

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick says 'Yes' to traffic calming ... but not by enough!

In a result reminiscent of the Brexit referendum, the survey distributed with March's Beacon has come out with a narrow vote by 52% to 48% in favour of traffic calming measures. But unlike Brexit, this narrow vote in favour is not regarded as significant enough to lead to any action. The County Council have made clear that they will not even draw up any proposals, without clear evidence of strong public support, and 52 to 48 is not regarded as strong support.

Survey forms returned to the Council offices were checked against the electoral register for validity and were supplemented by door to door distribution and collection of forms by councillors in the streets most closely affected. Parish Councillors Rosie Nash, Dawn Dart and Traffic Committee chairman Abigail Smith, all worked hard to ensure that the survey had sufficient coverage to be regarded as representative. They were rewarded with an overall response of 476 valid votes (246 Yes, 230 No), representing 25% of the electorate in the Painswick Ward, but not with a clear result.

The Parish Council note that the one area where nearby residents were strongly in favour of traffic calming, was in the Cheltenham Road section from the traffic lights up to the former Fire Station. The limit here is still 20 mph, but motorists often accelerate to much higher speeds as soon as they come through the lights. There will be discussions with the County Council about the possibility of some changes to the road layout here, possibly in connection with the planned resurfacing of the road.

Would you support physical traffic calming measures?

Yes	52%
No	48%

Changes planned at the Centre Lease of Bowls Club to end in 2022

Around 100 people turned up to the AGM of the Painswick Centre on 24th April to hear the Trustees outline ideas for its future development.

One major change may come when the current lease of the Bowling Green to Painswick Bowls Club ends in 2022. For the last 25 years the Bowling Club has paid only a peppercorn rent of £1 a year, but the Trustees are clear that this arrangement will not be renewed. Instead they are looking at alternative uses for the site that could include car parking, potentially even over two levels, as well as features such as solar panels and electric car charging points. But they want your input before decisions are taken.

Other ideas include shared office facilities for home workers or small businesses, a fitness studio / treatment room or a pop-up restaurant. But the Trustees are looking for activities that have at least some element of community interest and have rejected purely commercial proposals.



A display of some of the ideas will continue to be available in the Gardiner Room at the Centre for part of May, as well as the opportunity to contribute your own comments or ideas. A background article on the Centre is included on page 10 of this issue.



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A46 to be resurfaced at last - with overnight closures



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Where next for Art Couture Painswick?



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Easter Egg Hunt draws record crowds

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on April 18th by Mike Kerton

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 was one of only four Councillors present when he opened the Meeting.

Apologies for absence

The Committee accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Ed Crownshaw, James Cross, Ian James, Steve Morris, Roey Parker, Abigail Smith, Rosie Nash and Dawn Dart.

Matters Arising not on this Agenda

Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis, advised the Meeting that Stroud District Council's District Control Committee were to discuss the Planning Application for 4 Court Orchard, ref S.18/0217/FUL on the 24th April. He would be attending the Meeting to detail the Council's support in regards to this Application.

Matters requiring a decision

- S.18/0615/HHOLD and S.18/0616/LBC TRILLGATE, Slad. New external boiler and housing. Revisions to approved scheme. Unanimous support, subject to any comments from the Ward Councillor.
- S.18/0697/FUL BEACON FARM, Painswick. Erection of extension to existing agricultural building. Unanimous support.
- S.18/0515/HHOLD LOVEDAYS MILL, Beech Lane. Proposal for new entrance porch. Unanimous Support.
- S.18/0722/LBC ST MARYS COTTAGE, Victoria Street. Replacement of three existing 1960's steel windows with timber windows to match the existing timber windows. Unanimous support.
- S.18/0587/FUL PARADISE HOUSE, Paradise. Erection of timber stables for 2 ponies. Unanimous support.
- S.18/0787/HHOLD COTSWOLD BUNGALOW, The Green, Edge Lane. Amendment to previous permission to create a double garage. Cllrs were concerned over the height of the pitch of the proposed new garage. After reviewing the plans they were satisfied that the height would not overlook nearby properties. Unanimous support, subject to drawing

the District Council's attention to the possible use of the loft space as living accommodation.

- S.18/0727/TCA CROFT ORCHARD, Gloucester Street. T1 Holly - Fell, T2 Hornbeam - Fell, T3 Weeping Willow - Fell, T4 Conifer - Fell, T5 Laurel - Fell, T6 Ash saplings x 4 - Fell, T7 Cherry - Fell. Unanimous support.
- S.18/0710/TCA HALE COTTAGE, Hale Lane. Yew - Overall hard trim to reduce by 0.5m all round. Unanimous Support.
- S.18/0711/TCA 3 STROUD ROAD. Remove dead Birch stump. Acacia - Crown reduction by 2m back to last cutting points. Unanimous Support.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger opened the Meeting again with only four Councillors, including himself, present. On behalf of the Council he offered congratulations to Cllr Ed Crownshaw and his wife on the recent birth of their son.

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Matters of Urgency

Chairman Martin Slinger updated the Meeting on the works scheduled to be completed on the A46. There was a strong possibility that due to the requirement to lay gas pipes the work through Painswick may be delayed for at least another year. Councillors were extremely annoyed at the news of further delays and requested that the Clerk, Roy Balgobin, urgently contact the local County Councillor to express their concerns. Also, arrange a meeting with the County Highways Dept. Another suggestion was to bring this matter to the attention of the local MP.

County Councillor's report

Cllr Keith Rippington was not present and a written report had not been received.

District Councillors' Report

Cllr Nigel Cooper advised the Meeting that the District Council were in discussions with Stroud Town Council over the future of the Subscription Rooms. Also that the result of the Lottery Finance Application Grant in connection with the Canal project would be known during week commencing 24th April. £1.6m has been allotted to the redevelopment of the Brimscombe Port which would include 170 new houses. Concrete from the demolition of buildings would be reused to strengthen flooding defences. There was a possibility that the Rush Skate Park would be relocated to Stratford Park.

Results of the recent Traffic Calming Consultation

The Chairman read the following statement:

Painswick Parish Council would like to thank the local Community for their fantastic engagement with the recent traffic calming consultation. Responses have been validated against the electoral roll and a total of 476 valid votes were received, which represented 25% of the Painswick Ward population. The final results are:

Yes - 246 (52%)

No - 230 (48%)

In the light of the very close result, we do not believe there is demonstrable overwhelming public support to pursue a full traffic calming scheme within the 20mph zone at this time. However, with the strongly felt concerns about speeding through Painswick, we will hold a Meeting with Gloucestershire County Council. This will include discussion regarding potential measures as part of the proposed resurfacing scheme through Painswick, so any opportunities relating to this scheme are maximised. Specifically, the survey identified overwhelming support for measures by residents along the Cheltenham Road, so this 20mph section of the A46 between the traffic lights and the Old Fire Station could have the potential for some traffic calming

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measures.

We will also be recommending discussions with the Police and David Drew MP to discuss how we can secure greater support for neighbourhood issues, including speeding enforcement.

Finally the Council wished to record its thanks to Cllrs Abigail Smith, Dawn Dart and Rosie Nash and the Painswick Beacon for their tremendous efforts in ensuring excellent public participation in the local survey.

To review and confirm the following Council Policies

- Training Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Grant Awarding Policy

The details of the current policies had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the Meeting. After a brief discussion the Policies were approved without variation.

Responsible Financial Officer's Reports

- The Council agreed payments in accordance with the report circulated by

the Clerk.

• The Council unanimously agreed the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2018. The Chairman and Clerk then signed the Annual Governance Statement.

• The Chairman confirmed that the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 had been fully audited by the Internal Auditor who had submitted a written report. Positive comments in the report included a commendation of the work carried out by the Council's own Internal Financial Checker, Cllr James Cross, the Clerk Roy Balgobin and the Deputy Clerk Irena Litton which ensured that the accounts are maintained to a high standard. The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the accounts. The Clerk confirmed that the accounts will be available for public inspection.

Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, on behalf of the Council, then thanked the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Cllr James Cross for their hard work which had ensured that the 2017/18 accounts had been positively audited and adopted by the Council.

Ward Reports

Cllr Ann Daniels stated that the Basket Ball netting on the Recreation ground needed to be replaced and that dog fouling on the Recreation Ground was still a serious problem.

To receive reports from representatives on other bodies

Chairman Martin Slinger stated that he had recently met with the representatives from the "Sealed Knot" who organise re-enactments of mainly civil war battles. They would like to hold an event in the area. Negotiations are underway to find a suitable location. Also that he had met with the organisers of the "Run to the Tower" event which will be held on the 9/10 June.

Date of next Meeting - Annual Parish Council Meeting

To be held on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7.30pm. A Planning Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on the same evening.

