

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## Painswick swelters in summer heat

Summer finally arrived in Painswick in June (if only briefly), with temperatures soaring to over 30 degrees for a five day spell, reportedly the hottest June temperatures since the summer of 1976. It hasn't been like that all month, but it's been nice enough to encourage the range of outside events, parties and sports that make up summer in Painswick.



### Party in the Park (Picture on left)

Following the last successful 'Party in the Park' where £835 was raised to help the Recreation ground Trust with much needed funds for repairs, it was decided to hold another community get together to celebrate our beautiful Recreation ground.

Next Party, Friday 14 July 4-6pm (details see Page 18)

### Messy Church Fun Day

(Picture on right)

Another Party on the Recreation ground was the Messy Fun Morning with burgers, bouncy castle, rounders, face painting, plonk, connect 4 and much more.



### Cricket

The fine weather has seen some fine sport in Painswick as well, with more details on our sports pages. Painswick's cricket teams have been in great form, Reece Morris, seen here with Adam Brown, batting against their opponents Christian Malford,



## General Election Result

### Stroud Constituency

	Party	Votes	%	+/-
D Drew	Lab	29994	47%	+9.27
N Carmichael	C	29307	45.92	+0.19
M Wilkinson	LD	2053	3.22	-0.21
S Lunnon	Green	1423	2.23	-2.34
G Gogerly	UKIP	1039	1.63	-6.34

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on June 21st by Terry Parker

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

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and on-line at the Parish Council's web site.

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### Apologies for absence

The Clerk, Mr Roy Balgobin, reported that apologies had been received from Cllrs Matthew Birch, Ian James, Roey Parker and Abigail Smith. These were accepted. Presentation

The Committee Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, introduced Mr Gordon Simpson, an architect who had asked to give the Committee details of his plans for the creation of a low energy dwelling on land adjacent to 'Jubilate' in Blakewell Mead. The dwelling would be located to the east of the existing 'Jubilate' chalet bungalow. The height of the new dwelling would be comparable to that of 'Jubilate' and "given the general rise of the land, this will be entirely in keeping with the existing street setting". The proposed dwelling would have a Gross Internal Area of around 200 square metres which is some 50 square metres smaller than 'Jubilate'.

Cllr Lewis thanked Mr Simpson for his presentation and explained that the Committee could not comment on the proposed application until it had been formally submitted to Stroud District Council who would then ask the Parish Council for its comments.

#### Matters requiring a decision

- S.17/0792/OUT. Land to the East of Stamages Lane. Single four bedroom detached dwelling. This application gave rise to a lengthy discussion. A number of objections had been received. Cllr Lewis said that the proposed access did not conform with the original drawing and this needed to be resolved. He had been in discussion with District Councillor Nigel Cooper who had agreed that, should the District Council planning officers recommend the approval of the application, it should be "called in" for determination by the Development Control Committee. Cllr Cooper who was present at the meeting confirmed

his agreement to this course of action.

- S.17/1059/HHOLD. Bramfield, Edge Road. Conversion of roof space to bedroom accommodation with dormer windows and roof lights. Unanimous support.
- S.17/1170/HHOLD. 10, The Croft. Garage conversion and replacement of existing porch. Unanimous support.
- S.17/1211/HHOLD. Rakehill The Highlands. New first floor extensions, attic rooms above guest room & garage including dormer windows and internal alterations. Unanimous support.
- S.17/1296/HHOLD. Packhurst House, Edge. Erection of single storey and two storey extension to rear elevation and open porch to the side elevation. Unanimous support.
- S.17/1247/HHOLD. 1 Tocknells Cottage, Cheltenham Road. Single storey extension and associated works. Unanimous support.
- S.17/1241/TCA. Dean Rise, Stroud Road. Eucalyptus – remove to ground level. Unanimous support.

- b. Slad Ward. There was one application from Edward Crownshaw. The members agreed to co-opt Mr Crownshaw to the Council.

#### Matters of urgency

At the May Parish Council meeting, Mr David Allott had asked the Council to consider supporting a bid for funding work being carried out on the Beacon Common along Golf Course Road. It had been agreed that Mr Allott would submit a formal application to the Council. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr Allott would not be submitting a formal application to the Council as the landowner intended to progress the bid privately.

#### County Councillor's Report

Cllr Rippington reported that 17 new members had been elected to the County Council at the May election. There are 53 County Council members. He gave details of the committees of which he is a member. Cllr Rippington reported that "Following recent tragic events in London there is a Gloucestershire wide appeal that all families and especially for those living on their own that they have a plan as to what they would do in the event of a fire in their homes. Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service are able to offer advice if needed".

#### District Councillor's report

Cllr Cooper asked whether there was a proposal to move the Painswick polling station from the Town Hall to the Church Rooms because some residents had experienced difficulty in gaining access to the Town Hall. He said that residents had experienced parking problems. Cllr Cooper was told that the Parish Council was not aware of such a proposal.

#### Mobile Fish and Chip Shop

Members were supportive of a proposal from a Cirencester based mobile fish and chip operator to come to Painswick initially once a week

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### Apologies for absence.

The apologies were as those for the Planning Committee. County Councillor Keith Rippington sent his apology. He had submitted a written report. Apologies were also received from District Councillors Julie Job and Keith Pearson.

Applications for co-option to the Parish Council

- a. Painswick Ward. There were two applications. A secret ballot was held and Rosie Nash was successful. The members agreed to co-opt Mrs Nash to the Council.

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between 4pm and 6pm. The operator was approaching other villages in the area to make the proposal viable. The operator would need to have a Trader's Licence issued by Stroud District Council before the service could commence.

**Local Council's Gold Award status**

Members were asked to adopt a statement necessary for the Parish Council to achieve Gold Award status. The proposed statement included such issues as how the Council delivered value for money. The Deputy Clerk, Irena Litton was thanked for the comprehensive nature of

the proposed statement which would be given further consideration before adoption.

**New Footpath Map**

Cllr Ann Daniels reported that a new Definitive Footpaths Map was being purchased to replace the one in the notice board outside the Lamp House. The cost was £21.

**Web Site**

Cllr Rob Lewis said that he had experienced difficulty in accessing the Council's minutes on the web site. The

Clerk said that this would be a simple matter to resolve and would be done.

**Party in the Park**

The Members congratulated the organisers of the event which had been a considerable success. The event had been held by local residents to raise funds for the Recreation Ground Trust.

**Next meeting**

Members were reminded that the July Parish Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday 19th July at Edge Village Hall.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

*Information received from the Parish Council*

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

S.17/0894/TCA S O U T H F I E L D HOUSE, Vicarage Street  
Copper Beech tree in the rear garden. Remove the lowest 6 or 7 branches to raise the canopy to approximately 6.5m to let more light into the garden beneath.  
S.17/1059/HHOLD BRAMFIELD, Edge Road  
Conversion of roof space to bedroom accommodation with dormer windows & rooflights.  
S.17/1170/HHOLD 10 THE CROFT  
Garage conversion and replacement of existing porch.  
S.17/1211/HHOLD RAKEHILL, The Highlands  
New first floor extensions, attic rooms above guest room & garage including dormer windows and internal alterations.  
S.17/1296/HHOLD PACKHURST HOUSE, Edge  
Erection of single storey and two storey extension to rear elevation and open porch to the side elevation.  
S.17/1260/MINAM A B B E Y FARM, Slad  
Amendments to approved scheme S.12/2325/HHOLD for erection of

garage.  
S.17/1247/HHOLD 1 TOCKNELLS COTTAGE, Cheltenham Road  
Single storey extension and associated works.  
S.17/1241/TCA DEAN RISE, Stroud Road  
Eucalyptus – remove to ground level.  
S.17/1301/LBC BARNS ASSOCIATED WITH KNAPP HOUSE, The Vatch  
Conversion of barns and ancillary building into single family dwelling.  
S.17/1334/TCA GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road  
Ash 16m (T11) Tag 0943 – Complete removal by sectional dismantling to ground level. Walnut 16m (T49) Tag 0985 – Reduce damaged branch, back beyond crack to secondary fork.  
S.17/1318/HHOLD 14 CANTON ACRE  
Wooden cabin/shed – (10ft x 7ft) used as office.  
S.17/1304/HHOLD B Y W A Y S , Cockshott Quarry  
Proposed extension to create garden room, cladding of modern reconstituted stone in timber.

