

The Painswick Beacon

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Stroud District Council Election

At the election on Thursday 22nd May, Mrs Julie Job retained the Painswick Ward seat for the Conservative Party. The seat was previously held by Mrs Frances Roden. Mrs Job joins Councillor Nigel Cooper, Conservative, as the second Painswick Ward District Council member. Both councillors reside in Cranham.

Result

Peter Ralph Adams	Green Party	407
John Richard Ford	UK Independence Party	296
Julie Anthea Job	The Conservative Party Candidate	1005
Thomas Joseph Lydon	The Labour Party Candidate	217

European Parliament Election

The following South West Region candidates were elected as Members of the European Parliament at the election on Thursday 22nd May.

Molly Scott Cato	Green Party
William (The Earl of) Dartmouth	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
Ashley Peter Fox	Conservative Party
Julie McCulloch Girling	Conservative Party
Clare Miranda Moody	Labour Party
Julia Reid	UK Independence Party (UKIP)

*Cllr Julie Job
Photograph courtesy
of the Stroud News &
Journal.*



A June celebration of Laurie Lee and the Slad Valley

It probably won't have escaped Beacon readers that the year of 1914 didn't just mark the start of the truly terrible Great War – it was also the year in which Laurie Lee, extraordinary and well loved writer, traveller and artist was born. As well as a whole range of official events, the villagers of Slad are enthusiastically marking the centenary with the week-long Slad Valley Festival that includes art, poetry, music, entertainment, and chances to explore the valley. Here is a guide to some of the things you won't want to miss!

Inspired by Slad Valley – exhibition in Holy Trinity Church in Slad 21st-29th June, 10-5 Mon-Sat, Sunday 1-5. This is an exhibition of high quality work by Gloucestershire artists and craftsmen, all of it inspired by the valley and some of its for sale – It includes painting, ceramics, glass, sculpture, textiles and much more.

The Valley under the Skin - 17th June to 6 July at the Lansdown Gallery in Stroud (just next to the library). 10-5 Mon-Fri, 11-4 Sun. Exhibition of the work of local glass artist, Amanda Lawrence, based on a unique two year project of walking through the Slad Valley with sketchbook, recorder and camera to hand, aiming to draw inspiration from its natural life. The exhibition includes stunning glass sculptures, an interactive "tree of wishes" (with the chance to have your own wish inscribed on a glass "leaf", photographs that capture the heart of the valley, and valley "soundscapes". See www.amandalawrenceglass.com for more information.

Cider with Laurie. The story of Laurie Lee's life told through his own writings – reading live music and some liquid lubrication. Black Book Café in Stroud, 13th July, 4pm

A Slad century in poetry and music – Museum in the Park, 12th June, 8pm – information on www.museuminthepark.org.uk

Edge of Day – tribute concert to Laurie Lee by Johnny Coppin. 28th June 8pm Stroud Subscription rooms – call 01453 760960.

Cider Festival and Flamenco Fiesta at the Woolpack - 28th June 12 noon till late. Fun for all the family, with face painting, flamenco classes, homemade cider competition and then music, tapas and dancing in the evening.

Open Gardens and Valley Views – Sunday 22nd June and Saturday 28th June 1.30 to 4.30 pm. Your chance to enjoy unrivalled views of Slad Valley and/or glorious horticulture from 20 or more gardens in Slad, The Vatch and Elcombe. £1 gets you entry to all. Cream teas and refreshments will be available in some gardens. Just come to the village and look for the signs.

Laurie Lee Way Walk – Tuesday 24th June run by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. See www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk for details

Slad Valley Walk App - the Slad Society hopes to launch this app for Android in time for the Festival week. It will enable you to follow a route around the village connecting Laurie Lee-related viewpoints with photos, historical notes and snippets of Laurie Lee himself reading from 'Cider with Rosie'. See www.sladsociety.org.uk for more details.

We hope there's something on for everyone – and what an opportunity to mark and celebrate the prolific life of one of Gloucestershire's favourite sons....

Andy Dickinson 07770476962

Post Office

In the Painswick Centre News item on page 9, Trustee Mike Hill writes,

"We are continuing to process the opening of a Post Office Local at the Painswick Centre. We now believe that we are close to satisfying the various requirements and hope to have it up and running later this year. The support from the Parish Council for this venture has been very welcome and helpful".

New Head Teacher named

The Beacon has been informed that the new head teacher of The Croft School is to be Mr Kevin Howie. He will take up his appointment in September.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 21st May by Mike Kerton

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of widest public interest, based upon what we see and hear.

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Matters requiring decision

It was agreed to support the applications at Halecroft, Stamages Lane and at Holcombe Farm. The members agreed to support the application at Uplands, Cheltenham Road but expressed concern that "the proposals will lead to a lack of privacy for the neighbouring property, Highcroft". It was agreed to continue to recommend refusal of the application at The Bull, Wick Street following an application to amend the condition relating to access as the Committee believed that the proposed entrance would be "dangerous for vehicles entering and exiting this access".

PARISH COUNCIL

This was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. At this meeting the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council are elected by Councillors together with the Chairs of the various Committees. The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, opened the meeting and sought nominations for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council. Cllr Rob Lewis proposed and Cllr Jason Bullingham seconded Cllr Martin Slinger be nominated for Chairman. There was a unanimous vote in support. Cllr Rob Lewis then proposed and Cllr Ian James seconded Caroline White be nominated for Vice Chairman. Again there was unanimous support for the proposal.

Cllr Martin Slinger then assumed the role of Chairman and sought nominations for Chairs of the various Committees. The following were unanimously elected:

PLANNING – Cllr Rob Lewis, Cllr Jason Bullingham Vice Chairman

FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES incl PERSONEL – Cllr Ian James
RURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL – Cllr Ann Daniels

TRAFFIC – Cllr Abigail Smith
LAND and BUILDINGS – Cllr Caroline White

Cllrs were then appointed to serve on various local organisations as either a Trustee or Council Representative.

With the administration of the Council completed Chairman Martin Slinger moved the Agenda forward.

Matters Arising

Painswick Youth Club Project: Cllr Caroline White reported to the meeting that apart from one or two minor matters the project was complete and within budget. The Official Opening Ceremony of the Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion is to be held on the 14th June at 3.00pm. All are welcome! The Steering Committee are seeking volunteers from the Community to assist with the running of the Pavilion. Further information can be obtained from Roy Balgobin, Clerk to the Council.

Business Focus Group: Cllr Ben Nicholls advised the meeting that following the resignations of Caroline Crawford and Chris Mercer, due to other commitments, the working group now consisted entirely of Parish Councillors. Representatives from the local business community would be brought into the group for specific initiatives. A "hands-on novices surgery" is being held on the 5th June. Invitations will be e-mailed to local businesses. The meeting will explain how the plan on Developing Social Media for Painswick will operate.

Responsible Financial Officers report

Clerk, Roy Balgobin, confirmed that a request had been received from Edge PCC for funding to assist with the upkeep of the Churchyard. As an amount had been included in the current Precept it was agreed to forward a cheque to Edge PCC. Cllr Caroline White presented a request from the Pavilion User Group for a grant of £400 towards the costs of the Opening Event. The grant would be used for the production of posters/printing and flyers. The request was approved by the Council. Cllr Ian James moved acceptance of the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014. The Council voted unanimously to accept the accounts. A copy of the audited accounts would be available, in the Town Hall offices of the Council, for members of the public to scrutinise.

The Clerk explained the need to com-

plete the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2014. This was a Statuary requirement. The Council unanimously agreed the proposed wording of the Statement.

Cllr Ian James, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Clerk, Roy Balgobin, and Assistant Clerk, Irena Litton, for their hard work to ensure that both the Audited Accounts and Annual Government Statement had been efficiently completed.

Ward Reports

Cllr Ann Daniels reported that pedestrians were experiencing difficulties in walking down Bisley Street due to overgrown shrubs overhanging the pavement. It was particularly difficult for parents with young children in buggies. The Clerk will contact the householders involved.

Cllr Caroline White reported that a grit bin, that had been destroyed by a falling tree in March at Upper Vatch Mill, had still not been replaced. The Clerk confirmed that the bin would be replaced by the Parish Council.

Cllr Rob Lewis recommended that the Council consider providing a defibrillator for the village. The Clerk suggested that there was a need to identify a suitable position that could supply power. The Clerk also suggested that the St Johns Ambulance be contacted and invited to make a presentation to the Council on how a defibrillator worked, what training was required and where it should be sited. This was agreed by the Council.

Cllr Lewis also advised the Council that during July the BBC would be filming in Painswick. This was for a forthcoming programme.

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What's happening ACP and more



Feel the Buzz at this Cutting Edge Festival on Sunday July 13th 2014, preceded by a musical soiree Live@ACP on the Saturday. We are thrilled to announce this commences with an event from the Cheltenham Music Festival, Music at Art Couture, where a Paris based Hermes Quartet will be playing in St Mary's Church on Saturday afternoon from 3 - 4.20pm, and is followed with music by local musicians in the churchyard from 4.30-9pm. For a slight change of pace we are hoping to organize a parade of 'Cars of Interest' anybody who is hiding such a car in their garage should contact Mike Hill at <mikehillhk@gmail.com>

What you can expect on Festival Day ,

- Amazing creations themed on 'Reflections, Invasions, and Legends,
- Creative headgear themed on Elements
- With the Body Art focusing on Heroes and Heroines.
- Music on three stages
- Churchyard Catwalk Show
- Circus skills Workshops and Street fun and entertainment.
- Wildly Creative Stalls
- Delicious offerings from local suppliers.
- DAKOTA FLY PAST
- The village Streets will be closed to facilitate this (not the A46)

Festival Entry will be by wristband £5 on festival day from the information tent or one of the entry booths.

£4 in advance online or from the ACP Gallery to include entry into a free prize draw.

Children under 12 free.

Volunteer

Join the growing army of volunteers to make this happen in our amazing village. Jobs include car parking, ticket selling, traffic control, putting up banners and signs and registering the Entrants. You will be welcomed with open arms on Wed June 18th at The ACP Gallery, The Painswick Centre at 7pm. One of the volunteers from the Olympic games will be on hand to divulge their secrets.!!

