

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Art bursts into Painswick



Painswick Valleys Arts Festival for 2017, entitled "Artburst", brought many people to Painswick to see the excellent examples of local and visiting artists' work. There were a number of venues in and around the village at which the artists displayed their works in a variety of materials. St Mary's Flower-burst: Aspects of Painswick was held in the church to coincide with the Artburst Festival. Here St Mary's Flower Guild

portrayed village activities through floral art. Artburst received considerable publicity, not least in the Daily Telegraph of 19th August when columnist Bouicca Fox-Leonard featured Painswick. She writes "Painswick's Art Burst festival celebrates the host of artists on its doorsteps, with 15 different exhibitions and 10 local artists opening their studios". She continues, "With all other industry having departed, Painswick has made like Downtown New York in the Seventies; the artists have moved in, whether it is Rupert in the loos, or wildlife artist Kerry Jane in the Falcon's Nest, her studio/shop, or Greg Thatcher, who since 1991 has been meticulously drawing the entangled branches of St Mary's Churchyard's famous 99 yew trees in pencil and ink." Many congratulations to everyone involved with the Festival which has brought considerable credit to the village.

## Greg Thatcher

Pictured in St Mary's Churchyard is Greg Thatcher the American artist who is exhibiting at the Artburst festival. Greg, from Ohio, is a regular visitor to Painswick where he makes detailed studies of the yew trees. He gave workshops in Painswick last year.



Pictured above is Pete Tatham's sculpture in resin called : ATLAS: DUST TO DUST standing outside the north entrance to the Church Rooms

## Aspects of Painswick

A celebration in flowers in St Mary's Church. The programme reminds us that, "Once again members of the St Mary's Flower Guild have joined forces with 'Artburst' to stage a 'Flower Burst'. Clubs, societies and individuals have inspired and sponsored the flower displays that fill this ancient and vibrant life of the community. Two examples of the excellent displays are Pam Swain and Morna Holliday's celebration of the choirs, concerts and societies that bring music to Painswick entitled "The Lectern - Music in Painswick" and Freda Bacon and daughter Ingrid's celebration of Painswick Ladies Golf Club.

## Painswick Feast

This year the Painswick Feast takes place on Sunday 24th September. The day begins at 11am in St Mary's Churchyard and continues until 5pm. At 3pm the Clypping Service will be held when the guest preacher will be Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester. Included in this year's events will be a family dog show. Full details of the Feast are on page 13.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS *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.

At the July meeting of the Parish Council it had been agreed not to hold a meeting in August.

### PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING on the 2nd August

Members present were Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), Edward Crownshaw, Ann Daniels, Steve Morris, Roey Parker, Martin Slinger and Abigail Smith.

#### Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Matthew Birch, James Cross, Mike Fletcher, Ian James and Rosie Nash.

#### Public Questions.

Mr and Mrs Steer referred to their letters of objection that had been submitted to the application to erect three bungalows on land at 4 Court Orchard. Cllr Lewis said that the members were aware of the various objections that had been received and that these would be considered when the application was considered later in the meeting. Mrs Steer drew attention to the trees that could be affected by, and might affect the building works. All the trees were the subject of Tree Preservation Orders.

#### Matters requiring a decision

- S.17/1375/FUL. Land at 4 Court Orchard. Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of three bungalows. It was unfortunate that the Council's projector was not working which meant that the plans could not be displayed on the large screen. Cllr Lewis reminded members of the letters of objection that had been received which were on the District Council's website. The application had been discussed at the previous planning committee meeting when the application had been deferred pending a site inspection visit. That site visit had taken place. Cllr Lewis said he believed the plot was large enough to contain the three bungalows. The height of the bungalows could not be regarded as grounds for objection. Some concern was expressed by

Councillors about the trees and it was agreed to refer that concern to the District Council's Tree Officer. Summing up, Cllr Lewis said that he could not see any valid planning reasons to justify recommending an objection to the application. With the proviso that the Tree Officer should be consulted, he proposed that the Committee support the application and, on being put to the vote, his proposal was carried unanimously.

- S. 17 / 1 5 6 3 / H H O L D . Simmondley, Queens Mead. External works to existing facades & conversion of loft space into habitable rooms with rear & side single storey extension. Unanimous approval to recommend consent.
- S.17/1521/COU. Land at Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe. Change of Use of agricultural unit to B1/B2 business/general industrial use. Unanimous approval to recommend consent.
- S.17/1671/LBC. Tres Tavernae, 9A Bisley Street. Conversion of 2 no 2 bedrooms flats back to 4 bedroom family house. Unanimous approval to recommend consent.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7.30pm and was followed by a meeting of the Traffic Committee.

#### TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Cllr Abigail Smith, the Committee Chairman, welcomed Mr Daniel Tiffney from the County Council's Highways Department. Apology. Cllr Mike Fletcher. County Councillor Keith Rippington had sent his apology as had PCSO Debbie Collicott.

#### Speeding matters.

Cllr Smith referred to the two occasions, one at the end of March and one at the

end of June, when members of the Speed Watch team had monitored traffic speeds at six locations in the Village. Cllr Slinger confirmed that the Edge residents still wished to have a team operating in their village. Cllr Smith said she would pursue the request.

#### Emergency Services access.

Cllr Smith said that there had been no reported incidents of vehicles blocking Emergency Service vehicles.

#### Vehicle Activated Signs.

A proposal to move the 30mph sign away from the Village to south of the Richmond-Painswick Residential Home was considered. Mr Tiffney said he would look at this possibility. A further suggestion was to consider changing the 30mph sign direction so that it faced south to help reduce the speed of traffic leaving the Village. Traffic Survey. It was agreed not to pursue a traffic speed survey at this time. There had been requests from residents for more 20mph warning signs. Mr Tiffney said that there were none available at present.

#### Stamages Lane Car Park

Cllr Slinger asked that the signage directing people coming into the Village on foot from the car park should be looked at as visitors were inclined to miss the safer route through the footway alongside the Church Rooms. Electric Cars. Cllr Smith drew attention to the longer term requirement to provide charging units for vehicles that would not be garaged.

#### Planned Works.

Mr Tiffney told the committee that the Highways budget had been doubled with Government money for the next five years. Attention would be given in the next financial year to roads needing repair. The A4173 was to be included in the programme.

#### Stroud Road parking.

Cllr Smith referred to resident drivers' concerns about the on-street parking alongside the Old Library building on the A46. Mr Tiffney said that the parked cars provided an effective traffic calming method and he could not see a practical alternative.

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### Proposed pedestrianisation.

There was discussion about creating a traffic island for pedestrians on the A46 between Pullens Road and Lower Washwell Lane. Cllr Smith said she believed that the road was sufficiently wide to accommodate the island. The Committee agreed this was a priority and would carry out at least one survey at a cost of £200.

**Gloucester Street/A46.** Concerns were expressed about the danger to pedestrians at this junction with vehicles tending to mount the pavement as they turned into Gloucester Street. **Tibbiwell.** Cllr Slinger pointed out that the "Not suitable for heavy vehicles" sign had still to be replaced at the top of Tibbiwell. Mr Tiffney agreed to action this.

### David Allott

The committee expressed their appreciation to Mr David Allott for his work in clearing overgrowth from traffic signs. However, concerns were raised whether Mr Allott should be working alone.

### Vehicle Activated Signs.

It was agreed to carry out a poll to gain residents' opinions whether the signs were effective. A "Yes/No" poll is currently on the Parish Council web site.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

### ACTION PLAN

Painswick Parish Council Traffic Committee overseas all traffic-based issues and concerns within the Parish boundary, including those originating in the surrounding road network.

### Key areas of concern are:

- Speeding, including enforcement and signing.
- Infrastructure condition, specifically road surface, road markings and drainage.
- Parking, including provision, enforcement and signing and maintaining access for emergency services.

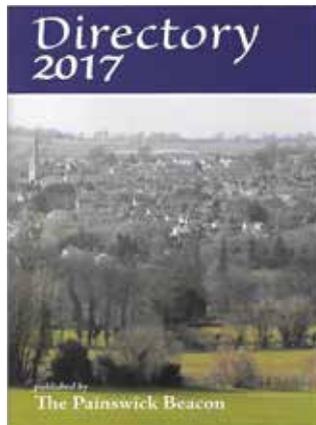
Traffic Committee: Abigail Smith (Chair), Steve Morris, Martin Slinger, Roey Parker. This Action Plan is approved and owned by the Traffic Committee. Its implementation is assisted by the Community Speed Watch Group and other volunteers. Any spend will require approval by full Council.

### Application of the Action Plan:

- At each 6-monthly Traffic Committee, the Action Plan will be reviewed and the actions contained therein will be approved for implementation by delegated individuals.
- Between Traffic Committee meetings, any actions previously agreed as requiring full Council approval shall be presented by the Chair of Traffic to the next appropriate full Council meeting, without the need to return to the Traffic Committee before doing so.