The Meeting closed at 8.05pm

At last! - A46 re-surfacing given the go-ahead Section through Painswick could still be delayed

Work to re-surface the A46 from Salmon Springs through to Pitchcombe (Wragg Castle Lane) has finally been given the go-ahead. Work should begin on 23rd May, immediately after completion of the A4173 re-surfacing from Pitchcombe to Whaddon. Much of the work will be carried out at night with the road closing from 7.00 pm each evening until 7.00 am the next morning. Closures are scheduled to continue from 23rd May until 8th June, with diversions in place (official and unofficial!).

Painswick's County Councillor Keith Rippington reports that the next section from Pitchcombe through Painswick, roughly as far as the Gyde Barn, is also in the programme for resurfacing, but another new problem has now emerged. The bit of the A46 through the centre of Painswick is to be dug up to re-lay gas pipes, possibly in Summer 2019, but also possibly deferred until 2020. With the County Council keen to avoid their new road being dug up, one possibility being considered is to re-surface only as far as Lullingworth this year and leave central Painswick until after the gas work has been done. Or of course, the Gas company could be asked to bring forward their works to enable the full re-surfacing to go ahead this summer (see Parish Council report opposite).



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Good Friday

The Good Friday procession makes its way along New Street with the cross carried by Michael Daly.

Rev David Newell led a short service which took place close to the lychgate.

Photo by Trevor Radway

Visitors to St. Mary's Church

Visitors to the church and churchyard sometimes wish to make comments in our Visitors Book, for which we are delighted. It is of considerable interest for us to see their countries of residence and particularly their comments on how well the church is maintained and kept open for them to view for long periods. The serenity of the place is the most noted comment. The flowers are often mentioned. They also appreciate how well we try to keep the churchyard in good order.

The list below excludes England, Scotland and Wales, but there are 160 European entries all from different families on random days with quite a few surprises.

Austria 1, Belgium 10, Bulgaria 1, Croatia 1, Czech 1, Eire 7, France 6, Finland 2, Germany 18, Hungary 12, Italy 24, Malta 2, N. Ireland 4, Netherlands 22, Norway 2, Poland 8, Portugal 5, Romania 3, Sardinia 1, Spain 22, Slovakia 2, Sweden 3, Turkey 1,

The rest of the world has 212 entries mainly from 4 countries - United States 81, Australia 59, Canada 17, New Zealand 15 - but there are others from places as diverse as Mongolia, St. Helena and Uganda.

There are probably 500 + entries from the UK as well. If you consider that only about 1 in 10 sign the book you will see we have an overall figure of about 9000 + visitors in this 12 month period. Painswick Church is doing very well in the Tourism Sector!

The multiple language information boards are much appreciated and the Welsh seemed most popular. There was only one (maybe tongue in cheek ?) negative when a Brazilian visitor ask why there is no Portuguese board ? Maybe the numbers above explain why !

Trevor Radway

Helping Stroud's Homeless and Disadvantaged

Marah (the charity in Stroud which provides a drop-in centre, hot food, clothing and friendly advice and help) and their clients were very grateful for the generous response to their appeal for warm clothing etc. It was particularly appreciated coming in perfect time for the worst of the winter weather!

Now that it is getting warmer, the need is for toiletries – shower and shaving gels, deodorant sprays, shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, wipes (but not soap) - also new underpants (men's and women's) and socks. Instant coffee and sugar (any size as it will be repackaged) and long-life milk are in constant demand – as are empty margarine pots (for giving away any leftover food) and plastic carrier bags. Contributions can be placed in the boxes at the back of Painswick or Cranham churches or at Murrays Estate Agency.

And, finally, the small change collection continues and provides a welcome source of money for emergencies. Please continue to collect your 5ps, 2ps and 1ps and pass them to Alison Robinson (812 286) or Frances Watson (812 071) who are happy to come and collect them if that is easier.

Alison Robinson

Painswick Visitor Map Updates and corrections

The Painswick Visitor Map, published by David Haslam, is to be updated. If any Beacon readers have information regarding the content and correctness of the current map, David would be very pleased to hear from them. Email: davehas@btinternet.com, phone: 01452 812239.

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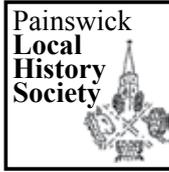
They are found everywhere, yet little is known about the history and significance of gargoyles and grotesques. At our March meeting John Putley from the Record Office explained that no-one has ever really researched or recorded these widespread features, some of which are to be seen on our own church.

Gargoyles, John explained, have a function as drainage spouts on buildings and grotesques are merely decorative. They first appeared in Egypt, then Greece and then the Romans used them. In Britain they disappeared in the Dark Ages as building designs changed and re-appeared in early medieaval times, the earliest in Gloucestershire on the 12th century church at Ampney St Peter. There was an explosion of gargoyle styles with Gothic architecture, a lull after the Tudors and a re-appearance with the Victorians.

Found on religious and secular buildings, we do not know why they are there, who paid for them or what they depict. Ignored by art and architectural historians, there are theories, mostly superstitious, as to their significance. They are usually scary, funny, ugly, bawdy, rude or grim. Monks, mouth-pullers, angels, devils, musicians, lions, cats, dogs and dragons are all to be spotted on buildings throughout Gloucestershire.

Just two counties, Gloucestershire and Leicestershire, are now engaged in the study of these strange fascinating features and he appealed to members to look out for more and take photographs for the record. This was certainly an intriguing subject.

Carol Maxwell



Georgian Cirencester

For April the Painswick Local History Society were given a fascinating talk by Nicholas Herbert on Georgian Cirencester and the influences of Traffic, Trade and local aristocracy.

18th century Cirencester was the second largest town in Gloucestershire. Road traffic in Roman times gave us Ermine Street, while the Turnpike Trust improved roads to Stroud and Cheltenham, through Cirencester to London. The first London stagecoach in 1696, followed by Royal Mail routes, were usually privately operated.

Road transport was supplemented by a Canal link between the rivers Severn and Thames in 1779, particularly used for heavy goods such as coal, building stone and salt.

Cirencester town was focussed around its market place, shops and inns, providing meeting rooms and social venues. Grand houses were built for traders and the cloth making industry. Equally important was the rich agriculture surrounding Cirencester.

The very prosperous shopkeepers provided a stabilising role in the local economy and some mercers and drapers set up banks. The local aristocracy was the Bathurst family, providing an important influence in Cirencester throughout this period as Lords of the Manor and chief landowners, also Members of Parliament. They controlled many aspects of Cirencester life in a quiet manner.

The next PLHS meeting is at the Jet Age Museum on Tuesday 15th May at 3pm. Anyone wishing to go should contact David Harley 813150.

David Harley

A new specialist drop-in cafe

Parkinson's Disease affects about one in five hundred people in the UK. For those people diagnosed with the condition it is important to have access to support and information. It is good to know therefore that a newly set-up monthly drop-in cafe is now established in Painswick, especially as until now there has been no such facility in the area.

Parkinson's UK in conjunction with Richmond Care Village organised the first drop-in session in April and it was a great success. "There was a wonderful atmosphere," says Maggie Daley who made the arrangements, "it was friendly, relaxed and very enjoyable." Essentially it was a get-together with advice and information on-hand, others with whom to chat and tea and cake. There was lots of help and advice from specialists but also the opportunity to talk with others in a relaxed environment.

The plan is to organise similar get-togethers every month at Richmond Village Painswick and the next one will be on Wednesday, 6th June 2.00-4.00pm. Carers, those with the condition and anyone with a connection or an interest are very welcome. If you wish to know more you can contact Maggie Daley on 01452 676855.

Carol Maxwell

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Painswick Probus The Life And Songs of George Formby

On 28th March Matthew Sproston entertained Probus members with a talk on the life of George Formby interspersed with some of his songs accompanied by the ukulele.

The eldest of seven children, George Booth was born in Wigan in 1904 into a relatively affluent family. His father died when George was only 16 and he returned home to support his mother and family. It was on a trip to London with his mother that they saw an act similar to that of George senior and decided that George would take over his father's act. George became one of the best paid male stars making 21 films and recording 230 songs. George was no great musician but it was the lyrics of his songs with their sexual innuendo that really made him popular. George died of a heart attack in 1961 at the age of only 56. His funeral in Liverpool attracted 100,000 mourners. Matthew rounded off his talk with one of George's best known songs "Leaning on a Lamp Post".



On 14th April the Club held its AGM. The president's chain of office passed from Henry Hall to Basil Butler, formerly the vice-president. The AGM was followed by an interesting presentation by David Chapman about the trustees' emerging future vision for the Painswick Centre.

