

The Painswick Beacon

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International debut for Painswick Community Choir

What a lovely evening! On June 26th, the Painswick Community Choir met (over zoom) with three Ukrainian choirs for an evening of music. These included the delightfully named 'It is not evening yet' club for the retired of Slavutych.

After introducing themselves, each choir performed for the others. The Ukrainians each showed videos of a recent concert performance - the first one a ballad, the second an almost alpine sounding piece accompanied by an accordion; the third showed their members dancing to a tune from Carmen, dressed in spectacular full length flamenco costumes. Painswick more than kept our end up, singing three songs prepared especially for the occasion. Our first piece was an Irish ballad called 'Friends that we never knew' which included the lovely phrase 'there's a space round the fireside for you.' This was followed by a song in Ukrainian called 'Mnohaya lita', meaning 'wishing you a long and happy life', which was very well received. At the end of the meeting, at popular request, Painswick performed a final piece called 'Dawn Chorus', composed especially by choir leader Sophie Sterkx.



This was the first time I have heard our Community Choir sing, and I was most impressed. It was a lovely evening full of warmth and laughter on all sides. All agreed it should not be the last. Many thanks to Julia Marusych for organising and interpreting throughout, to Ian Cridland for introducing our choir (in impressive Ukrainian), and to Sophie Sterkx for her wonderful leadership.

Painswick moves to North Cotswolds

New parliamentary constituency created

The final report of the Boundary Commission on the review of parliamentary constituency boundaries has confirmed that Painswick will move out of the Stroud constituency and into a new North Cotswolds constituency. The report is expected to be formally approved by Parliament shortly, and to come into force in time for the next General Election.

The new constituency stretches up to Chipping Campden in the north, and down to Minchinhampton in the south. Many of its voters though are in Churchdown, Shurdington, Brockworth, Upton St. Leonards and even Hardwicke to the south of Gloucester, where residents may be surprised to hear that they are part of the North Cotswolds.

It is unclear what the political make-up of the constituency will be, although all parts of it are currently represented by Conservative MPs. It is thought that Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, currently MP for the Cotswolds constituency, is likely to stand for the new constituency at the next election. He has been an MP since 1992, but in the People-Power Index, carried out by change.org before the 2019 election, he came bottom in a ranking of all 650 MPs based on availability to constituents, participation in Parliament and listening to the Public. It didn't seem to harm him and he was re-elected with a majority of over 20,000 votes.

Greg's back

It is now 33 years that Greg Thatcher has been coming to Painswick in the summer months to sit in St Mary's Churchyard and draw our yew trees.



He is now back again until 18th August and is offering prints of his work with 50% off all sales.

Do pop up to the churchyard to have a chat with Greg and consider buying one of the prints at this special rate for Painswick.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS by Mike Kerton from the meetings held on 19th July

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

Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, opened the Meeting and welcomed several members of the public who were present.

Present: Cllrs Andy Cash, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Rob Lewis, Ian Massey, Roey Parker, Martin Slinger

District Councillor Gary Luff

Apologies: Cllrs James Cross, Ann Daniels, Rosie Nash

Public Questions

There were 5 members of the public present. All questions related to application S.23/1039/FUL which involved a "Garage conversion to provide holiday let" for a property in Stamages Lane. There was strong objection expressed by all present concerning parking on the road and access to the premises. The Chairman thanked those present for their comments, which were pertinent to the Application. The points raised would be born in mind when the Committee considered the Application.

Matters requiring a decision.

S.23/1039/FUL. Whitehall Cottage, Stamages Lane. Garage conversion to provide holiday let. The Council unanimously agreed to strongly object to this Application due to the Environmental impact – noise and disturbance to the quiet residential area, loss of privacy and the overlooking of the surrounding properties. Also if the Planning Officer is minded to approve the Application then the application should be considered by the District Councils DCC.

S23/1212/AFPA Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane. Agricultural machinery and storage barn. This application has already been approved by the District Council.

S.23/1181/HHOLD Byways, Cockshoot, Sheepscombe. Erection of a timber clad garden building. The Committee agreed to support the application.

S.23/1247/HHOLD Tunley Cottage, Sheepscombe. Erection of single and two storey extensions. Erection of detached garage/workshop. Enlarged hardstanding to form 1 off street parking space.

Subject to the County's Highways Dept agreeing to the revised parking arrangements as the new structure appears to further limit visibility, the Committee agreed to support the application.

S.23/1265/HHOLD Park House, The Park. Single storey extensions, re-model, re-roof, partial over-clad of existing house. Relocate swimming pool and associated landscaping. The Committee agreed to support the application.

S.23/1295/FUL Lullingworth, Stroud Road. Installation of a 21-panel ground mounted solar panel system. The Committee agreed to support the application.

S.23/1151/HHOLD The Red House, Lower Washwell Lane. Erection of twin extension to rear of roof slope and replacement conservatory. (resubmission of S.22/2456/HHOLD) As the Committee had supported the previous application they agreed to continue their support.

S23/1339/FUL Edgewood, Longridge, Sheepscombe. Erection of a replacement dwelling. The Committee agreed to support the application.

S.23/1347/FUL Trillgate, Slad. Erection of studio and associated landscaping. The Committee agreed to support the application subject to the proviso that if permitted it is a condition that it is not used as a separate dwelling.

Cllr Sandra Hunkin having declared an interest left the Meeting at this point S.23/1371/LC Fortune Well, Far End, Sheepscombe. Installation of four replacement windows. The Council agreed to support the application.

Cllr Sandra Hunkin rejoined the Meeting

S.23/1289/TCA Gyde House, Gyde Road. Remove T1 – Silver Maple (Acer Saccharinum.) The Council agreed to support the Application.

Finally, during the temporary absence of Cllr Ann Daniels it was agreed that Cllr Ian Massey will act as lead Cllr for any Tree applications.

The meeting ended at 7.46pm.

PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Andy Cash, Adrian Gyde, Sandra Hunkin, Rob Lewis. Ian Massey, Roey Parker, District Councillor: Gary Luff

Apologies: Cllrs James Cross, Ann Daniels, Rosie Nash, Abigail Smith, County Cllr Sue Williams

The Chair opened the Meeting and welcomed the new PCSO, Nicola Woods, who in turn thanked the Chairman for his warm welcome. PCSO Woods said that she was able to regularly attend future Council Meetings.

To Raise Questions to be taken to the Community Heartbeat Trust in regards to the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System (V.E.T.S)

Mr Tony Price gave details of V.E.T.S – victims of cardiac arrest need immediate treatment. The human heart degrades by 20% each minute it is not beating so there must be no delay in the application of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/a defibrillator. Figures produced by The Community Heartbeat Trust reveal that a third of 999 calls are from lone rescuers, and in the case of cardiac arrest these rescuers face a dilemma: they need to call an ambulance, perform immediate CPR, and they need to collect a defibrillator - it is for occasions such as this that the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System has been developed.

VETS is based on a single, local telephone number that when dialled simultaneously calls 10 to 15 local people who have volunteered to help in an emergency. Once a volunteer answers, the calls to remaining volunteers are paused. If the volunteer cannot help, the paused calls resume until a volunteer who can help is contacted. Research shows that local neighbourhood volunteers were geographically closer and arrived significantly sooner [to the Cardiac Arrest] than did the EMS service. The approximate time savings from call to arrival with the volunteers was 4-6 min. That time saving can prove crucial to the victim's survival.

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Mr Price would try to ensure that the Trust will hold a Meeting with the Council to provide comprehensive details of the scheme.

