

The Painswick Beacon

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Footpath from Stamages Lane Car Park to Churchyard – preliminary work goes ahead

Preliminary building work has just started at the Church Rooms at the top end of Stamages Lane car park as part of contracts that will, amongst other things, see the construction of a footpath through to the Churchyard.

The footpath is being constructed as part of the re-development plans for the old Library which is to be converted into four apartments. Later this year, at long last, pedestrians should be able to walk from the car park through to the village centre without negotiating the dangerous corner on the A46 at the Lychgate.

More details will be released over the next few weeks assuming various remaining legalities are completed.

Lychgate - Restored - at last!

For a number of years Painswickians will have noticed that the plaster panels around the Lychgate were shabby and the lettering barely readable. Now, and at last, these panels have been restored 'in house' with several coats of lime wash - the correct treatment - and with the inscriptions professionally repainted.

Over ten years ago the Conservation Society proposed the restoration of these panels, to include re-painted lettering, but the offer was turned down within St Mary's as it was felt that this would be 'inappropriate'. No further action was taken - with more deterioration - until last year when the Society renewed the proposal to a much more supportive Church Council. They were further encouraged when Carol Maxwell produced a post card of the Lychgate, dated 1910, and showing painted inscriptions. So in Autumn 2012 applications were made for planning and several other consents - not least a 'faculty' from the Diocese of Gloucester to allow work on a listed church building. By May this year all was in place except for the warm weather needed to start work - but not quite in time for the restoration to be on view during the Art Couture weekend.

Originally all the panels must have been inscribed free hand into damp plaster so the typography is somewhat idiosyncratic, except for the north or New Street side which shows words from Philippians Ch.4 in a beautifully precise Gothic style with musical notation. The other panels depict, on the south side, words from the Magnificat and the east side records the transition from Queen Victoria to Edward VII, albeit in colloquial or incorrect Latin and the French spelling for Edward. However the benefactress, Mrs Frances Sarah Williams, is given full credit for her generosity in 1901. Artistically the sign writer recommended a dark grey lettering in preference to a stark black, while the lions rampant were given a lighter shade to compensate for their visual bulk. The Conservation Society has met all the costs involved and its committee is most grateful to church warden David Bishop, and sign writer Graham Rolfe from Hucclecote, for carrying out the whole project.

Douglas Robinson



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS *by Terry Parker*

There was no meeting of the Parish Council in August as it is the one month in the year when, unless there is urgent business, no meeting is held. However meetings of the Planning and Land & Buildings Committees were held on 31st July.

Planning Committee

Public questions were raised about The Lamp House, Catbrain Quarry and the Shetland Shop.

Catbrain Quarry. The questioner raised the issue of landscaping. Members discussed the subject in some detail. It was an agenda item and would be further considered at the meeting as would The Lamp House.

Shetland Shop. Asked whether the Parish Council had received any further information regarding the possible re-opening of the shop as a retail outlet, the questioner was told that no information had been received.

The Lamp House. Committee Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, stated that as the Lamp House was the subject of a Court Order the Parish Council could not enter the property.

Highgrove House, Lower Washwell Lane. The committee agreed to support the application for the erection of an oak framed extension but requested that the footpath should be kept clear during construction work.

Dumbledore, Beacon Close. Erection of a replacement dwelling and new garage. The committee agreed to object to this application and to request that it be considered by the District Council's Development Control Committee if the Planning Officer's recommendation was for consent.

Cat brain Quarry. Cllr Martin Slinger updated the committee following a site visit. Cllr Lewis would check the planning conditions relating to the planting of trees.

Land & Buildings Committee

St Mary's Street Toilets. The Clerk was to obtain the papers relating to the ownership of the toilets. A meeting with the designer had been arranged for the end of August. After costs had been calculated a public meeting would be held. Youth Club Pavilion. The committee agreed to recommend to the Council that it accept the appointment of the Contract Design Management company at a cost of £700. The Committee also agreed to the revised specifications subject to a few minor amendments. Town Hall Library windows. Mindful that the windows were listed and delicate, the committee agreed that the best course of action was to close the windows and prevent them from being used.

A Tribute to Rosie Smith

Rosalind Claire Birt was born on the 1st June 1945, just two weeks after the end of the 2nd World War. She led a happy childhood with her family in Stockend, Edge, a place she often visited and always remembered with affection. Apart from a few years in Chalford with her first husband, Rosie lived within Edge and Painswick for most of her life.

Known to all her family and friends as 'Rosie' she attended Edge Infants School and then the junior school in Painswick leaving at 16yrs, as was commonly expected of girls at the time. This young lady may not have been highly educated but it soon became clear what a bright star she was!

When her daughter Zoe was just a baby Rosie saw a cottage to let in Stockend and as her first marriage had failed she happily moved back to the place she loved. Rosie acquired a good job with the NHS 'Family Practitioners Committee' in Gloucester, was highly regarded and able to work full time in a job she loved for many years with family support from her mother and grandmother.

One morning, during the harsh winter of 1983, Rosie awoke in agony and unable to move, this was the beginning of her long battle with Rheumatoid Arthritis which in these early months progressed rapidly. After only a couple of years and major surgery Rosie was forced to take early retirement. The good news was Zoe was grown and had left school, and her longstanding admirer, Jack Smith, persuaded her to marry him and carried her off to Painswick!

Over the next 25 years, despite her difficulties, Rosie became part of the furniture of Painswick but more particularly of 'The Institute', now known as the Painswick Centre. Her contribution to this building and all who use it are legendary, Committee member, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Bookings Secretary, Key Holder and general shoulder to cry on, are just a few of the roles she played.

In 2005 Jack and Rose were jointly voted 'Painswickians of the Year' by the local community. Modest as always Rosie was amazed, but even more amazed when they were selected to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in appreciation of their charitable endeavours. This was not just a thrill for Jack and Rosie, but also for their family and friends who knew how well deserved it was.

Anyone knocking on Rosie's door (and there were times she counted over 30 in one day!) would be assured of being met with warmth, generosity and a huge smile. She was the utmost diplomat and a master of tact, coping cheerfully and competently with everything - accidents, complaints, rivalries, breakdowns (physical and mental!), too hot, too cold, and thankfully even words of thanks and appreciation! A 'difficult' customer would leave 'Corner Cottage' contentedly, and only a twinkle in Rosie's eye, a sigh and perhaps a lifted eyebrow showed what she really thought!

Everyone going to Rosie came away feeling she was 'on their side' but in fact they were sometimes wrong! Rosie was always 'on the side' of the Painswick Centre and was very clever at making things work out best for the village, the building and the trustees. Always open to new ideas Rosie was not stuck in the past, she understood, even in the bad times, that life had to move forwards. She knew everything about the history and the running of the building and only a short time ago there was a little note put on certain Trustee documents which simply said 'RK'. It meant 'Rosie Knows'!

The Painswick Centre today, successful and thriving, is an institution that Painswick has every right to be very proud of and this is in no small way due to Rosie's total commitment.

Always cheerful, living every moment of a challenging life to the full and never complaining, Rosie was a shining star and an inspiration to us all. She will be sadly missed by husband Jack, daughter Zoe, son-in Law Rob and grandsons Nathaniel and Fabian alongside all her many friends and neighbours.



Jackie Herbert

First Photography Competition at Painswick Arts Festival.

The standard of work entered for the competition was incredible. Both Margaret Lister and Anne Marie Randall (both working photographers) had a very difficult job judging the categories. Just under 80 entries in total with over £200 in cash prizes and cameras to be won. The peoples vote was very popular with over 400 people voting. Prizes were awarded by Libby Graesser who has been a most generous supporter. A huge thank you to Jackie Herbert, Libby Graesser, Anne marie Randall, Margaret Lister and all the volunteers who helped to make this event possible.

Adult First place Peter Llewellyn in the category "World where we live" entitled "Butterfly". (Picture to right)

Second place Rod Stowell in the category "Metamorphosis" entitled "Damsell fly"

Junior First place Walter Lovell "World where we live" entitled "Bumblebee"

Second place Flo Cross "World where we live" entitled "Shadow".

