

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## Wide mouthed post box

As had been promised the long awaited wide-mouthed post box was positioned on the corner of the A46 and Victoria Street by the Royal Mail at precisely 11am on Monday 20th July. The arrival of the post box brings to a conclusion the many representations made to Royal Mail for the restoration of a box in the centre of Painswick following the closure of Painswick's Post Office in March 2013. Pictured are Maggie Drake (left) and Celia Lougher posting the first letter.

## Official Opening

A community celebration was held on 3rd July to mark the official opening of the re-opened Painswick Post Office in the Town Hall. Parish Council Chairman, Martin Slinger is seen in the picture cutting the ribbon.



## Beacon Distributors Party

Members of the Beacon Committee are very aware that while their names appear on the back page of each issue it is a gallant group of anonymous volunteers who have the important task of ensuring that every house in Painswick receives a copy each month. With this in mind, in early July, the 50 or so distributors were invited to a social gathering in the Church Rooms. This gave the guests a chance to compare notes on the joys and drawbacks of each others' round and for Celia Lougher, who co-ordinates the distribution, and Richard Aspinall, our Chairman, to express their gratitude and appreciation to all who deliver the Beacon with such good grace, come rain or shine.



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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 15th July by Terry Parker

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

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

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Public questions

A group of residents from The Park attended the meeting and raised a number of issues concerning the planning application for the erection of eight 3-5 bedroom market houses and nine 1-3 bedroom affordable dwellings on land east of the A46 and south of The Park. The Committee Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, said that the issues raised by the questioners would be discussed during the debate later in the meeting when the Committee would consider whether or not to support the application. See separate report of the Committee's recommendation on page 3.

### Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs James Cross, Abigail Smith and Emma Smith.

### Matters for decision.

**Land adjoining Corvara**, Cotswold Mead. Proposed new dwelling. It was agreed to support the amendments to the previously approved scheme.

**Damsells Cottage**, Painswick. Erection of extension and detached garage. It was agreed to object to this application.

Next Planning Committee meeting. It was agreed not to hold a meeting in August unless new plans deemed a meeting to be necessary.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Public questions.

Mrs Carolyn Luke submitted the following questions on behalf of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society.

1. The illegal enclosure of the two parcels of common land along Golf Course Road, Painswick with fencing and stock netting is unresolved. One parcel has been judged by the Planning Inspectorate to be unacceptable but no effort has been made by the owner of the land to remove the fencing following that decision; the other parcel of land has been enclosed for some eighteen months without any permissions whatsoever. Please can the Parish Council confirm that it will continue to press Stroud District Council to take legal action against both parties?
2. The Society appreciates that the Parish Council has worked hard to find a location for a part-time Post Office, however, the very prominent and brightly coloured metal sign jutting out from the Town Hall is visually jarring in

the setting of the conservation area and surrounding historic buildings. Please can the Parish Council consider putting the sign flush with the façade of the building once the Post office is established?

The Council Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, thanked Mrs Luke for her questions. Responding to the first question he said that Stroud District Council's Legal Department currently had a considerable case load but it was the District Council's intention to pursue the matter in due course. Turning to the second question, Cllr Slinger said that the Parish Council did not wish to consider proposing any changes to the Post Office Outreach Service at the Town Hall until the Service had become firmly established.

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### County Councillor's report.

Road deaths continue to fall in the County. Councillor Jason Bullingham had submitted a written report in which it was stated that figures released from the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership showed that the number of people killed on Gloucestershire's roads was decreasing year on year. However, far from being complacent, the Road Safety Partnership realised that each death was one too many and was determined to reduce these numbers even more. Each month in Gloucestershire an average of 19 people are killed or seriously injured on the roads, with a further 79 people receiving slight injuries.

Gloucester and the Rugby World Cup.. Work is underway on a pioneering project which aims to convert Gloucester into one of the best connected cities in the UK. Partners with the County Council, Gloucester City Council and BT made the announcement on 15th June. A landmark deal, the first of its kind in the UK, will see the introduction of a free public wireless (wi-fi) service for tourists and people living and working in the city centre, a new state-of-the-art CCTV service and control room and improved mobile phone coverage for 4G and other new services. Gloucester is believed to be the first UK city to combine all three in one project with BT.

### District Councillor's report

Cllr Nigel Cooper told the meeting that the Boundary Review changes to District Council Wards were confirmed as being effective from May 2016. He said that bulky waste items would soon

be chargeable, possibly from September 2015. The Stroud Local Plan was now with the Planning Inspector. The Plan should be in place before the end of 2015. Some 11,200 dwellings were planned in the period 2006-2031. The Inspector was calling for that total to be increased to 11,400.

### Rural Environment Committee.

The Parish Councillors agreed to the Committee's proposal to erect two kissing gates on footpaths within the parish. The locations had still to be confirmed.

Land and Buildings Committee. The Parish Councillors agreed the following:

- a. St Mary's Street Units (at your convenience 1 & 2). Quotes for electrical works amounting to £1,000 and other works in the sum of £2,700, subject to the works being necessary for long term letting.
- b. Library windows in the Town Hall. A quote for £6,775 for the complete refurbishment of the windows.
- c. Works required to Slad War Memorial (approximate cost £150).

### Traffic Committee report.

Cllr Abigail Smith had submitted a written report to the Parish Council. In her report Cllr Smith referred to the Community Speed Watch week which had been successfully completed in the week commencing 15th June. Approximately 150 vehicle registrations had been recorded where speed limits had been exceeded. Cllr Smith drew attention to a number of other planned works. However County Councillor Bullingham said that he wished to have further discussion about the firmness of some of the proposals with County Council officers.

### Date of next meeting.

It was agreed not to hold a meeting in August unless the Chairman later deemed it necessary.

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# Park development application

The Parish Council's Planning Committee devoted a considerable amount of time at its recent meeting in discussion about the application for the erection of eight 3-5 bedroom market houses and nine 1-3 bedroom affordable dwellings on land east of the A46 Cheltenham Road and south of The Park. Representations had been made to the Committee by residents from The Park in the period set aside for public questions at the start of the meeting. The Committee Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, said that members of the Committee had recently visited the application site. The members shared the residents' concerns and Cllr Lewis said that there were a number of unresolved matters without the answers to which it was impossible to form a judgement on the merits of the application. There were five areas of concern.

- a. The need for a statement of justification by the developer for the eight 3-5 bedroom market houses. The developer had to show the planning authority that it was necessary to build as many as eight market houses in order to cover the cost of the loss of land value with the building of the affordable dwellings. Cllr Lewis said that this financial justification did not have to be in the public domain.
- b. Stroud District Council had still to carry out an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty impact assessment.
- c. Flooding. Cllr Lewis said that the Flooding Authority had raised an objection.
- d. Traffic movement. The narrowness of the Sheepscombe Lane was a matter of considerable concern to the residents. The Highways Department had not yet commented on the traffic movement issues.
- e. Ecology. An impact assessment of the proposed development on the local habitat was awaited.