**CONSENT**

S.17/0620/OUT WESTMORLAND HOUSE, Kingsmead

Erection of dwelling, access included at this stage. All other matters reserved.  
S.17/0722/COU ANNEXE, Downton House, Gloucester Street  
Change of use from an office to a unit used for counselling and therapeutic massage sessions (Retrospective).  
S.17/0724/CPE WORKSHOP TO NORTH OF HILL FARM  
Use as a builder's and carpenter's workshop.  
S.17/0759/HHOLD WORGANS BARN, Folly Lane  
Removal of existing lean to outbuilding, construction of two storey extension and alteration. The installation of new sewage treatment plant.  
S.17/0872/HHOLD & S.17/0873/LBC CLISSOLD FARM, Sheepscombe  
Interior and exterior alterations including erection of a rear extension.  
S.17/0874/HHOLD EDEN COTTAGE, Cheltenham Road  
Erection of lean-to entrance lobby and cloakroom. Demolition of existing.  
S.17/0794/HHOLD B R Y H E R , Cheltenham Road  
Two storey extension to rear of property.  
S.17/0894/TCA S O U T H F I E L D HOUSE, Vicarage Street  
Copper Beech tree in the rear garden. Remove the lowest 6 or 7 branches to raise the canopy to approximately 6.5m to let more light into the garden beneath.



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In pursuit of our aim to encourage travelling theatre companies, Spaniel in the Works Theatre Company has returned to the Painswick Centre. Earlier in the year they performed the much acclaimed 'Area 8', which was about Stroud in the Second World War. Their latest showing in June was 'Dark Tales of Gloucestershire'. It was a lively funny performance for all the family based on local folk tales featuring drunken Fairies, ghostly pubs, royal intrigue and mythical beasts. The Gloucester Citizen described it as "top class entertainment".

The film 'Lion' was shown by Wick-Flix in June. It was an excellent film, superbly acted, which I am sure drew a tear or two among the audience. Attendance was just 7 short of capacity, and feedback was very good.

On July 8th, we have the return of a Jazz evening with Lewis and Dav. They are part of a new wave of instrumental acoustic jazz, that is taking the world by storm, with influences from Django Reinhardt and Led Zeppelin. They will also be performing in Coventry, Ledbury and at the Ullapool Guitar festival in the Scottish Highlands.

Car parking at the Painswick Centre

Permit holders and those attending events, activities or performances in the Painswick Centre, are entitled to park on a first come first served basis. If unauthorised people park in the Centre car park, those entitled to, and those who have paid money for the privilege, will not be able to. We have been monitoring parking and it is evident that cars are often parked when the driver has no business at the Centre. Please help us, and each other, by respecting the parking notice and not park at the Centre, unless you are using it. We are always trying to do our best for the Centre and for all those who use it. If you have any helpful suggestions about this, or any other Centre matter, please get in touch – we would be delighted to hear your ideas.

Email: [jennie@thepainswickcentre.com](mailto:jennie@thepainswickcentre.com) or call 01452 814567

Events coming up are as follows:

- 7th July La La Land
- 8th July Acoustic Jazz and Funk evening by Lewis and Dav.
- 17th- 28th August Artburst, including a wide range of activities to be announced later.

*Jennie Barber*



## Wick-Flix

If you haven't been to Wick-Flix yet, then do come along to our next screening. It's a fun and very sociable evening in Painswick and our team of Flickers and Flickettes will make you welcome. In addition

to our usual offering we will be serving up Pimms at our July screening so join us to kick off the summer holidays.

### Friday 7th July LaLa Land (Certificate PG13)

This modern musical won 6 Oscars earlier in the year. Mia (Emma Stone) and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) struggle to make their respective dreams come true in Los Angeles; she, as an actress; he, as a jazz musician. They see in each other a passion for the traditional, but what will win as fame and fortune beckon – their love or their success?

Doors open at 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.45pm. Entry £6.00 (one price for all) including one free drink. Payment on the door. Best to come early to avoid disappointment as we have a finite seating capacity.

Wick-Flix will be taking a break in August and September and our next screening will be on Friday 6th October. As always up-to-date information on what's coming up can be found on the Wick-Flix page at [www.painswickcentre.com](http://www.painswickcentre.com) See you in October!

*David Chapman*



## Yew Trees

### The Ifakara Bakery Project

Margaret and Eugene Schellenberg went on holiday to Ifakara, Tanzania. Here they met the Sisters of St Francis who had a vision to run a bakery to provide staple food all the year round to the local population, especially when the harvests of maize fail. Eugene had worked in the food service equipment business and Margaret was a dietician and domestic science teacher, so they had the skills necessary to set up the Ifakara Bakery Project.

The Schellenbergs told members how £30,000 was raised to buy machinery, an oven, a generator and other equipment and then they arranged for it to come from England in a container. The ingredients of strong flour, dried yeast, salt, sugar and fats were sourced and artesian water was brought up from underground.

Today the bakery is a great success for it produces up to 900 loaves a day. "The Free Bread Funds" have been set up for those who cannot afford their daily bread. The District Hospital, The Nazareti Leprosy Centre and Lepa village and scores of children with malnutrition are provided for. This substantially improves their lives and gives them hope for the future.

ASANTI SANA ( Thank you) Margaret and Eugene for giving us such an inspirational talk!

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 25th July in the Church Rooms when there will be an entertainment by George Yiend entitled " Cider with Rosie".

*Janet Jenkins*

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## Police Report

from PCSO Debbie Collicott 49073, Stroud Local Policing Team

Unfortunately, we have continued to see incidents of rural crime in all areas of our rural communities. Generally in the form of non-dwelling burglaries – i.e. sheds being broken into or thefts of garden type equipment by opportunists. Please be extra vigilant, lock such items away and report anything suspicious on the Police 101 number.

Obviously in an emergency, or when a crime is actually taking place please dial 999.

As our workload is ever increasing, making the writing of lengthy reports difficult, I would encourage residents interested in crime statistics in their specific areas to check out the Gloucestershire Constabulary website which has a facility whereby your local crime statistics can be accessed.

Simply google the Gloucestershire Constabulary website, click on ‘Neighbourhood Policing’, ‘Stroud Rural’, ‘Useful Links’, ‘Crime Statistics’, ‘Find Your Neighbourhood’ (by inputting your post code), and finally the ‘Crime Map’ will then show the number of incidents reported for that area. If you click on the dots they will provide more specific information about the type of crime, i.e. burglary, anti-social behaviour, theft etc. If however, you have any information or queries and would like to contact me direct my email address is..... [debbie.collicott@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:debbie.collicott@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

*Debbie Collicott*

## Neighbourhood Police Roadshow

Friday 28th July 2017

10am – 3pm Stamages Lane Car Park

Please come along, meet the police and discuss any local concerns. (It is hoped the Police Horses will also be in attendance).