County Councillors Report

County Cllr Williams had submitted her report to Cllrs prior to the Meeting. Her report can be read on the Parish Council's website

District Councillors Report

District Councillor Gary Luff had also submitted a report to Cllrs prior to the meeting. He outlined the salient points in his report. The report can be read on the Parish Council's website

Chairmans Report

The Chairman confirmed that although there will not be a Parish Council Meeting in August, the Office will remain open. Matters relating to "Planning" will be looked at and if necessary deferred to the September Planning Meeting.

The September Planning and Parish Council Meetings will be held in the Edge Village Hall. Part of the Council's intention to hold a Meeting in each Village each year.

The Council are working to finalise their "Are you Ready" plan. The intention of the plan is to show how to cope with an Emergency which may arise in the Parish. Within the next few months a "snow plan" document will be released.

To Receive an Update on the Revised Emergency Plan

Following a recent Meeting of the Emergency Plan Working Group a plan is being formulated for adoption by the Council.

Accounts

The Council approved the accounts as presented.

To receive reports from representatives on other bodies

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group. Cllr Ian Massy updated the Council on the Conservation Group's recent activities.

Gyde Almshouses. Cllr Adrian Gyde reported attending a recent Meeting.

Edge Village Hall. Cllr Martin Slinger reported attending a recent Meeting

Ward Reports

In a written report submitted to the Council Cllr Abigail Smith stated:

Gyde Field Since sharing the vision presented to the Parish Council this had been passed to Stroud District Council. Unfortunately, after various senior meetings they did not consider it viable so it wasn't pursued further.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (APN) That despite good communications with the County Council she was still awaiting the accompanying signs which were needed for ANPR. Although she had been told to go ahead and install the cameras this was not in line with the publicised protocol so no action had been taken.

Edge Road Speeding That a consultation letter has been sent to all residents along Edge Road concerning "white lining and a sign." Awaiting further responses before a decision will be made about whether or not to go ahead."

Steanbridge House Riding Area. Cllr Andy Cash reported his concerns about the works taking place on the riding arena, in that there is concern about access and damage that might be caused to the ancient bridge. The matter has been referred to both the District and County Councils.

Steanbridge Mill Pond. Cllr Andy Cash reported that as the pond was full of silt he would be contacting the Stroud District Councils Land Drainage Officer.

Vexatious Complaints Policy. The Council agreed to draft a Vexatious Complaints Policy for adoption at its next meeting.

Date of next Meeting

Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.30pm in Edge Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Be a councillor

Stroud District Council are planning on running a 'Be a Councillor' Event on Wednesday 6th September 2023 in the Council Chamber at the SDC Offices, Ebley Mill. The event promises to be an excellent opportunity for members of the public to discover what it is like to be a Parish and Town Councillor, learn more about the role of a Councillor and hear case studies directly from current standing Councillors on their experiences.

There will be a short presentation and a Q&A session for prospective Parish/Town Councillors which will start at 6 pm. This will then be followed by a presentation at 7pm for prospective District Councillors. There will also be time after the end of each event for questions, and we will have a separate room available where prospective candidates are able to speak to the Councillors more informally after the presentation.

Clare Manning
Elections Support Officer Stroud District Council

Foodbank

Please note, there will be NO collection in Painswick in August.

Our next collection will be in September. There will be details in the next Beacon edition.

You can still give at supermarkets or if you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:
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We wish you all a good summer and thank you for continuing to support the Stroud Foodbank.

Jude Lindley



Vicarage Street

Vicarage Street from St Mary's Street to White Horse Lane is expected to be closed for Severn Trent Water Boundary Box & Meter installations from 15th-17th August. Pedestrian and emergency access will be maintained.

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Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens - August, 2023

There are a number of warden-led walks coming up within easy reach of Stroud. There is no need to book and there is no charge for joining the walks, 'though there is a box for a voluntary contribution towards materials for our work on footpath maintenance. Walks start usually at 10.00 am. & will return to the starting point. A packed lunch is advisable. Additional details are on the Cotswold National Landscape (formerly AONB) website.

Tuesday, 8th August, – Start: 10:00 am Hawkesbury Upton

Difficulty: MODERATE Duration: 3.0 HOURS Distance: 6.0 MILES

Start point: Hawkesbury Upton Village hall car park

Discover the area around Hawkesbury Upton where the famous landmark of the Somerset Monument can be seen and explore the beauty of two ancient commons.

Friday, 25th August, – Start: 10:00 am Sherston

Difficulty: MODERATE Duration: 5.5 HOURS Distance: 10.0 MILES

Start point: Outside the Sherston village shop and post office in the village square.

From Sherston we will walk along the Sherston branch of the River Avon to Didmarton before returning via Sopworth and Luckington.

Friday, 11th August, – Start: 10:00 am Sapperton

Difficulty: MODERATE Duration: 3 HOURS Distance: 5.5 MILES

Start point: Sapperton Village, by the telephone box near the church. GL7 6LG.

A circular walk in and out (and up and down) the Frome valley, initially towards Edgeworth and its polo grounds, then through the nature reserves of Daneway Banks and Siccaridge Wood.

Parking at The Bell, but only if staying for lunch, otherwise, please park considerately in village.

Wednesday, 23rd August, – Start: 12:10 pm Miserden

Difficulty: MODERATE Duration: 3 HOURS Distance: 5.5 MILES

Start point: Miserden Village Centre.

From Miserden we descend into the Frome Valley and take a wooded path to Edgeworth before returning to Miserden via Sudgrove.



The 3 Choirs Festival and Henry Wood Proms are underway and the Painswick Music Appreciation Group will follow on with its 2023/4 season in the Town Hall beginning on 21st September (2:30PM). An exciting programme has been put together to celebrate a year which includes the 150th anniversary of the birth of Rachmaninov whose 2nd piano concerto has had the audacity to replace the Lark Ascending at the top of the Classic FM Hall of Fame! An interesting anecdote, Vaughan Williams Serenade To Music, a tribute to Henry Woods 50th Prom season, received its first performance and the 1938 programme included Sergei Rachmaninov performing his piano concerto. The great émigré Russian was reputed to have wept at the beauty of the other composer's 'Serenade'.

Our season will also acknowledge anniversaries of the spiritual father and son of Czech music. Bedrich Smetana who provides us with two anniversaries, his birth and death! (albeit 60 years apart) and Antonin Dvorak.

2023 marks the 150th birthday of Cheltenham born Gustav Theodore Von Holst and we are much looking forward to presentations by the Holst Birthplace Museum and early in 2024 Sir Tim Brain OBE. Holst, known to his daughter Imogen as "Gussy" and Benjamin Britten to whom she became assistant will also feature in our opening talk on 21st September comprising a resume of "local composers" (Gloucestershire born), at least two of whom belong to Painswick itself with many musical illustrations. Our second date, 5th October, will celebrate our late President Alex Nichol's love of Verdi with a complete visual performance of the Requiem.

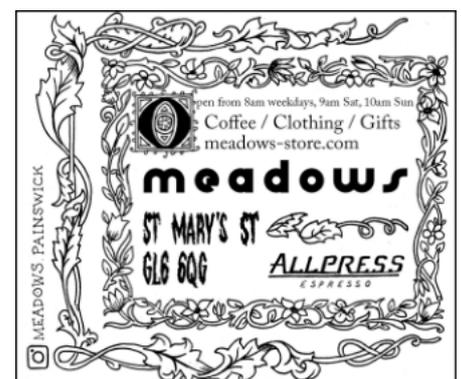
Michael Grey

Pete the Fish's emergency

If you're wondering what has become of Pete and his fish van on Friday mornings there is a slightly unexpected explanation. His refrigerated van broke down – actually it 'blew up' according to Pete – and he has had to buy a new one. It takes some time to convert the new van which means that unfortunately Pete will not be able to return to the Town Hall car park until Friday 11th August at the earliest.

Pete sends his apologies to all his customers. When he does return it will be with his usual superb selection of fresh, not pre-frozen, fish on offer to us at really excellent value. Do go along to support him – we don't want to lose him. Friday mornings until 11.00am, Town Hall car park.