### USEFUL POINTS OF CONTACT:

- Police Contacts: PCSO Debbie Campbell; Robert Vestey (Camera Enforcement Unit / CARS Hub)
- Glos Road Safety Partnership: Garry Handley (01452 888714); Andrew Parker-Mowbrey
- Gloucestershire Highways: Scott Tomkins (Lead Commissioner); Daniel Tiffney (Area Manager)



## Directory 2018– it's your call

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

If you run a business, service, society etc it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant and correct details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on, and need these details as soon as possible if you wish to be included in the 2018 edition. Inclusion costs you nothing. If you are already in, please check the details and let us know if there are any changes to be made. Out-of-date and incorrect information is most irritating for all concerned. If you wish your entry to be removed, or if you are aware of an entry that is no longer valid, you should let us know as soon as possible.

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

*Carol Maxwell*

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# John Nigel "Jack" Smith

A celebration of the life of Jack Smith was held at the Painswick Rugby and Sports Clubhouse on Thursday 10th August. Tributes were given by Andrew Morgan, David Archard and Rev Andrew Leach who led the celebration. Club members, friends and neighbours lined the route and applauded as the hearse left Broadham Fields on its way to Gloucester Crematorium.

Jack was born in Vicarage Street, one of six boys and lived in Painswick all his life. For forty three years he was employed by Burdocks as a plumber, only leaving the Village to complete his National Service. He started playing rugby for Painswick in 1948 and over the years became captain, club chairman, fixture secretary and general committee member. After the war he helped to re-form the cricket club in 1950 and later became its President. Colleagues recall how Jack used to walk to Broadham every day in all conditions where he spent up to four hours cleaning, repairing, decorating and doing whatever caretaking duties were necessary to ensure the facilities were ready for use. All of this was done voluntarily with a smile and a sense of humour.

Andrew Morgan said that it was a great disappointment for Jack that he was unable to go to Rugby's Headquarters at Twickenham because of ill health: there his sixty years of devotion, to Painswick Rugby Club was to have been celebrated. However Jack and his beloved wife Rose were together awarded the accolade of Painswickians of the Year in 2005 and then in July 2006 they were invited to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Jack died at Resthaven Residential Home, Pitchcombe on 24th July aged 88 years. Rose died in August 2013.



## Hoyland House – Patient participation group

### TRIAGE

From a patient:... I called the surgery recently and all they could offer me when I said it wasn't a desperately urgent need was an appointment three weeks ahead. I explained that I'd had my problem for several weeks and felt that it really needed clearing up sooner than that.

Magic! I was offered an appointment the same day – and it transpired that matters were more complex than I'd thought.

So that's what 'triage' is all about, and if receptionists can do it, that helps the surgery run efficiently and make sure that the more important needs are attended to first.

Over the last year a Patient Participation Group (PPG) has been formed which is taking a little time to establish itself. However, it's aim is to do whatever can be done to help the practice cope in a time of extreme challenges. Every patient of the practice is regarded as a member of the PPG but, of course, it is important that a core group meets regularly for continuity of membership.

We have had some success in keeping the practice abreast of some local matters as the organisation of the NHS changes more and more radically, and faster and faster. The Group is focusing firstly on communication with patients and this bulletin is part of that. So what do we need to tell you? Here are a few important points:

- 1 The Practice is under greater pressure than ever before and the main reason for this is increasing demand – from us, the patients. In the last five years we've been asking for 15-20% more appointments with Doctors than previously. Do we really need to? Or could we be more self-sufficient? Our doctors are determined to continue with 15 min appointments not the 10 mins they are required to offer, is that what we as patients want?
- 2 For the time being, with a trainee GP alongside permanent ones and some continuing input from Dr Barraclough the practice is fully staffed – and still it struggles to cope, with nurses and doctors both over-stretched and risking burnout.
- 3 You might already know of the Choice+ system which ensures same-day appointments but at such as Stroud General, if the local practice cannot offer one. Some patients are reporting great satisfaction with this system.

Meanwhile the Secretary of State goes on TV and suggests longer hours for surgeries and 'magic answers' like nurses seeing patients instead of Doctors, or appointments by Skype which realistically need additional equipment or training. Nurse practitioners have also proved vulnerable to claims for damages resulting from disputed judgements, sending their protective indemnity insurance costs through the roof. During July some new approaches to triage were trialled so you might find yourself dealt with in a different way than usual – but don't worry, it's in your interest!

So finally, the patient participation Group asks that all of us do whatever we can to reduce the load on our precious GP Practice. Please do your bit!

*John Morley, Chair Hoyland House PPG*

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## Yew Trees Women's Institute "Cider with Rosie"

We were transported directly into the childhood days of the writer, Laurie Lee, "when life was slow and all so mellow", at our meeting on 25th July. George and Frances Yiend worked together to evoke the essence of a special time and place at the end of World War One in the Slad Valley.

George narrated four sections of the book, "Cider with Rosie", and it seemed more like a rambling, lyrical poem than a piece of prose. He defined the characters with perception and humour and took us through the seasons in the Cotswolds. Starting with Lol lying in the grass in summer he led us finally to the very memorable description of the week before Christmas with the breathless carol singing of the boys at the squire's house with snow falling softly around them. For then "Two thousand Christmases became real". Frances introduced the presentation on the piano with local musician, Gerald Finzi's music "Dies Natalis" (Day of Birth) as Lol moved into his new home in Slad with his family. She then interspersed the narratives with relevant musical interludes.

The scenery of the Slad Valley is still familiar to us today but Laurie Lee's account of a former way of life is gone forever.

At the meeting on September 26th at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms Chris O'Grady will give a talk on "A Walk to Roma".

*Janet Jenkins*



## Painswick Music Appreciation Group

Our thirtieth season opens on Thursday 14th September in the Town Hall at 7.30pm. We have an exciting programme of which will be hearing examples then. Overtures, the harp and the tenor voice, composers Massenet, Mozart, Johann Strauss II, the British composers Delius and Vaughan Williams and a group who did not live into old age will be introduced. Church music and piano concertos will also feature and we shall be looking at some DVDs. We have booked concerts at Birmingham, Bristol and England's first purpose-built concert hall in Oxford. If you are not a member and would like to know more about us, why not come to our first meeting which is free and includes a glass of "bubbly" as well as our usual light refreshments. I look forward to meeting you all then. If you require more information, please contact me at 01453 873396.

*Alex Nichols, Chairman*

## Gloucestershire Constabulary and Crime Commissioner - Open Day



Saturday 16th September. 10am to 3pm.

At Gloucestershire Constabulary HQ, 1 Waterwells Drive, Quedgeley, "Our popular Police Open Day is set to be bigger and better than ever before with new attractions and demonstrations to inform and entertain you. Entry is free."

More details on our web site: [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)"

## The Friday Club

Autumn has arrived. Not only "The season of mists and gentle fruitfulness" but the return of The Friday Club.

You can never be too early for Christmas, so at our meeting on September 15th Pam Slater will reveal the Myths and Legends of "Christmas Garden Lore". Then on September 29th Chris O'Grady will tell the story of how he celebrated his 50th Birthday by walking from Pershore to Rome! He followed the route taken over many centuries by Christian travellers. A fascinating story.

Our final outing of the year will be on October 13th to the Memorial Arboretum, the UK's National Site of Remembrance, near Lichfield, Staffordshire. The coach will leave Stamages Lane car park at 9.15 am. On arrival we will have coffee and biscuits followed by the Land Train ride around the Arboretum. Afterwards there will be plenty of time for lunch at one of the 2 cafes, but also time to wander round this very impressive National Monument. We will depart for home at 3.30 pm. The cost, which includes the coffee and biscuits and the land train, will be £25.50 for members and £27.50 for non members. Please contact Ann Williams (01452 812344) after September 9th or at our first meeting to reserve your seat on the coach.

We look forward to greeting both old and new members at the Town Hall on September 15th for Myths and Legends.

*Mike Kerton*

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## New Season's Walk.

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they seem to spend as much time eating tree leaves, ivy and brambles as they do grass, hence they are so important for restoring the Beacon grassland. They are very relaxed and readily follow me when I've got a few rolled oats in a bucket.

It has been very interesting this summer watching how the areas we cleared last winter have developed. In particular there have been large numbers of white and broad leaved helleborines on the woodland margins where scrub has been cleared. I have seen eleven types of orchid this year on the Beacon and two more elsewhere. Butterflies seem to have had a better time than last year and I have seen nineteen different species. Chalkhill blues and common blues, on some warm days, have been present in their dozens.

Summer work parties have made good progress with clearing invasive weeds using a combination of scything, brush cutting and spraying a selective weed killer. Volunteer numbers have been down compared to the winter but we have still recorded 150 hrs. Some grass and flower seed has been collected as they ripen and they will be sown in bare areas we have cleared to aid regeneration.

To start the new winter season I will lead a walk around the key sites where we will be working and try to explain the overall plan. Meet in the Ramblers' car park on Golf Course Rd. Sun 17th Sept at 9.30 am. The walk will last 2-3 hrs depending on the weather and how many questions are asked. Please do come along and it would be great to see some new faces!

Work party dates for the rest of this year will be; Sept 16th, 23rd Oct 7th, 21st Nov 4th, 18th, Dec 2nd, 16th. All will start at 9.00 am and the venue will be decided nearer the time. New helpers are always welcome so please come and help. No experience is necessary, we supply guidance and tools. Contact 07971 633 242.

