

The Painswick Beacon

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Resurfacing of the A46 through Painswick going ahead

Significant disruption may be expected

The work on upgrading gas pipes that was threatening to delay the resurfacing of the next stage of the A46, has now been brought forward. It is expected to take two weeks, starting on 9th July and will affect the stretch from the Rugby Club up to and along Stamages Lane. Temporary traffic lights will be in place and could cause significant disruption, but hopefully all in a good cause.

The County Council had been reluctant to commit to resurfacing this stretch of road with the threat of the Gas Board digging it up again hanging over them. With this issue now resolved, Cllr. Keith Ripington confirms that the resurfacing from Pitchcombe through Painswick will go ahead, starting from 7th August. This will again involve night closures of the A46 each weekday night from 7 pm to 7 am, although with work in the centre of the village stopping at 11 pm.

Later in the year there are plans to realign and resurface the junction at Pitchcombe, which was left unchanged when the roads all around it were resurfaced earlier this year. There are also plans to resurface Pullens Road. But the Painswick Parish Council's hopes of installing a traffic island on the A46 near the Pullens Road junction, at the same time as the resurfacing, to help with traffic calming, have come to nothing for the moment.



The Patchwork Mouse

The Patchwork Mouse has reopened last week, under new owners, Ali and Gemma. But it could soon be re-named 'The Painswick Pooch'. Documents submitted to Stroud Council show a mock-up of the proposed new shopfront, and a new catchphrase 'Coffee and Cake for humans and hounds'. That gives a starring role to Ali and Gemma's own dog, a miniature Schnauzer called Poppy, but other dogs will also be made welcome. Painswick's Planning Committee supported the plans this week, although with some reservations about the colour of red used for the word 'Pooch'.



Garden Waste Collections

With over 10,000 subscribers the District Council is reaching full capacity for garden waste collections in some areas of the district with existing vehicles and crews. To increase capacity they would have to increase resources in vehicles and crew which would add £150,000 to the cost of providing this service. Consequently they have taken the decision to suspend any new subscribers in the towns and parishes where they have no spare capacity on the existing collection rounds and Painswick is one of them. This change is effective immediately.

Any existing customers in Painswick who have not yet renewed for 2018 will still be allowed to renew their subscription, however new customers resident in Painswick will have to put their name on a waiting list.

Narrow Streets

Could we please enlist the assistance of all residents that when you are making an order you inform the company that the streets are narrow, and many are unsuitable for wide-base vans or HGV's. This would allow the company to send an appropriate vehicle for deliveries. Likewise, can we also request that consideration is given when parking on the local streets; that you are not completely obstructing pavements or making it difficult for other road users to pass. Thank you for your co-operation!

Parish Clerk

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on June 20th 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

Public Questions

There were no public questions.

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mike Fletcher, Ian James and Abigail Smith.

Matters requiring a decision

There were eleven planning applications requiring a recommendation to Stroud District Council. The applications at Edge Hill Farm (S.18/1087/LBC), Detcombe House, Bulls Cross (S.18/1157/HHOLD), Land at West Hayes, Far End (S.18/1114/FUL), 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 Parkfield Cottages (S.18/1115/HHOLD), 23 Upper Washwell (S.18/1125/HHOLD), 22 Upper Washwell (S.18/1124/HHOLD), The Patchwork Mouse, New Street (S.18/1267/LBC), 3 White Horse Lane (Amendment to S.18/1241/HHOLD), Yew Tree House, Vicarage Street (S.18/1063/TCA) and St Mary's Mead (S.18/1099/TPO) were all recommended for approval with the proviso that where the applications involved rendering, it should be in keeping with the area.

In the case of the Patchwork Mouse, although the members supported the application some had reservations about the use of the colour red in the proposed signage.

Stepping Stone Cottage. The members continued to object to this resubmitted application (S.18/1149/HHOLD) which was for the erection of a replacement garage. They supported the neighbour's opinion that the two storey extension would not only block light into their garden but that their property would be overlooked from the windows.

PARISH COUNCIL

John Parfitt.

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger opened the meeting and asked the members to observe a period of silence in memory of Mr John Parfitt who at one time had served as Clerk to the Parish Council.

Painswick Centre.

The members received a presentation from Mrs Judie Hill and Mr David Chapman on proposals for the redevelopment of the Centre. The exhibition has now closed. However businesses are invited to contact the Centre to arrange a private viewing.

Play Painswick.

Mrs Magdalena Reekie-Black from St Michael's restaurant presented a cheque to the Parish Council being the sum she and others had raised for Play Painswick.

Public Questions

A newly arrived resident raised his concerns that there was a waiting list for the removal of garden waste by the District Council from local properties. Cllr Nigel Cooper who was present at the meeting agreed that this was an unsatisfactory situation. He said that next year there would be a different arrangement for subscribing to the service.

County Councillor's report.

Cllr Keith Rippington who was unable to attend the meeting had submitted a written report. Pitchcombe Junction. Drawings for proposals for this junction were expected to be issued by 24th June. New gas pipes. Letters had been sent by Wales and West Utilities to affected residents relating to the upgrading of gas pipes which would impact on the A46 from the Painswick Rugby Club through to and along Stamages Lane. Work was scheduled to start on 9th July and continue for 2 weeks. The laying of the new gas pipes will involve traffic lights to control the flow of traffic. A46 resurfacing. Following the laying of the gas pipes, it was planned that the resurfacing work through Painswick would commence on 7th August and continue through to 15th September. The A46 will be closed each weekday night from 7pm to 7am with work in the Centre of Painswick to cease by 11pm. Possible Traffic Island on the Cheltenham Road close to the A46/Pullens Road junction. The location had yet to be determined but the estimated cost was approximately 25,000 pounds. The

bringing forward of the A46 resurfacing work to August/September meant that no funds were available to facilitate the work this year. If funding was available in 2019/20 it might prove possible next year. Pullens Road. The resurfacing of Pullens Road will take place in this financial year with the date to be confirmed.

District Councillor's report.

Cllr Nigel Cooper introduced his report. He said that recycling per household in our district was now equal highest in the County at 220kgs per annum. Food waste per household had reason from 45kgs in 2016/17 to 108kgs in 2017/18, the highest by far in the County. In 3 years since the new system had been in place, the percentage of waste going for reuse/recycling/composting had gone from 30% to 62%. Cotswold was next with 60%. The bad news was that the waste collection contract was way over budget for a number of reasons. The garden waste system was supposed to be self financing but was losing 10,000 pounds per annum. There are approximately 10,000 users, although original costings had incorrectly said that the break even was 8,500. The scheme had been closed to new subscribers this year. Next year there will be a different arrangement for subscribing to the service. The cost will rise from 39 pounds to 45 pounds with a further increase to 50 pounds in 2019/20. Subscription Rooms. Having turned down a cash offer for the Sub Rooms last December, the District Council will consider on July 19th whether to give the property along with a substantial "dowry" to Stroud Town Council. Asked why the cash offer had been refused, Cllr Cooper said that the District Council wished to retain the Rooms as far as possible for community use.

Councillor resignation.

Members accepted the resignation of Councillor Steve Morris who represented the Slad Ward. The Councillors expressed their appreciation for Councillor Morris' contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

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Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils' Association (GAPTC). Councillors had met with the GAPTC Chief Executive Officer to express their concerns at the subscription amount the Parish Council was required to pay to the association. The subscription was 871 pounds per annum which was 1% of the council's precept. This represented an annual amount of 32p per head of the electorate. The outcome of the meeting was that it was agreed by the GAPTC that they will review the subscription charges and structures. The Council then agreed to defer any decision on its renewal until December 2018.

