

The Painswick Beacon

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Open at last!

- the pathway from Stamages Lane car park to the Churchyard

The Beacon has been waiting to report this since September 2013 when it recorded that preliminary work had started in the Church Rooms to allow construction of a footpath from Stamages Lane car park to the Churchyard and hence allow safer access to the village. This was to be constructed between the Church Rooms and the library being developed into flats. In April 2014 we reported that construction had at last started on what was then called the Walkway, following resolution of planning issues with SDC. And in July 2014 the pathway broke through into the Churchyard. The Beacon understands that further planning queries delayed agreement to its opening until, on 9th June, approval was suddenly given..

Thus, rather than have any further delay, both St Mary's Church and the developer, Head Ruddy, agreed that the pathway be opened formally without further ado. They agreed that the opportunity could be taken of the attendance of Bishop Martyn, the bishop of Tewkesbury, for a Confirmation Service at St Mary's on Sunday, 14th June to ask him to open the pathway or gateway.

Both St Mary's Church and the developer of the old library building have contributed to the creation of the pathway and have worked tirelessly together to achieve it. The church offered the land from the Church Rooms car park and agreed to modifications within the Church Rooms to allow its construction, and to accept that a route will now exist through the churchyard. The developer gave up space within the flats being developed in the old library building to provide the pathway and undertook its construction. It was originally hoped that the local authority would adopt the pathway but they declined and instead the developer has ensured that access through the old school room building and the pathway over what was part of the schoolroom land will be retained under covenant by the flat owners.

On behalf of the developer, Jim Ruddy writes "I am absolutely delighted it is open and so sorry it was delayed so long but it was out of our control. Access through the old school building and land is now there in perpetuity. It was a one off opportunity to create a path to the church and avoid the Lychgate Corner which will benefit our village/town and make for an easy and safe route for all. What really pleases me is the enhanced vista looking from where the old toilet block stood towards the spire and church rooms.



The Bishop speaks before cutting the ribbon

And Post Office Outreach !

The Beacon is pleased to note that, after many false dawns, the Post Office Outreach service in the Town Hall finally opened on Friday, 26th June. See report on page 7



Bill Boydell makes the first transaction

The Rev Mike Holloway, Vicar of the Beacon Benefice, writes "As a Church we are so pleased that the gateway is now open to provide a much safer link between the car park and the centre of the village. We are committed to being as much of a support and resource for the whole community of Painswick as we can be and we very much see this project as part of this. The Tourist Information Centre, in its new home in the Churchyard, is now in exactly the right place to help visitors as we had always hoped. But of course the new path is not just for visitors; it will, for example, provide a much safer route for children on their way to school and for some of our older residents and others who rely on wheel chairs or mobility scooters." (see photos on page 3 and 20)

In the opening ceremony the bishop said he was very impressed with what has been achieved and thanked all those who have worked so hard to bring this project to its successful conclusion. The Beacon endorses those sentiments. It understands that particular credit is due to the developers Jim Ruddy and Roger Head, their estates manager Amelia Buckley and the builder Richard Kelly as well as many from St Mary's Church including the Church Rooms Committee on behalf of the PCC, David Bishop (past churchwarden), Mike Campbell and Dylan Davies.

These developments have also helped greatly in enhancing our environment - see the article on page 3 and the photos on the back page.

On other pages this month:

Details of the Painswick Arts Festival 'ARTBURST', reports from societies and news of events from ACP along and details of other events, some imminent.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 17th June by Terry Parker

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

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Public question. The Committee was asked whether they would take into consideration the sheer size of the barn being proposed at Hill Farm. The Chairman confirmed that this issue would be looked at when considering the agenda item relating to the land parcel to the north of Hill Farm.

Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllrs Ian James, Rob Lewis, Steve Morris, Abigail Smith and Emma Smith.

Declaration of interest. Cllr Martin Slinger declared an interest in the two agenda items relating to Hill Farm.

Fiery Beacon, New Street. The Chairman updated the Committee on the recent decision by Stroud District Council to give consent to change of use from mixed retail/residential to fully residential at the Fiery Beacon. The District Council's Development Control Committee had given consent despite the Parish Council's concerns regarding the loss of the business premises within the village centre. Reference was made to the Local Plan and the restrictions within the Plan affecting change of use from retail to residential within town centre areas. Painswick Ward District Councillor Nigel Cooper had supported the application.

Matters for decision.

Land parcel to the north of Hill Farm. Erection of an agricultural building.

The members recommended refusal of this application as the size and height of the proposed building would have "an overbearing effect on the landscape".

The following applications were recommended for consent.

Stroud Slad Farm, Slad Lane. Construction of a retaining wall.

Washbrook Mill, Edge Road. Extension and alterations.

Beech Farm, Beech Lane. Erection of a covered yard for a calf isolation unit.

Land west of Longhope, Edge Road. Erection of a new dwelling.

Cotswold 88 Hotel, Kemps Lane. Provide additional windows at first floor level, two conservation roof lights and replacement of frame/glazed door. Application for works to garden wing

extension. **The Bungalow Barn at Hill Farm.** Conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling (revision of previously approved scheme.)

Sheepscombe School, Far End. Construction of a modular building to provide a kitchen. Construction of 1.355m high fencing. **Hambutts House, Edge Road.** Large Lime – remove deadwood, raise up low secondary branches over field to 5 metres. Reduce limb over rear garden of Highfield by 2 metres.

Presentation

The Council Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, introduced Kim Brockett who gave a presentation about a project to provide homes in Nepal. Members expressed their support for the initiative and thanked Kim for her presentation.

PARISH COUNCIL

Apologies. These were received from Cllrs Ian James, Roey Parker, Steve Morris and District Councillor Nigel Cooper.

Matters of urgency

Councillors were surprised to learn that the pathway between Stamages Lane car park and St Mary's Churchyard had been opened without the Council's knowledge. The Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Rt. Revd Martyn Snow, had carried out the formal opening on Sunday 14th June after he had presided at a Confirmation Service in St Mary's Church.

County Councillor's report. Cllr Jason Bullingham had submitted a written report to the Councillors. Cllrs Anne Daniels and Abigail Smith expressed their concerns regarding the difficulties they had in contacting County Council Highways Officers and the Council's contractor, Amey. Cllr Bullingham said that he would look into the Councillors' concerns.

District Councillor's report. Cllr Julie Job said that there were no updates on the reports given at the May Parish Council meeting.

Canton Acre. The expectation was that the turning circle reduction would be completed in this financial year.

Enclosure of Common Land. Roy Balgobin, the Clerk to the Parish Council, reported that Stroud District Council was

giving consideration to the enclosure of Manorial Land at Golf Course Road. Mr Balgobin said that he would keep the Members informed.

Traffic report. Cllr Abigail Smith reported on the traffic speed monitoring being carried out that week. She thanked the volunteers who were carrying out the monitoring. Cllr Smith said that she was keen to employ the mobile Vehicle Activated Sign which the Parish Council owned on a regular basis. Cllr Smith said that the police had carried out a speed check at Broadham on 1st June. Difficulties had been experienced in Edge Lane where lorries' Satellite Navigational Systems had been showing the lane as a through route. Cllr Slinger referred to the problems being experienced by double decker buses along the Whiteshill Road at Edge where overhanging tree branches were hitting bus windows.

Painswick Feast/Love Painswick. The Parish Council agreed to the purchase of 2,000 leaflets which would publicise the Feast Day in September. The Council would also fund the artwork, the cost of which would be £80.

Defibrillator. The Clerk reported that consideration was being given to the advantages/disadvantages of the purchase or rental of a defibrillator. Mr Balgobin said that training would be provided irrespective of whether the apparatus was bought or rented.

Meeting closure. The meeting closed at 8.30pm

NB The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Edge Village Hall on 15th July.

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Enhancements to our environment and amenities

Previously at the rear of the Church Rooms stood the derelict boys' toilet block from the old school - an eyesore - and the parking area was overgrown and hazardous. The contrast with today's view couldn't be more striking. Also, the beautiful facade of the old school building, later the library, was falling into disrepair; it is now restored to its former glory. See photos on back page.

The construction of the pathway also has significantly made access to the church rooms far easier for any wheel chair or mobility scooter user. Ralph Kenber, Chairman of the Church Room Committee, writes: "I am delighted that the passageway from the Stamages Lane car park has finally opened. I would like to thank the developers for including it in their development plans and for minimising the disruption to the many organisations who hire the church rooms. It will be of great benefit to the users and the ramp from the Stamages Lane car park means the rooms can now easily be negotiated by the disabled. Visitors will be directed to the new walkway which passes the entrance to the church rooms. This makes the venue an ideal place for exhibitions and for use by numerous organisations such as Puffins, Painswick Singers, Painting Group, WI, Women's Probud, PSALMS, Pulse Drama Group, Dancing, and Garden Club, also private parties and of course for various church activities. I would like to thank all these organisations for being so tolerant during the building of the pathway."