Anne marie Randall



Youth Club Appeal- A big thank you from our young people

In the update in last month's Beacon, we reported that of the £30,000 figure required to reach our target of £95,000 for the Youth Club building improvements, we had received £23,250 although £6750 of that was still dependent on further matched funding from within the Community during August.

It is wonderful to be able to report that we have now exceeded that figure with 49 individuals or families having contributed £12,300 in total (£9050 since last month), which if we get all the Gift Aid forms back will increase to around £15,000 (£35000 including the Trust money received!). Well done, Painswick., and thank you to all our donors. It will be such an encouragement to our young people and those who help to run the junior football and cricket clubs, and the youth work, to be in what should be an excellent facility. If there is a little left over in the fund, it can be used for furnishings, carpets etc which were not included in the budget.

We are grateful too to the former congregation of Christ Church who have made their almost brand new electric cooker available for the building, and this is also a good moment to highlight the inspiration and huge amount of work already carried out by our Architect, Richard Falconer, and his wife, Virginia, on a pro bono basis. Of course, their work is far from over as they take on the crucial project management responsibility but the project is only possible because of their generosity.

The open evening on August 5th to show off the plans, and focusing particularly on the related project of levelling of the football pitches was reasonably well attended and all present seemed to be encouraged by what they heard and saw. We look forward to showing off the results of all the hard work and people's generosity at the Opening in 2014!

Andy Harding, (Psalms Youth Minister) Dave Carlile (Junior Football Club)

Local History Teaser

A delightful little group of Painswick children, but are you able to identify any of them and suggest when and where the photograph was taken? If you do have any information we'd love to hear from you as we can name only a few. Last month's picture was taken by David Barnes when a school boy in 1944. It shows the staff of Burton's Stores, now the Patchwork Mouse and was taken with a Kodak Box Brownie camera from the middle of the road. David says that it is where he started his working life on leaving school and that his mother was a member of staff there. Burton's was a general grocery and provisions store also selling wines, spirits, beer and cider. It also had a large delivery service which, despite petrol rationing, covered Cranham, Sheepscombe, Edge, Haresfield and Harescombe. Among others the van was driven by Ray Webb who lived in Vicarage Street.



Back row left to right are Mrs Pritchard, Betty Butcher, Mrs Lippett; front row left to right are Mrs Ritchie, Amy Barnes, Mrs Parry. Many thanks to David who provided the photograph and the information.

If you have a photograph which you think would interest or challenge readers please do get in touch. The first meeting of the Local History Society's new season will be on Tuesday, 17th September when Ray Pearson will give a presentation entitled Freemasonry and its "secrets"? Croft School 7.30pm Everyone welcome.

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Shakespeare and Bicycles – a successful recipe

Four young men, four bicycles – not quite what you'd expect from a production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, but for two evenings in the middle of August that is exactly what delighted audiences in the Rococo Gardens.



The Handlebards are a troupe of four young men currently cycling from Glasgow to London, stopping at a variety of venues en route to perform either Twelfth Night or Romeo and Juliet. Obviously limited in what they can carry on this journey their performances are presented with the minimum possible number of props and costumes, added to which of course each of the four has to play several roles, 40 in total. This may sound like a recipe for amateurish disaster, but far from it. In fact the performance was superb.

Energetic, polished, clever and funny, this production was a joy. The instant and oh-so-slick changes of costume - generally the donning or removing of a jacket, a skirt (what appeared to be an old net curtain) or a pair of conical baskets coupled with instantaneous change of characterisation was stunning, amusing and very cleverly orchestrated. At times bawdy and bordering on pantomime this production nevertheless did great justice to the wonderful language of the play. It was word-perfect, clearly delivered and easy to follow. Clever use was made of the few props, including the bicycles, and indeed the space afforded by the garden itself which provided the perfect setting.

This production was a great reminder of just how Shakespeare's plays would have been performed in his day, in the open-air with an all-male cast, a little live music at the side and without the rather stiff atmosphere expected in today's theatres. Indeed, from time to time members of the audience were lured and pulled (willingly it must be said) into the performance area as either prop holders or wordless characters. The whole idea has been brilliantly conceived and flawlessly executed. It was pure entertainment achieved via beautiful, clearly understood, language, vitality and excellent staging.

These four young men, all in their early twenties, are university graduates, not in drama or related studies, who have both a love of Shakespeare's works and boundless energy manifest in the performances of each one of them (and, it has to be said, in their itinerary covering 926 miles with performances at 28 locations). More information about this outstanding troupe is to be found at www.peculius.com.

Carol Maxwell

The Big Apple Day

On Sunday 29th September in St Mary's Church Yard

With fruit trees once again groaning with ripening fruit we thought this was the best time to announce "The Big Apple Day" on Sunday 29th September from 12.30 – 4pm. For those of you who have been before, you know the form; bring your apples, freshly picked, add them to bath to be washed and picked over, crushed in the scriter and then pressed for juice in the magnificent Painswick Press. Bring a container to take home some juice for drinking or cider making. Relax and enjoy a mellow moment with live music, country cooking, delicious drinks, stalls, games, cooking competition and fun. For further details contact The Apple Core! 812879 or look at our blog www.painswickcommunityorchard.co.uk

Iris McCormick

Have Your Say

Over the period of the last eighteen months a group of local people have been meeting regularly each Monday evening to explore one's spiritual understanding. The group which is known as Have Your Say meet under the umbrella of the West of England Baptist Association. That would give the impression we are all Baptists, which we are not! In fact not all of us consider ourselves to be Christians! The group who are all adults of varying ages come from many faith backgrounds or in fact have no faith at all. Our Meetings take place at the Cotswold 88 hotel here in Painswick where we examine Jesus' teaching on life, day to day issues both national and international, personal spirituality and the Kingdom of God revealed to us in Christ. This kind of participation invariably brings forth the importance of God in our everyday lives.

All are welcome to come to our meetings. Faith or no faith, just an openness and curiosity to discover together the meaning of life in its present, in its future and in the hope we have in what is beyond this lifetime. We meet every Monday evening at 7.30pm until 9.30pm. All seeking to come will be made very welcome.

Rev Roger Leigh 01452 536325

Sue Ryder strawberry tea party

On Saturday July 6th we had a very successful Vintage Strawberry Tea Party in the Church Rooms, to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Sue Ryder Charity. We had strawberries and cream, with tea and delightful cakes made from 1953 recipes. We made £435 for the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice. I hope you will join us again at the Church Rooms (not the Town Hall this year) on Saturday November 9th for our annual pre Christmas Coffee morning and goodies sale.

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Time for a clear-out and some clarity

In recent weeks Dutchcombe Farm has been a hive of activity. In a strenuous effort to restore the farm to some sort of order a massive clear-out of rubbish and waste, accumulated over the past thirty or more years, has been taking place. Several skips have been filled and taken away already and the process is now nearing completion.

James Griffiths of Dutchcombe Farm is anxious to make clear that this is the only operation which has been occurring and that the aim is solely to put the farm back in order. Haymaking is already underway and the intention is to return cattle to the land next year but fencing repair is necessary before that can happen.

James also points out that, as a completely separate venture, a new business, Dutchcombe Disposals, is being established but that this is simply a trading address. He emphasises that no rubbish storage or collection activities will take place on Dutchcombe Farm property or land. The new business involves the collection and disposal through the correct channels, eg local tips and recycling centres, of anything classed as rubbish.

If anyone has concerns or queries about any of these matters further information is available by telephone on 813850 or 07720663553 or go to the website www.dutchcombedisposals.co.uk

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Richmond Village Painswick opens their Award Winning Gardens for Charity

Richmond Village Painswick has this year opened their gardens for the National Garden Scheme to help raise money for charity.

This year the gardens opened for the first time and indeed the first time a retirement complex has been given a place in The National Garden Scheme's Yellow Book. The first open day was 21st July and the beautiful weather helped welcome over 220 visitors.

