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New Drive outline application refused Only a partial victory for campaigners

After six months of consideration, planners at Stroud District Council have refused the outline application for development of eight houses on the field below New Drive, between Stamages Lane and Kemps Lane. However only a single reason for refusal is given, that "Insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate a viable and sustainable surface water drainage scheme".

This is a significant victory for campaigners, who have organised as 'The Friends of New Drive Field', but leaves open the possibility that the developers could return with a new application and a revised drainage scheme. Significantly the application has not been refused for reasons of landscape sensitivity, despite the site having been earlier rejected on these grounds by planners drawing up the new Local Plan. There is also no mention of the traffic issues that have been a major focus of the campaign against the development. David Allott, one of the principal organisers of the campaign has advised local residents to "leave the champagne on ice" for the moment.



The application relied on an existing drain, which is believed to run from the field across Woodborough Close and Kingsmill Lane down into the Painswick Stream. However the exact course of the drain is unknown and perhaps even more importantly, its size and condition is uncertain. Concerns over drainage have been heightened recently by the major sinkhole that appeared a little further across the slope at Richmond Village earlier this year. There have also been issues in the recent past at Randall's Field and it is known that land along these slopes has issues with drainage and in some cases with the presence of Fuller's Earth that can be unstable.

New vicar appointed

Painswick will shortly welcome its first female vicar, with the appointment of Rev. Janet Turville as vicar for the six Parish Churches of the Beacon Benefice. She is expected to take up her duties in early November.



Tibbiwell application withdrawn

In a parallel development, the application to build an uncompromisingly modern house in the Conservation Area at Prospect Terrace off Tibbiwell, has been withdrawn, despite being cleared by the Conservation Team. The archaeologist at Gloucestershire County Council, noting that the site is within Painswick's medieval settlement area, has asked for an initial 'desk-based' archaeological survey, while the Biodiversity Officer has requested a reptile survey. Withdrawal of the application may be temporary, in order to meet these requests, given the surprisingly positive assessment of the Conservation Officers. They say that "the proposed development would provide a contrast between the old and the new and would sit comfortably with the existing pattern of development". Even more encouragingly for the developer, they add that it would "preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area and cause no harm to the settings of the nearby listed buildings".

Local campaigners have reacted cautiously to news of the application being withdrawn. They too may be leaving the champagne on ice. Richard Lovell, who lives nearby, says it's a common tactic for developers to withdraw and then re-submit, putting the onus on objectors to renew their comments.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held on July 17th

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis opened the Meeting in Edge Village Hall. One member of the public was present, Mr David Allott, who had submitted a question asking the Committee to commit some time to proactive planning as well as reactive consideration of people's applications. He suggested a working party to enable good data on the perceived wants/needs for "affordable" housing for beginners, low wage earners and downsizers.

The Chairman replied that the Committee and its officers already spend a considerable amount of time covering the points raised, including meeting with the District Council's Strategic Planning Committee. They have direct input into the Emerging Local Plan and have met, as a working party, with local residents on the Lower Washwell development. Full details of the question from Mr. Allott and the reply can be seen on the Parish Council's website.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Ian James, Edd Crownshaw, Dawn Dart, Mike Fletcher, Rosie Nash

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June were approved. There were no matters arising not on this Agenda

Matters requiring a decision

There were 8 Applications requiring a decision. There was unanimous agreement to support all applications as follows:

S.19/0976/FUL SEVENACRES, The Camp. 25 Caravans with 6 electrical power points, shower block, reception area and glamping lodge (Retrospective). S.19/1222/LBC & S19/1243/HHOLD TOCKNELLS COURT, Cheltenham Road. Internal and external alterations. New oil tank position. Revisions to approved scheme S17/2524/HHOLD & S.17/2525/LBC.

S.19/0739/HHOLD 1 WOODBINE COTTAGE, Slad Road, Slad. Extension of existing retaining boundary wall to enclose

a buried gas tank within the ground behind. Additional natural stone low level wall along part of the eastern face of the house. S.19/1241/HHOLD 1 WASHWELL COTTAGE, Cheltenham Road. Single storey rear garden room extension. New window to front elevation. Supported subject to the lintel over the new front window matching the lintel of the existing window to ensure uniformity.

S.19/1417/HHOLD ANGELS ROOST, Vicarage Street. Proposed conservatory to front elevation.

S.19/1435/LBC TRES TABERNAE, Bisley Street. Installation of garden gate. S.19/1277/TPO 8 HYETT ORCHARD, Hyett Close. Large Lime tree near property. In need of re-pollarding. Causing excessive shading.

PARISH COUNCIL

There were two members of the public present. Mr David Allott asked various detailed questions on matters including redundant road signs, road markings, mowing of road verges and keeping signs free from obstruction. Questions and answers are reported in the minutes of the meeting available on the Council website. Mr Roger Stewart thanked the Council for arranging for the "infilling" of Edge Green with gravel to allow partial off road parking without damaging the Green. Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger then opened the Meeting and moved on to the Agenda.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Ian James, Edd Crownshaw, Dawn Dart, Mike Fletcher and Rosie Nash.

Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th June were approved.

Monthly County Councillor's Report

The County Councillor was not present and had not submitted a written report.

Monthly District Councillor's Report

The new Chief Executive of Stroud District Council, along with a team of experienced

Councillors and Senior Executives from other local authorities, have recently carried out an in-depth review of the Council's vision, leadership, organisation, and financial viability. In early July the Chief Executive presented her action plan together with a timetable to address all the recommendations to the Council's Strategy and Resources Committee who unanimously agreed the plan.

An outline Application has been submitted for 176 dwellings and the restoration of the old Brimscombe Port on the canal.

Traffic concerns in Edge

Correspondence had been received from Graham Lilley concerning the impact on Edge and surrounding areas of the proposal development at Whaddon of two to three thousand dwellings and an industrial/trading estate. Cllr Abigail Smith said that the letter raised important points, which needed to be considered by the County Highways Dept. She would ensure it was raised with them and with the County Councillor.

Proposed Footpath diversion MPA67 at Old Greenhouse Farm, Painswick

By a majority vote the Council agreed to support the application subject to the path being easily accessible from the roadside.

Mains water standpipe in New Drive

The Council agreed that a quote could be obtained subject to no costs to the Council.

To consider local climate and ecological ideas as suggested by Members

The Council agreed to take forward the following suggestions:

- 1) Paperless meetings, in future all papers are to be "projected"
- 2) Potential use of Street Lighting for share Electric Car Charging Points
- 3) To enquire about setting up TerraCycle collection points in the Parish
- 4) Sensor lights in the Town Hall toilets
- 5) To explore "turn off engines signage" whilst stationary at the A46 traffic lights

Responsible Financial Officer's Reports

The Council approved the accounts for



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payment. Cllr James Cross confirmed that he had undertaken an internal financial check and was satisfied that the accounts and associated documents were in order.

Ward Reports

Cllr Abigail Smith, Chair of the Traffic Committee reported that police had recently commenced speed checks in

Painswick's 20mph zones, with one penalty ticket issued. See report page 16.

Cllr Ann Daniels reported that some of the Streetlights in the Pullens Road vicinity had not been converted to LED. She will provide details to the Clerk.
Cllr Roey Parker said that despite repairs the spring is still affecting the road surface

by Sheepscombe Village Hall. The matter will be referred to County Highways Dept.

Date of next Meeting

The Council agreed that unless urgent matters arise it will not hold a Meeting in August. The next scheduled Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th September 2019. The Meeting closed at 8.20pm.



Could you get involved?