Maurice Maggs tries out the pathway

Ralph Kenber also notes that, in exchange for the transfer of lands from the Church Rooms to the developer to allow the creation of parking spaces for the flats, the developer installed a disabled toilet in the Church Rooms and also carried out building work, including enlarging the kitchen, thereby increasing the amenities in the Church Rooms.

What remains to be installed are signs to the pathway both from the car park and from the village centre - and to the Tourist Office. It is hoped that the Parish Council will assist in the purchasing and placing of these signs given that the pathway will be of significant help to visitors and residents. It is a major asset to the village.

Friday Club

We are off to Weston Super Mare

If you would like to join our coach party on Friday 10th July we shall set off from Stamages Car Park at 9am and leave Weston about 3.30 in order to be home for 5pm. (Earlier return if the weather lets us down). The cost will be £18.00 - to book please call Ann Williams on 812344 or me on 812590

Jane Robinson 812590

As You Like It in the Rococo Gardens

GYP returns to the Rococo Gardens in Painswick this year on Saturday 18th July with their version of As You Like It. GYP, an innovative theatre company now in its tenth season, is the only youth company in the UK that produces solely Shakespeare. It works in a fast-paced, physical, vibrant and energetic style while remaining true to the text. This is lively, entertaining and challenging theatre which is an ideal introduction to Shakespeare for younger audiences as well as those more experienced theatre goers. As You Like It is a tale of jealousy, misplaced love, deceit and redemption. The company finds itself at the warped, unhappy court of Duke Frederick, where love has turned sour. The Duke's daughter, Rosalind, and his niece, Celia, are banished following a disagreement, and find themselves, in disguise, deep in the Forest of Arden. There, engaged by a magic that no longer resides in the court and the worldly affairs of men, they play with love while the melancholic fool Jaques and his foil Touchstone philosophise on the true meaning of life and love. Bring chairs, rugs and picnics and join the fun.

Tickets (£10 for adults, £5 for children) can be bought online at www.gyptheatre.org or on the gate. The show starts at 6.30 but the gardens are open for picnics from 5.30.

Kate MacDuff

The next Messy Church is on Thursday 7th July from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm in the Painswick Church Rooms. Come and find out about the



"Feeding of the 5000". In addition there will be crafts and games and a delicious tea.

The following Messy Church will be on the afternoon of Clypping Sunday, 20th September, in the churchyard. Various activities including teddy bear parachuting.

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

Any queries; please contact Fiona Gill on 0777 151 3382 or Email: Fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net

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The wedding season is really upon us now and as in past years it is The Red House that is proving to be



the most popular location. Despite the cross on top of the main façade, this quaint little building has never been a chapel and this is why we were able to get it licensed for civil ceremonies over 15 years ago. I think when couples make their initial viewing of the Garden they are most attracted by the terrace that gives their guests such a good view of the proceedings and of course the wonderful grass vista that sweeps up to the building. I am sure the bride is carried away with the idea of the grand entrance she can make on her special day as she glides up to meet her groom. What she may forget is the challenge of that grassy slope when tackled in high heels. However the amusement of the walk up relaxes all the participants enormously and sets the tone for a lovely informal ceremony.

Over the years the accompanying music has varied from mobile phones, though violins, singers, bag pipes, a far eastern choir to a full set of marching bongo players. Even to this day, having officiated at so many ceremonies, there are still some that are just so romantic they can bring a tear to the eye. It doesn't matter if they are small weddings or ones with 100 guests you can sense the feeling of warmth and joy that abounds.

Aside from the weddings from the 26th to 31st July we are delighted to welcome George Yield, a respected African Wildlife painter as our Artist in Residence so do call up and say 'Hello'.

On Sunday August 2nd at 6pm we will be holding our annual Picnic in the Park. Tickets will be sold on the door and will cost £3.00 for Friends of the Garden and £5.00 for non-Friends; children under 16 are free. As part of the evening we will be holding a Treasure Hunt which will lead you around various Garden landmarks until you find the Treasure – who knows what it might be! Bring your friends, your wine and your food and – oh yes – a lovely evening in which to enjoy the beauties of the Garden.

Paul Moir

Abi and Sustainable Fashion at the Hay Festival

Abi Garbett is a very focused young woman. Aged 21, she is currently a student at the prestigious London College of Fashion where she will complete her degree course next year. For her main option she has chosen to specialise in sustainable fashion which includes materials, recycling, design and making skills and disposability.

Abi explains that the biggest challenge facing the industry's future is that resources will run out. "We must not keep our heads in the sand," she says and is passionate in her belief that action must be taken sooner rather than when it is too late. She feels that it is important both to re-educate people in their attitude to clothing and also to bring about a change of will in business practices.

"Branding has become more important than the skills and resources required in making the product," she says. She stresses that design can still be creative when taking into account the available resources. Sourcing fabrics is essential. As examples she explains that sometimes factory discards of cloth can be used but also unique designs can be produced from discarded garments.

A Painswick girl at heart, Abi attended the Croft School, Archway in Stroud and Cirencester College. Describing her textiles teacher at Archway as inspirational, she says that this, combined with her participation in Painswick Wearable Art when she was 15, provided the motivation to study fashion. Serious and practical, she sees her future eventually in design and education but would like to work initially with a sustainable designer for the experience.

Early in June, Abi, together with other students, took part in the Just Fashion Lab at the Hay Festival. This was a collaborative project with the London College of Fashion's Centre for Sustainable Fashion, H&M, the Environmental Justice Foundation and Hay Festival to inspire a new generation of fashion designers to consider sustainability as integral to their design process. Abi was selected as part of a national competition to be part of this event. The photograph shows Abi's final garment design, worn by a model, which was made from recycled materials, at a final event in the main Hay Festival programme.



Carol Maxwell

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Now in its 7th year the Painswick Arts Festival, 'ARTBURST', continues to grow and thrive. This year the Festival spreads over the first 9 days of August with exhibitions and events in many venues in and around our lovely village, some expected and others more surprising! New venues this year include the Pavilion on the Recreation Field, Prinknash Bird and Deer Park, Horton's Restaurant at the Painswick Golf Club and even the Painswick Library! A warm welcome to them all.



We have exhibitions covering every possible area of artistic skill and expertise including sculpture, floral art, painting, drawing, photography and ceramics in a range of differing styles and media. Something for everyone! There will be workshops for children both in Print-making and Drama (have a break during the school holidays!) and Painting workshops for adults to suit all

levels from beginners to the more experienced. Last but not least there will be music with Sean Saye at our opening ceremony on 1st August plus a Pig Roast and Bar, and the ever popular Hattie Briggs performing for our closing supper/concert at the Golf Club on Sat. 8th.

Many exhibitions change mid week so browse any time between the 1st to the 9th August to see something new. For full details of events pick up a free programme from the Painswick Centre, Tourist Information, Town Hall, most local shops and all the

venues.

For more details and to purchase tickets etc. go to our website at www.painswickartsfestival.com.

To reserve places on courses email us at painswickartsfestival@mail.com

Jackie Herbert

ARTBURST - EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS IN AND AROUND PAINSWICK

PAINSWICK CENTRE - Sat 1st August 12.00 to 3.00 pm:
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THE PATCHWORK MOUSE ART CAFÉ. Open Daily CAFÉ AND EXHIBITION WITH PAINTINGS by *Mel Cross* and excellent coffee, tea and cakes.

HORTON'S' RESTAURANT AT THE PAINSWICK GOLF CLUB, Open Daily Dave Morris presents his amazing Three Dimensional Pictures In Wood

PAINSWICK LIBRARY Open Mon. 3rd to Sun.9th August, 10.0 to 5.30 'OLD BOOTS & OTHER STORIES.' Still life, paintings and drawings from everyday life that tell their own tales, by *Helen Baker, Sara Kirby and Anne Castle,*

BEACON HALL, STAGE AREA - Sat & Sun. 8th - 9th August. 10.00 to 5.00 'CUTS A FINE FIGURE' Kate Beer and Yasemin Wigglesworth., Portraits using amazing hand cut silhouette frames. Have your children photographed on stage in the Beacon Hall,

ROCOCO GARDENS Tues, 4th Aug 10.00 to 5.00 Morning, afternoon or all day session - 'PAINTING IN THE ROCOCO GARDEN' Outdoor painting and Drawing in the ROCOCO GARDENS with guidance from artist and tutor *Jane Garbett.*

HORTON'S' RESTAURANT AT THE PAINSWICK GOLF CLUB Sat. 8th August from 7.00 p.m. HATTIE BRIGGS IN CONCERT. Wonderful music by *Hattie and friend* with tickets at only £10.00 p.p. to include a quality buffet Ploughmans Supper. Book early!