Cllr Mike Fletcher said that the affordable dwellings had to remain "affordable" in perpetuity. Cllr Lewis said that the proposed affordable dwellings had not been integrated with the market houses. He understood this to be a requirement.

A further reason for the Parish Councillors' and residents' concerns was that the application did not meet the requirement for an "Exception Site". Such sites were so designated where they were outside of settlement boundaries and would not normally receive approval for development unless a case for "exceptional development" could be made. The provision of a specified number of affordable dwellings could form the basis of such exceptional development.

The Committee resolved not to object to the land being regarded as an "Exception Site" but could not support the current application as it did not meet the criteria for it to be categorised as such. The Committee further resolved that, if the District Council officers recommended that the application be given consent, the Parish Council would ask to have the application determined by the Development Control Committee.



Our photo shows the field above The Park settlement in which the development is planned. Details of the site location and the proposed lay-out of the dwellings can be obtained from the Parish Council Office or from Stroud District Council's web site using the planning application reference S.15/1297/FUL

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Midsummer is now behind us, August is here (with offers of Christmas cards!) and the Beacon's conservationists are already thinking of autumn work parties.

Before that we can think back to a successful summer Sunday walk on the Beacon led by Paul Hackman of Natural England. Unhelpfully, 28th of June was a drizzly day following sunshine the day before, when butterflies were in abundance. But we saw an amazingly large number of orchids in flower as well as many herbs and other flowers. Finally the sun appeared ten minutes before the end, and many butterflies emerged, just like magic.

Grazing again in the paddocks was planned to start early in August. Obtaining cattle is proving very difficult this year, - our recent suppliers, the wonderfully helpful Watts family from Hardwicke have changed their farming pattern and so are unable to help in 2015. Committee member Derek Wakefield-Brown has been scouring the locality but, as this is written, without success. Perhaps we need to invest in a village herd? It is important because we want to maintain the impressive improvement in flowers and accessibility that have already resulted from a three season return to grazing after a fifty year lapse.

We are now recruiting and reminding our regulars that Saturday morning work parties will be from 9 a.m. on September 5th and thereafter fortnightly on September 19th, October 3rd, 17th and 31st, November 14th and 28th etc.

The Committee hopes you will join us on at least some of the dates, if only to come and see what we do, and say something encouraging.

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



## Near & Far with the Field Club

### Gloucester's Historic Docks and Canal Cruise

With over 40 people already booked, only a small number of places remain for our visit to Gloucester's Historic Docks on Thursday 11th August. Non-members are welcome to join us for what will be a fascinating day. In the morning, we shall divide into small groups for tours of the historic Gloucester Docks, including the Mariners Chapel, led by knowledgeable Gloucester Civic Trust Guides. Lunch will be served on board the boat King Arthur during a two-hour cruise with commentary on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal. The Canal, which opened in 1827 to bypass a treacherous stretch of the River Severn, was once the broadest and deepest in the world. Even today, it stands out from other navigations because of its sheer scale and impressive engineering.

In the afternoon, we have a choice of venues to visit: the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum, the Waterways Museum, or browse for bargains in the Antiques Centre and Gloucester Quay Designer Outlets.

The excursion is organised by Denise Magauran, who will be happy to provide more details, including lunch choices (tel. 814570). The price is £27 (or £21 if you prefer to picnic) and the coach departs from Stamages Lane car park at 8.35 am.

### London's Elegant Historic Houses and Gardens

There are just four places left on the Club's 5-day residential Excursion to London, Thursday 3rd to Monday 7th September. If you would like details, please contact the organiser Peter Wilson for the itinerary (01453 834486) or email: [petertwilson@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:petertwilson@dsl.pipex.com)

At £20, membership is good value, taking you from now through to December 2016 (or £30 for two people at the same address).

*Jane Rowe, tel. 813228*

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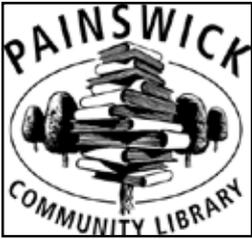
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## Summer Reading Challenge – Record Breakers

A good number of children have already signed up for the summer reading challenge, and it's not too late to join in. There are competitions running throughout the summer with book token prizes for the winners. Anyone aged 11 and under can enter by writing a review of a book they have enjoyed.

Tell us about the book and why you enjoyed it. Or, draw a picture - about, or inspired by a book you have enjoyed. Please keep your entry to an A4 page and put your name, age and phone number on the reverse. Deliver your entry to the library by 28th August. All entries will be displayed in the library.

Also look out for a Summer Quiz, copies available to pick up in the library throughout the holidays.

## ArtBurst Library opening: Note from Saturday 1st August

There will be an exhibition in the library called "Old Boots and Other Stories" - Still life paintings and drawings from everyday life that tell their own tales by Helen Baker, Anne Castle and Sara Kirby.

During Artburst, (1st – 9th August) we will open the library every day except Thursday 6th August, including lunchtimes. Not all library services will be available all of the additional time we will be open, but the free WiFi is always available.

## Story Time

Story time is having a break for the moment. If anyone has any fresh ideas on story and rhyme sessions for toddlers, and would be interested in running them, please contact the library.

## New Books

A good selection of new books are now in the library. As always the full list is available at the Library counter.

Highlights include:

For Children: "Bramble and the Treasure hunt" by Geogie Adams; "Looking Glass Girl" by Cathy Cassidy; "Frankie vs the rowdy Romans" by Frank Lampard; and "Lone Wolf" by Robert Muchamore.

Adult fiction includes:

Robert Goddard (no, not that one) with "The Ends of the Earth Vol 3 Wide world trilogy" and Stella Rimington's "Close Call"

Non-Fiction

Michael Smith "The Debs of Bletchley Park" and an anthology A & B Holden, "Poems That Make Grown Men Cry"

And with that, I wish you a good summer!

*Ian Cridland*



## "Painswick Gardening Club - Gorgeous Gardens

My Husband claims that I'm just a tad obsessed with the weather these days but I'm sure I'm not the only one who can't wait for a couple of lovely wet days to revive very dry borders and to give a brief respite to overused watering cans!

So all credit to Susie Eady, Grant and Cathy Bond and Rob and Judy Stevens whose gardens opened for the Gardening Club. July is not the easiest month by any stretch of the imagination and it's a brave gardener who is prepared to open at this time but these gardens looked truly beautiful; mature and peaceful plots of 'Paradise'. The steady stream of Members appreciated just how many hours toil had taken place in each garden and the generosity of the owners to share their space with others. A lovely way to spend a couple of afternoons and I, for one, left each garden with a few ideas to try in my own.

On behalf of the Club, I'd like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who opened this year; it was much appreciated.

Now, where did I put that watering can....."

*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*

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## And we liked it!