As many of you will have noticed The Painswick Centre is doing its best to host more popular events within the community - Wick-Flix and our pop-up Fish and Chips nights are good examples. We have great teams supporting these events, but we are always in need of more volunteers both in the planning and delivery stages and to bring in new ideas. So if you have some time to give back to your community to help make it an even better place, get in touch. We are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

Wick-Flix Someone interested in films to join our steering team, someone to help investigate a film club spin off, and volunteers to help on the night.

Fish & Chips Volunteers to help on the night in the hall and car park.

We are also looking for someone to help set out chairs & tables before events and for bar staff – both of these positions can be paid. If you have experience of running a bar, we run two and are looking for someone to help us manage these as efficiently as possible. Finally the Trustees are looking for someone with legal expertise and someone with experience in securing funding to join us as we move into an exciting period of development focused on improving our facilities to meet the future demands of our community. If you are willing to help or just interested to find out more about what we do, please send us an email - painswickcentremanager@gmail.com

Coming up this month

Fri 9th – Sun 11th Oriental Rug Sale
Michael and Daniel Connors will be back with a huge range of beautiful Persian and oriental rugs. They can also arrange rug cleaning and part exchange. Browsers welcome, 10am-4pm each day.

Weds 14th August - Fish & Chips

Simpsons will be back with their award-winning (and gluten free) menu on the second Wednesday of the month. Join us from 5.15pm for a fish supper: take away or eat in with friends and family, with free squash and colouring for the kids, and ice creams for sale, as well as a special offer on bottles of Woodchester Valley wine.

Sat 17th – Mon 26th ArtBurst

We are delighted once again to be taking part in ArtBurst as the arts festival returns to the village, 10am-5pm each day. Full details in the diary on the centre pages.

Thurs 22nd - Classic Car Display

As part of ArtBurst, the Rolls Royce and Bentley Enthusiasts Club and others, will be displaying vintage and classic cars in The Painswick Centre car park.

Coming up next month

6th Sept: Wick-Flix presents Fisherman's Friends (see right)

11th Sept: Fish & Chips

12th Sept: Sally Barker & Anna Ryder present Joni, Sandy & Me

17th Sept: Painswick Business Breakfast
20-22nd Sept: Oriental Rug Sale

Susie Andrews

After a busy first half of the year, Wick-Flix will be taking a break in August. We have screened a wide variety of films since January, from musical to comedy, drama to cutting edge biopics. We are lucky in having fantastic local sponsors, so a big "thank you" to Murray's Estate Agents, Richmond Villages, Goddard's Garage, the Rococo Garden, Woodchester Valley Vineyard and the Dental Clinic at Miserden. These are great businesses that support our community and in return we have a duty to support them.

We have an exciting Autumn season coming up.

Friday 6th September - Fisherman's Friends (12A)

Delightful British romcom based on the true story of a group of sea shanty singing fishermen from Port Isaac, who get signed by Universal Records and achieve a top 10 hit with their first album. Funny, heart-warming and with a great cast.

Friday 4th October - Green Book (12A)

Set in 1962, the film follows a road trip across the still heavily racially segregated American Deep South by African-American classical pianist, Don Shirley, and his very New York born and bred Italian American driver. The two are poles apart, but gradually grow to respect each other. Brilliant script and casting.

Friday 1st November - TBC, but likely to be something scary for Halloween!

We look forward to seeing you back in September and in the meantime the team wish you all a happy summer holiday.

David Chapman

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Probus Women Quaint and Quirky by Angela Panrucker

Our Speaker described herself as an historian and medievalist with a passion for researching pub signs. They date back to Roman times and usually symbolise the history of the time, mainly covering three areas - Nature, Religion and Royalty. Earlier signs in Gloucestershire related to the wool trade and emphasised the importance of sheep and wool.

Angela is hardly ever without a camera and found that whilst she was roaming the County researching pub signs, she always seemed to 'bump' into something else quite unrelated but found to be so odd, quaint and quirky. Stocks and whipping posts, standing stones, milestones, bizarre but brilliant topiary and even more bizarre shop signs. Old red telephone boxes converted to house a cashpoint, a defibrillator or a small library, with a sign "Quiet Please". Once she realised eccentricities were everywhere, she discovered a new passion.

Many oddities go unnoticed by people going about their every day business - like the six crossway signpost at Teddington Hands dating back to 1676 and the second oldest fingerpost in the Country. We loved the tale of Littledean Church clock. There is no number 11 (XI) on its clock face, but two number 9's (IX) on each side of the 10 (X). Folklore has it that the man erecting this clock during the late 1800's liked a snifter or three and his long-suffering wife doggedly nagged him to be home by 11 so he purposefully decided that 11 (XI) had no place on his clock face!

Angela is always seeking out oddities and was delighted when our President, Jane Titshall, pointed out the headstone of Tilly the much loved Painswick Church cat and, yes, the camera was out! On 9th September Pippa Medcalf will be talking about the homeless. Please join us at Painswick Church Rooms, 10 for 10.30am. All most welcome.

delia Mason



Probus Men A Taste of Africa

On the 10th of July David Lemon returned from Princetown to regale us with some of the more amusing aspects of life in central Africa.

His knack for seeing the funny and at times absurd side of what otherwise seemed to be quite a poor quality of life was hilarious – for example, 24 hour shops which opened between only 9am-6pm, roads more pot-holed than not, one pothole large enough for a chap to bathe in, and a road sign that warned of potholes for the next 9600 kilometres!

Despite the abject poverty and very much a make do and mend culture, there were smiles galore from young and old, quite inspiring considering their multiple problems of hunger, shortages, dictators and extreme climate.

David had a warning about charitable giving to Africa - be very careful who receives your donations as there are many very rich men in Africa who syphon off charities' income, the needy and deserving rarely seeing any of the money. Choose very specific projects with clear aims and goals and you could be safe, but unfortunately not always.

Somerset Moore



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise.

Jackie Herbert from Stepping Stone Lane writes:

Enjoying an early morning walk with my dogs on Rudge Hill the other day I was thrilled with the abundance of wild flowers and butterflies. Simply stunning at the moment. I caught a glimpse of bright red close to my feet and looking more closely saw what looked like a red, black and white butterfly resting in the grass. I looked it up to find it looked like a Jersey Tiger Moth! I could not believe until last week the Times published a piece, with a picture, saying that due to global warming they had spread north and been spotted in London. Well, they are in Edge also! Is this a first?

Carol Maxwell

Fit for Heroes – Painswick 1919

A hundred years ago the Great War was of course over, but discontent and disruption abounded in Painswick for much of 1919. The fighting men had returned to what they had thought would be a welcome fit for heroes but they were quickly disillusioned.

Not only was work hard to come by but there had also been several occasions and events which were nothing less than blatant snubs. Regimental reunion dinners were organised to which only officers and civilian notables were invited and to top it all a so-called Victory Ball was held at the Institute in May to which none of the rank and file men were invited. On that occasion they had marched in furiously and totally disrupted the proceedings, giving vent to their indignant feelings. Many had even refused to join in the Peace Day celebrations in June bitter about the money being lavished on the occasion when so many of them were out of work. At last and to try to go some way to make amends, in August a grand dinner was held at the Institute for about 150 ex-servicemen, with speeches and entertainment 'fit for our heroes'.

Carol Maxwell

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Eating narwhal skins and raw onions

At the end of June the Club were enthralled by David Fletcher's talk entitled "The Arctic." David has spent the last 39 years in the Polar Regions - 35 Summers and 4 Winters - initially with the British Antarctic Survey as a dog driver, then Base Commander and finally Field Operations Manager. He is now a Polar Consultant, primarily looking after tourists, scientists and private expeditions.



He talked about the impact of Global Warming on the region, particularly the thinning of the sea ice and the effect this is having on the wildlife. We saw wonderful photographs of a mother polar bear with two young cubs and of walrus swimming with tusks well to the fore! At times he lived on a diet of frozen raw walrus which he described as "lovely" and the skin of the narwhal which, to use his words, was tasty but extremely "chewy!" We've invited David to return next year to talk to us about Antarctica - not to be missed!!