Carol Maxwell



A creative opportunity for children

An exciting opportunity for children to create something really special for themselves is planned for the afternoon of Thursday, 17th August in Painswick. Alice Huggins, jewellery maker par excellence, will run a worry doll workshop for children aged 8+ in Meadows cafe from 2.00-3.30pm.

Originating in Guatemala, worry dolls are tiny handmade dolls to which, according to legend, children tell their worries and then place them under their pillow when they go to bed and by morning the worries are eliminated. The doll is the listener and silently absorbs the worries expressed thus relieving the child. Quite apart from that side of the story, the dolls are in themselves very lovely pieces of artwork.

Alice explains that during the afternoon workshop the children will start by making a simple drawing of the doll, or a heart shape if preferred, and then model it in wax with her expert tuition and guidance. After this the wax model will be sent off to a casting company where an exact replica will be made in brass, even showing the child's finger prints. On its return Alice will spend time working on each doll to ensure it is finished to the highest standard as a lovely piece of metallic jewellery.

The next step will be to hand over to each of the children their bespoke doll together with some lovely embroidery threads with which to dress or embellish it and also a string of leather so that it can be worn as a pendant if desired. The dolls are tiny, exquisite and definitely unique.

Alice is well-known for her jewellery making skills. With an exceptional training background and subsequent working practice, she was until recently based in the artists' workshop in the Painswick Centre. Now she works from home and will happily take on new creations, adaptations of existing pieces and jewellery repair commissions. She has also recently become a member of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen, a high honour indeed and one much deserved.

If you would like your child to participate in this rare and wonderful workshop you can contact Alice by email painswickjworkshop@icloud.com or tel. 07772942104. It really is a great opportunity for children to create something truly special under the guidance of an exceptional practitioner.

Carol Maxwell



An old craft, but new to the studio

Painswick has long been recognised for its outstanding artistic profile which without doubt continues to be the case. The artists' studio in the Painswick Centre is a shared workshop for several different artists and is open for anyone to visit when the artists are present.

A recent newcomer to the studio is Nicholas Ozanne introducing a skill new to the workshop. Nicholas is a textile designer and weaver and his work is truly outstanding. On entering the studio his traditional wooden hand loom is immediately to be seen set up with either the exquisite pre-dyed fine silk, or lambswool later in the season, which are the materials with which he works. He produces unisex scarves and the process of creating them using the loom involves skill of the highest order. The very fine silk requires an intricate and detailed working technique combining hand and feet coordination together with stitch counting in order to be exact to the original tiny detailed design.



Nicholas is definitely a master craftsman. He studied at Winchester School of Art, one of the UK's leading art and design institutions and now part of Southampton University, where he obtained a degree in textiles and fashion design. A member of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen, he is regularly involved in prestigious design shows in major centres such as Chelsea, Brighton and Manchester and his work has been exhibited in Japan, France, America and other international centres. He is pleased to be working in Painswick where he plans to use the space in the studio for new research and design work as well as producing the scarves.

Painswick's association with weaving of course goes back many centuries and Nicholas's loom may be seen as a continuation of the tradition. The hand-woven scarves he produces are very beautiful – luxurious, intricate, wearable, practical, washable and irresistibly tactile. The design collection is extensive and comprehensive with colour variations to suit everyone.

Nicholas works in the studio on Tuesdays and Saturdays but if he needs to be away (usually Saturdays) he will post the fact on social media. He can be contacted by email studio@nicholasozanne.com or tel. 07959568320, and there is a website www.nicholasozanne.com. Do go in to see his exquisite scarves and to watch him work – it is an absolute joy.

Carol Maxwell

Outstanding SATS results



As we come to the end of another very busy year I would like to share with you some of the achievements and successes we have had at The Croft.

Our Key Stage Two SATS results were outstanding, which reflects the positive impact of changes to our curriculum and teaching approaches and quality of teaching across the school. We also had excellent results in other externally reported tests.

KS2	The Croft % attained		National 2023
	Expected Standard	High Standard / Greater Depth	Expected Standard
Reading	100%	69%	73%
Writing	62%	0%	71%
SPaG	92%	31%	72%
Maths	100%	38%	73%
RWM combined	62%	0%	59%

The Croft's children have participated in a variety of sporting events and tournaments this year. Some of the highlights were winning the girls football festival, coming third in Y5/6 mixed football, coming third in Y3/4 cricket festival, 2nd in Y5/6 cricket festival and having several pupils in the top 10 in cross-country. One of our pupils has also been selected to represent Gloucester in the Y6 district football team.

Staff have worked hard to raise the profile of the creative arts across the school. There are a variety of peripatetic music lessons with 50 children participating. These children took part in our first 'showcase' performing to an audience. Some also joined children from Kings school to create an orchestra in an afternoon. Year two had class music lessons in violin and year four in clarinet, both of which culminated in performances for parents.

The children joined thousands from across the country to sing at Young Voices in Birmingham. A choir joined with schools from Gloucester in a competition where they received a highly commended and in the soloist's competition children from The Croft were placed 1st and 3rd. A group of 35 children and staff went to Matilda the musical in London which was thoroughly enjoyed even if it was 1.00am by the time we returned to Painswick!

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has supported The Croft this year and wish you all a lovely summer.

Rebecca Gore

Exciting summer ahead!

Last month it was announced that we would welcome a new rector, Revd. Sarah Haslam, in September. For many of us in the church community that feels like an incredible answer to prayer. To have someone to lead us forward who feels a strong calling to rural ministry and specifically to the villages of the Painswick Valley, someone who values community and wants to be supportive of schools and nurseries, as well as caring for the elderly - it's a dream come true. We look forward to exciting things happening in the area, the Church growing stronger and meeting needs better, and the love and peace of God spreading out amongst us all.

Of course, Sarah cannot do it all herself; she will lead a team of (hopefully!) willing volunteers. There is ploughing to be done! Recently at St. Mary's we heard the words of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel 11, where He said "Come to me, all who are weary and heaven laden... Take my yoke upon you and learn from me".

In the Painswick area we don't see much ploughing by oxen any more, but the image probably still connects. The yoke which holds a pair of oxen together as they plough is a picture of how

we are linked to Jesus in our loving service, our work for him, our caring for others. We are called to be in step with Him, pulling alongside Him.

I'm sure Sarah has many great ideas as she prepares to start her ministry amongst us. But it has to be said, that it is the Lord's plan and purpose that matters most, for each personally, and for the Church and the Benefice. It is Jesus' vision that we need to be in step with.



My prayer for Sarah is that she will help us to discern Jesus' plan and vision, that she will cast that vision, and that, as we the community grasp it, we will all go forward under our new Rector but yoked to Jesus, pulling with Him (and with Sarah) and in step with the Lord.

And... no doubt great things lie ahead!!!

In the meantime, we wish Sarah a happy and restorative holiday, a smooth house-move and every blessing for her September start.

PS: Final word - don't miss the lively, informal Beacon Praise Service in St. Mary's on 27th Aug @10.00am.

Paul Kenchington

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The Croft School Summer Fair 2023



Friends of The Croft School (FOTCS) held its annual Summer Fair on Saturday 8th July and what a fun filled day it was, although the weather was intermittent and the rain turning the inflatable obstacle course in to a super-sized slip and slide, it couldn't dampen our community spirit, lots of people came along to enjoy games, entertainment and activities for all ages!



The fair brought back some favourites from last year, traditional fairground games, delicious food and lots of Pimms, but new for this year was the "Village Green", a central performance area and with it, a Dog Show, dancing from Ballyhoo, and a recital by the School Choir, all of which demonstrated the great talent that exists within the village. As well as the Village Green, this year we introduced some new games, challenging the teachers at Frog in a Bog and Paddling Pool Golf, an inflatable NERF Target to test your shooting accuracy, and supersized Hook a Duck, which all appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed.