The verve and vigour of the GYP (Gloucestershire Youth Players who are aged from 16 upwards) brought an energetic version of Shakespeare's "As you like it" to Painswick on 18th July. On a lovely summer's evening, the Rococo Garden was the perfect backdrop for a 'sylvan' landscape and it was pleasing to see it used to its full potential. A good audience was content to sit in the round on rugs or folding chairs for the performance on the green down by the lake.

The GYP brought fresh eyes to the magical and mystical tale of one court set against another, of bitterness against love and where nothing is quite what it seems. It was wonderful to see young people clearly enjoying the play and they delivered the words with clarity and assurance. All of them gave a great performance and Orlando (Charles Powell) especially had a remarkable ability to project his voice. The whole play was enlivened by songs and dances, performed with panache and musical ability, and quirky humour.



The focus of this group is to give a springboard into Shakespeare's world and these young actors certainly seized the opportunity. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

*(Picture courtesy Chrissie Thompson)*

*Peter Jenkins*

## Rococo Reflections

A highlight of July has been the delivery of our first swarm of bees to populate the new hives we have. Perfect timing as this year we have edged the herbaceous borders in the Exedra garden with lavender and they are all in flower.

July was also the month of Shakespeare. On the 6th the Handlebards performed to a sell out audience of over 200, with their usual 'indie' romp production, bringing hilarity to one of the Bards best known tragedies – Hamlet. On the 18th the Gloucestershire's Youth Players performed, with an imaginative use of water pistols, As You Like It to an appreciative audience on a perfect summer's evening. ( see report on left).

On a very different note we have an experience on Sunday 23rd August that will be as much a surprise to the audience as to us. We have absolutely no idea what to expect. Local theatre company IKProductions are performing what they describe as 'A Rip Roaring Summer Adventure'. Their publicity information describes the adventure as :-

"Danger beckons, but when Five Go Down With a Cold, The Swallows and Amazons have flown the nest and Just William has grown up and likes to be called Bill, who can be called upon to save the day? Step forward four somewhat reluctant Adventurers who will take you on a journey of jolly hockey-sticks, derring-do and top-notch bravery, transporting you back to the days when children can happily save the world and travel the country with not an adult in sight! Summer isn't summer without a quest, so come along and we'll all have a horribly good time. Warning: Contains Terribly Mild Peril".

## Artburst is here!



The 7th Annual Painswick Arts Festival is now open and continues from 1st to Sunday 9th August! Don't miss the our opening event at the Painswick Centre on Sat 1st August 12.00

to 3.00 pm, many exhibitions, events and workshops in and around Painswick - just for you.

Looking for something different for you and the children to do during the holidays? There are a few places still available in Greg Thatcher's drawing class, Anne Haworth's printmaking for Youngsters and Pyjama Drama for the little ones.

For all details please look in our brochure, now freely available around Painswick, e-mail us on [painswickartsfestival@mail.com](mailto:painswickartsfestival@mail.com) or go to the website at [www.painswickartsfestival.com](http://www.painswickartsfestival.com) Enjoy some Summer Art in the Cotswolds!

*Jackie Herbert*

Now we are none the wiser just very intrigued. There is a matinee as well as an evening performance and tickets are available from the Everyman Theatre Box Office on 01242 572573.

As part of Painswick 's Artburst we are delighted to have been able to invite local chainsaw sculptor, Denius Parsns to display some of his work here. This will be concentrated in the Nature Trail area. It will be remaining throughout August. In addition on 4th August, Jane Garbett will be holding a painting day which is suitable for all abilities.

*Paul Moir*

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# 10, 20, 30 years ago

June 1985

Hyatt Orchard plans refused. An application to build 20 elderly persons flats at Hyatt Orchard has been refused at a recent Meeting of Stroud District Council planning executive. The decision was a surprise as the inspection panel had recommended consent.

June 1995

District and Parish election round up. The result of the Stroud District Council election was a victory for the Liberal Democrat David Harcup. In the Parish Council election there were 13 nominations for the 7 seats. Successful candidates were David Archard, Ann Daniels, David Hudson, John Hulme, Paul Moir, Terry Parker and Jill Summons

June 2005

Near miss on phone box. A spectacular accident demolished two of the railings protecting the phone box at the junction of Pullens Rd and Gloucester Rd. At the recent Parish Council Meeting it was considered advising B.T. to move the phone box to a safer location.

July 1985

Royal visit. Her royal highness the Princess of Wales is to visit Painswick on Friday 2nd August. She is to visit the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Exhibition which is held annually in Painswick.

July 1995

New Beacon Basket. To avoid the problem of a fire on the Beacon when commemorating great events, the Parish Council and Lord of the Manor have agreed that the Manorship would provide a new structure consisting of a metal basket to be mounted on a post. The basket may then be taken away and stored for future use.

July 2005

Driving around the bend - A newly installed interactive sign located at Paradise on the A46 will warn drivers of the dangerous bends ahead.

August 1985

The 40th Painswick annual Show. The Painswick show started back in 1945 as a Gymkhana to raise money for the roof of St Mary's Parish Church. The show gradually developed into a full-scale agricultural show with showing classes in Dairy Cows, Ayrshire and Friesians etc, also sheep and pig classes. There were also show jumping competitions and a Horticultural Show Tent.

August 1995

The Parish Council has voted to accept the gift of the piece of land known as New Drive from the current owners.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Painswick Show being held on 12th and 13th of August. This increasingly popular and well attended show will again be held in the Park of Painswick House.

August 2005

Painswick is the 2005 village of the year beating a field of more than 20 other competing villages.

The official launch of the "Flexible Bus" door to door service for local residents was conducted by County Councillor Stan Waddington.

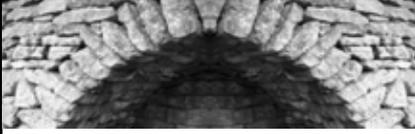


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# Painswick Singers' Musical Island Meander

The Singers second concert in summer months was as welcomed by an enthusiastic audience at the Painswick Centre as its first. The Singers, rather smaller in numbers than usual, clearly enjoyed the opportunities to let their hair down somewhat, though the musical difficulties they had to navigate did not permit them any relaxation.

It got off to a bouncy, buoyant start with selections from Mamma Mia music and was followed by the part songs: 'Down by the Sally Gardens' and the Handelian-styled 'Doctor Foster', who was more well known for being in Gloucester in the rain than on a tropical island in the sun. The second half was a selection of well sung part songs that always appeal, with Sullivan's most loved and deeply felt lament for his dead brother, 'The Long Day Closes', the concert's final item.

Between the choral items were soloist numbers. From tenor Adrian Bressington came a very powerful and impassioned account of Benjamin Britten's arrangement of the Scottish ballad 'The Bonnie Earl O'Moray', followed by one of Vaughan Williams' Songs of Travel: 'Wither Shall I Wander', which he sang with carefully controlled expressions of passion and happiness. Soprano Pat Lambert-Taylor took us into the much loved world of Ivor Novello with 'We'll Gather Lilacs which she sang sensitively and with feeling reminding parting couples of the joys of togetherness renewed, so much appreciated during WWII. The Singers' inimitable muse, Angela Newing, raised chuckles with one of her own readings on the meandering theme.

