

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Painswick Tennis Star reaches Wimbledon quarter finals

Lissey Barnett together with partner Jonny O'Mara made it through two rounds to reach the quarter finals of the mixed doubles defeating Jamie Murray and Venus Williams on the way. Report and additional pictures on



## The Croft School Summer Fair

See back page for full report and more pictures.



## Rococo Garden's future in doubt Urgent need to raise £60,000 (see page 3)

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS by Terry Parker from the meetings held on the 20th July

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

The meeting started at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Rob Lewis (Chairman), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Ian Massey, Roey Parker, Martin Slinger.

Apologies: Adrian Gyde and Rosie Nash.  
Matters requiring a decision.

- a. S.22/1413/HHOLD, 11 Gyde Road. Demolition of previous flat roof extensions and erection of replacement two storey extension and porch. The Chairman saw no reason to object to the application and the members supported his opinion. However, Cllr Daniels raised concerns about the adequacy of parking. She believed that variations to the planning proposals could result in the creation of off-street parking on the site. Other members supported her view and it was agreed to draw the District Council's notice to the parking issue but confirmed their support for the application.
- b. S.22/1490/AFPA. Longridge Farm, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe. Erection of steel and timber clad barn. The members recommended support for the application.
- c. S.22/1437/OUT. Land adjoining Stamages House, Stamages Lane. Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for the construction of up-to 3 self-build/custom built dwellings. The members supported the application but agreed with the Chairman that they would prefer to see a greater number of dwellings which would make conformation with planning guidelines necessary thus creating the opportunity for affordable housing.
- d. S.22/1464/CPE. The Chalet,

Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe. Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of 'The Chalet' as a dwelling. Agreed to support the application.

- e. S.22/0037/STREG3. The Croft Primary School, Churchill Way. Proposal for hard landscaping extension to school playground and associated drainage. The members had no objection and referred to the comments on the County Council's website.

Meeting closure. The meeting ended at 7.21pm

## PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting started at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Andy Cash, Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis, Ian Massey, Roey Parker.

Apologies: Adrian Gyde, Rosie Nash and Abigail Smith. County Councillor Sue Williams sent her apology, having previously submitted a written report.

## REPORTS

### County Council.

HAFs and HAPs. In her report Cllr Williams, among other subjects, referred to the support for families over the summer holidays being given to Gloucestershire's children. In the second year of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF), the programme which has gone from strength to strength, last year provided over 26,377 HAF activity sessions for children to enjoy and nutritious food through hampers and meals. This summer, using grant funding, the County Council has again been able to extend fun holiday activities to all children in the county through its Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

Plastic Free in July venture. In this it has been stressed that Gloucestershire has many plastic-free options and residents are asked to try their local market, farm shop or refill shop. Plastic Free have

collated a list of shops in Gloucestershire that sell mostly plastic-free items. See the Council's website at <http://www.actiononplastic.org/plastic-free-shopping>.

### District Council. No report.

#### Chairman's report

Cllr Slinger made reference to the introduction of streamed parish council meetings which would enable residents to follow the meetings without leaving their homes. He updated the council on the Local Council Award Scheme Gold application. and, among other subjects, referred to the increase in the Pavilion bookings.

Consideration of request to use New Drive for vehicular access to Fairings House, Castle Close for six months.

After discussion the members agreed to the request subject to a formal agreement which would include a number of requirements, one of which was a damage security deposit of £2,000 to be paid before the start of works.

### Traffic Committee Meeting recommendation.

This was to approve the quotation to install 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Points at the Town Hall car park. The members discussed the proposal at length with concerns being expressed about the EV impact on parking and the need to monitor the situation. The Clerk said that Stroud District Council was the only Gloucestershire District/Borough still to introduce an EV location scheme. It was agreed to ask the Land & Buildings Committee to give further consideration to the recommendation in light of members' reservations.

### Reports from representatives on other bodies.

**Painswick Beacon Conservation Trust.** Cllr Massey gave details of the Trust's recent activities.

### Ward reports.

Slad parking. Cllr Cash commenting on the proposal to prevent parking at the Woolpack said that he thought the only recourse was to have double yellow lines. It was agreed that he should pursue the matter with County Highways and the County Councillor. Edge. Cllr Slinger told the meeting that he had submitted a request for the speeding limit to be reduced.