OPEN STUDIOS

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Andy Lovell, Fine Art silkscreen prints inspired by drawings and paintings from life. www.andylovell.com
& *Anne Haworth, hand-printed and hand-sewn textile creations. www.curiouscloth.uk 'Ashleigh', Gloucester Street, Painswick. Open SAT 1st and SUN 2nd Aug. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm or by apt. tel: 07976 279 048*

PAINSWICK CENTRE OPEN STUDIOS

Adele Lambert, Barbara Swindin, Angela Mullen Bryan, Rupert Aker and Anne-marie Randall show and discuss their work **open daily 10.00am to 5.00 pm.** Painswick Centre, Bisley Street.

AND MUCH MORE!

DATES	PAINSWICK CENTRE - BEACON HALL	PAINSWICK CENTRE - COTS. ROOM	PAINSWICK CENTRE - GREEN ROOM	TOWN HALL (Downstairs)	CHURCH ROOM 1 (Large)	CHURCH ROOM 2 (Small)	PAVILION & REC. FIELD.	ST MAY'S CHURCH
SAT 1 ST	Gloucestershire Society Of Artists 'ANNUAL EXHIBITION'.	JAIMIE CAHLIL Evocative Oil paintings & colour drawings	ANGIE AND ANDY CASH Paintings and Photography influenced by local people and places	VALERIE DUGAN, PAUL GRAY & IAIN SHEARMAN Paintings in all media including Seascapes, Landscapes, Art in cut paper & Botanical Art	COUNTRY STUDIO GROUP Selected paintings by members In all media	KAREN GREEN Figurative Paintings, & hand made textile items. Also DENIUS PARSONS Sculptures in Wood (Also showing in Rococo Gardens)	GREG THATCHER Outdoor Drawing Classes for all. ANNE HAWORTH Kids Print Making Workshops. For 10-12 years or 13+ years.	'FLOWERBURST' "All Things Bright And Beautiful". FLORAL DISPLAYS in St Mary's Church.
SUN 2 ND								
MON 3 RD								
TUE 4 TH	Selected Paintings, Drawings, Mixed Media, Sculpture and much more from our members!	SAMANTHA MORRIS Fun and Famous 'Cow Art'	KATHERINE ATWELL Abstract Paintings In Oils	Country Market In morning	'PAINTINGS FROM HIS TRAVELS' Landscapes and Portraits in Oils.	ANNE WEARE An exhibition showing the skills and techniques of Bookbinding & VICKY HENDSEL with her unique Ceramics	LISA MOULDER 'PYJAMA DRAMA' Kids Drama Workshops. Sessions for 2-4 yrs. and 5-7 yrs.	Alongside JACKIE COX Paintings & drawings on canvas & silk and more, and CHRIS SINDEN with his Wildlife Lino Cuts
WED 5 TH								
THU 6 TH								
FRI 7 TH								
SAT 8 TH								
SUN 9 TH				PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION by Will Watling Stephen Perris Joyce Barrus & Jonathan Newman				

What's On

4th July – Private Wedding
5th July – Painswick Singers Concert. Contact 01452 621151
13th – 19th July – Artists Anne Weare, Book Binding and Vicki Hendzel Pottery – Green Room
31st July – 9th August – Painswick Art Burst

Regular Activities

Mondays Pilates, Kids Karate, Zumba, Choir, Badminton
Tuesdays Zumba Gold, Ladies Badminton, Cupcakes for carers
Wednesdays PROBUS, Field Club, Bridge, Table Tennis
Thursdays Yoga, Pilates, Badminton, PADFAS

News

We have a new evening Zumba class at the Centre from Monday 22nd June. Hosted by local girl Jess Lee. The class runs from 6.30 – 7.30pm every week. Jess also runs a classes at the Archway school sports hall. Lessons are £2.50 for students and £4.50 for Adults or £10 for 3 classes.

We are looking for anyone who may be interested in running a monthly film club here at the centre. If you think you, or someone you know may be interested, please contact us.

Again we are always looking to find things for the residents of Painswick here at the Centre, so please do let us know as we cannot do it otherwise!
Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Tourist Information News from the Gravedigger's Hut

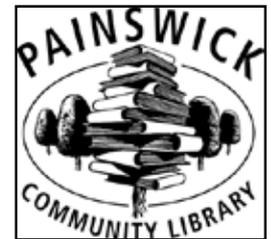
In May we had 616 visitors to see us at the time of writing, coming from all over Britain, America, New Zealand, Australia, and France, and all express how lovely to visit our unspoilt village. Thank you to all residents who have called in to see us and the Gravedigger's Hut.

Have you been wondering what to do with the grandchildren or visitors this summer? Why not pop in and see what is on in our area. Have you booked for Gifford's Circus? Three choirs in Hereford, Shakespeare at Stratford, all information available on our "Local what to do board". Looking forward to seeing you.

TIC volunteers

Croft Year 6's

The year 6 pupils from the Croft have recently had three sessions in the Library, learning about how it works, about reference materials – paper and on-line, and preparing for the Reading Challenge by finding out about strange record breakers. Thanks to Pat Francis who led two of the sessions and to Julia Churchley who led the other.



Summer Reading Challenge – Record Breakers

The theme this year in "Record Breakers". The Challenge is open to all 4 – 11 year olds, and will start in Painswick on July 10th. Come in and sign up and find out more about the books and the fun materials each entrant will be given. The target is to read six books during the holidays, along with competitions and games along the way.

ArtBurst

As you will discover elsewhere in this "Beacon", Artburst will be upon us from 1st- 9th August. There will be an exhibition in the library called "Old Boots and Other Stories" - Still life paintings and drawings from everyday life that tell their own tales by Helen Baker, Anne Castle and Sara Kirby.

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

New Books

This month it is mainly a children's theme, and the new books include:- two by Adam Blade: Cephalox the Cyber Squid and Silda the Electric Eel; Jeff Kinney The third wheel - diary of a wimpy kid; two by Holly Webb The kidnapped kitten and A Tiger Tale and Bear Grylls Gold of Gods.

In adult non-fiction Anthony Beevor's latest Ardenes 1944
For the complete list, see the Library counter.

Bus Timetables

The bus company has made some minor changes to some bus times, notably at the ends of the days. The new timetables are available in the Library.

Ian Cridland

Thank you from Mencap Society

Very many thanks to all who supported the coffee and cakes morning at the Centre last month in aid of Stroud & District Mencap Society which raised £360. The savage cuts in funding mean that we are more than ever dependent on the goodwill of our friends. Reduced staffing levels mean less support for our residents and tenants and consequently there are fewer activities, outings and holidays. The village has always been more than generous and we are grateful for the continued support. Thank you, Painswick.

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Post Office Outreach Service opens

After all the false dawns the Post Office Outreach Service finally opened in the Town hall for business on Friday, 26th June and will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays for the foreseeable future. A 'Grand Formal Opening' is scheduled for 3rd July.

Shreyas Patel, the Sub Postmaster from Upton St Leonards said "It is your Painswick - It is your Post Office - And as your Postmaster my aim is to give service to all customers". The integration within the Country Market also went smoothly. Gwen Welch, Country market Chair said, and also on behalf of Puline Topping the Country Market Manager, that the morning "went quite well and possibly they had new customers". Martin Slinger said that "The Parish Council is delighted to report that the Post Office Outreach service is now open. The Council extends its sincere thanks to its Clerk Roy Balgobin and David Oxendale for all of their efforts in negotiating this vital village service. Can I ask the Community to ensure that the service is well used".

Christian Aid Week 2015

This year the house-to-house collections and events at St. Mary's Church Rooms generated a fantastic £11,244 for Christian Aid, and this will rise to just over £13,000 when gift aid is reclaimed. The money raised will help Christian Aid's work to tackle global poverty. The Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee would like to say a big thank you to all those who donated, attended the events or helped run them. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Dylan Davies

Police Report

Under the Painswick Parish including Sheepscombe, Edge and Slad Districts there were 13 substantiated crimes recorded for the two month period of April 1st to May 31st 2015.

There were five thefts from motor vehicles principally at view points and beauty spots but also in Painswick itself. Vehicle owners are reminded to remove valuables from their vehicles wherever possible and to avoid leaving anything of value on display.

Painswick Community Speed Watch group continues to be active conducting a further week of speed checks during the month of June 2015. In support of the PAINSWICK Community Speed Watch and as part of a countywide initiative, members of the Special Constabulary and regular officers took part in a two day initiative on Friday June 5th and Saturday June 6th 2015 progressing crimes, arresting outstanding offenders and conducting proactive roadside policing stops in support of the Summer 2015 drink drive campaign.

During roadside checks on the A46 at PAINSWICK Rugby Club on Friday June 5th 2015 approximately 26 vehicles were stopped because of lighting offences or excess speed. All road side breath tests conducted were negative. However officers issued a verbal warning for a Defective Headlight; one Traffic Offence Report for use of a hand held mobile phone whilst driving; two Traffic Offence Reports for excess speed and one driver was reported for summons for driving at excess speed, driving without due care and for failing to stop for a constable on duty.