On 5th July we held our President's Tea Party when the "Gloucester Film Makers" showed a series of films about our local area including the annual Clypping Ceremony with several members appearing on screen. Then a walk along the Slad Valley, seeing badgers and deer in their local habitat. The final film covered several local County customs including "Cheese Rolling" at Coopers Hill and a competition to find the fastest person to eat a large raw onion. The expressions on the faces of the competitors, as they bit into onions, will last with us for a long time!

On 19th July a party of brave souls, clad in oilskins and waders, set off for a day in the rain at Weston-Super-Mare. In the brief respite from the rain we all enjoyed the sand sculptures and of course a lunch of fish and chips. Incidentally ice cream in the rain does taste the same as in the sun! We now take a break until September. Enjoy your Summer.

Mike Kerton

Volunteer wanted

The Wednesday Ashwell Group, which provides day centre activities for older people at Ashwell House, is looking for a volunteer to help with serving and clearing of lunches between 12 and 1pm. Contact Sandra Glass on 814186 if you can help on at least some Wednesdays on a reasonably regular basis.

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A record-breaking year



It's been a record breaking year for Friends of the Croft School! With your help we have raised over £7,500, with July's Summer Fair raising around £1,800! Massive thanks to everyone who helped make it such a smashing day.

We're thrilled to announce that work will start on the bottom playground over the summer holidays! We are installing a new performance area with a stage and benches, a new agility frame with lots of bits to climb and balance on with a safety surface underneath, and we're also having the playground markings reinstated so the playground will look fresh and exciting for the children come September! We have a grand plan for the playground areas, including the junior areas, that we'll continue fund raising for.

This year Friends of the Croft have also funded lots of lovely Forest School equipment, new reading books for the classrooms, lots of games for wet play, a teacher's kitty for each class, a new microphone/PA system, part of the school garden regeneration and gardening equipment, and arranged the planting of 200 trees to extend the nature area.

We've organised loads of things to raise these funds, and also to foster community spirit at school: Fireworks night, Christmas Discos, Christmas Cards, Luxury Christmas Raffle, Quiz Night, Safari Supper AND the Summer Fair!



Thanks so much for all your support! Next year Friends of the Croft School needs new committee members in ALL positions, So please dig in and get involved if you want to keep raising money for our school and our kids! There will be an AGM in September (Date TBC) where roles are formally voted in but ask any of the FOTCS team, your parent rep or in the office if you would like a bit more information. Wishing you all an amazing summer holiday.

Your FOTCS team.

Left: a view of the Cake stall at the recent Croft School Summer Fair

Local Walks and Visits

On Wednesday 7th August, the Cotteswold Naturalists are hosting a guided walk on Painswick Beacon SSSI, organised by Joyce Barrus for the Stroud Festival of Nature. The walk will look at the results of conservation work across the common by the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group to support habitats for wildflowers, butterflies and other wildlife. To be led by Paul Baxter, PBCG's Project Co-ordinator, the walk will start at the entrance to Painswick Golf Clubhouse, Golf Course Rd, GL6 6TL, leaving at 2.30 pm. Please pre-book with Joyce Barrus, 812942; the charge is £5 per person including tea/coffee at the Clubhouse at approx. 4.00 pm (if paying by cheque please make it payable to CNFC-ONE).

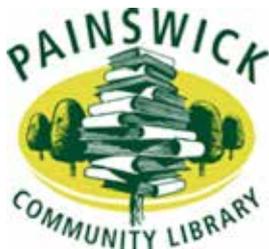


On Tuesday 24th September, the Club explores the Textile Heritage of the Stroud Valleys. Meeting at Egypt Mill for coffee, we divide into two groups to visit Dunkirk Mill Museum and the Gigg Weaving Shed. This local excursion, sharing cars, has been arranged to coincide with the Wool & Water Festival, jointly organised by Stroudwater Textile Trust and the Cotswold Canal Trust. Cost £12 excluding optional lunch. Please contact me or Joyce Barrus for booking details.

Jane Rowe 813228

Library News

Thank you to everyone who made our recent 'Meet the Author' event so successful. Huge thanks to Elisa Lodato for sharing so vividly her creative process and insights into the inspiration behind her novels – An Unremarkable Body and the Necessary Marriage, both of which are available at the library.



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Space Chase with themed activities around the library. It is aimed at young borrowers to encourage them to keep reading through the summer holidays. To successfully complete the challenge they should borrow at least 6 books of any type over 3 visits. Upon signing up they will be given leaflets for free child admission to The Moon Exhibition at the Museum of Gloucester and the 3D Sphinx Trail being held at the Soldiers of Gloucester Museum between July 20th and September 1st. Although any type of book can be borrowed we have added a number of 'Space' themed books which can be found under Junior Non Fiction at J520 and J523.

Recent additions include the following, with a full list at the library –

Adult Fiction

- Burns, Anna - Milkman
- Connelly, Michael – Dark Sacred Night
- De Bernieres, Louis – So Much Life Left Over
- Haddon, Mark – The Porpoise
- Gilbert, Elizabeth – City Of Girls
- Harper, Jane – The Lost Man
- Hislop, Victoria – These Who Are Loved
- Johns, Ana – The Woman in the White Kimono
- Kazan, Philip – The Black Earth
- Kingsolver, Barbara – Unsheltered
- Lefteri, Christy – The Beekeeper of Aleppo
- Quinn, Kate – The Alice Network

Adult Non Fiction

- Jukes, Helen- A Honeybee Heart has Five Openings
- Crouch, Peter – How to be a Footballer
- Prior-Palmer, Lara – Rough Magic – riding the world's wildest horse race
- Strittmaller, Kai – We have been Harmonised – life in China's Surveillance State
- Yousafzai, Malala – We are Displaced – stories from refugee girls around the world

Junior Books

- Bond, Michael – Paddington at St Pauls and Paddington in the Garden
- Gifford, Nell – Nell and the Circus of Dreams
- Shepherd, Andy – The boy who grew dragons
- Suess, Dr – If I ran the circus

Happy Reading

Pat Pinnegar



This swimming pool going slowly down Stamages Lane and along Kingsmill Lane in June, caused quite a few traffic problems!

Help with Beacon distribution

On the Friday The Painswick Beacon is distributed, two people drive round the village delivering 1,200 copies (already counted and bundled) to the homes of our 47 distributors. One of the volunteers drives, the other gets in and out of the car doing the actual distributing. They normally start at 9 am and, if all goes well, their work is completed in approximately 1.5 hours. We would very much like to have an 'understudy' that we can call on should one of our current team be unavailable. If you feel you can help please ring Celia Lougher on 01452 812624, who will be very happy to hear from you and tell you more about what is involved.

Library Book Club



There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Monday September 16th at 2pm in the library, when local author, Rhadika Swarup will be coming to discuss her novel 'Where the River Parts'. The library has a copy, and they are also available to buy from Stroud Bookshop. Even if you don't manage to read it before the meeting, please come along to hear Rhadika's talk. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided.

The July meeting looked at the classic novel, 'The Great Gatsby'. The book is full of flawed and unlikeable characters using their wealth to behave however they chose, usually badly. Elements of Scott Fitzgerald's own life were mirrored in the character of the enigmatic Gatsby. Both realised they couldn't buy the 'American Dream' and both lives ended tragically.