New Website

We are proud to announce the launch of our new website, with huge thanks to The Arts Council. Please log in and discover for yourself what we are all about. Check out www.canvasforcreativity.com

We hope that that you will enjoy the fun of Festival day, and enjoy showing off the village in a 'DIFFERENT LIGHT' Please remember that ACP is not just about the Festival, we hope that in our new Gallery in the Painswick Centre we have created an inspirational corner where aspiring contestants can get ideas, or you can buy a beautiful crafted gift mainly created by contestants. We work hard all year to unlock the creative streak in students and beyond by hosting workshops and educational outreach programmes and we are thrilled to have this unique gallery as our home,

Hope to see you on July 13th!



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Painswick Annual Parish Meeting – 14th May

At the conclusion of the formal meeting, Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger asked the Chair of the Land and Buildings Committee, Cllr Caroline White, to update the meeting on the St Mary's Street toilets' consultation.

St Mary's Street Toilet

Currently the Ladies toilet had been closed. It had been decided that a "no action" position was not an option. Consideration was being given to converting the Gents into either a "Unisex" or a Disabled toilet and the Ladies into a dry storage area, available for rent. There would be a need to apply for a Public Works Loan to cover the cost of the conversion. The income from the rental of the dry storage area would be used to offset the cost of the loan. Also as there was Asbestos in the building, this would increase the cost of the contract to convert the buildings.

A meeting would be convened to agree the way forward.

The Meeting was then opened to the members of the public present to raise matters of interest.

Traffic

Despite the 20mph speed limit, concern was expressed over the speed of traffic through the village. Cllr Rob Lewis, Chair of the Traffic Committee, apologised to the meeting for the delay in setting up the use of hand-held speed cameras by volunteers. He intended to ensure that the volunteers would be operational by the end of July. The speed guns were in limited supply and would only be available for periods of two weeks before being transferred to other areas.

As the 20mph speed limit was not enforceable County Cllr Jason Bullingham advised the meeting that other local Parishes were reverting to 30mph speed limits through their villages. Currently the only action the Police are able to take is to charge a motorist, who is exceeding the 20mph limit, with either dangerous or careless driving.

Cllr Rob Lewis stated that the Council were seeking to use a Vehicle Activated Speed sign (VAS). The VAS has an illuminated sign that would "flash" the speed of an approaching vehicle which was exceeding the speed limit. It would also record the speed of vehicles on a cartridge. The sign would be portable and used in known areas where traffic exceeds the speed limit.

General

The new owner of the "Chairman", Chris Stark, appealed to members of the public not to use drawing pins when attaching notices to the board on the side of his premises. He was concerned about puncturing his car tyres. It may be necessary to remove the notice board if the public continue to use drawing pins!

Mike Kerton



HOLIDAY ESSENTIALS!

- Sunscreen – Including 50ml pocket sizes
- Insect Repellent
- Flight Socks
- Airplane friendly travel bottles
- Antimalarial Tablets

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Painswick Parish Council - Annual Report 2013/14

The Council said a fond farewell to Ela Pathak-Sen who led the revision of the Parish Plan and Anne Smith who was instrumental in setting up the Saturday Market; the Council are extremely grateful and wish them both well.

We have several new Councillors; David Oxendale, Emma Smith and Abigail Smith, all who have taken on projects.

Finance (Cllr Ian James)

Despite increasing demands on the Parish Council, the Council has again managed to freeze its element of the Council Tax.

The Council have been pleased to support several Painswick events and groups including; The Arts Festival, Art Couture, Sheepscombe Toddler Group and assisting in the setting up of the new Tourist Information Office in the Churchyard. The Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion has been achieved through a variety of grants, donations and local goodwill.

Planning Cllr Rob Lewis.

Over the last year, there have been a number of far reaching changes to National Planning Policies – not all of which have had a significant effect within Painswick but ever more so within the District.

Planning Committee continues to deal with a relatively higher number of planning applications and meets twice monthly in order to consider all applications and submit responses within the deadlines.

We work closely with all of Stroud District Council's Planning Officers and our District Ward Councillor, Nigel Cooper who is a member of the Development Control Committee (DCC).

The vast majority of all applications were for extensions or alterations with a fairly high proportion being Grade 2 (or Grade 1) building consents. We again dealt with a number of tree applications.

Traffic Cllr Rob Lewis.

Speeding continues to be one of the main issues and concerns for our Traffic Committee. I am still working closely with the Police with the aim of setting up a volunteer 'speed check' group.

There has also been a delay in the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Speed sign (VAS). We do need to ensure that it is of the right design with the ability to record traffic events. It also needs to be mobile in order to be mounted on lampposts and road signs etc. To this end I have now scheduled some time with the Police to choose suitable locations throughout our various wards on which to mount the VAS.

As we are all aware, road surfaces and potholes continue to be a major concern, not only throughout our County but also Nationally. We will continue to work closely with County Highways in order to schedule relevant funding and repairs throughout all 4 of our wards.

Land and Buildings Cllr Caroline White

St Mary's WC's. A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes. Asbestos surveys have been received and essential works quoted. Urgent repairs to the external roof covering and upper level stone work have been instructed. Meanwhile, cost estimates to strip out the toilets and convert the Men's into a disabled unisex and baby change facility have been requested.

The Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion. There has been a complete refurbishment of both the interior and exterior of the building on time and on budget. A grand opening for this superb community facility is planned for Sat 14th June. Come and have a look, you will not be disappointed.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Richard and Virginia Falconer for their sterling work and unstinting support with this project.

Play Painswick group plan to consult and work with the local community- adults and children- to secure funds to implement new play facilities for the Recreation Ground. Look out for our update bulletins to join in!!

Signage around Painswick This is an on going project to raise the profile of key assets within the village and help the public to locate essential service. Eg Library, Tourist Info, WC's etc.

Other tasks include siting dog mess bins, repairing bus shelters, replacing notice boards, repairing stone walls and repairing roofs.

Rural Environment Committee Cllr Ann Daniels

Plantation Our five year grants from the Forestry Commission have now come to an end. Our Agent Mr. Fenton has submitted our long term plan to the Forestry Commission.

A large tree fell on the Beacon and was quickly removed. Three smaller trees were removed near the Walkers car park.

George Hodder and Paul Cooke cleared the small trees, brambles and ivy from the Gloucester Road walls and they have been repaired.

Common Land The restricted work being carried out on the common land in Golf Course Road is being dealt with by the full Council.

Commons on Bulls Cross and Longridge have applied for permission to fence for grazing.

Footpaths The continuity of the New Drive footpath in Stamages Lane has been accepted and will be added to the definitive map.

Our Footpath Inspectors continue to report problems with their areas. Work needed doing can be reported to the Clerk.

Connected Painswick Cllr David Oxendale

There has been a significant shift in how people use the internet. Almost two thirds of all internet traffic is via a mobile device and latest figures show over 75% of UK users ages 18-65 now have a smart-phone, providing access from banking to photography.

One of the biggest areas of growth is a phenomenon called 'social networking', once felt just to be for teenagers and geeks! This area is growing rapidly; and almost 80% of UK residents (with access to the internet) use social media. Whether its twitter or facebook, tripadvisor or instagram, these services are growing in popularity.

Immediately, residents of Painswick will see little of this new connectivity, however over time, our social media credentials will grow, which will help the revival of the retail offer in the town and ensure our position as somewhere people would like to stop-off or stay-over when visiting the South West and Cotswold.

Being part of the Social Network is now fundamental to developing a relationship with visitors and residents alike and it's imperative that we're not left behind as these new networks grow.

Business Working Group Cllr Abigail Smith @LovePainwick Business Group

The group has three broad target areas:

1) Supporting Events - linking with the legacy project of In Our Towns, " Festival Towns", we will support the large number of events, both existing and new that are being held in Painswick and draw hundreds of visitors to the town.

2) Improving Footfall - increasing the footfall to the town is of benefit to both retailers and the community. This will include both the existing offering, including consideration of commercial property.

3) Establishing a Business Network - recognising both shop-front and behind-door businesses in Painswick and how these could be engaged and supported for the benefit of all.

Slad Ward Cllr Steve Morris

This has been a year of contrasts for those in the valley and its inhabitants. Communication between councillors and parishioners had flowed and issues discussed and actions taken.

An Annual Ward meeting was held in February 2014 with approximately twenty in attendance with both Councillor White and Morris attending. The following points were raised; 1) the effectiveness of the traffic calming scheme at the upper part of Slad, with far fewer accidents 2) Concerns regarding road repairs have been addressed 3) Planning including larger housing developments and their processes were discussed 4) Financial support for Painswick was reported to the meeting.

Some of the ward issues covered throughout the year have been:-

Annual Ward meeting, Road repairs- additional govt monies- reporting, Salt bins- stocking and repairs, Common land- issues, Planning issues including a petition at parish and town level, National changes effect on local plans

Councillor training, Consideration of the Precept.

General comments A Christmas Nativity play was ► ► ►

Painswick's Business Community

The Parish Council is to be commended for its initiative in creating a new Business Group. There was a good attendance at the meeting on May 1st when Cllr David Oxendale from the Patchwork Mouse gave an excellent presentation in which he explained how Social Media is changing the way people use the Internet with it becoming not just big business but mass market too.

There is a growing concern about the need to promote new retail outlets and to foster attempts to re-open those shops that have closed in recent years. The closure of the post office has highlighted the problem. We were very pleased to read some time ago of the intention to re-open the Shetland Shop which occupies such an important position in the centre of the village. The Beacon hopes that the intention will come to fruition. We were disappointed to learn of the closure of "The Chairman" shop and wish to thank its owner, Chris Mercer, for the many initiatives he has taken in promoting Painswick. It is good news that the new owner, Chris Stark, wishes to retain the shop as a retail outlet and we are pleased to carry his advertisement below in which he points out that the shop space is available for long term letting.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NEW SHOP SPACE – 380 sq ft of A1/A2 ZONED RETAIL SPACE

Located in the heart of Painswick (formerly "The Chairman" site) this space is available for long term letting. Interested parties are invited to email: thestarkfamily1@btinternet.com requesting the draft lease, an outline shop description form and an indication of their maximum annual rental (exclusive of any rates, charges or utilities) and to submit a formal response by email before 12pm on 16.06.2014. Interested parties are welcome to visit the site in advance of submissions. The current owners are committed to keeping this space for retail or services of a suitable nature for the Village – and will offer a lease to the most advantageous application – based on fit with the Village, financial package and fit with running a shop in our family home. Applications after this date will not be considered.

organised by both Councillor White and Morris as part of community cohesion and celebration of our local heritage and values. This was very well attended and the children were excellently behaved with so little rehearsal!