The gardens themselves are beautiful. The whole estate covers four acres of ground and contains a variety of gardens, from a large wildflower meadow boasting 45 naturally occurring plant species, and 100ft herbaceous perennial border containing many interesting and great plant combinations and three roof top gardens offering great views over the Stroud Valley.

Owen Vaughan, Head Gardener said "the gardens are now 6 years old and have really started to mature and look amazing, lots of hard work has gone into creating these gardens for the residents and now we can show them off to as many people as possible" Richmond Village opened their gardens again on Sunday 18th August and the profits from refreshments from both days will go to Richmond's chosen charities, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and Macmillan cancer support.

Owen Vaughan Head Gardiner

STOP PRESS

Bupa Acquires Richmond Care Villages

Painswick and the civil war - 1643

It is quite common to find in newspapers articles taken from publications a hundred years previously. Indeed, the Beacon often reproduces items from ten, twenty and thirty years ago. This one is perhaps a little more dramatic - and certainly beyond even the oldest resident's memory - inasmuch as it relates to activity in Painswick in 1643, ie 370 years ago.

Painswick was at the time deeply embroiled in the Civil War, and, due to its proximity to Gloucester which played a significant part in the war, was for several weeks itself besieged by both armies. Unfortunately, the parish records for this period are apparently lost so that we do not have details of, for example, how many residents were involved in any way or how many died as a result of either fighting or from diseases brought in by the occupying troops, a situation common in many towns in similar circumstances.

Sir William Vavasour was the Lieutenant Colonel of the Royalist troops and this letter sent from Painswick, now in the British Library, dated 29th March 1643 throws some light on the situation. The spellings have been changed to present-day forms.

My lord

We have taken Painswick, with the loss of some men, and waste of much ammunition. The rebels have possessed themselves of many houses, which will be taken in by Canon, I must therefore desire you to send me 20 barrels of powder more, with some hand grenades: and if you please to send a mortice piece, I shall be able to do his Majesty the better service and the Lord will much oblige by it,

Your Lords most humble servant

Will Vavasour

I beseech your Lord send some more Canon Bullets

The Court House and the church were the centre of all this ferocious activity and to this day marks and damage resulting from the various skirmishes which took place are still in evidence on the outer walls of the church.

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Library News

After a very busy period at the library, activity has returned to normal levels, but visitor numbers over the summer have been very high– which is extremely pleasing for all involved. An increasing number of people are using the library as a handy source of information, ranging from checking the local bus times, to a spot of French translation! Our volunteers on the desk will always try to help you with your queries.

A good number of children have signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Congratulations to all those children who have completed the Challenge. There is still a little time to finish, so come in this Wednesday after school to collect your remaining books as we would like as many children as possible to complete.

We are changing the time for Baby Bounce and Rhyme as the early afternoon slot is proving unpopular. We would really welcome ideas from parents with babies and small children for both the timing and format of this session. The small children who come to the library regularly love choosing their books and we really want to do all we can to encourage parents to keep coming in with their children. Contact Julia on julia.churchley@hotmail.com if you have any thoughts or ideas on this.

Another computer course for adult beginners will be running shortly. Please contact the library as soon as possible if you would like to know more, or be considered for a place.

We continue to buy new books every month – check our review board for reader recommendations. New titles include Climbing the Bookshelves by Shirley Williams; The Cuckoo's Calling by 'Robert Galbraith' (you may know this author by a different name!); Perfect by Rachel Joyce and Once They Lived in Gloucestershire: A Dymock Poets Anthology by Linda Hart.

Library opening hours Wednesday 10 – 1 and 3 – 6pm
Friday 10 – 1 and 3 – 6pm Saturday 10 – 1pm



Julia Churchley

Seasons



After long travails came summer, now hints and tints of autumn, overshadowing harvest's cornucopia. Red and black are the berries, rowans red-loaded, ready for redwing and fieldfare arrival feasts as swallows and house martins crowd the wires, departing to warmer climes.

Edward Lear (C19) shared such feeling for heat and colour, painting abroad, birds of the tropic, for a living before embarking – –

“The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea, in a beautiful, pea-green boat They took some honey and plenty of money- -Pussy said to the Fowl, how charmingly sweet you sing.”

Meanwhile at Painswick – – Charles Martin's return is anticipated for a joint meeting with the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club at the Painswick Centre on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm on 2nd October with the topic The “Language and Folklore of Birds.” On November 21st November at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Dr Timothy Seller also returns for “Feathers and Flight” which will be a joint meeting with Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society. We will welcome back members and visitors for the Michaelmas Term!”

Wendy Addy

Directory 2014 – it's your call

The Painswick Directory is delivered every year with the January issue of the Beacon. It is free of charge. Providing a very valuable source of information for both residents and our visitors, it is also, of course, of great benefit to those businesses, services, clubs, societies, agencies etc which are included in its pages. A copy is posted on our website too which continues to receive 'hits', not least from people moving into the area.

If you run a business, service, society etc it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant and correct details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on, and need these details as soon as possible if you wish to be included in the 2014 edition. Inclusion costs you nothing.

If you are already in, please check the details and let us know if there are any changes to be made. Out-of-date and incorrect information is most irritating for all concerned. If you wish your entry to be removed, or if you are aware of an entry that is no longer valid, you should let us know as soon as possible.

This is a free community resource and it is important that it is up-to-date, comprehensive and accurate. Please send your details, or relevant information about any entry, via the Beacon's email address – beacon@painswick.net – or to Carol Maxwell at carol-maxwell@talktalk.net or post in the Beacon box in New Street as soon as possible.

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Art Couture Painswick. The Festival.....and beyond

The Festival

I'd like to thank those who contributed to the success of our wonderful Festival on that hot hot weekend in the middle of July - particularly the people of Painswick whose goodwill and friendly support helped to show Painswick at its best - and also the volunteers! Oh those indefatigable people! They offered their time, help, strength and good cheer in manning the marquees & car parks, running errands, selling wristbands, directing traffic, supervising changing rooms – the list goes on & on. I must make very special mention here of the firemen, who were undoubtedly the heroes of the day! They came along as a security team, and then stepped up and beyond in all sorts of ways, showing good calm common sense and complete dedication throughout the entire festival.

And beyond....

Come and visit our new Gallery in the Painswick Centre! There is an ever-changing display of artistic works previously shown at our festivals; and you can buy cards, our beautiful Art Couture book, merchandise from various ACP designers, and the ACP wristband. This gorgeous silk accessory will show your support for ACP, and enable you to take advantage of the Falcon's 10% off lunches from Monday to Thursday or the Royal Oak's glass of wine with a main meal. These offers will change monthly and the wristbands will remain on sale in the Art Couture Gallery throughout the year. Art Couture are thrilled that the Rococo Gardens have given pride of place to our very special polished steel work of art, by local artist Chris Bailey. You can find it on their main lawn at the Rococo Gardens, and we are inviting sealed bids which can be placed in the Ballot Box in the Eagle House. Bidding ends on Sept 15th with proceeds going to Art Couture Painswick, which is now a registered charity



As part of Art Couture's commitment to education, we'll be offering workshops by some of our skilled artists who are experts in their field. The first of these is

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Please pop by the Art Couture Gallery in The Painswick Centre, or email me on judie@acpfestival.co.uk to register your interest.

A timetable of further workshops will be advertised soon on our website and in the Gallery.

How can you get involved?

We care very much about our profile in Painswick and we need you to let us know what we can do better. Your feedback so far has been overwhelmingly complimentary, and we will endeavour to act on your various suggestions for improvement. If you have not yet been in touch, or have good ideas of how we can further enhance the festival experience, PLEASE let us know.

Art Couture is a charity and, as such, is reliant upon sponsors and contributions from the public. This can take the form of funding, value in kind, or voluntary help, so please let us know if you would like to get involved.

We are looking particularly for a well-organised administrator for the Art Couture Gallery – someone who is computer literate, friendly, and preferably with experience of organizing events. We also need volunteers who would be happy to 'man the desk' in the Gallery for a few hours at a time. This could be a regular commitment, or on an adhoc basis. The more volunteers we get, the fewer hours each person has to do!