For further information, please contact Carole on 077 1234 2636 or email: painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com
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Carole Smith

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News from Painswick Surgery

Primary Care Networks

Painswick Surgery has become a member of Stroud Cotswold Primary Care Network (PCN), together with Beeches Green, Rowcroft, Frithwood and Minchinhampton Surgeries. All surgeries in England have been obliged to join a PCN, and we are very pleased to be working with these other four surgeries. We remain independent, but are able to employ more staff through the PCN. The first people to be employed will be Clinical pharmacists, who are increasingly working as part of general practice teams. They are highly qualified experts in medicines and can help people in a range of ways, including carrying out structured medication reviews for patients with ongoing health problems.

Carers' Meetings

Our last carers' meeting in March was a great success. Since then, our colleague Samantha Lloyd, who arranged these meetings, has left the practice to work at a surgery closer to her home. However we are very pleased that two other members of our administration team will be organising these meetings in the future. If you are a carer, please ensure that the surgery knows that you are, and we will contact you with the date of the next meeting. A carer is anyone, including children and adults who looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction and cannot cope without their support. The care they give is unpaid.

Patient Access

We now have nearly 1,200 patients who have registered for online access through Patient Access. This system enables patients to order repeat medication, book appointments and view aspects of their medical records online. We have finally switched off the old system (reached through the practice website), and we hope all users have now registered on Patient Access.

Flu vaccinations

It's still the middle of summer, but please remember that our annual immunisation programme to protect vulnerable patients from the influenza virus will begin at the beginning of October this year.

All the doctors at Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We would also suggest that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma/lung disease, kidney/liver/heart disease and patients who are immunocompromised are also vaccinated as they are especially at risk. Anyone who is a carer is also eligible for the vaccination. As usual, we will be doing clinics on Saturday mornings. The first two clinics will be on Saturday 5th October (over 65s only) and Saturday 12th October (all eligible patients). Call the surgery to book your appointment, or book online through Patient Access.

Pneumonia vaccinations

The doctors strongly recommend all those eligible for the flu vaccination also have the pneumonia vaccination. For most patients, only one vaccination is needed. This vaccination can be given at any time in the year, although you will be offered it at the same time as the annual flu vaccination.

GP Patient Survey

The results of the 2019 GP Patient Survey have now been published at www.gp-patient.co.uk. The GP Patient Survey is an independent survey run by Ipsos MORI on behalf of NHS England. The survey is sent out to over two million people across the UK. The results show how people feel about their GP practice. 242 surveys were sent out to Painswick Surgery patients, of which 134 were sent back. We have studied and discussed the results. Although pleased with some of the responses, there are some aspects that we are looking at, to see if there is anything we can do to improve our patients' experience. We do encourage feedback and all patients can do this either at the surgery through the Friends and Family survey, or online at www.nhs.uk.

Coil and Gynae clinics

Dr Samantha Kirkham is now doing an additional session every month for IUD fitting followed by a general women's clinic.

Dr Susanne Kumar

We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to Dr Susanne Kumar, who has now finished her placement at the Painswick Surgery.

Dr Rhys Evans, Senior Partner

Patient Participation Group

NHS Long Term Plan

In May we encouraged you to complete a survey that the Clinical Commissioning Group was carrying out. We have not yet heard the results but will try to get these to you when we can. There was some dissatisfaction with it as a consultation exercise..

Primary Care Networks

The big news this month is the nationwide reorganisation of GP Practices into groups called PCNs (see above). As patient representatives we are looking beyond the immediate effect and researching what it might imply for the longer term future. There are some concerns identified as well as some benefits.

Our lovely receptionists

Feedback from patients has shown overwhelming appreciation for the staff of the Practice, something our group agrees with heartily!

More news by eMail

We are extending news bulletins now to Sheepscombe and Pitchcombe but we have to be brief. Extended editions, looking at the sort of major changes mentioned above at greater length, can only be distributed by email. If you would like to receive these bulletins and you haven't already signed up to our email list just drop an email to painswickppg@gmail.com and ask to join the list.

John Morley, Painswick Patient Participation Group Chair



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The Bigger Picture.

Whilst the conservation effort on the Beacon in recent years is showing results, the global picture seems bleak indeed; climate warming, plastic pollution, habitat destruction and species extinctions, all on an unprecedented scale.



Recent excellent documentaries by Sir David Attenborough and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall have highlighted the environmental crisis we are rushing headlong into and the inspirational young Greta Thunberg has hit the headlines urging all governments to take immediate action. Worse case scenarios predict crucial "tipping points" are only decades away. Actions need to start NOW!

I personally fear for future generations as basic human characteristics are often ones of selfishness and greed. The urgent actions needed are delayed because politicians prevaricate, operate on short time scales and only do enough to get elected and further their careers. Multinational corporations are only motivated by share prices and profit.

There is a serious risk of people becoming desensitised by disaster overload and demoralized by the enormity of the problem. The expanding economies of China, Asia, Africa and S America can leave us feeling "What can I do and what difference will it make?" We can only influence what we have control over but if enough people make small changes for the good, things can change. Britain started the monster of consumerism with the Industrial Revolution, so we owe it to the world to be at the cutting edge of the Green Revolution and find solutions.

Recycling is hugely important, but nobody with influence seems to be brave enough to stand up and say we need to consume less. For this to happen we must all rethink what is important to us and commerce must find a more sustainable model to operate under.

So, if you want to make a small change to something you can influence how about coming to help us on the Beacon? It's very small on the grand scheme of things but so worthwhile. No experience is needed, training and equipment are provided.

Work parties start on Sat 7th Sept. and run fortnightly until Sat 14th Dec. I can be contacted on pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com or 07971 633 424 and the group can be followed on facebook.

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News from St Mary's

August is a holiday month which means there is a lull in locally organised activities as families take an annual break. However, we can expect an increase in the number of tourists visiting the village. There will be something extra for them and all of us to see in the church. St Mary's Guild are staging a flower festival in the church from 2pm on Wednesday 21st August to Monday evening 26th. The theme will be "Through the Year". Proceeds from the festival will be shared between the church and Longfield. Come and see!



Church services during the month will be as usual. Please note that the mid week communion service at Richmond Village will be on Wednesday 7th August at 11am.

The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated in the benefice on Sunday 18th August. However, for historical reasons, St Mary's celebrate this festival at the Clypping Ceremony which is on Sunday 22nd September. Further details about this will be announced later.

Cranham Feast Day is on Sunday 8th August. The Feast Day service will be held in their church at 3pm conducted by Revd Andrew Leach.

The interview for a new Vicar of the benefice took place last month, as a result of which the Revd Janet Turville has been appointed (see report on front page).

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ArtBurst is almost here!

After months of planning, and with thanks to the ArtBurst Committee and so many enthusiastic local artists and generous supporters, ArtBurst is almost here! The full diary of events is printed on the centre pages for you to plan your visits. There's far too much to do and see in one day!