Henry Hall

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Becca Meadows

Oriel Singers Concert St Mary's Church - 19th May

The Friends of Gloucester Three Choirs Festival are putting on a charity concert in St Mary's Church on 19th May at 7.30 pm, in support of the Festival. The concert will feature the popular Oriel Singers of Cheltenham who will perform a programme of part songs ranging from a selection by Schubert to Poulenc's characterful 'Chansons Francaises' to George Shearing's 'Songs and Sonnets'. The programme will also include music by Gloucestershire composer Michael Gryspeerdt and a handful of their favourite a cappella folk and jazz arrangements.

Following the concert, the Friends will be serving wine and a selection of home-made desserts in the Church Rooms. Tickets £17.50 to include dessert and a glass of wine, from the Three Choirs Office or at 01452 768928

Judith Armiger



Probus Women Return from Bahrain

Member Angela Newman went out to Bahrain with her husband and 2 children, initially for a 2 year mission. The life there was so pleasant and sociable and very "child centred" that they stayed until their children went to university. Angela assured us that it was not the material things which made them happy, but the utopian life style within a friendly, multicultural group. They appeared to have all that was needed to live a very convivial life, without the luxury of ex-pat type residences. Wherever they socialised and did sport etc children were always welcome.

When they first arrived they bought a second hand Volvo to be used for short journeys. It was in this "old Volvo" that Angela and David returned to the U.K. by land, at the end of their Bahrain stay. Their journey homeward started with a 1000 mile drive through Saudi Arabia along a horror road to arrive in Jordan. They visited Oman, Petra and Damascus. Their great fortune was that their journey took place in the middle of the World Cup and they were able to see many places on the way, without the usual tourists hassle. Wherever they went they found people very friendly and helpful and always keen to show local "specialities". Their journey continued through Tra de Chevalier, Palmyra, Aleppo and into Turkey. They continued to Basle, the Dordogne and back to the U.K. where their children had returned to university, and the Volvo survived the journey and ran for a few more years.

Next talk on 14th May 'A whisper of eternity' by Peter Petrie (life of Edith Cavell). 10 for 10.30. Painswick Church rooms. Guests welcome, £3.

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Yew Trees Women's Institute Galapagos: Darwin and evolution

Members would perhaps have expected to see some pretty photographs of white reef sharks, sea lions, giant tortoises, Sally Lightfoot crabs, iguanas and sea lizards which Ged Cassell had taken on his visit to the Galapagos Islands. He did indeed bring all these excellent pictures together with those of mocking birds, pelicans, penguins, blue footed boobies and many other birds.



However, Ged explained that it was Charles Darwin, arriving on The Beagle in the Galapagos Islands 800km off the mainland of Ecuador in 1830, whose curiosity and observational brilliance had started to unravel the mysteries of this area. He was puzzled by the diversity of life and he realized that there was a connection between the animals and their environments. In particular he studied the beak structure of 15 finches which had evolved to eat different foods on different islands such as nuts, fruit and bugs. By competing for resources to survive these birds overcame adversity and passed on their beneficial variations to their offspring. At a later stage Darwin developed his ground breaking theory of evolution and the survival of the fittest and wrote his book "The Origin of the Species".

This talk on 27th March was very well attended and members followed with interest the details of the adaptations which had been made by these animals to survive in harsh volcanic and marine environments. We hope a similar number of members and friends will come to the next meeting on 22nd May when Angela Panrucker will talk about "Pub Signs" at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms.

Janet Jenkins

Can you help the Croft School?

The Croft is looking for a Clerk to the Governing Body, to assist the Governors' efforts in making our school the best it can be. Governance and Management are part of the OFSTED inspections. The post is a paid one, and will be for around 40 hours over the school year, mainly for attending and minuting the 6 Full Governing Body Meetings. Training and support is given by Gloucestershire County Council. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Ian Cridland, Chair of Governors, on iancridland@btinternet.com or Rebecca Gore, Headteacher on head@croft.gloucs.sch.uk

Ian Cridland

Community Lunches

We are delighted to announce that the money raised from last season's Community Lunches has been donated to the Wednesday Ashwell Group and to Mencap Stroud. A further donation will be made to the Patients' Group at the Surgery to enable them to float their transport scheme. Again our thanks to all who supported the lunches, we hope you will continue when the new season starts in October.

Mary Sparks, David Linsell, Charles Garstang

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Friday Club Up and Away and Down to Earth

On the 23rd of March, 36 of us were treated to a tour of the Aerospace Museum at Filton. We "boarded" Concorde after first being mesmerised by the famous pointed nose and then awe struck by the cockpit with its seemingly endless array of knobs, dials and switches. How did the pilots remember which knob to switch, twist or turn!

A worthwhile day out which covered the development of the Bristol Aeroplane Co, formed in 1910 to the present day title, BAE Systems. The museum display includes examples of original box kite planes to today's satellites and the Hubble Telescope.

Then down to earth on the 6th April when Kathy Butterworth talked to us about 10 things she would save in the event of a fire. These were mainly personal items from her childhood or family items left to her by late relatives. This stimulated an interesting discussion with several members putting forward their own lists.

Turning to May on the 4th Jean - Shefalie Hollis will be talking about her experiences as a Barnardo's girl and about the help that the Barnardo's Children's Charity can offer. Then on the 11th we are off on another outing, this time we shall be spending a day at the Malvern Show. Fingers crossed for fine weather. Our Meeting on the 18th is being held in Richmond Village and features George Yiends who will be talking about and acting parts from "Cider with Rosie" which was of course written by local Slad author, Laurie Lee. May is a busy month for the Club!

Mike Kerton

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 in the Painswick Town Hall between 6pm to 9pm. There will be representatives from the Parish Council and its Committees, your County Councillor and District Councillors. You will also be able to speak with your local Neighbourhood Warden, Police and the Fire Prevention Officer as well as local community service groups such as the Library, PSALMS etc.

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News from St Mary's

The season of Easter concludes this month. We celebrate Ascension Day when Jesus was reunited with God the Father in Heaven on 10th May. There will be a benefice communion service at Pitchcombe Church to mark this event at 7pm led by Canon Michael Irving. Whit Sunday or Pentecost as the church prefers to call it now, when we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, will be celebrated on Sunday 20th May. There will be the usual church services throughout the benefice on that day.



Messy Church have a special day this month. It will be a fun morning at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 12th May from 10.30am to 12 with games and refreshments. There is a warm welcome to all young families to come and join in the fun.

Christian Aid Week occurs this month from 13th to 20th. The local committee have organised a number of fund raising events which you are invited to support – please see the separate advertising notices. The week begins with a Christian Aid service at Cranham Church on Sunday evening 13th May at 6.30pm to which all Christian Aid workers and supporters are invited.

The Painswick Music Society concerts conclude this month with the final concert in St Mary's on 12th May at 3pm. This concert will feature Dame Sarah Connolly and Joseph Middleton.

Arrangements for the appointment of a new Vicar for the Beacon benefice are progressing well. An advertisement for the post was placed in the Church Times on 20th and 27th April. Assuming there is a sufficient response, interviews will take place on 7th June. The interviewing panel will include a representative from each parish in the benefice. Assuming an appointment is made following these interviews, it is hoped that a new Vicar will be licensed to the benefice in the autumn.

David Newell

Arty Party at St Michael's

An art auction on Thursday 17th May to raise money for the Painswick Recreation Ground. Starts at 7pm for 7.30 pm. Come and enjoy a glass of wine, good food and local art. Contact St. Michael's restaurant if interested.

Anthony Lewis-Churchill

Painswick Valleys Conservation Society

There are a limited number of places for the visit on Tuesday 26th June at 2 pm to Whittington Court, a small Tudor manor house set in lovely gardens. The house has interesting period rooms, and an extensive collection of glass, ceramics and textiles, a collection of books by the Whittington Press and pieces of fine furniture. Also on view is the textile design and block-printing studio of the owner and interior designer Jenny Stringer. There are listed (II*) stables and barn to see and the adjacent parish church of St. Bartholomew. The visit costs £10.00 including tea and cake. Contact Carolyn Luke 01452 814139



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Messy Church is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries please contact Frankie Marsh: Email: frankiemarsh48@gmail.com Phone: 01452 812829

High Notes and Highlights

March finished literally on a high note with a splendid presentation by David Simpson during which he played extracts from his 10 favourite piano concertos. In 10th place was Beethoven's 5th piano concerto - The Emperor - and then we waited with baited breath whilst extracts were played from well known concertos by Rachmaninov, Brahms, Tchaikovsky and Grieg. Finally we arrived at his top choice, Beethoven again - number 4 in G major. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.



A highlight of our Season must be the visit, on the 12th April, to the Colston Hall in Bristol. Members and friends enjoyed a memorable evening, courtesy of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra with their Guest Conductor, Robert Trevino and soloist Simone Lamsma. After an intriguing opening with Debussy's "Ronde de Printemps", the young Dutch soloist joined the orchestra and enthralled her audience with a magical rendition of the Mendelssohn violin concerto. The orchestra excelled in part two with their playing of the ground-breaking work of Berlioz, the "Symphonie Fantastique". A concert that will live long in our memory.