Altogether it was a most pleasing way to spend a Sunday Afternoon and the audience departed with smiles of enjoyment on their faces having been seated around tables with supplies of tea, coffee, drinks and nibbles to hand whilst the music flowed, under the magical direction of Andrew Hopwood as usual, with wonder pianist: Howard Williams, at the piano.

The next Painswick Singers' Concert will be their always popular Christmas Carol Concert in St. Mary's Church. This will be on the evening of Sat. 19th December and comprise Handel's Messiah Part I with Carols for Choir and Audience. The big difference this year is that The Singers will be joined by Conductor Andrew's other choir: Thames Head Singers' and, what's more, will be with orchestra; watch out for tickets! Anyone interested in joining them is invited to sit in with them at Monday rehearsals from 21st September. See also -www.thepainswicksingers.co.uk

*Jeff Clarke*

## The TIC Then and Now

On a recent visit to Painswick from Australia Terry Causon provided this photograph which will be of interest to many readers. It was taken in 2004 at what was then the Painswick Hotel and marked the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Tourist Information Centre in Painswick. All the TIC volunteers involved are shown celebrating the occasion.

Terry was responsible for the setting up of the service which opened initially with 17 volunteers. "They were always willing and knowledgeable, and it was always fun," she says.

During the 1990s visitors to the centre numbered in excess of 5000 per annum and came from far and wide.

Terry emigrated to Australia in 2011 and during her recent return was pleased to see the new TIC now well established in the Gravedigger's Hut. Visitor numbers to Painswick are very healthy this year and the service is being well used. There is a noticeable growth in tourists from Britain and from countries such as China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Russia, and Europe.

More volunteers are needed urgently to help in this very worthy activity. It is enjoyable, satisfying, interesting, and a privilege both to meet with such a broad range of people and to ensure their visit to Painswick is as rewarding as possible. If you would like to join the team of volunteers or would like further information please contact Anne Smith, tel. 414697 or email [anne@hyettorchard.plus.com](mailto:anne@hyettorchard.plus.com)

*Carol Maxwell*



## In search of Harry and Nellie Allen



Does anyone remember this couple? Harry died in 1957 and Nellie in 1973. They are buried in Painswick Cemetery. The photograph shows Harry in uniform during WW1 in which he served in the Royal Veterinary Corps. In the 1911 census he is recorded as living at Hambutts and his occupation given as coachman. Later he worked as a gardener. Nellie was living in Upper Washwell towards the end of her life.

Harry and Nellie had four children one of whom, Violet, later married and lived in Cranham. Their son, Stanley, born in 1912, attended Painswick School, was a soloist in the church choir (pictured) and played golf at Painswick Golf Club. He served in the RAF in India and Burma during WW2. Stanley and his younger sister, Peggy, were both born in Painswick.

If anyone knew or remembers Harry and Nellie or indeed their children please do get in touch.

*Carol Maxwell*






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# Painswick Probus

## El Shaddai – Street Child Rescue

On Wednesday 24th June Painswick Probus welcomed Anita Edgar to talk to them about her El Shaddai charity helping street children in India.

In the 1990's Anita, a trained nurse, was driving relief trucks to Bosnia during the Balkan conflict when her daughter insisted she take some time off to rest and recuperate. They ended up in Goa, west India, where their hotel room looked over the back streets which teemed with abandoned children. Anita, a deeply religious Christian, then had a vision that she was destined to help these children. She had a chance encounter with an Indian man Mathew who turned out to be the pastor of a local Christian church and they struck up a friendship. Mathew confided in Anita that he had also had a vision that an English woman would come and help him establish a home for these children. Together they started the El Shaddai Charitable Trust in 1996. (El Shaddai is Hebrew meaning 'Lord of Comfort Provider of All') Anita now spends half the year with Mathew and his wife Julia in Goa and the remainder in Britain and the west promoting the charity and fund raising.

Anita explained how the children were orphaned or just abandoned and left to fend for themselves at unbelievably young ages in many cases and how, being from the lower castes, they had no birth certificates or identity and in effect did not exist. She recounted numerous harrowing examples of the deprivation and abuse suffered by the children but overall the story was a positive one. Many of these children, with the help of the charity, had developed into responsible and educated adults, had gone on to university, developed professional careers and established significant businesses. Over the 20 years the charity has established numerous homes and schools for the street children, many of which are staffed and managed by the ex pupils. The charity takes children and tends to their immediate medical and nutritional needs but believes that the route out of this cycle is education and the development of a generation that realises that the current abuses are unacceptable.

More details of the charity can be found at [www.childrescue.net](http://www.childrescue.net).

*John Wylde*

# Probus Women

On 13th July PROBUS WOMEN enjoyed their last meeting before the summer break and could have listened to Trevor Radway all day when he talked about "Independent Travel in India" transporting us all (mainly by public rail and some private steam train hire) through all the hustle and bustle of everyday life in this fascinating Country. He enthralled us with stories accompanied by his splendid slides and the displayed photographs taken by his Wife Margaret who skilfully captured local scenes. They both have been railway enthusiasts for a long time and had always 'put off' going to India but in 2008 they decided to go and then wished they had gone years before! They were totally captivated by the people surviving within this railway culture. No health and safety here! People lived, worked, shopped, cooked and socialised right alongside the railway tracks. A man eating and sleeping feet away from a busy railway line with his cooking pots and pans about him was still there three years later when Trevor revisited. Children criss-crossed and played on the railway tracks. Cows and dogs roamed too. The cows take precedence and everything waits for them! More trouble than Minch Common cows Trevor said.

Chaotic, clamorous, colourful, charismatic, charming and confusing - all at the same time. Thousands living cheek by jowl with always a welcoming smile! Local people travelling on the railway cling on, hang on, balance on, perch on from anything they can get a grip on and, losing this grip, is deemed their own fault!

It is said "many things are lost in translation". On one station platform a restaurant was offering "Chese & pee curry". Trevor declined. On another station building wall a plaque declares "Office of the Mistry in Charge". The fact it all works at all and, on a daily basis, is indeed a mystery but amazingly - work it does!

Back 14th September, 10.30am with Will Mansell talking about Stroud Food Bank. Guests welcome £3.

*Delia Mason*  
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# I would have been safer on Safari!

Last Sunday evening at 8:30pm I was driving through Painswick on my way to a party in Chalford. I was admiring an old Mark II Jag in front of me as we passed through the lights and began heading down the main road towards Stroud, when all of a sudden I heard a sharp thud on my rear left window! I looked around and saw four teenagers standing on the corner where Stamage's Lane joins the main road next to the main car park. My natural reaction was to reverse back up the hill to ask them, "Did you throw a stone at my car!?"

