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Many enjoyable activities at this year's Painswick Feast. Pictures from the Clypping Service on back page



Flying Teddy Bears, Morris dancing, music provided by the Five Valleys Wind Band and the Apple Press



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Reminder Film Night tonight
(Friday 6th October) at the Painswick Centre see page 7 for details

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS *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 and on-line at the Parish Council's web site.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Committee meetings were held on the 6th and 20th of September. At the meeting on the 6th the committee agreed to support applications at Mullions, Queens Mead (S.17/1589), Lullingworth, Stroud Road (S.17/1687), Beaconsfield House, New Street (S.17/1742), Beechcroft, Jacks Green (S.17/1726), Highgrove House, Lower Washwell Lane (S.17/1743), and Braeside, Slad (S.17/1773). Land adjoining Painswick Mill (S.17/1738). The committee agreed to support this retrospective application for a starvation paddock but with the condition that it should be for private use only as the access is a footpath (MPA 60).

At the 20th September meeting the committee supported the application at Hillcrest, Gloucester Street (S.17/1944). Consideration of the applications at Court House, Hale Lane (S.17/1907 and S.17/1908) was deferred pending further information. Tree work at Fieldcroft, Sheepscombe (S.17/1998), Stonecroft, Sheepscombe (S.17/1998) and Merry Lodge, Court Orchard (S.17/2054) was supported,

Painswick Woodcrafts, New Street (S.17/1669) Change of use from shop to office space (financial adviser). There was considerable discussion about this application. It was agreed to support the application as the understanding was that the financial adviser would provide a service which would be open to the community. However, the committee included in its recommendation the requirement that should the property be remarketed its status would revert to retail and a fresh application for change of use would be required if it was not to continue as a shop.

Concern was expressed at the loss of retail outlets in the village and it was agreed to make the subject an agenda item at the next meeting.

Housing development. Cllr Mike Fletcher asked the Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, about possible housing development in Painswick. Cllr Lewis said he preferred to await the District Council's recommendations rather than put forward proposals at this stage. He said there was to be a consultation meeting in Painswick at the Town Hall on November 14th. Cllr Lewis said that there could be development outside the settlement boundary provided such development was sustainable. There would be an affordable housing element contained in any development proposal. District Councillor Nigel Cooper who was present at the meeting said that it would be wrong to anticipate the outcome of the development plan but it was probable that Painswick would be earmarked for some development.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday 20th September. Members present were: Cllrs Edward Crownshaw, Mike Fletcher, Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis, Steve Morris, Martin Slinger (Chairman) and Abigail Smith. Also present were County Councillor Keith Rippington and District Councillor Nigel Cooper.

Public Question

Mr David Allott said that it was a considerable time since the reduction in size of the turning circle at Canton Acre first had been proposed. He asked what progress there had been. It was explained that the turning circle had previously been approved at County level but because of financial constraints the scheme will not attract sufficient funding to allow it to be undertaken.

Matters of urgency

Cllr Slinger said that there was considerable annoyance within the local community at the failure of the appropriate authority to have the cover in the A46 opposite the Patchwork Mouse repaired. The noise created by the loose cover was considerable. The Clerk to the Parish

Council, Mr Roy Balgobin said that work had been carried out to fix the cover but after a while the filling had come loose with the weight of the vehicular traffic and the problem remained. County Cllr Rippington said that he would speak with Mr Tiffney from the County Council's Highways Department.

County Councillor's report

Polling Station. Cllr Rippington said he wished to inform the Parish Council that he had been in discussion with Stroud District Council concerning the use of the Town Hall as a polling station. He said that at a recent election there had been vehicular congestion outside the hall with drivers waiting for passengers who were there to vote. He said that he had been at the Town Hall for some hours on the election day and had assisted a number of elderly residents in navigating the steps. Mr Balgobin expressed surprise at Cllr Rippington's remarks as the District Council had commented favourably to him about the use of the Town Hall as a polling station. Mr Balgobin referred to the availability of the car park at the rear of the Town Hall, the use of which also gave residents a level entrance to the hall. He said that he had had two minor complaints. Highways customer satisfaction survey. There was some surprise when Cllr Rippington told the meeting that for every complaint the County Council had received there had been 10 compliments.

District Councillor's report

Car parking charges. Cllr Cooper referred to the District Council's proposed review of car park charges. He said that he was opposed to any increase in the charges which would have a harmful effect on local businesses.

Subscription Rooms. Cllr Cooper said that there was to be further consultation in November regarding the future of the Rooms.

Waste collection. There was to be a reconsideration of the collection of items from properties situated along lengthy drives. The regularity of collections was also under review.

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Rural Environment Committee report
Cotswold Gateways Project. This project will deliver a number of gateway sites across the Cotswolds AONB where people arrive to find a series of walking and cycling routes mapped out for them to explore the surrounding area. The routes will be high quality and waymarked so that users can feel confident that they can complete them all year round.

Parish Councillors were asked to write a letter to the Cotswold Conservation Board supporting an application for Gateways Project growth funding. They were also asked to recommend several possible new routes for the Gateway Project. Cllr Ann Daniels who chairs the Rural Environment Committee said that several members had met and agreed a number of routes to put before the Conservation Board Project. The proposed routes were shown to Councillors at the meeting. They agreed both proposals.

Standing Orders

A new statutory requirement had been introduced by Government. This was that councils should permit their meetings to be recorded by the public. It was agreed that, even though the change was mandatory, it

should be included in the Parish Council's Standing Orders.

Local Government Award Scheme – Foundation to Gold application

Councillors received an update on the Parish Council's application. The Award Scheme Panel will visit Painswick to observe the Council's community engagement. There was a requirement to confirm that the Council was compliant with the criteria set out for the Award Scheme. This included publication of certain documents and the holding of records/policies. The Clerk to the Council confirmed the Council's compliance.

Action Plan

The Council's reviewed Action Plan was presented to the Council and agreed. This is a comprehensive document covering the range of Parish Council activities. It is subject to annual review. Cllr Morris queried how long the Action Plan was effective. The Clerk thanked the Councillor for the question and said that the Plan was in place until the end of the present Parish Council's life.

Ward reports

Contractors' vehicles. A question was

raised about the problems caused by large vehicles around the village. Cllr Abigail Smith said that action could only be taken if such contractors' vehicles were regular visitors.

Drones over Slad. Cllr Crownshaw reported the frequent appearance of drones over Slad. He asked about the legality of the flights. It seemed that at present there was no embargo on the use of drones for private or commercial purposes.

New Street. Cllr Lewis said that he had been contacted by Dr Jim Hoyland expressing concern about difficulty in crossing the street. Cllr Smith said that she had been in contact with Mr Tiffney at Highways. One suggestion was to paint footsteps on the road to indicate this was a crossing point.

Other representatives' reports

Terry Parker who represents the Parish Council on the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group drew attention to the monthly reports by Mr Paul Baxter in the Painswick Beacon magazine.

Next meeting

Wednesday 18th October at Richmond Village.