Our season is now drawing to a close. The final Meeting on May 10th is our AGM after which we shall relax with nibbles washed down with a glass of wine. An opportunity for us to reflect on the success of the past season, the excellent speakers and the Concert outings we enjoyed. In the background will be playing a selection of members CD's. Why not join us, and meet like-minded Classical Music enthusiasts. The charge for visitors is only £2.50. We look forward to meeting you on the 10th.

Mike Kerton

Schubert Ensemble get season off to a great start

The first of Painswick Music Society's season of concerts featured the outstanding Schubert Ensemble with musicians Simon Blendis (violin), Douglas Paterson (viola), Jane Salmon (cello), Peter Buckoke (double bass) and William Howard (piano). The Ensemble is well known for its commissioning work with leading UK composers and also for their workshops with young people. We were honoured to be part of their final celebratory farewell season and our concert followed their Wigmore Hall performance earlier in the week where they had been very warmly received. Their programme started with Chausson's Piano Quartet in A major, a rarely played but distinctive work in the French romantic tradition which the Ensemble approached with energy and great rapport.

Schubert's Trout Quintet followed the interval and the charm and exuberance of the music together with the evident enjoyment of the players, was greatly appreciated by a near-capacity audience. This was followed by a new Piano Quintet by Master of the Queen's Music, Judith Weir, written especially for them and appropriately entitled A Song of Departure, a brief farewell piece based on Schubert's famous song Abschied from Schwanengesang. Each of the players had their moment in the spotlight and it was a lovely tribute from a composer who has enjoyed a long association with the Ensemble. For the encore they played a beautiful arrangement of Strauss's Morgen (Tomorrow) which brought a memorable afternoon to a wistful conclusion. The Schubert Ensemble has performed several times for Painswick Music Society during their 35 year career and will be greatly missed by us and their many admirers around the world: we thank them and wish them all the best for the future.

Sue Pack

The second of Painswick Music Society's season of concerts featured the prestigious Duo of Raphael Wallfisch (cello) and John York (piano). Their deep musical insights and immaculate playing delighted a capacity audience at St. Mary's Church. In order to achieve a balanced sound, it is usual for grand piano lids to be only partially opened when stringed instruments are being accompanied. So, arriving at the church to see the gaping Steinway, with lid fully raised, left one wondering if the sound of the cello might be swallowed up. Worries were groundless: from the first chord of the Beethoven Variations it was apparent that Raphael Wallfisch had tone 'to burn'. In his masterly hands, the cello throbbed and sang as he projected a gloriously rich sonority which reached every part of the church.



The two artists have performed together for over thirty years and their musical 'chemistry' produced a wonderfully balanced account of Beethoven's 3rd Sonata. They wove a tapestry of sound which flowed seamlessly from one to the other, with both pianist and cellist producing exquisite pianissimos. The Sonata by the Russian composer, Myaskovsky, was written under the oppressive glare of Stalinist ideology, when composers had to do as they were told – or else! The simple melodies were conveyed with soulful expression. In the final work, Brahms' passionate Sonata Op 99, the artists generated a breath-taking range of emotion which swept the audience through the work's contrasting moods. The pianist's fine technique enabled him to carry off with ease the difficult and fiery Scherzo movement while the rich melodies and haunting pizzicato notes of the cello part were endowed with a beauty beyond measure.

Listeners, aware that they'd been treated to something very special, conveyed their thanks with energetic applause. In return, as an encore, these fine artists bade us adieu with the lingering beauty of 'Love Song' by Karl Weigl.

Reg Wrathmell

Volunteers urgently needed

As Painswick Music Society comes towards the end of another very enjoyable and well attended season climaxing on 12th May with a recital by Dame Sarah Connolly and Joseph Middleton, we are in urgent need of more volunteers to join our dwindling team of dedicated committee members and non-committee helpers, so that we can continue to cover the many tasks involved in the successful running of the society. These include serving on the committee as treasurer; looking after the performers on concert days; writing programme notes and reviews; helping to erect and take down our staging; helping to prepare and serve our post concert teas.

If you think you might be able to help with any of these tasks and /or would be interested in joining the committee, please contact me (cgsvain@btinternet.com) or our secretary Liz James (lizzybutler@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you so that together we can ensure that Painswick Music Society continues to thrive as we prepare to celebrate our 75th anniversary in 2020 and beyond.

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Where next for Art Couture Painswick?

It looks increasingly as though at least part of the answer may be somewhere other than Painswick. But the team behind ACP has promised that wherever the next festival is held, there will in one form or another still be a presence in Painswick. The vibrancy, colour and excitement that has characterised the events so far, and helped to put Painswick on the map, will not be lost to the town.

After cancellation of the 2018 event, the next ACP festival is now scheduled for 2019, potentially losing the pattern of alternate years for the ACP and Artburst festivals. Artburst have confirmed that they still intend to hold an event in 2019, but the two organisations are in contact to co-ordinate and try to avoid competition for helpers, sponsors and funding.

The organisers of ACP have looked at a range of potential venues for a festival, including the Rococo Gardens. A key concern is the need to sell tickets for the event, which requires some effective control of access. Although the Church has been welcoming, that has ruled out re-using the churchyard for now, and probably rules out other venues such as Broadham. There would be difficulties in using the Recreation Ground including loss of potential car parking, the existence of a public footpath across it and also the terms of the Trust Deed. But the Parish Council say they are willing to consider any proposals and seek compromises if necessary.

In moving away from the churchyard and the centre of the village, the organisers are looking for a site that still has an element of 'magic' in the setting. The Rococo Gardens certainly have that, but other possibilities a bit further away from Painswick are being considered too.

The small team running ACP is though in need of reinforcements. It is run as a charity and can only run events at all if there is enough support from local people. If you have skills and time that could be used to help, please contact galleriaycp@gmail.com



Painswick's very precious gift

Did you know that The Painswick Centre was given to all the people of the parish of Painswick as a gift? This surely makes it a very precious possession and one in which we, the local community, should, indeed need to, be involved.

In the early years of the last century Painswick had very few adequate facilities for the purposes of entertainment and education. Mrs Frances Williams, the mother-in-law of the vicar of St Mary's Church, decided that Painswick needed a building worthy of providing a range of recreational and adult educational activities and accordingly she generously donated the money for this project. Thus it was that the Institute (now the Centre), the bowling green and the recreation field were given to the people of Painswick. Altogether the costs involved in land purchase, construction and furnishing amounted to about £5,500 which was an impressive sum at the time. The best materials available were used and the grand opening took place in September 1907 - a glorious occasion.

Since then the Institute, renamed the Painswick Centre in 2002, has been the venue for many wonderful events and activities and it has also seen many changes. We are very fortunate indeed to have this resource right in our midst but we must also recognise that it is there for our use – and that means all of us – and that changes are very necessary for the sake of survival and viability.

The Centre must be seen as a facility for all both now and for the future. It has many potential uses – entertainment, education, music,

festivals, the arts, exercise, exhibitions, sales, clubs and societies, quizzes, drama, demonstrations, even a hub for businesses. These can be occasional, regular or permanent features but, whatever, it is very much down to us the residents of Painswick to say what we need and would like for the Centre.



There is the large hall, three smaller but spacious rooms, the artists' studios, the skittle alley (originally a young men's rifle range!), a kitchen, toilets and of course the bowling green. The potential is endless and exciting. However, without local ideas, support and enthusiasm the future of this wonderful resource could be in question. It is ours - and that means all ages - and we all need to participate with both ideas and use.

If you have a good, positive idea for the Centre which you feel would be of benefit to the community do contact Judie Hill, email jhillpainswickcentre@gmail.com Our Centre is a very precious asset and it is ours. We must ensure it remains vibrant and healthy for everyone in the years to come.

Carol Maxwell

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The walks start at our building in Burleigh Lane from 6.30pm. Registration is £12.00 for adults and £7.00 for children (4-16). 3 and under go free. Family price of £28.00 (*2 Adults and 2 Children), or group booking for £38.00 (4 adults).

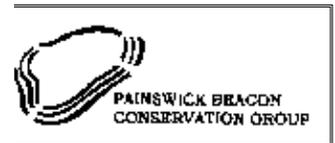
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Claire Ellis



Spring at Last!

As I write this article we have had some glorious hot spring weather and after what seems like a very long wet winter things are exploding into life.



We have now finished tree felling until next autumn. Despite the awful weather a huge amount of clearing work has been done. It's worth visiting the areas to see what now grows up. There seem to be plenty of new clumps of cowslips ... Excellent news for the long term survival of the Duke of Burgundy butterfly. By the time you read this the first Early Purple Orchids will be out.