To consider a response to the Painswick Beacon in regard to a letter published in the June Beacon regarding attendance by members at Parish Council meetings. The Parish Chairman read a "Press Release" in which he thanked Mrs Audrey Timpson for her letter as it gave him "the perfect opportunity to highlight the good work done by this Council". Cllr Slinger's statement is set out below.

Recreation Ground Beech trees. Following a report by a tree advisor, it was agreed to spend the sum of 2,000 pounds on precautionary work against the possibility of the trees being infected by a virus.

Growing Our Communities Fund The Council resolved to bid for the sum of 1,000 pounds from the scheme, the purpose of which was to make the council's archives available to the public. The grant would be used to purchase appropriate storage material which was necessary to prevent the deterioration of the records. The proposal reflected the work being done by members of the local History Society who were carrying out research into the Parish Council records. Local organisations would be invited to contribute their own historical records.

Ward reports. Cllr Nash asked if the stencil which was used to mark pavements advising people to prevent dog fouling could be used in White Horse Lane where the path led to the Recreation Alley. Cllr Crownshaw drew attention to the covering of road

signage by the overgrowing greenery. The Clerk agreed to follow up the Cllr's concerns. Cllr Lewis asked if the matter of free parking in car parking areas on bank holidays could be looked into as it not always clear whether parking was free on such days. The Clerk reported that, following complaints, the lighting in the Town Hall's main corridor had been improved. Cllr Daniels referred to the need to provide improved advice about public footpaths. Cllr Slinger expressed his congratulations to the members of Art Couture Painswick who had received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and been invited to a Royal Garden Party. Libby Grasser and Judie Hill had attended.

Conclusion. Cllr Slinger closed the meeting with his congratulations on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllr Abigail Smith on the birth of a son.

Next meeting The July Parish Council meeting will be held at Edge Village Hall on Wednesday 18th July.

Response to a letter in the June Edition of the Painswick Beacon:

The Parish Council would like to thank Audrey Timpson for her letter which was published in the June edition of the Painswick Beacon.

I can confirm that I have checked the Members attendance at the Parish Council Meeting for the past six months and whilst I agree attendance has been low on several occasions all of the apologies have been for valid reasons.

Painswick Parish Council is blessed in having a crossed section of the Community representing it, of all ages, several are working parents, many have work commitments that mean that they are not always in Painswick on Council meeting dates and there have been a few with short term medical ailments.

Painswick was recently accredited with a Local Council Gold Award, this award is the highest accolade that a Town /Parish Council can be awarded. This level of award was achieved by the amount of work and commitment undertaken by the Council Members, some examples of the numerous tasks and projects include, attending site meetings, being on numerous Council Committees, undertaking formal training, conducting internal financial controls, dealing with Highways Officers to ensure the that traffic concerns are dealt with, ensuring that the Council assets are run to a very high standard including The Town Hall, Cemetery, Pavilion, Recreation Ground and the Tourist Information Office.

In summary, I would like to assure Members of the Public that despite low attendance at some meetings, for valid reasons, the Parish Council prides itself on representing its parishioners and ensuring that its meets the highest standards both in terms of compliance and also representation.

M S Slinger (Parish Council Chairman)

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Community Safety Team

Your new fire representative.

My Name is Dave Woodward and I have taken over the role from Paul Barrett who was looking after Painswick and the surrounding areas to provide prevention, protection and education advice to help keep the community safe.

Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue works in partnership with various other agencies these include The NHS, Telecare, Gloucester Deaf Association, Age Uk, The Silver Line, Warm & Well and all the local district councils and housing associations. This allows us to refer to and receive referrals from these agencies to ensure the community receives all the assistance it needs to stay safe and well in their home.

Fire Advice for a Safer Summer

Whether you are camping, cooking or exploring this summer, by following some top tips you can enjoy your adventures and stay safe. Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is particularly keen to get the message out about safe summer holiday BBQs and are urging people to be aware of the hidden risks of carbon monoxide poisoning when using a disposable, gas or charcoal BBQ. Carbon monoxide can't be seen, smelt or tasted but can cause life-threatening affects, quickly and without warning.

More top tips for a safe summer when camping or using a caravan see...

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Yew Trees "the season"



The scheduled speaker was unable to come on 22nd May but Ione Woodger-Smith stepped very ably into her shoes at short notice. The title of the presentation was "The Season" and this referred not to the time of year but to the coming out of girls from upper class families into society and for presentation at Court. They also hoped to meet suitable bachelors with a view to marriage! Ione's mother had been one such debutante and she showed us her photograph. By 1958 the exclusivity of The Season was eroded and the Queen ended the Presentation Ceremony.

The fun loving Ione made a passing reference to the recent Royal Wedding by wearing a glittering mock tiara and by using a flower container with a heart on it. She is well known for her floral designs, particularly wedding bouquets, and she entertained and informed us with her florist's skills. During the evening she assembled a striking but very harmonious arrangement containing Cornus, hostas, chinchinchee, astrantia and peonies.

We came away from the evening with a wealth of tips to improve our own flower management. If roses or gerbera are wilting cut the stems diagonally, put them under steam from a kettle and then plunge them into cold water. How many of us think of mixing sugar and bleach to use as plant food? Finally remember not to mix old and new flowers at home and pull off the brown, guard petals when water has dripped on them.

The WI events in July will be:-

7th July Cream Teas from 2.30 to 5.0pm in the Church Rooms to which all will be welcome.

24th July at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms a talk by John Putley "Stand and Deliver" about Gloucestershire highway men.

Janet Jenkins

Empty shops

The way in which we shop continues to be a newsworthy subject for the media. On-line shopping in particular is resulting in the closure of number of high street shops with larger chain stores having to reduce the number of their premises. An empty shop has an adverse effect on the local environment. Painswick is no exception in this regard where a number of shops have closed in recent years. The problem for the owners of the shops forced to close for various reasons is that the District Council's policy is not to allow changes of use from retail to residential. That said the Council will consider such a change if the owner can prove that they have advertised the shop at its market value over a reasonable period.

An added problem is that a change in the law a few years ago has made it impossible for local councils to enforce a sale when upstairs accommodation is used as residential. However powers still exist under the Local Planning Act for remedial action to be requested and enforced in special circumstances to ensure that empty business properties are kept up to a required minimum standard. Perhaps, in the meantime, the shop windows could be used to display local information or locally produced items to help offset the comments made by visitors about the lack of shops.

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News from the Surgery Patients' Group

Future showings with Wick Flix

If you haven't already seen Darkest Hour then you should and, if you have, you know it's worth seeing again. Come along early and soak up the wartime atmosphere – we will have a talented young student playing for us on the night! Wick-Flix will be taking a short break in August, but will be back with a bang in September with the fun British rom-com, Finding Your Feet.

Friday 6th July Darkest Hour (PG)

This is a powerful film exposing the extreme situation Churchill faced up to in the weeks preceding Dunkirk. Gary Oldman justifiably won the Oscar for Best Actor for his masterful performance.

Friday 7th September Finding Your Feet (12)

A very British feel-good rom-com with a great cast led by Joanna Lumley, Imelda Staunton, Timothy Spall and Celia Imrie. Some lovely one liners and a plot that says "It's never too late for life to begin again".

Friday 5th October The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society (12A)

The film adaptation of Annie Barrow's best seller about the German occupation of the Channel Islands during WW2. A story of love and hardship with great characterisation by Lilly James, Penelope Wilton and Tom Courtenay among others.

Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £7.00 (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

If you haven't done so already make sure you have emailed painswickppg@gmail.com to request news and other contacts by email.

Our best news is that from 1st August a new Registrar starts at the practice when we will welcome Dr Susanne Kumar. A Registrar is what was referred to a lot in the news last year as a 'Junior Doctor' - qualified but in the process of a training rotation around different specialities progressing to either GP or Consultant status.