Plans for the future: Centenary Celebrations for Laurie Lee: Councillor Morris as Chair of the Slad Society is hoping to see a successful week of celebrations culminating with a village cricket match against Sheepscombe!

Heritage: Councillor Morris is actively pursuing developing a Community Orchard for Slad with the support of a group of people and advice from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

Edge Ward Cllr Martin Slinger

The village seems to be running well with the Village Hall providing a hub of different activities. The fete was very well attended and provided a good opportunity for the residents to socialise. The main concerns regard traffic and speeding on our roads.

Sheepscombe Ward Cllr Roey Parker

The bus shelter next to the Methodist Chapel has been repaired and repainted. A replacement footpath map is being organised. A dog waste bin has been installed outside the Village Hall and is well used.

A replacement notice board has been ordered for Longridge. Potholes in the road below the Church have been patched.

Part of Jacks Green has been cleared of scrub and thatch by Cotswold Conservation Volunteers.

Appreciations

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who was involved in the Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion Project, there has been so much local goodwill/hard graft and generous donations, the end result is a fantastic building that is available for everyone to use. A special thanks to PSALMS, Charles Perkins, Caroline

Wednesday Ashwell Group

We meet every Wednesday from 10-3pm at Ashwell House, Painswick. This is the highlight of the week for some of our elderly people in need of companionship. CAN YOU spare a morning or afternoon to help once a month? For further info please ring Midge Leney 01452 813090 or Sandra Glass 01452 814186.

Messy Church

Come and find out about Joseph and his brothers and a coat!

Join us in Painswick Church Rooms on Thursday 12th June, 3.30 to 5.30pm.

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

Any queries; please contact Fiona Gill. Fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net 0777151338.

White, Terry Parker and Richard and Virginia Falconer, as without their commitment, this project would not have been possible.

Due to the efforts of Mrs Carole Fuller, we now have a long list of volunteers as Snow Wardens, which were armed and ready to tackle any adverse weather, thankfully they were not needed this year.

We look forward to the new Tourist Information Centre being open shortly in the Church Yard, and thanks to Anne Smith and the Church for making this possible. (They currently have a temporary office in the Church itself).

Thanks to Chris Mercer for his continued efforts in organising events within Painswick, including Art Couture, the Saturday Market and the Goodwill Evening – we wish him well for his future move.

The Community Library had its official opening by the Duke of Gloucester, and due to its growing popularity they now have further opening times – well done.

A tremendous amount of work in going on behind the scenes to enable the reinstatement of a Post Office and we are grateful to the Trustees of the Painswick Centre for their commitment so far.

Once again I would like to thank all the footpath inspectors, the volunteers who help clear the Beacon and all the groups and organisation who help make the Parish thrive.

I wish to pass on my thanks and best wishes to Mrs Frances Roden who has represented Painswick at district level for a number of years.

Finally, my appreciation to my fellow councillors for their support, to George Hodder who always goes the extra mile and is great PR for Painswick and the Deputy Clerk Irena Litton and the Clerk Roy Balgobin for their dedication and commitment during what has been a very busy year.

Martin Slinger, Chairman



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Greg Thatcher

Readers may have noticed a still figure among the yew trees in the churchyard last summer, quietly sketching away. This is Greg Thatcher, an artist from Iowa, who has been visiting Painswick and working on a series of yew tree drawings based on the topiary yews in our churchyard since the 1990s. His work is minutely detailed and highly atmospheric. We commissioned a small picture of a corner of our garden from him last year and are thrilled with the result.

Last summer Greg put in 130 hours on location in our churchyard, and is halfway through a special drawing. He writes: "My drawings are created through direct observation - *pleine aire* - and what the trees represent outwardly and inwardly. The trees cannot be rendered through photographs. I tried it and it didn't work because the spatial relationships are too complicated to be understood except through direct perception and even that is challenging!"

Greg hopes to come to Painswick this summer to complete his picture, and is fundraising via Kickstarter: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1413320022/pleine-aire-of-the-sacred-yews>

I urge readers to visit the page and read about him and his project, and if possible to pledge an amount towards his completion of the project.

Virginia Falconer

A show with a difference

Gifford's Circus, for those who have not had the pleasure of seeing a performance, is an absolute delight. It is completely different from any other circus, describing itself as a bohemian vintage circus, and annually tours the Cotswolds and the south-west from May to September.

It was founded in 2000 by Nell and Toti Gifford and is based in Bourton-on-the-Water where the farmyard animals which are part of the show are choreographed and rehearsed. Unlike other circus entertainment, Gifford's combines an eclectic mix of theatre, dance, comedy, acrobatics, live music and farmyard animals. The circus performers, including jugglers and contortionists, are sourced from across the world.

Arriving with their signature gold and burgundy showman's wagons and billowing big top, this year the company's nearest destinations to Painswick will be Frampton on Severn village green (31st July-3rd August), Minchinhampton Common (7th-18th August) and Stratton Meadows, Cirencester (5th -14th September). This is highly skilled pure entertainment which all ages can enjoy. You can expect dancing horses, dashing Dalmatians, live music, flying people and Brian the Goose, now a well established favourite show stealer.

Carol Maxwell



Annual Beacon Clear-Up

The annual clear-up of part of the Painswick Beacon took place on Sunday 11th May. Peter Rowe who organises the event said that there had not been as much rubbish as in previous years. There were 15 black bags, one umbrella, one car wheel, and one ignition key and lock. Pictured from left to right are: David Allott, Douglas Robinson, Jane Rowe, Lilla McGrory, Celia Lougher, Nicola Robinson, Marc Van Dam, Elenor Van Dam and Damilola Robinson. Not in the picture but also helping were David Little, John and Anne Newhill and Peter himself.

The Tempest in the Rococo Garden

The Gloucestershire Youth Players will be performing *The Tempest in the Rococo Garden* on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of July at 7.00pm. The gardens will open for picnics from 6.00pm. GYP came to Painswick last year with their hugely enjoyable production of *Much Ado About Nothing*. They are a young and exciting group whose aim is to bring Shakespeare to life in an invigorating way and so this promises to be another entertaining evening. Tickets can be bought on the GYP website www.gyptheatre.org or on the door and cost £10 for adults and £5 for concessions. So please come with your rugs and picnics and enjoy Shakespeare's last play in the wonderful setting of the Rococo Garden.



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County Councillor's Annual Report

My first year as a County Councillor has been a busy and interesting one. I have one of the biggest divisions in the Council consisting of 10 Parish Councils. Some County Councillors only have one parish to look after. This makes my job difficult when there are funds or grants available as I have to try and distribute between 10 Parish Councils. In the 2013-14 financial year all councillors were allocated £20k for Highways works. This went on Upton St. Leonards Portway Hill (£10k), Bisley Top Road (£5k) and 30mph signs in Bisley (£3k). The rest was put aside for works to Canton Acre. This year we have the same grant available again and in April this year we also saw in a new Highways Contractor, Amey. Gloucestershire County Council tell me the changeover has gone smoothly.

The committees I am on in the Council are: Planning, Minerals and Waste, Traffic Regulatory, Environment and Community Scrutiny, SHE Panel (Safety Health & Environment), Planning and Traffic. I had to take training courses before I could take part in other meetings.

Updates

Flooding fund – Gloucestershire County Council have applied for £15m from Government for repairs due to the severe weather. We have 8 roads that suffered land slip in the County.

Incinerator at Javelin Park – Decision due from the Inspector in September/October 2014

Schools – Gloucestershire County Council got an extra £9.6m for schools.

A417 Missing Link – Gloucestershire County Council set up an online petition and are lobbying Central Government.

Council Tax – Gloucestershire County Council kept their part of the Council Tax at no increase.

Active Together Grants – Each councillor has been allocated £40k over 2 years. These grants, I believe, could be used for Sports and Fitness activities. If groups in your Parish are interested then please contact me. I believe the application process will start June/July and those successful will receive funds in September.

Councillor Jason Bullingham

Summer is a-coming

I have been hearing the cuckoo and the skylark singing as I've been out feeding the cattle at Ruscombe. A little owl has made a nest in an old apple tree and is sitting on five eggs. There are badger routes across the fields, rabbits and occasionally a fox to be seen. So it came as bit of a surprise talking to a lady who came by hoping to photograph some of the birds. She could not pick out the nests even when they were pointed out to her. She'd never seen a badger, fox or a wild rabbit and could not identify any of the birds flying past. She said she was a city dweller and had never been to the countryside much.

The grass is growing well, the first cut has been made and grass taken by tractor and trailer back to the silo or bales of it hauled back to the heap. Silage is basically pickled grass. The silage bales have to be sealed with plastic to keep the air out or otherwise it would go bad. To get three cuts in a year, the first has to be early followed by cutting for hay in June/July. Then, hay will be stored as small bales, or large ones which are ten times bigger but easier to carry by machine.



The recent warm weather has been bringing out the flies which are unsettling the cattle. They bunch up in the shade swishing their tails at each other to keep the flies away. It is worse for sheep because they can get "fly strike", maggots hatch and if not dealt with quickly will cause death.

The cattle are out now so its time to clear all the muck out from the sheds and store it to spread on the fields later in the season.

Martin Slinger

Painswick Arts Festival 2014



We are delighted to let you know that the programme for the 2014 Painswick Arts Festival is now in print and will be available to collect from the Painswick Centre (front lobby), the Tourist Information Centre and in most local shops and businesses very shortly. Please take as many as you need to pass on to friends and family to put in their diary under 'Things to do and see during the Summer Holidays'. Remember, the Programme and almost all the events are FREE!

