travel is a slowing in activity at the start of 2015, partly as a consequence of the election, but with a recovery in the last two quarters.

In brief, new instructions include: Dial House, Skippets Cottage, Yew Tree Court and Norway House in Sheepscombe; 15 Hyett Orchard in Painswick; Murock in Brimpsfield; Willow Corner in Six Acres in Upton St. Leonards and 252 Stroud Road in Gloucester. Sales agreed recently include: Woodbine Cottage, 5 St. Marys Mead, Gerrans, Tithe Cottage, The East House, Fourways Cottage and Horseshoe Cottage in Painswick; Terreno and Dial House in Sheepscombe; 22 Churchfield Road and The Willows in Upton St. Leonards; Hillside in Edge; Field Lodge in Cranham and Wisteria Cottage in Harescombe. Properties that have now sold include: Tall Trees, Beaconstones, Appleways, 7 Canton Acre and The West House in Painswick; Weavers Cottage in Sheepscombe; The Coach House in Edge and Crickley Court in Witcombe.

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Sat	4	Painswick Music Society AGM & Social Evening	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Sun	5	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Holy Communion (traditional language)	St Mary's Church	9.00am
		Attic Sale	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 2.00pm
		Harvest Festival	St Mary's Church	11.00am
		Evensong (BCP)	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Mon	6	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only)	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall	9.50 to 11.30am
		Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627)	Town Hall	10.30am
		Community Lunches restart: Hosts - Country Market (Ashwell Centre off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
		Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	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
		Have Your Say' Group - Every Monday: contact Roger Leigh 01452 536325	Cotswold 88	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	7	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £5 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228	Town Hall	1.45 for 2.00pm
		Cupcakes for Carers: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326	P. Centre Green Room	2.00 to 4.30pm
		Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	8	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays	Croft School	10.30am to 12noon
		Table Tennis - Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
		Painswick Gardening Club: 'Intro to Garden Design' - Caroline Tatham	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	9	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
		T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
		Dog Training Club (Thursdays)	Church Rooms	9.30 to 12.00noon
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
		Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club Autumn Outing: Clarks Village Shopping Outlet. Street, Somerset	Stamages Car Park	9.00am
		Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	11	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: (location check - 813734 or 814205)	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 1.00pm
		Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Sun	12	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	8.00am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	13	Probus Women: AGM followed by talk - Lou Kemp - Village Agent	Church Rooms	10.00am
		Community Lunch - Hosts - St Mary's Church (Ashwell Centre off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	14	Cupcakes for Carers: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326	P. Centre Green Room	2.00 to 4.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: Managing a National Trail - the Cotswold Way: James Martin, Cotswolds Conservation Board	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Morning Walk: Cotswold Buildings in South Woodchester. Pre-book on 813228		10.30am
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	16	Theatre Club outing to Bath Theatre	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
		Music Appreciation group: No Not That One!	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	18	Copy Date for November Beacon Painswick Arts & Crafts Market	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.00pm



Sun	19	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	20	Community Lunch - Hosts - Croft Primary School (Ashwell Centre off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: Agricultural Crafts / Trades - Paul Griffiths	Croft School	7.30pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: Laurie Lee and Others - Dave Walton	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	25	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734 or 814205	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 1.00pm
Sun	26	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise Changes to St Mary's Church: public presentation of the proposals	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 11.00am
Mon	27	Community Lunch - Hosts - Catholic Church (Ashwell Centre off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees W.I.; Roman Medicus - John Putley (open meeting)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	29	Probus: Gloucester RFC & its players during the Great War	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	30	Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing to Colston Hall, Bristol Changes to St Mary's Church: public presentation of the proposals	Stamages Car Park St Mary's Church	4.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	31	Kids Halloween Disco & Games: tickets £4 (All children must be accompanied by an adult) Adults Halloween Party	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	5.00 to 7.00pm 8.00pm to 12.00

NOVEMBER

Sat	1	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	2	Changes to St Mary's Church: public presentation of the proposals All Souls Day Service	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	3	Community Lunch - Hosts - Dog Training Group (Ashwell Centre off Churchill Way)	St Mary's Church Ashwell Centre	4.00pm 12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	4	Bird Club: Poles Apart - bird life of Arctic & Antarctic - Dr Michael Leach (joint meeting with Glos. Naturalist Soc.)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	7	Friday Club AGM, followed by talk: Podiatry - Melanie Jones	Town Hall	1.45pm
Sat	8	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734 or 814205	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 1.00pm
Sat	22	Sue Ryder Christmas Fair: donations of bric-a-brac, cakes etc welcome: Tel 814357/813063/814605	Town Hall	10.30am to 3pm

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.14/1756/FUL MEADOWCOTTAGE, Kingsmead Demolition of existing house and two garages. Construction of replacement dwelling, double garage and linked study wing.

S.14/1832/TCA SHEEPS COMBE VILLAGE HALL, Sheepscombe Fir tree – remove tree. Plane tree remove tree.

S.14/1842/FUL LAND OPPOSITE HILLWORTH HOISE, Gloucester Street. Alteration and extension of the Coach House to form a new two bedroom dwelling, removal of existing attached storage space, relevant services and parking. Revision and re-siting of the entrance to the site and landscaping works.