Less popular will be the recent ruling from NHS England that many routine medicines that are freely purchasable over the counter in pharmacies and supermarkets will not generally be available on prescription now.

Extra appointments

This remains the hottest topic with GPs nationwide and here in Painswick. With the Commissioners ending the Choice Plus scheme, 'Stroud Improved Access' arrangements are now in place with appointments available 4-8pm in Painswick on Mondays and at 11 other local practices other weekdays. The innovation in this is that your records will be available to a GP treating you in an alternative practice if you give permission. Fortunately, our Painswick Practice is managing to accommodate most patients at Hoyland House with these extra Monday appointments. Other appointments are also available at the Gloucester Health Access Centre at weekends.

Have you used this scheme? If so please let us know how you found it (email address above).

Volunteer drivers scheme

Steady progress is being made on investigating the proposal for volunteer drivers provision thanks to a generous donation being received. The PPG would love to hear from anyone who might consider becoming a volunteer or, best of all, a scheme organiser!


John Morley, Patient Participation Group Chair.

Picnic in the Park

It's that time of year again! It's certainly high summer and on Saturday August 4th the Rococo Garden will be holding the annual Picnic in the Park. The gates will be open from 6.30 to 9.30, so bring your family and a picnic and enjoy the balmy atmosphere in an English country garden at a time that it is not usually open. Cranham orchestra will, once again provide ambient music, there will be ice creams and who knows what else – come along and find out! The children can explore the Pan Pipes in the Hidden Hollow. Your dogs are welcome but please keep them on the lead. Friends of the Garden pay £5.00, non-friends £7.00 and children under 16 are free. Come along and join us and have a wonderful evening. (By the way, if it should be raining, sadly we will have to cancel – find out more on rococogarden.org.uk)

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Richmond Parkinsons - café meetings

The next three dates of the Parkinsons café meeting at Richmond are.....

25th July (Wednesday) 2pm til 4pm
5th September (Wednesday) 3pm til 4pm
3rd October (Wednesday) 2pm til 4pm

Anyone at all interested in Parkinsons or similar is very welcome.....

Maggie Daley

Samara's Aid

Thank you to all who contributed to the five large boxes of clothes and toiletries we sent via the Chalford Baptist Church group in May, which went to refugees in great need in the camps in Syria.

We are now hoping to send further clothes and shoes in very good condition in September, working with a group in Cirencester. We also want to send urgently required toiletries and personal items for women. If anyone would like to contribute some of these items I have a list of what is needed. It is necessary to send exactly what is on the list because of customs regulations. Samara's Aid works tirelessly to reach the most vulnerable and distressed people in Syria, and is manned completely by volunteers. Its website carries detailed information of the work being carried out, both in distributing humanitarian aid and also in providing medical care in places where little or no help is available. Supporting this small charity is a valuable way to provide practical help to people who have suffered so much.

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The proceeds will be given to Stroud Citizens Advice which provides free impartial advice across our district which includes Painswick and Sheepscombe.

For more details and tickets, please contact me on 01452 813228 or Ann Horner on 01452 812128.

Peter Rowe

The Croft School - Summer Fair

Saturday 14th July 12 – 3pm The Croft School field, Churchill Way.

Don't forget to come along to this year's Summer Fair. It is bursting with fun, games and delicious food. We invite the whole village to come along to join the fun and help to raise vital funds for our school.

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- Tea, coffee and delicious cakes and ice cream
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- Lots more



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The Friends of the Croft School team

Falling Aerials

Ann Burges Watson has drawn attention to a potential hazard relating to TV aerials in the village, many of which are of a similar design/vintage. She reports that the aerial on her house recently fell from a chimney and crashed onto the skylight above her bathroom, resulting in a considerable amount of broken glass. The aerial was left dangling precariously on the side of the house and could have caused a lethal accident. Fortunately no-one was below at the time. Ann wanted to warn residents who have aerials of this kind that they may want to have them inspected to prevent a similar occurrence.

Pictured on the left is the fallen aerial.

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Art Couture Painswick Wins..

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Art Couture Painswick (ACP), the wearable art charity that hosts a biennial festival in the village has been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. ACP was created in 2010 to challenge and reward uninhibited artistic talent. It creates opportunities for everyone to be involved and opens career enhancing doors for wildly creative minds. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities.

It was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of The Queen's Coronation and is perceived as the MBE for volunteer groups. Libby Graesser and Judie Hill, founders of ACP and both Painswick residents, are thrilled that the success of the charity has been recognised by such a prestigious award "We see this as a huge accolade for our army of volunteers who, together, all contribute to the success of ACP". Following a rigorous application process which included testimonials from local volunteers and supporters, the award was presented to the charity for "Enabling the community to create a festival to celebrate the craftsmanship and exhibition of inspirational, wearable art". The award was celebrated with an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace hosted by Her Majesty the Queen in May. "To have the community ethos of our innovative and creative charity celebrated at such a prestigious event was hugely inspiring" says Debra Drew, trustee of ACP. An official event is currently being organised for later in the year in which Dame Janet Trotter, the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, will officially present the trophy to all of the enthusiastic and energetic volunteers involved. The enthusiasm and ideas which have been inspired by winning this award, have led to a variety of exciting new opportunities for ACP which will be announced in due course

Pictured are Judie Hill and Libby Graesser at Buckingham Palace.



Lorna

Painswick artists - Andy Lovell

A first examination of Andy Lovell's exceptional silkscreen prints shows how the printmaking technique suits his attraction to dramatic abstractions - strong, articulate, striking images of a field of red poppies or a sculpted relief of sand dunes and grasses; a mysterious wood or the arching, metallic railway lines at Clapham Junction, reimagining through printmaking, his landscapes, painted on location in acrylics.



After Liverpool Art College in the 80s, he moved to London and went on to set up "Big Orange", an illustration Studio, with nine other artists in then unfashionable, but cheap, Shoreditch. He illustrated book, magazine and record covers, newspaper articles and features. "It taught you the importance of a strong, original, visual idea for an illustration and the ability to turn it around quickly," he says.

Andy met Anne Haworth at Art College and when the children came along in 2001, he took the opportunity to develop his work in new directions. A passion for screen printing, nurtured at college, had never gone away and seduced by the graphic simplification that the process offered he started using accidental or contrived textures and shapes to help re-interpret his initial sketches into powerful, abstracted, but still very recognisable images. "Printmaking allows me to reconceive my paintings, retaining their essence, whilst creating a simpler, pared down, image built up colour upon colour.

In his second acceptance by the RA Summer Exhibition this year his "Glimpses of Catalunya" shows the patterns of fields observed from an aeroplane, with a very strong, black window framing the textured fields below.

Andy moved to Painswick in 2008 and joined the Gloucestershire Printmaking Co-operative in Stroud which has excellent printing facilities. Anne, studied textiles then theatre design. She currently teaches textile printing at the GPC as well as print making.

And for the future, developing into oils from acrylics - "easier to get out and set up on location" he says. He admires artists like John Piper, Sonia Delaunay, Kurt Schwitters, Hendrik Werkman - abstract, linear expressionists artists, similar but essentially different to his own very individual, recognisable style of strident abstractions.

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Probus Women

- Post boxes

Post Boxes play an important role in our history. Trevor Radway, on Monday, 11th June enlightened us all with how post boxes, which we all take so much for granted now, came into being - changing communication between the masses forever.

In 1818 for example, the chances are that 'ordinary' people never received a letter in their lives! There were no stamps then and it was the recipient who paid the 'postage' based on mileage. For example in 1819 a single folded letter from Cirencester to London cost around 9d in old money and Cheltenham to London a double letter cost 1/6d. A fortune in those days. Letters were taken to the nearest letter-receiving office for processing but for many communities this office was too just far away.