## Probos Club Report

On 24th May 2017 Mike Cooper came to talk to Probos about his experiences as an Olympic volunteer. Mike volunteered for the Atlanta Olympics and was accepted. He was assigned to “main stadium management” – i.e. checking tickets and ushering people to their seats. This was an ideal job as once people were seated Mike could enjoy the opening ceremony and athletics events with

the rest. Mike also volunteered for the London Olympics. He entertained members with anecdotes from both events but has now decided to call it a day – well, he will be over 80 when Tokyo 2020 arrives!

On 7th June 2017 the Club was privileged to welcome The Very Reverend Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester Cathedral. The Dean explained that, unlike other churches which receive funds from their respective dioceses (administrative areas), the 42 cathedrals in England must generate their own income from sources such as donations and investments. The Dean is justifiably proud of his record of engagement with all communities in Gloucestershire, and is determined to avoid the introduction of admission charges for the 500,000 visitors per year. Apprentice stonemasons are being trained to maintain the stonework dating from 1581. For much more, please see <http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/project-pilgrim/>

*Henry Hall*

## Richmond wine Tasting

Reminder.

Wednesday 12th July at 7.30

Join us for a tutored wine tasting evening at Richmond, Painswick £20 per person

## Open Garden Afternoon At Freams Farm Painswick GL6 6TY

Sunday 2nd July 2-5pm

Home made teas

Plant stall

Frearms Farm was previously the dairy farm serving Cranham and surrounding area. The house dates from 14th century. The surrounding gardens have been created over the last decade, and now are filled with topiary, courtyards, herbaceous borders, fountains and secret gardens. Frearms commands spectacular views over the Painswick valley.

Ample parking. Situated just off the A46 south /below the Royal William pub near Cranham.

*Sue Crawford*

## Painswick Art Club annual exhibition

Here’s an opportunity to see the talents of local artists. Over 50 examples of the work of members of the Painswick Art Club will be on view at the Club’s annual exhibition which takes place at the Painswick Church Rooms from July 28th until the 30th. The paintings show the skilful use of a variety of media from oils and water colours to acrylics and pastels. Most of the paintings will be for sale so if you like the thought of hanging an original painting on your wall make sure to visit the exhibition. Come and browse. Open each day 10am - 5pm. Entrance is free and refreshments are available.

*Keith Harris*

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## Daniel Chadwick to judge winning artists at Painswick Valley ArtBurst Festival.

Daniel Chadwick, the internationally renowned artist who lives and works at Lypiatt Park and is the son of the equally famous sculptor, Lynn Chadwick, will be judging the best three artists in the 'Aspects of Painswick' exhibition within the Painswick ArtBurst Festival this year starting Saturday August 19th and running for ten days.

Daniel Chadwick and Luke Millikin, the Manager of The Painswick, the top rated hotel which is the major sponsor of the Festival and will be providing the £300 winner's prize and hospitality prizes for the two runners up, will be judging the 'Aspects of Painswick' exhibits on the opening day of the festival Saturday 19th August and awarding the prizes on the same day.

The Painswick will be hosting a show of sculpture during the exhibition and will display the winning 'Aspects of Painswick' picture in their reception at the close. Jackie Herbert, Organiser of the Painswick Valley Artburst Festival said ' We are really honoured to have an internationally famous, local, professional artist like Daniel Chadwick, coming to act as an independent and authoritative judge of our artists' exhibits. We hope that this will encourage all artists in the area to show their works in the festival for general exhibition in our many locations round the village or for the 'Aspects of Painswick' competition'

Artists wanting to exhibit should check [www.artburstpainswick.co.uk](http://www.artburstpainswick.co.uk).  
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Jackie Herbert at [sheephouse@hotmail.com](mailto:sheephouse@hotmail.com) 01452 813229



## The Great Get Together

The weekend of 16th/17th June brought communities together across the country to remember the Member of Parliament, Jo Cox, who was murdered in Birstall near Leeds on 16th June last year. Painswick's remembrance of the MP's life took the form of a gathering St Mary's Churchyard during which refreshments were provided. The Vicar of Painswick, Rev Mike Holloway, recalled the great affection in which the MP had been held and how in her maiden speech she had said, "We have more in common than that which divides us"

*Terry Parker*



## Gardening Club: AGM...

### ..About Gardening Matters

After a nifty gander through the healthy Club accounts, a 'thank you' to everyone for supporting the Club and a few other odds and ends of Club 'business', the AGM was over! As not all Members were present, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support; it's very much appreciated.

It was lovely to welcome Dominic and hear about his time as the new Director of the Rococo Garden and plans for the future with a new Head Gardener: a treat to hear that this very important garden is thriving.

It's not too late to join the trip to see the gardens at Eastleach House on 12th July. Phone Debbie (Chair) on 07802 389304 or email [thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com) to book.

As mentioned previously, Debbie is opening her beautiful garden at Slad Valley House on 15th and 16th July for the NGS (see 'yellow book' or website for details) with tea and homemade cake in abundance. A fantastic plant sale is planned for both days with plants generously donated by Paul Hervey-Brookes from his Hampton Court show garden. All proceeds from the plant sale will go to the Dogs Trust charity. Fingers crossed for good weather!

A date for the diary - 13th September; the Club is kicking off the new season a month earlier this year in response to feedback from Members. More details in the next article.

Time to go and potter....simple pleasures!

*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*

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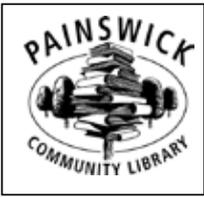
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## Two Challenges for Children aged 4 - 11 this month:

Children's Competition, which runs to 17th July, on the theme of our 5th Anniversary topic "Gardens". See entry forms and flyers on the desk, which are also available at the Croft and Sheepscombe schools. Drawings, paintings, designs, poems, or writing on the theme. There will be prizes for three age groups.

This then leads to the:

Summer Reading Challenge 2017, starting at the end of July

This year's theme is "Animal Agents", and along with the usual stickers and medal for completing any 6 books read over the holidays, the aim is to discover who has been up to no good! Watch for the flyers and posters going up soon in the Library, and head to the website [www.animal-agents.org.uk](http://www.animal-agents.org.uk) for more.

Knitted Garden:

See the photo on the back page of the wonderful knitted garden by the Knit and Natter Group, on display now.

New Books for July and August include:

Adult Non-Fiction

Michael Haag, The Durrells of Corfu; Lesley Stafield 100 Flowers to Knit and Crochet; Twigs Way, A Passion for Gardening

Adult Fiction: (new Jo Nesbo, Mark Billingham and Michael Connelly)

Mark Billingham Love Like Blood, Jo Nesbo, The Thirst; Michael Connelly, The Wrong Goodbye; Veronica Henry, The Forever House; Peter James, Need You Dead.

Junior Non Fiction

E Bone and Wheatley, Gardening for Beginners

Junior Fiction

Heather Avery, 2 new Farmyard tales in the Start to Read section; Hannah Shaw The Scruffs, the Good, the Bad and the Scruffy; Helen Peters, A Duckling Called Button; Bear Grylls, Spirit of the Jungle;

The full list of New Books is available at the Library Counter.

*Ian Cridland*



## News from St Mary's -

The season for celebrating the great Christian festivals like Easter and Whitsun is over. We are now into Sundays after Trinity which effectively lasts until the end of October, a period of twenty weeks. During this time the liturgical colour is green.