This year we welcome both former and new events and artists. Twenty plus different exhibitions (remember, they change weekly) will be showing original work by literally hundreds of different artists from up and coming amateurs to top professionals.

The Festival launches with Art Couture Painswick in mid-July, and concludes with the 'Painswick Art Fair' over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Artists from Painswick, all over Gloucestershire and beyond will be showing new unseen work including paintings in Water Colour, Oils and Pastels and some superb work in pencil. There will also be photography, sculpture, ceramics, a Painting Workshop and a special Floral Tribute to Laurie Lee's centenary in the Church.

Another first this year is an Arts Festival Concert on the 18th August. Local award winning singer Hattie Briggs will be there with her band alongside the amazing story-teller Philip Douch. An evening of song and prose not to be missed!

The heart of the Festival will be at the Painswick Centre but don't miss exhibitions and events in the Church Rooms, the Patchwork Mouse, Richmond Painswick, Hawkwood College and the Arts and Crafts Museum in Gloucester Street. Look in the full programme to make sure you do not miss when our local Open Studios will be welcoming visitors and watch out for posters relating to specific events and your favourite artists.

Without the Festival many of the Painswick venues would be standing idle during the summer holidays, so do support us and help us to make Painswick a buzzing Centre for the Arts for years to come. If you would like to take part it is not too late, you will not get an individual mention in the programme but will still benefit from the publicity. I am sure we can squeeze you in somewhere.

Go to our new website at www.painswickartsfestival.com, e-mail us at painswickartsfestival@mail.co.uk or simply call Jackie on 01452 813229.

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Guide Leader

Painswick Guides will need a new Guide Leader from September 2014. There are currently 14 fantastic girls ranging from 10-14 years old looking to stay together. The role is highly rewarding – watching the girls grow in confidence, finding new friends and tasting new adventures. Please could anyone with time and energy contact Julia Mundell to discuss on 07814854562.

Let's not lose Girl Guides in Painswick!

Painswick Youth & Community Centre

On 14th June from 3pm onwards we are going to have a festival of games, activities, food and competition suitable for all the family on the Recreation Ground. This FREE event is to celebrate the community of Painswick, showcase the various youth and sports organisations and to officially open the fantastic new Painswick Youth & Community Pavilion. We are hoping to have all local sports clubs represented and coordinating particular activities alongside human table football, a gladiator duel, hog roast, coconut shy, face painting, beer tent, water balloon volleyball and much, much more. The afternoon will also include presentations from the various teams of the Painswick Youth Club in the new building. We really hope that you can be part of this superb afternoon of fun and celebration. If you want to know anything else or are keen to be involved then please contact Andy Harding (andy.harding@psalms.uk.net/07845460163).

Return of the Victorians

The Victorians will once again be returning for their annual Costume Ball at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 5th July. The Centre being a magnificent Victorian building is an ideal venue for such an event. The occasion is one for enjoying the music and dances of a bygone era when an appearance at a Ball of this kind was an essential part of the social calendar, so if you would like to return to the elegant days of the late 19th, early 20th century why not try this evening of music and dance. Ball gowns and tiaras were of course very much the fashion for ladies of high society with the gentlemen in tails or military uniform, but attending was the most important thing and many Victorians followed the Queen's style and wore black and white only, so many long black skirts and high collared white blouses would have been seen. The evening consists of a programme of traditional country and old time dances which would have been popular at the beginning of the last century and during the reign of Queen Victoria, such as the Dashing White Sergeant and the Virginia Reel with waltzes, gavottes and two steps Dancing commences at 7.30pm, there is an interval for supper, with a bar facility and the evening finishes at 11.00pm. A workshop will be held at the Centre on Thursday 3rd from 7.00-9.00pm for those wishing to have a chance to learn some of the dances in readiness for the Ball. Further information can be obtained by phoning **01453 833150**.

Geoff & Joy, Dancing for Pleasure.

Nature Music

At a joint meeting with the Painswick Horticultural Society on 1st May, Leslie Brotherton, their Chairman, played a wonderfully varied selection of music recordings – instrumental and vocal, classical and modern – all conjuring up nature themes like meadows, woods, gardens, flowers and birds. Hard to single out any special ones, but Thomas Allen singing about a tiny garden, the pianist Eric Parkin playing White Heather, Hollyhock, Green Tulips and Autumn Crocus, Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker and Chopin's Butterfly and Raindrop stood out – not forgetting swing music played by a voices only orchestra!



Ralph Kenber

Thank You

Nick Watkins writes, "Can I please say a BIG thank you to everyone who sponsored me. Together with your support, my friend and I have raised over £4,000 for CLIC Sargent, which is just fantastic. We set off on our 300 mile ride from Crystal Palace on Wednesday 23rd stopping in Calais, Abbeville, and then Beauvais, before our final ride into Paris. We had three days of superb weather to ride through the stunning English and French countryside, and thoroughly enjoyed it. Our fourth and final day (63 miles) was exceptionally cold (5 degrees) with driving wind and rain for six hours – we both agree we've never been so cold for so long. However it added to the challenge, and riding soaked to the skin down the Champs-Elysees, around the Arc de Triomphe and on to the Eiffel Tower was unforgettable. Again a really big thank you to everyone that supported us, donated and encouraged us throughout. It is very much appreciated.

Guided Health Walks

The Tuesday afternoon Guided Health Walks are attracting a regular group of people, keen to enjoy a one-hour walk and companionship. We meet at the Town Hall at 1.45 pm for a 2.00 pm start. As a qualified volunteer walk leader, I aim to ensure that the walks are safe and at the right intensity. Stiles are kept to a minimum. Our first circular route has followed paths along the Painswick Stream. I hope to add routes on the lower slopes of the Painswick Beacon and in the Washbrook Valley.

For more information, please contact me on tel. 813228; otherwise, check the Beacon diary and just turn up. Bring a waterproof in case of rain and wear sturdy footwear. In sunny weather, please use sunscreen and a sunhat. All walkers are encouraged to carry a bottle of water.

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Can you help?

A plea to all friends of the Painswick Centre and village residents...

As from Friday August 1st there will be a café in the Skittle Alley for the Painswick Arts Festival (PAF). This event, now in its 6th year, brings artists into the village from far and wide as well as celebrating local talent. We hope to have many visitors and village residents enjoying all the free exhibitions and to offer refreshment in the café from 10am – 4pm every day of the festival. We will need many volunteers to assist over this period.

The café starts on Friday 1st August and finishes on Monday 25th August. If you are able to help either on a regular basis or just as a 'one – off' we would love to hear from you.

Please contact:

Barbara : baodwyer@icloud.com or phone 01452813379 and we will put your name on the rota.

Post Office

We are continuing to process the opening of a Post Office Local at the Painswick Centre. We now

believe that we are close to satisfying the various requirements and hope to have it up and running later this year. The support from the Parish Council for this venture has been very welcome and helpful.



Dates for the Diary

We hope that you enjoyed the 1940's themed party, "Normandy 44", on the 70th anniversary of D-Day on Friday 6th June. Have a look at the Painswick Centre events page for more information on other forthcoming events:

<http://painswickcentre.com/whats/events/>

You'll also see that Unplugged Chameleon has a new musical experience planned for the evening of Saturday June 21st:

<http://www.theunpluggedchameleon.com/>

This will be an evening of original acoustic music with singer / songwriters performing their own work.

Those of you familiar with Facebook may have already stumbled across our new Facebook page. Take a look and let us know what you think.

<https://www.facebook.com/ThePainswickCentre?fref=ts>

As always, we welcome comments and feedback. Let us know what you want from your Painswick Centre.

Mike Hill Trustee

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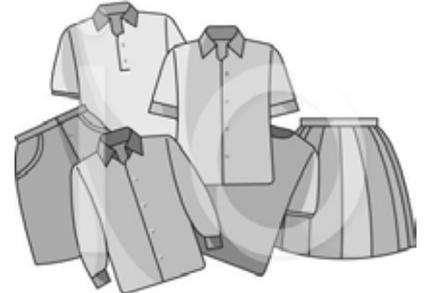
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**Sheepscombe Village Hall
Friday 13th June at 7.30pm**

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Rosie Nash 814632



After his fascinating talk about the Forest of Dean, Andrew Bluett led the Gloucestershire Naturalists and the Bird Club on 19th April in Woorgreens Nature Reserve, our Chairman reports. As swallows swept over the lake and a grey heron spied us from the island, came the geese, grebes, gulls and ducks such as the magnificent Mandarin with buntings in the reeds. So to mixed woodland with the song of jay, song thrush and blackbird and sight of redpolls and siskins in the alders and thence to heathland to willow warbler and tree pipit – a great day with an excellent leader.



On 13th May to cool winds but sunshine, the Club visited N.T. Sherborne Water Meadows led by Martin Wright. First came the little owl sentinel on barn roof while a stock dove flew up! Soon came the great spotted woodpecker with a buzzard pair elegantly sweeping high. The charms of blackcap and wren gave way to raucous rooks, then the excitement of the periodic rising of lapwings from lush field, crested and in their black and white beauty, sadly few and thus their A-listing. A blackcap stopped and started as if inhibited by continuous garden warbler competition! Space precludes mention of the day's further 36 species apart from the reed bunting basking in the may, a goldfinch on barely budding ash – predicting the splash – so perhaps the harsh baptism to follow in the car park?

The tripping trait continues on 4th June, Frances Meredith exploring with us the Frome at Stroud (car park opposite Waitrose for 7.00pm). The residential trip this year is to the North Norfolk coast (6th – 9th October) and non-members are welcome. Enquiries to 01452 812 951.

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Spring Surprise Evening

After several months with serious topics the WI meeting held on 22nd April lightened the mood with a "Spring Surprise Evening". Resplendent in green and yellow, (favourite colour for 2014), members entered into the spirit of the season.

It is sometimes difficult to express in words how pleasing it is to leave behind the grey and wet winter that we have just experienced and to enjoy the coming of spring. However, poets often find the inspirational words for us and so we opened the evening with "An April Day" by the American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and closed it with the immortal "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" by William Wordsworth.