We also have a promise from Good Energy (www.goodenergy.co.uk) that, if you switch from your current supplier to Good Energy, they will make a donation to Art Couture. So please check their website for information and, if you do decide to change, please mention Art Couture!

For more information please contact me on judie@acpfestival.co.uk or 01452 812 605.

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Painswick Community Choir

We are a friendly and fun local community choir and a resonant and uplifting chorus of sound fills the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre on Monday evenings each week. We sing songs in harmony from around the world and welcome anybody interested in singing to come and join us

The group meets during school term times between 7.00 and 8.30 on Monday evenings at the Painswick Centre. The group is led by Sophie Sterckx and costs £5 per session. For term dates and more information please visit: www.painswickcommunitychoir.co.uk or contact Sophie on 01453 298138/ sophiesterckx@naturalvoive.net

Sophie Sterckx

Painswick Players

DECISION TIME FOR PAINSWICK!



The Painswick Players Annual General Meeting is to be held in the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre on Thursday 26th September beginning at 7.30 pm.. This is a particularly important meeting at which the future of the Painswick Players is to be considered. Everyone who has an interest in amateur theatre in Painswick is invited to attend. Wine will be served from 7.00 pm

Stephen Friar Chairman

Community Lunches

The Community Lunches begin again on MONDAY 7th OCTOBER at ASHWELL centre, off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way - from 12noon to 1.15pm each Monday lunchtime for 10 weeks before Christmas – and 10 weeks in the New Year.

Last season – our third at this new venue after 42 years at Christ Church hall – proved equally successful. We raised £1230 which was distributed to the local charities, Cup Cakes for Carers and Painswick Youth Football Club, as well as Christian Aid.

This coming session the charities to be supported have not yet been finalised – but one local charity will be the Friday Club. Please do contact us (telephone numbers below) with any other ideas for charities – preferably for young people of Painswick.

EVERYONE is welcome to the lunches each Monday – when for £2.50 home-cooked vegetable soup, fresh bread, butter & cheese are provided and served by a local group or society – from Croft Primary School– to Richmond Painswick – and all ages between! The Village Diary at the back of the Beacon gives the hosts for each week. Do come along & support this village institution – you will be warmly welcomed – especially by the hosts who have prepared the lunch!

Rita Bishop Tel: 01452 814205 David Linsell Tel: 01452 812464

Major Refurbishment of Painswick Centre Almost Complete

The Painswick Centre has completed another phase in a major redevelopment plan which has seen £82,000 spent on the centre in the last four years.



The facelift is now almost complete and has transformed the building which is in the heart of Painswick and dates back over 100 years.

In the latest stage the Gardiner Room has been refurbished and has become a gallery for Art Couture to show off the fantastic costumes which have featured in the festival over the last few years.

It is the last room to be refurbished at the centre. Beacon Hall, The Skittle Alley, The Green Room and The Cotswold Room have benefited from the facelift.

Chair of the Trustees, David Linsell, said: "The Painswick Centre is extremely popular and used by up to 1,000 people every week. It has always been an important part of the community. Our visitors deserve an attractive centre."

The Painswick Centre has 75 supporters and five trustees who are all volunteers. The thriving centre in Bisley Street arranges events, hires rooms for public and private functions, acts as a focus for artists and craftsmen and is home to a number of regular, clubs, societies and sporting activities.

The refurbishment of the Gardiner Room was led by Trustee and Painswick resident Mike Steed with design support from Art Couture. Work included installing central heating, re-painting and a partial rewiring. Mandarin Stone donated the stone for the floor to Art Couture and a local benefactor paid for it to be laid.

'Mike was a brilliant project manager,' said David Linsell. 'It was a challenge but he made sure it was completed in six weeks, in time for this year's Art Couture Painswick Festival in July.'

Geraldine Sheridan



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Painswick is fortunate in having a good selection of quality B&Bs attracting a large number of visitors into the town. Most of these visitors in turn use our local restaurants and pubs and many frequent local shops. Although it is reported that business is not as brisk as it was a few years ago, this year's numbers appear slightly better than last year; many guests are linked to walking the Cotswold Way. Painswick residents often make use of local B&Bs when friends and family come to visit and there is plenty of choice. Mentioned below are those with English Tourism Board Approval however there are many others which will be reported in the next edition. (See your Painswick directory).



Tibbiwell Lodge, Tibbiwell lane
Set in a secluded position with lovely views from the balconies. It offers two doubles and one twin all en suite and a studio apartment. There is parking, a garden, wifi, and dogs are accepted.



Cardynham House, The Cross.
A 15th century listed building with a large range of accommodation each of the nine rooms having its own unique style. There is a residents lounge and a separate breakfast area.

Bed and Breakfast in Painswick

(Part 1)



St Annes, Gloucester Street
A traditional Cotswold terrace house offering two doubles and one twin again all en suite. There are separate dining and lounge areas. Wifi is available and occasionally dogs are permitted.



Hambutts Mynd, Edge Road.
A detached house offering fine country views. There is one twin, one double and a single all en suite with a separate dining area for guests. Off street parking is available and pets are permitted.



Troy House, Gloucester Street
A separate cottage between the house and courtyard, offering one double and one twin both en-suite. Parking is on the street.

Pete's fresh fish

Friday is definitely fresh fish day in Painswick. Pete, known as Pete 'the fish' Beldram, arrives every Friday morning in the Town Hall car park at 8.30 and opens up the back of his refrigerated van to reveal his wonderful array of fresh fish. Every day Pete drives to Cirencester at 4.30am to the depot where, on arrival, he immediately commences to prepare the fish which has been brought fresh from Grimsby overnight. Pete spent 25 years expertly preparing fish and game for hotels and restaurants – even for the Queen Mother on one special occasion. This work however was always undertaken throughout the night and, as a family man with two children, Pete decided that a change to selling fish would mean he could spend more time with his family. 'This suits me much better,' he says. And of course his previous experience and expertise is of great benefit to his customers.



Luckily for Painswick residents he took over the Friday fish pitch about a year or so ago. Over the course of the week he covers about 20 pitches in the area and also has many regular door-to-door customers. Each week Pete brings an impressively full range of fish and shellfish in season, plus smoked fish, lovely pates, dressed crabs and lobsters and, currently, samphire grass. It is always very competitively priced and could not be any fresher. It is available from 8.30-11.00am every Friday in the Town Hall car park.

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Farming in the Parish this year

(Photo by Peter Llewellyn)

A very bad start of the year, with cold, wet weather and a late spring. This meant we had to keep our stock in longer and straw became very short so more had to be bought in at cost.

Then, a late spring before the weather improved and all the crops took off. There was plenty of fine weather to make hay and silage. We have plenty of feed, plus plenty of corn which seems to have caught up. But there are still some cereal crops in a bad way, some farmers having had to plant spring corn instead of winter crop, so their costs are higher and yield lower.

We were the last dairy herd around these valleys, twelve years' ago. When I was small, sixty year's ago; there were nearly fifty herds, some very small. There are hardly any working horses left. More people are keeping horses for recreation. All the farms that are being sold seem to have been split by the auctioneer into small lots, so people come along and buy fields in which they can keep their horses. The price of land has gone up from £3K an acre ten years ago to £7 – 10 K now, so unless you have plenty of money it is nearly impossible to buy adjacent land to extend your farm. If you own your farm and you bought it, back say, before the wars, then you may be able to spread the cost over the land you are buying and the land you already have, to become a viable business in the current economical conditions. Unfortunately, there is little future in small farming in our valleys and landscape.

Martin Slinger

Painswick Baby and Toddler Group

The Painswick Baby and Toddler Group opened its doors for the new school year on Friday 6th September. We are a small, friendly group that meets every Friday in term time from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Playgroup building next to the Croft School. We have great facilities, as we are able to access all Playgroup resources including the outdoor play area in good weather. A typical afternoon involves free play, followed by a break for a snack then a music session. There is no need to pre-book or to sign up to a minimum number of sessions – just come along and join in. The cost is £1.20 for one child and £1.50 for two, which includes a hot drink for grown-ups and juice and a snack for the little ones. This is an excellent way to meet other families and it is also a great introduction to the Playgroup environment if you are intending for your child to attend Painswick Playgroup in the future. We welcome all parents, grandparents, carers and childminders etc. from Painswick and the surrounding areas. If you would like to know further details please call 07984 332218.