**Date of next meeting.** Given that meetings were not normally held in August, the next meeting was planned for Wednesday 21st September at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.



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# Rococo Garden Trust in urgent appeal

## Painswick residents urged to dig deep to secure future

Can you help Painswick's Rococo Garden to raise a desperately needed £60,000 to relocate its visitor facilities, without which its future is in real doubt? The lease for the building that the charity currently operates from is coming to an end, leaving the organisation with the enormous challenge of relocating to a brand new area on-site. This affects ticket sales, shop and café, all of them vital for the



income on which the Trust depends. Planning permission for a new purpose built visitor centre was successfully gained back in 2019, but the ravages of the pandemic and funding challenges have rendered these plans unviable.

Garden Director Dominic Hamilton emphasises the urgent nature of the challenge. "We need to raise £60,000 in just seven weeks and we need Painswick's help to be able to continue the vital work of the Trust. As a Charity, our principal aim is to look after this beautiful place by protecting its heritage and keeping it open to the public. We can't do that without proper visitor facilities, so the loss of the current premises in the Coach House poses a serious threat. Our crowdfunding appeal aims to secure our future as we start a new chapter in our history."

You can get involved and donate by visiting the Crowdfunder website [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/supportrococo](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/supportrococo) or check the garden's own website for links. There are a range of exciting and exclusive 'money-can't-buy' rewards for donations at various levels so please take a look and contribute if you possibly can. The garden is Britain's only complete surviving garden of the period that you can still visit, and we are fortunate to have it on our doorstep. If donating online is a problem, you can also send a cheque to Painswick Rococo Garden Trust, Gloucester Road, Painswick, GL6 6TH or phone the office on 01452 813204 for more information.

## Painswick Educational Trust

The Trust will be meeting shortly and we invite young people resident in the Painswick Area including Sheepscombe and Slad to apply for funding towards educational equipment, course fees, apprenticeships, books and IT equipment. No means testing is involved.

Response has been poor recently and the Trust may have to think seriously about its future if no responses are forthcoming. Please apply to Michael James, the Clerk on 812646 or [mjgjames@outlook.com](mailto:mjgjames@outlook.com).

*Joy Edwards*



## Painswick Pooch open again

After being closed for the past two years the re-opening of the Painswick Pooch is definitely good news. The new manager is Perdi Barrington (pictured above) and she is keen to point out that there is a warm welcome for everyone together with some excellent fare.

Perdi, a Painswick resident, re-opened the Pooch at the end of June and has been running the business with daughter Sharron since then. Serving a superb range of drinks, some irresistible cakes, tempting light bites with specials at weekends, the Pooch is now a lovely coffee shop and tea house worthy of its place in Painswick. There is also a light breakfast menu. The atmosphere is delightful and very welcoming all enhanced by Perdi's warm positivity.

Our businesses need your support so do go in and experience for yourself this excellent revitalised cafe and tea shop. It is open every day except Thursdays; Monday-Friday 10.00-4.00, Saturday and Sunday 10.00-5.00.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# Cardynham House becomes ARC Painswick

It's probably fair to say that ARC Painswick, the new name for Cardynham House at the Cross, has not immediately endeared itself to some of its near neighbours. The welcoming bistro that we knew pre-pandemic gave way to an extensive restoration that seemed to just go on and on with major disruption to the area around. When work finally finished and the early guests moved in, there were soon problems ranging from partying to parking. And there have been wrangles with the planning authorities over the classification of the building for business purposes.

As representative of the new owners, Tom Leahy recognises some of the irritations that have occurred but is keen to stress the benefits that the venture will bring to Painswick as it gets fully up and running. It has to be said that the end result of all the renovations is, in architectural and design terms, stunning. While the exterior is largely unchanged, the rather gloomy interior of the bistro has become a bright modern space while the cramped lean-to kitchen and utility area in the centre is now an attractive small courtyard with a striking new kitchen extension in modern glass, wood and metal. On a sunny day in July, the pool area at the back looked almost more like Tuscany than the Cotswolds and all the rooms have been modernised, without sacrificing any of the historic character of the building. It's now available for rent, with nine bedrooms, sleeping potentially 24 people including children, although 18 more comfortably. Prices start at around £2000 for a weekend off-peak up to over £9000 for a week in peak season. The market it is aimed at includes inter-generational family groups or reunions of university friends as well as retreats for business groups. Very much not stag parties, says Tom Leahy, and most are likely to be priced out anyway.