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Surgery News

Flu Vaccinations

Our annual immunisation programme to protect vulnerable patients from the influenza virus commenced at the end of September 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. Anyone who is a carer is also eligible for the vaccination.



The first clinic was on Saturday 30th September from 8:30 to 12:30. Subsequent sessions are on Saturday 7th and Saturday 14th of October. Please ring the surgery to make an appointment. Patients who have registered for Patient Access will be able to make their appointments online. Please only make an appointment if you know you are eligible for the vaccination.

Appointments - Currently 4 weeks waiting time

At the time of writing, there is currently a four week waiting time for a routine appointment to see a GP. As has been said in a previous article, there are more appointments than ever before, but demand keeps on increasing. The doctors are offering some early morning appointments, and often have additional surgeries in the evening and at the weekend for patients with chronic conditions. We are piloting various procedures to try to reduce this waiting time, but we do need the co-operation of our patients. Before you make an appointment to see your GP, consider the alternatives. Your local pharmacist may be able to give you the help you need, so you won't have to spend time waiting for an appointment. Pharmacists are highly trained health professionals, and may offer a wider range of health services than you might think.

Painswick Surgery Special Equipment Fund

The doctors would like to thank all those patients and relatives who have made such kind donations to our associated charity: the Painswick Surgery Special Equipment Fund. Through their generosity the charity has been able to supply various new pieces of medical equipment to the surgery, including an advanced ECG system, ambulatory blood pressure monitors and specialist phlebotomy chairs.

Friends and Family Test

The NHS Friends and Family Test (FFT) was created to help GP practices, hospitals and other health service providers understand whether their patients are happy with the service provided, or where improvements are needed. It is a quick and anonymous way to give your views after receiving care or treatment across the NHS. More than 200 patients have given our surgery their feedback. We are very pleased to see that the overwhelming majority of respondents say that they would be "Very Likely" to recommend our practice to friends and family. Patients have also written some very kind comments, which are greatly appreciated by the GPs and staff, especially at the current time when resources are so stretched. However, we do pay great attention to any less than positive comments, and do whatever we can to improve the service we offer.

New Registrar

We are very pleased to welcome our new GP Registrar, Dr Beth McIntyre, to the surgery. She will be working with us until February 2018.

Mike Mack-Smith

DIRECTORY 2018– Last Call

This is the last call for entries into the Painswick Directory for 2018 which is delivered every year with the January issue of the Beacon. Entries are free of charge providing a very valuable source of information for both residents and our visitors, it is also, of course, of great benefit to those businesses, services, clubs, societies, agencies etc which are included in its pages. A copy is posted on our website too. If you are already in, please check the details and let us know if there are any changes to be made. If you wish your entry to be removed, or if you are aware of an entry that is no longer valid, you should let us know as soon as possible. Please send your details, or relevant information about any entry, via the Beacon's email address – beacon@painswick.net – or to Carol Maxwell at carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or post in the Beacon box in New Street as soon as possible.

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News from St Mary's



Autumn, the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. It is also the season for harvest festivals. St Mary's harvest festival communion service is on Sunday 8th October at 11 o'clock. Please note the change of service time which is to facilitate a bring and share lunch afterwards. Harvest gifts in the church will be donated to the Haven, Gloucester in support of their charity work.

Messy church will be meeting again this month on Thursday 12th October in the church rooms at 3.30 pm. If you are a parent with young children, please feel free to come and join in the activities and fun including tea.

Christian churches are promoting a week of prayer for world peace during the period 9th to 14th of this month, Churches Together around Painswick are organising prayers each day of this week at 9.30am in the Catholic church. The need is great at this time so please feel free to add to this volume of prayer.

Sunday 15th October is Health Care Sunday when we celebrate the festival of St Luke. There will be a special healing service on this day at Sheepscombe church at 3pm led by the Vicar. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 29th of the month is a fifth Sunday when we come together as a benefice to worship. The benefice communion service will be at St Mary's at 10am when we welcome together members and visitors from all out churches.

Our Vicar, Mike Holloway has announced that he will be retiring at the end of the year. His last service in the benefice will be on Sunday 31st December at 10am at St Mary's. Appropriately enough this will be a benefice service. We wish Mike and Margaret every blessing as they prepare for retirement.

A vicar retiring means a period of waiting before the appointment of a new incumbent. This waiting time is known as an interregnum and can last for up to a year. During this time a profile of the benefice and its requirements has to be drawn up and agreed by all the churches in the benefice which includes Cranham, Sheepscombe, Pitchcombe, The Edge, Harescombe and Painswick. The post has to be advertised and interviews arranged. A preferred candidate may not be able to take up the post immediately because of continuing commitments elsewhere. We hope the process will not take too long in our case. Meanwhile this a subject for our prayers.

David Newell



Churches Together around Painswick

Week of Prayer for World Peace

Monday 9th to Saturday 14th October.

Prayers for peace will be held each day between 9.30am and 10am in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese, Friday Street.

All welcome of any or no faith.

Praying for world peace has never been more important.

The International Prayer for Peace

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace,

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

Sue Stick



Messy Church

THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER

15.30 to 17.15 in the St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick

Join us for the theme 'What is God's Church?'

We will have 'building' activities and crafts to enjoy, as well as a delicious tea together.

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Police crime statistics - for Painswick

April 2017	Last year 3 crimes in April	
Gyde Road	Anti-Social behaviour (ASB)	
Recreation Gd	ASB	
New Street	Shoplifting	No suspect identified (NSI)
Friday Street	Burglary	Under investigation
Friday Street	Vehicle crime	NSI

May 2017	Last year 4 crimes in May	
Canton Acre	Theft	Unable to prosecute suspect
Pullen Road	Vehicle crime	NSI
Upper Washwell	Vehicle crime	NSI
Hyett Close	ASB	

June 2017	Last year 7 crimes in June	
Glos Road	Burglary	NSI
Glos Road	Assault	
Canton Acre	ASB	
Ashwell	ASB	
St Mary's Mead	Vehicle crime	NSI
Woodborough Close	ASB	
Greenhouse Lane	Burglary	NSI
Vicarage Street	Burglary	NSI

July 2017	Last year 4 crimes in July	
Canton Acre	Assault	Under investigation
Upper Washwell	Burglary	NSI
New Street	Theft	Under investigation



The Police do not give result details for ASB

Man stabbed in Painswick

As reported in the Stroud News & Journal a man has been taken to hospital with minor stab wounds after an incident in Painswick. Police were called to an address in Painswick at about 9pm on Sunday night 17th. September following a report that a man had been assaulted. A man was taken to hospital with minor stab wounds but was released after treatment.

The Painswick Centre News

Halloween Party on Friday 27th October

If you and your children like dressing up and making up and having fun, this is the party for you to come along and have some spooky fun on Friday 27th October. We need volunteers to help, so if you would like to contribute, please contact Jennie on 01452814567.

The Fosseway Artists are exhibiting in the Cotswold and Green Rooms from Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th October. Please come along and see what should be a very impressive and varied display.