*Paul Baxter*



## Painswick Gardening Club: Season Starts in September

After a rather autumnal feel to odd days in August I have fingers crossed for a late summer burst of sunshine through September.

As mentioned last month, the Gardening Club kicks off again at 6.30pm on 13th September (Church Rooms). Come along for tea or coffee and homemade cake, join or renew your annual subscription (£18pp), catch up with gardening friends, browse the plants for sale and bag a good seat for our 7.30pm talk about working behind the scenes on the Gardeners World programme. Julie Dolphin shares her memories and will also touch on her latest projects at Miserden Nursery. A treat of an evening methinks!

A couple of additional dates for the diary:

Friday 10th November at 2.30pm (Painswick Centre). The Gardening Club are absolutely delighted to be hosting an 'Audience with James Alexander-Sinclair'. This will be open to everyone (Members £12, non Members £15) on a first come, first served basis. More details on the website, at our meeting on 13th September and in my next Beacon article.

Saturday 2nd December 10am to 1pm (Church Rooms). Christmas wreath making, all materials supplied (£10pp). More details to follow.

And finally, please note the change of date for our December quiz - Wednesday 6th.

*Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)*

## Painswick Educational Trust

Do you need financial help with your studies or training? If you are a young local resident the Trust may be able to help with funding towards books, tools, equipment or travel. Anyone who would like more information or an application form do ring *Michael James* on 01452 812646 or myself, *Joy Edwards* on 01452 812588.

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## 20 years ago

### Painswick Post Office on stamp

Painswick was very proud when on 12th August 1997 the Royal Mail issued a 26p stamp which featured Painswick Post Office. In the September Beacon of that year Ray Appleby of Painswick Post Office asked the question, "Can there be anybody in Painswick who doesn't know that Painswick Post Office featured on a 26p stamp issued on 12th August? For the sake of any unfortunate reader who has missed this historic event, Royal Mail issued a set of stamps featuring post offices in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to commemorate the centenary of the National Federation of SubPostmasters. Painswick Post Office was selected to represent England. To promote the stamp issue, Royal Mail brought a mail coach and four horses to Painswick on 5th August. Time slipped back a hundred years as the sound of the post horn and horses' hooves echoed through New Street, and for those fortunate passengers the canter up Gloucester Street was truly memorable". Our photo shows on page 24 the happy passengers.

Mr Appleby continued "The first day of issue of the stamps was 12th August and this must have been the busiest, and hottest, day in the history of Painswick post office. The first customer was waiting at 7am and this set the scene for a day which exceeded everybody's expectations. Royal Mail had estimated that they might sell up to 100 first day covers but this number had been snapped up by 9.30am. Customers overflowed from the shop into the conservatory and finally into the garden. By the end of a very hectic day nearly 2,000 first day covers, 6,500 first class stamps and countless stamp cards had been sold. This completely overwhelmed the special hand stamp centre in Cardiff who had to process these sales and has resulted in a delay of several weeks before some customers received their orders". Mr Appleby concluded, "Well done Painswick and thank you for your support and patience".

*From the archives*



Pictured is the Falcon's hare alongside the flagstaff base seemingly awaiting the arrival of the new flagstaff.

## Ten years ago

In the August edition of The Beacon will recalled the flooding and the water rationing that affected so many in the local community. What could not have been foreseen was a major problem that arose from the flooding. This was the closure of the A46 at Salmon Springs when the road collapsed. In the October Beacon issue it was reported that "The A46 will not re-open until mid-February at the earliest. The closure of the road following the July floods has had - and continues to have - a huge commercial and social impact on the working and living patterns of most Painswickians and has effectively cut Painswick off from its southern hinterland"

The projected date of mid-February 2008 proved to be very accurate as the road re-opened on Friday 15th February. Cars and a few lorries began to pass through the village "in numbers last seen over six months ago". The March Beacon reported that "celebrations greeted the event. The church bells rang out and bunting appeared as if from nowhere, as did the press and other media types from far and wide. The Parish Council, aided by the Country Market, laid on coffee and cakes with the costs being met by the Parish and District Councils. Local residents seemed to have got wind of this largesse and flocked to enjoy the occasion. Celebrations continued at The Falcon with Radio Gloucestershire's lunchtime edition broadcast from there by courtesy of the proprietor John Pearson".

*From the archives*



### New flagstaff

Residents will probably have noticed the new flagstaff standing proudly in the Frederick Gyde Memorial Garden which lies alongside St Mary's Churchyard. Like the War Memorial, the flagstaff is the responsibility of the Frederick Gyde Trust. The trust is administered by Painswick Parish Council. Our photo shows Parish Handyman, Mr George Hodder, assisted by colleagues raising the flagstaff which is made of metal, unlike the previous flagstaff which was made of wood and had to be replaced because of rot.

## The Painswick Hotel

### Possible disturbances

The hotel management has asked the Beacon to draw residents' attention to the following dates on which weddings have been booked. The management apologies for any possible disturbance. Sunday 1st October, Saturday 21st October and Saturday 2nd December. Also New Year's Eve.



## David and Rita Bishop

### Leaving the area

There is considerable sadness throughout the Parish at the news that David and Rita Bishop are moving from the area. Their contribution to the community has been without equal both as members of St Mary's Church and with a number of other organisations. At the Communion Service held in St Mary's Church last Sunday, the Vicar, Rev Mike Holloway, and Rev Andrew Leach paid tribute to David's work for the Church, particularly during the period when he was Churchwarden. Carol Maxwell writing in the January 2014 Painswick Beacon commented that "David has worked tirelessly across the community, believing that all the churches and the community should work together". In that aim he has had considerable support from Rita who was Secretary of Churches Together Around Painswick for thirteen years, having relinquished that position only recently.

Both have been active members of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group and have been volunteers at the Rococo Garden. One of Rita's great interests has been that of the Community Lunches which she has organised, currently with David Linsell, over a long period. Rita has also been an enthusiastic participant in the Open Book Scheme at The Croft School. This national scheme, which began in Gloucestershire, brings Bible stories into schools through simple enactments. Rita told Carol that she considered the scheme to be most important now that schools no longer have regular Christian assemblies.

Parishioners will wish to join The Beacon in expressing their good wishes to David and Rita for their future happiness.

*Terry Parker*



Painswick's excellent jazz duo, Mango Jam, joined us to set the tone to our July screening of the contemporary musical, LaLa Land. With St Michael's providing themed canapes for the night – a corn chowder and mini hot dog - there was a touch of Hollywood to The Beacon Hall. Thanks also go to St Michael's for sponsoring the on-the-night raffle with some great prizes.

There have been seven screenings so far this year, so how is Wick-Flix doing? At the start, we set ourselves some key objectives:

1. To provide a regular and popular social event for Painswick and the neighbouring communities
2. To promote the products and services of our community
3. To make a significant and profitable contribution to The Painswick Centre

Over the last 7 months we have entertained some 700 guests! Many are now regulars, and we have seen large groups of friends getting together to take advantage of our café style seating. We have carried out several promotions with our sponsors and we have shown the work of local artists and photographers. Feedback has generally been extremely positive and we have followed up on suggestions for improvements. It is always encouraging to open the doors at 7.00pm to find a sizeable queue waiting in the car park!

Of course, Wick-Flix would not be possible without the generous support of all our sponsors, so a very big thanks to Murray's Estate Agents, Goddard's Garage, Richmond Village, St Michael's Restaurant, Stroud Brewery and Woodchester Valley Vineyards.

Following a break in August and September, our next screening will be on Friday 6th October – Hidden Figures (PG) – a truly inspirational film! 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!

  
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Picture shows Artist Rupert Aker outside The Loovre



# PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.17/1521/COU LAND AT, BULLS CROSS, Sheepscombe

Change of Use of Agricultural unit to B1/B2 business/general industrial use.

S.17/1671/LBC TRES TABERNAE, 9A BISLEY STREET

Conversion of 2 no 2 bedroom flats back to 4 bedroom family house.

S.17/1589/HHOLD MULLIONS, Queens Mead

Conversion of integral garage to playroom and new detached single garage.

S.17/1687/FUL LULLINGWORTH, Stroud Road

Extension to existing 3-bay garage to provide ancillary accommodation.

S.17/1738/COU LAND ADJOINING PAINSWICK MILL, Ticklestone Lane

Retrospective planning permission for a starvation paddock.

S.17/1742/LBC BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, New Street

Conversion and refurbishment of existing outbuilding to form annexe.

S.17/1726/HHOLD BEECHCROFT, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe

Reconstruction of an existing roof allowing for first floor accommodation.

S.17/1743/HHOLD

HIGHGROVE HOUSE, Lower Washwell Lane

Erection of a 2 bay garage and store with an office above.

S.17/1773/FUL BRAESIDE, Slad

Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and associated landscaping works.

S.17/1150/FUL JUBILATE, BLAKEWELL MEAD

New low energy and low carbon eco dwelling.

S.17/1242/FUL LAND AT ARIES, HAMBUTTS DRIVE

Erection of one bungalow.

## CONSENT

S.17/0385/FUL HAZELHANGER, Far End, Sheepscombe

Erection of two replacement dwellings with associated garages, parking and landscaping works.