Following last year's success, return of the Parents Bike Race and Tug of War were highly anticipated. The New Moles Team (parents of children starting in Sep23), took the Bike Race Trophy, with the previous champions, Owls Class, being knocked out in the semi-finals. North Painswick overcame South

Painswick to take the Tug of War title. Both these events were overshadowed when the children stepped up for an inter house Tug of War, the Redwings being triumphant.

The day culminated in crowning of the Welly Wanging champion, last year's winner Sam Andrews once again set the bar high, but Toby Jacobs closed out the competition with a huge throw of over 30m. We also saw mother and daughter domination, with Maria Townley taking the women's title, and Annie the under 5s (5.6m wow).

Thank you for all those that came and made the day so enjoyable, we raised over £2000 for the school. None of it would have been possible without the generosity of local people and businesses, and so many volunteers (70+). FOTCS would like to thank everyone involved for all your help and support.

The FOTCS AGM will be held at 7:30pm on 12th September at The Croft School, if you would like to get involved or just get to know like-minded people, everyone is welcome (THERE WILL BE FREE WINE & NIBBLES).



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September excursion to North Devon



Following successful summer excursions to Tewkesbury Abbey and the John Moore Museum, the Royal Chelsea Hospital London, and Kelmscott Manor near Lechlade (pictured left) as well as a delightful and informative guided walk focussing on the rich variety of Sheepscombe's trees, there are still a few places remaining on our final summer trip, this time to North Devon. This 3-night, 4-day excursion by coach is based at the Durrant House Hotel in Bideford (for DB&B), from 19th-22nd September. The organisers Jane and Robert Mann have arranged a full itinerary each day – highlights include a tour of Dartington Crystal, Arlington Court and The National Carriage Museum, Hartland Abbey, RHS Rosemoor Gardens and Dunster Castle, with an optional ride on the West Somerset Railway on the way home. The cost of the trip including coach, hotel, and entrance fees (excluding National Trust Venues) is £500. Please contact Robert Mann on 01453 872243 for further details and to book your place.

With our new Autumn lecture series also planned to start soon, there will be plenty to look forward to as the evenings draw in.

If you are interested in joining the Club, membership costs £20 per annum or £30 for two or more people at the same address. Please contact Jane Rowe on 813 228 for an application form.

Sylvia May

Jottings

There have always been changes in weather patterns with droughts, flooding, freezing and heat waves, but they are getting more extreme: more often, more severe and lasting longer. Climate Change is happening and faster than anyone could have predicted.

Going short of food is something we should all be thinking about, as the population grows. The changing weather pattern means the germination, growing, pollinating and production of food are not always happening at the right, or best, time. This loss of synchronisation means plants don't grow very well and fruit doesn't form. There are massive shortages of water in California, Spain and Portugal, as well as here. We need to be building reservoirs to hold the water that comes down when we have floods, to tide us over when we have dry spells. Some of our growers come up against regulations when they look to add a lake to hold rain water.

We need water for our farm animals and wild life. Birds feed on insects and especially caterpillars for their chicks, so keeping a balance in the wildlife around our farms. With less pests, we don't need to spray as much.

Restricted water may result in more crops being grown in greenhouses with special growing systems to direct water to the roots of the growing plants along with the fertilizers.

With the current advice to eat less meat, reducing the numbers of animals we farm would cause an imbalance in farming methods. We would need to be growing more vegetables, which is more labour intensive than producing hay and silage. Oh, and need a better water supply! We would then need to be buying more and

more fertilizers because we wouldn't have the manure from our animals to spread over our fields to increase nutrients in the soil. Locally, we cannot grow the best vegetables because we do not have the best, deep top soil.

Since Brexit, we have had fewer people to help in the harvesting of food, so growers are cutting back on the acreage they are growing. Some are investing heavily to have mechanised pickers replacing people. putting up the price of their product.

With people wanting food instantly they do not seem to think that it can take months to plant and grow. Some of our food cannot be grown in this country, so we do need to import. But why do we bring foods from the other side of the world that can be grown here? There is continuous talk in the farming press about food pricing and production. The way things are going, there will not be any growers left to grow our food.

We know food is grown more cheaply in other parts of the world but do we know enough about under what conditions, amounts of fertilizers, pesticides used and how harmful they are for us to eat? Some countries have cheap labour and poor conditions and we are allowing this to continue.

Our population is growing fast, with people now living in high rise flats and houses being built with no gardens, we need to find a way of feeding them at the right price, because they will not have the same anti-bodies or resistance to infection and allergies in their systems than people who grow their food out of their own gardens.

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The importance of grazing.



Our cows are back on the Madams Wood end of the Beacon. As soon as they left the trailer they tucked into anything which wasn't grass. After two months in a grass field they were ready for a change; cow parsley, beech, apple, old man's beard, ivy anything different!

Isabella Trees latest book, *The Book of Wilding*, is an update on twenty plus years of wilding her Knepp estate and has a chapter on the importance of browsing and its impact on the diversity of wildlife. Typically conservationists control small sites and manage them for specific species, often using very labour intensive methods. The consequences of getting management wrong may be disastrous. Over grazing can be as bad as under grazing, for example.

On a larger scale (think Yellowstone National Park or the Serengeti) huge herds of varied herbivores freely migrate through the landscape. Their activities of browsing, trampling, scraping, rutting, wallowing etc. all stress the vegetation and they in turn are controlled by apex predators. This results in a slowly changing but very dynamic habitat.

In Britain, our precious hay meadows and calcareous grasslands may be beautiful but they aren't truly wild. They have evolved alongside consistent human activity for potentially thousands of years and haven't changed much. Only in the last hundred years or so are they reverting back to woodland as commercial grazing patterns have changed. The challenge on smaller sites is to try and replicate what could happen in a bigger ecosystem.

We all love the blankets of bluebells and garlic in the local woods, however these are not normal. Wild boar would have rootled out the bulbs creating bare earth for insects and other plants to germinate in. PBCG has spent much of its time battling with native invasive plants all of which would historically have been controlled by wild pigs. Rare breed Tamworth pigs are used in conservation to take out the underground tubers and rhizomes of invasive plants, but they have to be used so carefully, as only a few can plough up a lot of ground very quickly. Don't panic, you won't see pigs on the Beacon any time soon!!

In the meantime, we are limited to our Dexters. We can keep them on site for longer and use a bowser and the NoFence to move them around more, grazing some areas hard and others less so, trying to replicate a "wilder" grazing system.

Paul Baxter.



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FareshareGo

We have recently registered with FareshareGo, the UK's largest surplus food distributor. FareshareGo was introduced in 2016 to tackle food waste derived from supermarkets and restaurants. Together with Fareshare UK, they are now the largest charitable surplus food distributor in the UK. According to Fareshare, one third of all food in the UK goes to waste each year, that's around two million tonnes of edible food. Reasons for waste include mis-labelling, short dates, damaged packaging and over production or ordering.

FareshareGo is funded by the supermarkets and restaurants they work with, making it possible to distribute surplus food to organisations such as Food Banks, Hostels, Semi-independent housing, Breakfast clubs, Playgroups and Community Groups such as ours. Foods beyond their 'use-by' date will never be donated.

From 1st September surplus non-perishable foods will be available to all villagers to help themselves from the porch of St. Mary's church (9.30am- 6pm during summer, 9.30am- 4pm winter). We would like to thank Rev. Sarah Haslam and the Parochial Church Council for allowing us to use this space for the benefit of the community.