This year the conservation work PBCG and the Golf Club do has been recognised by a new Natural England award scheme. I was surprised to be shortlisted, along with Mike Hoey (former President of the Golf Club) for an award in the West Midlands region. I was staggered when we were given an "excellence" award especially when some of the other nominees had been working at their projects for 10-15 years. A huge thank you to all of you who turn up to help, without you this wouldn't have been possible.

This year the PBCG will have been in existence for 25 years and surely this must warrant a celebration! Pencil the 24th June into your diary. We plan to have a guided walk on the Beacon in the afternoon to look at flowers, butterflies and see how the quality of the landscape is improving. Then we will have a BBQ at Hortons in the golf club. All welcome.

Paul Baxter

Summer Outings and Walks

The Cotteswold Naturalists have a programme of interesting summer excursions which are also open to non-members. On Thursday 14th June we visit St Fagans, home to the National Museum of Welsh History. Over 50 historic buildings have been rescued and re-built in the grounds of this lovely manor. In the afternoon we travel to the Royal Mint, Llantrisant. Cost £27.50; contact Robert Mann 01453 872243 to book.

On Wednesday 25th July we travel to the wonderful city of Wells, where we visit Wells Cathedral and, a short step away, the Bishops Palace and Garden. Cost £33.00; contact David Thackray on 01453 873262 to book.

I have arranged two guided walks. Firstly, on Wednesday 4th July, I will lead a short walk along the River Windrush through the charming villages of Widford and Swinbrook. Our destination is Asthall, where the Manor was immortalized by Nancy Mitford as 'Alconleigh' in 'Love in a Cold Climate'. The gardens form a glorious setting for Asthall Manor's biennial exhibition of contemporary stone sculpture. After the walk, there will be the option of having a garden tour with the Head Gardener.

Closer to home, on Tuesday 10th July, we will have an afternoon walk on Rough Bank Nature Reserve near Camp led by Sue Smith, chair of the Gloucestershire Branch of Butterfly Conservation. She will guided us around the reserve which is managed for butterflies & wildflowers. Please contact me for more details of these summer walks.

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Easter Egg Hunt draws the crowds

Easter Saturday was a damp overcast day, but the streets of Painswick were crowded with people, young and old, for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event, which raises funds for Painswick Playgroup, drew several hundred people to the village, making it now one of Painswick's main tourist attractions.

And despite the damp weather, a good time was had by all. A full report from the organisers is on page 14.





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A team of over 40 people is needed to get the Beacon delivered each month to almost every house in Painswick. Rain or shine, they get it through your letterbox, almost always within a day or so of publication. They may not always get the recognition or thanks that they deserve.

So an event on 20th April to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Beacon's first publication in April 1978, was a welcome chance to recognise the distributors, some of whom have been involved with the Beacon since the start.

It was also a chance to recognise the commitment of Eddie Buttrey, who has recently stood down as the Beacon's Diary Editor after almost 40 years in that role. Eddie, pictured right with chairman Richard Aspinall, was invited to cut the cake, made and specially decorated for the occasion with copies of the first and the latest issue, by Christine West.



Adele Lambert

For someone who paints with such a feeling for colour and an intricacy of subject matter, you would be surprised to discover that this highly trained Painswick artist has spent her life not painting, but in art therapy, teaching “difficult” children and adults the absorbing and healing values of applied art. Her patient and gentle appearance belies the fire and inspiration of a perceptive artist who knows her craft from long training, but who has adapted this to fit into a family life and provide social purpose with her skills.

Adele Lambert was born in London and was always ‘an artist’. She attended art school at 16 and then the Royal College of Art with fellow students Peter Blake, Bridget Riley and Ken Howard. But soon she was married with two children to bring up so she turned to teaching art and then found that the time demands of a head of department in a large school, were incompatible with her family life. She found Art Therapy “by accident” – she got on well with “challenging” children and found the concept so interesting that she attended courses to be trained. Then she moved with her second husband, a psychologist, to Painswick and began work in local Child Guidance Clinics, remedial departments of local schools and area special schools

With this work and her family, she had no time for personal painting, so she always looked forward to retirement when she could start painting again. Since 1991 she has painted a whole gallery full of different subjects – sunflowers, country landscapes, ballet scenes, people, townscapes. She learned young the value of sketching and believes that different techniques are more suited to some subjects than others. For example “Cheltenham streets are perfect for sketching whereas the White Cliffs of Dover or a Swiss lake and mountain scene need real depth of colour” she says.

She has been fascinated by the ballet since childhood and some of her most intriguing paintings are collages of the most dramatic ballet scenes and key characters with colourful and intricate detail making them positively dance from the canvas through her imagination.

A visit to her studio in the Community Centre is a delight with “a lot of work still being finished” and Adele twinkling at you as she shows you her colourful, delightful range of paintings.

Jonathan Choat



Library News for May

The Community Library is totally run by volunteers and able to open for 18 hours a week thanks to its hardworking team. If you are interested in joining the group of volunteers who manage the Library please pop in and speak to someone on duty to find out more. Alternatively, contact Anne Castle on 01452 812798 or by email to yewtree98@gmail.com. Thank you. Recent additions include:

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Pat Pinnegar

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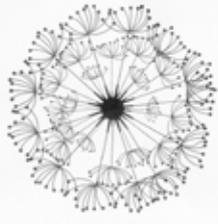
David Allott of Stamages Lane writes:

Following Pat Burrows' letters, in March and April Beacon, I have had some lateral thoughts. Rather than installing "sleeping policemen" how about some "constables' coffins"? Firstly, get GCC/Ameys by neglect or design to install street-width potholes about a metre wide, at strategic points. Secondly, get Department of Culture (NOT Department of Transport!) to formally list them as Grade II heritage artefacts. Then they would be permanent, needing minimal maintenance. I would certainly slow down for them, especially if I had been travelling quickly when I first encountered them. You too? "What's not to like"? as they say these days.

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Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Painswick Easter Egg Hunt (see photos on centre pages) was another resounding success and we're delighted to announce that the total raised was just over £5,000 – which makes it our most successful Egg Hunt ever! All the money raised goes to Painswick Playgroup (run as a charity), and this year the funds will go towards establishing technological resources to help document the children's development, as well as a much-needed storage shed.

We would like to say some big THANK YOUs to those who helped to make the Egg Hunt such a huge success. Firstly, to all of our wonderful local business sponsors, and especially our Gold sponsor Hamptons, Silver sponsor James Pyle, and Bronze sponsor The Painswick, as well as the Rococo Gardens for their continuing partnership with us for the event, and Moulton Haus for sponsoring our Easter Bunny. Next, everyone who helped decorate eggs; some of you might not think you are particularly creative, but the standard was exceptionally high and we overheard many comments about the beautiful designs. In addition, we would like to thank Carly & Giff Morris for their wonderful face painting skills on the day, Mike & Judy Hill for all their help at the Painswick Centre, Jennie Barber for managing the Town Hall, Margaret Radway and the Church Wardens for allowing us to use the Churchyard and Church Rooms, Roy Balgobin and the Parish Council for all their help and advice, and Andy Proudman, John Mearns and everyone else who helped us to set up and clear down on the day (no small task). For everyone else who had a hand in making the day work, thank you so much.

The Easter Egg Hunt Committee

Jottings

Hedge layering or laying is an old art, now very labour expensive. We do it to produce a stock-proof hedge. The cutting back rejuvenates the hedgerow and encourages new growth, improving structure and strength. You can have a variety of different species, hazel, hawthorn and blackthorn (with its spikes which will pierce your skin), alder, ash, sycamore – each has its problems when laying down.

Let's start, by removing all the Old Man's Beard, brambles and all old and rotten pieces of wood. Take a look at what's left and take out branches not needed. Then start laying by cutting into the branches just above the ground. Cutting back so that there is enough left of the wood and bark to allow it to bend over without breaking off. This reduces the thickness of upright stems, called the pleachers. We leave a connection between the sapwood through the bark and down to the roots so that it can still grow. New growth stems will grow up over the next eight to fifteen years.



Once you are laying you must make sure you are making a stock-proof fence by weaving the branches into themselves or by using stakes. Filling in branches and buying some young hawthorn to fill gaps. Some forms of hedge laying then have long whippy sticks woven along the top to hold the hedge in place. You need a good billhook and, or, stasher hook, an axe or chopper and a saw. It has been a great help these days having a chain saw. It speeds up the time it takes to do the hedge laying a great amount.

All the material you have cut off has many uses as bean and pea sticks and fire-wood kindling. When it is tidied up and the rest is burnt, you have a good stock fence and more likely more field because you have taken the hedge overgrowth back. The laying prolongs the life of the hedge and it offers weather protection for crops and wildlife. Your topsoil is less likely to get blown off in strong winds - or your crops such as corn and hay, flattened before harvesting.