The Goodwill Evening is a popular event with locals and visitors alike, and it would be a great shame to lose it. This year's event on Friday 24th November is shaping up well, but we are desperately short of people to help set up and make a success of it. Please get in touch with Jennie Barber, as above, and let her know. There are all sorts of ways you can help and everyone is welcome.

The Skittle alley season is now fully underway at the Painswick Centre. If you feel you could raise a team please contact the Painswick Centre. One established match to mention is the annual contest between the W.I. and Probus.

Mike Steed



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Our 2017/18 season opened on the 14th

September when we welcomed both old and new members to our gala evening. Nibbles and wine were served, all washed down by liberal helpings of light classical music.

Whilst playing extracts, members talked about the planned programme and concert outings. The programme is broadly based covering all tastes in classical music including composers who wrote for orchestras, solo instruments and of course opera.

On Thursday 12th October Mike Clark will be exploring the ways composers have used and developed the overture over the years. Then on the 26th Mike Kerton will be featuring some of his favourite tenors with a special emphasis on Mario Lanza. Evenings not to be missed!

Our first concert outing on the 30th November is "sold out" but please make a note in your diary that our second concert outing will be a Sunday morning "coffee concert" at the Holywell room, Oxford on the 4th February 2018. further details will follow.

We look forward to you joining us at one of our Meetings in the Town Hall and on future concert outings.

Mike Kerton





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After the summer break, Wick-Flix is back with an exciting line-up of films for the Autumn season. We do try to vary the films we screen so that there is something for everyone and we have certainly tried to do that with our screenings leading up to Christmas:

Friday 6th October Hidden Figures (PG)
As the United States raced against the Soviet Union to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that provided much of the brain power behind one of the greatest achievements in US history - putting a man on the moon. Nominated for 3 Oscars earlier in the year, this inspiring film has a wonderful cast supported by Kevin Costner.

Friday 3rd November Eddie the Eagle (12A)
This uplifting film tells the story of local boy, Michael "Eddie" Edwards, and his unflinching determination to beat all odds and become Britain's first Olympic ski-jumper at the 1988 Calgary Winter Games. Who knows? He might even turn up!

Friday 1st December Baby Driver (15)
Coerced into working for a crime boss (Kevin Spacey), a young getaway driver (Ansel Elgort) finds himself taking part in a doomed heist. Spacey appears in good films and this is no exception. Described as the "coolest film of the year" this is an exceptionally well crafted movie with a great soundtrack.

Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £6.00 (one price for all) including one free drink. Payment on the door. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity.

As always up-to-date information on what's coming up can be found on the Wick-Flix page at www.painswickcentre.com. Come along and support your community cinema!

David Chapman

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All fuels require an adequate supply of air to make them burn correctly. If too little air is available, fumes that are harmful to your family may escape into the room.

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Some stoves and room heaters have a removable/drop down plate in the top of the fire box - this should also be removed and cleaned once a month. Remember; always let the fire go out the day before cleaning.

Chimney sweeping

All chimneys and flues should be inspected annually and swept, if required, by a registered technician. However, if your appliance is used continuously throughout the year or burns wood and coal more frequent sweeping is recommended.

Appliance servicing

It is vitally important to ensure that new installations are carried out by recognised and established engineers and serviced by competent companies or individuals.

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Mark Greenway (Canton Acre Promotions)

Painswick Baby & Toddler Group

We are a small local voluntary organisation that formed last year due to the closure of the children's centre in Stroud, which provided our village with a regular parent and child group service. Our group runs every Friday, during term time only, from 10:00 to 11:30. We meet at the Painswick pavilion on the playing fields.

We would like to thank all the people who have helped to make this possible - Roy Balgobin at the parish council for all his help and patience, Ann Daniels for all the hours spent sorting out the children's snacks, Community Lunches for their very generous donation, all the parents who volunteer their time, and to Claudia Rozsa-Woolnough for taking the initiative to get us started.

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This study day will focus on looking at the beautiful homelands of these peoples, their distinctive cultures and especially the women's creative abilities in dyeing, weaving, batik, embroidery and colour co-ordination in assembling exquisite costumes and hats, both for everyday wear and for numerous local festivals. A large selection of male and female costumes will be closely examined to fully "appreciate the variety and skill of this wonderful, but potentially dying art form".

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Mencap

On Saturday October 21st Stroud and District Mencap will be holding a Coffee Morning from 10.00 a.m. till 12.30p.m. in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre. It will be an opportunity to start your Christmas shopping whilst you partake of coffee and cake with friends. There will be the usual stalls including a tombola and a raffle. We do hope to see you there in the friendly atmosphere.

Andrea Linsell 812464

Retrospective Exhibition

Central to Gill Allen's celebrations that will mark her 80th birthday will be an exhibition of her work in textiles and painting.

The Painswick Golf Club will be the venue for Gill's exhibition
Sunday 5th to Friday 10th November 2017

In this exhibition Gill has chosen several examples of her work that reflect the changing light, moods and textures of the magical Lakeland landscape. Working with textiles, dyes and paint Gill explores the delicacy and transparency of the natural world.

In 2004 Gill and her husband, Howard, returned to their home county after some 50 years of 'self imposed exile'. They live now in the parish of Pitchcombe - set surely within the best square mile of all of Gloucestershire!

Gill extends a warm welcome to friends and all people interested in visual art forms to view her work.

Refreshments may be purchased at Hortons in the clubhouse.

Howard Allen



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Air Ambulance

Needs volunteers for fundraising.

The Great Western Air Ambulance Charity is currently looking for volunteers to offer a few hours of their time at fundraising events and collections within Painswick and the wider Gloucestershire region.

We are one of the busiest air ambulance services in the UK and in 2016 19% of our 1735 jobs were in the Gloucestershire region. The charity relies hugely on volunteers to attend fundraising events & collections, set up stalls, sell merchandise, give talks to local groups and help raise not just the £2.6 million we need to stay operational, but also awareness about what we do across the 6 counties we cover.



We will be holding a volunteer drop in afternoon at Richmond Retirement Village in Painswick on Tuesday 10th October from 2pm so that anyone who might be interested in finding out more about volunteering can pop in and meet the team. Teas, coffees and cakes will be available. For more info please email our Volunteer Coordinator claire@gwaac.com or call Claire on: 0303 4444 999.

Sam Collins

Painswick Gardening Club: Season Starts Superbly



The title says it all! Julie Dolphin of Miserden Nurseries delighted her audience with a detailed and amusing 'behind the scenes' look at how Gardeners World is made by the BBC. She also gave us an insight into her plans for the Nursery - the future looks very rosy! A fascinating evening; I, for one, could have listened for hours.

On behalf of the Committee, I'd like to say how fantastic to see so many new faces joining and to thank everyone for their support of the Club.

The second speaker in our fabulous line-up this season (subs still a bargain at £18pp: check the website to see future treats) visits on 11th October (Church Rooms 7.30pm). Hugh Thomas of Little Malvern Court and Gardens talks about 'What Makes a Great Garden and Garden Visit'.