Vicky Aspinall had put together a Spring Gardening Quiz. The answers were prompted by a colourful selection of power point images of flowers, herbs and famous English gardens. Most people made a brave attempt at the twenty questions but some were confounded by some of the Latin names or even the name of the snail in "The Magic Roundabout". Others claimed that the delicious Pimm's and nibbles, enjoyed during the quiz, had lead to their downfall and two were disqualified for working together!

Two flower arranging demonstrations followed. Penny Eastwood produced a dramatic arrangement of red tulips in a striped bag. She cleverly succeeded in getting the tulips to stand up straight whereas for most of us tulips tend to flop. Freda Steed's skillful arrangement held our attention. The framework of rosemary for remembrance and yellow roses for friendship gave us some ideas for giving presents to our friends in the future.

Finally Joan Hardwidge made everyone laugh as she recited an amusing parody of Wordsworth's poem written by one of her friends on a visit to Painswick. All in all this was a very enjoyable evening.

On 24th June Sarah Watson will talk about "Wentworth Wooden Puzzles" and we hope to see you all there.

Janet Jenkins

Steve's Simple Detection Procedure

Is your house, or indeed your workplace, as energy efficient as it could or should be? In fact, you might not even be aware of heat loss or cold coming in. Steve Perris's business, Heat Tight, focuses on draught detection and cost savings.

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Steve worked in marketing and sales for some years and in particular for a company which specialised in energy efficiency for public buildings. He also has experience in renovating houses and is a qualified thermographer which involved taking an examinable course with an engineering base. He is, therefore, eminently well qualified to operate his thermal imaging business in buildings both old and new, large and small. Based at his home in Painswick, and with his two children at school locally, Steve started Heat Tight in January this year.

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Carol Maxwell



The Cotswold School in concert

**Saturday 28th June 7.30pm
at the Parish Church**

Singers and instrumentalists from The Cotswold School travel to Painswick on Saturday 28th June to give a concert at St Mary's. This concert promises to be a great evening of entertainment – with vocal items ranging from Elizabethan madrigals to Tears for Fears, and a select group of instrumentalists providing some outstanding music for a summer's evening.

The Cotswold School is a large rural "OFSTED outstanding" comprehensive school in Bourton on the Water, and the Painswick concert forms part of the school music department's "Music on the Move" summer mini-tour. This summer's tour follows successful Cotswold School chamber choir tours of Belgium (2012) and Paris (2013).

Tickets are £3 available from Painswick Chemists, the Fabric Shop, or on the door.

Painswick Flea Market

Based on some encouraging feedback from a number of Painswickians we have started a regular weekly 'Flea Market' every Sunday in the Town Hall. The idea is to create a local 'community market' selling all sorts to include bric-a-brac, small affordable gifts, attic clearances etc. We already have a small 'core' selling hand knitted baby clothes, bric-a-brac and fresh eggs. We also hope to supply fresh fruit/veg and pet food in the future, either taking orders for the following week or possible deliveries during the week. Tables are £5 each and we will be running every Sunday from 10.30am onwards – opening at 11am and closing at 3pm. All are welcome – for more information or to book a table, contact Pauline or Rob on 01452 810910.

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Village Shops and Tea

Marion Beagley was already known to Probus, having given us a talk about Japan in the past and on 30th April her subject was 'The Village Shop'. She spoke from experience and recalled many of the characters who would visit her shop.

She reminded us of the days before supermarkets, health and safety and sell-by dates when village shops and their urban equivalents used to provide wide ranging services. In addition to providing groceries and fresh produce for the whole village they were the centre of the community where friends and neighbours would meet to chat. Many provided postal services and Marion's shop would even keep the 'visiting list' for the doctor when he arrived in the village.

We were reminded that customers would bring shopping lists and the shopkeeper would collect, weigh out and package the goods for them.

The speaker for our next meeting did not arrive and we were rescued by our own Alan Hudson who stepped in with an excellent talk on the History of Tea. We learned that tea was traded by the Dutch in Europe before Britain and was initially brought to the notice of the English by Catherine of Braganza when she married Charles II in 1662.

We also learned that, among the famous London coffee houses like Lloyds was 'Twinings in the Strand' which was established in 1706 by Thomas Twining from Painswick.

Tea was an expensive luxury which had to be locked away in Tea Chests and was rendered even more expensive by the Tea Tax - hence the Boston Tea Party in our troublesome colony.

Alan also touched on the history of tea bags and even 'Earl Grey's Tea'. He brought us up-to-date with the expansion of tea plantations from China to India and on to world-wide production including Africa, South America, and even Cornwall and Kew Gardens!

Glynn Nixon

Antisocial visitors

It is sad to strike a downbeat note this month. Between the Beacon clear-up on Sunday May 11th and May 20th there have been four fly-tipping incidents.

Alarming quantities of dog mess have been left on the Beacon. The hope that dog owners would respect requests to clear up and clear away has frequently been misplaced. Moves have now been made to increase the number of disposal bins and supplement them with notices reminding visitors of Stroud District Council's rules. The fouling of land by dogs (Stroud District Council) Order 2012 makes it an offence not to clear up after a dog. Guilty persons can be prosecuted and fined.

Better news: 2014 has been a great year for cowslips. The rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly, whose caterpillars feed on cowslips; has been seen on the Beacon recently, though not yet near the additional 1000 cowslips planted last year.

*David Allott, Committee Member,
Painswick Beacon Conservation Group*

The Croft School News

The Croft School will be holding an event on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 21st June. There will be live music until 11pm. We apologise for any disturbance caused.

Ella Skelston



Kit's Museum in the making

Kit Milner's museum in the heart of Painswick is, as yet, small but perfectly formed. Immaculately organised it encompasses several topics and different time periods and demonstrates a good understanding of both the historic content and the presentation skills necessary to rouse interest. What is truly impressive is that Kit is just six years old.

Kit's interest was first fired up when he viewed the Egyptian collection in the British Museum and he was further inspired by a visit to the National Army Museum in Chelsea. A passion was born and, fortunately for Kit, his grandmother gave him several interesting artefacts to start his collection. These had belonged to his grandfather and all related to either Egypt and/or the Second World War. Many more museum visits have broadened Kit's interests and his collection reflects this including a special concern for natural history objects.

Carefully and thematically arranged the collection includes model soldiers from Roman times to the present, wartime objects, a model searchlight, military binoculars and even a set of ancient manacles. There are interesting shells and fossils, some relevant booklets and an as yet unopened tin of powdered egg. Various projects undertaken at school - Kit is in Year 2 at the Croft School - have resulted in a further range of objects, made by Kit, and now included in the display. Of special note is a model medieval castle with moving parts and a bridge, also with working parts, based on Brunel's designs.

A very articulate young man, Kit explains very clearly what the objects represent and also how passionate he is about his museum. The collection occupies several shelves at his home and is clearly presented with a small spotlight showing it all to great advantage and with carefully composed handwritten explanations next to the various sets and pieces.

Kit would like people who are interested to see his museum (fortunately, Mum, Alex, is in agreement). "I like people to see my display," he says enthusiastically. It will therefore be open between 2.00 and 5.00pm on Saturday, 14th June. He would also be delighted to receive any additional objects from any period in history which you may like to donate to his collection. The contact telephone number is 812888.

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Jonas and Matthias reach Romania

Jonas and Matthias have written to say that "So far our journey has been absolutely unforgettable. We've experienced so many cultures and enjoyed local cuisines, and met so many nice people". They reached Belgrade, Serbia having travelled 2,300 miles through France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, and Croatia and, at the time of writing are in Romania. They tell us that, "From all the many like-minded long distance cyclists we've met, we still remain the youngest cyclists out here, with seemingly the most weight on our bikes and the smallest daily budget. It was a big challenge at the beginning, but we're now in the rhythm of the day-to-day life of a cycle tourer". They report that Serbia has been hit by flooding so badly that it's been labelled the worst national disaster ever and that it's been really hard to see the effect it's had on the locals and that they themselves have certainly been struggling with many roads closed from landslides and flooding. However, they write that, "We are nonetheless pushing on to the Black Sea for the next leg of our journey, which will see us follow the Danube all through Romania. Fingers crossed the flooding doesn't spread to Romania, but if it does, we'll just have to swim to the Black Sea!"

We shall continue to chart their progress and if you want to follow them or indeed donate to their sterling cause, you can do so at www.crossingcountriesforcancer.com

Carol Maxwell



Experiencing Sharpness - a stunning site



Emerging from the wooded path, members of the Local History Society certainly experienced the wow factor as the old dock presented itself in all its massive glory. The annual outing this year was a guided tour by Dr Ray Wilson of Sharpness docks.

Previously Dr Wilson had given an excellent talk on the subject but visiting the site offered a very different perspective. The old dock is both beautiful and fascinating with many visible remnants of former industrial activity. The wrecks of the ships which brought down the spectacular railway bridge in 1960 could still be seen and the lovely old dock house, now restored, is thankfully being put to use by SARA, The Severn Area Rescue Service. This area was very important industrially in the 19th century, though as Dr Wilson pointed out, prior to the construction of the canal the Berkeley family had used it as their pleasure garden.

The new dock, opened in 1874, contains equally interesting features such as the beautiful former school building. Both docks display some impressive feats of civil engineering, both old and more recent, and the whole area is a truly stunning location. The sheer scale is breathtaking with views of the Severn bridges, Oldbury power station, the railway and of course the sheer magnitude of the Severn itself with its huge tidal range. The overall impression was one of historic continuity set in a beautiful location which has always been important to the south west.

At the next meeting, 17th June, a film showing Painswick as it was several decades ago will be shown. Croft School, 7.30pm, everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Have you tried the library recently?



Opening Times

Monday: 2.30pm – 5.30 pm

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Friday: 10.00am – 1.00pm and 2.30pm – 5.30 pm

Saturday: 10.00am – 1.00pm

The Community Library is just that – run by the Community for the Community! As you would expect in a Library, we of course have all sorts of books, (around 4,000 at the last count!), and new ones are added each month – you will find the list of new books on the front desk. Latest additions include Max Hastings "Catastrophe", and Donna Leon's latest Brunnetti mystery, plus a number of new picture books for children.