The Community Group has decided to start by offering non-perishable foods; this way we hope to make a selection of essentials available all or most of the time without the need of too much reliance on volunteers. As this is a pilot phase of learning if/how much interest there is in the village, please bear with us; we will do our best to monitor and make adjustments. We would

like to emphasise we are offering surplus foods allocated to us after other critical organisations such as Food Banks; in addition, we are assured there is more surplus food than can always be distributed.

NHS Health & Exercise Practitioner

On Friday 1st September, Lindsey Johnson from Gloucestershire Health & Care NHS, will once again join us at Friday morning hub (10-11.30am) to offer information and advice on falls awareness and prevention. This service is open to everyone.

New Police Community Support Officer

Nicola Wood, our new village police community officer will be available at Friday hub on the 8th and 15th September to address any concerns villagers may have.

Preserves

A quick reminder, if anyone has excess fruits such as tayberries, raspberries, blackcurrants, plums or damsons, Painswick Community Support would be very grateful for donations. Preserves will be put in the church porch and offered during Friday Hub at the Town Hall. If anyone is able to help with preserving some of the donated fruits (even just one batch), we would be really grateful; this way we can offer more. We can provide volunteers with preserving materials such as sugars and jars and we can drop off donated fruits to you.

If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956203087, email: painswickcommunity@gmail.com). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

*Louise, Abigail, Hannah & Delyth
Painswick Community Support*

Reaching the heights

Magnus Hall (16) who lives in Edge and is well-known to Painswick rugby and cricket clubs, successfully summited Mount Toubkal in Morocco on 7th July with 3 friends, raising over £5000 for The My Name's Doddie Foundation. Standing at 4167m, Toubkal is the highest mountain in North Africa and is a significant challenge, but it was worth it to help raise funds to help the Foundation find the cure for Motor Neurone Disease. 'It was tough, but amazing, and I could see the Sahara from the top' said Magnus, 'Huge thanks to everyone from the village who donated so generously'. If you would like to donate, you can do so by going to: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/magnus-charles-owen-1686145097026>



Jennifer Stark

Might this be for you?

An excellent one-off opportunity is in the offing for all Painswick residents. Alaric Hall, whose parents live in Painswick, is a lecturer at Leeds University and he has offered to give a presentation in Painswick on the subject of a sixth-century West Saxon king Ceawlin, active and influential in the local area. What was going on in post-Roman Gloucestershire and how might Ceawlin have fitted in to that? Alaric has been researching the subject and promises an engaging 45 minutes on this local and intriguing subject.

Before making any arrangements, we need to know approximately how many people would wish to come along to the talk. If you are interested - and it would be in late September or early October - please would you let us know by email at enquiries@painswicklocalsociety.org.uk or carolmaxwell@talktalk.net. The presentation is open to everyone.

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A "wishing ribbon"

Despite the vagaries of the weather, I feel it has been a fantastic summer so far and the Garden is looking amazing. With the school holidays now under way, we are open daily from 10am until Sunday 3rd September. Our Enchanted Garden family trail is up and running and features a magical world of dancing fairies, fiery dragons and mischievous woodland boggarts in our hidden valley. Skilfully sculpted out of natural willow, the woodland creatures are perfect for young explorers aged 4-10 to search for as they explore the Garden. A beautiful brand-new book, crayons and wishing ribbon are included in price. A "wishing ribbon" – what's that, you ask? Bring your children, grandchildren or nephews and nieces along to find out – I am confident you will all have a memorable time here. No advance booking is needed – you can just turn up – but if you want to guarantee admission then you can do so via rococogarden.org.uk.

**Painswick
Rococo
Garden**

We've a couple more outdoor events in the diary. Top-notch local theatre company IKP are returning to perform "Hercules" on August Bank Holiday Monday at 11am and 2.30pm. This is an adventure for all ages, travelling back in time to a world of heroes, monsters and myths. For more information and to book tickets online please visit rococogarden.org.uk. And we had to reschedule our Summer Safari Wine Tasting due to high winds, so if you missed it or were away, you can now book tickets via rococogarden.org.uk for the new date, Saturday 2nd September.

With our Cafe serving delicious food, cold drinks and ice creams, you can easily while away many hours here, enjoying the sunshine and warmth of our hidden valley. For people who particularly enjoy serenity, I recommend you arrive between 3 and last admission at 4pm. We are open until 5pm so there's still time to explore this unique, quirky and rather special hidden world.

Enjoy the holiday season and we look forward to seeing you at Rococo very soon.

Tim Toghil, volunteer

Door-to-door service – it couldn't be easier



There is a wonderful community service available for local people and which a few Painswick residents already know about and use every week. It is called Community Connexions and essentially is a door-to-door shopping bus service. A county charity, it is open to people of all ages who are isolated, frail, have mobility problems, in fact for anyone who would struggle to make their way to where they need to go – in this case Stroud for their weekly shopping expedition. The Painswick to Stroud service runs every Friday morning. Users are collected by minibus from their homes at 10.00am, taken to Stroud (Tesco and Waitrose) and returned home right to their front door at 12.30. The drivers are fully qualified and trained volunteers and the service is reliable, punctual, safe and definitely accessible. Those people already using the service express their enthusiastic praise without reservation.

This excellent service provides a real opening for a measure of independence and participation and what's more you can use your bus pass. If you would like to avail yourself of this weekly door-to-door shopping trip, or if you know of someone for whom it would be a welcome opportunity, you can contact Community Connexions by email info@communityconnexions.org.uk or tel. 0345 680 5029.

Carol Maxwell

Art exhibition

Two local ceramic artists will be exhibiting at the Painswick Church Rooms, August Bank Holiday weekend. Come and see what they have been creating and the local influence of their surroundings, from sculptural to functional pieces as well as variety of other artwork.



Plus a chance to meet and talk to both artists themselves. Vicky and Millie are very happy and excited to talk about their work and inspiration.

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News from the library

Recent visitors to the Library will have noticed our recent changes. We hope that you like the lighter, less cluttered space, with a fully dedicated children's area to the left side as you go in. If you can't find what you are looking for, please ask one of our ever-willing volunteers. One more set of shelves is due to be delivered shortly, to house the Reference section.



Our grateful thanks go to Roey Parker, who has driven the project.



The Community Library at Painswick are participating in a new county-wide challenge!

Children aged 3 to 12 are invited to sign up for The Library Challenge and discover everything that the library has to offer. With a firm focus on discovering new interests and having fun, participants are encouraged to complete a range of tasks, including reading their books of choice, joining events, and getting into nature.

Stamps, medals and certificates are par for the course, and there are also attractive rewards and incentives lined up, such as vouchers for escape rooms in Cheltenham, and a Star Wars exhibition in Gloucester. Fantastic prizes are also up for grabs upon completing a quiz and reaching Gold Level—these include books, donations from Wagamamas, access to the

Malvern Show, and membership to The Innovation Lab at Gloucestershire Libraries.

Joining is FREE! The Library Challenge will be well under way by the time you read this. Participants have until September 16th, 2023 to complete all levels. To learn more and to sign the kids up, visit Painswick Library. Opening days and times are: Mondays 2:30pm to 4:30pm, Wednesdays & Fridays 10:30am to 12:30pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm, Saturdays 10:30am to 12:30pm

Ian Cridland

Securing the future



As most of the community is aware in recent months perceived challenges to the financial viability of the Centre meant the then Trustees took the decision to close the centre. Following a community meeting huge amounts of support and positivity was garnered. This led to the formation of a new set of Trustees, a group of Friends to contribute support and effort, and a renewed vigour to bring the Painswick Centre back to the heart of village life. The 12 newly appointed Trustees have since created workstreams focusing on various important areas required for the continuing flourishing of the centre. The first focus is securing the fabric of the building. As with all community projects and especially those that involve the maintenance of old buildings the to-do list is as long as your arm. Thanks to the support of the community, activities are underway to repair those items that need fixing and bringing other areas back to standard. Last week saw a team of volunteers tackle the gardening in the cottage owned by the Centre and the Trustees are calling upon anyone with the ability to pick up a paintbrush to volunteer to decorate the cottage so it can be let to provide a much needed source of funds to the centre. Please contact the centre at info@painswickcentre.com if you can help with this or any other area.