At the time Anthony Trollope was a General Post Office official, he noticed that some European countries had introduced locked cast iron pillar boxes in convenient central locations with collections at regular times. He then introduced this scheme to the Channel Islands in 1852 and then on to the mainland. They were first painted green but with complaints of them not being easily sighted, especially in rural areas, the colour was changed to the red we know and love today although between 1930-1938 there were some painted blue to receive airmail post for Europe. Many different designs were introduced and erected around the Country. Penfold being one of the masters of design. Approximately only 20 rare and early Penfold designs have survived but 8 of them in Cheltenham. There are replicas of these Victorian boxes dotted around but the ones in Cheltenham are original. Some designs are rare and in museums but others remain in their original locations and conserved by Royal Mail. Some have been purchased privately and located at preservation rail stations. David Shepherd, artist and railway preservationist, being one of them.

World War I took away the postmen in 1915 so ladies were introduced to take over. They were not issued with the very smart uniform until 1922/23 when Royal Mail decided to keep them on! Nothing more certain than change! Post Women now: Uniform now comprises shorts, trainers and polo shirts and, now, most of us communicating by the pressing the "send" button.

When you do post that special card through an original and historical 'Penfold' bright red pillar box - give a thought to the first ever person to do that. The "send" button would have seemed like science fiction!

Next meeting July 9th. Talk on the work of the Cathedral by Canon Chancellor Celia Thomson. Painswick Church Rooms, 10.00am for 10.30am. All visitors welcome £3.

delia Mason



Probus Club Report

- My Life in Russia

At the meeting on May 23rd, Masha Lees gave a talk entitled 'My Life in Russia before Perestroika and After' covering the period from 1957 to 1997.

Masha contrasted the Soviet time when the educational system and the medical facilities were excellent, through the Perestroika period of chaos in Yeltzin's time, to the present where a doctor's qualifications can be bought in the open market for cash.

She also showed us some of the enduring culture of Russia through the exhibits she displayed, including shawls, samovar cups and newspapers, in her interesting and well-illustrated talk.

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) - Talking Books

On Wed 6 Jun 2018 Jo Killick reminded members of the work by the RNIB to assist the 4% of people in UK who have partial sight-loss or are blind.

Technology is helping blind people in many ways including, for example, a device to warn when to stop pouring boiling water into a cup to make a hot drink.

The RNIB pioneered talking books in 1935 since when 25000 books have been recorded and are now used by 43000 subscribers. Each new recording costs approximately £2500 to make. The RNIB receives no government funding yet manages a £121M turnover, employing a staff of 2000.

Henry Hall & Basil Butler

Christian Aid Week -Thank You



The house to house collections across the communities of the Painswick valley and the events held at St. Mary's Church Rooms and Edge Church raised £9,849 rising to £11,153 when gift aid is added. The funds raised will go to Christian Aid's work to help tackle poverty throughout the world. The Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee thank all who gave so generously and the many collectors and volunteers who made this possible.

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News from St Mary's

We have some church festivals to celebrate this month at two of our benefice churches. The first is at Sheepscombe with their Dedication Festival of St John the Apostle. This will be celebrated at the morning communion service on 8th July at 11am led by Revd. Andrew Leach. Cranham Church celebrates its Patronal Festival of St James the Apostle on Sunday 22nd July. This will be marked with a Songs of Praise service at 6.30pm again led by Andrew Leach.

There is a fifth Sunday this month on 29th July. Consequently there will be only one service in the benefice on this day. This will be a combined communion service at Pitchcombe church at 10am. The preacher will be Mike Campbell.

A new Vicar for the benefice was not appointed in June as was hoped, as there were no suitable candidates for the post. The vacancy will be re-advertised in the Church Times this month. Depending on the response it is expected that fresh interviews will take place in September.

In August, St Mary's will be staging a thanksgiving weekend for marriage from 25th to 27th. There will be an exhibition of 20th and 21st century wedding dresses in the church and a thanksgiving service for marriage on Sunday afternoon at 3pm. If anyone has a wedding dress preserved from the 19th century which could feature in the exhibition please contact Clare Irving – tel. 814242.

David Newell

Yet more of Painswick's past revealed

Don't miss the exhibition - 14th and 15th July

As a centenary year 2018 is rather significant not least because it marks both the end of World War I and also the introduction of women's suffrage. These and other history themes, all with local significance and interest to Painswick residents, will be on display on Saturday and Sunday, 14th and 15th July in the Town Hall.

Painswick has a very rich history, remarkably varied in its range from the personal to the architectural, the criminal, industrial, educational, horticultural, religious, archaeological etc and ongoing research continues to bring more to light on a regular basis. Painswick Local History Society produces an exhibition biennially and this year's event promises to present some fascinating information and illustrations of recently explored local history topics.

It is always interesting to find out about the past of the place in which you live – it helps towards developing an understanding of the present. Do come along and enjoy discovering more about Painswick's past. Entry is free and refreshments will be available too.

Carol Maxwell

... and Stroud's displays

Stroud Local History Society will be staging an exhibition in St Lawrence's Church 17th-29th July and Painswick has been invited to present a board on the history of a house. Stroud's exhibition, looking at the wider community of the valleys, is well worth a visit. They are also organising a 60s (1960s) Night at Lansdown Hall on Friday 20th July.

A performance not to be missed

A reminder that Robert Burgess and Chris Hall, two very skilled musicians, will be performing their first concert together in St Mary's Church on Saturday, 4th August at 3.00pm. The programme will have strong local connections (see article in last month's Beacon) particularly in relation to the composers, the performers and musical styles. Entry is free. Robert and Chris are giving this performance in aid of the Gloucestershire charity, Mindsong, which provides services, including music therapy, for people living with dementia. There will be a retiring collection for this purpose.

This will be a lovely seasonal concert in aid of a truly worthwhile cause and one not to be missed.

Carol Maxwell



Painswick Gardening Club: Blooming Marvellous

June has been a busy time for the Club....and so much fun!

As mentioned last month, we held a special plant sale in the field adjacent to Rococo Garden which was an absolutely stonking success. Thanks to the very generous donation of a vast array of plants from Paul Hervey- Brookes and his sponsors of Chelsea and Chatsworth show gardens; collaboration with staff at Rococo and the owner of the field; a great deal on van hire from Enterprise and many pairs of hands, we raised over £1000. The support of absolutely everyone involved - including the shoppers on the day - in this event is truly appreciated, thank you. The Club has decided to make a donation from the sale to the Stroud Valleys Project.

The visit to "Wonderful Wortley" House two days later was a super treat; a beautiful garden with so much to see and admire and many comments about the possibility of a return visit.

Our meeting on 11th July (Church Rooms) starts at 7.15pm with a concise AGM! Demonstrations by experienced florist, Ione Woodger-Smith follow. Ione will "show and tell" how to make beautiful displays from simple home-grown cut flowers or the odd bunch from a supermarket. We also plan to have a small plant sale with a few bits and pieces and a table for renewal of subscriptions (you can still renew in September if you prefer). As always, visitors are most welcome (£4pp).

Don't forget that we don't hold a meeting in August. After nigh on 7 years, this is my last article for the Club; happy gardening!