Kate Kus

La Douce France

Il paraît qu'il y a à Painswick pas mal de gens qui ont vécu en France, ou qui ont enseignés le français, ou sont simplement des Francophiles qui s'intéressent à la civilisation française. On vous invite à participer à une petite groupe qui va se réunir une ou deux fois par mois avec le but de ne pas perdre l'intérêt et la pratique de la langue.

Carole Ross

Flu Vaccinations

Our annual immunisation programme to protect vulnerable patients from the influenza virus will commence as usual, in October this year.

All the doctors at Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We would also suggest that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma/lung disease, kidney/liver/heart disease and patients who are immunocompromised are also vaccinated as they are especially at risk.

We will therefore be holding clinics on Saturday 5th October, (8.30 am to 4 pm) and Saturdays 12th and 26th October but note both of these will be morning sessions only with appointments available from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. Please contact the surgery to book a convenient appointment – please do not wait for a letter inviting you to come in. We would like as many people as possible to take up this offer. (We won't be organising 'flu clinics at the surgery during the week in order to reduce congestion in the car park.)

Nicola Hayward Practice Manager

Natural England

Bulls Cross Management Plan...

Public Consultation

Saturday 21st September at 1pm.
Bulls Cross layby for a walk around the common and 2.30-4.30pm at the Sheepcombe Village Hall for an informal drop-in session (venue TBC).

You may be aware that Natural England have recently taken over the management of Bulls Cross, pending approval of a 5 year management plan. The draft version of that plan is now complete and we are asking the local community and interested parties to comment on it. To this end we would like to invite you to join us for a walk round Bulls Cross to discuss the plan and/or drop in for a chat about it in Sheepcombe Village Hall afterwards. The plan will also be available for viewing in Sheepcombe Village Hall (To be confirmed) until the 18th October. We would appreciate any comments on the plan by Friday 18th October, to be addressed to Kate Gamez as below.

Volunteer days

On Juniper Hill and Bulls Cross

Saturday 28th September 10am-3pm Bulls Cross
Sunday 29th September 10am-3pm Juniper Hill

Why not come along and join us for a day of cowslip planting and scrub bashing? On both days we will be working from 10am until about 3pm planting cowslips to benefit the Duke of Burgundy butterfly, scrub bashing and having a bonfire. Feel free to come along for the whole day or even just an hour or two. We will be easy to find as we will be working near the centre of both of the sites, just look for the smoke!

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Kate Gamez

Conservation

Work Parties and Junipers

We have had a few extra work parties this summer to prepare Long Quarry for Juniper planting, and to remove some large trees that over-shade the area. Now we are moving into the usual Autumn/Winter season from September to April, dates below, in the Diary, and on the PBCG blog (painswickbeacon.wordpress.com)! We have a very varied diet this year. In addition to the usual scrub clearance we will be returning to previous areas to saw down the 'knee high' stumps and spot treat them with chemical as the sap goes down for winter ensuring the best prospects for no regrowth. We will be removing squares of topsoil in Long Quarry (using the Plantlife grant money) so that newly sown Juniper seeds can establish before the competition grows back.

We will also be returning to assist Catbrain Quarry in the planting to soften the appearance of their large processing building and the new safety fence. We will 'gap up' where some of the springtime planting – in less than ideal conditions – has failed. We shall be careful to use a mix of local trees and shrubs to avoid the appearance of a 'hedge' and we will control the height so that golfers and walkers can see each other and reduce the risk of unwelcome impacts!

The dates for working parties are Saturdays September 14th and 28th, October 12th and 26th, November 9th and 23rd, December 7th and 21st. We particularly welcome new recruits; wear tough clothes and stout shoes/boots. Bring your drink and snack for our mid-morning break and putting-the-world-right chat. We supply gloves, tools and guidance. Rendezvous normally at the golfers car park beside the cemetery at 10 a.m. Finish by 1 p.m.

Our AGM and talk will be on Wednesday 6th November; details next month.

Butterflies and landscaping

On 28th September and 12th October our work parties will be combining with Butterfly Conservation to plant 1,000 cowslips at selected locations on the Beacon. These are to increase the probability of larger numbers of Duke of Burgundy butterflies. The 'Duke' is less flamboyant than the name suggests and rarely seen hereabouts nowadays. But the ever-watchful Terry Parker reports that they were in his garden this spring. Surveys have been undertaken to find evidence of larval damage to cowslips this summer. This work is part of Butterfly Conservation's 'Conserving Painswick Valley Project' that aims to restore and improve limestone habitat for Large Blue and Duke of Burgundy butterflies across a network of 11 sites (more info on the blog).

The better weather this summer has also benefitted butterflies, as evidenced on the 28th July Butterfly Walk led by Pauline Lillico. We were pleased to see at least ten species, including Dark Green Fritillaries, Marbled Whites, Chalkhill Blues and many skippers when the sun peeped out, plus a bonus fly-past from the Red Arrows. Since then our gardens and buddleia bushes have been visited by Painted Ladies, Red Admirals, Peacocks, Small Tortoiseshells, Commas, Meadow Browns, Gatekeepers and swarms of Large and Small Whites. The Beacon has quite a lot of Small Blues too, but has anyone seen a Large Blue, or even an Adonis Blue?

Many different types of orchid have been seen on the Beacon this year including broad-leaved, white and green flowered helleborines, musk and fragrant orchids, and twayblades- have you seen any more? We would be pleased to hear about your sightings.

Grazing and climate

The Gloucester cattle have had a good summer, they enjoyed the hot spells provided we maintained the water supply and left them to find shade under the trees. They have done a really good job in Paddock 3 where it is now easy, for the first time in 50 years, to walk about on shortened grass, and to locate the scrub stems to be removed. Paddock 2, by the Cotswold Trail has been well grazed by the five heifers (my, haven't they grown?) and any day now they will transfer to Paddock 1, behind the cemetery, which was where grazing began, with National Trust Belted Galloways in 2011.

David Allott 812624 Chairman, Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
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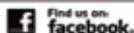
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CNFC Visit to the Big Pit



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So started our hour's tour underground with our guide, a retired miner. An unforgettable experience.

After lunch we looked round the Stack Square cottages furnished for the BBC Wales series, Coal House, and the Blaenavon Ironworks. Finally a tea stop at the World Heritage Centre.



Hewholes and Chatternags? With the Field Club & Painswick Bird Club

The title, above, of Charles Martin's talk gives a clue that this will be no ordinary lecture. He promises to delve into the 'Folklore and Language of Birds' at a Joint Meeting of the Painswick Bird Club and the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club. His interest in exploring how birds have touched our culture was sparked by his study of bird-life on the Somerset Levels where he works as guide with the RSPB and some of the UK's largest wildlife tour companies.

Join us for this lecture, followed by refreshments, on Wednesday 2nd October at 2.30pm in the Beacon Hall, Bisley Street Painswick. Visitors will be very welcome. Enquiries to 813228.

Joyce Barrus and Jane Rowe



Painswick in Bloom



Painswick is much admired by visitors, from many parts of the world. It is also regarded as a very nice place to live by those of us fortunate to be here.

All is greatly enhanced, brought to life as it were, by there being displays of flowers in locations all can view and share - tubs in front gardens and hanging displays on walls.

This Society is pleased to continue the tradition of recognising the very best of these, by judging them. Not an envious task, since there are inevitably many jostling for the accolade we can award. We look for continuing attention by owners, deadheading, choice of flowers to create impact, thoughtfulness in setting blooms within their container, and healthiness of those blooms.

This year the challenge was especially fraught for 'exhibitors', with scorching weather demanding the most diligent regular watering - to say the least!

We separate exhibits by whether they belong to private or commercial premises; this for obvious reasons. We viewed the whole of the village centre and, for private owners, any requested elsewhere in the village.