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.17/1318/HHOLD 14 CANTON ACRE Wooden cabin/shed – (10ft x 7ft) used as office.

S.17/1374/FUL LAND AT 4, COURT ORCHARD

Erection of one bungalow (revised scheme to S.15/0036/FUL).

S.17/1510/TCA CEDAR HOUSE, Butt Green

Trees located to the rear of property. Apple – Complete removal by sectional dismantling to ground level. Resting on Yew Hedge and smaller Pear tree. Sycamore – Remove low primary branch, growing towards adjacent building.

## REFUSED

S.17/1375/FUL LAND AT 4, COURT ORCHARD

Demolition of the existing dwelling, and the erection of three bungalows.

## Court Orchard housing plans

In the August edition of The Beacon we reported on plans to demolish a house in Court Orchard and replace it with four new houses. Readers will note in the PLANNING MATTERS report above that the application has not been given consent.

## Hair Connection of Painswick

A reminder that the salon is now open Tuesdays through Saturdays 9am to 5pm and until 7pm on Thursdays. Hair Connection offers a full range of hair styling, nail services and specialises in colour services. Gents are also welcome. For more information call 01452 668519.

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## Community Lunches

Community lunches will begin again on Monday 9th October at Ashwell which is off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way from 12 noon until 1.15pm continuing for 10 weeks until Christmas and recommencing in the New Year on Monday 8th January for a further 10 weeks.

Community Lunches enter their 50th season this year. We hope for another successful year providing funds for local charities from the proceeds. The five recipients last year covered a wide variety of organisations, Painswick Baby and Todler Group, Pantastic, The Friday Club, Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau, and Stroud Food Bank. Suggestions for recipients of money raised can be made now. All nominations will be considered.

Everyone is invited to come to the lunches when for £3 home cooked vegetable soup, bread and cheese are served by local groups, The Croft primary school, Dog Training, Painswick Parish Council, Yew trees WI and many more covering the varied aspects of Painswick life. Each group prepares a variety of soups. Last year alongside the traditional vegetable and leek and potato, we were able to enjoy mushroom, curried parsnip and apple soup. Each week is different but we will always be made very welcome by your hosts. The Village Diary at the back of the Beacon lists the hosts for each week. Please do come along. For further details, please contact Mary Sparks (814169) or David Linsell (812464).

*Mary Sparks,*  
*Community Lunch Coordinator*

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# Painswick Woodcraft

Dennis French has told The Beacon that his shop Painswick Woodcraft in New Street will close on Saturday 16th September. Mr French has been in Painswick for 26 years and Beacon readers will wish to thank him for the contribution he has made to the local community. In 2007 he was awarded the "Business Star" which was given by the Bristol and Gloucestershire Region of the Federation of Small Businesses "in recognition of an exceptional contribution to improving the local business environment".

He has worked in wood since leaving school in 1948. He spent 5 years as an apprentice learning to make traditional Cotswold furniture and since 1958 has lived and worked at Brimscombe Hill where he will continue his business. In recent years he has been in demand as a demonstrator and represented Great Britain at an international wood turning seminar at Loughborough College of Art & design in 1989. His work is included in Betty Norbury's book "British Craftsmanship in Wood". Now specialising in domestic woodware, hand turned on the lathe, he produces salad and fruit bowls, platters, mirrors and small decorative objects.

Mr French said that he has tried to market the shop as a retail outlet. At the time of writing it is not clear what the future of the premises will be.



## Tom Robertson Adventure Camp

PSALMS has been back at TRAC for its annual adventure camp! This year fifty young people and twenty leaders went to Tom Roberts Adventure Camp for five days of fun, sport, music, and discovering Jesus. TRAC is such a great time for everyone involved in many ways, and for our local children we can see all kinds of benefits. In many cases it's the culmination (and also a beginning point for something new) of a year's worth of engagement and journeying together with the young people who come along.

Throughout the camp the young people were kept on their toes with a wide range of activities that got everyone involved. Specific sessions included a two hour 'track' time where campers were able to choose either music, drama, art, or sport as a focus to hone and practice their skills or try something new. These sessions were all planned and led by young leaders who have gone through a leadership academy this year with PSALMS. The track session allowed for these young leaders to have hands on experience of running a session, whilst allowing the young people on the camp to properly explore their talents. The sessions proved to be a real success with the campers as the young leaders put into practise the various things they had been learning throughout the year.

There were tons of other activities as well including afternoon sport, go karting, a visit to Jumptastic trampoline park, scrapheap boat egg carrier challenge and lots more. The evening 'club times' were really encouraging times where we explored the real issues that teenagers today face: Mental health and stress, self-image, sex and drugs, making good choices and the power of prayer. These were explored from a Christian perspective with a focus on practically dealing with some of these issues.

A quote from one of our young people "What a great way to start the summer holidays, full on fun, a chance to be with friends and make new ones. It was all a great experience, but I particularly enjoyed the water sports, Jumptastic and the singing in the evenings!"

I am very grateful for the generosity of so many local people who supported our recent TRAC residential. Practically it has made such a difference for making it possible for some of the young people to attend who couldn't afford it. It is such an encouragement. I'm also grateful to my amazing team, many of them are from Painswick who cooked the meals.

*Fiona Gill*



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# Wednesday Ashwell Group

## Volunteer Drivers Needed

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Wednesdays 9.30 – 10.15am 3pm – 3.45pm

To join a rota of other drivers to transport the members to and from Ashwell House. If you can help out once a month or fill in on an occasional basis your help would be greatly appreciated. Our elderly members look forward to meeting up for companionship, a varied programme of activities and much more but are dependent on drivers getting them there!

You could be that link so please consider volunteering.

For information: Sandra Glass  
07816975112 or 01452 814186



# Farming Today with the Cotteswold Naturalists

Food production and processing are hot topics, amid concerns about animal welfare, food security and prices after Brexit. The Cotteswold Naturalists have an opportunity to examine trends and new developments for themselves on Tuesday 5th September when we visit the Rural Innovation Centre at Harnhill Manor Farm, part of the Royal Agricultural University. In the afternoon, we visit the nearby Abbey Organic Farm where we also have lunch. Trailer tours of the sites are available and a car-lift can be arranged from Painswick. For last-minute bookings, please contact Peter Wilson tel 01453 834486.

Last January, Gemma Waters gave a talk to members about the fascinating lives of bats, dispelling many myths and fears about these special mammals. Next Friday, 8th September, we have a chance to look for bats, with the help of bat detectors, as they embark on their night's activities. We shall visit Stratford Park just before dusk. Contact me for details and to pre-book.

The Cotteswold Naturalists' 2017-18 season of talks starts on Wednesday 4th October with a holiday theme. Our speaker, Alan Pilbeam, an authority on the history and landscape of Gloucestershire, will describe how he embarked on 'A Week's Holiday in the Forest of Dean' with the intention of recreating a bygone age described in A.O. Cooke's book of the same name. We meet in the Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre at 2.30 pm. Visitors are very welcome to our meetings and other events.

Jane E Rowe 813228

## Summer crimes in Painswick's past

Back in the 19th century Painswick residents came before the courts in alarming numbers and for a range of crimes. Here are just a small handful of July and August examples. The first seems to have incurred a somewhat harsh penalty.

Stephen Howell, Samuel Milsom and William Lodge, labourers of Painswick, were convicted of stealing half a peck of potatoes and a quantity of onions growing in a garden, the property of William Hatton, clothworker of Painswick in July 1833. They were sentenced to three months hard labour in Horsley House of Correction.

Many of the convictions were alcohol-related and this one involved some curious insults. In 1892 Alfred Trigg was summoned for being disorderly and refusing to quit the Star Inn at Painswick on July 2nd. Complainant, the manager of the Inn, said defendant made a disturbance in the house, called him a "Holloway man", and refused to go out. Defendant, who gave evidence for himself, said White the prosecutor, refused to let him have any beer, saying he would not serve a Radical. The case was dismissed. [George Holloway was of course Stroud's rather illustrious Tory MP at the time.]

In 1895 Edward Cooke was summoned for refusing to quit the Star Inn Painswick on Bank Holiday. Charles White the landlord's agent deposed that prisoner came to the house with others, and cut capers in the bar. He threatened to box the ears of the landlord's father, and being refused drink said he would serve himself, and went and lay on the piano until the flower show was over. Defendant refused to leave. Fined 15/- including costs.

In August 1865 - Charles Davis, age 39, labourer, married with five children, charged with the murder of Sarah Maria Davis. Guilty, condemned to death, sentence commuted to penal servitude for life in Millbank Prison.

In August 1877 - Three little boys, George Merchant, William Jones and Frederick Gay, charged with unlawfully breaking and damaging a yew tree growing in the churchyard at Painswick and doing damage to the amount of 1/-. Defendants admitted breaking the tree. Mr Vanstone said he was one of the church wardens and the boys had been cautioned about breaking the trees. He also said they wished to make an example of these, and have a stop put to it, as the trees had been damaged before by other boys. Each fined 2/10 and 6d damages.

Carol Maxwell

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*David Allott of Stamages Lane writes*  
Here's a thought: When Brexit is finally completed will the parking ticket dispenser in Stamages Lane car park stop giving instructions in French? "prenez votre ticket" indeed!