The younger children's section is great, and there are sections for older children, teens and the main adult section. Non-fiction and an ever-growing Local Section complete the books, with a small selection of Large Print books too. If you need help in finding or ordering a book just ask and it can be done for you – it's all free but you do need your library card. Books ordered from other libraries will be delivered to Painswick for your collection. If you haven't got a library card you can join online at the Gloucester Libraries website, or we can do it for you – a piece of ID with your address helps the process along. Audio CD's of books can also be rented for those long car journeys – both for adults and children. But it is not just books; the Library is a much wider resource. There are four internet-enabled computers (bookable for free, or just turn up), and Wi-Fi if you want to bring your own tablet or laptop (also free). You can also do your printing and copying, colour or black and white, and we also have a laminator for those important documents; charges apply for these.

If you are interested in researching your family history, Gloucestershire Libraries subscribe to two web sites – ancestry.com and findmypast.co.uk. Using these is free when you access them through the library computers. Around the Library you will also find newspapers and magazines to browse (including Stroud Life, Stroud News and Journal, The Times, "Which" and Cotswold Life); much local information including newsletters from Edge, Sheepscombe and Cranham; and events and clubs literature, train and bus timetables, local maps and guides.

Our opening times are as above, and for those that don't know, we are centrally based in the Village in the Town Hall, Victoria Square, on the first floor. A stair lift can whisk you up if the stairs are a problem. Come in and see us – let us know what you like, and tell us what else we can do to make the Library better for you! We have a suggestions book for all comments – good or bad. We look forward to seeing you.

Summer Reading Challenge

From July 12th children will be able to join the Summer Reading Challenge. We'll be visiting the Croft School on Thursday 26th June for a special story telling session and will tell pupils all about the Challenge and how to take part.

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The distinguished duo of Steven Isserlis ('Cello) and Sam Haywood (piano) came to St. Mary's for the third concert in the 2014 series on 3rd May. They began with JS Bach's Gamba Sonata No 1 which begins on a quiet note with a melancholy adagio with the piano taking a full part and a slow movement showing the 'cello's full range before the final allegro with plenty to come from the piano. Appetites whetted, fast forward to Shostakovich's 1943 'cello sonata whose changing styles reflect the struggle between artistic licence and what the Soviet authorities saw as politically correct. Again the piano has a big part especially in the allegros with some athletics and sound effects from the 'cellist and some mysterious pianissimi in the largo before a rollicking end for both instruments.



The back to Bach's Viola da Gamba Sonata No 2 which after a subdued adagio gives the instruments a chance to show off before rattling home in a dance-like triple time; written in 1740 but still toe-tapping three centuries on. Their final piece was Prokofiev's sonata in C. Here, Mr Isserlis swapped his 1726 Stradivarius for a brand-new 'cello by Clive Morris of Neath. It seems that Prokofiev was less intimidated by the Soviets than Shostakovich for after a growly grave came a march-like moderato followed by a rattling finale with lots of tunes being swapped between the players. The new 'cello was well up to the task and as we expected the players provided a master-class for aspiring players in the audience. After a joyful piece of Sibelius by way of encore we had to let them go. Great stuff.

The Castalian quartet of young players gave the final concert of the Painswick Music Society's 2014 season at St. Mary's church on Saturday 10th May. They began with an energetic and tuneful performance of Mozart's Quartet in E flat K428, which took us through a bright expressive range of volume and expression from ppp to fff which seems to be a hallmark of this group. Then the fun really began with Ravel's Quartet in F major written in 1903 when the composer was only 28. This was serious stuff with a brilliant opening and lots of subtle changes in speed and expression with plenty for the players to do including a spectacular pizzicato passage for all four instruments together, muted strings and something new around every corner. The slow movement gave us what seemed like a dozen variations in a few minutes before the startling opening of the Vif et Agite gave us another gripping mixture of tunes being passed around the players.

Finally, Schubert's Death and the Maiden quartet was in more conventional shape with a bright start, and masses of expression in the first movement. Then came the second movement's Death and the Maiden theme and variations which gave every instrument its chance to shine as did the third movement which can't quite shake off that theme before the vigorous presto with contrasting passages neatly picked out made a tarantella-style charge to the end. A fine way to finish

As usual, the whole programme was a master-class for any aspiring string players. The Painswick concerts at £3 for under-16s and students really are a snip. Parents and teachers please note!

John Parfitt

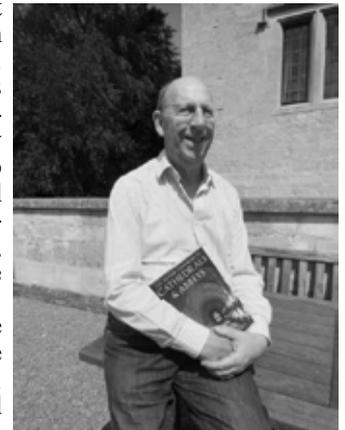
Our last meeting of the season on May 14th was preceded by the A.G.M. when finances were reviewed and the committee re-elected. It was noted that we made a small financial loss this season which may be due to the fact that we have not raised subscriptions for the last few years even though costs have gone up. It was pointed out that the costs to members each meeting was less than £2.00. Where else can one get an enjoyable evening with drinks and chocolate biscuits at such a price? It was generally felt that the season's programme had been very successful, with good presentations by visitors as well as members on an interesting variety of subjects. For the rest of the meeting we heard a selection of members' choice music. The committee is now working on next season's programme and welcomes any suggestions for it. We shall publish a preview in August. I look forward to seeing you all again at our first meeting on 18th September.



Alex R. Nichols Chairman

An Outstanding Review

Stephen Friar's Companion series of books goes from strength to strength. All eight, the first being published by Sutton in 1991, have met with great acclaim and the most recent review by the Historical Association, an august national body, is no exception. The review asserts that Stephen's books 'must rank amongst the most comprehensive and most practical guides now available in a single-authored series to the terminology likely to be encountered by local and family historians, genealogists and visitors to ancient monuments, cathedrals and churches within the United Kingdom.'



A teacher living in Painswick in the 1970s Stephen moved to Oxfordshire in 1977 to take up his first headship. Interested in architectural history and heraldry, he eventually decided to leave teaching to concentrate full-time on writing and his first book, A New Dictionary of Heraldry, was published in 1987. It won the American Libraries Association award for best non-fiction of the year.

Living in Dorset by this time, Stephen set to work on the first of his Companion series. In many respects they were the first of their kind, the content of each arranged alphabetically but with a useful cross-referencing system. This format has since been adopted by other authors. Each book took approximately two years to complete requiring much in-depth research and painstaking organising of the resultant material, a process which, nevertheless, Stephen thoroughly enjoyed. "It was very rewarding and very satisfying," he says, pointing out that it took him to some stunning buildings and locations.

After a career in schools, writing was a solitary occupation and Stephen became a district councillor in West Dorset, a position he held in tandem with his writing for 25 years. In 2008 he moved back to Painswick where he has been active in several areas of interest especially drama. He has continued to revise the Companion books as new information arises and he also writes articles for magazines.

He is pleased that the series is still in print and explains that he is often contacted by readers. "The books are for general readership rather than academic," he says. They are, however, thoroughly researched and constructed and beautifully illustrated. The review can be found on www.history.org.uk/resources/secondary_resource_7066_64.

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Golf Club

The Seniors Open at Painswick Golf Club was held on 14th May in glorious weather and on a course in excellent condition. 84 golfers from 20 clubs in and around the County participated in the event for the honour of winning and for the first prize of a dinner for four which was donated by the Falcon Inn in Painswick. In a closely contested competition the eventual winners were John Bentley and Phil Taylor from the Painswick Golf Club, with a score of 45 points. They received their first prize from Charles John, manager of the Falcon Inn.

Other winners included Peter Thomas (Bowood Golf Club) for the straightest drive on the 13th hole, Richard Wright (Cotswold Hills) for nearest the pin in two on the 17th, and Martyn Denham (Woodspring) for nearest the pin on the 18th. Congratulations to all winners. The most amazing shot of the day was played by Mike Kerton (Minchinhampton Old) who chipped his ball across the green at speed, hitting another ball so hard that it knocked it off the green and causing his own ball to be deflected, rolling gently into the hole for his par.

The course lived up to its reputation of being challenging and exhilarating together with providing magnificent views from many parts of the Painswick Beacon to enliven the spirits of those who may have lost the occasional ball. Participants enjoyed the day and determined to return for the competition next year. The club welcomes visitors throughout the year – if you are interested please get in touch with Marc Cottrell, the club's professional (812615).

The Ladies' section is just starting their friendly matches against other Gloucestershire teams but the team playing in the Mail on Sunday Classic are doing extremely well. They have just been victorious against a team from Naunton Downs Golf Club winning 4:1, playing at Painswick. This means that the team now go through to the fifth round. The team this time consisted of Angela Woodward, Lorna Sparkes, Sarah Taylor, Lesley Wylde, and Kate Dennison.

Sarah Taylor and Kate Dennison have also reached the 4th round of The Daily Mail Foursomes Competition. They beat a team from Cotswold Hills on the 17th hole.

Peter Rowe

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Painswick under 12's 1 Charfield Blues 1 (Painswick won 8-7 on penalties)

Painswick won the Trophy World Shield at Frampton, in a very tense contest with Charfield Blues. Charfield started strongly, and took the lead early in the second half but Painswick fought back and equalised with a pile driver from Ewan Gegg, which took the game into extra time. Another 10 minutes couldn't separate the sides, so the game went into a penalty shoot out. Rory Harris saved the first, but the shoot out went to sudden death, when Joe Samak scored the winning penalty. The entire Painswick squad appeared during the game, and everyone one of them put in a tireless display. Men of the match - entire Painswick squad.



Cricket

Painswick made an impressive start to the season with a comprehensive win over Bourton Vale. Having been asked to bat Painswick soon lost experienced openers Jon Griffiths and James Cook but recovered well with a patient partnership between Ed Evans, 56, and George Macduff showing maturity beyond his sixteen years with 26 helping to reach a respectable 204-7. James Harber then took out the opponent's top order and with good back up from veteran Martin Wilkins, man of the match Evans, and skipper Mike King the game was quickly wrapped up. This was a competent performance and left chairman Ian Hogg to have a smile on his face especially as he smashed a bonus point gaining six over extra cover in the final over and snapped a towering catch at slip.