The restaurant rooms at the front are still classified for mixed commercial use - a dining room for those staying in the house as in the bed and breakfast days, but also potentially for evening use as a restaurant / supper club when the house is unoccupied, and still with an alcohol licence. That may offer a business opportunity for local chefs and there are other opportunities for local people to offer their services on a menu of activities for those staying in the property, from chefs to walking guides to yoga instructors. And what of that other bugbear of local residents – parking? There's no easy answer to that says Tom, although the problem is much the same as in the days of the B & B and restaurant. Like some other local business people, he thinks the problems would be eased by a return to a low level of charging at Stamages Lane, to prevent it from being taken over by long term parking. But parking is always going to be a problem in Painswick.

*Al Jollans*

## Hot Dogs and the mid day sun

### Our veterinary surgeon chairman writes:

Heatstroke (or hyperthermia) in dogs will happen surprisingly easily in hot weather. Dogs can only lose heat through panting or sweating through their feet and it is important for owners to recognise the signs of overheating and take steps to prevent it in the first place. The signs of hyperthermia are excessive panting and distress with a dark red tongue even when at rest and this can progress to fits and even death. If your dog is showing these symptoms after a walk, veterinary attention is urgently required, but immediate cooling with cold water baths or hose is a must while on the way to the vet. Veterinary treatment involves cooling, intravenous fluids and, sometimes oxygen therapy, to help the lungs recover. Further drugs are given to reduce fluid in the lungs and reduce inflammation.

Prevention involves reducing overheating in the first place so 1) exercise early or late in the day and seek shady walks. 2) don't encourage extra exercise by throwing a ball 3) carry drinking water 4) use cooling dog coats or a wet tea shirt 5) get long coated dogs' hair (i.e. Pekinese) trimmed or cut off completely (it will grow back!) 6) be aware that short nosed breeds (i.e. Pugs and French Bulldogs) already have difficulty panting in normal temperatures so should not be exercised at all in hot weather. 7) NEVER leave a dog in a closed car in the summer. Even moderately warm days can produce oven-like conditions and kill within 15 minutes. In the short term it won't hurt our dogs to have less exercise and gives a good excuse for a longer lie-in!

*Richard Aspinall*

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# Letters



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David Allott of Stamages Lane writes

## Painswick Beacon's Beacon and Trig Point.

In the July issue, Michael James expressed his huge disappointment that there was no proper beacon lit on the historically important Painswick Beacon to celebrate the never-to-be-repeated Platinum Jubilee. I so agree. As Michael points out, the extensive area of the Beacon, effectively managed by the Conservation Group and the Golf Club, experiences lots of temporary damage every year. So it really is curious and nannyish for English Heritage and Natural England to take such an extreme protective stance. Over the centuries fiery beacons have been burned on the site lots of times; there is no trace of any long term damage. The "Authorities" seem to have lost their sense of proportion?

Michael also queries the loss of the Trig Point. Along with many others it was downgraded (and the symbols removed) when the Ordnance Survey moved to satellite and digital mapping, and no longer needed so many local, fixed reference points. The solid concrete column remains, and was given new significance in 2008, partly to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Cotswold Wardens, who financed the stainless topograph plate on top. This gives helpful information of the bearings and distances to the principal sights.

## Lighting a beacon on the Beacon

Further to 'the death of the beacon' published in June.

The owners did give permission, for the beacon and further offered to provide a gas beacon to prevent the scorching of the Iron Age Ramparts. Natural England and English Heritage, one charged with the policing and protecting of the SSSI, the other the Iron Age Fort, a registered national monument, both gave consent, though with liability for damage or injury remaining with the owners. Though they were content to give consent, they could not access or accept liability without the completion of full paperwork. The advice for the future is to apply earlier.

Painswick Beacon has been grazed, excepting for a period of 60 years after the 39-45 War, for at least 2,500 years, according to Back From The Brink, possibly back 8,000 and so to the SSSI, rarefied unimproved limestone grasslands and habitat for many endangered wild plants, insects, invertebrates etc. The continuation of grazing is an essential part of the conservation effort. The Golf Club have held a licence since the 1890's. The bridleways are ancient trackways and the public were granted a general right of pedestrian access in the 1920's.