## T.C.Macauley

Thomas Cropper Macauley is commemorated quite prominently in St Mary's Church with a stone plaque. He lived in Painswick in the 1940s. Does anyone remember him? And does anyone know anything about him? Why is he commemorated here? If you can provide any information, please do get in touch.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Painswick Singers

New Term Starts 18th September

The Painswick Singers start rehearsals for their Christmas Concert at Richmond Painswick at 7.30pm on Monday 18th September

The programme comprises mostly of traditional Christmas carols from the white book 100 Carols for Choirs edited and arranged by David Willcocks and John Rutter

New singers for all parts will be welcomed, no auditions will be held and an enjoyable time for all is anticipated under the charismatic leadership of new Musical Director Jessi Pywell

*Jeff Clarke*

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## Getting back into condition – it's that time again

As summer (summer?) starts to fade it's probably an excellent time to consider getting back to some exercise. Painswick is fortunate to have a wide range of classes, many of which have taken a break during August, but all of which are back in action in September. All of our classes are led by highly trained and experienced instructors and they all cater for all abilities from beginners to seasoned practitioners. They are for men and women and, with the exception of puffins, all ages.

There are several yoga and pilates classes, a zumba session, a ballet class, a qi gong (t'ai chi) class and the puffins group which is specifically for the over-50s. Most take place in the Painswick Centre, the Town Hall or the Church rooms though when the weather permits the qi gong group move out into the churchyard. Getting fit in a group is fun and sociable and Painswick's classes are all non-competitive. They are very enjoyable, sociable and of course so beneficial both physically and for mental well-being.

So, time to get moving again ... or perhaps even try something new.  
See details of classes in the Diary

## Painswick Theatre Club

The Play That Goes Wrong

Fawly Towers meets Noises Off in the multi award winning comedy, The Play That Goes Wrong. After a sell-out run earlier this year, this play returns to the Everyman, Cheltenham early in the New Year. Whilst it may seem too soon to think about going to the theatre in January, most of the seats have already been sold. However, the Theatre Club has reserved tickets for the matinee performance on Thursday 18th January and is offering them to members and non-members at the group discount price of £24. To buy tickets, payment must be received by Thursday 28th September. For further details contact Ross on 812575 or email [srossmunro@aol.com](mailto:srossmunro@aol.com).

*Ross Munro*

## Cappella Singers

Notice of forthcoming concert

Saturday 14th October, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Painswick

Romantic Masters and William Shakespeare  
Conductor Philip Colls writes...

'The Cappella Singers are at Painswick for a real feast of choral and piano music. Joined by pianist Timothy Barratt, they sing well-loved music by Brahms, Mendelssohn and Schubert. After the interval there are settings of Shakespeare by Schubert and William Armiger; and a new work by Mark Blatchly.'

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# Painswick Feast and Clypping

## Sunday 24th September 11am - 5pm

### Apple Pressing:

Bring your apples! Neighbours with fruit trees often despair when they see their apples falling to the ground uneaten so why not ask if they would like to have the apples picked for the pressing. All the apples brought along on the day are pressed together in a communal pressing. Come and get involved. Washing, chopping, scratting and manning the press – take part and learn all about how to preserve your delicious apples and drink the juice straight from the press. Bring clean bottles or well washed plastic milk containers to take the juice home. Free

### Novelty Dog Show

Polish up your pooch and get in practice for the Novelty Dog Show Classes. Lots of fun and a class for every size and age! There might be a couple of places left for a stall at the Feast so if you know a dog or pet related stall or charity that would like to come please do get in touch. (see details on right).

### Eating and drinking

Drop the roasting dish and get on down to the Feast to eat of the wonderful array of foodie stalls. Local and lovely from Hind's Hog Roast to Wood fired Pizza and Hannan's delicious curries with of course the iconic Puppy Dog Pie this year cooked by our talented Matt Black from St Michaels. There will be Bubbly on offer from the Painswick Centre stall, the famous Painswick Cider at the Orchard Group stall and Free tea, coffee and homemade cakes all served up by our generous hosts in the peaceful sanctuary of St Mary's church. Free tea and cake

### Clypping

Bells peel out at 3pm to announce the start, Children wear flowers in their hair and put on white dresses, the band plays and people gather at the steps of the tower for the Clypping service. This year we have Rt. Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, as our speaker. Painswick is one of only a handful of communities across England to keep the ancient tradition. Come along early to make a flower garland to wear for the service. Join in as we gather to form an enormous circle around the church and sing the traditional Clypping hymns in celebration of the Feast of St Mary. The children are given a token of money and a Clypping Bun at the end of the ceremony. Free Teddy Bear Parachuting, Live music, Busking, Stalls and more

Remember your teddies (and children of all ages!) and join in the teddy bear parachuting, plonk on a bale with a glass of something and enjoy the live music or potter around the lovely stalls spread out through the church yard. There is always something for everyone and a great place to meet up with friends and family. Free music

*Iris McCormick*

# Family Dog Show

### Novelty Classes

At Painswick feast on Sunday 24th September. Hosted by Painswick Dog Training Club.

Classes:

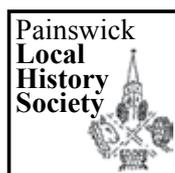
- Judge: Julie Cull
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  - Best Veteran (over 7 years)
  - Best Gundog
  - Best Terrier type
  - Best Junior Handler (5-11 years)
  - Best Rescue
  - Best Crossbred
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# Orchard Group Competition

@The Painswick Feast on Sunday 24th September

1. "Something made with orchard fruits presented on a Plate"
2. "Something made with orchard fruits in a Jar"
3. Artwork made in response to the theme of "The Orchard"

Bring your entries along in the morning at 11am to the Orchard Group tent. Entries on the day. For info email: [info@painswickfeast.org](mailto:info@painswickfeast.org) or tel. 812879



## Pieces of Painswick in the Museum – much more than you think

This month sees the start of the Local History Society's new season and the forthcoming programme covers a wide range of fascinating subjects. At the first meeting Alexia Clark, the curator of Stroud Museum in the Park, will give a presentation on this, our local museum.

Housed in a beautiful building in a lovely setting, Stroud Museum contains many objects and documents of great local significance for the five valleys and, moreover, a veritable plethora of items pertaining to Painswick's past. Many of these items are, as in all museums, not on view to the public because of limitations of space. They are nonetheless of value and importance to our community and of course further afield.

These collections tell us so much about the area in which we live and Alexia's presentation will provide an opportunity to further our knowledge and understanding. Croft School, 19th September, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*



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## Rococo News



In my view September is one of the very best months to visit the Rococo Garden. It's a little quieter, there are often the first hints of autumn colour and with any luck we will get a few days of "Indian summer" which are just glorious. July and August have brought us lots of lovely visitors so we are now planning confidently and looking ahead to next year and beyond.

The Kitchen Garden is packed with heritage fruit trees, with apples and pears slowly ripening. This harvest isn't looking like the heaviest we've had in recent years, but there should still be enough fruit for use in the cafe and for juicing later on in the autumn (more on that next month!). During September we're looking forward to the flowering of the magnificent *Hydrangea aspera* and of course to the first tinges of orange and brown and red in the great trees which are so characteristic of our hidden valley.

This coming month, we're busy with a variety of courses now that the wedding season has quietened down. These all take direct inspiration from this gorgeous place. First up is a Digital Photography Course on 16th September, during which you can learn how to get more out of your digital camera and find creative inspiration in our stunning surroundings. The following weekend, there's a Landscape Painting Workshop with Jayne Tricker (23rd & 24th September) where you can explore and develop your painting skills in our stunning garden. Or how about a Natural Cosmetics Workshop on 30th September? This will be an opportunity to learn about how to make natural beauty products using herbs grown in the garden. Forage in the garden in the morning and get creative in afternoon! For more information about these courses and how to book, visit our website at [rococogarden.org.uk](http://rococogarden.org.uk).

A leisurely morning wander followed by a home-cooked lunch or an afternoon stroll with a delicious cream tea will make the perfect day. Why not take advantage of our easy parking and meet a friend, or simply enjoy our free wifi and some peace and quiet to get some work done in our cafe? Frequent visitors will appreciate one of our cafe loyalty cards, which will earn you a free hot drink after every few purchases. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Tim Toghill Volunteer and trustee*

## Picnic in the Park

Blessed with a dry though slightly chilly evening, the annual Picnic in the Park held this year on Saturday August 5th in the Rococo Garden, was a welcome respite from the weather that we had all suffered during the previous week. Around one hundred people from both Painswick and further afield brought their wine and their picnics – some even brought tables and chairs – to be serenaded by the Cranham Orchestra. The sound of violins being gently carried on the breeze over this beautiful garden on a balmy summer's evening is something that we should all treasure. Even the five white ducks that have taken up residence in the new duck house on the pond seemed to appreciate it! For further entertainment, we enjoyed the circus skills of Steve Kaos. Dressed in a striking suit of red and white stripes he strode on his stilts among the picnickers, stopping at intervals to juggle with Indian clubs to the delight of the visiting children. Later he could be seen demonstrating his dexterity with the diabolo, much to the spellbound delight of one four-year-old girl. Add to all of this the gentle hum of conversation, the sound of playing children, most of whom had had their faces painted as tigers, flower fairies or even Spiderman by our face painter, and you have the ingredients for a perfect entertainment – one which we hope we will be able to repeat every year for as long as we have access to this historically important garden which was designed for parties exactly like this!