As mentioned last month, the Club is absolutely delighted to be hosting "An Audience with.....James Alexander-Sinclair" on Friday 10th November (Painswick Centre). James is an internationally acclaimed garden designer, an elected member of the Council of the RHS, an award winning writer with features published in the Daily Telegraph, House and Garden and The Garden to name but a few and a regular columnist for Gardeners World magazine and Gardens Illustrated. He is a well respected broadcaster and a compelling speaker. Come and join us for a lively afternoon packed with interesting information, anecdotes and wit - prepare to be informed and entertained in equal measure!

Doors open at 1.45pm for a 2.30pm start.

Book in advance as numbers are limited. Tickets are £15 for non-members and £12 for members. Non-member tickets can be purchased at the Pharmacy (cheques only) and the Patchwork Mouse (cash, cheque or card) in Painswick or on-line at allomorphic.co.uk. Both tickets can also be purchased at monthly Gardening Club meetings.

Google Painswick Gardening Club for details or email thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com for specific enquires.

Many thanks to The Patchwork Mouse and Pharmacy for selling tickets and to The Rococo Garden for the kind use of their car park for visitors to the event.

The sun's out....

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)



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Painswick Probus Women

To the Roof of the World (India).

This was the title of a most entertaining and fully illustrated talk, for our September meeting. The talk was given by Peter Berry who is a photographer and a steam railway enthusiast. We were taken into the Himalayan foothills and were shown the delightful little steam trains, often built in U.K., the size of transit vans, running up and down the hillsides on 2ft gauge lines, through street centres of villages and towns. Here they were competing for their rails with: cars and other vehicles: various animals and even market traders, who all somehow removed themselves before the train arrived.

Peter made it clear that in all the work that was carried out on buildings, railways etc in typical Indian style, many pairs of hands were used but Health and Safety Regulations were not an issue. Passengers on the railway were expected to assist in removing objects from the lines and lever lines back into position when bent.

Our speaker was based in Darjeeling and he showed us how this terraced city, built on a mountainside in earthquake country has expanded from 15,000 to a half million population but still continue to have open sewers and fresh water problems for all. The cultural divide was illustrated in many ways and made us appreciate our hygiene arrangements. Peter explored and photographed the daily life of Darjeeling and even allowed a snake charmer's cobra to venture round his neck.

The October meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be followed by a talk on the Riesling grape by Martin Taylor. Tastings will take place alongside a cheese tasting quiz.

Sarah Taylor

Painswick Probus Club Report



Georgian Entertainment

On 6 Sep Mike Rendell spoke about entertainment in the Georgian period. Mike's interest is fuelled by a large archive of diaries, letters and other documents inherited from his great, great, great grandfather Richard Hill, who lived at No 1, London Bridge, at the end of the 16th century.

Many of the sports and games we know today were being developed and the rules established. Gambling was responsible for the popularity of sports such as horse-racing and boxing, and some less savoury pastimes such as bear-baiting and cock-fighting.

Compact pianos allowed people to learn and play music at home; card games and board games were being introduced, and the range of children's toys was expanding.

Longfield Hospice

Jan Ryder, Community Events Manager of Longfield, spoke on 20 Sep about the work of the hospice and how this fits into the care network for Gloucestershire.

Longfield support adults with a life-limiting illness from diagnosis onwards, helping them to understand their illness and to cope better with its impact on their lives.

Patients usually attend free of charge for one day a week for 12 weeks, by which time they will have been given the tools to help them cope with the emotional and psychological impact of their illness.

Funding is mostly by donations from the public and from sales in Longfield's 17 charity shops.

For more detailed reports and the future programme of talks please refer to www.painswickprobus.org.uk

Henry Hall



Friday club

After our Summer break members, both old and new, arrived at the Town Hall on the 15th September intrigued to learn about "Christmas Garden Lore". All was revealed by our Speaker Pam Slater who explained the significance of both "Holly and Mistletoe" which today we just take for granted as part of our Christmas decorations. They were originally used in pre Christian Times to help celebrate the "Winter Solstice Festival". Similarly with the Christmas Tree. Although it was introduced in its current form to Britain by Prince Albert, in pre Christian Times

it was also used to celebrate the "Winter Solstice Festival". A fascinating talk which certainly cast a new light on our traditional Christmas decorations!

So what is happening in October? Firstly there are still seats available for our outing on the 13th to the Memorial Arboretum in Lichfield, Staffordshire. This is the UK's National Site of Remembrance. Nestled among the woodlands are 300 memorials each with a different story to tell. There will be a Land Train ride around the Arboretum. The coach will depart from Stamages Lane at 9.15am. The cost is £25.50 for members and £27.50 for non members which includes coach travel, tea and biscuits on arrival and the Land Train. Please contact Ann Williams on 01452 812344 to reserve your seat or for further information.

Then on the 27th, at the earlier time of 1.45pm, it's the Club's AGM! A time to elect the Officers for the next year. This will be followed at 2.30pm by a talk on the Everyman Theatre. An opportunity to discover "the back stage" secrets.

An early notification for November. As our Meeting on the 24th November "clashes" with the "Goodwill Evening", the Meeting will start at the earlier time of 1.45pm. Incidentally, the Club will be having a table at the Goodwill evening in the Painswick Centre. Although we will have knitted Christmas items for sale we would be grateful for any Bric a brac - we had excellent support from Members last year.

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.17/1862/FUL WICK STREET FARM, Wick Street.

Erection of a covered yard for livestock and general agricultural use.

S.17/1550/FUL JUBILATE, Blakewell Mead.

New low energy and low carbon eco dwelling.

S.17/1242/FUL LAND AT ARIES, Hambutts Drive

Erection of one bungalow.

S.17/1907/LBC COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane

Retention of fences, wall, glazing of pergola, pool cover, pergola – as described at paragraph 3.6 of planning statement and illustrated in plans and photographs.

S.17/1908/LBC COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane

Internal alterations and alterations & extensions to stable block as set out at paragraph 3.4 of accompanying planning statement.

S.17/2019/HHOLD and S.17/2028/LBC HALFPENNY COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane

To demolish Sunroom. Reroof the Barn and extend to incorporate kitchen and conservatory.

S.17/2069/TCA COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane

G1 4 Limes – To pollard back to last cutting point. T1 Beech – Reduce 3 secondaries on upper left by 2.5-3M to rebalance overall shape. T2 Willow – Reduce crown by 2m in height. T3 Walnut – Overhanging border – reduce spread over shrubs by 3m to height of 5m. T4 Walnut – Overhanging border – reduce spread over shrubs by 3m to height of 5m.

S.17/2071/TCA – CASTLE HALE, Stamages Lane

T1 – Dying Beech – Fell. T2 – Lime – Reduce spread by 2-2.5m over driveway.

CONSENT

S.17/1414/HHOLD

GREENBANKS, Blakewell Mead

Replace existing conservatory with single storey garden room.