Martin Slinger

Garden Opening - National Garden Scheme

The garden at Downton House, Painswick is opening again for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) - 1.30 to 5.00 pm on Wednesday 16th May (entrance in Hollyhock Lane). The money raised will go to the NGS, which last year donated a record £3.1 million to nursing charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and the Carers' Trust. Garden openings in Gloucestershire contributed £115,000 to the national total.



Some sixty intrepid visitors braved the rain last year to admire the alliums and geraniums in the garden. The garage was turned into a very successful teashop and everyone ate the delicious cakes and bought plants as cheerfully as ever. It takes more than a little rain to deter gardeners! Hopefully this year we will have a dry day so that people can really enjoy the garden. Once again there will be teas and Denise Newman's delicious cakes, as well as a plant stall.

Jane Kilpatrick

The Heritage Hub - Cameras ready!

Gloucestershire Record Office has undergone some essential renovation during the past few months and has now re-opened as an impressive new space. A competition is currently being held to further enhance the appearance of the new Heritage Hub. The trustees are "seeking high quality photographs to celebrate the beauty of the local landscape" and "three winning photographs will form feature walls inside the new Heritage Hub buildings where they will be seen by over 10,000 visitors each year."

The closing date for entries is Friday 6th July and you can submit three photographs of Gloucestershire landscapes. If you take photographs and would like to take part this is a wonderful opportunity to see your pictures put to use in this important display. More information on-line. Search for Gloucestershire heritage-hub photography competition.

Carol Maxwell

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Painswick Tennis Club Open Day, Sunday 13th May

Painswick tennis club, which has 8 Courts of which 6 are floodlit, is ready to start an exciting new season. If you are interested in tennis then please come down to Broadham on a Tuesday or Thursday evening when you will be most welcome to join in the friendly club evening session. The tennis club is proud to have standards for all players from Premier ladies and men to beginners. We also have one of the top England coaches, Lorraine Ristic, who runs the academy for juniors and seniors of all standards in groups or individual sessions.



Our Open Day is on Sunday 13th May from 11-3pm at Broadham. Coaches and committee will be there to help and advise anyone interested in tennis. Please come and join us. It's a great sport, keeps you fit and enables you to meet and make new friends. If you require further information then please contact Ruth Smith, secretary 01452 813693 ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com, or visit our website



Olivia Nicholls and Alicia Barnett

Doubles Tennis Success for Alicia Barnett

Painswick Tennis player Alicia Barnett, travelled to South Korea and South Africa to play in \$15,000 tournaments. Singles success saw her finish 2017 with a singles ranking of 640 in the world. A shoulder injury resulted in Alicia being out of action until March 2018.

Fully fit, Alicia then travelled to Israel for two \$15,000 tournaments and teamed up with her doubles partner Olivia Nicholls. A tough first round draw saw them play the number 4 seeds, which they won in a close third set. They comfortably got through to the final where they played the number 1 seeds from France. After another hard-fought match Alicia and Olivia won the final. The following week the duo won the doubles again to complete back-to-back championships. Alicia is currently in Egypt where she was a runner up in the doubles final. Her doubles world ranking is now 520.

Painswick Cricket Club Looking forward to the 2018 season

The long winter at last appears to be abating and warmer spring and summer days are hopefully around the corner. So let us think about cricket! Painswick Cricket Club have been preparing for the 2018 campaign with indoor and outdoor training nets, the sorting of equipment and pitch preparation. Last season saw the club finish in the top half of Division One of the Gloucestershire County League and hope to go for promotion this term. Strong foundations have been laid and hopefully we will do well in what is a tough and competitive league.



Our second team will be competing in Division 6 again a tough league playing at a good standard and our thirds will be in Stroud Division One where our youngsters development will be a focus as well as the side doing well. Our current playing aims include a strong focus around our youth as well as maintaining a strong and competitive level for our senior sides. The club would like to wish all our captains well, especially Jack Hobbis our new first team skipper for 2018.

Youth training started on Friday 20th April and will run through the summer until late July. In addition to Fridays, the Under 11s and U13s have been entered into Stroud Cricket youth leagues to enhance their knowledge of the game and playing standards. If you are interested in youth cricket please contact Junior Welfare Officer Dom Barnard domrolle@yahoo.co.uk or 07952738904. Please note ages are from 7 years old thru to 16 years old for all boys and girls.

For more information about the club and other contacts, please visit our web site at <http://www.painswickcc.co.uk> this includes membership details. If you are interested in playing or taking part in anyway and at any level, the club would be delighted to hear from you. Recommended tip top contacts are the Club's Chairman Ian Hogg on 07972405209 or at straight.spinner@hotmail.com.

For your information a number of our Saturday home matches in May are listed below. All spectators very welcome.

5th May - Painswick 1sts vs Chipping Sodbury 1pm start

12th May - Painswick 2nds vs St Stephens 1pm start

19th May - Painswick 1sts vs Lydney 1pm start.

As always the club wishes the happiest of summer days to all.

Steve Pegram, Secretary of Painswick CC

Painswick Bowls Club



Calling all you folk who walk up the 'rec' alley and stop to watch us mowing, gardening, practising or playing, if not always successfully. Now is your time to take the next step.

Call in on Sunday May 13th (entrance at the top of the centre car park) to our open day between 11 am and 3.30pm and see what the attraction is. Just wear soft-soled shoes or trainers and we'll supply the woods, friendly help, tea and a slice of cake! All are welcome.

If that date is not convenient, ring Dave Glover on 01453 452369 or Brian Sinden on 01453 791441 and they will arrange a taster session for you.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Helen Kilmister. 01452 507011



Rugby U/7's Festival.

This Gloucestershire-wide event held this year at Painswick attracted 45 teams from around the county to play a series of fun games of 5 minutes each half. Teams of 4, consisting of boys and girls, played tag rugby on reduced sized pitches watched by their many supporters reflected by the 300 or so cars parked on Broadham Fields.

Senior Rugby Painswick 5 Norton 8

In a closely fought game Painswick failed to beat top of the table Norton in their final league game of the season in the Gloucestershire division three. This leaves Painswick in third place, however next season division 3 will disappear and division 2 will be split into North and South divisions.

Painswick Golf Club

Winter has finally been banished – or so it seems as I write this. It is a delight to be in the open air and play golf on gloriously warm days. The cowslips are appearing on the Beacon.



The re-arranged club AGM took place as planned and following elections, members welcomed the new Club President – John Courts – and Executive Committee now comprising Phil Taylor (Chairman), Ann Smith (Club Secretary), Mike Archer (Treasurer), Harry Burke (Green's Secretary) and new club Captain (Nick Hill).

In the Seniors section, the winter season competitions concluded with the final rounds of the Winter Pairs competition which was won by John Hitchcock and Peter Rowe with a score of 226 stableford points from their best five rounds. The first trophy of the summer season, the Arthur Paget Trophy, took place on 29th March and was won by George Paton with an excellent 44 points. Congratulations to the winners.

It is with sadness that we learnt of the death of Jim Hodge – a member for many years at Painswick Golf Club and Seniors Captain in 1997-98. He was a popular playing partner and friend to many both at the club and around Painswick. We offer condolences to his family.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors, whether just coming to the clubhouse for refreshments or golfers looking to take on the challenge of a unique course. The course was chosen by National Club Golfer as one of the top 100 courses in England for 2018. Every hole provides a challenge and a sense of achievement if mastered! For more details of golf or catering, please phone 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe

Handball

Three ex-Croft School pupils, all from Painswick, (who all now attend Stroud High School) are part of the Stroud Girls Handball team who have reached the National U16 and U19 finals. The girls are Ilana Turner (14yrs), Holly Luke (15yrs) and Gracie Twigg (15yrs),

The team came top of the South West Division in both the U16 and U19 leagues. Stroud then went on to represent the South region against the top teams from the North Division. Over the season they have beaten teams such as Shropshire, Hackney, Poole, Olympia, Dorset, Somerset, Ealing, Cambridge

Last month saw Stroud U16 competing at the Derby Arena against some of the top teams in England. Stroud won all their games which placed them into the national u16 final which is being in early May, again at the Derby Arena. The girls also play in the U19 Stroud handball team where they have played throughout the year against the top teams in England, coming top of their division. At a National event held recently in Birmingham they played and beat Warrington and Shropshire to put them into the U19 final.

Both finals are going to be held in the Derby Arena over the May Bank holiday weekend (5th - 6th May). They will be playing Cannock in the U19 finals match and Ealing in the U16 Finals match.

We wish Holly, Ilana and Gracie and the rest of the team the best of luck and hope to bring home the trophies!

Vicki Butler



Prestigious award for Paul and Mike

Painswick Beacon is of course a very important site ecologically, historically and geologically. It is therefore good to report that two local residents have been given a very prestigious award for their work to help conserve this significant area of Painswick land. Paul Baxter and Mike Hoey were presented with the Natural England Conservation Award on 28th March at Wyre Forest Centre.