The trig point was removed before it removed itself. Those who remember it, it will remember that the foundations were heavily eroded. The information stone now stands in its place.

The precedence on the Beacon, those with Rights of Common, the licensees, the public. Into this throw, Natural England and English Heritage, who are charged with a statutory over-site brief. In terms of names, the Beacon is also known as Kimsbury Fort, Castle Godwin and Painswick Hill, all extant. The name, Painswick Beacon, is a relatively recent one dating back to the mid C19th. Doubtless it has had other names.

*Amaury Blow*

## Property Report

Property in Painswick is still in relatively short supply, with the number of houses or flats in the village available and not already under offer barely reaching into double figures.

There are though two opportunities to build your own house. The large field off Stamages Lane / New Drive that has been the subject of several controversial planning applications over the years, is now available as a 2 acre plot with planning permission to build a single detached four bedroom home (Hamptons, £600,000 guide). And in Sheepscombe, Tunley Cottage on Church Hill (Murrays, £450,000) is a 2 bedroom cottage with great views and an application in progress to demolish and re-build as a larger and more modern property. If building your own house is a step too far, 16 Upper Washwell is a semi-detached 2/3 bedroom house with planning permission for a two storey extension (Hamptons, £375,000) and in Tibbiwell, the two parts of a property previously offered as a single cottage with annexe, may now be bought separately. Upper Cottage is on its own a spacious 4 bedroom house right in the centre of Painswick with garage and parking (Murrays, £595,000) and 2 Upper Tibbiwell Cottages, next to it, is a 1 bedroom, two storey apartment (Murrays, £215,000).

Flax Cottage in Vicarage Street (Hamptons, £425,000) is a double fronted stone cottage with three bedrooms and a track record as a holiday let / investment property, while Suttons Mill, Cranham (Murrays, £1.5 million) is a 5 bed mill house with a detached 2/3 bed cottage and just over 1.5 acres with outbuildings and views

Properties going under offer in the last month include 8 Brookhouse Mill and Woodbine Cottage at The Park, through Murrays, while properties exchanging and/or completing include Hill House in Gloucester Street, St. Michael's Cottage in Paradise, Wool Cottage in Victoria Street, Howitt Villa on Vicarage Street, Little Acre in Cheltenham Road, 15 Gyde House and 5 Juniper Cottages on Wick Street.

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# Painswick Community Support Update

## Donations

Thanks to the generous “pay-as-you-feel” donations from those attending our Community Hub Friday coffee mornings since January, we are pleased to be able to donate £500 to charities and organisations in Painswick or with a link to a Painswick resident. Our committee has decided to share this out among a range of 5 various charities/causes linked with Painswick.

We are pleased to donate £100 to Mea Bradley’s JustGiving page; as you will have seen in a previous Beacon, Mea will be climbing Kilimanjaro in September to raise money for the Meningitis Research Foundation. We are also donating £100 to Charlie John, Harry Ford & Wayne Alder’s JustGiving page; at the end of August they will be cycling 600km from Painswick to Paris to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK. (From everyone at the Friday morning Community Hub, good luck Mea, Charlie, Harry and Wayne!)

Play Painswick will receive a donation of £100 towards play equipment projects at the Rec to benefit the children and young people of Painswick. The Tombstones Restoration Project will receive £100 toward its fundraising for the restoration of the tombstones in our historic churchyard. We are also donating £100 to The Marah Trust, a charity in Stroud, which provides a drop-in centre with hot meals 3 times a week for the homeless and vulnerable in Stroud. It relies on help and support from volunteers, several of whom are from Painswick.

## Platinum Jubilee

Ahead of the Platinum Jubilee weekend, we set up a table with flags, fabric paints and templates in the Town Hall at the Community Hub coffee morning on Friday, May 20th so our visitors could create a flag for the community bunting. Several creative flags were produced, and some were taken home to do. These were included in the 30m of community bunting that was produced and put up around the village for the Jubilee weekend. See the photo of the creativity in action!

We celebrated the Platinum Jubilee at the Friday Community Hub coffee morning on Friday 3rd June with oodles of Union Jack bunting and red/white/blue flowers on the tables alongside the regular delicious cakes and hot drinks.