Three of the teens darted into the car park however one of them who was probably 17 years old and well built, literally charged at the car with a wild look in his eyes after I asked them whether they threw a stone. I barely had time to close the window and lock the doors when he started treating my front passenger window as a punch bag! He raced around the car to the driver's side and began pulling at the door handles, desperately trying to rip me out of the car. He realised that it's quite a challenge to open a locked door so he decided to spit at the window and smear it with his fingers, as he was doing this two girls began kicking the front passenger door and started clawing at the glass!

Then all four of them decided to enter the front garden of the gentleman's house on the corner of Stamage's Lane. As I began to phone 999 the teens looked as if they were gathering more stones from the garden – however the owner came out and they all ran down the hill towards Richmond.

The gentleman offered me a cup of tea, which I certainly could have done with, however I decided to follow the youths down the hill at a distance in my car as I feared they might cause damage in the Richmond retirement village. I caught up with the two girls and they were very surprised that I'd followed them, one of them started to violently kick my car and hurl abuse at me, at this point I was shouting back at them "STOP, the police are on their way!". The main guy who had been further down the road near the Rugby club then charged at my car and smashed my front left mirror and also made two massive dents on my front left wing. Three of the teens decided to run on ahead and darted down the footpath that connects the main road to King's Mill Lane, not before pulling stones out of the walls and lobbing them at passing cars. Seconds later the police arrived and caught the main guy. Despite the presence of the officers, when I got out of my car, I felt very vulnerable.

The dilemma is, should I have stopped and confronted them or turned a blind eye? The latter could have easily resulted in them causing harm to a vulnerable or elderly person and potentially forcing someone to crash their car. If I hadn't locked my doors I would have been beaten senseless in a village that I've always naively regarded as a safe place.

*Jonas Pollard*



Two girls began kicking the front passenger door



## Police report

### Changes to operations.

In order to give the best possible service in the light of reduced funding the Police have reviewed how they work, where they work and when they work. Following this review they have made some changes to be brought in over the second half of 2015.

Policing in the county will still be based around the main towns in the county including Stroud however Constables and Police Community Support Officers will continue to work in each area but a key change will be that they will now police the county as one team. This means that they will be deployed to areas where they are most needed. These changes they say will lead to a more flexible and resilient service when your community needs you most.

*Above summerized from a Press release sent to the Beacon. More information available on their Web site [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)*

Colin Drewett remains our Police & Community Safety Officer but in future may be deployed to deal with incidents in other areas.

The police hope to have a replacement PC for David Wood from September to cover Rural Areas.

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## Proposed housing

*Robert Stevens of Park House writes*

An iconic view across the beautiful Painswick valley is under threat from a proposed housing development for 17 properties on the edge of The Park. The road from Painswick to Sheepscombe offers visitors and residents a panoramic view across the Painswick Valley. Stroud District Council has rightly protected this area with severe planning restrictions for many decades, recognising its unique nature.

Should the current planning application be successful, it would signal a reversal of policy. A major concern to all residents in Painswick and surrounding areas, who have assumed that the beauty of the valley would continue to be guarded by their elected representatives. A relaxation of current planning guidelines will open the floodgates to other developments which would be hard to refuse under current national planning policy.

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## Speeding traffic -

### Some new data and how you can help.

Over the last couple of month the Community Speed Watch volunteers have been busy. Not only have they successfully undertaken another full Speed Watch Week during which over 150 registrations were recorded for the police to follow-up, they have also been out in force with the mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS).

The mobile VAS flashes up the actual sign of passing traffic along with a "Slow Down" message if they are exceeding the ACPO Speed Limit (mandatory speed limit plus 10% plus 2mph). Whilst this has an immediate impact on the speed of traffic, it also allows us to identify the percentage of speeding traffic during the survey times...

In the 30mph zone to the north of Painswick 41% of traffic was exceeding 35mph, this was 17% in the 30mph zone to the south of Painswick.

In the 20mph zone on the A46 near Pullens Road junction 50% of traffic was exceeding 24mph as it races to get away from the traffic lights. On New Street, our most vulnerable part of the town centre, nearly 30% of traffic was exceeding 24mph.

As a reminder, you can play a key part in bring down excessive speeds – sign the Pace Car Pledge to keep to the speed limits whilst driving on your everyday activities. The Pledge is available for signature in the Town Hall (see the Parish Clerk or Community Library).

Many thanks, again, is extended to our fabulous Speed Watch volunteers and to all who have already signed up to the Pace Car Pledge.

*Abigail Smith, Traffic Committee Chair, Painswick Parish Council*



July is the time when the tide is turning in the birding world. It doesn't seem five minutes since the migrants were arriving and now some are on their way back already. Cuckoo, house martins, swallows and swifts are moving south, with most of the swifts gone within the next few weeks. Crossbills are early nesters and small groups have been seen flying over the Beacon hill fort, sometimes stopping off in the pines to feed briefly before moving on. These birds may have come from the Continent as large numbers have been reported moving through Holland recently. A curlew flew over recently may also have originated from there as a recognised wader flight path between the Wash and the Severn estuary exists. Common gulls from Norway and Sweden are starting to arrive and during the next three months the variety of gull species will increase. Smaller birds will soon be migrating through and between now and October birds such as wheatear, yellow wagtail, pied wagtail, meadow pipit, chaffinch, goldfinch, linnets, siskin, more swallows and house martins, will be recorded, some in their hundreds or even thousands, during a morning's watch. Birds of prey, like hen harrier, hobby and the rare honey buzzard have been seen in previous years so anything can turn up, which all makes for a very interesting time. Bird migration watching is a static form of bird watching, during which all passing migrants are recorded, the hours are often long but the rewards are worthwhile.

*John Fleming*

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## Yew Trees women's institute an amazing evening



It was a quintessential English summer's evening on June 23rd when the WI gathered in the Rococo Garden for their celebration of the WI Centenary year. Blue skies, fragrant flowers and the sparkling waters of the lake and plunge pool made a memorable setting for us to enjoy.

After a toast in the Orangery we set off in groups on a treasure hunt devised by Vicky Aspinall. Her clues, based on an intimate knowledge of the gardens, sent us into every corner. We discovered the Song of Solomon in the Red House and the age of Augustus Caesar near the Exhedra and several contestants got lost in the maze. The winners found a treasure chest full of gold "coins!"

Finally, arriving in dribs and drabs according to our skills, we assembled on the Bowling Green for a shared picnic. Some thought they had gone to Glyndebourne and set out a table with champagne, salmon and candles while others enjoyed their sandwiches and strawberries from chairs and rugs. This was indeed an amazing evening and it was great fun.

Date of next meeting is August 25th when the Summer Dinner will be held in the Church Rooms at 7.30 p.m.

*Janet Jenkins*

## Cup Cakes for Carers



Our July 14th meeting - a Cornish cream event with scones and jam, courtesy of Andrea and Jilly - gave me my first sight of the skittle alley, standing in for the usual venue, and memories of the West Country from half a lifetime ago.