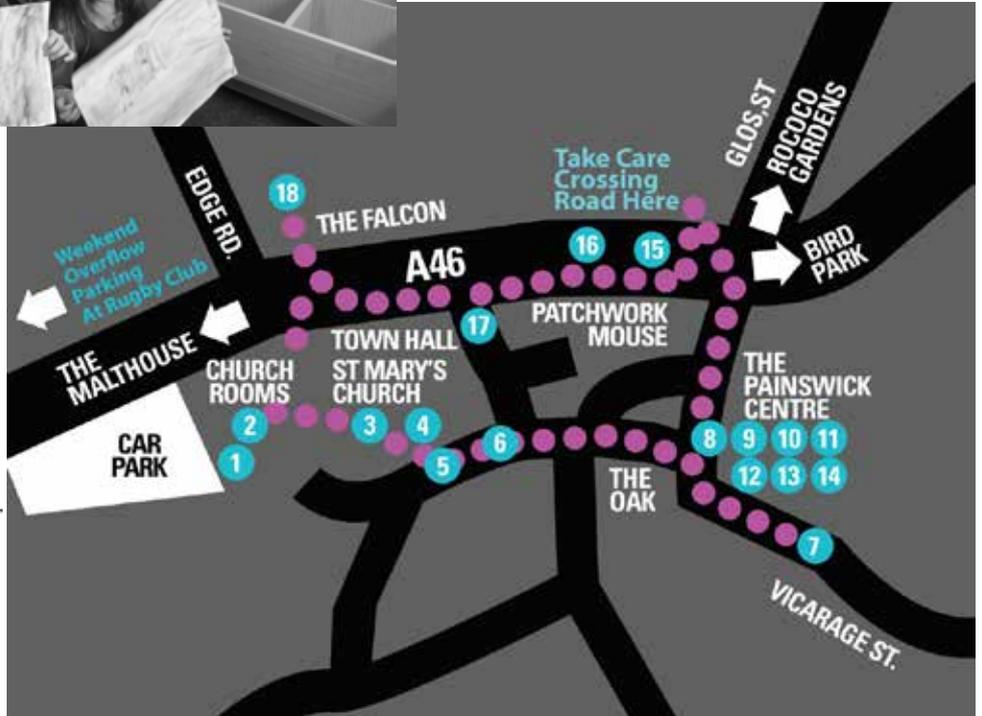


The numbers shown on the trail map below refer to the venues for particular events and exhibitions, which are shown in the final column of the diary overleaf.

If you would like to play a small part in ArtBurst, but think you are too late, never fear, contact us on artburstpainswick1@gmail.com and we will see what we can do for you. Why not come to Lynne Gibson's talk on "But....What is Art?" - simply come along and pay at the door.

The full colour brochure with all the details is now available from outlets all around the Town. Enjoy!
Jackie Herbert

Entries for the Children's Art Competition are coming from the three Painswick Valley Schools. Here Rebecca Slater, Head Teacher at Cranham School, is pictured with aspiring artists Tilly Wotherspoon, Isabelle Cheeseman, Verity Ryan, Thea Hale, Oliver Drake, Frankie Lines, Olive Berrisford and Mary Snell



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VENUES	ARTISTS AND EVENTS	OPENING DAYS AND TIMES	ART TRAIL NO.
ST MARY'S CHURCH			
CHURCH ROOMS - a) ASSEMBLY HALL	"THE CHARACTER OF THE COTSWOLDS" OPEN EXHIBITION/COMPETITION	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00pm. Judging Sat. 17 th (am) & prize presentation at 12.00 noon.	1
b) DEREK HODGES ROOM	DAILY CHILDRENS ART ACTIVITIES	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	2
INSIDE ST MARY'S CHURCH	ART COUTURE DISPLAY RECITAL: CHRIS HALL AND ROBERT BURGESS, BARITONE & PIANO RECITAL; MARIKO IZUMI (PIANO) AND MICHAEL HENDERSON (VIOLA), PAINSWICK FLORAL SOCIETY DISPLAY	ACP - Sat 17 th to Tues 20 th 10.00am to 5.00 pm Recital 1 – Commences 3.00 pm Saturday 17 th Recital 2 – Commences 6.00 pm Sunday 18 th	3
IN THE CHURCHYARD -	PETE TATHAM - NEW SCULPTURE	Floral Display - Thurs 22 nd to Mon 26 th Sculpture in place daily	4
ST MARY'S STREET			
JONATHAN CHOAT	POP-UP EXHIBITION OF SCULPTURES AND PAINTINGS	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.	5
OPEN STUDIOS IN THE VILLAGE			
'The Loovre' New Street Painswick	RUPERT AKER	Opening days/times will be displayed on door.	6
'The Art Studio', Vicarage Street	JANE GARBETT	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	7
THE PAINSWICK CENTRE			
GARDINER ROOM	EXHIBITION GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRINT COOP	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	8
PAINSWICK OPEN STUDIOS	ADELE LAMBERT, ANGELA MULLEN BRYAN BARBARA SWINDIN, HANNAH ELLIS and JAN PETRIE	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	9
COTSWOLD ROOM	JACKIE GARNER WILDLIFE ARTIST	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	10
GREEN ROOM	KAREN GREEN (PAINTINGS) & DENIUS PARSON (WOOD CARVING)	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	11

BEACON HALL	GLOUCESTERSHIRE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS ANNUAL SUMMER EXHIBITION	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	12
SKITTLE ALLEY	CHILDRENS ART COMPETITION - DISPLAY	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	13
CAR PARK	DISPLAY OF CLASSIC CARS	Thursday 22 nd ONLY , 10.00am to 4.30 pm	14
TOWN AND COUNTRY FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD.			
ART EXHIBITION	ANTHONY CHURCHILL	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	15
THE PAINSWICK POOCH			
ART EXHIBITION	CHRIS SINDEN AND JACKIE COX	Open Daily – Drop in for Coffee!	16
THE TOWN HALL			
PAINSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY	EXHIBITION HISTORICAL PHOTOS ‘THE CHARACTER OF THE COTSWOLDS IN THE 1940’S AND 1950’S’ BY PAINSWICK LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY & MR A EDWARD HARVEY	Fridays 10.0am - 1.00 pm & 2.30 - 5.30pm Saturdays 10.00am to 1.00pm Monday 19th 2.30 - 5.30pm. (Not Bank Hol). Wednesdays 10.0am – 1.00pm & 2.30 – 5.0pm.	17
LOWER HALL – MASTERCLASSES ONLY. To reserve a place Email artburstpainswick1@gmail.com or go to website at www.artburstpainswick.co.uk	DANNY ROLPH - ABSTRACT ART MASTER CLASS – LYNNE GIBSON – LECTURE “BUTIS IT ART?” BETH JENKINS – LINO CUT & PRINTING M/CLASS GREG THATCHER – PLEIN AIR M/CLASS JACKIE GARNER – LIFE DRAWING M/CLASS MIKE SKIDMORE – PORTRAITS IN OILS M/CLASS JOSIE BROWN – GILDING MASTERCLASS HANNAH ELLIS – ACRYLICS M/CLASS	Sat 17 th 10.00 am To 4.30 pm. Sun 18 th 10.00 to 11.30 Mon 19 th 2.00 to 5.00 pm Tue 20 th 10.00 am to 4.30 pm Thu 22 nd 7.00 to 9.00 pm Sat 24 th 10.00 am to 4.30 pm Sun 25 th 10.00 am to 4.30 pm Mon 26 th 10.00 am to 4.30 pm	
THE FALCON’S NEST			
EXHIBITION AND GIFT SHOP	KERRY JANE EXHIBITION OF HER WORK IN HER GIFT SHOP	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	18
PAINSWICK ROCOCO GARDENS			
IN THE GARDENS	SCULPTURE EXHIBITION ‘ART UNBOUNDED’ 18 ARTISTS SHOWING 120 SCULPTURE	Open Daily – NB Entrance Fees apply.	19
A BIT FURTHER AFIELD -			
The Buddings, The Vatch, Slad, Stroud GL6 7JX	EXHIBITION OF ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY ANDY AND ANGIE CASH	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Look for signs on B4070!	20
THE MALTHOUSE - SALMON SPRINGS			
EXHIBITION AREA UPSTAIRS	EXHIBITION OF CERAMICS BY MILLIE WOOD SWANEPOEL AND VICKY H. WALKER	Open Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	21
PRINKNASH BIRD AND DEER PARK			
DEER PARK CAFE	MONICA FISHER WILDLIFE ART IN COL. PENCIL.	Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. (Café open daily)	22

A privileged preview for Painswick

Many people in Painswick, and beyond, are aware of Anthony Lewis Churchill's captivating artwork. It is fun, precise, colourful and notable for its meaningful symbolism. It combines entertainment with education, particularly apt for children and Anthony's children's art sessions, Art Space, have been both popular and successful.