S.17/1563/HHOLD

SIMMONDLEY, Queens Mead

External works to existing facades &

conversion of loft space into habitable rooms with rear & side single storey extension.

S.17/1334/TCA GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road

Ash 16m (T11) Tag 0943 – Complete removal by sectional dismantling to ground level. Walnut 16m (T49) Tag 0985 – Reduce damaged branch, back beyond crack to secondary fork.

S.17/0792/OUT LAND TO THE EAST OF, STAMAGES LANE

Single four bedroom detached dwelling.

S.17/1374/FUL LAND AT 4, COURT ORCHARD

Erection of one bungalow (revised scheme to S.15/0036/FUL).

S.17/1671/LBC TRES TABERNAE, 9A BISLEY STREET

Conversion of 2 no 2 bedroom flats back to 4 bedroom family house.

S.17/1589/HHOLD MULLIONS, Queens Mead

Conversion of intergral garage to playroom and new detached single garage.

S.17/1301/LBC BARN

ASSOCIATED WITH KNAPP HOUSE Conversion of barns and ancillary building into single family dwelling.

S.17/1304/HHOLD BYWAYS, Cockshoot Quarry

Proposed extension to create garden room, cladding of modern reconstituted stone in timber.

S.17/1037/FUL CAROUSEL AND GREENACRE, Slad Road

Replacement dwelling Carousel and replacement dwelling Greenacre (Revised Scheme)

S.17/1848/TCA THE ROWANS, Sheepscombe.

Various Trees reductions.

WITHDRAWN

S.17/1521/COU LAND AT, BULLS CROSS, Sheepscombe

Change of Use of Agricultural unit to B1/B2 business/general industrial use.

S.17/1260/MINAM A B B E Y FARM, Slad

Amendments to approved scheme S.12/2325/HHOLD for erection of garage.

REFUSED

S.17/1375/FUL LAND AT 4, COURT ORCHARD

Demolition of the existing dwelling, and the erection of three bungalows.



Local History Society

The first meeting of our new season was an interesting

and enthusiastic talk by Alexia Clark, Documentation and Collections Officer at Stroud Museum. Alexia gave a fascinating history of Stroud Museum, from its beginning in about 1901 as a privately funded museum located in part of the Centre for Science and Art in Landown, (with a £4000 bequest from a Stroud grocer William Cowle), through to its rebirth as a Stroud District Council service in 1983, up to the hub or art and heritage it is today, located in Stratford Park from 2001.

We heard an explanation of how the history of Painswick fits into the museum. Vernon Parry Kitchin's collection of archaeological finds includes many from Painswick. Today over 1000 artifacts from Painswick contribute to a total collection of over 55,000 items.

We finished the evening with a "touch and feel" introduction to some interesting objects from the Museum's collection including a copper printing plate from Sunbeam hairpin makers at Brookhouse Mill, and a Roman Roof Tile from Ifold Roman Villa.

At the next meeting Roger Turner will give a presentation on 'William Kent and the Rococo Garden Style'. Croft School, 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th October 2017. Everyone welcome.

David Harley

Recreation Ground Trust

Please keep dogs on the lead...

whilst on the Recreation Ground. Concerns have been raised by both the children from The Croft School and the Painswick Football Club; it is unfair that dogs are running loose and mess is left on the field! Thank you for your co-operation.

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Rococo Reflections

Looking back at the summer's weather, it was a typically mixed season, but notwithstanding the climactic variation, we still had a bumper August, with our busiest Bank Holiday on record. The sun shone, we had three outdoor theatre performances and over 1300 happy visitors. Visitors for the year

so far are still around a third up on last year, which leaves us in a healthy place to commit to further exciting plans for next year.

First, though, October is apple month at the Garden, and we are delighted to be hosting the Painswick Orchard Group's splendid apple press and juicing equipment, fresh from the Feast. Whether you have an orchard or just an apple tree, you can bring your fruit up to the Garden on an operating day and leave with bottles of juice. First they'll be pressed, then the juice pasteurised and bottled, all here on site. All we ask is for a donation towards our costs. We will be operating the press every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until 28th October, so simply turn up on one of these days with your apples! The month climaxes with our Family Autumn Festival, which features seasonal displays of produce, family apple activities and a daily competition to win a year's free admission. Visit rococogarden.org.uk for more detail.

This winter we will trial extending our traditional opening period into December, to help us defray our fixed costs over the winter. Usual opening hours will end on Tuesday 31st October. From then on the Cafe and Shop will be open every day, 10.30-4pm, until 10th December. The Garden will open at weekends only, again 10.30-4pm, for the four weekends of November and the first two of December. A reduced admission charge applies, with children free of charge. Friends of the Garden also enter for free, representing even better value for those holders of our season tickets!

Dominic Hamilton, Garden Director



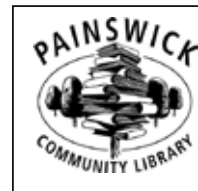
Autumn migration is well under way with many birds already having passed through. Amongst the familiar species were wheatear, spotted flycatcher, hobby, blackcap and redstart. Swifts have mostly all departed for another year but a few stragglers are

still being recorded. The birds of the moment are undoubtedly swallows and house martins and a recent migration watch ended with 13,740 swallows and 9,370 house martins logged. Meadow pipits are also to be seen most days, together with various wagtails, siskins, linnets and goldfinches. The first common gulls have arrived and some can be seen on a few fields around the village, often in the company of black headed gulls, lesser black backed gulls and herring gulls, before heading further south. Buzzards start to be recorded as migrants from now on but these will be from much further afield than the local birds which can be seen riding the thermals on most sunny days.

Very soon we shall be welcoming the ring ouzels which seem to favour the hill fort, before moving on and no local orchard would be complete without its complement of fieldfares and redwings. Chaffinch and brambling sometimes travel together and are usually to be found in the Beech woods and neighbouring fields. Waders, often on their way to the Severn, can be seen or heard and among those usually encountered will be curlew, golden plover and lapwing. Add to all the above the strong probability of crossbill and hawfinch, often in October and we have much to look forward to.

Happy bird watching.

John Fleming, Painswick bird club.



Summer Reading Challenge 2017

Congratulations to all of the 39 children aged 4 -11 who signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge, and especially to the 22 who completed it. We had a few special prizes this year, and they went to:

Jamie Nelson for completing the most books during the challenge (Book Token)

Beatrice Roman, who was the first to finish the challenge and solve the mystery! (Two tickets to Slimbridge)

We also awarded two prizes, randomly drawn from the participants:

Georgia Milner (Book Token)

Amelia Phillips (family ticket to International Birds of Prey Centre)

All prizes at the library for collection. Special thanks to Sue Dunn for organising the challenge this year.

New Books for October

A new John le Carre, "A Legacy of Spies" and "Autumn" by Ali Smith, shortlisted for the Booker Prize, plus Colson Whitehead, "The Underground Railroad" which was longlisted for the Booker.

Others include:

Children's Fiction

Columbus et al "House of Secrets, Battle of the Beasts"

Adult Non-Fiction

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Exciting Times.