Conversation came easily, good advice was gratefully accepted and we talked of family, friends and Painswick, present and past.

Carers may hit problems, they might be lonely, or they may simply need a short break from looking after a family member or friend. In the summer lull, especially, there will be a couple of chairs free for anyone who might like to give Cup Cakes a try.

We have a drop-in tea party (free), usually in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre from 2.00-4.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Phone Pat on 813326 or Andrea 812464.

*Bill Cochrane*

## Rural Jottings

Sheep shearing the annual routine of taking the wool from the sheep's body, when you see it on television or at shows, it is not always like that. There are many breeds of sheep, large and small, each of which with different quality and quantity of wool, some fat and some skinny.

The shearing machine must be set up in the right way so that it makes it easy to use. The tightness between the comb and the cutter must not be too tight or else the hand piece gets too hot to hold. The cutters and combs must be changed every few sheep when they start to go blunt.

The timing of when to shear is in May or June when the warmth of the sun has warmed up their backs and the fats in the wool have risen and this makes shearing easy. After a few sheep the combs clog up with fat etc and this must be brushed off with a small brush before you do the next sheep. When the time comes to start make sure the on/off cord is in easy reach so if the animal struggles you can turn the machine off quickly, and they do at times.

A few days before that day you need to catch your sheep and cut all the muck and dirt off from around their back sides: this is called Dagging. If you do not do this then money can be deducted when the fleece is graded.

First catch your sheep and get it turned over to sit on its bottom. Then turn the machine on and start to take the wool off the animal and this should be done in a sequence of trimming. Just remember not to cut the private parts on the ewe or ram, including the ewe's teats and the ears; cut them and they will bleed a lot. Know how to handle the sheep whilst shearing or it may move about and try to get up and run away and this makes hard work for you, so always be in control of your sheep. When shorn the fleece should be in one piece.

Shearing is a job for the younger person, it is hard work, and over time not good for your back.

The fleece is then rolled up in a specific way and placed in a wool sack which could contain twenty fleeces when full. Then it is off to the wool merchant to be sorted. The cost to shear a sheep these days is between £2.50 and £3.00. Therefore when your fleece is graded the money you get back may not cover the cost of shearing but it has to be done.

*Martin Slinger*

## Painswick Educational Trust

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

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## Men and mental health

I have written this month's article following an inspiring and thought provoking conference I attended recently called "Big boys Don't Cry" . . . Men and Mental Health, put together by SOBs (Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide), and the 2gether trust (the specialist mental health and learning disability service in Gloucestershire. I wonder if you know what the biggest killer of men under 35 is in this country. Is it heart disease, lung disease, or cancer? No, it's SUICIDE. The male suicide rate is the highest since 2001. The suicide rate among men aged 45-59, 25.1 per 100,000, is the highest for this group since 1981. Factors that could lead to these deaths include: traumatic experiences, lifestyle choices such as drug or alcohol misuse, job insecurity and relationship problems.

How shocking is that? British men are three times more likely to die by suicide than British women. We can't address the reasons behind these figures in a short article like this, but a strong message that came throughout the day was that as a society we must work to change our perception of what we consider masculinity to be. If you went to work tomorrow and one of your colleagues was crying at their desk, what would you think and how would you react depending whether they were male or female? If you don't work, imagine a similar scenario in a social situation? Possibly (and given that this is a generalisation) the woman would be given comfort and encouraged to cry it out and talk about what was upsetting her. After that, little might be thought about the event. However, a man found crying, can be embarrassing for the onlooker and the person, might suggest a "really serious" situation, carry great shame, and be talked about afterwards. We know that historically men often find it difficult to identify mental ill health in themselves, are reluctant to seek help.

Ironically the charity SOBS themselves find that meetings are traditionally attended by more women than men and a new programme is being set up to support men who have been bereaved by suicide. The 'Engaging Men' programme is being provided by the Gloucester branch of Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (SOBS). Branch member Steve Carter, whose son died through suicide in 2011, has devised, researched and developed the programme. "It seemed to me that men were reluctant to talk about their feelings in the typical group setting, but more like to open up in activities with other men in a similar situation to themselves. Participants of the "Engaging Men" programme will take part in activities which may include sport, music, and hands on skills such as gardening and photography.

Depression is something that affects all of us, regardless of age, gender, race or social class. One way to help reduce and avoid depression is through interaction with others. Some initiatives going on in Gloucestershire at the moment which are aimed specifically towards men, are the In-Touch "Remembering Sport at Kingsholm". This is a social group for 50+ to meet to talk about,

watching/playing/supporting sport with other men from around the county. Next one is Thursday 10th September at Roots Café in Alvin St, Gloucester.

Men in Sheds meet every Wednesday at the Furniture Recycling Project (FRP) premises in Gloucester Docks. The workshops are fully equipped with a range of large woodworking machinery and hand tools and safety equipment is provided. You can go along as a "Shedder" and get involved in restoring, reusing and repairing. It's an opportunity to meet others and to pass on your skills so it's a "win win" for everyone involved.

"Friends for You" is the new countywide be-friending scheme managed by GRCC. You might benefit either as a volunteer befriender or as someone who sees a befriender on a regular basis. Age UK have a national telephone service to provide weekly friendship calls and "Good Day" reassurance calls (60+). The Silver Line is a free helpline for older people providing information, friendship and advice 24 hours a day

Please take that step to get help if you think you are suffering from depression. Talk to your GP, try to make contact with people, try to be more active, get counselling ("Lets Talk" is the NHS service) or you may be able to access counselling through local charities, or you can go privately. There are lots of ways to treat depression.

Please call me to find local services.

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## Table Tennis

The Painswick Table Tennis Club completed its sixth and most successful season in April. Several new members, added to the originals, enabled £1005 to be passed on to the Painswick Centre. A very informal competition was added to the playing agenda and the photograph shows Peter and David with the winner's cup!

Our next season will commence on the 23rd September and each Wednesday thereafter, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at the Painswick Centre. New members are always very welcome.

*David Linsell 01452 812464*



## Tennis



### Stroud High School reach Schools National Championships

Lara Fair and Isabella Nunez (Painswick Junior Tennis members) were part of the Stroud High School Tennis Team who reached The Schools National Championships held at Queenswood School, Hertfordshire. Winners of the South West and Wales regionals. Angela Higgins (also a member of Painswick Tennis Club) their PE teacher coached and escorted them for the week, is retiring this year after many years at Stroud High, we shall miss her very much. What an amazing achievement for them all as Stroud High School finished in the top ten

(Picture shows left to right - Lara Fair, Jenny Eales, Mrs Higgins, Megan Webb, Isabella Nunez)

## Golf

The summer golf season is in full swing. The course welcomes visitors from the UK and across the world – while playing over the last month I have met visitors from Australia, Canada and the United States. They are all attracted to its unique character and challenges. In the Seniors' section, the main competition this month is the Centenary Cup – a three round medal competition with the best two scores counting. Two rounds have been played so far, with Jim Eva winning the first with a net score of 61, and Roger Anthony winning the second with a score of 62. John Hitchcock came second both times, and is current joint leader with Jim Eva with a combined score of 127. Congratulations to all those named.