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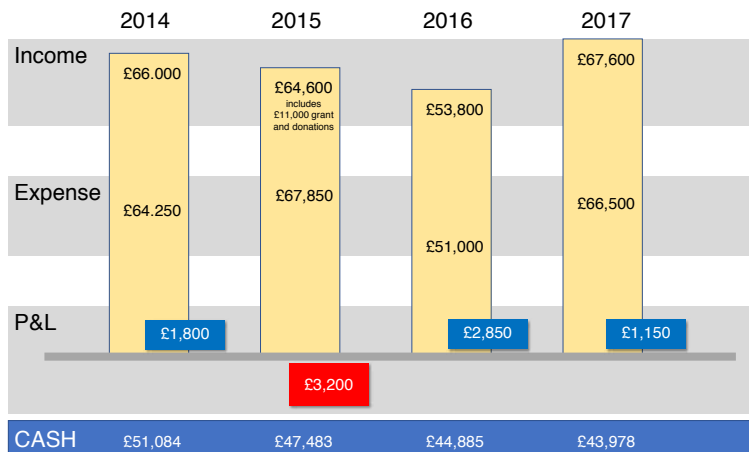
Painswick Centre _Your ideas for the future

Following the open Meeting in April the trustees of the Centre welcomed suggestions for where the Centre could be going for the future. The Trustees recognise that this is not about the Painswick Centre, but about the wider interests of Painswick as a community and the unique position the Centre holds at both the social and physical 'heart' of Painswick.

In June a presentation was set up in the Gardiner Room showing where the Centre stood currently showcasing ideas they are collecting for the future.

The current situation.

The chart opposite displays the financial situation the Centre is in showing no growth in income over the last few years yet expenses continue to rise. Should a major repair/improvement be required, such as the roof, there were little financial reserves to cover these eventualities.



Utilization	Income/yr	Utilization
Artists Studio	£4572	100%
Cotswold Room	£3750	24%
Gardiner Room	now vacant	
Green Room	£238	2%
Cottage	£8799	100%
Beacon Hall	£10,578	33%
Bowling Green	£1	100%
Skittles	£552	?

In Painswick there is already a large choice of rooms for hire so there is a need to create new demand somehow. Also the Bowls Club's lease will come to an end in 2022 and there is some healthy debate as to how best to use this space in the future.

Some suggestions put forward to increase revenue.

Turn the Bowling Green into a car park either single or double storey increasing annual income to an estimated £25,000 single tier, £55,000 two tier.

Open a small business Centre offering incubator desks, internet access and boardroom with AV facilities, offering an estimated income of £25,000-£30,000.

Solar panels on the roof to provide energy for the Centre and for electric car charging.

Expand the Wick-Flix entertainment model to cover more events – food, music and theatre.

Provide a pop-up Art Gallery space for local and touring artists

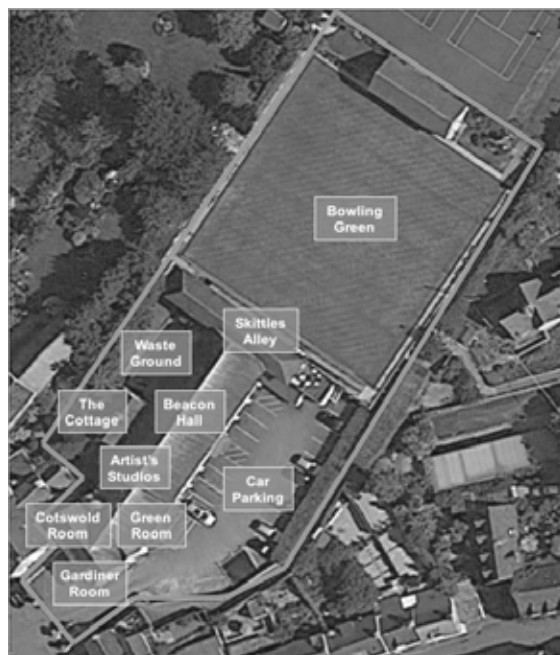
Convert some of the rooms/attic into apartments for rent

Many suggestions were put forward for use of the spare room capacity, but potential hirers need to be attracted to use the Centre.

Some suggestions are longer term projects which need closer investigation and will require up front capital from grants and other sources. Other suggestions can be looked at sooner but it will all take time by the dedicated small team of Trustees. They need volunteers with the right skills and commitment, so if you have something to offer step forward and let them know.

For further updates please follow @ThePainswickCentreThefuture(Facebook) and @painswick_centre-the-future (instagram)

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25th Celebration

The 24th June came with beautiful weather and a group of 40 people gathering together to celebrate 25 years of conservation work by the volunteers of the Painswick Beacon Conservation group. Five group leaders guided walks over the Beacon explaining all different aspects the Beacon has to offer from Flora, fauna, butterflies, moths and grassland conservation. Thank you to those leaders. This was followed by a BBQ provided by Tom Horton at the Painswick Golf Club. All involved thoroughly enjoyed the food provided so thank you to Tom and his staff. There was also a celebratory cake to finish a most satisfactory afternoon.

The Beacon is looking stunning at the moment with many species of flowers and butterflies and moths on show. Ringlets, speckled wood, meadow brown, small heath and marbled white butterflies and Burnett moths are in abundance. The orchids are in full bloom and several different species can now be seen. The floral display is due to the grazing that takes place between August and December. Last year there were 5 Gloucesters grazing.



Flowers and grasses are now starting to set seed and I would appreciate anyone collecting them as they mature for sowing later in the autumn into areas we have recently cleared. Store them in paper bags, not plastic, so they don't sweat. Label the bags to identify the types of seed if possible.

Thank you to all involved over the last 25 years, it really is quite a success story. As usual we are looking for more helpers to take the group forward for another 25 years.

Please contact Paul Baxter 079716233242 for upcoming events and work parties.

Paul Baxter



Messy Church

Thursday 12th July
15.45 to 17.45 in the Pitchcombe Village Hall

Please join us as we venture to Pitchcombe for July's Messy Church, where the theme is "Creating and Caring".

We will also be providing a delicious picnic tea.

(The church is right next to the village hall and there is plenty of parking).

Messy Church is a family event, so all children should be accompanied by an adult.

Any queries please contact Katherine Davies:

Email: dandkdavies@hotmail.com

Post Office – longer opening hours

Our postmaster is at our service in the Town Hall every Wednesday and Friday morning offering a range of postal services. It is worth noting that at other times he runs the Post Office in Upton St Leonards where there is easy parking. Opening seven days a week at 7.00am this Post Office closes at 5.30pm Monday to Saturday and 11.00am on Sundays.

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Carol Maxwell

Jottings

We have so many blue-tits in our garden now, they seem to be competing for their turn on the fat balls. I do believe they have a pecking order, the older ones first. There is a Cornus Kusa (Dogwood) tree one side of the bird table and a Pineapple tree (Cytisus battandieri) the other. They sit in one these two trees as a vantage point to see who is going to dive for the fat balls next. Those feeding on the seed feeders drop more than they eat. So we have as many diving down under the bird table picking up.

The swallows came late this year and there does not seem to be as many floating and diving around the skies. Spring was up to three weeks late, so there was a shortage of insects and many may have failed to nest and have young.

Walkers forget to shut gates as they go through our fields even when we put a notice on the gate "PLEASE KEEP THIS GATE SHUT". We have just lost a crop of grass, which was intended for cutting for hay, because a gate was left open and cows from the next field wandered in. They have lain all over it, flattening it to the ground; and left cow pats everywhere. It is impossible to cut flattened grass and, since it is contaminated with dung, we cannot store it in any way. As it is, we have to check hayfields for mole hills to avoid getting soil in the stored hay, and know the lie of the land, so that the cutting blades are not damaged passing over uneven surfaces and stones.

We will have to graze this field instead of bringing in hay which means we will have less hay to feed to our live stock this next winter.

Although the weather was poor earlier in the year the grass has made up in growth giving a good crop. Now, with an extended period of fine dry weather, we will be able to make some nutritional hay and then hopefully a second crop of silage.

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Letters



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Rita Hill of Lower Washwell Lane writes

The thought of an ugly car park instead of a bowling green is beyond belief, it must leave the people who overlook this area speechless. My guess is none of the Trustees live there, are we really going to let these Trustees spoil the village?