This month I am delighted to report that Painswick Beacon has been identified for inclusion into two nationally significant projects.

The first is "Back from the Brink". This is a nationally funded scheme aimed at endangered species in all types of habitats. I met with the Cotswold Area representative, Julian Bendle, for a long site visit to show what PBCG and Painswick Golf Club (PGC) have done in recent years. His reaction was hugely encouraging and he explained how funding would be available to enable more grazing, equipment, ongoing training and free courses to train helpers identify key species and how to monitor their numbers. As I write this I am waiting for him to send me all the fine details.

The second is a "Species Champion" project. For this MPs have adopted an endangered species and it is hoped they will use their collective weight of numbers to keep environmental issues in the debating chamber of parliament. Our local MP, David Drew, has adopted the Large Blue butterfly. The Beacon is a prime site for a reintroduction trial and a meeting is arranged in the near future for key groups, including PBCG and PGC, to meet David on the Beacon.

The group had a display at this year's Painswick Feast. We ran a quiz with questions about Beacon general knowledge. The winner was not known in time for this issue, but the lucky individual will get a box of six mixed wines. (Less if there are joint winners!) We actively engaged with people this year and now have a number of new volunteers on our list.

This year's AGM is on 12th October at 7.30 in the Church Rooms. After the official business and refreshments Julian Bendle will give a talk about the Back from the Brink project. This is right up to date material so do come along. Admission is £2 for non-members and the evening is a chance to renew membership or join for the first time.

Autumn work parties have started again and the next will be on Oct 7th and fortnightly thereafter up to Christmas. As usual the plea is for more helpers. Given the above there has never been a more exciting time to get involved in this fascinating project. I can be contacted on 07971 633 242 for details.



Paul Baxter

Remember Remember The Croft School Fireworks Night

Saturday 4th November 5pm -7pm
At the Croft Primary School
All welcome

If you came along last year you'll know this is not one to be missed. The Friends of The Croft School are planning a fantastic fireworks evening to raise essential funds for the school. We will have a bonfire, hot food, mulled wine and extend a warm welcome to come along and enjoy the fun – it is always great to see villagers and former Croft School pupils supporting our events.

Tickets available on the gate:
£3.00 for adults and £2.00 for Children (Under 3s Free)

More details will be publicised around the village, on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/friendsofthecroft) or Twitter @FOTCSpainswick

We will endeavour to minimise any disruption to local residents.

The Friends of the Croft team



Croft School - Governors need a Clerk!

There is a vacancy for the post of Clerk to the Governors. This is a paid position, though the total hours are small, around 30 over the year. The main duties are to take Minutes at the Full Governor body meetings, of which there are 6 per year, on Monday evenings, and to prepare and organise the papers for those meetings.

Training will be given. The post is at Local Authority Grade G, which works out at a little over £9 per hour for the 30 hours.

The post would suit someone with good office skills – please contact Rebecca Gore, on 01452 812479 or Ian Cridland 01452 812626 / iancridland@btinternet.com if you are interested.

Vacancy for a Co-opted Governor

We also have a vacancy on the governing body for a co-opted governor. Filling this vacancy would bring us up to our full complement of 12 governors.

If you are interested in joining the governing body please contact Ian Cridland or Rebecca Gore (see above for contact details) with a brief description of who you are and what skills you will bring to the Governors.

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Falcon Bowling Club

In spite of the uncertain weather this summer Falcon have had a successful and enjoyable season

The mens league team were runners up in their division and have gained promotion to Division 2 of the South Gloucestershire Bowls League

The Club provided a mens triples to play for Gloucestershire against Essex. The team was made up of Jeff Russell, Bill Beedie and Keith Hardwidge.

In Club competitions Jeff Russell won 2 singles trophies and one pairs

The ladies section played a full part in the regular mixed friendly games played in mid-week and at weekends. The ladies have had a number of new recruits this season and hope to extend their activities next season

In Club competitions Sue Herbert won the Ladies Four Wood Singles and Angie Hendry won the two wood singles

The mixed triples competition introduced for the first time this season and running through the summer had proved very popular and will be repeated next year.

The Club AGM will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday 11th November at 10am and anyone interested in finding more about the Club would be welcome to attend or to contact the Club secretary David Glass on 01452 814186 email davidglass20@gmail.com



Painswick Golf Club

This summer's competitions in the seniors' section have been completed. Last month, the Millennium Trophy was won by Nigel Cooper, with a score of 41 Stableford points. The weather-delayed Deva Cup – a greensomes competition in which golfers play alternate shots – was won by Nigel Cooper and Peter Sibley. The Iron-man individual knock-out competition reached its conclusion with a tight win for John Bentley. Congratulations to all the winners.

A friendly match between the Seniors and the club's B-team resulted in a 3-0 victory for the Seniors. And a very enjoyable "Club Captain's Away Day" took place at Droitwich Golf Club.

The golf club welcomes the public – golfers to the course and non-golfers to the clubhouse for refreshments and meals. Please phone first to book a tee time and check that the clubhouse is open on 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe



Tennis

Summer League results

The Mens teams had a successful season in the Gloucestershire leagues with most teams staying in their respective leagues. The B team however did exceptionally well coming first in division 2 and being promoted to division one. The F team was demoted to division 6.

The Ladies also were pleased with this year's results with the A team finishing 2nd in the top division and the B team promoted to join them in the premier.

This winter the club has entered 3 teams in the Gloucestershire winter league, 4 teams in the Stroud winter league and three in the seniors leagues.

Anyone interested in joining the Club should contact the Secretary Ruth Smith on 01452 813693 or email. ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com

The Painswick Lawn Tennis Tournament

– Finals took place on Sunday Afternoon (24th September).

The Men's Singles saw James Barnett play Jamie Morgan. After a competitive first set James accelerated to victory 6-4 6-1. James's win represents his 7th singles victory in the tournament, which is one short of Matthew Bamber's record.

In the Ladies Singles Reggi Ristic-North defend her singles title against underdog Jessica Barnett 6-0 6-1. Both were pleased with an enjoyable match.

The Men's Doubles was a very competitive three set match with James Barnett and Graham Britton winning the third set 7-5 defeating Jamie Morgan and Jeremy Chapman.

The Ladies Doubles was won by Sarah and Hannah Scott who defeated Ness Fair and Charlie Gravestock 7-6 6-2.

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Rugby Football

After a summer away doing other things, Painswick RFC's Minis and Juniors started their new season on a surprisingly chilly Sunday morning, 3rd September. Hundreds of excited youngsters in red and white hooped shirts flocked around Broadham fields, with past players renewing friendships and new players being welcomed.

The boys teams are as popular as ever and the boys training sessions are on Sundays 10:00-12:00. As always the club welcomes new players from U6 right through to U18s, and players are welcome to join at any point of the season.