PC 1008 David Wood



Cup Cakes for Carers

This month (July) the Cup Cakes meeting is making a temporary move to the Skittle Alley at the Painswick Centre.

In the summer, especially, there are usually a couple of chairs free for newcomers. It worked for me: moving here after seventeen years as a carer in Suffolk, my wife and I soon learned a little about Painswick and its people.

After our first year here, Judith is more active in the community than I am. But I still get the short break from looking after a family member or friend, relax and enjoy the coffee, the tea and the conversation - and the cakes...in June, carrot cake could have been the death of my diet.

July apart, we have a drop-in tea party (free) in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre from 2-4.30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Phone Pat on 813326 or Andrea on 812464.



Bill Cochrane

Richmond Painswick's Annual Summer Fete

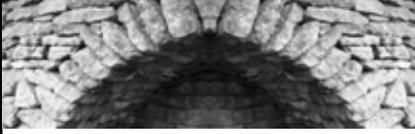
Richmond Painswick heartily welcome you all to our Annual Summer Fete which is to be held on Friday 7th August 2.30pm-5pm. We have something for everyone, with lots of lovely stalls, including jewellery, chutneys, beauty products, fossils, crafts and more. Refreshments and food will be available with a BBQ, bar, teas/coffees and cake. Music and entertainment featuring a real live Punch and Judy show at 3pm and Karl's Kreatures with a range of reptiles and mini beasts at 3.45pm - 4.45pm

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Beryl Calver-Jones - who loved Painswick

I was saddened but honoured recently to go to the funeral of Beryl-Calver Jones who, whilst not a resident or even a former resident of Painswick, was someone who loved coming to Painswick to support the Painswick Music Society. I first met Beryl, a retired lawyer, some 17 years ago when she was arranging a 70th birthday party for a certain Dr Gerry Mattock (a retired environmental science consultant). I allowed them to borrow some staging and lights for a concert at Painswick House, where they had arranged for the cellist Stephen Isserlis and pianist Ian Brown to play a new composition by the composer Sally Beamish. Following the party, to which I was invited, I invited them, being then Chairman of the Painswick Music Society, to our next season of concerts. They came and were enamoured by the way so many in the village helped to put on the concerts and by the friendliness of all they met. They asked to become sponsors and over the next 20 years they contributed over £10,000 and brought many of their friends to the concerts, who also remarked on the friendliness of the community. They were also sponsors of other musical events and particularly chose to sponsor composers.

The respect Beryl and Gerry generated amongst the music community was instanced by so many musicians being present at the funeral - including Sally Beamish and her husband, the cellist Robert Irvine and daughter Stephanie who paid their respects in word and in music

But Beryl and Gerry not only sponsored the Music Society. At my suggestion in 2003 they sponsored a concert in St Mary's church by the Cambridge Voices with their conductor Ian de Massini and in aid of church funds. As part of the package they provided dinner after the concert for the choir members and members of the congregation who had accommodated the choir. They themselves cooked ducks for 50 dinners in a commercial

oven hired for the evening and Beryl cooked all the vegetables. This concert was then developed into a two week long Arts Festival at Painswick - a wonderful village event.

It has been an honour to know such a wonderful friendly person, but one who knew her own mind and who had a sharp but friendly wit.

Peter Jenkins



Kim and Nepal

The earthquake in Nepal may no longer be a leading news story but the aftermath is a terrible reality for thousands of Nepalese people and support will be needed continuously for a long time to come. Last month the Beacon reported the wonderful response to Kim Brockett's fund-raising yoga evening. On 23rd June Kim together with Ivor Twydell held another evening of yoga and mindfulness in the Town Hall and the two evenings have raised £1000. All the money will go directly to the disaster area via the charity, Live to Love.

The volunteer-based charity has 'adopted' nine villages and will help to construct 201 new homes. With subsequent aftershocks and the monsoon season approaching there is also an urgent need to construct temporary communal shelters. Live to Love is already involved in this work and has made a difference stressing that local people decide who has most need and who should be housed first. However, there is still so much more to do and the momentum must be sustained.

With this in mind Kim plans to hold two more fund-raising yoga evenings on 21st July and 25th August. She is part of a team which has formed out of concern for the situation. The team consists of people who are offering their skills and services voluntarily to organise fund-raising for the cause. They are considering a promises auction, open gardens, croquet and various sports events.

Kim would like to thank those who have donated for their erstwhile support and hopes more people will become involved in this worthwhile cause. The Live to Love website is being updated and will provide detailed information on the work being done - www.live2love.org. Meanwhile, do you have any suggestions for fund-raising schemes? If so, and for information about the yoga evenings Kim can be contacted by telephone on 812623 or email yoginikim@cloud.com.

Carol Maxwell

Note: Kim Brockett has supplied the following web site link for more information on the "Live to Love" charity: <http://live2love.org.uk/2015/06/17/update-on-live-to-love-relief-efforts-in-nepal/>

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Oct 24th : “ACP Celebration”, a wonderful concert and choreographed catwalk show, in St Mary’s Church Painswick

July 16th/17th 2016 : ACP Festival, held, as always, in Painswick

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ACP are always very grateful for any support from volunteers and would like to invite you to join us to help run this fantastic event. If you are interested in being involved, please call Rosanna at the Gallery on 01452 814522. We will be holding a special volunteers’ preview of the show on Friday 31st July at 11:30am. During this preview, you will be viewing the exquisite works, meeting some of the artists and putting your name into our volunteer calendar.

ACP Celebration

The “ACP Celebration” in October will provide an opportunity to see catwalks of some of the most exciting ACP costumes from the past 5 festivals. There will also be fantastic musical entertainment, and the evening will finish with an auction, and then a lantern parade in the Churchyard.

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Judie Hill

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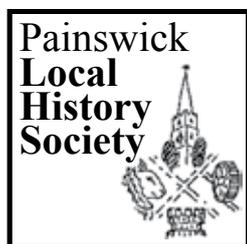
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Those Magnificent Tall Ships

At the June meeting of the Society Tony Conder gave a very informative presentation on the history of Gloucester Docks. Opened in 1827, for the next 100 years or so they were exceedingly busy with vessels ranging from local trows to large sea-going commercial ships often queuing to get into the main basin. Carrying all manner of cargo, these vessels were involved in world-wide trade.

By the 1960s the docks were becoming quieter but then a new phase began – films and festivals. Much of ‘The Onedin Line’ was filmed there and many others followed including French and German television dramas. Filming has

become less frequent now since the buildings were renovated and modernised as they do not present such an authentic display for period drama.

The docks continue to have a busy life especially with the presence of Tommi Nielson’s dry dock yard where many world-class vessels are repaired and rebuilt. Previously the company Square Sail was also involved in renovation work especially on older ships and in the preparation of period vessels for filming.

The talk was richly illustrated with many photographs of some very beautiful and significant ships, some from the distant past and others more recent, which had come from or were leaving for destinations across the world. Gloucester Docks has been and continues to be an important host of tall sailing ships on a grand scale.

The Society does not meet in July and August but will resume with a new season of presentations in September.

Carol Maxwell

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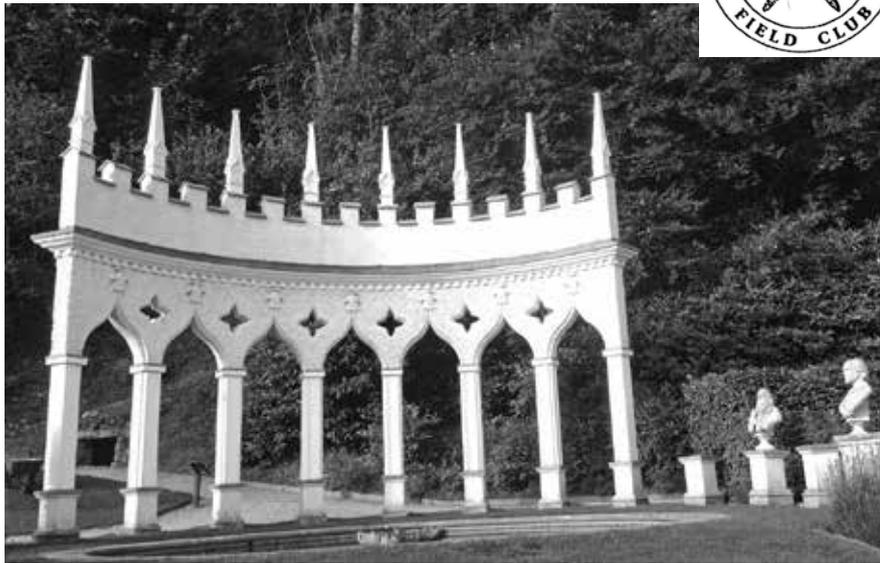
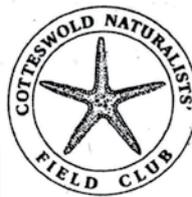
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William Kent and the Rococo Garden

Here in Painswick, we are privileged to have a superb example of a Rococo garden on our doorstep. Were it not for a c1748 painting by local artist Thomas Robins that showed the pleasure park in its heyday, it would have been impossible to restore the garden and



buildings to their present glory (including the Exedra, pictured). So often, they were swept away under the influence of Capability Brown and his disciples. But from whom did Benjamin Hyett (1708 – 1762) get his ideas for a new garden in a valley hidden behind his home, Painswick House? Horace Walpole is one possible candidate, whose Gothic style might be reflected in the Exedra and the Eagle House. Another, and more likely, candidate is William Kent. During the 1730' and 40's Kent was perfecting an English style of landscape garden, of which the gardens at Stowe, Rousham and Chiswick House are regarded as outstanding examples of his work.