S.14/1854/TPO CASTLE HALE, Stamages Lane Purple Beech, Norway Maple, Lime. Various works

S.14/1901/FUL PYLL HOUSE, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe. Erection of 4 bay barn.

S.14/1990/LBC OLD BAPTIST CHAPEL, New Chapel. Replace 9 window frames to incorporate coloured glass. Replace 4 stone sills. Replace 5 internal window boards. Strip roof, re-felt and batten, new flashings chased into parapet wall and relay tiles. (Erect scaffolding, sheeting, lighting and signage).

S.14/2043/LBC BROWN SHILL COURT, Wick Street. Extend existing roof line of billiard room to tie into drawing room roof. Remove existing parapet wall and gutter between tow roof spaces and match the roof arrangement of opposite wing.

S.14/2042/HHOLDBROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street. Extend existing roof line of billiard room to tie into drawing room roof. Remove existing parapet wall and gutter between tow roof spaces and match the roof arrangement of opposite wing.

S.14/0799/HHOLDCOURT HOUSE, Hale Lane (revised plans). Demolition of existing garages and erection of 7 garages with store over.

S.14/2074/HHOLD 3 VATCH COTTAGES, Catswood Lane. Amendment to planning permission

S.14/0193/HHOLD to increase the ground floor extension the full width of the site.

S.14/2072/TCA STAR COTTAGE, Hollyhock Lane. Reduce holly tree by 50%.

S.14/2094/TCA VALLEY WAY, Vicarage Street. Reduce Portuguese Laurel by 30% approximately 1m all over.

S.14/2108/TCA FIELD CROFT, Sheepscombe. The removal of 5 trees in the centre of the lawn at Field Croft due to excessive shading and low amenity value.

S.14/2073/LBC LITTLE FLEECE, Bisley Street. Proposed internal alteration to the existing kitchen and bathroom to provide improved facilities.

S.14/2088/LBC FLAT 18, Gyde House,

Gyde Road. Provision of 2 Bedrooms and shower room in existing roof space with conservation roof lights. New staircase and new front door.

S.14/2091/HHOLD CARTERS COTTAGE, Hammonds Farm, Wick Street. Conversion of existing attached garage to family room with enlarged bedroom and bathroom over. Extend existing stable to form new double garage with bedroom and bathroom over.

S.14/2099/TPO CROFT HOUSE, Gloucester Street. Leylandii hedge – All growth on the south side to be taken back to the trunk and garden side lightly trimmed. T1 & T2 Unkown – Crown lifted on the road side.

CONSENT

S.14/0882/FUL EDGE HOUSE, The Green, Edge Lane. Erection of gazebo and creation of a new parking area and access track.

S.14/1246/HHOLD EDGE LANE HOUSE, Edge Lane, Edge. Single storey side extension

S.14/1454/LBC FORMER PAINSWICK LIBRARY, Stroud Road. Proposed alterations to existing planning consent to reinstate an original window opening, retain and reinstate an original doorway and alteration of timber access deck and staircase to a new masonry access terrace and steps.

S.14/1476/LBC CRANMORE COTTAGE, Vicarage Street. Re-positioning of first floor stairs.

S.14/1574/LBC OLD BAKERY, New Street. Internal alterations to retail area to install kitchenette and W/C area to allow separation of retail unit from main dwelling.

S.14/1594/LBC OLD EBWORTH FARMHOUSE, The Camp. Create new shower room within existing utility room. Install extractor fan in shower cubicle and associated plumbing using existing services. Install S/G to all windows. Remove lean to porch/sunroom. Insulate and board underside of exposed roof timbers on top floor. Remove redundant rayburn flue pipe and terminal. Renew external door.

S.14/1461/LBC THE PATCHWORD MOUSE, New Street. Removal of new stud walls from 70's. Remove existing 1970's shower room. Re-instate old ensuite to rear bedroom room. Remove current 1970's plaster-board walls to create a first floor open lounge instead of bedroom.

S.14/1486/LBC CRANMORE COTTAGE, Vicarage Street. Remove attached garage which has been constructed/attached to the house that is now damaging it. Parking in this space is also preferred due to little street parking in Vicarage Street. The house possibly also requires more investigation to foundations, in this area as highlighted by the structural engineer.

S.14/1686/HHOLD BERRY BARN, Paradise. Two Storey extension.

S.14/1627/HHOLD 8 HYETT CLOSE. Alterations and extensions.

S.14/1664/LBC & S.14/1799/LBC FLAT 16, GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road To erect storage in both bedrooms. Secondary glaze 7 windows in stone/cream UPVC units.

S.14/1681/FUL FORMER PAINSWICK LIBRARY, Stroud Road

Retrospective application for new access. S.14/1721/HHOLD STEPPING STONE COTTAGE, Kings Mill Lane. Enlargement of existing third floor UPVC window, plus installation of new ground floor UPVC window and replacement of existing wooden framed windows with similar appearance UPVC windows.

S.14/1854/TPO CASTLE HALE, Stamages Lane. Purple Beech, Norway Maple, Lime. Various works.

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