The Painswick Centre trustees are committed to operate the centre with four key objectives at its core. Firstly, the Centre strives to foster a strong sense of community by providing a welcoming gathering place where residents of all ages can come together, build relationships and support one another. Secondly, the Centre emphasises inclusivity, ensuring that its diverse range of activities, events and services cater to people from all backgrounds and ages. Thirdly, it cherishes and preserves its historical heritage, maintaining its status as a symbol of continuity and pride in the village. And lastly, The Painswick Centre embraces adaptability, constantly seeking to evolve and improve its offerings to meet the changing needs of the community while staying true to its core values.

In achieving these goals the Trustees continue to seek feedback and suggestions from its patrons to ensure that it stays relevant and beneficial to all. In order to get feedback and to increase the communication with the residents the first of many Newsletters was published last week; the Social Media presence has been growing to promote the new vendors at the Thursday market and food trucks, and to remind the community of the range of services on offer; the website will be overhauled and new services will be announced; old favourites such as Wick-Flix will be returning later this year. For all those interested, the AGM will be held in the coming months when the Trustees will showcase the activities underway to secure the future and to bring the whole community with them on the journey. As with every similar venture support, either in terms of time commitment or donations, would be welcome and the Trustees would welcome any outreach from residents who would like to contribute by getting in contact through info@painswick-centre.com or dropping in and having a chat. On a final note, the Trustees would like to thank everyone who has given their time freely to date to make sure that the Centre continues to support the community as intended.

Simon Jones

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Painswick Valleys Conservation Society current activities

Pressure for development in and around Painswick shows no sign of abating. The Stroud Local Plan is nearing agreement; as yet we do not know if there are any changes to the proposed Lower Washwell housing site. Also considered was a proposal by a developer for housing either side of the A46 towards Clattergrove. More recently Gyde Field has been offered for sale as a development site, although it is within the Gyde House Conservation Area. Both landholdings are outside of the defined Settlement Development Limit and would have a significant impact on the landscape as well as added pressure on local services.



Economic challenges being faced by the agricultural sector are impacting on the landscape, as agricultural land is sold off. Juniper Meadow, on the top of Frith Hill, was recently bought by a development company (Woodlands.co.uk) to be sold off as several fenced plots. They have erected fencing and excavated a track, permitted under the Planning Acts. We are pressing SDC for action to prevent further damage to the AONB by means of an Article 4 Direction to limit development. Several other fields in the Parish have also been sold, followed by construction of hardstandings and buildings used for various purposes. At our instigation Stroud District Council is investigating a number of examples within the locality with a view to taking enforcement action. The big difference between agricultural land value and residential and business land values will continue these pressures.

We are committed to protecting our Commons from unlawful encroachments. A recent planning application on Painswick Beacon, which included parking on the common, was refused after we drew attention to the unlawful parking proposal. Another similar development is currently being investigated with the possibility of enforcement action. We are also pursuing the unlawful enclosure of common land at Golf Course Road, which has been an on-going issue.

The Society has also been pro-active in calling for improved road safety along our narrow roads, particularly where footpaths are either inadequate or non-existent. We have cooperated with the Parish Council and supported the investigation of possible traffic calming measures in and around Painswick by Gloucestershire County Council.

Our outing to Rococo Garden included a personal guided tour of the garden by Dominic, who talked about the history of the garden's development and plans for the future; he showed us where the Society's donated trees are to be planted. We also enjoyed complimentary coffee and cake.

As you can see there is no shortage of environmental concerns around Painswick, which we are seeking to resolve through the appropriate channels. We can only continue to have influence with the support of our membership and hope more residents will join us.

*The Committee.
Membership Secretary John Luke 814139*

Goings on

Members of Yew Trees WI welcomed a number of guests to their Open Meeting in June all of whom were delighted by Dr Gillian White's entertaining overview of the 'goings on' at The Field of Cloth of Gold in 1520. This was an eighteen-day meeting between the young kings of England and France: Henry VIII and Francois I, to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of London some 18 months earlier. Orchestrated by Cardinal Thomas Wolsey (Party Planner in Chief!) the two kings met in a valley near Calais, where the most elaborate arrangements were made to accommodate the two monarchs and their retinues, each numbering 6,000 men and women. The Queen's company alone numbered 1,175 people and 778 horses.



Each King tried to outshine the other with dazzling tents and pavilions. For Henry a sumptuously decorated temporary palace was erected covering an area of 12,000 square yards. There were numerous banquets, fountains flowed with wine and 66,000 litres of beer were consumed! Tournaments and jousting were organised, described by Gillian White as a cross between the Olympic Games and "It's a Knockout"! No wonder it took 18 months to organise this lavish logistic nightmare. What good came from all this opulence? Relations between the two countries worsened soon after the event!

Last July Penny Eastwood invited members to a coffee morning in her garden when it was so hot everyone quickly sought shelter inside. The invitation was kindly repeated this July when guests refused to leave the warmth of the house to admire the beautiful garden. What a difference a year makes! Many thanks to Penny for her warm hospitality which enabled members to get to know each other while eating delicious cakes and drinking coffee!

There is no formal WI Meeting in August though members will meet up socially for a dinner arranged at The Falcon.

Celia Lougher 812624

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Falcon Bowling Club



The Falcon Bowling Club in Painswick has recently hosted two big bowling events. The first was the Gloucestershire Ladies v the Herefordshire ladies on a glorious summers day in June. Left is a photo taken of the lady Presidents of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire along with Rob Goddard who is the Falcon President . After the game a lovely home cooked meal of chicken chasseur with seasonable vegetables and strawberry or raspberry home made trifle was enjoyed by all participants.



The second event was when the Falcon members entertained the Friends of English Bowling who are made up of people from all over England and are county players. The Falcon came second! Again a lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all , with another home cooked meal of cottage pie with seasonal vegetables with profiteroles with cream for dessert in our comfortable Club house with bar facilities.

The Falcon is always open on Monday evenings from 6pm and on Friday afternoons at 2pm during the season if you'd like to try bowling . It's a game anyone can play regardless of age , sex or ability that is frustrating but addictive and a lot of fun. The site has been in Painswick since 1554 , one of the oldest original bowling greens still on its original site in England, and is mentioned in the Painswick tour guide so this year we've been visited from people as far away as Australia. The Club is behind the Falcon Inn ,to the right of their car park up the ramp .

Suzi Pockett , Member of Falcon Bowling Club Committee.

Painswick Golf - Captain's Charity Day

Painswick Golf Club hosted the Captain's Charity Day on Saturday 1st July 2023. A total of 65 golfers played in the event including 16 members from Tidworth Garrison Golf Club. Golfers enjoyed good weather with an added bonus of a refreshment tent at the 9th hole.



Harry Burke, the current club Captain, had nominated the Chamwell Centre in Gloucester as his chosen charity. He explained why he had chosen the Chamwell Centre and what it had meant to him.

Wounded during the Falkland's Conflict in 1982, Harry subsequently spent time in hospital followed by physiotherapy after numerous surgical operations. He remained in the Army until 1991. In the summer of 2020 he had two falls which needed major reconstructive surgery. By November 2021 and starting on the road to recovery, he quickly found that hydrotherapy via military charities was not available, nor was it via the NHS for several months. He looked locally and found the Chamwell Centre in Gloucester. Purpose built it caters in the main for both disabled and severely disabled children, but is also open for members of the public to use. Chamwell relies totally on charitable donations. Harry, fully aware of all the good work the Centre does, including his own experience of course, named this as his chosen charity during his captaincy.