Thomas Carroll from Berry Close writes

I read the letters page of the June edition of the Beacon and was quite surprised to see the issues important to some residents of Painswick, (non attendance of councillors at meetings etc)

My wife recently died and the issue important to me is the sometimes scant recognition of people who help at such difficult times. My wife suffered from a long fought illness but the attention given to her throughout was outstanding.

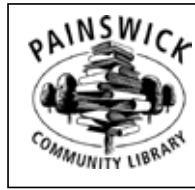
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In my view, these are the issues and people to be written about. You know they will ALWAYS turn up whatever. No apologies ever for not attending!



Library News for July

We have added several new books to the Library stock in recent days nicely in time for the summer holidays. If you have any suggestions for future purchases please make a note in our Suggestions Book or call the Library on 01452 814744. Recent additions include :

Adult Fiction

Alyan, Hala - Salt Houses

Cornwell, Bernard - Fools and Mortals

Egan, Jennifer - Manhattan Beach

Ford, Jamie - Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

James, Erica - Coming Home to Island House

Jefferies, Dinah - The Sapphire Widow: Richard & Judy Book Club Pick 2018

Jones, Ruth - Never Greener : first novel

Kelly, Erin - He Said/She Said: Richard and Judy Book Club thriller 2018

Leon, Donna - The Temptation of Forgiveness (Commissario Brunetti 27)

Marrs, John - The One

Riley, Lucinda - The Pearl Sister (The Seven Sisters)

Shamsie, Kamila - Home Fire: Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2018

Strout, Elizabeth - Anything is Possible

Non Fiction

Black, Professor Sue - All That Remains: A Life in Death

English, Charlie- The Book Smugglers of Timbuktu

Guite, Malcolm - The Singing Bowl

Jones, Dan - The Templars

Kay, Adam - This is Going to Hurt: Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor,

Moffat, Alistair - The Hidden Ways: Scotland's Forgotten Roads

Rosling, Hans - Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why

Things Are Better Than You Think

Tremain, Rose - Rosie: Scenes from a Vanished Life

Junior Fiction

Anderson, Sophie- The House with Chicken Wings

Donaldson, Julia and Axel Scheffler – The Snail and the Whale

Donaldson, Julia and Lydia Monks – What the Ladybird heard on Holiday

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Police Report

Crime wave hits Painswick in April

The crime statistics for the Painswick area from the Gloucestershire Constabulary web site.



February 2018	In Feb 2017- 6 offences	
Hambutts Drive	Vehicle crime	No suspect identified
Ashwell	Violent assault	Under investigation
Bisley Street	Vehicle crime	No suspect Identified
Victoria Street	ASB	
	Theft	No suspect identified
Golf Course Rd	Burglary	Awaiting court outcome
March 2018	In Mar 2017- 4 offences	
Gloucester St	Criminal damage	Unable to prosecute suspect
Butt Green	ASB	
Tibbiwell	ASB	
Beech lane	ASB	
Cotswold Mead	ASB	
Nr B4073	ASB	
April 2018	In Apr 2017- 5 offences	
Queensmead	Theft	Under investigation
Orchard Mead	Burglary	No suspect identified
New Street	Theft	No suspect identified
Victoria Street	Burglary	No suspect identified
Friday Street	Theft	No suspect identified
Cheltenham Rd	Vehicle crime	No suspect identified
Upper Washwell	Violent assault	No suspect identified
Beech Lane	Criminal damage	No suspect identified
Greenhouse lane	Burglary	No suspect identified
Nr B4073	Theft	No suspect identified

ASB = Anti-Social behaviour and no other details are ever given.



A David Archard special

At the final meeting of the season for the History Society and after the AGM members were treated to a very special presentation of some wonderfully evocative pictures by David Archard. Assisted by his grandson, Henry, David took us through aspects of Painswick life from the end of World War 2 to the 1990s.

This nostalgic selection of pictures featured schoolchildren, the WI, Coronation and Jubilee celebrations, Painswick Silver Band, the Fire Brigade, the opening and demolition of several different buildings, businesses, traffic, snow and drought to name but a few. Perhaps most poignantly, it was seeing the many well-known and well-remembered past local characters which brought a smile to many members' faces. This was certainly a much appreciated presentation, a real joy.

The Society does not meet in July and August but everyone is welcome to come along to the exhibition in the Town Hall on Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th July.

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Painswick Centre - Volunteers needed

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We are still attracting interest at Falcon. We've attracted 16 new members this season and are still receiving enquiries about our "taster season".

July sees the visit of a group of 15 ladies from the Friendship Café in Gloucester to Falcon. The group's visit has been organised through us working in partnership with Age UK and Active Gloucestershire to promote the many benefits of playing bowls and to stay active longer.

Falcon's appeal amongst local residents is definitely growing. When I joined the club four seasons ago there was just a handful of people from Painswick who were members. There are now 22 so we are well on our way to turning Falcon into a true community resource.

We also now have target bowls at Falcon. Target bowls is a quirky innovation to the game where you bowl to a large target rather than a small ball - called a jack. It has proved popular and will hopefully broaden our game's appeal

Falcon has recently erected a welcome sign which faces into the Falcon Inn car park. This was done due to the amount of visitors, even people from Painswick, who said they didn't even know there was a bowls club here. We've recently just had our first enquiry as a result.

We still offer FREE taster and coaching sessions throughout the summer:

- Monday's @ 6.00 pm
- Fridays @ 2.00 pm

Individual sessions can also be arranged on request. Please feel free to contact us or just pop up and see us. We're behind the Falcon Inn. You'll be very welcome.

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Painswick Cricket

The clubs Youth Section.

Take a trip down to Broadham on a sunny Friday evening and you will behold a treat. Over 50 youngsters honing their batting, bowling and fielding skills. Aged from 5- 15 they are enjoying cricket led and encouraged by a team of coaches and senior players. Parents, Grandparents and friends are gathered at the front of the clubhouse proud of their offspring whilst enjoying the refreshments on offer. Yes the Youth section at Painswick CC is flourishing. Of the oldest group several are making an impact in the 2nd and 3rd teams.

Freddie Nicholson (yes his dad is the Sports Teacher from Marling) has made a creditable 13 on his 2nd team debut. Toby and Marcus White, Alfie Bradshaw and James French have shown considerable promise in playing for the 3rds. The Under 13 team have made a great start in defeating local rivals Stroud in an exciting cup game. Skipper Jacob Moore and James Nottingham both starred with bat and ball and a key factor was some excellent fielding and catching from Imogen Nottingham and Georgie Courts. This highlighted the importance of practising these skills on a Friday evening. The inexperienced Under 11s have also made a promising start losing by 10 runs in a close encounter with Hawkesbury Upton.

Fixtures for Under 9s will commence once they have developed their basic skills. Anyone from 5 -15 is welcome to attend from 5.30 – 6.30 every Friday evening.

Winning starts

In other cricket club news the first team have started strongly and have won their first four matches and sit on top of the County League Div 1. The mid week side are also unbeaten and top Division 3 of the Glos Evening Lge. We are not going to start to shout too loudly just yet.

Please do pop down to Broadham and support the sides, there is almost always a game on Saturdays starting at 1300.

Mac Barnard and Steve Pegram



Tennis - Road to Wimbledon

The boys and girls under-14 Road to Wimbledon Finals were held on Sunday the 17th June 2018 at Broadham.

The girls final was between Hannah Watkins and Louisa Neal. It was clear from the start that the final would be of a high standard with both players hitting quality shots. There were some long rallies which Hannah won thanks to her consistency. The score of 6-1 6-1 to Hannah didn't reflect the quality of the match with both players remaining competitive throughout.