It is interesting to note some of the visitors who come to see our beautiful church in Painswick. In May for instance there was a visitor from the remote South Atlantic island of St Helena. Quite how this person managed to travel here is unknown. There have been major communication difficulties with St Helena. Their new airport has proved to be unusable due to wind shear. Our next "Messy Church" meeting is on 6th July in the church rooms at 3.30pm. This is a family occasion which is being enjoyed by many young families.

Last month several of our churches in the benefice celebrated their patronal festivals of St John the Baptist. This month our church at Sheepscombe celebrates its patronal festival of St John the Apostle on Sunday 9th July. The festival will be commemorated at their morning communion service on the 9th at 11am which will be led by Canon Michael Irving.

In June I mentioned the ordination services at Gloucester Cathedral which take place this month. On Saturday 15th July 10 priests will be ordained at a service commencing at 3pm. On Sunday 16th July 7 deacons will be ordained at the 11am service. Bishop Rachel will preside at both of these services and the preacher will be Revd Canon Tricia Hillas who is the Canon Precentor at St Pauls Cathedral in London.

*David Newell*



## Messy Church

THURSDAY 6th JULY 15.30 to 17.15

in the St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick

Join us as we tell the story of 'John the Baptist' living in the wilderness.

Enjoy some crafts, play games and have a delicious tea together.

Messy Church is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries please contact Fiona Gill: Mobile: 07771 513 382 or Email: [fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net](mailto:fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net)

## Changes at Resthaven

Lilian Faithfull Homes brings Resthaven Nursing Home in Pitchcombe under its wing on 1st July.

Chief Executive Martin Hughes says "We welcome Residents, Families and the Community to the Charity: together we have been providing exceptional care for over 150 years".

*Tina Balgobin*

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# 10, 20, 30 Years ago

## May 1987

### Storm damage

The storm on the 27th March caused severe damage to trees in the Plantation. The fallen trees will be removed and it was agreed by the Parish Council to accept the price of £1795 for the timber and that these monies would be set aside for replanting schemes.

## May 1997

### New Swimming Pool for the Croft School

The new swimming pool is expected to be completed in about 3 week's time so that the pool should be ready for use after half term.

## May 2007

The Tourist office reported 5500 visitors during the 2006 season. With a reduced number of volunteers the hours had been reduced.

## June 1987

### Painswick Gardens open day

Nine gardens will be open for charity on Sunday June 14th. Teas will be available at Verlands.

### Community Spirit

There has been a good response to the Parish Council appeal for volunteers to help keep parts of the village tidy.

## June 1997

### Nursing Care Home proposal

Proposals for a new nursing and residential care home in Painswick were unveiled at a Public Meeting in the Painswick Institute last month. The location for the new development would be a 4.5 acre site east of the Stroud Road and north of Cotswold Mead.

## June 2007

### Cotswold Way National Trail

The launch of the Cotswold Way National Trail was marked by a group of Cotswold voluntary Wardens undertaking a relay along the 102 mile route.

## July 1987

### New Minister for Christ Church

A special service was held at Christ Church for the induction of the Reverend James McAdam as the new Minister.

### Celebration Bowls

Painswick Bowling Club are celebrating their 75th anniversary with a series of special matches. One of the visiting teams included Tony Allcock, the current world indoor bowls champion.

## July 1997

### Grounds for hope- Housing

Local residents who are fighting to prevent a massive new housing development in the Painswick valley are in a more optimistic mood this week. The County Council Strategy and Resource Committee have come out with a clear recommendation against building new settlements in green belt and A.O.N.B. areas.

## July 2007

### Flash Flood in Painswick

Most parts of the country experienced massive rainfall on the 25th June and Painswick had its share. Those along the Painswick stream received the most disruption. The Met Office, replying to a request from the Beacon, stated that 37.6mm of rain fell in the 24 hours up to 10 o'clock on Monday evening at a nearby Cotswold recording station.



## Nature Walk

Many thanks to Clare Overhill for leading a dozen people on a very interesting nature walk on June 17th. It was the hottest day of the year so far and the chance to see birds nest orchids was a welcome chance to get in the shade! Her knowledge of the flowers on the Beacon is extensive and we are very lucky to have her in the group. The heat had started to get the butterflies out and Polly helped with identifying them.

If there are any keen botanists out there who walk the Beacon please let us know if you find any rare plants and approximate location so we can record them. I am not very good at remembering the names of plants (nor people for that matter!), but this year I have identified 11 types of orchids since the first early purples came out. A chance meeting with two ladies from Cheltenham who were looking for orchids led to them showing me a fly orchid, see photo on the back page. They were very interested in the work being done by the PBCG and hope to join work parties in the future.

The first summer work party concentrated in the top end of long quarry where we continued cut'n' dab ash and buddleia and cut back some brambles. A selective weed killer is being trialled in a few areas to control invasive weeds. I have started getting out with my scythe again in the evenings after work and would love to have somebody to help. It's a fascinating old skill, much more relaxing than using a strimmer, a great way of getting to know the Beacon better and good exercise at the same time. Please ring me on 07971 633 242 if you fancy a go.

In response to Martin Slinger's comments last month. We know the Beacon is a difficult site, but we have managed to graze sections of it for the last five years or so and the results are plain for all to see. Public access and dog walking haven't been an issue, the cows have access to piped water and are checked by PBCG at least twice a day. We are working hard behind the scene to ensure cows can be seen grazing again this autumn.

*Paul Baxter*

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## Nick's iconic portraits

– a first showing at the Patchwork Mouse

Nick Pike is certainly a very fine artist. Beautifully executed, his paintings and drawings are fascinating and compelling and a selection of his portraits of famous people will be displayed in the Patchwork Mouse from 17th July until 21st August.

Working from his studio at his home in Bisley Street, many of Nick's subjects are fairly local including landscapes, water scenes, house and garden and animals. Whatever the subject, it is his attention to detail and skilled craftsmanship which draw the eye. With his portraits of the famous there is however an extra truly fascinating dimension. They are not simply straightforward images but incorporate a more complex view of the person. Nick explains that his aim is to present aspects of the personality of his chosen subject and that sometimes, as in the case of David Bowie for example, this means multiple facets and alter egos. This is of course

usually the public image which the subject has him/herself chosen to present.

The result of such selection is that each portrait is completely different in style, each presenting a different set of ideas and features based on Nick's perception of the personality. They are unmistakably identifiable but open to analysis and interpretation. Take his portrait of Donald Trump for example. Nick has focused on his attitude to climate change and global warming and the picture, which shows an impressive likeness of the man, is set in a distinctive thematic (consequences of global warming) context. Rather than a straightforward collection of portraits therefore this is a series of really interesting likenesses and ideas.

Technically Nick's work is outstanding. He uses two methods. Some portraits are charcoal drawings on special khadi paper produced in Tibet. They are black and white, simple and absolutely stunning. The photograph shows Nick with one such drawing of Edith Piaf. For the paintings he uses sponges to apply the oil paint the effect of which is both soft and fine, and rich in texture. They are full of life and interest produced with superb craftsmanship.

Nick's work is very collectable and he exhibits nationally. His work is on permanent display in L'Artisan Restaurant in Cheltenham and from 23rd August until 20th December it will be shown in a Michelin Star restaurant in Bristol. The portraits to be displayed in the Patchwork Mouse have not been previously shown in Painswick so this is a first. Do go along and enjoy these topical, interesting, beautifully crafted portraits.

There is a website [www.nickpikeart.co.uk](http://www.nickpikeart.co.uk) and for more information Nick can be contacted by email [nickpikeart@outlook.co.uk](mailto:nickpikeart@outlook.co.uk) or telephone 07798.897634. He welcomes commissions.