In order that we can decide for ourselves, the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club welcomes back Roger Turner, author and garden designer, to tell us more about William Kent, his designs and legacy at our meeting on Wednesday evening, 8th July 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Painswick Centre. Non-members are welcome to join us (enquiries to Denise Magauran tel. 814570).

Finally we still have a handful of spaces on our summer outings:

Thursday, July 16th – Kenilworth Castle & Lord Leycester's Hospital, Warwick

Contact Peter Wilson (01453 834486)
Tuesday August 11th – Guided tour of Gloucester Docks and Cruise on Sharpness-Gloucester Canal. Contact Denise Magauran (814570)

Thursday to Monday, September 3rd - 7th Residential Excursion to a selection of stunning Houses, Gardens and Galleries across Outer London, with DB & B and most lunches. Contact Peter Wilson (01453 834486)

Jane Rowe (813228)

An Italian Evening

was the Stroud Choral Society's latest concert, held on 13th June in the Subscription Rooms and, as ever, containing a number of Painswick singers in the Choir and many Painswick listeners in the fully sold out audience.



Huw Williams positively conducted in the first half operatic excerpts by Verdi, Rossini, Donizetti, Puccini, Mozart and Mascagni, sung by choir and Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass soloists.

Then Rossini's Petite Messe Solenne for choir and soloists, a glorious work, rich in melody and emotion, but devout too. Long lasting but restrained in its power for much of the time. The lady soloists – Emma Brain Gabbott and Cathy Bell - were outstanding as were the pianists.

Next concert on 14th November, Tewkesbury Abbey, Elgar "The Music Makers", Walton "Belshazzar's Feast", Holst "Hymn to Jesus".

Ralph Kenber

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Lost a key??

David Linsell writes:
On the 19th June I found in the grass of New Walk (that is the path from Stamages Lane to Kemps/Knapp Lane) a car key and fob. If anybody can identify it, and still wants it, I have it. Phone 01452 812464

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Beside the Water.



Chairman, Bill Boydell reports on the Martin Wright – led Cotswold Water Park trip of 11th May: a day damp and cloudy, then of sunny warmth. To the water had come the common gulls, Canada geese, mallard, coot, even cormorant sombre and the dagger-billed elegance of a great crested grebe.

Dare one say, the excitement was in the thickets and hedgerows, diversity from a species score, from the finch trio to Cetti's warbler, even nightingales in wondrously frequent song, while in the air were sweeping swifts and swallows, at greater height, the threat of buzzard and lightening hobby hunt. Could there ever have been such a fruitful trip capped by sight and sound of the male and female cuckoos – enough to stir Dr. Jenner in a not so distant grave!

The deferred River Frome trip in the evening of June 9th was led by Frances Meredith, happily in glorious weather. The Frome flowed rapidly, dramatising brilliant sun dappling. First up was a dipper, darting hither and thither, reddish brown head, back and belly emphasising a perfect white bib. That night, it eschewed under water activity to give us a surprisingly long display of happy hunting for larvae and nymphs in the mud. Soon came its common associate, the grey wagtail, before the blackbird and sundry mallards. So to Wallbridge and a scramble to the transformed canal side below the heights of Onesepherous Paul's Mill. As the sound of traffic died, we were back to the peace and summer's green of wooded valley to the warble of wren and blackcap, the high tones and flourish of our tiniest bird, the goldcrest.

Visitors would be very welcome for Ian Boyd's talk on "Environmental Stewardship," which is to be shared with Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club on Wednesday 7th October at 2.30pm in the Painswick Centre (£3.00)

*Martin and Wendy Addy,
Secretaries of Painswick Bird Club.*

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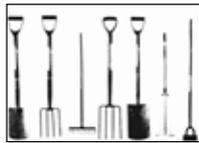


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Gardening Club - A Great Meeting (AGM!!)



Time flies when you're having fun.....can't really believe we are rapidly approaching July and my list of jobs just gets longer and longer!

And talking of fun, the June AGM (which was more detailed than planned due to a last minute unavoidable hitch for our speaker) was lively, positive and liberally peppered with wit! Club Members participated by giving very useful feedback and suggestions which will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

The following day, 15 Members visited Daglingworth House for a private tour of the really splendid garden (in support of NGS) - beautiful weather: beautiful garden. Following the success of this visit, we plan to organise other visits to local NGS "by arrangement only" gardens.

On the subject of Open Gardens, don't forget that 3 Members gardens are open to Gardening Club Members on 8th and 24th July, 2pm to 4pm - see the June edition of the Beacon for details or check the website (www.thepainswickgardeningclub.com). With fingers crossed for good weather, pop along to the gardens for a spot of relaxation and inspiration. Many thanks again to the Members who have volunteered to share their 'Paradise' with others. I must also take the opportunity to congratulate Debbie (Chairman) on the success of her 2nd year opening for the NGS with just under 200 visitors and almost £1000 raised for charity; fantastic.

Just a reminder that we still have a few seats available for our trip to Wisley on 10th September at the very reasonable price of £18.00 per person. This charge includes entrance to their flower show and sculpture trail. We are making these seats available to everyone so if you fancy a great day out but aren't a Member, it's not a problem! Please register your interest by emailing (thepainswickgardeningclub@gmail.com) or by phoning Judith Stevens on 812254 ASAP. The closing date for bookings/payment has been extended to 18th July but this date can't be extended further.

I'm now off to do a bit of overdue staking; every year I plan to do it earlier in the season.....maybe next year!"

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

Painswick members invited to join Women's Land Army



In 1941 the National Service Act for Women was passed and all unmarried women aged between 20 and 30 were required to sign up for the armed forces, industry or agriculture.

Fiona Warin, the Greens and Allotment Officer for Cheltenham Borough, brought to life the work of the Women's Land Army in World War 2. This was at an interactive session at our meeting on 26th May. She pretended that she was recruiting "Land Girls" from the present members and she invited them to join the Women's Land Army. Britain needed to improve domestic food production dramatically and these women were needed as there was a labour shortage when the men went to war. With much humour Fiona allotted tasks to the girls such as ploughing, hedging and ditching, animal husbandry, pest control and timber felling.

These land girls were often unsuited to such work for many of them came from London or the big cities and had never lived away from home. The farmers they were sent to were sceptical initially as to their ability to do the work but the girls learned on the job and coped with the long hours and variable weather. Their social life was very limited unless they were posted near to an American Air Base!

In their uniform of green jumpers, corduroy breeches or dungarees and brown felt hats they proved that women could make a valuable contribution to the war effort. However, despite the fact that they made lifelong friendships, their life was not like the glamorous one depicted on the recruitment posters!

At the next meeting on 28th July there will be a talk by Philip Collins entitled "Punch and Judy".

Janet Jenkins



Climate Change – Crisis or Opportunity

On Wednesday 10th June Painswick Probus were treated to a presentation by Mark Kenber who is the son of local residents Anne & Ralph Kenber. Mark is CEO of The Climate Group, a non-profit organisation founded some 11 years ago that works internationally with business and government to promote clean technologies and policies to reduce global greenhouse emissions.

Mark explained that in the past many climate campaigners promoted the need for economic sacrifice to reduce emission of greenhouse gases whereas the approach of The Climate Group is to demonstrate the mutual benefits from climate control and to show that there does not need to be a trade off between economic expansion and climate change if new technologies can be developed.

Mark illustrated his talk with many facts and figures illustrating the changing nature of

global temperatures and the effects that seemingly small increases can have on climatic events. Also the future challenges that will be presented by the development of countries like China and India, the expansion of the global population and with large numbers of people moving from an agricultural to an urban environment.

Judging by the number of questions and the debate that followed the members had found the presentation a stimulating one.

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Jottings

Everybody has nearly finished the first cut of silage, which means cutting the grass and leaving it to wilt for one to two days before sealing it. We are now into hay making, cutting the grass and moving it around for four to five days to dry it enough for baling as hay. We need to be watching the weather forecast to pick some good drying days to do it.