But for Anthony there is a serious purpose behind all his work. With this in mind, he is poised to take a huge step forward towards achieving a long held major ambition. For six years he has been working on a project to produce a series of film animations aimed at the pre-school children's television audience and in September at long last he will be submitting his work to television companies worldwide.

The series of 12-minute films is titled Little Wings. It features a series of character boats which fly, each one representing an essential quality of life and together creating a philosophy of self-belief and self-development for children. The boat characters are beautifully created and presented, great fun visually, accompanied by symbols and story lines relevant to the individual themes. The whole has been created by Anthony, even including the theme music.

The project has from the original concept taken six years to complete. Anthony has undertaken an immense amount of research to satisfy all the requirements of television companies internationally. The themes are universal, the images compelling and the possibilities to develop related merchandise are endless. This is the world of Disney and Aardman Animations, definitely not for the faint-hearted. Pitches can be made only in September and April and the competition will be daunting. But after so much hard work, perseverance and determination, Anthony is confident that his animation will be a serious contender. He based one of his Art Space projects on what he was planning and Painswick children responded very favourably. Feedback was used to develop the final draft and he has been assured that the concept is excellent. For the TV companies it's about marketability, for Anthony it's about education and entertainment.

Painswick will have a privileged preview of the final submission from the 9th to the end of August. This will be hosted by Town & Country Financial Planning in New Street where the introductory submission will play continuously. Do go in and look. This is the product of six years intensive work, which could be truly international.

Carol Maxwell



Greg's back

Greg Thatcher has become a familiar figure during August as he sits under a pair of yew trees in the churchyard slowly producing another exquisite drawing. This is the 28th year he has returned from America and his collection of drawings of Painswick's yews is amazing. They are so good in fact that for the second year running he has won first place in a prestigious international drawing competition, and this solely for his Painswick yew drawings.

This year some of his work is prominently on display in the church and also in the Painswick Pooch. It is also for sale. Do go and look at these stunning and unusual drawings.

Carol Maxwell

More Orr in store!

A reminder of the concert that will be happening in St Mary's Church on Saturday 17th August at 3.00pm. Local musicians Robert Burgess and Chris Hall will present a selection of lovely songs by Cotswold composers, including a number by Painswick's very own Charles Wilfred Orr (see article in last month's Beacon). Other local composers will be represented too, including Carr, Finzi, Gurney, Holst, Howells and Vaughan Williams. Robert and Chris are giving this performance in aid of the Gloucestershire branch of the National Autistic Society: there will be a retiring collection for this purpose. This promises to be a lovely concert, on the very first day of the ArtBurst festival, all in aid of a local charity – not to be missed!

From Moscow to the Maltings

On Sunday August 18th at 6pm two talented musicians on a tour of the region will be performing at St. Mary's Church. Let yourselves be transported by the interpretations of Mariko Izumi (piano) and Michael Henderson (viola) as they will take you from Moscow to Snape Maltings in the Aldeburgh area of Suffolk. They will perform the Sonata in D minor by Glinka 'Lachrymae' (op. 48) composed by Benjamin Britten in 1950. The musical voyage will finish on a truly romantic note with the Sonata op. 120 N°1 by Johannes Brahms.

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Painswick Rococo Garden

We have recently made another significant step in the restoration of the Garden in our care! Last month we put the finishing touches to a vineyard on south-facing slopes of the Garden, which we have now been able to formally open with the help of our great supporter and friend Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen

(pictured on the right wielding the golden spade), who officially planted the last vine last month. The vineyard was depicted in the 1748 Thomas Robins painting which we use as our guide to enable us to faithfully recreate the 18th century playground in rococo style, and this is one of many varied projects which will move us gradually towards completion. Taking advice from Woodchester Valley Vineyard, just down the road, we have planted two sturdy varieties of grapes, red and white, which should be able to cope well with the local climate, and we expect to be producing some wine within the next three years. It's worth a look the next time you are in the Garden as it has made quite a change to that area of the valley.

While you're looking at the vineyard... any children you may have with you could be searching out clues for our summer holiday trail. The "Rococo Time Traveller Trail" runs until 8th September and is a fantastic way to explore the Garden together and find out more about the history of this intriguing place. There is no charge for the trail thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and a prize for all who complete it! For more details visit www.rococogarden.org.uk.

On August Bank Holiday Monday (26th) we stage our final outdoor theatre performance of the year. Featuring wizards, magic swords, knights in shining armour and the throne of England, "The Sword in the Stone" is an afternoon retelling of how Arthur became King Arthur. And it's an opportunity bring a picnic, a big rug and your favourite friends and enjoy summer in the Garden. Again, more details and how to book are available from our website.

I hope you are enjoying the summer and that you will make the Rococo Garden a part of it.

Tim Toghill, trustee & volunteer

Painswick Feast

After last year's break, the Painswick Feast is back for 2019, taking its traditional place alongside the Clypping service. To be held on Sunday 22nd September in St Mary's Churchyard, as always it is being run by the community for the community, with all the familiar favourites of good food, good cider, apple pressing, teddy bear parachuting, bell-ringing, live music, a novelty dog show and a range of arts, crafts and produce stall.

Look out for further information in the Beacon and on the Painswick Feast social media sites (Facebook and Instagram) as well as on postcards, posters and in other places.

Abigail Smith



News from Yew Trees WI



At our June meeting, Joanne Lock taught us some amazing things about our canine friends. Yes, they have waggy tails and a fluffy coat but they are also sophisticated biosensors that are capable of detecting odours down

to parts per trillion i.e. the equivalent of a teaspoon of sugar diluted in two Olympic-size swimming pools of water. Bio Detection Dogs are being trained to carry out ground breaking research to improve early diagnosis of Cancer and other diseases such as Parkinson's and Malaria; while Medical Alert Assistance Dogs are trained to support people with life threatening health conditions. We listened to heart-warming stories of dogs supporting children and adults with complex health conditions, who often have no awareness of an impending life-threatening event. The dogs are trained to identify minute odour changes emitted prior to an emergency and alert the person to take preventative action. It was a fascinating evening learning how much the charity has achieved since its founding in 2008, and its ambitious plans for the future.

The Gloucestershire Federation of WIs is celebrating its centenary this year. To mark this occasion John Lewis invited members to a special evening at their Cheltenham Store. We enjoyed the treats on offer which included welcome drinks and canapés, hair and make-up demos, talks on style, and tastings of gin and cheese!

Although there is no formal meeting in August, members are looking forward to an evening out together at The Waypoint at Painswick Golf Course.

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Golf

If you are thinking of taking up golf, now is the time to start! Painswick Golf Club has some excellent offerings for new members – annual membership is now only £450 – and includes £75 of vouchers for use behind the bar. For more details see the website painswickgolf.com or give me a call.



Club members now enter the results of competitions themselves directly onto the ClubV1 system by means of a terminal in the bar area. The results of a competition, once confirmed, can be seen on the app “HowDidiDo”. I have installed the app on my phone and details of how I did can also be viewed there.

In the Seniors section, the main competition last month was the Seniors Centenary Cup. This is a three round stableford competition taking place over the course of a month with the best two scores counting. The winner with an aggregate score of 84 points was Ian McLeod. Two events had to be postponed in the previous month because of the weather – the Seniors Organ Niblick and the Seniors Away-Day. Both have been rescheduled for August. The Seniors Captains Day took place during this period and was a Texas scramble making use of red white and blue tees in rotation. The winners were George Paton, Phil Jennings, Peter Rowe and Norman Pullen. Congratulations to all.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors – both golfers and members of the public to the clubhouse for refreshments or a venue for an event. For more details including opening times please call: 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe 01452 813228

Cricket

Painswick first team continue to fight it out in the West of England Premier League (Gloucester Division). With 5 wins and 5 losses, Painswick sit just above the relegation zone. This league is one where almost everybody can beat each other. Exciting but also very nerve wracking. A recent win over Corse and Staunton on 13th July has calmed the nerves a little. Luke Woolway scored 66 and George Macduff hit a fabulous 82 not out to win the game. Skipper Jack Hobbis bowled an amazing spell of 10 overs for 14 and Luke took 5 catches and a stumping.