*Carol Maxwell*



## A tour round central Painswick back then ..

At the last Local History Society meeting of the season and after the AGM David Archard took members on a delightful tour round New Street, Bisley Street, Friday Street and the churchyard as it was in previous decades. Former businesses and shops, public houses and the bomb site, all long gone, were revisited with the aid of some fascinating slides and illustrations.

Photographs of well-known local personalities from the past and David's own personal memories together with some delightful anecdotes presented a lively picture of life in Painswick as it was at various times from the 19th century through to the present day. This together with readings of some humorous local poems made for a most enjoyable final meeting.

The Society does not meet in July and August and the new season will start on Tuesday, 19th September.

*Carol Maxwell*



## Chloe's big thank you

The beauty industry, when engaged in seriously, is both complex and technical. For the past ten years Chloe McCarthy has proudly brought a truly professional approach to her business, Revive Beauty, at the Three Gables Centre.

Chloe began her career as a highly qualified independent practitioner in July 2007. Starting at Hoyland House she moved to Three Gables in 2010, joining the dental team there, and is now really pleased that the centre has become

a centre of excellence for dentistry and therapeutic treatments. Chloe's business covers a full range of treatments and therapies, all in the name of wellbeing. She also offers gift vouchers and packs of professional treatments for sale.

Aware of the fact that the industry is very fast-growing she retrains frequently because she is "keen to keep up with the ever-changing market." Chloe is certainly serious and very professional about what she does and is emphatic in her assertion that what is on offer here in Painswick is as good as anywhere else including big cities. She is highly qualified and a very experienced therapist but she also has a wonderfully friendly approach to her clients and treats each person very much as an individual with individual needs.

It is not surprising that Chloe has a very loyal set of clients, mainly from Painswick and the surrounding areas. Meeting people is an obvious joy for her - "my clients are all so interesting" she says. She also exclaims that she is really happy to be working in Painswick. Married with two small children, Maddox who attends the Croft pre-school and Sienna, Chloe is indeed a busy lady. She is very keen to take this landmark occasion to thank all her clients who have been so loyal for the past ten years.

Chloe can be contacted by telephone on 07859.880641 and there is a website [www.thethreegables.co.uk](http://www.thethreegables.co.uk)

*Carol Maxwell*

**The Sixteen** - 13th May, 2017

For the final concert of the 2017 series, we welcomed back the internationally renowned Sixteen and their founder and conductor Harry Christophers with a programme of motet and part-song settings of British poetry and biblical texts spanning four centuries. The Sixteen fulfilled all our very high expectations of musicality, clarity of tone and diction, purity of voice in solos and total control.

All these features were illustrated in James MacMillan's setting of Burns' 'The Gallant Weaver' - an appealing Scottish folksong style with a plaintive soprano solo "I love my gallant weaver" interlaced with the verses gently sung by the choir. Equally gentle and superbly controlled was the Edmund Rubbra setting of Herrick's 'Eternitie'. A song which stood out for me was Finzi's setting of Robert Bridge's poem 'My Spirit Sang All Day' - a strong declamatory style which contrasted dramatically with the gentle, poignant nature of the other works. Two 16th c. settings of the biblical text 'When David Heard', the first by Weelkes, the second by East were two miniatures which, as with all the programme, illustrated the marriage of music and words performed beautifully. However, even though the full texts were printed in the programme, I found the longer ones (for example Auden's Hymn to St Cecilia) difficult to take in and follow as well as trying to listen attentively to the singing. For me, this added to my sense of detachment from the afternoon's performance. In concerts, Harry Christophers is a man of very few, if any, words - not wishing, perhaps, to break into the hushed mystique he creates. I admire the musical artistry greatly - I personally just wish for a little word of greeting and warmth.

*David Homer*

**Painswick Music Society  
- Treasurer Vacancy**

Painswick Music Society is looking for someone to take over as Treasurer either at the Annual General Meeting in October 2017 or in October 2018. If you are an experienced accountant and think that this person could be you or know of someone who might be interested and suitable, please contact Dennis Morgan, our current treasurer (pmsglen@gmail.com) or the chairman, Chris Swain, (cgswain@btinternet.com) who can let you have a job description giving full details of what is involved.

**Jottings for June.**

I came into the yard the other day, to see ten swallows all around a small patch of mud gathering material for their nests; and then skimming the surface of a pond to get water. Now that they have arrived they seem to be in great numbers.

A bird of prey dives past one of our bird feeders, takes a sharp turn to the left and then a sharp right. This time it misses the turn to the left and finishes by hitting one of our windows. We are left with the most perfect imprint of a bird of prey, especially the wing feathers. No sign of a dead bird, so it must be feeling a bit sore.

The magpies are at it again this year looking for blackbird nests, taking out the small chicks and killing them. This has been going on for many years now.

The wild flowers are good this year, with so many colours. Our grass has certainly taken off now we have had some rain. Hay and silage making are now in full swing to take advantage of the fine weather.

Seeing a house for sale at the bottom of Tibbiwell, in Painswick, takes my mind back to the fifties and sixties when the site was owned by Nitro Liquor. This was a by-product of the coke industry - a yellow liquid, with a very high nitrogen content, which was used as a fertilizer on local farms. The company would come to the farm and spray it onto our grassland using WWII fuel tankers. They advised you not to look at your fields for the next three weeks, because the grass looked as if it was dead. Then, all of a sudden, the grass would turn green and grow as never before. Another thing it was used for was killing charlock in kale crops. Charlock and kale belong to the same family, so it was difficult to get rid of the charlock weed without losing your crop. We'd wait until the charlock was well in flower, completely covering the kale and a contractor would then come in and spray the field. This would kill the charlock off leaving the kale. This would then take off, growing. Today you would just use a spray and since there is no real coke industry, there is no nitro liquor.

Flea beetle was also a great problem, appearing in great numbers, eating the leaves of farm crops and your vegetables. We used to soak hessian sacks in paraffin and tie them to poles. Then we'd drag them across the crop, hoping the smell would keep the beetles away. Today you would use a spray because when they attack your crop, flea beetles really do some damage.

*Martin Slinger*

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# Rococo Reflections

May was yet another busy month for us, having a sudden increase in the number of foreign visitors coming our way, providing great interest to our welcome desk volunteers! And happily our visitor numbers remain around a third up on last year at the end of the month.

Our cafe continues to go from strength to strength - we've started using the first of the new season's produce in our menu, which so far has included lettuce, rhubarb and radishes. We've just upgraded our coffee cups so we now sell a selection of different sizes of artisan coffees from our lovely new machine.

Talking of produce... the Kitchen Garden is coming into its own, responding to the gentle caresses of our Garden team of staff and volunteers under new Head Gardener Roger Standley. The first courgettes are imminent, the sunflowers are storming ahead and the runner beans are heading heavenwards.

At the end of May we were delighted to host a party to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Cotswold Way. As you will no doubt know, Painswick is the mid-point of the walk, and the village is an obvious stopping point for overnight stays and refreshment. It was a great pleasure to welcome their staff, volunteers and board members - and to share their 10th birthday cake.

Coming up in July, we welcome Adrian Gray's fascinating stonebalancing sculpture installations, which will adorn a handful of nooks throughout the Garden between 3 July and 31st August. Visit [www.stonebalancing.com](http://www.stonebalancing.com) for a preview both of how Adrian creates his sculptures, plus the delight of the finished product.

We've been delighted to welcome a number of villagers as volunteers over the last few months. If you have a little time on your hands and would like to use your skills to support this special place, please do contact Dominic, our Director, on 813204.