The winners of the recent Painswick Golf Club Seniors Open – Alan Long (from Painswick GC) and Brian Walker (Cotswold Hills GC) – were presented with their prize last week. They scored a magnificent 51 stableford points, in a field of 113 players from a total of 33 clubs. The competition on a warm sunny day was closely fought with only four points separating the top five teams. The prize – a meal for four at The Falcon – was generously donated and presented by Neil John. The photo shows the winners, Alan Long and Brian Walker (centre) receiving their prize from Neil John (right) with Terry Coleman, Seniors Captain (left). If you would like to try Painswick Golf Course, please drop in or call 812180 to arrange a tee time. The clubhouse also welcomes visitors for meals and light refreshments.

*Peter Rowe*



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### Skittles

The Wickian's skittle team would like to welcome new players for the winter season starting in September. Interested please call Tony on 01452 812778 or email [tonyphillips80@gmail.com](mailto:tonyphillips80@gmail.com)

### Longfield Hospice (formerly Cotswold Care)

100 mile cycle ride to raise funds

I am to cycle 100 miles to help raise funds for the Hospice. If you can spare any change to help my little legs pedal the 100 miles please check out [www.longfield.org.uk/fundraisers/prudential-ridelondon](http://www.longfield.org.uk/fundraisers/prudential-ridelondon)

*Julia Mundell*

## PROPERTY REPORT for July from Hampton's International

According to the latest figures released by HMRC, sales volumes over the last 12 months are nearly identical to those of the preceding 12 months, however, the first half of 2015 has seen sales volumes fall by 4.5% compared with the same period last year. This is entirely in line with Hamptons research which shows that in previous General Election years the elections don't have much impact on prices but they do on activity. Transactions are typically seen to tail off in the run up to an election then pick up after once the uncertainty is done with and this is also evident in the figures with June transactions up 6% when compared with June last year.

At Hamptons in Painswick, we have seen the market remain remarkably stable with sales agreed in the first six months of 2015 mirroring those agreed in the same period last year whilst completed transactions are 8% up on the same period. As the schools break up for their summer holidays, it is often a good time to take stock of your circumstances and make plans if you are wishing to sell your house in the second half of the year or even into early 2016. We would invite you to call us on 01452 812354 to make a no-obligation appointment for us to visit over the summer for us to explain how we would go about marketing your house in order to ensure you are counted amongst these successful transactions and to offer advice on how you can use this holiday season to put appropriate plans and preparations in place to maximise your chances of achieving a successful sale.

Hamptons International are delighted to confirm that we will be sponsoring the Festival of British Eventing at Gatcombe Park from 7-9 August making this our 12th year of sponsoring this prestigious event. The British Open, Intermediate and Novice Championships all form part of this truly special event whilst we will also see the inaugural 'Amateur' Championship contested over a brand new Cross Country course, so this year is sure to be a memorable Festival for all involved. We would encourage all Gatcombe attendees to stop by our stand - situated at the entrance of the main arena - where our latest residential research, property insights and information will be available as well as a selection of our most attractive equestrian properties currently on the market. We hope to meet and greet those of all ages with face painting and colouring competitions for children and fizz for the adults!

In brief, we have recently agreed sales on The Croft, 2 Washwell Cottages, Baraclough House and Beech Cottage in Painswick, Woodbank in Sheepscombe, 7 Knapp Cottages in Brimpsfield, 1 Hillview Cottage in Great Witcombe and Tudor Cottage in Gloucester. Sales now exchanged include Michaelmas Cottage, Watch House and Horseshoe Cottage in Painswick, The Granary and Willow Corner in Upton St Leonards, Timbercombe in Sheepscombe and 2 Clovermead in Brookthorpe.

*Guy Tabony, Branch Manager*

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.15/1438/HHOLD ELMER LODGE, Cheltenham Road Extensions and alterations.  
S.15/1530/HHOLD DAMSELLS COTTAGE  
Erection of extensions and detached garage.  
S.15/1554/FUL LAND ADJOINING CORVARA, Cotswold Mead  
Proposed new dwelling. (Amendments to previously approved scheme S.13/2447/FUL).  
S.15/1615/FUL WORGANS BARN, Folly Lane  
Remove existing outbuildings and replace with new stable block.  
S.15/1695/TCA CHURCH ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe  
T1 Douglas Fir – To dismantle the tree down to the ground.

## CONSENT

S.15/0170/COU CHESSED, Slad Road, Slad  
Change of use of garage/workshop to holiday cottage.  
S.15/0629/HHOLD BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street  
Landscaping works to include new terrace, gravel approach, low level stone retaining wall and re-grading of grass banks.  
S.15/0745/FUL LAND ADJOINING PAINSWICK MILL, Ticklestone Lane  
Erection of Stables.  
S.15/0882/TPO 16 HYETT ORCHARD, Hyett Close  
Fell – Lawson Cypress and smaller Leyland Cypress  
S.15/1117/TCA FAIRVIEW, Stroud Road  
Acacia (T1) reduce height to 6.10m and reshape canopy. Yew Bush (T2) reduce to

2.44m and reshape. Sycamore and Birch (T4) removal of trees. Mature Copper Beech (T5) Reduce branch length by 4.3m and reshape.  
DAMSELLS LODGE  
Alterations and extension to existing garage and summerhouse.  
YEW TREE COURT, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Single storey extension to existing accommodation over part of existing roof terrace. All contained within the existing building envelope.  
S.15/1166/FUL COLMAR, Slad Road  
Erection of a replacement dwelling.  
S.15/1234/FUL STROUD SLAD FARM, Slad Road  
Construction of a retaining wall.  
S.15/1159/HHOLD THE VATCH HOUSE, The Vatch, Catswood Lane  
Improved flood defences.

S.15/1314/TPO H A M B U T T S HOUSE, Edge Road  
T1 Large Lime – remove deadwood, raise up low secondary branches over field to 5 metres. Reduce limb over rear garden of Highfield by 2 metres.

## REFUSED

S.15/0957/HHOLD & S.15/0958/LBC COURTSIDE, COURT ORCHARD  
Demolition of entrance porch and boiler store. Erection of conservatory.



## Feast News!

Painswick Feast is on Sunday 20th September 11am-6pm.

There is still time for local businesses and clubs, schools, charities or Societies to book a stall at the upcoming Feast. The bookings are coming in with a variety of wonderful, wacky local stalls. Come along, sell your foodie, arty or crafty wares, advertise your service or skill, raise money for your charity or take part as a society to sign up new members or tell people about what you do. Email: stallholders@painswickfeast.org or tel. 01452 812879 for info.