Our conclusions were:

Winner - Private

Helen Kilmister 15 Upper Washwell for the sheer variety of plants used, their condition, and remarkable number on view from the roadway.

Other contenders, in some order of merit included

Rosemary Cottage in St. Mary's Street, Ilgattamora in Friday Street, Golden Hart Cottage in Tibbiwell and Old Star House and Troy House in Gloucester Street

Winner - Commercial

Murrays Estate Agents New Street - Victoria Square for their combination of troughs and baskets, meticulously maintained and with startlingly outstanding choice of colours.

An outstanding contender was Kate Rich in Tibbiwell, with others catching our eye ...The Falcon Inn, Patchwork Mouse and The Royal Oak

Leslie Brotherton

Painswick Educational Trust

The Trust will soon be meeting again to deal with applications from young people resident in the Painswick area for financial help with their studies and apprenticeships. Previous successful applications have been made for money towards books, computers, catering equipment, course fees and educational trips. If you are interested in finding out more, please telephone Joy Edwards on 812588 or Michael James 812646 for an application form.



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**Presents..... Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon
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The autumn season has started and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd October at the Painswick Centre at 10.00am for coffee. The speakers will be presenting about the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon and the potential for power generation.

John Courts

Painswick Area Decorative and Fine Arts Society.

Are you interested in the Decorative and Fine Arts? Would you like to attend lectures by accredited lecturers who deliver high quality, entertaining and informative lectures and also days of special interest?

The Painswick Area DFAS meets on the second Thursday morning for ten months a year in the Painswick Centre, with a cup of coffee from 10.15am before the lecture starts at 11.00am. We have a few vacancies at present, and offer you a warm welcome if you would like to try a lecture before committing to becoming a member.

Each year we arrange a programme of lectures encompassing a broad range of topics connected with the decorative and fine arts, and also arrange days of special interest and visits to exhibitions, private collections and great houses with historical connections.

The lecture on Sept. 12th will be on “Botticelli – 500 years on – a new look at an Old Master”, and on Oct. 10th the topic will be “Flora and Fauna in Pottery – familiar subjects as seen by pottery artists”. We also have a Day of Special Interest on Sept. 17th, on “Japonism to Modernism” which costs £30 to include morning coffee and buffet lunch.

Our annual subscription for 10 lectures is £36, due on December 1st, and a pro-rata rate can be arranged if you join soon for this year. Each member receives a quarterly copy of the NADFAS Review, which contains thought-provoking articles events and courses, exclusive offers, and information on local and area activities.

The Painswick Area Decorative and Fine Arts Society (PADFAS) is a member society of the National Association, with over 90,000 members, and which is a leading arts education charity. Each year PADFAS supports a Young Arts project in local schools.

Please contact Vivien Barr, (Hon. Sec) on 01242 520637 or Susan Bone (Membership Sec.) on 01242 255493 for further information and to reserve a place, we ask for £5 for visitors, and this fee covers insurance while attending the lecture.

We really would like to hear from you, and hope to interest you in our Society, soon to celebrate its 30th anniversary in Painswick.

Vivien Barr

Yew Trees Women's Institute



Demonstration of Indian Cookery – Ela Pathak-Sen

In our July meeting, and on a boiling hot evening, we greatly enjoyed an evening of cookery by Ela Pathak-Sen. Ela grew up in Calcutta where the population are noted as ‘big foodies’ and as a result she has an enormously enthusiastic attitude to cooking. She explained that Indian cooking involves little accurate weighing and measuring and a lot of improvisation. In India there is no such thing as ‘curry’ – this is a catch-all term applied to a dish eaten with rice and is really only used in the western world. The food in Calcutta is mainly Bangladeshi and is influenced by Muslims and by the British from the days of the Raj. It is based on fish, rice, vegetables and meat with added garlic and a large range of spices. Indian people rarely eat puddings but they do eat sweets, which are often based on yoghurt with added foods such as cream cheese and syrup – the result is very sweet indeed!

Ela demonstrated how to make a chicken biryani accompanied by a chick pea dish and a cooling yoghurt-based raita and while she cooked she kept us entertained with some fascinating facts about the ingredients she was adding to her dishes – for example basmati rice is only eaten by rich people; poorer people use brown rice which is actually nutritionally better. Spices are good for many things other than flavouring food – for example garlic is good for arthritis, ginger for curing colds and turmeric has antiseptic properties and is used to make dark skin much fairer and, when mixed with egg white or water, is a good exfoliator.

At the end of the evening the air was filled with a delicious smell, which may still be detectable in the Church Rooms, and we all queued up for a taste of Ela's food.

At the meeting after the demonstration the President, Joan Hardwidge informed us of the many events happening over the summer. These included:

- Croquet Team – played a match in mid-July and did very well.
- Quiz Team – have got through to the next round, which was to take place on July 26th in Gloucester.
- Salmon Supper – August 27th in the Town Hall. Everyone was encouraged to attend and bring friends.
- Visit to Tom George's stables – September 23rd. This will include a visit to the horses and to the gallops and tea or coffee at Trill Farm.

Autumn County Meeting – September 27th at Cheltenham Racecourse. The keynote speaker will be Dr Gillian Rouse who will talk about her work in founding the charity LI

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Tennis

Painswick Ladies win Gloucestershire Summer League

Congratulations to the Painswick ladies A team who are the Gloucestershire Summer League Premier Champions for 2013. The team had a fantastic season winning 42 out of a possible 48 rubbers against the best teams in the county. The depth of ladies tennis in the club was demonstrated by the fact that 12 members were called upon to play for the A team – they were Alicia and Sophie Barnett, Megan Butterworth, Liz Cowen, Ness Fair, Sharon Hall, Amanda Porter, Lorraine Ristic, Vanessa Roderick, Sarah Scott, Abigail Simmons and Ruth Smith. The photo is of Alicia, Lorraine, Sharon and Vanessa (Capt) taken just before their last match.

Painswick has 6 ladies teams in the Gloucestershire Summer League playing in the Premier Division down to Division 5; so there is competitive tennis for players of all standards. If you are interested in joining the club please contact Ruth Smith (Sec) on 01452 813693.



Cricket

August 1st XI and 2nd XI results

Sat 3rd. Painswick 2nd XI 216 (E Evans 64) Apperley 2nd XI 218-5.

Sat 10th. Painswick 250-7 (A Armstead 70) Chippenham 154.

Painswick 2nd XI 250-5 (E Evans 107*) Bourton Vale 2nd XI 195.

Sat 17th. Dumbleton 1st XI 132 Painswick 1st XI 133-5.

Charlton Kings 2nd XI 198-9 Painswick 2nd XI 155-2 (N Marment 59)

Painswick won by 8 wickets in match reduced to 35 overs

Sat 24th. Potterne 1st XI 263-1 Painswick 1st XI 228-9 (J Cook 110).

Fixtures

Sat 31st August. Stroud 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

Painswick Badminton Club



The new season started on Monday 2nd & Thursday 5th September at the usual time of 8-10pm in the Painswick Centre Hall.

New members are WELCOME and anyone who would like to play should initially contact John Wylde on 814349.

Table Tennis

Table Tennis will start a new season on Wednesday 25th September and will be held every Wednesday up to 18th December. We are a social group who play at the Painswick Centre's Beacon Hall from 7.00 to 9.00p.m. Cost is £4.00 for 2 hours, only when you play. Tables, nets, Bats and Balls are all provided, all you need is soft shoes and to be prepared to enjoy yourself. We look forward to seeing you.