With silage being enclosed in plastic, whether it is in the bale or pit, this keeps the air out and allows the grass to pickle. Hay needs to be dry but not scotched of its food value. If it is not dry enough when it is baled it will heat up and may become mouldy. Or, when stored in a barn, get so hot that it catches fire from internal combustion.

If you belong to one of the government schemes like the Higher Level Stewardship scheme, you are not allowed to cut for hay or silage until the second week in July to allow wild flower and grass seed to set.

Every farm has what we call a holding number, issued by the Government. We must supply maps of all our fields to the Rural Payment Agency. There always seem to be fields added or taken from you by mistake, so you have to make sure that your form is accurate; and what is in each field, grass/arable/ woodland/any land which is not in productive use, and so on. This year, every holding was supposed to supply this information on line, but the big, new, central computer failed. So everybody has been told to go back to the old paper scheme, which has caused many issues.

If you do not do as you are told or you have made mistakes, you may get monies deducted or you may be fined with added interest. Do not forget the spy in the sky has an eye on you!

Everybody who has bovine animals on their farm must by law have a Tb test every year. This means that you have to catch every animal, inject it and take its ear number. This test is either done by your vet. or a Ministry person and the results passed to the Ministry. If you fail, and a lot of farms around here have done, you are on "lock down". You are not allowed to bring any animal on to the farm, or off it, unless it goes for slaughter. You must have two clear tests sixty days apart, before you can go back to normal, which means huge financial problems

Martin Slinger

What's in a Name?

A few weeks ago a letter arrived in Painswick enquiring about a woman named Eliza Sarah Oldham nee Sutton, 1822-1905. She had written two novels on a temperance theme (there was indeed a strong temperance movement in Painswick in the 19th century) but was also trained as an art teacher and was working as such in Painswick in 1861. The following year she married William Oldham of Greenhouse Cottage. He was 71, she was 39. They later moved to Surrey.

As a child she went to school with Anna Mary Howitt, daughter of the authors, William and Mary Howitt, and they remained close friends until Anna's death in 1884. After William's death Eliza returned to Painswick and although the date of this is uncertain she was here by the time the 1891 census was recorded. She died at Howitt Villa in Vicarage Street, the house apparently named after her friend, Anna Howitt.

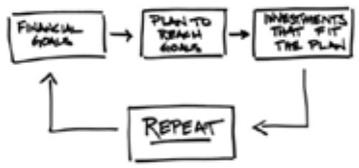
Does anyone know anything about Eliza Oldham? The person making the enquiry is a literary historian and would like to publish a pamphlet about Eliza. If you have any information please do let us know. And furthermore, does your house perhaps have a name with an interesting story behind it?

Carol Maxwell



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PROBUS Women Out-and-About on 8th June!

Gloucestershire Airport at Staverton is consistently recorded as the 13th busiest airport in the UK having the same modus operandi as large airports but alas no duty free. Numerous light aircraft fly in and out daily as well as a wide range of private, military and police helicopters. Citywing Airlines fly regularly to Isle of Man, Jersey and Belfast. It has many flying schools plus three helicopter training centres and is used by the Queen's Flight.

Angie and Becky work in the Operations Centre and very kindly gave us an extensive tour and we were even allowed access to the Control Tower! The Tower was buzzing! All Controllers on duty were so calm, cool and collected. Fire Officers on duty at the Airport had many questions 'fired' at them and answered all with patience and enthusiasm.

The Airport has a great history and is a hive of activity and their Open Day on 26th July offers trial lessons, static displays and helicopter rides!

Lunch break at The Aviator Restaurant & Bar. We could still see all airfield activity and then set off for the Jet Age Museum, an all volunteer, charitable organisation dedicated to the preservation of Gloucestershire's aviation heritage which opened just under two years ago. If the Control Tower visit wasn't enough to impress out menfolk then sitting in the cockpit of a Vulcan Bomber was surely going to clinch it!

The Jet Age hanger displayed many aircraft exhibits, photographs and associated memorabilia. Volunteer's stories were so interesting and their passion shone through. We all liked the tale of the early Whittle jet test aeroplane concept commissioned by GAC. This was a top secret project. It was built at GAC and then had to be transported to the Sunningend Engineering Works in Cheltenham to be fitted with a jet engine. To maintain secrecy in transit the plane was covered with a tarpaulin except for the nose and the tail. On show was a dummy propeller and tail so that any onlooker would assume it was a Spitfire in transit!

Jet Age don't demand entrance fees. Any donation is gratefully received.

Brilliant visits - both on our doorstep!

Talk on 13th July, 10 for 10.30. Independent travel by rail in India by Trevor Radway. Guests £3

delia Mason, PROBUS Women



Tennis - Juniors

A Successful Season for Painswick Boys Tennis.

The Painswick Under 14 Boys team have enjoyed another successful season. Six local boys have represented the club with games against teams from Lydney, Chalford, Beckford and Lechlade. The tennis has been very competitive and there have been many close tie breaks. Well done to all the boys.

The team that travelled to Lechlade was Erin Wright, Pat Courts, Gus Edwards and Rory Harris (all pictured). In other matches they were joined by Columba Leeper and Kieran Page.

The Painswick U14 Boys Road to Wimbledon Tournament for 2015 was won by Patrick Courts beating fellow Painswickian, Sam Porter, in a final set tie breaker.

The boys all train every week at the Painswick Academy, if you would like to join them call Head Coach Lorraine Ristic on 07775 606399.

Steve Courts

Painswick bowls club Open afternoon 2nd August at 2pm

Looking for an enjoyable way to spend some of your time. Painswick bowls club, situated behind/above the Painswick Centre, is looking for new members, male and female of all ages.

Come along and have a try. All you will need for the afternoon is a flat pair of shoes. The club will provide the bowls.

Refreshments will be available in the clubhouse where, from the patio, you can enjoy scenic views across the valley.

Ken

Painswick Golf Club

The good weather over the last month has made playing golf a joy. It has encouraged the wild flowers to grow and the course is blessed with lots of orchids – though sometimes as one's ball disappears into the grassy banks one can hear mild exclamations of dismay. But keep one's ball straight and the course is a delight!

In the Seniors' section, the Championship was won by Brendan Nunan with a combined gross score of 150 shots for the two rounds. The Seniors Tankard – for the best nett score was won by Gerry Wilson with a score of 127. Gerry also won the April medal with a score of 44 stableford points. The Seniors Open, organised by Vern Watkin and played on a better ball basis, was won by Alan Long (Painswick) and Brian Walker (Cotswold Hills) with a combined score of 51 points. Terry Coleman organised a great Senior's Captain's Day on 18 June, with Jim Eva scoring 40 points to win the Organ Niblick competition (in which competitors play with just three clubs and a putter), just one point ahead of John Barrus. Congratulations to all those named.

Painswick is a unique course making good use of the contours of the hills and iron-age hill fort it traverses to provide a challenge for skilful golfers. And with spectacular views across the Severn Valley, it is a course that every golfer must play. And you are most welcome to try it out. For more details please phone 01452 812180, drop in to the clubhouse or visit the website www.painswickgolf.co.uk.

Peter Rowe

Tennis - Seniors

Congratulations to Lorraine Ristic and Alicia Barnett

Lorraine captained the GB over 50's team at the World Championships held in France. Success in the early round saw her GB team playing the USA in the semi finals. The USA had a very strong team with several former Grand Slam winners to whom GB lost in a very close match.

Alicia has been invited to attend a presentation at the Wimbledon Championships to join a prestigious group of players that have won all 15 of their County Cup doubles matches in a season. Alicia and her partner Laura Eales played 3 doubles matches each day over the 5 days of play at county week last year.

Summer Camps

Painswick Tennis Academy is running group sessions for all age groups up to age 14.

Dates: W/c: July 27th, Aug 3rd, Aug 10th, Aug 17th
14 and under Coaching on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 10-1pm

8 and under (Mini red) Coaching Tuesdays and Thursdays. 2-5pm

£21 per day. Please contact Lorraine Ristic on 07775 606399 or Mark Wontumi on 07528 540069 for more details and indicate which week is of interest.

New members

Anyone interested in joining Painswick Tennis Club should contact Ruth Smith on 07919 246386.

Ladies charity tournament

The ladies charity tennis / lunch tournament took place on Friday the 19th June. 32 ladies from around the county enjoyed a very high standard of competitive friendly tennis.

Lunch was served afterwards and a cheque for £420 has been sent to Sue Ryder, Leckhampton Court.

John Barrus

I have been asked by a reader of my articles to write to you about how to ensure that you are registered as an organ donor. This lady had always assumed that she was registered because she'd signed various forms on her driving licence and passport and so was shocked when she discovered that in fact she wasn't registered.

Transplants are one of the most miraculous achievements of modern medicine. But they depend entirely on the generosity of donors and their families who are willing to make this life-saving or life-enhancing gift to others.

One donor can save the life of several people, restore the sight of two others and improve the quality of life of many more. The more people who pledge to donate their organs and tissue after their death, the more people stand to benefit. By choosing to join the NHS Organ Donor Register you could help to make sure life goes on for many others.