Are you a musician? Do you play an instrument or are you part of a group? Why not come along to "Busker's Corner"? You could even raise some money for a charity or cause! To book a slot on Busker's Corner contact us by email or phone as above. You can check us out on [www.painswickfeast.org](http://www.painswickfeast.org) and also on facebook.

*Iris McCormack*



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**AUGUST**

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		ACP 'Off The Wall' Exhibition: Art & the Body - featuring pieces by Alexander McQueen, Philip Treacy & Sophie Ryder: £2.50 admission	Painswick Centre	Daily until 13th September
Sun	2	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Picnic in the Park	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Rococo Gardens	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 6.30pm
Mon	3	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.50 to 11.30am 10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138) Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Painswick Centre Painswick Bowls Club	7.00 to 8.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	4	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890	Painswick Centre Town Hall Ashwell House	10.00am 1.45 for 2.00pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	5	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: Guided Walk: Trees of Woodchester. Pre-book - 813228	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Croft School	9.30 to 11.00am 10.30am to 12noon 4.30pm
Thu	6	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market: Coffee available	Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
Sun	9	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	11	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Boat Trip & Lunch on Gloucester & Sharpness Canal & Historic Docks Tour. Enq. 814570 Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326	Stamages Car Park P. Centre Green Room	12.00noon 2.00 to 4.30pm
Wed	12	Holy Communion	St. Mary's Church	12.00noon
Sun	16	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St. Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Wed	19	Evening Prayer	St Mary's Church	6.00pm
Sat	22	<b>Copy Date for September Beacon</b>		
Sun	23	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	25	Yew Trees W.I.: Summer Supper	Church Rooms	7.30pm

**SEPTEMBER**

Wed	2	Probus: British Army Motor Cycle Dispatch Riders in W.W.1. - Chris Roberts	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	3	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: 5-day Residential Excursion to London. (Enq. 01453 834486)	Stamages Car Park	



Mon	7	Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Painswick Bowls Club	7.30 to 9.30pm
Fri	11	Friday Club: My Life on the Severn - Chris Witts	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	14	Probus Women: Stroud Food Bank - Will Mansell	Church Rooms	10.00am
Tue	15	Local History Society: Pin & Hairpin Making in the Painswick Valley - Brian Jowett	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: Guided Walk - Cotswold Buildings in South Woodchester. Pre-book 813228		10.30am
		Table Tennis re-starts - Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	17	Probus: Visit to Jaguar Land Rover plant in Solihull	Stamages Car Park	8.00am
Sat	19	Friday Club Autumn Outing to Gifford's Circus		
		Arts & Crafts Market	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.00pm
Sun	20	Painswick Feast	St Mary's Churchyard	11.00am to 6.00pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: The Work of the Donkey Sanctuary at Home and Abroad - Lizzie Ellis	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	30	Probus: GEAR & Elim - Helping the Homeless & Vulnerable Housed in Gloucestershire	Painswick Centre	10.00am

### OCTOBER

Sat	3	<b>October Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Wed	7	Bird Club / Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club: Farming for Wildlife - Ian Boyd. (joint meeting) Enq. 814570	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	9	Friday Club: How Parliament Works - Liz Price	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	12	Probus Women: AGM & Speaker	Church rooms	10.00am
Sat	17	Arts & Crafts Market	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.00pm
Tue	20	Painswick Local History Society	Croft School	7.30pm
Fri	23	Friday Club: German Occupation of Jersey - Michael Pezet	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: Treasuring Your Memories through Scrapbooking - Kaeren Coverdale	Church Rooms	7.30pm

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# The Personal Column

## Change of address

Welcome back to Painswick to HANNAH MEARNS who has moved from London to Cedar House, Stamages Lane with her fiancé DAVID LANSDOWNE and their two children Cameron 3 and Darcy 18 months.

County Councillor JASON BULLINGHAM has moved to 3, New Street House, New Street, Painswick GL6 6UN. Tel no. 01452 812037

## Condolences

To the family and friends of DAVID STANLEY who died on June 27th after a long illness.

Sue Stanley would like to thank all her friends and neighbours for their support and help during her late husband's long illness. Also thank you to the doctors at Painswick Surgery and to Canon Michael Irving and Rev. David Newell for conducting such a splendid service for David. All much appreciated by Sue and her family.

## Congratulations

To EDDIE AND MIKE BUTTREY who celebrated their Golden Wedding on July 10th.

To RITA BISHOP who celebrated her 'platinum' birthday on July 10th.

To the REV MIKE and his wife MARGARET on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

## End of an era

The great sadness at the death of DAVID WINSTONE URSELL must be shared by all his clients from far and wide. They came from London, Cornwall, even the States and of course Painswick. No anniversary, birthday, Christmas or New Year was complete unless you had your hair done by David. He kept us all looking elegant and his magic with scissors could take 10 years off your life!! For 25 years he was part of Painswick, sharing our lives as we shared his ups and downs, recession and finally the worst of all, cancer. He fought hard to carry on, coming back for a while before finally having to give up his beloved salon (which had won many awards) and retire. He had hopes of a quieter life amongst his friends in Painswick but it was not to be. He will be greatly missed.

## Congratulations

To LUCY MOIR and CHARLES JOHN who were married in St. Mary's Church on July 4th.



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

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## Painswick Ball

Following a sell-out of all 300 tickets, The Painswick Midsummer Ball was much awaited and fortunately the weather and the evening did not let us down. As intended, the event was a real village affair with attendees from their late teens to those enjoying their 8th decade together, plus fabulous support from local businesses and organisations and also visitors from our nearby neighbouring villages. Guests were welcomed with canapés and a magician in addition to welcome drinks kindly sponsored by The Falcon. All this as they entered the wonderfully themed marquee incredibly adorned with real trees and lighting to really make the event special. A special thanks to Richmond Painswick for their sponsorship of this element which allowed the talents of Julia Murray and others to wow us all.



Following dinner including a main course of beef carved at the table, all were fabulously entertained by Mango Jam, Steve Twigg and DRP (DJ Paul Dunckley) with the dance floor full throughout the evening. A key element of the evening was the support for and fantastic success of the Charity Auction. Nearly £5000 was raised on the night for The Door Youth Project due to both the generosity of our donors and of course those who very kindly won their bids on the night. Making this such an enjoyable and tremendous fund raising item was in no small part due to Will Fair who was such a splendid auctioneer.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the support we received from a number of key individuals and organisations that helped to make it happen. These include our sponsors Richmond Painswick, The Falcon Inn, Hamptons, BPL Global and Painswick RFC and those who assisted with the fantastic setting and support for the event including Nature First, The Bespoke Flower Company, Core Lighting, Andy Lovell and many local helpers from the village and our suppliers. For further photos of the event please see [www.painswicksummerball.co.uk](http://www.painswicksummerball.co.uk) or the Facebook page: Painswick Summer Ball. The Painswick Ball will be returning in June 2017 and we look forward to your support and another great evening at that time.

*David Nottingham and the Ball committee*