Paul and Mike began to be involved in looking after the Beacon some years ago and quickly became immersed in the strenuous tasks of raising funds and support for the work. They were able to fuse a partnership between private business (the Golf Club) and a volunteer community group and the result of their very dedicated efforts is that the Beacon has been both successfully maintained and enhanced as an important site.

As an SSSI site Natural England has overall control of the project. Funding was required to supply both mains water and electric fencing for the paddocks and this was achieved by Mike who also purchased a small herd of Gloucester cattle which graze on the site from late summer until December. Paul was responsible for organising local volunteer work parties to clear scrub and cut grass, to help with the paddocks and cattle and to plant juniper seeds. Particular mention was also made of their efforts to improve the habitat for Duke of Burgundy and Large Blue butterflies.

The work done by local volunteers is invaluable. Working parties usually consist of 10-20 people and the tasks vary from mostly quite hard physical work in the winter to lighter physical tasks throughout the summer but also behind the scenes efforts such as fund-raising and advertising. As Paul says, "It is good, honest hard work" and indeed a wonderful way to keep fit in like-minded company and to be part of a truly worthwhile and enjoyable project. If you want to know more you can contact Paul by email paulandkarolbaxter@gmail.com or tel. 07971 633242.



Photo: Natural England

With precious grasses, some of which are unique, and many other wildlife and historic features in need of care and preservation on the Beacon, this award is certainly well-deserved and a proud recognition of an outstanding achievement.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Art Club Anniversary Exhibition

This is the year Painswick Art Club celebrates its 50th anniversary. It has had an annual exhibition since its formation in 1968 and this year is no exception. Members will again be exhibiting their creative skills at their Anniversary Exhibition on May 26th, 27th and 28th at the Church Rooms. Over fifty paintings in a variety of mediums and styles will be on view. The subjects cover landscapes, still life and portraits. Most will be available for sale at very reasonable prices so here's an opportunity to become an owner of an original work of art.

The Exhibition will be open from 10am until 5pm each day. Coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits will be available so why not visit us, take a look at the paintings and relax with a cuppa and join us in celebrating our 50th anniversary.

Keith Harris

Lower Washwell

The planned closure of Lower Washwell from 30th April to 10th May has been cancelled as 'no longer required'.

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A-maze-ing

May this year marks the 20th anniversary of the planting of the splendid commemorative maze planted at the Garden in 1998. The maze marked 250 years since the Garden was captured in the famous Robins painting which has been our main source for the restoration, and was sited just outside the historic core of the Garden. Designed by then village resident and maze lover Professor Angela Newing, it was an inspired idea and has been delighting visitors ever since. We are delighted to be welcoming back to the Garden retired TV personality Johnny Ball, who opened the maze back in 1998. He will be planting a tree at the maze to mark the 20th anniversary on 17th May.



Photo: Dominic Hamilton

By contrast, the Bowling Green will provide the perfect backdrop for “Yoga in Nature”, a series of weekly yoga classes on Thursdays which run until the end of May in the capable hands of local teacher Chloe Mercer. Teaching will include breathing, meditation, walking and relaxation. It’s a restorative style of yoga to help nourish and support the body’s capacity to heal and cleanse itself. You can find out more and book at www.corelightbeing.com/events

Our Café team has been busy trialling new recipes of cake, with forthcoming highlights including a homemade rhubarb flapjack with yoghurt topping (using rhubarb from our Kitchen Garden) and a gluten-free and dairy-free avocado and courgette cake. There’s also a brand new children’s menu, and our lunch offering has had a seasonal refresh - all are available on our website. The Café is open from 10.30 and last orders are at 4.30pm. You don’t have to visit the garden to use the Café and we offer free parking and WiFi. It’s the perfect place to catch up with friends or have a quiet meeting.

Tim Toghil, Trustee & volunteer

Race to the Tower – Saturday 9th June

On Saturday 9th June, the Ramblers Car Park in Painswick will again be used as a pit stop location for the Race to the Tower. This is a double marathon along the Cotswold Way from Whiteshill to Broadway Tower. A field of 1200 runners and walkers will set off from Whiteshill in waves, between 7.30am and 9am, arriving into Painswick after completing approximately 10km of the route – between 8am and 11am. Full details of the event can be found at <http://www.racetothetower.com/>

The Race to the Tower took place for the first time in 2017 and caused no disruption to the village. The organisers have been working alongside and in conversation with many contacts and organisations to ensure the smooth running of the event. All the participants will be arriving into the village from the direction of the Rugby Club, going through the village and up to the Ramblers Car Park on Golf Course Road. The pit stop will consist of gazebos for shelter, food and water provision and portaloos. The pit stop will be finished by lunchtime on Saturday with no further disturbance to the village over the weekend.

Traffic and vehicle movements will not be affected, however please be aware of more pedestrian activity in the village during this time. Event signage will be put up on key roads into the village signing participants up towards Ramblers Car Park – these signs are very small with a white arrow on a red background.

The Event Manager is Maz Hedley Lewis at Threshold Sports, who is available directly if there are any questions/ concerns regarding the event, on 0207 603 1878 or maz.hedleylewis@thresholdsports.co.uk.

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Painswick Gardening Club

What a Difference a Day Makes ...

... and it really does! We've gone from soggy Spring to mid Summer meltdown in 24 hours! The weather didn't affect the turnout for Val Bourne's great talk. The hall was packed with Members and Visitors, some from other gardening clubs, all delighting and sharing in a love of roses and peonies. Val's knowledge and enthusiasm made for a super evening of hints, tips and lots of 'best plant' recommendations - another evening where notes and names were keenly scribbled!



Jill and Alun Whitehead from Auden Farm Nursery are talking about "Irises in the Natural Garden" on Wednesday 9th May (Church Rooms, 7.30pm). They hold a National Collection of Siberian Iris: a sure sign of a love for their subject matter! They plan to bring plants for sale at the end of the evening.

Don't forget that on Friday 11th May the Club holds its plant sale - and refreshments - in the Church Rooms from 11.30am to 2pm. I won't repeat all of the details in last month's article save to say we will be selling plants from Hoo House and Miserden nurseries alongside donated cuttings etc and gardening paraphernalia. Please come and support us; it will be a great event.

We have arranged a 'car-share' visit to Wortley House in the morning of Wednesday 13th June. This is a 'by appointment' NGS garden of some 20 acres just outside Wotton-Under-Edge. The ticket price of £10 pp includes refreshments. If you would like to join us, please get in touch (contact details on our website) or add your name to the list at our May meeting. Please note - there will not be an evening meeting in June. Guess where I'm going now ...

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)

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Jacek Wolowicz

PROPERTY REPORT Now written by Beacon Staff

Smaller properties coming onto the market recently in Painswick include 2 Hambutts Mead on Edge Road, a two bedroom cottage with parking and garden (through Hamptons for £230,000) and 5 Hyett Close, a three bedroom end-of-terrace house (Murrays, £275,000). 10 Upper Washwell, a 2 bedroom end-of-terrace is also coming soon (Hamptons, £260,000). It is still possible to buy a house in Painswick for under £300,000!

There are though plenty of more expensive houses. Moulton Haus are now offering Washbrook Farm in Edge Lane at £1.75 million, an 8 bedroom former mill, with 3 bedroom holiday cottage, stable block and just under 5 acres of grounds. Slightly smaller is Stroud Slad Farmhouse at the Vatch (Hamptons, £1.4 million), which has panoramic views up and down the Slad valley, four bedrooms and a detached 1/2 bedroom annexe. Then on Halfway Pitch in Pitchcombe, Windflower House (Murrays, £1.2 million) is a 6 bedroom detached family house with a 1 bed flat, large garden and lovely views.

Somewhere inbetween, you can live in a part of Painswick's history for just under £500,000. The Old Fire Station (Moulton

Haus, £499,950) is a modern conversion with a bright open plan ground floor, while Tythe Cottage in Vicarage Street (Murrays, £499,995) is a 4 bedroom converted chapel (once part of The Verlands when it was the Vicarage). Tythe Cottage has an 'award winning' kitchen and may be featured on 'Escape to the Country'.

Tucked away in Butt Green, is 3 Court Cottages, a charming end of terrace cottage with off road parking and level gardens (Hamptons, £575,000).

Several houses have gone under offer in the last month, including Byfield House in Bisley Street and Norbreck House in Cotswold Mead (both Moulton Haus). Murrays have sold Hillworth Cottage in Gloucester Street and Lychgate Cottage in Stroud Road, while 7 Painswick Heights through Hamptons has now completed.

With the new season for Bowls starting, Murrays will be sponsoring the Falcon Bowls Club, while Hamptons are supporting "The Friends of the Croft School" with their Safari Supper, now practically a Painswick institution, to be held this year on Saturday 16th June.