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Darts

Painswick Ladies darts team held their place in division 1 of the Stroud District Darts League finishing in 2nd place. The team now plays at the Royal Oak and thanks to Mike and Jill (who is now a team member) for all they do for us. Linda Cootan



Painswick Music Appreciation Group

Our twenty sixth season starts on Thursday 19th September 2013 at 7.30 pm. in the Town Hall. Thereafter fortnightly until 15th May 2014. We have an exciting and diverse program including presentations celebrating the bicentenaries of Wagner and Verdi and handbell ringing in which Members may enjoy participation. Some of our guest speakers are professional musicians and some are Members (Members are not required to give presentations but those who wish to do so can). New members are welcome, just come along and introduce yourself at the door. Subscriptions are low, little more than £1.00 per session and that includes refreshments, where else can you get such fine entertainment so cheaply? In addition we have outings to concert venues (which are open to non-members) and our first one is to Malvern on Friday 18th October at 7.45 pm.. This is a recital of piano music by John Lill. We have reserved 30 tickets which need to be confirmed by 18th September so please contact John Herbert (tel: 01452 814140). Total cost, including coach approx. £34.00. The coach will leave Stamages Lane at 4.00 pm. leaving time for a meal in Malvern.

*Alex Nichols
Chairman.*



Rugby

Painswick Mini and Juniors Rugby Club

The Mini and Junior section of the Painswick Rugby Club started up for the new season on Sunday 1st of September. The club has squads at all ages, from Under 6 through to Under 17, with qualified coaches for all levels. We train or play matches every Sunday, meeting at 10:00 and normally finishing around Midday. If you would like to learn about the game, and play then please come along. No formality, just turn up and we will make the necessary introductions.

Further information either on the website, www.painswickrfc.co.uk or from Chris Hall on either 07977 176606 or chrishall520@gmail.com.

Sheepscombe Bridge Club

The new season starts on Thursday 12th September and then on alternate Thursdays starting promptly at 7.10 pm in the Village Hall. We are always pleased to see new players so if you need to know more do telephone Hugh Tarran on 01452 814081 or myself on 01452 812588.

Joy Edwards

'Learn By Play' Bridge

in Sheepscombe – Restarts Tuesday 17th September

Many people start playing bridge with friends or go to classes but then stop playing for a variety of reasons. Others play occasionally with friends and would like to play more or would like to improve their play. If this is you then you may like to try out Tuesday morning 'Learn by Play'. Sessions are spent playing the cards but with a chance to discuss and ask questions. We even play some of the hands the bridge club played last week to see if we can do better.

We meet every Tuesday morning 10am-12.00 and re-start Tuesday 17th September 2013 in Sheepscombe village hall. Cost is £5/session to include a cuppa/biscuit as long as I don't wash up. Whist players who can pick things up fast may also want to give it a go (I can do a separate 'catch-up' session). Please get in touch to know more or if you'd like to join us. Hugh Tarran 814081 email h.tarran@tiscali.co.uk or at <http://www.sheepscombe.org/#/bridge/4577954930>

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September News



This month I have some very helpful news for the many people in our county who are affected by cancer. First of all there is "Moving On" which will be on the 9th of October 2013, 9.30am to 3.30pm. Macmillan Cancer Support is holding a FREE conference on Health & Wellbeing at the beautiful Manor by the Lake, Cheltenham. The day will offer attendees the opportunity to listen to leading clinicians on current issues and initiatives in health and wellbeing for people affected by cancer and their carers. There will be a number of keynote speakers covering topics such as Eating Well, Survivorship and Physical Activity.

The afternoon sessions will allow you to attend workshops which include the choice of Walking for Health, Art Therapy, Mindfulness or a session led by Shoosmith's Solicitors about carers rights, benefits and employment. To book your space please call the administration team on 01904 651700 or email csweLDAdmin@macmillan.org.uk. I will be attending and can offer 4 people a lift there and back. Also connected to cancer is a course running nationally called "Living Well" run by Penny Brohn Cancer Care who is based in Bristol. They have been supporting people with cancer for over 30 years, combining physical, emotional and spiritual support to work alongside medical treatment.

Attending a "Living Well" course can help you to find your own way to live well with the impact of cancer. It has been designed to work alongside your medical treatment, providing you with support at any stage of your cancer journey; before, during or after treatment.

The "Living Well" course can:

Provide information on healthy eating, being active and the value of relaxation during and after treatment.

Help you cope with diagnosis and treatment and offer space and time to focus on you and your relationships

Signpost information about other support available to you and enable you to make a plan that is personal to you and can support your everyday life

The courses are free and you will be part of a supportive group going through similar experiences. Because it is recognised that cancer affects the people closest to you, they are also welcome

I hope you will take up these excellent facilities which are all free and can really help what can be a terribly bleak and frightening time for anyone affected by cancer. Please don't forget that you can call on the local services of Maggie's, Sue Ryder and Cotswold Care and I as your village agent am here to help with any other enquires you might have in regards to your health, care, finances, and wellbeing.

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

PROPERTY REPORT for August from Murrays

Murrays have again had a very successful and busy couple of months, which considering it has been over the summer holidays, a usually quieter time for selling property, is very pleasing! We currently have one of the largest registers of property that we have had over the last 5 years or more and since we have over a third of those under offer that shows a clear pick up in the market. The buyers are clearly out there at the moment so with a lot of our stock under offer we are going to be needing lots of new properties ready to come to market for the beginning of September. If you are thinking of selling this year then please do not hesitate to call us for your free valuation on 01452814655.

The positive upturn in the market has been echoed by the Nationwide who have said that UK house prices increased by 0.8% in July and were now 3.9% higher than they were in July 2012. This is the strongest rate of annual price growth since August 2010. House prices are currently around 12% higher than the lows seen in the midst of the financial crisis, though they are still around 10% below the all time highs recorded in late 2007.

On a completely different note! Some of you may already know I am climbing Mount Kilimanjaro for Cancer Research UK in October this year. It is for a great cause so if any would be kind enough to sponsor me then please pop into the office or visit our Just Giving page which is: www.justgiving.com/jamesjamesandrossclimbforcancer we have already raised £2,700 but every penny counts! We have continued to take on many more lovely properties in the area, including Firle, a 3 / 4 bed bungalow in Blakewell Mead with lovely views, 3 Hambutts Cottages, a newly renovated end of terrace 2 bed cottage off Edge Road, Woodland View, a beautifully presented 3 / 4 chalet bungalow with a stunning garden on The Knoll in Cranham, 3 Ivy Lodge Barns, an immaculate 4 bed barn conversion in the center of Birdlip, Rectory Barn, a substantial detached Grade 11 listed barn conversion with annexe in the center of Bisley (already under offer), 7 Gladiator Close, a modern extended 3 bed semi detached family house in Brockworth and Robinswood House, a substantial detached 5/6 bedroom period family house on the outskirts of Gloucester full of historic and character features. Properties and land that we currently have under offer are Turnways in Butt Green Painswick, 38 Ashwell in Painswick, 27 Upper Washwell in Painswick, 5 acres of land off Kingsmill Lane/Stroud Road, Mullions in Queensmead, Painswick, Woodcote in The Highlands, Painswick, Wynstowe on Lower Washwell, Painswick, 17 Hyett Orchard, Painswick, Far End House in Sheepscombe, Leverets Barn in Brimpsfield and Rectory Barn in Bisley. Properties that have now sold are Little Place on Hollyhock Lane, Painswick and Eastlea on Back Edge Lane in Edge.