I thought I'd also remind you about "The Expert Patient Programme" which is a FREE NHS course run over the county of Gloucestershire. The programme helps people with long term health conditions learn tools and techniques to self-manage at home. Things like: Better sleep; Dealing with difficult emotions; Relaxation; Pain & Fatigue; Depression and many other topics. All the tutors that teach on the course themselves have long term conditions so the programme is run by patients to patients. Why not give them a call and have a chat how they can help you?

For many of us the internet has made life easier in so many ways. Banking, paying bills, booking a holiday, doing the weekly shop or simply reconnecting with old friends, can now all be done with the click of a mouse.

Most of us have several different accounts, all requiring us to know our usernames and passwords, which are essential to access these accounts. However it is important to consider what will happen to your "Digital Legacy", a term you may not yet have heard of,

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in the event of your death in the same way as you leave a Will for your possessions.

Not preparing your Digital Legacy could cause a great deal of distress and even financial struggles for your loved ones. Preparing your

Digital Legacy need not be difficult. If you need any guidance, information on how to do it can be found online, and it really is important to do this if you wish to avoid the possibility of causing your loved ones any further distress if you pass away. "Saga" has useful information and a pdf which can be downloaded and added to your will or kept in a secure place at home.

And lastly, GRCC's In Touch project is launching its 2015 Personal Safety Events in partnership with the Gloucestershire Village and Community Agents, Gloucestershire Police, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue, Victim Support and Trading Standards. It will be held on August 13th, 10am -1.30pm at Whitminster Village Hall. Transport can be provided. This is a FREE event (I've been told there is the added bonus of cakes and tea!), which will have various information stands, some talks, and you can sign up for free home safety checks, get valuables security marked by the Police, find out how to block cold callers and scammers. To book your place and transport, please contact either myself or Katie Lake at GRCC on 01452 528491.

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

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PROPERTY REPORT for June from Murrays

Murrays Estate Agents have continued to thrive over the past couple of months and now that the general election is out of the way it looks as though the property market will continue to do so as well.

The Nationwide house price index has reported that house prices have continued on the right track with a 0.3% rise in May. Annual house price growth slowed to 4.6% in May from 5.2% in April showing that generally across the nation house prices are levelling out.

Our London Mayfair office is keen to promote our Painswick and Cotswold properties as there has been a huge increase in people from London and abroad looking in our area, a lot of this is do with our extensive range of good schools throughout our region. My brother Richard and I are in and out of the London office promoting our properties and all the staff will be taking it in turns to work there throughout September. It is very important to remember that when you are considering the agent to choose when selling your house that Murrays are the only agent in the area that you can walk into our London office and pick up the details/book viewings etc for your property. For more information about our Mayfair office and the enormous amount of extra coverage that we can provide then please pop in or give us a call on 01452814655.

We have taken on many new properties over the past few

months including Brooklands, a detached Grade II listed equestrian family house with 7 acres at the bottom of Tibbiwell, Painswick, Columbus Cottage an extended Victorian 3 bedroom cottage on Cheltenham Road, Painswick, Groves Close, a detached 4 bed house with 3 acres and lovely views in Edge, Sunnybank a semi detached 3 bed house with beautiful gardens and stunning views in Pitchcombe, Trillgate, a 4 bed detached Cotswold gem set in an idyllic location with lovely views, The Buddings a period 4 bed family house with separate 1 bed cottage, Chessed an impressive 4 bed detached house with large garden and views all in Slad, The Sheep House a 7 bed detached house believed to be one of the oldest properties in Gloucester and Ellis Cottage, A beautifully presented 4 bed semi detached cottage in Hardwicke (already under offer).

Properties that are currently under offer are Yew Tree Cottage in Painswick, Hunters Rest in Brimpsfield, 7 Haresfield Court in Haresfield, Oak End House in Elmore and Ellis Cottage in Harwicke.

Properties that are now sold are Carsebreck on Kingsmill Lane Painswick The Eagle on Cheltenham Road, Pitchcombe, The Frith and Meadow House in Slad and Lypiatt Cottage in Miserden.

James C Murray - Director

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.15/1166/FUL - COLMAR, Slad Road: Erection of a replacement dwelling.

S.15/1234/FUL - STROUD SLAD FARM, Slad Road: Construction of a retaining wall.

S.15/1159/HHOLD - THE VATCH HOUSE, The Vatch, Catswood Lane: Improved flood defences.

S.15/1252/HHOLD - WASHBROOK MILL, Edge: Extension and alterations.

S.15/1162/FUL - LAND PARCEL TO NORTH OF HILL FARM: Erection of an agricultural building.

S.15/1274/FUL - BEECH FARM, Beech Lane: Erection of covered yard for a calf isolation unit.

S.15/1314/TPO - HAMBUTTS HOUSE, Edge Road: T1 Large Lime – remove deadwood, raise up low secondary branches over field to 5 metres. Reduce limb over rear garden of Highfield by 2 metres.

S.15/1304/FUL - LAND WEST OF LONGHOPE, Edge Road: Erection of a new dwelling.

S.15/1329/LBC & S.15/1328/FUL - COTSWOLD 88 HOTEL: Provide additional windows at first floor level, two conservation rooflights and replacement of frame/glazed door. Application for works to garden wing extension only.

S.15/0037/STREG3 - SHEEPSCOMBE SCHOOL, Far End, Sheepscombe: The construction of a modular building to provide a kitchen. The construction of 1.355m high fencing.

S.15/1341/LBC - THE BUNGALOW BARN AT HILL FARM: Conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling (revision of previously approved scheme).

S.15/1369/HHOLD - 2 ROSEBANK COTTAGES, Slad Road, Slad: Erection of a greenhouse and shed.

S.15/1297/FUL - LAND EAST OF, A46

CHELTENHAM ROAD AND SOUTH OF THE PARK: Erection of eight 3-5 bedroom market houses and nine 1-3 bedroom affordable dwellings.

CONSENT

S.15/0406/COU FIERY BEACON, New Street: Change of use from mixed retail / residential to fully residential.

S.15/0262/HHOLD - CASTLE LODGE, Cheltenham Road: Conversion of an outbuilding into a sewing room for residential ancillary to main building. (Castle Lodge).

S.15/0558/COU - OLD FLEECE, Bisley Street: Change of use of the ground floor from A1 retail back to C3 residential.

S.15/0801/HHOLD - GREENLEAS, Stroud Road: Proposed extension and alterations to Greenleas

S.15/0791/HHOLD - ORCHARD COTTAGE, Blakewell Mead: Enlargement of existing garage.

S.15/0879/HHOLD - GERRANS, Orchard Mead: Installation of clear glazed skylights to south elevation to facilitate loft conversion.

S.15/0628/COU - PUBLIC CONVENIENCE, St Marys Street: Change of use to include A1/A2 and B1(A).

S.15/0948/TCA - CASTLE HALE, Stamages Lane: Cooper Beech: reduce the crown spread over neighbour's garden, removing up to 2-3 metres from the longest low branches.

S.15/1024/HHOLD - SHEEPS HOUSE COTTAGE, Stepping Stone Lane: Single storey oak framed orangery extension to rear.

S.15/0867/HHOLD - CORINIUM HOUSE, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge: Erection of two storey link garage.

S.15/0979/HHOLD - TOCKNELLS HOUSE: Installation of garden pond.

S.15/0965/MINAM BRAMFIELD, Edge Road: (1) Use natural slate on roof instead of corrugated sheeting. (2) Substitute single door on the south aspect with double doors on the western aspect. (3) Add a window on the northern side.

S.15/1117/TCA - Acacia (T1) reduce height to 6.10m and reshape canopy. Yew Bush (T2) reduce to 2.44m and reshape Sycamore and Birch (T4) removal of trees. Mature Cooper Beech (T5) Reduce branch length by 4.3m and reshape.

S.15/1055/FUL - GENERAL PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AT STROUD SLAD FARM, SLAD: Erection of a new general purpose agricultural building.

S.15/1102/TCA - DOWNTON HOUSE, 16 Gloucester Street: Trim the annual re-growth from the Yew.

Classical and flamenco guitarist recital Pitchcombe Village Hall, Friday 4th Setember

Keith Hyett will transport you to many places with his varied programme of guitar music; Keith's musical influences are many and varied, from the rock music of his teenage years, to classical favourites by Bach and Beethoven, to flamenco and folk music, which means that his music is appreciated by a wide audience.

His pieces will take you for a walk through a forest on a moonlit night, with a clearing where you get a panoramic view of the moon and stars; Another piece which although having a flamenco feel is very much about a view from a tower on the Cotswold edge where you can see many counties on a clear day, as well as seeing the Welsh mountains and the Malvern Hills in the distance.