The boys final was between Marcus White and Felix Jack. Both players were very competitive and played excellent tennis. Marcus had the edge with extra power, but Felix battled to the end which made for a very enjoyable match to watch. Marcus went on to win 6-1 6-3.

The winners (pictured) will now go on to represent Painswick at the County Finals and the winners of that will play at Wimbledon. The club would like to thank Sarah Scott for organising the tournament and Wally Waters, a much admired senior of the club, for presenting the boys trophies.

Nigel Barnett





Painswick Bowls Club

Well, what a glorious summer we are having at the moment, wonderful for bowling!

We are well into our programme of friendly fixtures and visiting teams have been very complimentary about Painswick and our green.

You too can experience the challenge, fresh air and sociable company. Why not come along to our Open Day between 11 am and 3.30pm on Sunday 29th July and have a try. Just wear smooth soled shoes; we'll supply the woods, tea and cakes.

After our last open day in May we signed up 3 new members who are already enjoying playing in some of our fixtures!

If you can't make that date ring Brian Sinden on 01453 79441 or Helen Kilmister on 01452 507011 and we can arrange a mutual time to introduce you to a great pastime.

Meanwhile, as you pass up and down the "Rec Alley" and you see 2 or 3 players concentrating hard, you'll be seeing an internal club match being fought as the competition rounds are in full swing! Hope to see you soon.

Helen Kilmister

Painswick young Gymnast represents her country.

Imogen...only 8 years old and attending The Croft School was picked to represent her country in Geneva, Switzerland for the Acro World Cup 2018. She competed against representatives from 11 other countries and achieved 6th place in her routine which is a great achievement at such a young age. To achieve such a high standard Imogen has been working very hard at her gymnastics club and in so doing has had to sacrificed joining in on other activities. After the event she is still training and working hard with gymnastics, and hopes to carry on achieving great things in the future.

*Imogen is 3rd from the front in the picture on the right
Kimberley Woodard*



Painswick Golf Club

The golf course becomes increasingly challenging as the wild flowers come into bloom, as there are restrictions on the amount of grass cutting that can be carried out. This favours those who can hit the ball straight and true as it can be easy to lose a ball in the long grass. My golf is a bit variable, so I have plenty of time to admire the orchids now flowering on the Beacon!

In the Ladies section, two matches were played and won last month. And the Ladies Championship, taking place over two days, is underway.

In the Seniors Section last month, the main event was the Senior Captain's Day and Organ Niblick Trophy held on 14th June. The competition is played with only three clubs and a putter. Prizes were awarded for the first three places – Michael Carter, Nigel Barnett and John Barrus respectively. In addition to the main competition there were prizes for: nearest the pin on the 18th – won by captain Michael Horton; the least number of putts – won by Phil Jennings; best score on the "Castle" holes – won by David Warren; and the best score on the "Odds and Ends" holes – won by John Courts. The Organ Niblick Trophy was won by Nigel Barnett with a score of 41 stableford points. Congratulations to all the winners.

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This June our favourite travelling players, The Handlebards, brought to life Twelfth Night and Romeo and Juliet over three busy evenings. Still to come over the August Bank holiday weekend are two performances of "The Three Musketeers". This will suit families perfectly and if last year was anything to go by, it will be both great fun and popular! The shows are on Sunday 26th and Monday 27th August at 3.30pm, with tickets available from www.everymantheatre.org.uk.

We were pleased to host the Painswick Gardening Club in June with a rather special plant sale. Plants used in the award-winning RHS Chatsworth Flower Show Gardens created by Paul Hervey-Brookes were on sale at some very keen prices – and it worked very well indeed! We have had a bumper couple of months with our own plant sales, many of which were grown here on site. So if you are looking for some good quality plants for your garden or as gifts, do pop in before you head off down to the garden centre. There are seasonal delights in great condition and well-priced – and you will be supporting the work of our charity at the same time.

Looking ahead, if your apple and pear trees are looking as if they are heading for a bumper autumn crop, we might have the answer as to what you do with them. Juicing at Rococo will be taking place again following this year's Painswick Feast. Turn your fruit into delicious bottles of natural 100% pure juice, pressed with the help of your own fair hand. Do bear it in mind for now – details of how to book in will be on our website in due course.

Tim Toghill, volunteer & trustee

PROPERTY REPORT Now written by Beacon Staff

Perhaps the most interesting house to come onto the market in the area this month was Rose Cottage – Laurie Lee's old house in Slad. It went under offer very rapidly through Murrays.

In Painswick though there is now an unusual opportunity to buy a property with planning permission for additional development. 'Junipers' on Edge Lane (Hamptons, £975,000) is a four bedroom property with off-road parking and views across pastures, as well as permission for a second detached four bedroom property within the plot. Around the same price level, but outside the village and with 6 acres of land is 'The Little Ruin' on Edge Lane (James Pyle, £950,000). This is a four bedroom house, with adjoining paddocks, just on the Edge side of the valley. Only a little way below it is Washbrook Farm (Moulton Haus, £1,750,000), a beautifully converted Mill House with its own detached holiday cottage, stables and paddocks.

Over at Sheepscombe, James Pyle have two brand new homes coming to the market in Far End, starting at £995,000, with a brochure launch on 12th July from 4 pm at the Butchers Arms. Back in Painswick, there is 15 Berry Close, a modern 4 bedroom family house near the school (Murrays, £535,000) and Highfield House in Gloucester Street (Hamptons, £1,350,000). Spring Cottage in Ticklestone Lane (Murrays, £700,000) is described as a 'chocolate box' 4 bedroom detached cottage, while Hazelbury House in New Street (Moulton Haus, £1,600,000) is a 6 bedroom family home with beautiful gardens and off-street parking. At the Park, Chestnut Cottage is a semi-detached cottage with views right across Painswick (Murrays, £425,000).

Properties sold this month include two cottages in Tibbiwell – Horseshoe Cottage through Hamptons and Spring Cottage through Murrays – and another on Gloucester Road - Hillfoot Cottage through Moulton Haus. 10 Upper Washwell and 8 The Croft have been sold through Hamptons and Murrays respectively. In the area around Painswick, Hamptons have sold Rosemary at Longridge, Parkwall at Prinknash Corner, Yewricks, a large detached house towards Cranham, and Springfield at Edge, while Turnpike House in Slad has been sold by Moulton Haus. Several sales have been agreed within one month of marketing and there still seems to be strong demand for houses in the area, particularly in the middle market.

Hamptons are pleased to be supporting the Friends of the Croft School with their Summer Fair on Saturday 15th July (12 to 3 pm) and on Friday 6th July, Murrays sponsor the Wick-Flix showing of 'The darkest hour'.

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	Yoga - every Monday. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
	Painswick Community choir - every Monday. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Have your Say - every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 536325	Church Rooms	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - every Monday - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Every Monday. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15-11.30am
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Every Monday. Enquiries Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club - every Tuesday	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all - every Tuesday. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp every Tuesday 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo - every Tuesday	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. Every Tuesday for Toddlers - during term time	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Nia Holistic Fitness - every Tuesday	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
Wednesdays	Botanical Illustration classes - every Wednesday - mornings or afternoons. Prebook 07810 725772	Painswick Golf Club	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Yoga - every Wednesday - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Art class (oils) - Wednesdays - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
Thursdays	Table tennis	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 9.00pm
	Yoga - all abilities every Thursday	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	T'ai chi every Thursday Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
	Dog training club - every Thursday	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Art class (oils) - Thursdays - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
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	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced beginners - Thursdays. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
Fridays	New Pilates class - every Thursday. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre	
	Country market every Friday. Coffee available	Town hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	Baby and toddler group - every Friday - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm
JULY			
Sun	1	Mass	Catholic Church 8.30am
		Parish Communion. 5th Sunday after Trinity	St Mary's Church 9.30am
Wed	4	Painswick Probus Club: Kathmandu and Beyond- Teaching and writing in south east asia. Martin Spice	Painswick Centre 10.00am
	4	Cotteswold Naturalists - walking in the Windrush +Asthall Manor Garden and Sculpture. Pre-book 813228	Asthall 10.45am - 2pm