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	Yoga - every Monday. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
	Painswick Community choir - every Monday. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Have your Say - every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 536325	Church Rooms	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - every Monday - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Every Monday. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15-11.30am
Tuesdays	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Every Monday. Enquiries Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
	Painswick Art Club - every Tuesday	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all - every Tuesday. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp every Tuesday 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo - every Tuesday	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Nia Holistic Fitness - every Tuesday	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
Wednesdays	Botanical Illustration classes - every Wednesday - mornings or afternoons. Prebook 07810 725772	Painswick Golf Club	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Yoga - every Wednesday - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Art class (oils) - Wednesdays - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
Thursdays	Table tennis	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 9.00pm
	Yoga - all abilities every Thursday	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	T'ai chi every Thursday Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
	Dog training club - every Thursday	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Art class (oils) - Thursdays - contact Jane 812176		Mornings
	Art class (watercolours) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced beginners - Thursdays. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	1.30 - 2.30pm
Fridays	New Pilates class - every Thursday. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre	
	Country market every Friday. Coffee available	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
	Baby and toddler group - every Friday - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am

This month's other activities - MAY

Fri	4	Wickflix screening - Dunkirk. £7 to include one drink	Painswick centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
		Friday Club: Jean-Shefalie Hollis. Barnados	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	6	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	7	BANK HOLIDAY		
Wed	9	Gardening Club: Irises in the natural garden - Jill and Alun Whitehead	Church Rooms	7.30pm
		Probus Club - David Lemon: Building the Kariba Dam	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thurs	10	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
		Ascension Day. Benefice Communion	Pitchcombe Parish Church	7.00pm



Fri	11	Friday Club: Outing to the Malvern Spring Show		
	11	Gardening Club: Plant Sale and refreshments	Church Rooms	11.30 - 2.00pm
Sat	12	Messy Church Fun Day	Recreation Field	
		Painswick Music Society: Dame Sarah Connolly and Joseph Middleton	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	13	Christian Aid week. Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30 am
		Christian Aid service	Cranham Parish Church	6.30pm
		Open Day. Painswick Bowls Club	Painswick Bowls Club	11.00-3.30pm
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Mon	14	Probus Women: A Whisper of Eternity. Peter Petrie	Church Rooms	10.00am for 10.30am
		Knit and Natter	Library, Town Hall	10.00am - 12.00 noon
Tues	15	Local History Society Annual Outing		
Wed	16	Evening prayer - lay led	St Mary's Church	5.00pm
		NGS Open Garden.	Downton Ho. (enter in Hollyhock Lane)	1.30 - 5.00pm
Thurs	17	Christian Aid Supper (advance booking required)	Church Rooms	7 for 7.30pm
Fri	18	Friday Club: George Yiends and Francis	Richmond Village	2.30pm
		Christian Aid Garden Shop. Ploughmans lunches, afternoon cream teas	Church Rooms	11.00 - 4.00pm
Sat	19	Christian Aid Garden Shop, Homemade soups, afternoon cream teas	Church Rooms	11.00 - 4.00pm
		Concert in aid of Three Choirs Festival: Oriel Singers. Tickets 17.50	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Sun	20	Pentecost. Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Mon	21	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
Tues	22	Cotteswold naturalists coach trip to David Austin Rose garden and Lichfield Cathedral enq 814570	Stamages Lane car park	
		Yew Trees WI: Pub Signs. Angela Panrucker	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	23	My Life in Russia before Perestroika and after (1957 - 1997) Masha Lees	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	25	PSALMS Prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Sat	26	Painswick Art Club annual exhibition	Church Rooms	10.00 - 5.00pm
Sun	27	Trinity Sunday. Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
		Painswick Art Club annual exhibition	Church Rooms	10.00 - 5.00pm
Mon	28	BANK HOLIDAY		
		Painswick Art Club annual exhibition	Church Rooms	10.00 - 5.00pm
JUNE				
Fri	1	Wickflix screening:	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
		Friday Club. Paul Denny. Snow Business	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	2	June Beacon published		

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.18/0697/FUL BEACON FARM,
Painswick.

Erection of extension to existing
agricultural building.

S.18/0515/HHOLD LOVEDAYS
MILL, Beech Lane

Proposal for new entrance porch.

S.18/0722/LBC ST MARYS
COTTAGE, Victoria Street

Replacement of three existing 1960's steel
windows with timber windows to match
the existing timber windows.

S.18/0729/HHOLD ABBOTTS
LEIGH, Stamages Lane

Erection of a porch.

S.18/0587/FUL PARADISE HOUSE,
Paradise

Erection of timber stables for 2 ponies.

S.18/0787/HHOLD COTSWOLD
BUNGALOW, The Green, Edge Lane

Amendment to previous permission to
create double garage.

S.18/0727/TCA CROFT ORCHARD,
Gloucester Street

T1 Holly – Fell. T2 Hornbeam – Fell. T3
Weeping Willow – Fell. T4 Conifer – Fell.
T5 Laurel – Fell. T6 Ash saplings x 4 –
Fell. T7 Cherry – Fell.

S.18/0710/TCA HALE COTTAGE,
Hale Lane

Yew – Overall hard trim to reduce by
0.5m all round.

S.18/0711/TCA 3 STROUD ROAD
Remove dead Birch stump. Acacia;
Crown reduction by 2m back to last
cutting points.

S.18/0754/HHOLD PERIVALE,
Stamages Lane

Internal alterations. Replacement single
storey rear extension and single storey
side extension to replace existing shed.

S.18/0828/HHOLD HINCHLEY,
The Highlands

Outbuilding comprising garage and car
port and including excavation of banking
and extension of retaining wall.

CONSENT

S.18/0197/FUL EDGECOMBE, Edge
Lane

Single dwelling.

S.18/0290/HHOLD & S.18/ 0291/
LBC THE BARN, (Hill Farm)

Conversion of existing building to provide
ancillary habitable accommodation & new
car port.

S.18/0320/HHOLD CYPRUS
COTTAGE, Sheepscombe

Rear Extension.

S.18/0245/HHOLD 4 NEW
STREET

To install a flu and replace a bedroom
window and balcony door with a three
panel bi-fold door within flat.

S.18/0416/HHOLD 9 THE CROFT
Proposed single storey front extension.

S.18/0459/CPE THE OLD STABLES,
Bunnage Fields Farm, The Camp

Lawful Development Certificate for an
existing dwelling at The Old Stables.

S.18/0471/HHOLD THE GABLES,
Jacks Green, Sheepscombe

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Addition of two timber framed gables and
associated alterations.

REFUSED

S.17/2816/HHOLD ABBEY
BARN, Slad Lane

Two storey extension.

BUSINESS

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No breeze blocks. Hardcore must be stone
or similar, wire glass and asbestos free.
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Congratulations

To JOAN WOOD on the occasion of her 101st birthday. Emma, Doug, Mykayla and Mila send their love and birthday wishes.

To ROSANNA FALCONER and GEORGE RYAN who were married at St. Mary's Church on 21st April. Rosanna was born in Painswick and three of her bridesmaids were daughters of the bridesmaids of her mother Virginia when she married, also at St. Mary's.

To FLORENCE EMILY BUTLER and RUPERT MANLEY COWAN who were also married at St. Mary's Church on 21st April.

Thanksgiving Service

As many of you will have heard, SALLY HUSSAIN died peacefully in her sleep at the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice on March 16th 2018. A Thanksgiving Service to celebrate Sally's life will be held at St John's, Sheepscombe on Saturday 12th May at 12:00 noon, followed by an informal reception at the Village Hall.

If you plan to come, please let Mahboob know asap (preferably) by email to hussains@gmail.com or phone 01452 813645 or mobile 07831 216948 to help him manage the catering. No flowers, please but donations if desired to the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice, Church Road, Leckhampton, Cheltenham GL53 0QJ

Looking for relatives

My name is Gary Green, a Canadian. I am a 72-year-old grandson of William Francis Green. My understanding is William grew up in Sheepscombe along with the following siblings; Albert, Catherine Kate, Charles, Thomas and Frederick George, Ellen, Emma Lucy, Mary Jane, Earnest John, Alice Louisa, Frank Archibald. If any relative or community member has any information on the above listed family members, I would appreciate hearing from you. My son and I will be visiting the area on June 9th and 10th 2018 tracing our family roots and will be staying in Painswick at Cardynham House. You can contact me at greenfish@sympatico.ca.

Condolences

To the family and friends of JEAN RYLAND who died recently. The funeral will be on Thursday May 17th in St Mary's Church at 2pm.

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of JIM HODGE, who died at home on 17th April aged 80. He lived in Painswick for 40 years and was an active member of the Painswick Golf Club and his local church. Jim, his wife Margaret and their daughter Emma, left Painswick in 2009 to return to his home town of Dunfermline.

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George Ryan and Rosanna Falconer in the Churchyard - photo: M Williamson

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