The day was very successful and raised a total of £3000. Harry said after the event he was humbled by the generosity of all who attended and supported the event. The cheques were presented to a very grateful Chamwell Centre and the money raised will fund 105 hydrotherapy sessions with physios in the pool for the children. An excellent achievement for such a worthwhile cause.



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Painswick Cricket Club News

The weather has been the recent winner but here is a recent run down of club results with an article on our girls and ladies section.

Late June through to mid July 2023



Painswick First team

Beat Cheltenham by 21 runs thanks to Luke Woolway scoring 96 runs and Mathew Connolly 53. A good bowling display held Cheltenham in check with Jono Connolly taking 3 wkts.

Lost to Corsham by 65 runs.

Lost to Royal Wootton Bassett by 105 runs.

Marshfield abandoned due to rain and this was followed by other cancellations against Goatacre and Hatherly and Reddings. A frustrating time due to the wet weather.

Cup News

Beat Cheltenham in the County Cup by 9 wkts.

Having beaten Frocester and then Hawkesbury, Painswick will face Cam in the final of the Stroud Fayre Cup.

WEPL T20 competition (Group of 3 clubs play each other) Painswick versus Frocester is always a bit special and this time we were treated to some tremendous batting which saw Painswick set a formidable total of 213 runs, Luke again to the fore scoring 97. Frocester then somehow managed to overcome the total in the last over. Painswick and Frocester both beat Stroud therefore Frocester qualified for the next round, we wish them good luck. We will go again next year.

National Village Cup

On 18th June a long journey to Hook and Newcombe Basics CC in Hampshire saw Painswick bow out and exit the competition. Luke again scored 90 plus and Painswick posted 222 runs. A reasonable total, however Hooks batters had other ideas and raced to the target in under 30 overs.

Girls and Ladies Cricket update

Painswick U15 Girls cricket season

As we enter our second year of girls cricket at Painswick CC, after a winter of training, we have a small but committed squad. The girls have shown quite how far they have developed in recording their maiden win in the GCF Women and Girls U15 North league. Considering a large number of the team are playing in their second season this is a fantastic achievement. The team is currently 5th in the league and looking to maintain their winning streak.

Looking towards the future we are starting to develop the women's game within the club and plan to host our first women's games in August. Watch out for details on our media sites if you are interested in joining in.

Steve Pegram

Team Tennis in the Gloucestershire summer leagues



The Mens teams have had a good season with the A team expecting to finish 2nd in division 1 whilst the B team will be promoted to division 1 next season and may finish top of division 2 this year. The C team stays in division 3. Thanks go to Adrian McDowell and Andrew Rodda for their support running the men's teams.

Chris Scott

The Ladies teams, still have a few more matches to complete, but the likely results will be as follows:

The ladies A team will come down from premiere to division 1, the B team will stay in division 1, the C team will stay in division 2 and the D team will go down to division 4.

A big thank you to Sarah Scott, Ness Fair, Gill Willoughby and Carol Ruddy for running these teams.

Ness Fair

Meanwhile the usual club mornings and evenings are running as usual. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Ruth Smith on ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com or 07919 246386

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Fraud awareness

On Thur 13th July 2023 the Club was pleased to receive an enlightening presentation on fraud awareness and advice about how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud by Danielle Sharples, who is a Fraud Protect Officer in the Economic Crime Team of Gloucestershire Constabulary.



Danielle started by illustrating the scale of the 52 types of fraud which amount to one third of all reported crime. In Gloucestershire alone £17,000,000 was lost due to fraud in 2022. One in three people have been approached with fraudulent intent, mostly via the internet and from sources abroad. Online shopping websites, auction houses, and social media markets are popular conduits for fraudsters. Just your name, birthday, and address can be used by fraudsters to commit a range of frauds and steal your money. Such information may simply be the first or last link in a chain of information gleaned from several or many sources to trap you at sometime in the future.

“Fraud enablers” are social engineering experts seeking to manipulate the natural inclination of humans to trust others and to respond helpfully to questions by phone, enabling the fraudster to gain your trust and then sell information they glean or worse. Perhaps additional pressure will be applied to get you to decide to do something without adequately thinking it thorough. Don’t be afraid to say “no” if you are uncertain about where the line of questioning may be taking you. If they are a genuine professional they won’t mind you taking the time to verify their identity by contacting the organisation they claim to represent. Don’t use any number they may offer you - find out the number yourself from another source, and don’t use the same phone for at least 15 min after the suspicious caller has finished. What makes a call suspicious – a too-good-to-be-true offer, a request for personal details such as parts of a password or PIN, a threat that you will be in trouble if you don’t comply, etc? Just hang up!

Another category of fraud is the online approach. Fraudsters seek insecure devices, or send emails containing hidden malicious software, or set up fake websites. You can reduce your vulnerability to hackers by being careful about the personal information you post online. Use strong passwords e.g. three random words like FishBoatTulip and store them in your browser to avoid keying them in frequently - key strokes can be monitored remotely. Keep a separate, very strong, password for your email account, and keep your software up to date with the latest patches from your software providers.

There’s loads more to learn about fraud from this talk of course. Other categories of fraud include: Money Mules, Advance Fees, Cash Machines, Card-less Payments, Online banking, Couriers, Door-to-door knockers, Holidays, Identity, Investment, Push Payments, Romance and Dating Scam mail, Ticketing, etc. Therefore, grab any any opportunity you can to hear from Danielle or one of her colleagues directly. The talks are free. Finally, read the SW Regional Organised Crime Unit’s 55 page user-friendly guide to the “Big Scams” which Danielle and her colleagues distribute.

So, use and enjoy the benefits of the internet with care, be wary of unexpected communications, and stay safe.

Henry Hall

Painswick Gardening Club

A huge thank you to Jacki and Mike Sanderson for hosting our summer party in their wonderful garden. It was very interesting to learn about the history of their mill house and to visit their unique and special garden.



Our next meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 13th September at the Rococo Garden. We would like to welcome all our members, friends and visitors to a behind the scenes tour by the garden’s director, Dominic Hamilton, and a talk by Julie from the Exedra Nursery.

Normally our annual subscriptions are due in September but in view of our visit to Rococo, we will be collecting our annual subscriptions at the 11th October meeting in The Old Town Hall. Membership for the year will be £25.00 which includes the cost of our excellent speakers throughout the year. We would prefer payment to be made by BACS but payment can be made in person at the October meeting.

Visitors, at a charge of £4 per person, are always very welcome at our meetings.

We look forward to seeing you in September and hope that all our members have a very happy and enjoyable summer in their gardens.

Philippa Miller

St Mary’s mums

A new group is starting in the Church Rooms from 6th September, Wednesday 9.15-10.45am during term-time.

Mainly for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers, the group gives you a space to meet, play rest and talk.

Drinks, toys and snacks provided... and something for the children too!