The girls' squad built on the excitement and energy of their first season last year with a series of successful summer training sessions, and now boasts a committed group of established players at U13 and U15 level, a development squad for the youngsters and newcomers, and is looking to build an U18 team this season. It would be great to see more girls of all ages taking up the sport so, if you fancy trying something new and getting muddy at the same time, come along to a training session on Sundays 12.00-2.00pm, or contact *Martin Lewis*, T: 07535 643063, E: elmarto@sky.com for further information.



Commemorative Beat the Retreat on CNFC's Guernsey Visit

Over 40 Cotswold Naturalists members travelled to Guernsey, Sark and Herm last month, visiting archaeological sites, museums and famous historic gardens. The Club's Vice-President Denise Magauran met the Guernsey's Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian

Corder and arranged the next evening to visit Government House, an elegant Georgian residence with a well-preserved Victorian walled garden. There, members watched the Band of HM Royal Marines beat the retreat as part of the Islands annual commemorations to honour the memory of Royal Naval personnel who died in a tragic incident in WWII.

HMS Charybdis and HMS Limbourne were sunk as a result of enemy action on 23rd October 1943 whilst taking part in 'Operation Tunnel' off the north coast of Brittany near Les Sept Isles, just south of the Channel islands, with the loss of 504 lives. Many bodies were washed up on the Guernsey coast and the German occupying forces buried the bodies with full military honours at Le Foulon Cemetery, St Peter Port. Over 5000 Islanders demonstrated their respect for the men who had died, and their loyalty to their Sovereign, by attending the funeral.

Another ship will be the subject of our next talk on Wednesday 1st November at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre, when Ian Caskie, as SS Great Britain Trust Guide, will explain how Brunel used cutting-edge technologies to create the world's first transatlantic liner. Launched in 1843, the ship was salvaged from the Falklands and brought home to Bristol in 1970. Visitors welcome. Tel. 813228 for Club programme.

Jane E Rowe

Celebrating Painswick Feast - 19th century style

Nowadays Clypping and the Feast are, it is to be hoped, joyful and cordial occasions. Perhaps, however, in days gone by some local residents took the celebrations a little too far. This is one of several similar newspaper reports from 140 years ago.

From Stroud Journal 29 September 1877
THE RESULT OF PAINSWICK FEAST

Henry Mills was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Vicarage Street, Painswick on the 21st inst.

P.C.Clark said the defendant had made a most disgraceful row, fighting with his shirt off. Mr Gardner said he had a great complaint indeed against defendant, whose language was something fearful.

P.C.Clark: He is about the worst blackguard I ever saw in my life.

Defendant, who had been four times previously convicted, was fined 11/- and 7/- costs, or seven days imprisonment. Defendant asked for a fortnight to pay it in as he had a wife to look after.

Mr Gardner: He famishes his wife, sir, and has kept her four days without food. Defendant: That's no business of yours.

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Painswick Feast – 24th September 2017.

What a fantastic day. So many friends old and new turned out for the Painswick Feast. Children, sticky with apple juice pressing, sprang about on the straw bales and hid amongst the grave stones, friends and family gathered and greeted each other with glasses of homemade Painswick cider and apple juice. Proud winners of the Dog show events took a “passeggiata” through the church yard stopping for smiles and admiration along the way. Brave teddies were parachuted from the bell tower, sensational stalls were visited and finally towards the middle of the afternoon – the bells rang out and Rev Mike gathered us to the Clypping service. The Five Valleys Wind Band played the traditional clypping hymns and a record number of hands were held in a circle around the church for the Clypping hymn. Lots of new Painswick families got into the spirit of the day with children dressed in their best with garlands of flowers in their hair and rewarded with buns and pocket money. A huge thank you to all those unsung heroes who helped make the day such a success. A really massive thank you, however, especially to Will Fair and Stephen Aiano for services above and beyond!

On behalf of the Painswick Feast organisers

December Issue

- Seasonal Cover Picture

It has been the Beacon's policy for many years to carry a seasonal painting or photograph in full colour on the front page of the December edition. We invite readers to forward their picture for consideration which should be sent to the Beacon address: beacon@painswick.net

The picture should, ideally, be seasonal with a Painswick setting and be able to be scanned within A4 size and be of high quality definition. Originals will be returned. The closing date for receipt of contributions is Saturday 11th November.

PROPERTY REPORT from Moulton Haus Sales and Lettings

Continuing our theme of property selling strategies, today I'll broach the subject of professional valuations; a tricky topic that's frequently raised by prospective vendors. I'll start by saying that at Moulton Haus we never knowingly overvalue property. We exist to provide a clear, honest, knowledgeable and, of course, friendly service. So how can you tell the difference between a realistic professional valuation, versus a convincing but inflated sales pitch?

Firstly, any good agent should back up their valuation with comparable properties that have successfully sold. They should be happy to share these with you and discuss the differences, positive or negative. Just as important, but often over looked, is how long those properties took to sell and for what price they were originally advertised. Some sellers are prepared to market their homes for longer and hold out for a high price, but if you prefer a quicker sale that's a risky strategy as properties can quickly become stale if the asking price is inflated from the outset. Secondly, it's worth considering the length of contract that each agent is asking for. In our experience, it's the agents with the longest contracts that give the highest valuations, and this is no coincidence: an inflated valuation tempts you in, then the long notice period gives them time to push down the price. Some agents are even targeted on price reductions; this has been particularly apparent recently in the unusually high level of price reductions we've been seeing, to which any avid Rightmove follower will attest.

Which brings me to my final tip: don't be fooled by the line 'we've got a long list of people waiting to view your property'. If an agent tells you this, test them: if they really do have a line of people waiting they should be able to arrange viewings prior to marketing and/or needing a long-term contract. Nine times out of ten these viewers will vanish once you've committed. At Moulton Haus, we will always show you the evidence behind our valuation, plus, we don't believe in long contracts: we want our clients to stay with us because we are doing what we promised. Likewise, if we tell you we have a viewer, we will be able to substantiate this. Our reputation is precious to us, hard won and guarded jealously; overvaluing just to win a property instruction does not figure in our business ethic. With our growing confidence in the Five Valleys property market in sales and lettings we are excited to announce the latest addition to our team and to extend a very warm welcome to Rozy Jarrett who joins us bringing an invaluable and extensive knowledge of local property and whose experience will be an enormous asset to clients looking to sell or let their property with Moulton Haus.