Painswick are pleased to thank the generous sponsorships from village businesses Paul Morris Building Limited, The Falcon Hotel and the Painswick Pharmacy.

Sports Grants

Painswick's County Councillor Jason Bullingham has stated that each County Councillor has been allocated £40,000 for grant making purposes in their area. He believed that the grant money could be used for Sports and Fitness activities. See his report on page 7.

Tennis

Alicia Barnett

Alicia Barnett is just finishing her second year of a tennis scholarship at Northwestern University near Chicago. Congratulations to Alicia and her teammates who have won the Big Ten Conference yet again. Northwestern reached the Conference final comfortably but the final itself against their arch rivals, Michigan, was very tense. Alicia won her singles match in three sets to make the scores all square. The last and deciding match was an absolute thriller with Belinda Niu of Northwestern coming back from 2-5 down in the third set to win 7-5 sealing the result and being mobbed by her team and fans. This qualified the team to represent their Conference in the NCAA Nationals Tournament. On a personal note, Alicia finished the season with 14 straight singles wins and she and partner, Veronica Corning, also qualified as a doubles pair to play in the nationals.

International recognition

Painswick LTC club coach, Lorraine Ristic, captained the Great Britain over 50s women's team at the World Championship in Florida.

Great British Tennis Weekend

On Saturday 21st June from 2pm-6pm, Painswick will open its courts for anyone to come and play tennis and have a fun afternoon and hopefully want to join the club. Weather permitting, a barbecue will start at 6pm. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Ruth Smith 01452 813693.

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Good Friday Concert

The Painswick Singers' Good Friday Concert in St. Mary's Church found them in top form and voice with a strong performance of Gabriel Faure's Requiem under Andrew Hopwood's direction. With its central crown, the Pie Jesus, well sung with admirable clarity of diction and tone by Rebecca Shorter, preceded and followed by the more sombre Offertorium and Libera me respectively, with their baritone solos impressively sung by Brian Ethridge, The Singers earned themselves prolonged applause for a moving performance. Before that the concert started with a group of church anthems headed by Hugh Robertson's arrangement of Were you there, followed by John Ireland's Greater Love hath no man in which the soloist was Kathlryn Fleming and John Goss's O Saviour of the World. The audience then joined the Singers in singing When I survey the Wondrous Cross which brought us to the Requiem and the end of the concert.

Their next concert marks a change of form for The Singers, being on Sunday afternoon, 29th June at 3.30pm in the Painswick Centre, when they will present a mixture of madrigals, glees and part songs for a Summer's Day – there may be some fah-la-laas and hey-nonny-nos to be heard in Painswick on that day!

Ralph Kenber

Painswick Parish Police Report

Under the Painswick Parish including Sheepscombe, Edge and Slad districts for the two month period March 1st to April 30th 2014 there were twenty seven substantiated crimes recorded. The breakdown of these offences as according to Home Office banding rules was as follows;

Violence - There were four substantiated offences recorded.

Three of the recorded crimes related to one alcohol related incident involving visitors to the Parish, none of whom wished to support a Police prosecution and as such these offences remain undetected. The fourth was an historic assault, retrospectively reported to Police which remains an ongoing enquiry.

Criminal Damage - There were two substantiated offences recorded. The first was a report of a broken window pane which remains undetected; the second involving damage to property where enquiries are ongoing.

Burglary - There were thirteen recorded burglaries reported over the two month period. Of these four were domestic burglaries. The other nine were non-dwelling (commercial) burglaries from garden sheds/buildings through the Parish including one attempted non-dwelling burglary.

Theft (Other) - There were three substantiated offences of theft recorded during the two month period. Of these, two of the items of property were later recovered.

Theft (Motor Vehicles) - Over the two month period, there were five motor vehicle related thefts of which four were thefts from motor vehicles and one was the theft of a motor vehicle which was left insecure with keys in the ignition.

Of particular note is the increase in non-dwelling burglaries reported during the two months within the Parish. On some occasions entry has been forced to a shed/building but no property taken, however, the resulting damage and inconvenience to the owners is still annoying and costly to repair at best.

Homeowners are warned to be on their guard particularly as they begin to use garden machinery, and can be seen to do so by members of public in the area. The community are encouraged to report suspicious vehicles or persons in the area, particularly after dark, by reporting it to the Police – 999 if incident is in progress i.e. you feel threatened or alarmed – or 101 if the incident has been in the past.

Audible shed alarms are a deterrent and can be purchased from reputable DIY outlets or through Gloucestershire Constabulary Crime Reduction at cost.



Eels and Orchids!



On Wednesday 4th July at 7 for 7.30 pm, Andrew Kerr will be talking about 'Eels in Crisis'. He will tell us about the Eels' remarkable lifecycle which sees them travel thousands of miles across the Atlantic Ocean to the Severn estuary where there has been a very long history of fishing for evers. Today, however, the European Eel is a critically endangered species, the number of eels reaching Europe having declined by 90% since the 1970's. Andrew Kerr will tell us about the work of the Sustainable Eel Group to ensure the survival of this precious species. We meet in the Painswick Centre and non-members are welcome.

Strolls on Selsley Common and in the Slad Valley

Fifteen members lead by botanical guide Rachel Hemming enjoyed a stroll on Wednesday 21st June across Selsley Common, with frequent pauses to admire the wildflowers and butterflies. We were rewarded with five orchids: Green-winged, Early Purple, Fragrant, Common Spotted and Twayblade. The weather was also kind to us: sunny, not too windy and good visibility across the Severn estuary into Wales. A competition to name all the counties within sight drew up a list of 6. We have a second chance to see limestone grassland flora on 10th June when we visit Swift's Hill reserve in the Slad Valley, followed by a walk through Laurie Lee Woods. Further details tel. 813228.

Famous Houses & Abbey

We also have places available on the coach trip to Sezincote on Thursday 12th June (combined with a visit to Charlecote House and Gardens for tea). Non-members are invited to join us, paying the same price of £29 as members, by contacting John Keyte (01453 873419) or myself.

Denise Magauran has organised what will be a fascinating trip by coach to Downside Abbey, the newest Abbey to be built in Britain, and home to a Benedictine community and famous school. After a guided tour of the Neo-Gothic Abbey Church, we will head for the Kilver Court Secret Gardens and Designer Village. Price £28; more details from Denise on tel. 814570 or from myself. Non-members welcome to all our events.

Jane Rowe (tel 813228)



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Guess who put the wrong contact number in April's news a couple of months ago? Yours truly! The good news was that I still got your calls, so that's the most important thing. Please take note of the correct number below.



I am basing this month's news on information you have either given me or asked me to find out on your behalf. The first topic is about how to return unwanted community equipment. We are very lucky to be able to access all sorts of equipment free of charge to help us in the home. This can range from equipment for daily living, such as shower chairs, raised toilet seats, hoists, hospital beds and commodes. Minor adaptations, such as grab rails, stair rails, and door thresholds would be included as would equipment for people with sensory impairments, such as flashing doorbells, low vision optical aids, text phones, and assistive listening devices such as amplifiers to help hear TV better.

We have something called "Telecare Equipment" which encompasses clever devices such as fall alarms, gas escape alarms, health state monitoring devices and "wandering detectors" for people who are vulnerable. To access any of this, please call the Adult Help desk or speak to your health professional such as the District Nurse, Occupational Therapist (O.T), or Physiotherapist. Sadly, I often see equipment which is no longer needed, just left in the garage, spare room or even the garden. If you come across any unwanted equipment please ring the G.I.S number given at the end of this article.

There is a huge difference in the amount of water my household might use versus that of an older couple or single person. If you fit into the latter category, I would suggest talking to your water supplier about getting a water meter fitted, which is free of charge in the majority of cases and very straightforward. If you are in receipt of certain benefits such as pension credit or have a health condition requiring increased use of water, paying more than £335 a year, you might be able to enter a scheme called WaterSure and

have your bill capped.

I am a great believer in the power of knowledge and would like to remind you that there is a wealth of free educational sessions on the subject of memory loss and dementia, some for a newly diagnosed person and others for carers and family,

organised by Managing Memory2gether.

Stroud Day

- Understanding Dementia - Thursday 3rd July 2014
 - Brain & Behaviour - Thursday 10th July 2014
 - Positive Communication - Thursday 17th July 2014
 - Living Well with Dementia Part 1 - Thursday 24th July 2014
 - Living Well with Dementia Part 2 - Thursday 31st July 2014
- Stroud Congregational Church Meeting Room, 1 Bedford Street, Stroud. GL5 1AY*

Stroud Evening

- Weavers Croft, Field Road, Stroud. GL5 2HZ*
- Understanding Dementia - Thursday 12th June 2014
- Brain and Behaviour - Thursday 19th June 2014
- Positive Communication - Thursday 26th June 2014

Great news to finish this month; Fairshares are launching a programme of dementia friendly walks in Stratford Park in Stroud, starting on the 29th May and running for 12 weeks through June and July until mid- August on a weekly basis.

- Adult Help Desk - 01452 426868
 - G.I.S.Equipment collection - 01452 874980
 - Severn Trent Water - 0845 7500 500
 - Managing Memory - 0800 694 8800
 - FairShares, Emma Ordinez - 01453 706555
- Lou Kemp 07776 245767*

PROPERTY REPORT for May from Hamptons International

I last wrote this article on a beautiful frosty day that heralded the arrival of Spring and today it feels like Summer may have arrived early – maybe I should do this more often! The housing market in and around Painswick also appears to be heating up with all of the principal measures of activity being up on recent years – in some cases very significantly up. Across Hamptons Western Region of offices, new buyer registrations are up 28%, sales agreed are up 24% and exchanges are up a staggering 55% on the same point in time last year – what a difference a year makes!