Victory in Frocester Fayre Knock Out - 2019

Painswick battled through several rounds to be rewarded with a final on 14th July against friendly rivals, Frocester. This time Painswick came out on top and lifted the Frocester Fayre Cup 20/20, a rare feat against the mighty Pounds Close outfit. The club and supporters were delighted with the win. Nathan Fagg took 5 wickets and is still walking around in a complete daze. Luke made 4 stumpings and also scored 69 not out. The club would like to thank Frocester CC for their warm welcome and excellent hospitality.

New friends and support

We have many supporters but the new kids on the block are The Painswick Pooch Coffee House who have kindly provided support to the youth section and the New Net Bay project. A big thanks to owners Alistair and Gemma.

Steve Pegram

Tennis

The sun shone for the Annual Painswick ladies charity tennis tournament which took place on June 28th at Broadham. Thirty two ladies, from around the county, Wiltshire and Somerset played a very high standard of tennis and together with five volunteers enjoyed a delicious two course lunch. The winner of the tennis was Jo Williams from Down Ampney and Sue Bricknell from Bristol was a close second. Jane Askal was also there with her vast selection of sports outfits and shoes. A record sum of £630 has been donated to Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice. Many thanks to those who helped and supported the event.



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Gardening Club AGM and Gardeners' Question Time

The AGM was held at the Falcon Bowling club on 10th July. It was generally agreed the club had had a very good year. Speakers had been excellent and the meetings had been well supported by the members. Financially, the club was doing well and the committee was re-elected unchanged.



Gardeners' Question Time followed the AGM with a panel headed by Roger Standley and Rachel Turtrey from the Rococo Garden. The questions were varied and answered excellently and with great humour. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Future dates to note:

- A working party at the Falcon Bowling club will be held 10am -12 midday on 5th August.
- Members will meet at Miserden Nursery for a tour of Miserden House gardens, followed by tea and cake at the nursery, at 2.30 pm on the 11th August.
- An extra-ordinary meeting of members will be held at 6pm on the 24th September to discuss matters arising from the AGM. Wine and nibbles will be provided.
- The first meeting of the 2019/20 PGC year will be held at 6.30pm on 11th September with a talk on "Murder, Magic and Plant Potions in your Garden" by Marion Stainton. Annual subscriptions will be due at this meeting.

For further information on speakers and events in the coming year, please see the PGC website.

Judith Stevens

Country Market Centenary

Earlier in the year I was fortunate to attend the AGM for Gloucestershire Country Markets. It was astonishing to learn that a WI Country market was first established in England a hundred years ago in 1919 – although Canada and Wales were forerunners of the movement. No longer known as the WI Country Market there is still a close spiritual link between the Country Markets and the National Federation of Women's Institutes.



Here in Painswick we have been fortunate to have a local produce market since 1957 which continues to thrive while many others have declined or disappeared. Our success is down to continuing support from you, our local community and the Market organisers who are constantly looking for new products and opportunities to develop the Market.

Recently there have been more savoury items for sale, including delicious locally produced goat's cheese. Have you tried it yet? To accompany these treats we are looking for producers of pickles and chutneys. If anyone is able to fill this gap or offer any other items for sale, please get in touch with Chris Campbell.

There is always a busy buzz on Friday morning (9.30am to 11am) in the Town Hall when the Market takes place so if you haven't visited yet why not call in? You'll be assured of a warm welcome. Coffee is available. For further information please contact Chris Campbell on 01452 812600.

Pat Francis

Jottings

Where have all the Swallows gone? From 20+ on the electric wires this time last year to just a couple this year. The hay and silage this year has been good, beyond anything we have had for years and especially the second cut has been heavier than for years. People have been asking do you want any more grass for hay or silage, just to get the grass off the fields. This year's hot weather means we have got it all in without any rain. Having no rain means a lot of the smaller springs in our valleys have nearly dried up, so we need the rain.

A lovely Kestrel seems to think that standing proud on top of our bird table is a way to catch small birds leaving it, but the many small birds stay out of sight inside the bird table and in the bushes nearby, so the Kestrel does not have much success here and flies off.

Going are the days when you grew a crop or raised an animal and then found a buyer for it. These days it is wise to find a buyer before you even start to plant or take on an animal. In a lot of things these days you need to set up a contract in some way with a buyer. If you have a contract with a farmers market or a farm shop etc., you can still make a good living from being a small producer.

A group of some 40 traditional barley growers has been set up to supply one of the main Whisky distillers in Scotland using only malting barley from that group of growers.

Martin Slinger

The Falcon's Nest to close

Kerry Jane's little shop, The Falcon's Nest, has been the go-to place for cards and gifts which are just that bit appealingly different for some time now. Much of what is on sale is based on Kerry Jane's own art work which is both beautiful and very skilfully drawn. Jostling alongside this beautiful artistry however, are pieces, cards in particular, which are quirky, cleverly witty and rib-ticklingly funny. Shopping in The Falcon's Nest has been a real joy.

So it is sad to report that the shop will close at the end of August. Unavoidable commitments in recent times have meant that Kerry Jane has been unable to open for business consistently and this she knows is not satisfactory. Throughout August the shop will open on Fridays and Saturdays except during ArtBurst, 17th-26th August, when it will be open every day. Do go in and enjoy a last chance to both chuckle and be wowed in this delightful little shop.

Carol Maxwell

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Myth busting! Speeding ticket issued within Painswick's 20mph zone

Speeding has been a long-standing concern for the residents of Painswick, with narrow pavements and roads putting pedestrians in close proximity to traffic. In 2009, the 20mph zone was introduced and brought hope that the dangers might subside. But the initiative to introduce such zones across the County relied on existing infrastructure to keep speeds low and was never enforced. Over the years this led to a myth that it wasn't actually mandatory.

Having actively pursued the speeding agenda through community initiatives and ongoing dialogue with both the County Council and police, a number of measures have been implemented but the missing piece was enforcement by the police. Whilst the will was there, the resources weren't, but this lack of visible enforcement perpetuated the myth that the 20mph was only advisory and saw flagrant ignoring of the speed limit.

Well it isn't advisory and finally police resourcing has allowed it to be enforced. At the beginning of July our local Police Officer and PCSO carried out enforcement within the 20mph zone. Highly visible on the A46 well within the 20mph zone, they stopped and spoke to numerous vehicles exceeding 20mph and issued a ticket to a motorist doing 35mph. This is a huge milestone and we could not be more delighted and grateful to our local police representatives. Finally, this proves the 20mph zones are mandatory and legally enforceable, so watch your speed for your own sake, as well as those around you.

Abigail Smith



PROPERTY REPORT by Beacon Staff

Two modern detached 4 bedroom houses just off Stamages Lane are new on the market this month. Fourways in Queen's Mead is offered through Moulton Haus for £975,000, while a little higher up, Woodlands, setback on a small cul-de sac is available from Hamptons at £800,000. There are smaller period cottages available including Rozel Cottage in St. Mary's Street (Murrays, £395,000), Trooper's Rest in Vicarage Street (Hamptons, £310,000) and Cambrai in Cheltenham Road (Murrays, £250,000). Outside Painswick, The Riflemen at the Vatch (Moulton Haus, £825,000) is now for sale, as are Spring Cottage in Harescombe (Hamptons, £600,000) and High Mead by the Green in Edge (Murrays, £795,000). Other properties currently available include Camp Farm Barn at the Camp (James Pyle, £850,000) and 13 Gyde House (Hamptons, £450,000).