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Fri	6	Bourgeoisie Evening of Parisian Cuisine. 4 courses £25 Wick Flix Screening: Hidden Figures - £6 at door to include 1 drink	Painswick Golf Club Painswick Centre	7.00pm 7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	7	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party; Tel. 07971 633242 for location details Painswick Music Society AGM, followed by Recital by the Haynes Trio & Refreshments	Painswick Beacon Church Rooms	9.00am to 12noon 7.00pm
Sun	8	Holy Communion (Traditional Language) Mass Meeting for Worship Holy Communion for Harvest	St Mary's Church Catholic Church Quaker Meeting House St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00am
Mon	9	Probus Women AGM & Talk & Tastings on the Riesling Grape - Martin Taylor Knit & Natter Group Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Community Lunch - Hosts: St Mary's Church (off Churchill Way) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Church Rooms Library Town Hall Ashwell Centre Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.00am 10.30am and 2.00pm 12noon to 1.15pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays. Enq. Sophie 01453 298138 Painswick Singers rehearsals - Mondays Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Painswick Centre Richmond Painswick Church Rooms	7.00 to 8.30pm 7.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	10	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Gentle Pilates for all - Tuesdays: contact Vicky at abcPilates@btinternet.com or 07934977171 Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6.50 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Great Western Air Ambulance Volunteer Drop-in Afternoon	Church Rooms Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Richmond Village	9.30am 9.30 to 10.30am 10.00am from 2.00pm
		Bingo: Tuesdays Bird Club: Swallows, Martins & Swifts - Illustrated Talk by David Cramp	Ashwell House Town Hall	6.30 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Wed	11	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Holy Communion Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 Table Tennis - Wednesdays	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am 12.00noon Afternoons 7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	12	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com Messy Church Music Appreciation Group: Overtures	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Church Rooms Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 3..30 to 5.15pm 7.30pm
Fri	13	Friday Club Outing to the Memorial Arboretum Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	9.30 to 11.30am
Sat	14	Arts & Crafts Market Concert by The Capella Singers: Romantic Masters & William Shakespeare; Ticket £10 (in advance, Lychgate Office) or £12.50 at door.	Town Hall St Mary's Church	10.00am to 2.00pm 7.30pm



Sun	15	Mass Parish Communion Meeting for Worship	Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Mon	16	Community Lunch: Hosts - The Country Market (off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	17	Cotteswold Naturalists' Talk & Tea: African Steam Safari - Peter Berry. Enq. 01453 836618 Local History Society: Rococo Gardens and William Kent - R. Turner	Croft School	2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	18	Probus: History of Policing in England & Wales - Dr. Tim Brain Theatre Club visit to New Theatre Cardiff - Cabaret Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Stamages Car Park St. Mary's Church Richmond Village	10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	19	Cotteswold Naturalists' Star College Tour & Bistro Lunch. Enq. 01453 834486	Ullenwood	
Sat	21	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party; Tel. 07971 633242 for location details	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon
Sun	22	Stroud & District Mencap Coffee Morning Holy Communion (Traditional Language) Mass Painswick Praise Meeting for Worship	Beacon Hall, P, Centre St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	10.00am to 12.30 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Mon	23	Copy Date for November Beacon Community Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Group (off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I: To the Roof of the World - India - Peter Berry (Open Meeting) Enaishomi School: Talk by Edward & Sandy Elgar	Church Rooms Quaker Meeting House	7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	26	Cotteswold Naturalists' Canal-side Guided Walk for birds: Pre-book - 813228 Music Appreciation Group: Favourite Tenors	Stonehouse Town Hall	9.30am 7.30pm
Fri	27	Friday Club AGM followed by Talk on the Everyman Theatre	Town Hall	1.45 / 2.30pm
Sun	29	Mass Benefice Communion Meeting for Worship	Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.30am 10,00am 10.30am
Mon	30	Community Lunch: Hosts - Our Lady & St. Therese Church (off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	1	Probus: The Poppy - Symbol of Remembrance - Bill King Cotteswold Naturalists' Lecture: SS Great Britain - Ian Caskie. Enq. 01453 873262	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
Fri	3	Wick Flix Screening: Eddie the Eagle: - £6 at door to include 1 drink	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	4	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party; Tel. 07971 633242 for location details	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon
Mon	6	Knit & Natter Group Community Lunch: Hosts - Croft Primary School (off Churchill Way)	Library Ashwell Centre	10.00am 12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	7	Bird Club: Wildlife of Spitzbergen: Illustrated talk by Ed Druitt	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	8	Gardening Club: Beautiful Borders - Paul Hervey-Brookes	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	9	Music Appreciation Group: Johann Strauss	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	10	Gardening Club: An Audience with ... James Alexander-Sinclair Friday Club: Painswick Chemist: Mike Powis Canton Acre Promotions present: Edgelarks in Concert: Tickets £14. Enq. 07596 823881	Painswick Centre Town Hall Painswick Centre	1.45 for 2.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm
Mon	13	Probus Women: A Victorian Christmas From Time to Time Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins (off Churchill Way)	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.00 for 10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	15	Probus: A Painswick Miscellany - David Archard Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm

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The Personal Column

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

Thank you

To all the friends of RITA BISHOP who offered support and best wishes during the two operations she had to have during August. She is now well on the way to recovery.

To all the acquaintances of DAVID AND RITA BISHOP who have given them their friendship and support over the past 13 years. David and Rita have now moved from Whitehall Cottages, Stamages Lane to Beckenham, London.

Condolences

To the family and friends of TISHA DAVEY who died peacefully on 2nd September. Tisha lived in Painswick for most of her life and in the early years ran Cup House as a coffee shop. She went on to be a valued member of the Painswick Country Market and was often asked by villagers to bake cakes for special family occasions. Her little dog Bailey has gone to live with Tisha's sister and her westie Tilly.

To the family and friends of Dr JONNY WALKER; formerly known as Dr Derek Lindsey Walker who died on the 16th September at home on Gloucester Street Painswick aged 94. He worked as a consultant psychiatrist and leaves a wife, and three children.

Welcome

to RADHIKA AND BOB SWARUP who have moved into Whitehall Cottages with their children aged 7 and 4. Radhika is a writer and is finding the local countryside endlessly inspiring and the children are already enjoying the tennis club.

To ADRIAN AND KAREN GYDE who have returned to the village after many years away. They and their 9 year old daughter Kate, have moved into Rose Cottage, Tibbiwell Lane and are absolutely loving their new home. They look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

Congratulations

To MIDGE LENEY, a former Painswickian of the Year, on her 90th birthday on 14th September. Midge celebrated in style at the Painswick Golf Club in the company of friends and relations, some of whom had come from as far away as Canada and France to enjoy the occasion.



The Clypping Service

The Service is the focus of the Painswick Feast Day. It is the day when the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is recalled even though as the Vicar Rev Mike Holliday pointed out, the actual date of the birth the Blessed Virgin Mary is not known. This was to be a special day as the sermon was to be given by The Rt. Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester. Before giving the homily the Bishop received the traditional "Preacher's



Fee" of a basket of flowers and two buns. The music was provided by the Five Valleys Wind Band which played the Clypping Hymn as parishioners and visitors encircled the Church of St Mary in the act of embracing or clypping the church. By the of holding hands and completely encircling the church the people express their "affection and gratitude for this ancient Parish and Mother Church of a very large district, our unity with one another in Christ and God's wonderful love for us". After the Service, Bishop Rachel spent some time conversing with a number of those present. Everyone was relieved that the rain had held off and the day pleasantly mild. The large attendance even defeated the ice cream seller who ran out of the vanilla flavour!

Terry Parker



Dog Show

Held as part of the Painswick Feast celebrations



Pictured right is a hatted Pat Daly at the dog show displaying his No 90 entry badge. It was particularly appropriate as Pat celebrated his 90th birthday earlier this year.

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