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SEPTEMBER

Sat	7	Saturday Market; various stalls - every Saturday	Town Hall. Lower Room	9.00am to 2.00pm
Sun	8	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	8.00am
Mon	9	Probus Women: Waitrose talk on Cheese Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Church Rooms Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.00 for 10.30am 10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	10	Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 814890	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	11	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
Thu	12	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	13	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Friday Club: Bookbinding - Anne Weare	Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm
Sun	15	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 10.00am
Tue	17	Local History Society: Freemasonry and its 'Secrets' - Ray Pearson	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	18	Probus: Outing to R.A.F. Museum, Cosford Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	19	Music Appreciation Group: Introduction	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	21	Copy Date for October Beacon		
Sun	22	Holy Communion (BCP) Service of the Word Clipping Service	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 10.00am 3.00pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: History of Penicillin - Denys Thompson	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	25	Table Tennis sessions start - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	26	Painswick Players AGM: All welcome, especially prospective new members	P. Centre Cotswold Rm.	7.30pm
Fri	27	Friday Club: History of Inn Signs - Angela Pancrucker Fascinating Fascinators Workshop: £80 to include all resources, refreshments & light lunch Gloucester Brass in Concert: in aid of Stroud & District Homes Foundation. £10 includes light supper. Tickets - Old Post Office or Tel. 812363 / 81258 / 812934	Town Hall P. Centre Green Room Painswick Centre	2.30pm 10.00am to 5.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	28	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
Sun	29	Holy Communion (BCP) Apple Day	St Mary's Church	8.00am

OCTOBER

Tue	1	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	2	Probus: Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon - Mark Shorrocks & Alex Herbert. Open Meeting Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club / Painswick Bird Club: The language & folklore of birds - Charles Martin 813228	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
Thu	3	Music Appreciation Group: The Edwardians	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	5	October Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Edge Harvest Concert: Tickets £10 to include a drink & canapes: Tel. 814564 / 812063 or at door	Edge Church	7.00pm
Mon	7	Bird Club residential field trip - North Norfolk coast (until 10th) Details: 812951 Community Lunches start: Hosts Country Market	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Fri	11	Friday Club Autumn Outing to Batsford Arboretum		
Mon	14	Community Lunch: Hosts St Mary's Church	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Hailes Abbey & the Mystery of the Holy Blood - David Aldred	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Probus: The Worst Journey in the World (Story of Russian Naval Convoys) - Bob Watkin	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	17	Music Appreciation Group: Wagner	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Music Appreciation Group Outing: John Lill Recital at Malvern	Stamages Car Park	4.00pm

OCTOBER (continued)

Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.; Stroud News & Journal (Open Meeting)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	25	Friday Club: The Vine Project - Pat Chase	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	26	Conservatives Knitwear Sale	Town Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
		Painswick Singers Autumn Concert	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Wed	30	Probus: Gloucestershire's Economy - Present & Future: David Owen Chief Exec. Glosfirst. Open Meeting	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	31	Music Appreciation Group: Verdi	Town Hall	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Tue	5	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: AGM (1.45pm) followed by Deaf Association speaker - Deaf Awareness	Town Hall	1.45pm
Sat	9	Sue Ryder Coffee Morning	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12noon
		Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Stamages Car Park	1.00pm
Wed	13	Probus: An Old Man's Adventures on a Bicycle (John O'Groats to Lands End) - Mick Ponting	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Managing Memory 2gether Session	P. Centre Cots. Room	2.30pm
Thu	14	Music Appreciation Group: British Pictures at an Exhibition	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	19	Local History Society: The History of Symbolism in Christian Art - Dr Frances Wilson-Copp	Croft School	7.30pm
Thu	21	Bird Club: Feathers and Flight - Dr Timothy Seller	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: Christmas Wreaths Workshop - Jane Morriss	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: Brimscombe Hedgehog Hospital - John Crowther	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	27	Probus: Hurdy Gurdy Early Verdi - Brian Meadows	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	28	Music Appreciation Group: An Eccentric Record Collector	Town Hall	7.30pm

DECEMBER

Tue	3	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	6	Friday Club Christmas Lunch		
Tue	10	Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	11	Probus: Christmas Dinner with the ladies		
Thu	12	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	18	Last Table Tennis Session	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Sat	21	Painswick Singers pre-Christmas Concert	St Mary's Church	7.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

RICHMOND VILLAGE CENTRE
Extension of existing covered walkway and new access doors into existing terrace area.

THE BULL, Wick Street
Works to demolish a single storey extension to the side of the property and build a new two storey side extension with attic room.

ENDERLEY, Longridge, Sheepscombe.
Re-submission following withdrawal of application S.10/0531/HHOLD for the erection of extension at first floor level.

FLAX COTTAGE, Vicarage Street.
Fell Cotoneaster to leave a 1m stem. Reduce height of the Cherry tree.

BELL YARD, New Street.
Conversion of office/studio to one residential unit.

THE PAINSWICK CENTRE, Bisley Street.
Remove window and replace with disabled access.

1 AND 3 GLOUCESTER ROAD, Works to Maple, Horse Chestnut, Plum trees and Elder (TPO-105).

PYLL HOUSE, Sheepscombe.
Re-opening of two blocked windows in east gable end.

DRY KNAPPS FARM, Edge Road,
Demolition of existing extension, replace with two storey extension & internal alterations. Revised scheme following permission S.09/0724/HHOLD (Retrospective) Retrospective application for raised roof line of Extension from 4.7m to 5.2m. Demolish the existing kitchen extension & replace it with a new two storey pitched roof extension. To convert a playroom into a bedroom with ensuite facilities. (Resubmission)

MAPLE COTTAGE, Painswick.
Proposed first floor side extension and single storey side porch extension.

St MARYS MEAD, Painswick
Horse Chestnut – Dead wood and prune back from building giving 2 m clearance. Hornbeam remove leading shoot and formative prune.

CHRIST CHURCH Gloucester Street.
Movement of ground floor pews except those agreed and already fix on the wall paneling. All the existing pews will be left in situ on the balcony. All the pews will be retained on site. Also agreed in principle the removal of 4 obsolete gas wall brackets.

MOONRAKERS, New Street
Demolition of a single storey flat roof 1970s extension and lean-to conservatory and a replacement single storey extension to form a new kitchen and dining room area.

THE NEW HOUSE, Friday Street.
Extension of roof terrace, including creation of planters and associated fencing.

THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, Vicarage Road
Demolish existing toilet and replace with disabled toilet.

JAYS HILL, The Park
Erection of side extension.

LOWOOD FAR END, Sheepscombe
Single Storey roof extension, create run of additional sliding folding doors to west elevation, block up window in north elevation and installation of new window in east elevation.

1A UPPER WASHWELL, Painswick
Variations of conditions inc renewals.

PYLL HOUSE, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe
Erection of a 5 bay barn to house farm machinery and hay storage.

HOLCOMBE HOUSE, Painswick
Refurbishment and internal alterations to main house, with new kitchen/garden room extension. Repairs and internal alterations to barn to form library. Alteration to dog room and cottage. New metal fence to boundary wall, Removal of garage and new garden steps.

DYNEVOR HOUSE, New Street, Crown
reduction of 3m to cherry tree.

NORWAY HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe
Replacement Dwelling.

HILLSIDE, Kings Mill Lane, Painswick
Replacement of single garage with double garage with pitched roof, revised parking and the erection of a garden room to the main residence

CONSENT
RICHMOND CARE VILLAGE, erection of temporary signs.

GARDEN COTTAGE, Stamages Lane.
Erection of lean to conservatory onto existing patio base.

GOLDEN HEART, Tibblewell Lane.
Replacement of doors and windows and internal alterations.

WASHWELL FARM, Cheltenham Road.
Extension to existing agricultural barn.

LAND AT BUTTS COTTAGE, Edge Road.
Replacement of extant permission S.07/1869/FUL (Erection of a Dwelling and conservatory)

BROOKDALE, Far End, Sheepscombe.
Erection of balcony and porch, cladding of walls and replacement windows.

CLOVERS, Kingsmead.
Erection of new 3 bay garage and associated landscaping works.

ASHLEIGH, Gloucestershire Street.
Erection of extension to dwelling and studio, internal alterations.

Demolition of garage and widening or rear gate & increase height of boundary wall.

EDGE LANE HOUSE, Edge Lane, Edge.
Demolition/rebuilding of existing outbuilding, erection of open bay porches, installation of paved verandah & associated works & planting, removal of tennis courts and area.

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The Personal Column

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Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of ROSE SMITH who has died recently.

Welcome

We warmly welcome the new Vicar of the Beacon Benefice the Reverend MIKE HOLLOWAY and his wife MARGARET. They have recently moved to the Vicarage in Orchard Mead from the Bishops Cleeve area. Mike was licenced for his new job in St Marys Church Painswick on Tuesday 3rd September by the Bishop of Gloucester.

Thank You

A big thank you to my family for giving me a lovely 80th birthday party with all my friends and neighbours, and thank you so much for the lovely cards, presents and flowers from everyone. We all had a great time. Joyce Lamort

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