**Highgrove Tea Dance** see back page

## Recent visitors at the Painswick Friday Hub

We were pleased to have Mark Dodd, the new Neighbourhood Warden for the area that includes Painswick, drop in at the Community Hub Coffee morning to introduce himself and chat to people in June. Look out for Mark who is hoping to drop in every fortnight or so to answer any questions.

We also welcomed Vicky Allen of Sportily who dropped in to introduce herself in June. For information on term-time clubs and summer holiday clubs/activities for children and young people which Vicky will be running at the Pavilion at the Rec, go to [sportily.org.uk](http://sportily.org.uk) and click on Beacon where you can sign up for activities in Painswick.

## Friday Community Hub

Thank you for all the support in the community - especially our kitchen helpers and cake makers who help make the Friday coffee morning happen every week. We are grateful to individuals, ranging from Duke of Edinburgh Award participants to organisations, including Painswick W.I, Friday Club, Churches Together Around Painswick, St. Mary’s and Painswick Community Library and The Painswick who have kindly donated delicious cakes. Also a big thank you to Richmond Village for hosting the Friday Hub at their Auditorium every quarter and providing transport to and from the village. We still have some gaps for helpers and cakes in our rota so if you are able to help, please get in touch (see details below).

## Summer Fruit for Preserving

If anyone in the village has excess fruit crops, such as raspberries, plums, blackberries and crab apples, Louise Smith is able to come to your house, pick and preserve them. Once preserved, jars will be placed at the Friday morning hub, and anyone can take a jar to enjoy. 16 jars of blackcurrant jam have so far been provided. Please contact Louise via the community support email or phone (details below).

If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956203087, email: [painswickcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com)). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

*Delyth Allen (on behalf of Painswick Community Support)*

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## News from St Mary's

The first Sunday in August, the 7th, is the day we celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ. This celebrates the day during the earthly ministry of Jesus when, accompanied by three of his disciples, Peter, James and John He ascended the Holy Mountain and was transfigured before them. As this is the first Sunday of the month we meet together for worship as a benefice at 11am. The service will be at Sheepscombe Church and will be the only service in the benefice that morning.

The following Sunday we celebrate the feast day of St Mary the Virgin in the benefice. At St Mary's we do not celebrate this feast at the official time but later in September at the Clypping Service. This is always celebrated on the first Sunday after 19th September which will be on 25th September this year. When the Julian calendar was changed to the Gregorian calendar in 1752, Painswick did not change the date of its feast day, hence the difference. Has Painswick always been different?

I usually associate the month of August with holidays and harvest. Writing this sentence reminds me of another 'h' namely hymns. Hymns are an essential part of Christian worship and devotion. During the darkest days of Covid when there was no hymn singing in church our worship was distinctly duller. To me the hymnbook ranks second only to the Bible as a source of inspiration in Christian living. Fairly recently St Mary's has updated its hymn books to the latest version of "Hymns Ancient and Modern". This hymn book contains an excellent mix of older hymns but also many new ones written by modern authors. Hymns are a rich source of inspiration for our Christian journey. I commend them to you for daily meditation as well as public worship.

*David Newell*



## Probud Club Report

While the Club has no new reports on speakers who have entertained members during the past 4 weeks, the customary Summer Luncheon with Ladies proceeded on 29th Jun 2022. The Waypoint provided an excellent 2-course meal and the 28 attendees lingered afterwards to wonder at the wisdom imparted by Club President Mike Steed in his speech. Freda Steed responded on behalf of the guests.

The Club will next meet on Wed 7th Sep 2022. In the meantime, if any retired professional wishes to inquire about membership, please refer to the Club's website for information and contact details, or phone Henry on 01452 812013. Just a few more members would ensure that the Club can continue to afford a varied programme of interesting speakers covering a wide range of subjects, so come and give us a try.

*Henry Hall*

## Foodbank

The volunteers in Painswick, collecting for the Stroud Foodbank, were once again very encouraged by the donations received in July – thank you! It's also good to know that visitors to the area will stop and chat with the volunteers, often commenting what a positive difference the charity makes to people's lives. As we are all aware, the prices for food, fuel and energy are impacting on so many household budgets.