The Chancellor, George Osborne, appears to have a spring in his step that is less to do with the turn of the seasons and more to do with a turn in the economy. Most economic data has been moving in the right direction and the recovery is beginning to look balanced and robust. The Chancellor will have been particularly pleased with the IMF's latest assessment: last year it warned he was "playing with fire" on jobs and the economy forecast but now it expects the UK to be the fastest growing developed economy in 2014. Other major indicators are also moving in the right direction: unemployment is at its lowest for five years, average earnings are increasing whilst inflation is decreasing meaning households will start to feel better off and interest rates remain low.

Strong house price growth in London continues to stretch the difference between London and the rest of the country and, until this year, there was little evidence of this "ripple" reaching beyond the capital. So far during 2014, however, Hamptons have

seen a 45% rise in the numbers of London-based buyers looking for properties outside of London. When choosing an agent to sell your property it is, therefore, essential that you are getting the maximum exposure to this emergent pool of buyers. With a growing network of 30 offices in the capital, Hamptons can tap into this demand and ensure every opportunity is seized in order to realise the best possible price on your sale.

In brief, new instructions include: Wee Cottage, Jasmine Cottage, Cotswold Heights, Coombe House and Beaconstone in Painswick, Weavers Cottage and 4 Coldstream Cottages in Sheepscombe, Down Court Cottage in Slad, Field Lodge in Cranham, Wisteria Cottage in Harescombe, Knoll Cottage, Steps House and 101 Bondend Road in Upton St Leonards, The Coach House in Edge, Shard Cottage in Elmore and 3 new houses under construction in Birdlip.

Sales agreed recently include: Dial Tryst, Appleways, Knapp Corner House, Meadow Cottage, Tall Trees and Beaconstone in Painswick; Lordswood Cottage, Littledene and Weavers Cottage in Sheepscombe; and The Coach House in Edge. Properties that have now sold include Oakleigh and 8 The Croft in Painswick, Commodious Chapel in Edge, Woodlands Crest in Pitchcombe, 2 Vatch Cottages in The Vatch, The Haven in Birdlip, Byways on Coopers Hill and Sellars Farm House in Hardwicke.

Guy Tabony, Branch Manager

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Mon	9	Probus Women: Tour of Rodmarton Manor & Gardens Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Rodmarton Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	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	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £5 pp Tuesdays	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Walk: Flowers & Butterflies on Swift's Hill, and Laurie Lee Wood: pre-book on 813228		10.30am
		Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
		Health Walk (One Hour) Enq. 813228 - Tuesdays	Town Hall	1.45 for 2.00pm
		Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	11	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: The Story of the Royal Flying Corps - David Sweet Horticultural Society Trip 2: Waterperry Gardens Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Stamages Car Park Croft School	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am tba 10.30am to 12noon
Thu	12	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Visit to Sezincote House & Gardens, & Charlcothe House: enq. 01453 873419	Stamages Car Park	8.50am
		Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
		T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
		Dog Training Club (Thursdays)	Church Rooms	9.30 to 12.00noon
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
		Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	13	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Sheepscombe WI Swishing Event: Eco friendly & ethical clothes swapping event: details - 814632 / 813687	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Sat	14	Saturday Market: Produce, Art & Craft - various stalls Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965 NGS Open Garden (tea & cakes available) - Slad Valley House, 203 Slad Road, Stroud	Town Hall. Lower Room Stamages Car Park Stroud	10.00am to 4.00pm 10.00am 12noon to 4.00pm
Sun	15	Painswick Youth & Community Pavilion Grand Opening Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	Recreation Ground St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	From 3.00pm 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	17	Local History Society AGM & Film: A Day Out in Painswick	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club: President's Tea Party	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	21	Copy Date for July Beacon		
Sun	22	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Wentworth Wooden Puzzles - Sarah Watson	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	25	Probus: Cheltenham Racecourse, a new era - David Mackinnon, Head of Operations	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	26	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford Playhouse	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
Fri	27	Paradise House Summer Fayre: for further details contact Anne Mansfield 01453 837551	Paradise House	4.00 to 10.00pm
Sat	28	Falcon Bowling Club Coffee Morning - various stalls Music Concert by the Cotswold School, Bourton on the Water	Town Hall St Mary's Church	10.00am to 12.30pm 7.30pm



Sun	29	Mass Benefice Holy Communion Painswick Singers Summer Concert: 'Music for a Summer Afternoon' - Tickets £10	Catholic Church St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	8.30am 11.00am 3.30pm
JULY				
Tue	1	Health Walk (One Hour) Enq. 813228 - Tuesdays - (except Tuesday 8th July)	Town Hall	1.45 for 2.00pm
Wed	2	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Eels in Crisis - Andrew Kerr Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	4	Local Talented Singer - Emily Jane Mew and her Trio perform from 8.00pm: for info tel. 812180	Painswick Golf Club	from 8.00pm
Sat	5	July Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Victorian Costume Ball. For info. Tel. 01453 833150	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 11.00pm
Tue	8	No Guided Health Walk Today Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	9	Horticultural Society Trip 3: Stourhead Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Coach trip to Downside Abbey & Kilver Court Designer Village & Gardens: Tel. 814570	Stamages Car Park Stamages Car Park	tba 8.35am
		Probus: 1607 The Great Severn Estuary Flood - Rose Hewlett	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	10	Messy Church	Church Rooms	3.30 to 5.30pm
Sat	12	Friday Club Summer Outing: Boat trip - Tewkesbury to Worcester Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965 Saturday Market: Produce, Art & Craft - various stalls	Stamages Car Park Town Hall. Lower Room	10.00am 10.00am to 4.00pm
Mon	14	Probus Women: My Friends the Refugees - Angela Lerwill	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	15	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Walk: Cotswold Buildings, South Woodchester: pre-book on 813228		5.30pm
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Friday Club: Teckells Animal Sanctuary - Sean McGough	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	19	Gloucestershire Youth Players performance of The Tempest (also 20th & 21st) - grounds open from 6.00pm for picnics	Rococo Gardens	7.00pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: Acupuncture - Adrian Lyster	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	23	Probus Summer Luncheon with the Ladies	The Hill, Stroud	12.30 for 1.00pm

AUGUST

Tue	19	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Coach trip to Black Country Living Museum. Enq. 01453 836618	Stamages Car Park	
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I. Summer Supper	Church Rooms	7.00pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

HALECROFT, Stamages Lane
Creation of dormer window
GREYCOT, Far End, Sheepscombe
Sycamore – fell each stem by sections back to old coppice stool
MILLCROFT, Stepping Stone Lane
Erection of a conservatory on the west gable.
BEECH FARM, Beech Lane
Erection of covered yard for livestock.
EDGE HOUSE, The Green, Edge Lane
Erection of gazebo and creation of a new parking area and access track.
THE STABLES, Yokeshouse Lane
Demolition of existing stables and construction of a dwelling.
HOLCOMBE FARM
Minor internal alterations to existing farm house, discreet location of Velux rooflights and glazed screen extension to existing annex hallway.
OWLCOTE, Stamages Lane
To replace existing concrete slab patio to rear of dwelling with decking.
HORSEPOOLS COTTAGES, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge
Erection of conservatory.
TURNSTONE HOUSE, Greenhouse Lane
Amendments to S.11/2580/LBC. Internal and external alterations to the coach house.
12 ASHWELL HOUSE
Renovation of property and conversion of garage into office space.

CONSENT

BRAMFIELD, Edge Road
Erection of new timber framed garage / carport (to replace existing) and erection of new porch (also to replace existing).
PAINSWICK LODGE
Structural intervention to repair beam, internal alterations and new window.
DEER COTTAGE, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe
Extension to existing family house plus annexe below street level and creation of twin parking bay at street level on top of proposed annexe.
Proposal includes demolition of 2 storey 1960s extension.
HOLCOMBE HOUSE
Internal alterations to bedroom
LAND AT HAINES GREEN, Edge Road
Construction of a riding arena.
GREYCOT, Far End, Sheepscombe
Sycamore – fell each stem by sections back to old coppice stool

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Small Aquarium rectangular with filter and light etc. £10. 812879

New unused single duvet cover and 3 matching pillow cases. Modern Coral/Turq. design. £7.50. Also matching but laundered 1 pair of long curtains line and 1 frilled/quilted single bedstead and cushion. £10. Sold separately. 01452 813128.

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The Personal Column

Thank You

Joan Wood would like to thank her family, neighbours and friends for all the lovely cards and presents that she received on her 97th birthday. Thank you all.

Diana Barclay writes:

I would like to say a big thank you to all my friends in the Friday Market and also in the Theatre Club for their kind enquiries after my two rather unexpected visits to hospital during March/April. I am making good progress and hope to be seen in the Village before too long.

Brian Kilpatrick

Jane Kilpatrick writes: Thank you all for your letters and cards. A Thanksgiving Service will be held in St. Mary's Church at 2.30pm on Tuesday 22nd July.

Birth

We are outnumbered! The newest addition to our family arrived on 19th April at 1.01am. Little MERRYNTONIA was born in Stroud weighing 2786g. Life as a family of five is certainly a challenge but Merryntonia is a very contented baby which makes things slightly easier. Max and Klara are very proud sublings. Best wishes, BRITTA, IAN, MAX, KLARA and MERRYNTONIA.

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

Filming in Painswick

Filming for an Ibsen play – Hedda Gabler took place in the churchyard on May 8th. A Victorian funeral was being filmed. This involved a horse drawn hearse being driven along one of the paths amongst the yew trees as well as scenes of mourners around the grave.

David Bishop



Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the Family and Friends of BRIAN KILPATRICK who has died recently, also to the Family and Friends of PATRICIA CASTLE, mother of Anne Castle and Rose Elwell and grandmother of Jess Elwell who died peacefully at Resthaven on Friday 9th May in her 98th Year.

Congratulations

Congratulations to PAULA ANDERSON on her appointment to the Headship of Bishop Challener School in Beckenham, with effect from September 2014. Paula is a daughter of Dr and Mrs B. Hamill of Painswick.

Welcome

We welcome BROCK and TIFFANY KENNEDY who have moved to Star Cottage, Hollyhock Lane,

We also welcome JENNY YATES who has moved to Vicarage Street from Gloucester and SARAH and PAUL OAKLEY and their daughters, GEORGIA and OLIVIA who have moved into Hinchley, The Highlands.

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