*Dominic Hamilton, Garden Director*

## A Midsummer Night's Dream in the Rococo Gardens

Gloucestershire Youth Players return to the Rococo Garden this year on **Friday 28th July** with A Midsummer Night's Dream. These young performers have delighted visitors in previous years by their mixture of enthusiasm and talent. Tickets (£10 for adults, £5 for children) can be bought online at [www.gyptheatre.org](http://www.gyptheatre.org) or on the gate. The show starts at 7.00 but the gardens are open for picnics from 5.30. So bring your rugs, chairs and picnics and join in the fun.

*Kate Macduff*

## Picnic in the Park

What are you doing on Saturday August 5th between 6.30 and 9.30? Nothing planned? Then do consider coming to our annual Picnic in the Park at the Painswick Rococo Garden.

The garden will be open ready to welcome all your family and friends and even your dog, provided he/she is kept on the lead. You provide the glamorous picnic and wine and we will provide the ice creams. This glorious garden will be available for you to enjoy at a time when normally only the gardeners see it! Your children will enjoy running riot around the numerical maze, planted to commemorate the original drawing of the garden, and in the woodland area they will find our rustic play area to further enchant them. To form a background to this wonderful English evening we will be serenaded by members of the Cranham orchestra and entertained by Steve Kaos and his circus skills.

Entry costs £4.00 for Friends of the Garden and £6.00 for non-Friends. All children under 16 (and their dogs) are free. So, please write the date in your diaries and bring the good weather with you. In the event of really bad weather the picnic will be cancelled. Check our website [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk) for up to date information.

*Vicky Aspinall*



## In and Around Bradford on Avon

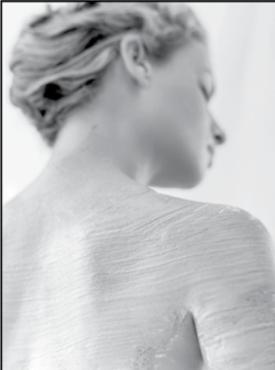
Our summer programme of excursions continues with a private visit to the Grade 1 Italianate garden at Iford Manor, overlooking the River Frome, on Thursday 17th August. Designed by the architect and landscape gardener Harold Ainsworth Peto, it is famous for its tranquil beauty and glorious setting. After coffee we travel to Bradford on Avon where the river and 13th-century bridge still form the natural focus of town. There will be time to visit the great medieval Tithe Barn, explore the Saxon church and seek out a pub or cafe for lunch. In the afternoon, we visit Westwood Manor with a guided tour of the house. There will be an opportunity to visit the gardens and nearby church, finishing with tea and cake if required. Cost £36 per person (£5 extra for tea, plus entry to Westwood Manor if not a NT member), including coach departure from Stamages Lane car park. Please contact Sue Brown on 01453 836 618 if you would like to join this excursion.

## A Visit to Westbury Garden Cliff

On Saturday 19th August, we travel to Westbury on Severn for a morning visit to the Garden Cliff, overlooking the River Severn, to explore the landscape and geology, and look for fossils. Meeting in Westbury village at 10.15 am, this trip involves own transport, however, it may be possible to arrange lifts. £4 per person. Contact me on 01452 813 228.

There are still some places available on our coach trip to Avebury for Museum, Manor House, church and guided walk around the prehistoric stone circles. Contact Denise Magauran on 814 570.

*Jane Rowe*



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# Reports from your Neighbourhood Warden and Community Fire Safety Advisor

## Warden's Tips for the summer

While we enjoy a few hot days over the summer there are a few things that we still need to consider staying safe and look after our property / possessions and living next door to our neighbours.

- Remember to close your window when you leave your house, you don't want uninvited visitors.
- If you are working in your garden either the front or back please lock the door you can't see.
- When you go on holiday have timers to turn table lamps on and off, this helps give the impression someone is at home.
- Ask your neighbour to draw your curtains in the morning and the evenings
- Respect your neighbours when you have a bonfire, no one likes their laundry smelling of smoke or their house filled with smoke or not being able to sit in your garden due to the smoke.
- Respect your neighbours if you are playing music, think of the noise and how long you play the music for.
- If you are having a party in your garden please speak to your neighbours and let them know you are having one; they can be prepared.
- In the summer we might have our bedroom windows open at night and you might hear noises that normally you wouldn't hear as your windows are closed, please be considerate if you leave your house early or come home late in the evening as people are sleeping
- If you have animals don't forget they need to keep cool as well and don't leave dogs in your vehicles.
- Always pick up the dogs fouling when you are out walking your dog, no one likes to see or step in to dogs mess.

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact me Carol Novoth, Neighbourhood Warden.  
carol.novoth@stroud.gov.uk or mobile 07790537821.*

## Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue

Would like to remind people of the increased risks presented as we experience warmer weather which coincides with School Holidays. The rise of the thermometer signals the start of a national obsession with barbecues, an urge to explore the great outdoors with a campaign trip or two and the enticing opportunity for a quick cool down in a local river, brook or reservoir, but all present a greater risk to safety. The increased risk of wildfires is also an issue, as moorlands become dryer during the heat. Each year we hear of various tragedy's linked to people simply trying to enjoy the warmer weather. Getting outdoors is meant to be relaxing, a wind down from the busy lives that we all lead, but it's essential people don't let their guard down completely and they take some simple precautionary measures to ensure everyone stays safe.

### Barbecue Safety

Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue. Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies. Never leave a barbecue unattended. Keep barbecues away from sheds, fences, shrubs or garden waste. Empty hot ashes and coals onto bare earth to cool down – Never place them in a wheelie bin.

### Gas Barbecues

Make sure the gas valve is turned off before changing the gas cylinder. After cooking, turn the gas supply off first and then the barbecue control. This will stop any gas from leaking. Never store gas cylinders under the stairs – if there is a fire they might explode and block your escape route.

### Water Safety

On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK, therefore parents should ensure children know the dangers of swimming in unknown water.

Reservoirs, rivers and lakes can look enticing, but can be deadly, with freezing water, hidden debris and undercurrents all adding to the risk. As the weather warms up, is so easy to be tempted to cool down with a quick dip, but that quick dip could turn into a living nightmare.

Our advice to anyone wanting to enjoy a swim is to visit your local swimming pool, where trained lifeguards are on hand to deal with any emergencies.

*Paul Barrett Community Fire Safety Advisor*

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## Croft School – Sports

What a wonderful week we have had this week; let's hope that this glorious sunshine will continue! We have had a particularly sporty week this week with many different events both in school and at other schools or venues. The week started with myself and Mrs Bent taking a group of forty two children from Year Two, Three, Four,

Five and Six to The Prince of Wales stadium in Cheltenham for the small schools athletics competition. All of the children performed really well and enjoyed the day. We returned with a variety of medals for both individual and team events. Year Two and Year Six both came third in the overall year group competition and as a school we came fourth in the whole competition. This is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of the determination and effort put in by every member of the team – Well done to everyone who participated!

It has been a very busy few weeks with Cricket with many games and a tournament. Firstly we played Hillview last Friday and unfortunately narrowly lost (by only 6 runs); this was followed up on Thursday this week with a convincing win (by 77 runs) over Parton Manor. The team are also playing Shurdington today so good luck to them for that match. We also sent a team to the Stroud Cricket Club District ECB tournament on Thursday this week. The children played a total of four matches, winning two and losing two. They were second placed in their group. This again is an amazing achievement for a small school – well done to all our cricket players!