*Vicky Aspinall*

## Mansion Magic

Have you visited the stunning, time warp Woodchester Mansion recently?

It's right on your doorstep in Stroud. So instead of planning days out far away why not pop over and see the latest this hidden Victorian Gothic masterpiece has to offer?

As you'll doubtless already know the secluded Mansion was abandoned unfinished in 1873. But its modern day volunteers, from all around the Stroud valleys, are constantly improving the experience for visitors.

Woodchester Mansion remains untouched by time. Yet in recent years wooden walkways have been added to give sightseers greater access to its heritage architecture.

Mini-bus lifts are normally available to and from the Grade One listed building, which lies in its own Cotswold valley near Nympsfield. Guided tours are available, and now also hot and cold tearoom snacks from Stroud caterers **Berry Blue**. To find out more, including opening days and times, visit: [www.woodchestermansion.org.uk](http://www.woodchestermansion.org.uk). Further information from: *Jo Barber (on behalf of Woodchester Mansion Trust) 07817 377640/ joabarber@hotmail.com*





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# Library News

## Animal Agents - Summer Reading Challenge 2017

We have had over 30 children sign up for the Reading Challenge – and there is still a little time to finish it if you haven't already! Congratulations to all those who have already completed the challenge this summer. See the new books below also for post-challenge reading!

## New Training for Volunteers

All our volunteers are being trained to use a new computer system, which will give us full access to readers' records, and save us having to phone up County Libraries for renewing cards, etc. We hope this will result in a better service for all our Painswick customers

## Reading Well Books

There are a number of new Titles under the Reading Well (Books on Prescription) system, and these are on display for September. The titles include those on diabetes, arthritis and strokes so could be of interest to people (and not just the older ones).

## New Books for September include: Children's Fiction

David Walliams The World's Worst Children; Jaqueline Wilson, Wave Me Goodbye; Christopher Edge The Jamie Drake Equation

## Adult Non-Fiction

David Newall (Local author) has donated a copy of his book "Furrow Turned" Look in the local section

## Adult Fiction

Jane Gardam, A Long Way from Verona; Kent Haruf, Our Souls at Night; Graham Hurley, Finisterre

Two New Large Print books: Elvi Rhodes A House by the Sea, (fiction) and Susan Lewis One Day at Time (biography)

The Full List is available on the Library Desk

Ian Cridland

# Richmond Painswick

will be holding an 'Assisted Living Open Day' on Saturday 16th September 10am -4pm.

This is an opportunity to view a range of Village Suites currently available to purchase. Each suite has its own sitting room, kitchenette and en-suite wet-room with the benefit of all meals being provided and housekeeping and laundry being taken care of. Personal care can also be provided through the on-site domiciliary care team.

Visitors will also be able to view the Wellness Spa which is equipped with swimming pool, gymnasium, hair-dressing salon and treatment room. Staff will be on hand to talk about all the aspects of village life. During the day there will also be the chance to speak with some of our residents and an independent financial advisor for advise on care fees planning and investments.

Spa Membership and Spa days are available to non-residents and many people take advantage of our 'Richmond Retreats' holidays with care.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day, however if you would like to join us for lunch in our restaurant, please contact Sonia Harte on 01452 810203.

Sonia Harte

# Club Pulse



Monday Nights 6pm – 7.30pm  
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School Years 6 – 11

11th Sept	Welcome back	6th Nov	Bonfire Night
18th Sept	Wide Games	13th Nov	Scrap Heap Challenge
25th Sept	Skittles	20th Nov	World Records
2nd Oct	Message Tribe	27th Nov	Christmas Crafts
9th Oct	The Hunt is On	4th Dec	Quiz
16th Oct	British Bake Off	11th Dec	No Club Pulse
23rd Oct	Half Term	8th Jan	Return after Christmas Hols.
30th Oct	Light Party		

Girls only nights with Louise (Year 7+) 7.30pm – 8.30pm on 30th Oct & 27th Nov.

For more information please contact: Nathan Youlton: 07875 681130  
[nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net](mailto:nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net) [fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net](mailto:fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net)

# Messy Church 'light'



THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

15.30 to 16.30 in the St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick

We are planning to hold a Messy Church "light" in September. It seems a long time since the last one in July so we thought we would hold this mini version of Messy Church to ease everyone into the school year. So please join us for a warm welcome back after the summer holidays for a slightly shorter session of story, 'fishy' activity and a chance to catch up with news over a drink, biscuit and cake – look forward to seeing you – Katherine and Frankie. 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)*

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## News from St Mary's

The days are getting shorter and the nights longer. This seasonal pattern reminds us that the autumn is approaching. Summer holidays will soon be a memory of the past as children return to school and students return to college or university. We think particularly of children starting school for the first time, other pupils changing schools and new students starting at university. We wish them well and remember them in our prayers.

Messy Church gets underway again this month. The first meeting after the holiday break is on Thursday 7th September at 3.30pm in the Church Rooms. There will be the usual mixture of crafts, stories and refreshments. We welcome familiar families and hopefully some new faces as well.

The Mariposa Trust is holding one of their "Saying Goodbye" services at Malmesbury Abbey on 9th September at 3.30 pm. The service is particularly for anyone who has lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy or in the early years but also for those who have been affected by a family member or friend's loss whether recent or many years ago. More information on this charity is available on their website – [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org). This month sees the annual clipping of the yew trees in the churchyard, not to be confused with the clypping of the church. The churchyard becomes a noisy place as the mechanical trimmers whirl away for about a week. Many of you will know that the yew clippings are all collected up and processed for the extraction of Taxotere a chemical used in cancer treatment.

The highlight this month is the annual Clypping Ceremony on 24th September, now combined with the Painswick Feast. The Feast gets underway in the late morning with various stalls and attractions. The Clypping Service is at 3 pm accompanied by the Five Valleys Wind Band. Our guest speaker this year is Bishop Rachel Treweek, the Bishop of Gloucester: the first woman diocesan bishop to be appointed in the country. It is eleven years now since the last Bishop of Gloucester preached at the Clypping so we hope that you will turn out in large numbers to welcome her.

*David Newell*

## Kate's Acupuncture Service

For many medical conditions, both physical and mental, traditional treatments do not always provide a satisfactory or effective solution. Acupuncture can, in many cases, be the answer. It is fortunate for Painswick therefore that Kate Tenney, a very highly qualified practitioner, offers an acupuncture service at the Three Gables centre.

With little appropriate public information available there is inevitably a general lack of understanding of what the treatment involves. In fact, it is a relatively simple and painless procedure involving the use of very fine needles (finer than human hair) inserted into acupuncture points, not veins. People are always surprised at how easy it is says Kate and all her patients, including young children, 'do not seem to mind at all.'

Acupuncture in fact treats the whole person. Fundamentally, it focuses on body balance adjustment which in turn helps deal with pain, anxiety etc. Each individual is treated according to his/her particular condition and, although symptoms may appear to be common to many, each person requires an individual acupuncture treatment. The response will vary according to a range of factors.

She points out that for many it achieves far more than they expect, not only getting rid of or relieving unwanted painful symptoms but also inducing a sense of wellbeing. The most common conditions Kate encounters in her clinic are pains (commonly arthritis, fibromyalgia and back pain), high blood pressure, migraine, gynaecological/infertility issues, digestive complaints, anxiety, depression, immunity issues and low energy. Acupuncture can however be used to treat a very wide range of conditions. Perhaps of particular note is that it doesn't involve medicines. 'It is such a joy to be able to help when painkillers are not an option and to see the difference acupuncture makes,' says Kate. 'After a course of treatment many of my clients have managed to reduce or stop conventional medicines, which, if prescribed, is always done in communication with their GP or consultant.' Kate herself first experienced acupuncture for endometriosis in her twenties, recognised that it also cleared up other conditions and had the added bonus of leaving her feeling very relaxed. She spent many years working in senior management for the NHS but with little job satisfaction and this combined with her own experience led to a realisation that a career in acupuncture would enable her to help people. She trained at the College of Traditional Acupuncture, was awarded a first class degree by Oxford Brookes University in 2009 and still continues with postgraduate training in order to be as fully informed and effective as possible. Originally working in Cheltenham, in 2015 Kate began practising at Three Gables Dental Centre 'where I very much enjoy being part of the team,' she says. Here she has her own dedicated practice room which means she can provide a greater degree of flexibility with regard to time for her patients. She also lives in Painswick together with her husband and small daughter, Sylvie.

For further information Kate can be contacted by telephone on 07775 911297, or email [kate@twelverivers.co.uk](mailto:kate@twelverivers.co.uk) and there is a website [www.twelverivers.co.uk](http://www.twelverivers.co.uk).