Properties sold include The Old Star in Gloucester Street, under offer through Murrays, while through the same agent, Chestnut Cottage at the Park and Mullions at the Highlands have both completed. Hamptons have sold Woodbine Cottage at Edge and Church Orchard in Sheepscombe, and James Pyle have agreed a sale for the Old Dairy in Bisley.

News from Painswick's estate agents include Dawn Dart joining the team at James Pyle's office at the Surgery, where she would welcome any visitors. Moulton Haus are expanding and moving office in Nailsworth, while Hamptons remind you in the hot weather that you can re-fill your water vessels for free at any Hamptons office. And don't forget that James Murray is jumping 15,000 feet out of a plane on August 8th for the Silverlining Brain Injury charity. Do drop in to the Murrays office to sponsor him.



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Regular Village Activities If the times of your regular activities have changed please let Vicky Aspinall know on cvasp.26@gmail.com

Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15- 11.30am
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Sheepscombe baby and toddler group. New members welcome. £ 4.00 for first child, £1.00 for each one extra.	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30am
Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers - during term time	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Nia Holistic Fitness	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
	Table Tennis	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wednesdays	Botanical Illustration classes. All day workshops. Prebook 07810 725772	Prinknash Abbey, Cranham	10.00 - 4.00pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
	Painswick Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Drawn to Look with Susan Kester. Starts 4th Sept. email skester@outlook.com or 07794942680 £120 for 8 classes	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	T'ai chi. Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
	Dog training club.	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
	Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm and 7.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Country market. Coffee available. Contact Chris Campbell 01452 812600	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
	Adult ballet class	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Bowls open training/taster sessions for beginners. Season end is Sept 27th	Painswick Bowling Club	6.00 - 8.00pm
Saturdays	Artspace Painswick	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm
Sundays	Meeting for Worship	Quaker Meeting House	10.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am

August

Thurs	1	Art Unbound sculpture exhibition - open all month, every day	Rococo Garden	10.30am - 5.00pm
Sat	3	Beacon published		
Sun	4	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am



Wed	7	Cotteswold Naturalists: Guided walk on Painswick Beacon SSSI for Stroud Festival of Nature. Pre-book 812942	Painswick Golf Club	2.30pm
		Richmond Holy Communion	Richmond Village	11.00am
Fri & Sat	9 & 10	Summer Incentive Event - A 'Sell Your House' Masterclass by Amanda Lamb from Channel 4. For more info ring 01452 345175	Richmond Village	10.00am - 4.00pm
Sun	11	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Wed	14	Gardening Club: Outing to Miserden Park Garden and Nursery. Entry is £7.50/ free to HHA members	meet at the Garden	2.30pm
		Pop-up fish and chips	Painswick Centre	5.15 - 8.00pm
Thurs	15	Theatre club - Taming of the Shrew. RSC Stratford. Details ring 01452 812575		
Sat	17	Arburst begins and runs until Monday August 26th. SEE CENTRE PAGES FOR FULL DIARY	Various venues	
Sun	18	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Wed	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: Coach trip to Brecon Canal, steam railway and cathedral. Enq 01453 872243	Stamages Car Park.	
		Midday Prayer	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
Sun	25	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	26	Deadline for Beacon copy Arburst ends		
Tues	27	Yew Trees WI: Summer Supper. Book in advance.	Painswick Golf Club	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	30	PSALMS Prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
September				
Wed	4	Painswick Probus Club: Military Flying in WW2 - Robert Arley Parkinson's café - refreshments provided	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	6	Wick-flix: Fisherman's Friends. Yew Trees WI theatre outing: A Woman of No Importance.	Richmond Village Painswick Centre Everyman, Cheltenham	2-4.00pm 7.00 for 7.45pm 7.30pm
Sat	7	Beacon Published		

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Ball raises over £6000 for charity

The Painswick Ball, which took place on June 21st at Broadham Sports Club, raised over £6000 for local charity Longfield, which provides specialist services for adults across Gloucestershire affected by life-limiting illness. Attended by 350 people, the biennial ball was organised by a team of volunteers in the village, who created the 'Cruise to the Caribbean' theme and thankfully arranged the sunshine, with local steel band Pantastic Painswick greeting guests as they arrived (see photos on back page).

A large part of the funds raised came as a result of support from local businesses through sponsorship and donation of auction and raffle prizes. A huge thanks to The Falcon and The Oak in Painswick, Richmond Village, Oakwood Care Services, Price Davis, Cotswold Broking Services and Wesleyan for their support. Entertainment included local band Halflight and Painswick's very own DJ DRP who teamed up with local saxophonist Steve Twigg to create the sounds of Ibiza. Guests danced into the small hours in a Caribbean

styled marquee with stunning flowers donated by The Bespoke Flower Company, and the 'Tipsy Goat' gin bar, kindly crafted and donated by Centreline Stone and sponsored by Chase Distillery and Penrhos Spirits, was a big hit! The next Painswick Ball will take place in 2021.

David Nottingham

Defibrillator Training

Come along and learn lifesaving skills at a Community Basic Lifesaving and Defibrillator awareness session - 7 pm on Wednesday 25th September at Painswick Town Hall. Your prompt action could save a life.

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.19/1417/HHOLD A N G E L S ROOST, Vicarage Street.

Proposed conservatory to front elevation. S.19/1435/LBC TRES TABERNAE, Bisley Street.

Installation of timber garden gate.

S.19/1490/HHOLD L O W E R GREENHOUSE, Greenhouse Lane.

Proposed new outdoor swimming pool and plant.

S.19/1496/HHOLD and S.19/1497/LBC SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, Vicarage Street. Single storey rear extension, provision of new sky light on roof, and minor internal alterations.

S.19/1517/TPO THE OLD HOUSE, Slad.

Yew trees x 2. Fell and replant.

CONSENT

S.18/2594/FUL LANESIDE, Queens Mead

Replacement dwelling and new garage.

S.19/0335/HHOLD COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane

Construction of car port, garden pavilion, decking, privacy fencing, kitchen store, two garden sheds, glazing of pool pergola, pool cover and new stone wall to pool area. S.19/0914/FUL QUERCUS BLUFF, The Park

Subdivision of existing property to create 2 semi-detached dwellings.

S.19/0945/HHOLD L O C K S COTTAGE, Cheltenham Road

Reduction of chimney stack and insertion of picture window into south east gable end.

S.19/0926/VAR LAND TO THE EAST OF STAMAGES LANE

Removal of condition 1 from permission S.17/0792/OUT as it conflicts with condition 3.

REFUSED

S.19/0050/OUT LAND ADJOINING HOWBEG, Stamages Lane.

Outline for erection of 8 dwellings.

WITHDRAWN

S.19/0953/FUL PROSPECT

TERRACE, Tibbiwell Lane

Erection of dwelling with provision of parking area.



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Personal Column

Congratulations

To LESLIE & JILL JONES (Mum & Dad) who are celebrating their Diamond wedding anniversary. They live in The Park, Painswick and were married at St Mary's Church on August 1st 1959. Both were born and grew up in the village and went to the village school together.

To ALICE and JOHN-PAUL of Vicarage Street on the birth of their son JUDE CYRIL MACDONALD on 18th July. A brother for Francis and grandchild to Rose and John and Frank and Delia.

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



Leslie and Jill Jones

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Enjoying themselves at the Painswick Ball on June 21st were (left to right) Sarah D'Agapeyeff, Emma Mercer, Charlotte Jack, Victoria Compton and Ella Skelston.

Below: The local steel band Pantastic Painswick greeted guests as they arrived



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