	4	Holy Communion.	Richmond Village	11.00am
Fri	6	Wickflix screening: Darkest Hour (PG)	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Sat	7	Yew Trees WI: Cream Teas	Church Rooms	2.30 - 5.00pm
	7	July Beacon published		
Sun	8	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Holy Communion.	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	9	The Work of the Cathedral: Canon Chancellor Celia Thomson	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tues	10	Cotteswold Naturalists - Guided Walk at Rough Bank Nature Reserve, The Camp. Pre-book 813228	Reserve car park	1.45pm
	11	Gardening Club: AGM and demonstration using homegrown cut flowers - Ione Woodger Smith	Church Rooms	7.15pm
Thur	12	Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30pm
Fri	13	Friday Club: Stratford Boat Trip		
Sun	15	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Parish communion. 7th Sunday after Trinity	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Watch the Wimbledon mens' final and support Citizens Advice. Tickets 813228	Sheepscombe Village Hall	1.30pm onwards
Wed	18	Evening Prayer	St Mary's Church	5.00pm
		Painswick Probus Club: Ladies Luncheon	The Hill, Stroud	
Sun	22	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	23	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
Tues	24	Yew Trees WI: Stand and deliver - a history of Glos Highwaymen. John Putley	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	25	Cotteswold Naturalists Coach trip to Wells Cathedral, Bishops Palace and Garden Enq 01453 873262	Stamages car park	
Fri	27	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Sun	29	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Benefice Communion Service	Pitchcombe	10.00am

August

Sat	4	Music for a Summer's Day: Song recital by Chris Hall (Baritone) and Robert Burgess (Piano)	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
	4	Picnic in the Park: Bring a picnic and enjoy the fun	Rococo Garden	6.30pm - 9.30pm
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PLANNING MATTERS

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.18/1114/FUL LAND AT WEST HAYES, Far End, Sheepscombe
Construction of 1.5 storey 2 bed dwelling with new access and parking for 2 cars

S.18/1115/HHOLD 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 PARKFIELD COTTAGES, The Park
Replacement roof and cladding external walls with render - resubmission of S.17/2652/HHOLD

S.18/1125/HHOLD 23 UPPER WASHWELL
Replacement roof, new external wall render and timber cladding

S.18/1124/HHOLD 22 UPPER WASHWELL
Replacement roof, new external wall render and timber cladding.

S.18/1267/LBC THE PATCHWORK MOUSE, New Street
Alterations to signage.

S.18/1241/HHOLD WHITE HORSE LANE
Amendment to S.16/1764/HHOLD to change front walls and porch from stone to render.

S.18/1063/TCA YEW TREE HOUSE, Vicarage Street
In order to get more light into the garden the following is recommended. Reduce its height down to approximately 3.0m and cut all side branches back to near the main trunk leaving any epicormic growth.

S.18/1099/TPO ST MARYS MEAD
Crown thin by 20%, reduce encroaching branches back off the building to give 2m clearance

CONSENT

S.18/0722/LBC ST MARYS COTTAGE, Victoria Street
Replacement of three existing 1960's steel windows with timber windows to match the existing timber windows.

S.18/0587/FUL PARADISE HOUSE, Paradise
Erection of timber stables for 2 ponies.

S.18/0754/HHOLD PERIVALE, Stamages Lane
Internal alterations. Replacement single storey rear extension and single storey side extension to replace existing shed.

S.18/0828/HHOLD HINCHLEY,

The Highlands
Outbuilding comprising garage and car port and including excavation of banking and extension of retaining wall.

S.18/0915/HHOLD MAGPIE HOUSE, Lower Washwell Lane
Two storey side extension and first floor extension (Revisions to S.16/2582/HHOLD)

S.18/0913/HHOLD KNAPP FARM, The Vatch, Slad
Extension to garage.

S.18/0905/HHOLD BEARS DEN, Cheltenham Road
New porch area to first floor, pitch to dormer windows, widening of bay window area.

S.18/0872/HHOLD LITTLE PLACE, Hollyhock Lane
Single storey side extension.

S.18/1020/TCA STONECROFT, Sheepscombe
To cut back overhanging silver birch tree by 3 meters to the boundary line.

S.18/0951/TCA CASTLE HALE, Stamages Lane
Ash located at the left front of house - Dismantle 11 - Holm oak - located at the top of retaining wall - Dismantle 614 Group - Yew/Portugal Laurels - located at the rear (Roadside) - Reduce all over hang back to wall 16 - Portugal Laurel located near the house - Dismantle 615 - Holm Oak - located at the lawn area - Heavy crown lift and thin Northwest side to re-balance 616 - Scots Pine located at rear wall roadside - Remove all major deadwood 637 - Lime located at the front of house - tidy up tree that has been badly pruned.

WITHDRAWN

S.18/0515/HHOLD LOVEDAYS MILL, Beech Lane
Proposal for new entrance porch.

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The Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of PAULA WOODCOCK who died peacefully on May 30th. She was devoted to her children, her eleven grandchildren and her great granddaughter. She was an inspiration and a joy to all who knew her and was a recent Painswickian of the Year. A memorial service was held at St Mary's Church on June 15th.

Congratulations

To LAURS (LAURA) OAKLEY, granddaughter of David and Jean Newell and Jenny Oakley, who has obtained a First Class BA Degree in Drama and Theatre Arts at Birmingham University.

Dr Ewart Lewis and Dr Candy Jansen are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter ROWAN TO JOHNNY GILMOUR. The wedding is planned for May 2019 in Painswick.

To ABIGAIL SMITH AND GARY MCCREERY on the birth of their son Torney Victor Sinclair McCreery born at 00.12 on the 12th June 2018

Thank You

Gary Green says: While looking for lost relatives this summer, I would like to thank the following people for helping with our journey back in time to Sheepscombe and Painswick to where my grandfather William Francis Green came from. Thanks to Vicky Aspinall for the ad in the Beacon, to Carol Maxwell for her input, to Elizabeth Skinner (local historian) for her help to our family in 1992 and 2018. I would also like to thank Jackie Jones for her help and to Jennifer Watts who held a meeting in her home and to Joy Sollars for the meeting in her home and the informative book she gave us to bring home. A big thank you to Allan Read for all his hard work on behalf of the Green family and arranging the meeting with Joy. Finally thank you to the folks at Cardynham House and Tibbiwell Lodge for your great accommodation. The two Canadian Green men are back in Canada from a trip to be long remembered.

Birth announcements

The Beacon would be happy to publish any announcements of local births. Please send details to Vicky Aspinall on 812379 or rgasp@tiscali.co.uk



Painswick 80-year-old with Type 1 diabetes runs the Swansea Half Marathon



Anthony Fisher, 80 years old this year, was one of a team of 67 runners who convincingly broke the world record for the number of people with Type 1 diabetes to run in the same half marathon.

Anthony, a retired businessman, was diagnosed more than 40 years ago and since then he has run over 70 half marathons, as well as the London Marathon in 1991. He is running to show others with the condition that it should not stop them from being active and enjoying exercise, as well as the difference that diabetes technology can make.

Anthony uses a Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM), a small device worn just under the skin to monitor the blood glucose levels continuously throughout the day and night, and alerts the wearer when they are too high or too low. Anthony connects his CGM to a watch, enabling him to monitor his blood glucose levels in real time. He is passionate about raising awareness of the technology available, so that others with Type 1 can benefit. *For more information about diabetes, visit www.diabetes.org.uk.*

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

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