*Carol Maxwell*



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# Jottings for August

You may test your garden soil, we test our fields for nutrients. We have just had four of our fields soil tested so we can get better crops of hay and silage and also add to our animals' better health. By taking samples of soil from different parts of the field and mixing it all together we can get a presentable sample which is taken away and tested. All of the samples taken away had a good PH reading, plenty of organic matter and sufficient phosphorus, potash and magnesium, but some of the ten trace elements that were tested were lower than we thought. Therefore the fields will need to be treated with a special organic matter activator spread on the fields so to get better bugs in the soil to work better to make the soil healthier. Also by using a special machine to slot the field to let the air into the soil (the same way that you aerate your lawn), hopefully this will make the good bugs work better. The Secondary Trace Nutrients were, sodium, boron, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, iodine and zinc.

A flock of jackdaws plus a lone magpie decided to join me as I fed some of our cattle the other morning. It was not long before the jackdaws decided that they did not want this bird amongst them and attacked it, had it on its back and gave it a good pecking. The poor magpie did not stop around for long.

The other morning which was very wet, a film company had decided that they would pitch their four big tents in one of our fields the night before without our permission. We had a phone call telling us of this and went straight across and told them to move off quickly because there were thirty big cattle in the field hiding under the trees because of the rain. We told the film company that had the cattle seen them there could have been quite a mess.

*Martin Slinger*



# Bird Club

Painswick Bird Club enjoyed a guided walk around Woorgreens Nature Reserve in the Forest of Dean on Tuesday, 13th June. It was led by Andrew Bluett who is a GNS Member and a true forester. We learnt about much of the history and wildlife of the Cinderford area. Andrew located birds by their call, such as warblers, so we did not always see them. But we did see dab chicks, swan, geese and ravens, among others.

The next Painswick Bird Club meeting, starting the autumn season, is on Tuesday October 10th. David Cramp is giving an illustrated talk on some of our favourite summer migrants - swallows, martins and swifts.

*Joyce Barrus*

# Poppy Appeal 2017

The Poppy Appeal under its new logo "LIVE ON" takes place from the 28th October to the 11th November 2017.

The 2016 Appeal was hugely successful with over £45 million raised nationally, of which the combined counties of Gloucestershire contributed £854,334. Locally in Painswick, Edge and Pitchcombe we were marginally down on the previous year with a combined total of £4662.05.



Organisational changes with military charities now recognise the Royal British Legion as the central hub, or first point of call, to assist service personnel, veterans and families with independent living. Assistance is still provided to victims of battlefield injuries, but over the last two years has focussed more on mental health problems at one end of the scale to dementia at the other. The latter can be helped with the provision of Admiral nurses.

All claims are needs based and the RBL continues to spend £1.6 million per week providing specialist services, financial help and advice, care homes and respite care. The nearest facility for respite care is at Weston Super Mare and is probably one of the most popular in the country.

To continue the tradition of local fund raising we need new volunteer collectors to replace a number of stalwarts who, having helped for many years are now unable to continue. If you are willing to assist please contact Russ Herbert Local Organiser (tel. 813229). I wish to thank all those who have helped the collection in the past and all who have contributed to it. An enjoyable way to continue your contributions is to drink a pint of Poppy Ale and automatically donate £1.00.

*Russ Herbert.*

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# Sports reports

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## Cricket

Painswick CC have returned to winning ways over the past few weeks. The firsts have secured 6 victories in a row and comfortably steered themselves away from any relegation worries.

A mid table or slightly higher position is now hoped for but we will see!

Batting highlights have been Ali Bressington scoring 30 not out in tricky conditions against Lydney. Ali also scored a crisp 63 against Westbury on Severn. Liam Cotton crafted 104 against Cranham and a neat 74 again against Westbury.

The clubs bowling attack has been a real strength this term. and a recent highlight was James Harber taking 5 wickets against Cranham.

The seconds have forced themselves into a very tight battle to avoid relegation, we will see if they can save themselves but it will be a big ask. A highlight worthy of note was Drew Britton scoring a handy 60 to help the 2nds beat local rivals Stroud seconds.

The thirds however will probably drop down having found the Stroud Premier just that bit tough at times whilst playing a lot of local first teams.

The club still has a two weekends of Saturday fixtures to complete, so please pop down to Broadham if you fancy watching..support is always welcome.

Our last league match is Saturday 2nd September. Then we hope to arrange a club presentation evening and an AGM!

*Steve Pegram Painswick CC Secretary*



## Badminton

Painswick Badminton Club will be starting its new season on the first Thursday in September.

The club plays every Monday and Thursday evening in the Beacon Hall of the Painswick Centre.

Anyone interested in joining who would like to know more can ring Nicola Robinson on 699693 or John Wylde on 814349.

A junior section also meets on a Tuesday evening and more details are available from Rachel Bolt on 812439.

The club is social and non-competitive and all abilities are welcome.

*John Wylde*

## Table Tennis



Table tennis starts again on Wednesday 20th September in the Beacon Hall of the Painswick Centre.

We play from 7.00 till 9.00p.m. at a cost of £5 per session when you play. The Club provides everything except your shoes which should be of the sporting variety.

Please do come along to enhance your hand/eye co-ordination!

*David Linsell 812464*

## Short Mat Bowls

For those of you who would like to give Short Mat Bowls a try, there are two options in the village:-



On Mondays the Painswick Short Mat Bowls club meets in the lower room of the Town Hall. We play from 10.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. and from 2p.m. till 4.p.m. all year round. Evening sessions are available for a group of four or more. The cost is £10 per year subscription and £2 each time you play. This includes hot refreshments. There is a good supply of Bowls – all you need is soft shoes that will not damage the mat.

On Fridays from October to March the Painswick Bowls Club (by the Painswick Centre) play Short Mat Bowls in the pavilion from 7p.m. up to approximately 9p.m.

There is a small supply of Bowls to trial but most Bowlers have their own. Again soft shoes should be worn.

You would need to join the Bowls Club as a social member, cost £10 per annum, and pay £2 when you play which includes a warm refreshment. The Bar is open!

This is a good introduction to playing full size Bowls during the summer should you wish to.

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## Tennis - Alicia's successful tennis summer

Following a tough couple of months, Alicia started the grass court season looking for world ranking points. Much to her surprise she got into all three \$100,000 British tournaments. Alicia gained wins in Manchester and Ikley; eventually going out to the 234th in the world in three sets. From there she played the pre-qualifiers for Wimbledon, gaining a first round win but going out in three sets again.

Alicia then travelled to Portugal for \$15,000 tournament. Playing all world ranked players she successfully won all her matches comfortably in two sets to gain a place in the final. The final was covered on Portuguese television with a live internet feed. Unfortunately she could not sustain this momentum and lost the third set 2-6. The LTA gave her a wild card into the main draw of the Woking \$25,000 where she obtained a 6-0, 6-1 first round win. In the second round she played the number 1 seed, 134th in the world, and eventual winner of the tournament. She lost 2-6, 1-6. Alicia then played for Gloucestershire in the annual county grass court doubles teaming up with her old Stroud High doubles partner, Laura Eales. Gloucestershire won their league and have been promoted with Laura and Alicia winning all 15 matches that they played and for the second time have joined the LTA 15's club. They will receive their award at a champagne reception at the Wimbledon Championships next year.

The summer's success has lifted her ranking to 730th in the world. Alicia's next tournament is in South Korea, where she is hoping to further progress her professional match experience and world ranking.

*Nigel Barnett*



## Trump comes up trumps at art club exhibition

A painting of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton attracted a lot of attention at the Painswick Art Club annual exhibition. Painted by member Rob Stevens, it was among the display of over 50 paintings on show at the Church Rooms last month. "The Exhibition was attended by a steady flow of visitors throughout the three days and sales were up on last year" says Club Chairman Malcolm Mennie. "After a successful series of outdoor painting sessions in August, the Club will get back to their normal regular Tuesday meetings at the Church Rooms and new members are very welcome to join us".

*Keith Harris*

## Gill Cannon – Village Agent

In the previous edition of the Beacon we reported that Gill was retiring at the end of July. She writes that "I have met wonderful people and have been honoured and privileged to help the community with this wonderful service. I hope to stay in contact with many of my clients and people I have met along the way. I would like to say thank you to the staff of the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council and my fellow Village Agents for making the last 2 years so rewarding and such fun. I send my love to them and all my clients".

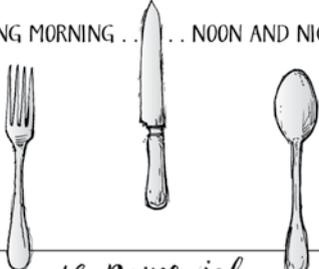


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# Village and Community Agents

## GRCC August 2017

The Village and Community Agents scheme is combining with social prescribing to become a new service called Community Connectors in October this year.

Village and Community Agents have been working across the county for 11 years and helped thousands of older people and communities gain better access to services and information as well as providing support and assistance to those who need it most. The scheme has evolved tremendously over this time building up a network of referral partners and the Agents, building vital knowledge about the areas in which they work. Social Prescribing has offered GP practices and other healthcare professionals a mechanism for referring patients who are in need of alternatives to prescribed medicines and has worked closely with Village and Community Agents for the past few years.