We had the most fantastic day on Wednesday with our annual sports day in school and we couldn't have picked better weather for it. The children worked in mixed age groups during the morning completing many different activities, including throwing and jumping events, gaining points for their coloured teams. It was lovely to welcome so many of you parents and carers for a picnic lunch on the field followed by the more traditional races. It was great to see everyone taking part and enjoying themselves. I would like to say a huge thank-you to Mrs Bent for the time she has spent organising the events, the children and the whole day. Thanks must also go to the Year Six children who took a leading role in the morning activities and to FOTC for providing and serving the ice-creams at the end of the day.

*Rebecca Gore*

## The Croft School Summer Fair

Saturday 15th July 12 – 3pm  
Croft School field

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

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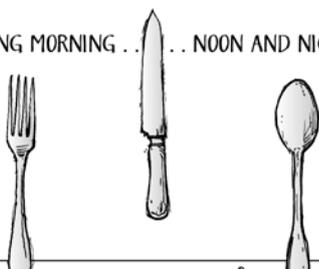
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# Sports reports

assembled by John Barrus



## Painswick Golf Club

The Beacon is a blaze of colour with all the wild flowers – and several different types of orchid in bloom. I was distracted on a couple of rounds to see a bee orchid close to the 10th green.

Since my last report, the Seniors Championship and Seniors Tankard competitions took place on the 4th and 18th May. Both are medal competitions off the white tees over two rounds; the first is based on the gross score and the second the net score (after adjustment for handicaps) with the caveat that one person cannot win both competitions. In increasingly difficult conditions – the rough is starting to get quite long – John Bentley won the Seniors Championship with a score of 164 and Nigel Barnett won the Seniors Tankard with a net score of 132. Then on 15th June, the Organ Niblick competition took place. This is an 18 hole individual stableford competition, but the challenge is that one is only allowed 4 clubs, one of which must be a putter. Peter Sibley triumphed with a superb score of 44 points, followed by George Paton and Mike Carter. It was also the Senior Captain's Day and various other prizes were available: Jim Eva won closest to the pin on the 18th hole; Peter Rowe for the best score on the Fort holes; Mike Little the best score on the "Odds and Ends" holes; and Duncan Toase for the fewest putts on the par 3 holes. Congratulations to all the winners.

Visiting golfers and members of the public are welcome at Painswick Golf Club. Visiting golfers are requested to pay the summer green fee of £15 (weekdays) or £20 (weekends) or £10 (if playing with a Member) in the club house before starting the round. Refreshments and meals are also available – for more details about either golf or meals, please call 01452 812180.

*Peter Rowe*



## Painswick Cricket Club - What news!!

### Painswick Cricket Club Junior Section

Take a stroll down to Broadham on a Friday evening this summer and you will see over 50 boys and girls enjoying the development of their cricket skills. Led by Junior Co-ordinator Dom Barnard a host of Senior players help the youngsters to improve their batting, bowling, fielding and, most importantly, their enjoyment of the sport. As Dom calls out for the start of the session it is a joy to see the boys and girls run out enthusiastically to take part. Ages range from 5 to 15 but they all enjoy the session which ranges from the eldest having a formal net session with the hard ball to the youngest getting to grips with basic skills with a soft ball. Already this is having an impact on our senior teams; 14 year olds Freddie Nicholson, Alfie Bradshaw, James French, Joe Hill and brothers Toby and Marcus White have performed with credit for the 3rd and 4th teams. The Under 13s have made a successful start to currently top their league and the Under 11s have beaten Hawkesbury Upton and then lost narrowly to Stroud in their cup. The club will be hosting an Under 9s tournament on 9th July.

Training sessions are held at Broadham on Fridays from 5.30. Any new players are welcome as well as spectators (The bar is open). Parents (and Grandparents!) are also encouraged to play and it is pleasure to see parents and children in the same team. Sunday and Mid Week Focus

Saturday is normally our main focus...however the club also competes in a Sunday league and a Mid Week league. Painswick are currently unbeaten on Sunday and are also on top of the mid week league.

Victories has have been assured by some excellent batting c/o Reece Morris who has been in tip top form over the past few weeks. Reece scored a 100 against Churchdown and an amazing 166 not out against Christian Malford. Other notables, Adam Brown 56 against Stroud with bowling highlights....Simon Taylor 4-24 (against Stroud) and Liam Cotton 3-15 (against C. Malford)

Cricket Week starts on 22nd July and runs through until 28th July...the sixes tournament is on Sunday 23rd July starting at 1030ish. More details on Cricket week and PCC will start to be available on the club website idc...please visit <http://www.painswickcc.co.uk/>

*Richard 'Mac' Barnard and Steve Pegram*

Picture of a typical summer game of cricket at Broadham on the front page

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## Race to the Tower

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the Broadway Tower in one day the others taking two days and camping overnight near Cheltenham

## Painswick Bowling Club

### Open Day

The Club is holding an 'Open Day' on Sunday 30th July and all are welcome to come and have a 'roll-up' and some refreshments at our friendly club. Members will be there from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help and advise or just add to the enjoyment of the day. There will be no pressure to join the club, merely to enjoy the experience.

By the time you read this, weather permitting, members of the Tennis Club will have had an evening with us to try their skills at a different sport.

If there are any other groups, clubs, associations who would like to come and try bowls together they would be most welcome.

Shoes or sports shoes with no heels should be worn on the green.

Please contact:- David Glover 01453 452369 or David Linsell 812464

## Junior Tennis - Finals Day



The finals of the annual Painswick Juniors Road to Wimbledon Tennis tournament were held on Saturday 3rd June. The tournament is open to all 14&U Painswick club members and the previous rounds had seen some good tennis from our local juniors.

Both the girls and boys finals were close matches, with long rallies and spectacular shots. In the girls tournament, Louisa Neal triumphed over Martha Steel, (6-4, 6-2). While in the boys tournament, Marcus White beat Ethan Courts (6-2, 6-3). Congratulations to Louisa and Marcus who will represent Painswick at the Gloucestershire Road to Wimbledon finals in July.

Thank-you all those who enjoyed playing in the tournament. It is great to see the juniors on court playing matches and playing so well, after all their coaching on the Painswick tennis courts with Lorraine Ristic and her coaches.

*Steve Courts*

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# PROBUS Women 'Gardeners World' ... unearthed

The knowledgeable, gentle and easy charm of Monty Don accompanied by the stars of the show, Nigel and Nellie (Retrievers) are an inspiration to would-be gardeners to 'get out there and have a go'. He dangles that carrot of temptation so well he leads us to believe the once, never-thought-of-thought - "I could garden!" He outlines work and planting throughout the seasons at Longmeadow, Herefordshire with such an ease of effort and friendly nature that his enthusiasm through camera lens to sitting room is unequivocal. This ease of seamless effort is achieved by having two parallel production teams (working roll over weeks) dealing with all the complexities involved in production.

Our Speaker, Julie Dolphin, Horticultural Researcher for Gardener's World owns and runs (with her Husband) Miserden Nurseries, a beautiful old Nursery which is well worth a visit and is passionate about both.

Longmeadow is Monty's private garden and he is very much the boss. He meets with the Researcher and Director discussing content and shape of programmes which must be accurate and all plants must be in tip top condition. Programme 'runners' obtain anything needed and filming runs a week in advance of broadcast. Hotels require booking and risk assessments completed. The Director writes scripts for various presenters but Monty takes his as a guideline and chats to viewers in his own incomparable style. Filming takes just under two days then back to Bristol for editing and piecing together and then final viewing by senior staff before delivering to TV channel. Meanwhile the second parallel team planning the next week's broadcast springs into action and the whole cycle starts again.