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JULY

Fri	3	Friday Club: Cotswold Perfumery - Pam Slater Beacon Distributors' Party:	Town Hall Church Rooms	3.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm
Sun	5	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Painswick Singers Concert: Musical Island Meanders	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 3.30pm
Mon	6	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623 Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.50 to 11.30am 10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	7	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911 / Liz, 814890	Painswick Centre Town Hall P. Centre Green Room Ashwell House	10.00am 1.45 for 2.00pm 2.00 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	8	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Human Rights & Immigration - How do the Courts Decide? - Antony Hartley Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays Holy Communion Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: William Kent & the Rococo Garden - Roger Turner: Enq. 814570	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Croft School St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 10.30am to 12noon 12.00noon 7.00 for 7.30pm
Thu	9	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays Messy Church Drama with a Pulse (for Yr 5 to Yr 7 children) - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Church Rooms Church Rooms Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 3.30 to 5.30pm 5.30 to 6.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club: Summer Outing to Weston Super Mare: to book Tel.A. Williams 812344 / J. Robinson 812590 Country Market: Coffee available	Stamages Car Park Town Hall	9.00am 9.30 to 11.00am
Sat	11	Theatre Club Outing to Bath: She Stoops to Conquer Food & Fermentation Workshops: Fermented Drinks - More Probiotic Goodness £40	Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre	11.00am 7.00pm
Sun	12	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	13	Artists Anne Weare, Book Binding and Victoria Hendzel-Walker, Pottery; Exhibition: Daily until 19th July - Details - 012285 760328 Probus Women: Independent Travel by Rail in India - Trevor Radway	P. Centre, Green Room Church Rooms	Daily from 10.00am 10.00am
Wed	15	Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	St Mary's Church Edge Village Hall	6.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	16	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club coach trip to Kenilworth Castle & Gardens, and Lord Leycester's Hospital, Warwick (Enq. 01453 834486)	Stamages Car Park	
Sat	18	Copy Date for August Beacon		
Sun	19	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St. Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am



Wed	22	Probus Ladies Summer Luncheon Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: New & Prospective Members Event with Afternoon Tea		2.30pm
Sun	26	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	28	Yew Trees W.I.: The History of Punch & Judy - Phillip Collins	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	31	Painswick Art Burst - Exhibition: Daily until 9th August	Painswick Centre	Daily

AUGUST

Sat	1	August Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Painswick Arts Festival: 'Artburst' (see page 5)	In and around Painswick	Daily until 9th August
		ACP 'Off The Wall' Exhibition: Art & the Body - featuring pieces by Alexander McQueen, Philip Treacy & Sophie Ryder: £2.50 admission	Painswick Centre	Daily until 13th September
Sun	2	Picnic in the Park	Rococo Gardens	6.30pm
Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: Guided Walk: Trees of Woodchester. Pre-book - 813228		4.30pm
Tue	11	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Boat Trip & Lunch on Gloucester & Sharpness Canal & Historic Docks Tour. Enq. 814570	Stamages Car Park	
Tue	25	Yew Trees W.I.: Summer Supper	Church Rooms	7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Wed	2	Probus: British Army Motor Cycle Dispatch Riders in W.W.1. - Chris Roberts	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	3	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: 5-day Residential Excursion to London. (Enq. 01453 834486)	Stamages Car Park	
Tue	15	Local History Society	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: Guided Walk - Cotswold Buildings in South Woodchester. Pre-book 813228		10.30am
		Probus: Visit to Jaguar Land Rover plant in Solihull		
Sat	19	Friday Club Autumn Outing to Gifford's Circus		2.30pm
Sun	20	Painswick Feast	St Mary's Churchyard	11.00am to 6.00pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: The Work of the Donkey Sanctuary at Home and Abroad - Lizzie Ellis	Church Rooms	7.30pm

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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.

Condolences

Our condolences go to the family of GORDON JOHN CHARLES MARFELL (JOHN) who died on June 3rd aged 102 years. John was a former schoolmaster and Headmaster. A service of thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's Church at a later date.

Also to the family of DAVID WINSTONE URSELL who died on June 15th at Astley House Nursing Home in Cheltenham. David was the proprietor of the Painswick Hairdresser for many years.

Change of address

PAUL AND CLAIRE MOIR have recently moved from The Barn, Holcombe to Hill View House, Vicarage Street, Painswick and a fond farewell to THE DANDY FAMILY who have moved to beautiful Oakridge Lynch to be near to their daughters secondary school in Cirencester.

Thank you

STEVE JORDAN, the locksmith at Wick Street Security, would like to thank friends, customers and neighbours for their kind support and patience during his recent sudden illness. Special thanks to the staff and the Stroke Unit at Gloucester Royal Hospital. Normal service will resume as soon as possible.

Congratulations

To JUNE STANGROOM from Resthaven who celebrated her 90th birthday on June 9th.

To ANNE HORNER from Sheepscombe who has been awarded the MBE for her work with the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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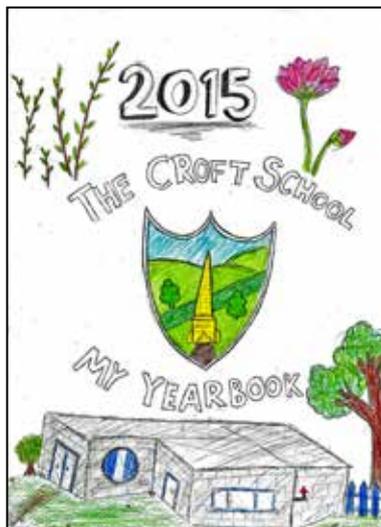
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Last week we were visited by the 2014 UK Half Pipe and two time World Half Pipe BMX Champion Mike Mullen. He came in to work with our Year 5 and 6 children but also did an inspirational assembly and then showed some tricks to the whole school on the playground. The children absolutely loved it especially

when he set up a ramp and jumped over myself and three other members of staff (photo below).



Our Year 6s have been getting ready to leave us and move on to their Secondary schools. Our 18 children are going to 9 different

Each year at The Croft the children prepare a yearbook of images for the current year that the school sells to the families at the end of the year. They are helped in this by Anne Marie Randall. This year there was an art competition to design the front cover. The winner was Layla Jordan Year 6, shown. Mr Howie comments that Layla "is such a talented artist". The two photos above from Anne Marie show Layla holding her winning entry and the winning entry.

schools. They have been on Residential to the Isle of Wight, done First Aid training and Lifeguard training. They also had a visit from Fiona Gill (Psalms) who ran a workshop on getting ready for Secondary school.

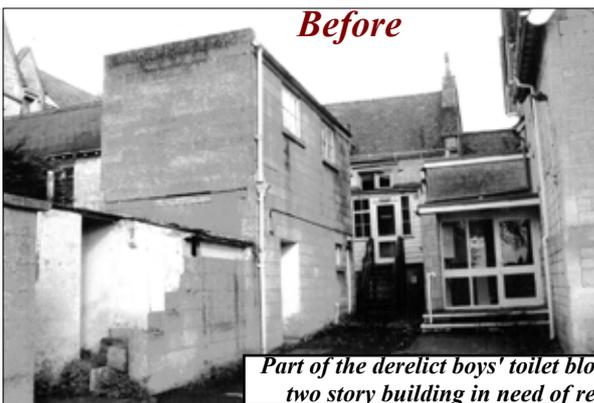
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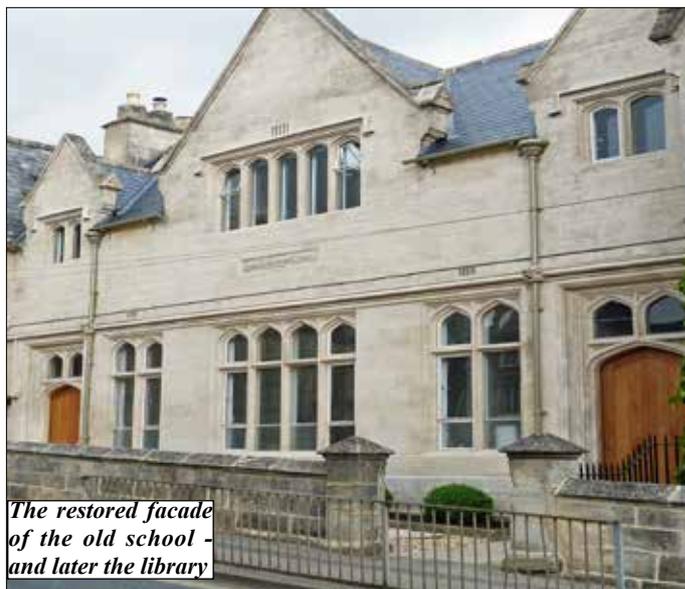


The pathway alongside the rear of the Church Roms and new flats

After and Before



Part of the derelict boys' toilet block and two story building in need of repair



The restored facade of the old school - and later the library



The old gravediggers hut now Tourist Information Office with Gateway entrance to the left.

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