Community Connectors will be accessible in each district of Gloucestershire with new providers in each. GRCC will continue to provide the service in the Cotswold District.

The new contracts for Community Connectors will begin on 1 October. Until then, the existing Village and Community Agents will continue to take referrals from the breadth of partners that we work with and to make referrals for clients. GRCC will be working with the Village and Community Agents and with the other providers across the county to ensure that the transfer of staff to their new roles is as smooth as possible. We expect that the new providers will communicate their plans over the next few weeks.

*Kate Darch, Gloucestershire Rural Community Council*

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## PROPERTY REPORT from Murrays

Murrays have again had a highly successful few months since I last wrote with sales, viewings and new properties coming to the market all on the up. We have been particularly busy in the summer months, which are historically usually quieter due to the summer holidays and people being away. The trouble that we have is that we do not have enough property to sell! With over half of our properties now under offer or have just completed we are crying out for more on our books to cope with the levels of people looking. If you are thinking of selling your property and want to catch the busy September market then please call us on 01452814655 or pop in to the office to organise your free valuation. I will also be working in our London Mayfair Office on and off during September and October which is a great time for me to personally show our local properties to the London market looking to move to The Cotswolds. We have sold a lot recently through our London Office particularly to those looking to move to our area because of our excellent schools. As I write the annual pace of house price growth remained broadly stable in July and beginning of August at 2.9%, only a touch lower than the 3.1% recorded in June according to the Nationwide House Price Index. The number of property transactions did dip during June but a lack of homes on the market appears to be providing support, with annual house price growth remaining only just outside the 3-6% range, that has been prevailing for most of the past two years. Hopefully the market will remain buoyant for us despite the nervousness of some of the country over the Brexit and Government issues.

As we are only writing every third month now it is impossible to list all the new properties that we have had instructed over that time, some of which like Lindridge in Stamages lane have already completed and Cromwell Cottage on Knapp Lane, Old Fleece hairdressers on Bisley Street, Beech View in The Park, Painswick, 2 Wordings Mount, Sheepscombe Peake View Cottage in Witcombe, Freedom in Whiteway, Evimiz in Bisley are all already under offer! Please look at our website for all the rest of our properties and sales. Murrays are also delighted to be sponsoring the Art Burst Festival in August and The Painswick Feast in St Mary's Churchyard on Sunday 24th September - a fantastic day out for all the family so hope to see you there!

Don't forget that I'm also doing a sponsored 5km swim for Macmillan Cancer Support and raising money for this great cause. This is taking place in October so please sponsor me! There are links to my swim on our Murrays Facebook page, my Just Giving page which is James Murray All Out Swim Cheltenham 2017 and also a shaker in our Painswick Office! I would really appreciate everyones support! J

*James C Murray – Director.*



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## SEPTEMBER

Sun	<b>3</b>	Mass Parish Communion Meeting for Worship	Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House Library Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 10.00am 10.30am and 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Mon	<b>4</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.	Church Rooms	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	<b>5</b>	Cotteswold Naturalists' Visit to RAU Innovation Centre & Abbey Organic Farm, Cirencester. Enq. 01453 834486 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	Church Rooms Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Ashwell House Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL	9.30am 9.30 to 10.30am 10.00am 2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm
Wed	<b>6</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: Sport & Entertainment in the 18th Century - Mike Rendell	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am
Thu	<b>7</b>	Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 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	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms	Afternoons 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons
Fri	<b>8</b>	Messy Church Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Cotteswold Naturalists' Evening Guided Walk for Bats: pre-book: 813228	Church Rooms Town Hall Stratford Park	3.30 to 5.15pm 9.30 to 11.30am
Sun	<b>10</b>	Holy Communion (Traditional Language) Mass Sharing in One Bread - Holy Communion 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	<b>11</b>	Probus Women: 'To the Roof of the World' (Himalayan Railway Journeys etc.) - Peter Berry	Church Rooms	10.00am
Wed	<b>13</b>	Holy Communion Gardening Club: Working on BBC Gardeners World - Julie Dolphin	St. Mary's Church Church Rooms	12.00noon 6.30pm
Thu	<b>14</b>	Music Appreciation Group: Gala Evening	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	<b>15</b>	Friday Club: Christmas Garden Lore - Pam Slater	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	<b>16</b>	Arts & Crafts Market Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party; Tel. 07971 633242 for location details Charity Concert: Song Recital by Sarah Burges Watson & Craig Greene - date has changed to 1 October	Town Hall Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 2.00pm 9.00am to 12noon
Sun	<b>17</b>	Mass Parish Communion Guided Walk (2-3 hours) by Painswick Beacon Conservation Group. Meet at walkers' car park Meeting for Worship	Catholic Church St. Mary's Church Golf Course Road Quaker Meeting House	8.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am



Mon	18	Painswick Singers rehearsals begin for Christmas Concert	Richmond Painswick	7.30pm
Tue	19	Local History Society: Stroud Museum in the Park - Alexia Clark	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: The Work of Longfield Hospice - Jan Ryder Evening Prayer Table Tennis starts - Wednesdays Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 5.00pm 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	23	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party; 07971 633242 for location details	Tel. Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon
Sun	24	Holy Communion (Traditional Language) Mass Painswick Praise Meeting for Worship Painswick Feast: Clypping, Apple Pressing, Puppy Dog Pie, Music, Novelty Dog Show, Fun & Feasting	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Quaker Meeting House St Mary's Churchyard	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am to 5.00pm
Mon	25	<b>Copy Date for October Beacon</b>		
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I.: A Walk to Rome - Chris O'Grady	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	29	Friday Club: A Walk to Rome - Chris O'Grady	Town Hall	2.30pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Sun	1	Charity Concert: Song Recital by Sarah Burges Watson (Soprano) & Craig Greene (Piano)	St. Mary's Church	3.00pm
Mon	2	Knit & Natter Group	Library	10.00am
Wed	4	Probus Outing to The Royal Mint Cotteswold Naturalists' Lecture: Week's Holiday in Forest of Dean 1880 - Alan Pilbeam. Enq. 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Sat	7	<b>October Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b> Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party; 07971 633242 for location details Painswick Music Society AGM, followed by Recital by the Haynes Trio & Refreshments	Tel. Painswick Beacon Church Rooms	9.00am to 12noon 7.00pm
Mon	9	Probus Women: AGM & Talk Community Lunch: Hosts - St. Mary's Church (off Churchill Way)	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.00am 12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	10	Bird Club: Swallows, Martins & Swifts - Illustrated Talk by David Cramp	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	13	Friday Club Outing to the Memorial Arboretum		
Sat	14	Arts & Crafts Market	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.00pm
Mon	16	Community Lunch: Hosts - The Country Market (off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	17	Cotteswold Naturalists' Talk & Tea: African Steam Safari - Peter Berry. Enq. 01453 836618 Local History Society: The Rococo Garden - William Kent	Croft School	2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	18	Probus: History of Policing in England & Wales - Dr. Tim Brain	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	19	Cotteswold Naturalists' Star College Tour & Bistro Lunch. Enq. 01453 834486	Ullenwood	
Sat	23	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Working Party; 07971 633242 for location details	Tel. Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: To the Roof of the World - India - Peter Berry (Open Meeting)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	26	Cotteswold Naturalists' Morning Canal-side Walk for birds & other wildlife (meet at St Cyr's Church, Stonehouse) Pre-book with Jane Rowe 813228	Stonehouse	9.30am
Fri	27	Friday Club AGM followed by Talk on the Everyman Theatre	Town Hall	1.45 / 2.30pm

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

# The Personal Column

*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.*

## Congratulations

To HAROLD WOOD who celebrated his 90th birthday in the presence of about 40 relations, friends and his wife Betty, who also celebrated her birthday. The music duo brought an air of jollity which added to the happy occasion.

Also to VICTORIA ALICE RICHARDSON and EWAN ROBERT MCCONNELL who were married at St Mary's Church, Painswick on Saturday August 5th. Alice is the daughter of Duncan and Helen Richardson of Randalls Field, Painswick. Thank you to the Flower Guild for providing such beautiful flowers in the church. (Pictured below)



## Condolences

To the family and friends of ELI RØDER, formerly of Paradise House, who died peacefully on Saturday July 29th after a long and eventful life.

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Photo provided by Midge Leney



### Classic Cars

Pictured above are two of the classic cars which were on display at the Painswick Centre as part of the Artburst Festival



### Chainsaw Sculpture

Chainsaw sculptor, Denius Parson, was exhibiting in The Green Room at the Painswick Centre: one of Artburst's venues. Pictured here is his striking otter sculpture.

## What's in your garden?

June Gardiner contacted us with this picture of an Elephant hawkmoth caterpillar which she found on a fuchsia plant in her garden. She said that it was quite frightening being about four inches long and as thick as a human finger.

### Elephant Hawkmoth

We are grateful to Collins Natural Guides, Butterflies and Moths for the following information and photograph. Caterpillar. Brown and resembling bark, anterior part of body with striking eyespots and resembling a snake's head when it takes up a defensive pose (anterior part raised and stretched). Feeds on willow herbs, bedstraw, fuchsia, grapevines and other plants; active at night. Chrysalis in leaf litter or directly on the ground.