We were told that Monty is "talking" retirement in, maybe, around 2019 and the BBC has the unenviable task of finding someone to replace him - let alone Nigel and Nellie! When this time does finally come and Monty says goodbye from Longmeadow for the last time and walks along that familiar pathway back to his house followed close at heel by Nellie with Nigel languidly following behind, how will we cope? Stock up on tissues. There will be tears!

No meeting in July. We're off on our annual away day. Sudeley Castle - open up your Gatehouse!

*delia Mason*

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## PROPERTY REPORT from Moultons Haus

Since our initial "hello" in The Painswick Beacon in the April issue I really do not know where the time has gone we have been so busy - and here we are again after an astonishing three months with the privilege of presenting our views about local property matters once again. We have been humbled by the frequent and incredibly friendly feedback since I last wrote and equally delighted that so many of you have called into the office to chat, have a coffee and get to know us better. Rather than list for you all our recent instructions and property under offer in Painswick (all available at [moultonhaus.co.uk](http://moultonhaus.co.uk) and our Instagram page @moultonhaus. I wanted instead to use this precious space to talk about property selling strategies, a subject that's raised with us by prospective vendors every day.

At Moulton Haus we recognise that every property is unique and buyers and sellers equally have inimitable requirements. With this in mind, every strategy developed by us is in harmony with the clients needs and expectations. But always includes the common aims of achieving the best price, in the shortest time with the least amount of hassle. We love to market beautiful homes and research shows us that amongst buyers primary interest is whether they like the look of a property - so from this the critical tactic must be - great photography - get that wrong and interest could be severely curtailed. Our Photographer Steven is a true artist with a camera, and whether you're going to sell with Moulton Haus using our "All Inclusive" or our "Online" service he will ensure that your property will look it's very best in order to maximise appeal and viewer interest. In our next article I'll continue the 'strategy for sales' theme including a discussion on property valuations but in the meantime, and not wanting to get 'hung' up on the recent election, the local market as we have witnessed has remained robust despite a little uncertainty in the build up to the snap general election and the southwest benefitting from excellent annual property price growth of 8.1%. Interest rates remaining low for the moment will help first time buyers and borrowers find their dream Cotswold home.

Finally we are delighted to introduce the newest member of the Moulton Haus team Michelle English. Her wealth of experience and local 'know how' is a huge asset to Moulton Haus' rental portfolio, which will no doubt continue to flourish under her watchful eye.

*Hugo Moulton MNAEA Director*



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**JULY**

Sat	<b>1</b>	Theatre Club trip to Watermill Theatre, Newbury: 'Garden' by Alan Ayckbourn	Stamages Car Park	10.30am
Sun	<b>2</b>	Mass Parish Communion Meeting for Worship	Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Mon	<b>3</b>	Knit & Natter Group Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623  Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Library Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Church Rooms	10.00am 10.30am and 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	<b>4</b>	Cotteswold Naturalists' Coach Trip to Avebury, prehistoric site, Manor (N.T.) & Museum. Enq. 814570 Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Gentle Pilates for all - Tuesdays: contact Vicky at abcPilates@btinternet.com or 07934977171 Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Guided Health Walk (one hour) Tuesdays. Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Stamages Car Park  Church Rooms Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Ashwell House	9.30am 9.30 to 10.30am 10.00am 2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	<b>5</b>	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Robert Dudley, Queen Elizabeth & the Kenilworth entertainment of 1575 - Gill White Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL  Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm  9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am
Thu	<b>6</b>	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176  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 Messy Church	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Painswick Centre Church Rooms Town Hall Painswick Centre	Afternoons 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 3.30 to 5.15pm 9.30 to 11.30am
Fri	<b>7</b>	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Toddler Group - Fridays (Recreation Ground) Willow Weaving at ACP Gallery Wick-Flix Screening: La La Land. £6 at door, to include 1 drink	Youth Pavilion Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00 to 11.30am 10.00am to 3.30pm 7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	<b>8</b>	Acoustic Jazz & Funk Evening by Lewis & Dav	Painswick Centre	Doors open 7.00pm
Sun	<b>9</b>	Holy Communion (Traditional Language) Mass Sharing in One Bread - Holy Communion Meeting for Worship Holy Baptism	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 3.00pm
Mon	<b>10</b>	Probus Women: Gloucestershire Young Carers -Jane Dyer	Church Rooms	10.00am
Wed	<b>12</b>	Gardening Club visit to Eastleach House, Cirencester Holy Communion	Cirencester St. Mary's Church	2.00pm 12.00noon
Fri	<b>14</b>	Friday Club "Angel Voices" Matthew Gacek	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	<b>15</b>	Arts & Crafts Market Croft School Fete	Town Hall Croft School	10.00am to 2.00pm 12.00noon to 3.00pm
Sun	<b>16</b>	No Mass in Painswick Parish Communion and Baptism Meeting for Worship	Stroud Church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	11.am 9.30am 10.30am



Wed	19	Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon at The Hill Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	Stroud St. Mary's Church Town Hall	12.30 for 1.00pm 5.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	23	Holy Communion (Traditional Language) Mass Painswick Praise Meeting for Worship	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am
Mon	24	<b>Copy Date for August Beacon</b>		
Tue	25	Yew Trees W.I.: Cider with Rosie - an entertainment: George Yiend	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Sun	30	Mass Benefice Communion Meeting for Worship Painswick Bowling Club Open Day - All Welcome	Catholic church St. Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House Bowling Green, Recreation Ground	8.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11,00am to 4.00pm
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Sat	5	<b>August Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b> Picnic in the Park'	Rococo Garden Library	6.30 to 9.30pm 10.00am
Mon	7	Knit & Natter Group		
Thu	17	Cotteswold Naturalists' Coach Trip to Westwood Manor (NT), Tithe Barn & Ilford Manor Gardens. Enq. 01453836618	Stamages Car Park	
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I. Summer Supper (no meeting)		
Thu	31	Theatre Club visit to Stratford upon Avon: Anthony & Cleopatra.	Stamages Car Park	

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Eddie Buttrey at: [mikeandeddie@thebuttreys.com](mailto:mikeandeddie@thebuttreys.com)**

## Party in the Park

Next Party, Friday 14th July 4-6pm

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*Dawn Marie Dart*



The Friday Club June outing was to Frampton Court where they were given a tour of the magnificent, but homely house, by two very enthusiastic Guides. Lovely wood panelling and staircase and furnishing includes work by Robert Thompson. We were encouraged to touch and sit on the chairs which are in the style of Chippendales. Pictures include originals of the Clifford sisters' botanical illustrations. We were treated to an exhibition of a Grayson Perry tapestry, with explanation of how he developed the themes for the series about "Tom".

The speaker for the Friday Club Meeting on 14th July has been changed to Matthew Gacek talking about "Angel Voices"

*Joyce Barrus*





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# The Personal Column

## Thank You

The family of ALAN MAJOR would like to thank everyone for their cards, kind words of comfort and friendship, knocks on the door and flowers as we grieved the loss of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. We appreciate your love and care.  
Jo Major

## Condolences

To the family and friends of Jean Minall who died peacefully on June 18th. She was the wife of the Reverend Peter Minall.

To the family and friends of Sybil Cooke who died recently. She was the mother of Steve Cooke and had lived for many years in Painswick, Stroud and Cheltenham.

*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.*

*We are always willing to announce births, deaths and marriages, as well as people moving to, or leaving, the village, but we can only report what we are told.*

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*Jacek Wolowiec - Subscriptions*

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