If you have any questions text: 07833 727701 or email Bea at: beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

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Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre 8.45 - 9.45am	
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre 9.50 - 10.50am	
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre 10.55 - 11.55am	
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre from 3.45pm	
	Community Choir. Contact sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre 7.00 - 8.30pm	
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall 2.00 - 4.00pm	
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre 12.30 - 1.00pm	
	Painswick Singers. Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond 7.30pm	
Tuesdays	Painswick Bootcamp. Details contact Becca Meadows 01452 451505 or info@beccameadownutrition.co.uk	Broadham Field Rugby Pitch 7.30 - 8.30pm	
	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 12.00pm	
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre 9.45 - 10.45am	
	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms 9.30 - 1.00pm	
	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden 9.45 am	
	Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Church Rooms 10.00 - 11.00am
		Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms 7.00pm
		Table tennis. Contact David on 01452 812464	Painswick Centre 7.00 - 8.30pm
Yoga with Kate. www-kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234		Painswick Centre 7.30 - 8.45pm	
Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@joannedaleypilates.com .		Painswick Centre 10.30 - 11.30am	
Strength and Conditioning Circuits. www.lovelifeladies.co.uk		Painswick Centre 12.30 - 1.30pm	
After school art classes. Email classes@painswickcentre.com . Term time only		Painswick Centre 3.45 - 5.15pm	
Thursdays		Morning Market	Painswick Centre 8.30 - 9.30am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 11.00am	
	Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@cloud.com	Painswick Centre 11.15 - 12.45pm	
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre 1.30 - 2.30pm	
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Church Rooms 10.00 - 12.00pm	
	Qi Gong Classic Exercise - contact Jeff Docherty on jeffdocherty@yahoo.com	Town Hall 9.30 - 10.30am	
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	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre 5.00 - 8.00pm	
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 11.00am	
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms 9.30 - 10.30 am	
	Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall 10.00 - 11.30am	
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgsvain.btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church 5.30 - 6.30pm	
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	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion 9.30 - 11.30am	
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church 8.30am	
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House 10.30am	
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre 8.30 - 11.00am	

Village Diary

Please let me know your club and society dates for the diary on cvasp.26@gmail.com

August

Tues	1	Enchanted Garden Trail runs all month	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 5.00pm
	2	Family Day in partnership with Butterfly Conservation	Rococo Garden	
Sat	5	Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	13	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	14	Gardening Club: Visit to Victoria Summerley's garden in Bibury	Awkward Hill Cottage, Bibury	6pm
Sun	20	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	20	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
Tues	22	Yew Trees WI: Summer Supper - members only. Prior booking essential	The Falcon	7.15 for 7.30pm
Sun	27	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	28	IKP production's Hercules - book in advance rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	11.00 and 2.30pm

September

Sat 2 **Painswick Beacon published**

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.23/1039/FUL

Whitehall Cottage, Stamages Lane
Garage conversion to provide holiday let.

S.23/1265/HHOLD

Park House, The Park
Single storey extensions, re-model, re-roof, partial overlaid of existing house. Relocate swimming pool and associated landscaping.

S.23/1284/LBC

Edge House, The Green, Edge
Re-roof the existing rear stables block and rework the rear pitch of the front garage block to allow stair access to its loft storage space. Removal of non-original chimney and timber screen walls to the stable block.

S.23/1296/LBC & S.23/1295/FUL

Lullingworth, Stroud Road
Installation of a 21-panel ground mounted solar panel

S.23/1151/HHOLD

The Red House, Lower Washwell Lane
Erection of twin extension to rear roof slope and replacement conservatory (resubmission of S.22/2456/HHOLD).

S.23/1339/FUL

Edgewood, Longridge, Sheepscombe
Erection of a replacement dwelling.

S.23/1289/TCA

Gyde House, Gyde Road
Remove T1 - Silver Maple (*Acer Saccharinum*).

S.23/1406/HHOLD

Hill Brow, Kingsmead
Demolition of various existing extensions and erection of single and two storey extensions. (Resubmission of S.22/1247/HHOLD)

S.23/1401/HHOLD

Little Acre, Cheltenham Road
Erection of a front and rear dormer extension.

S.23/1417/LBC

Dean Rise, Stroud Road
Enlargement of one first floor window

S.23/1403/HHOLD

Springfield, Catswood Lane
Erection of an outbuilding (retrospective).

CONSENT

S.23/1212/AFP

Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane
Agricultural machinery and storage barn.

S.23/0917/HHOLD & S.23/0918/LBC

Falkland House, Gloucester Street
Erection of replacement single storey extension and alterations to landscaping. Erection of outbuilding.

S.23/1010/LBC

Flat, The Old Bakery, New Street

Installation of replacement sash window
S.23/1090/TPO

Dry Knapps House, Edge Road
T1 - Large copper beech tree. Reduce by 1m and 3m.

S.23/1035/HHOLD Fieldgate, The Highlands

Erection of a single storey side extension and two storey front extension. Alterations to landscaping and parking area.

REFUSED

S.23/0887/HHOLD

Bulls Forge, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe
Erection of roof and two-storey side extensions.

WITHDRAWN

S.23/1296/LBC

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S.23/1284/LBC

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Property Report

Macs Cottage, a detached 2 bedroom cottage on Kingsmill Lane is on the market for the first time in many years, having been in the same family for generations (Hamptons, offers over £300,000). The Glebe is also new on the market – a light and modern 3 bedroom property in Pullens Road (Murrays, £650,000) as is 10 The Croft, a detached 4 bed family house near the Croft School (Hamptons, £550,000).

More expensive properties now available include Highbury on Cheltenham Road, an unusual house with 6 bedrooms, as well as a 26 foot Cinema Room, spiral staircase leading to a galleried Landing and the most extraordinary part-finished extension that could be adapted to many uses (Murrays, £1.75m). Also with 6 bedrooms, but perhaps slightly more conventional, Cotswold

View is a substantial family home at The Highlands (Hamptons, £1.4m) and Stonewyck on Cheltenham Road has 5 bedrooms, great views and a 175 foot rear garden (Adam Halliwell, £1.15m). The Granary at Painswick Court, part of a cluster of barns converted about 20 years ago, has 5 bedrooms and 4 reception rooms (Hamptons, (£1.3m), while another Cheltenham Road property, Lavender Down came onto the market at £950,000 through Hamptons, but is already under offer.

Flat 3 Hyett Orchard and Briar Cottage in Sheepscombe are also under offer through Hamptons, while Columbus Cottage on Cheltenham Road, 17 Churchill Way and The Grange in Sheepscombe have all exchanged and/or completed.

Friday Club

Our season has now ended and both the Committee and Members are looking forward to their Summer Breaks. Members have enjoyed an exciting programme of interesting talks and exciting outings to local attractions.

July saw us visit Symonds Yat for a cruise on the river and an excellent lunch at the Saracens Head Inn. As we clambered aboard the cruise boat the Skipper made us all laugh as he shouted out that well known Naval phrase "Get your leg over!" Many of us were still laughing as we set off! One of the many sights we saw was a duck escorting 6 young "ducklets" across the River. The skipper was throwing slices of bread overboard which attracted many ducks and geese which often fought over who got the first bite!



We rounded the season off with "The Presidents Tea Party" which this year was held at a private residence. At this well attended event there were many treats including strawberries and cream, oranges in jelly and a selection of sandwiches. Best of all was a wonderful cake specially baked by one of our Members. After cutting the cake, President, Ann Williams, thanked both the Committee and Members for their support.

We return from our Summer break on the 8th September and we are all looking forward to enjoying a well-planned programme of talks and an outing in November to Dobbies Garden Centre, Tewksbury.

The Club is for the over 50's, meets in the Town Hall, and provides not only interesting talks and outings but an opportunity for ALL of us to chat and put the "world to rights" whilst enjoying tea and biscuits after the talks. We meet every fortnight in the Town Hall. Interested? Why not join us at 2.30pm on 8th September where you will receive a very warm welcome and be introduced to friendly Members.

Mike Kerton



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Personal column

Condolences

To the family of EILEEN MINCHIN of Eddells Mill who died peacefully aged 91 on Friday 30th June. Eileen lived happily at Eddells Mill for 72 years. Her funeral was held at Cranham Church on July 21st.

MINI-ADS

August 2023

Poetry and Music Evening in Edge Church. Saturday 30th September at 7.30pm. Poets David Ashbee and Patrick Osada. Musicians Lyn Brigs and Sam Draper. Tickets £10
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Bookings: andrewjbclark@outlook.com.

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Gemma Ledamum

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