Our next collection will be on Wednesday 10th August 2022, 10am-12noon at the Stamages Lane car park and at the Stocks by the Church. At the August collection, please may we ask for: Marmite, peanut butter, jam, chocolate spread, tinned tuna, Fray Bentos pies, tinned custard, biscuits, nuts and household cleaning products.

If you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:

Stroud District Foodbank CIO Sort code: 09-01-29 Account: 21994911. A very heartfelt thank you!

*Stroud Foodbank*

## Community Lunches

After a two year break, Community lunches will recommence on 3rd October. Held at the Town Hall they will continue, each Monday, for ten weeks in the Autumn and for ten weeks in the New Year. Everyone is welcome to support this village activity which has been running for nearly fifty years. Local groups have loyally hosted the lunches, serving a wide variety of homemade soups with bread and cheese to approximately thirty people each week.

Please come and support the lunches, enjoy the friendly atmosphere and good soups. The suggested donation of £4 raises much needed funds for a variety of local charities. Please put each Monday, from October, in your diaries. Further details next month

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# Cattle Return to the Beacon.

By the time this article goes to press our seven Dexters will be back on the Beacon to continue their vital work of keeping grass and scrub under control. Last season they were on the Beacon for nearly ten months, probably the longest period of grazing in living memory. The Western Ramparts, below the trig point, were actually grazed twice and this summer and there has been a wonderful display of flowers, especially kidney vetch, the food plant of the small blue butterfly. Also a solitary patch of bright blue milk wort from previous years has expanded to cover a much larger area. Other areas, now grazed for ten years or so, are showing similar signs of improved diversity of flora and therefore presumable fauna.

The wild flowers on the local commons have been good this year, but unfortunately the same can't be said of the butterflies. Their numbers have been very poor. Once again this year we have had unusual spring weather, with a very dry April and cold drying winds. This puts emerging butterflies under stress and can desynchronise egg laying when food plants are receptive to the caterpillars. This not only affects numbers this year but will have a knock on effect next year.

The summer edition of Butterfly Conservation's magazine featured a very bleak article highlighting a new Red List. Of Britain's 58 butterflies, 24 are listed as threatened and 5 as near threatened. There are some good news stories where conservation efforts have increased the viability of some species (large blue, Duke of Burgundy, pearl bordered fritillary), but of the threatened species 16 have been classified as vulnerable to extinction. This trend is depressing and truly terrifying. If so many of our highly visible and much loved butterflies are threatened, how many other insects, which are less visible and less well studied are also endangered? This ties in very nicely with a book I have just started reading called "Silent Earth" by Dave Goulson. What I have read so far is fascinating and the book may well inspire an article. Watch this space.

We will be starting work parties again on Sept. 3rd and they will be fortnightly until Christmas. New helpers are always welcomed and no experience is needed, all that is required is some energy and enthusiasm! For details please contact me on either 07971 633 242 or pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com

*Paul Baxter*

## Jottings

There are a lot of issues arising from pollution, climate change and increases in the cost of living following Brexit and the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Through all of this we need to find a way to feed our increasing population. So many people with gardens would rather have a lawn and flowers than grow vegetables. A lot live in flats and cannot grow food for themselves.

In times of cut-backs the advice is to eat less, or no, meat. If farm animals are no longer kept the food cycle is broken and we have no manure to spread on the land. Artificial fertilizers are made mostly from oil and look at what is happening to oil at the moment. At the moment this country does not have enough organic fertilizer of any kind with which to grow our foodstuffs to the standard we are used to.

A field at this time with plenty of good soil can produce a good crop this year. Next year, without any artificial fertilizer, the crop will be less and in the third year the goodness of the soil for vegetables will be right down. Crop production will be half what it was three years previous and the size of the vegetables will be a lot smaller. Will the super-markets lower their grading sizes and prices?

If we are no longer producing milk and beef, how is the short grassland going to be maintained so that it can act as a carbon sink, storing carbon, reducing our carbon foot print and slowing the rate of climate change. There are not enough sheep in the country to do so. Cattle produce more methane but this is mostly due to the diet and the size of the animal. There are genetic variations within cows with some kinds producing far less methane so we will be able to breed cattle which are less damaging to the environment. Nobody seems to say anything about the amount of gas a horse gives off but there are a lot more horses around here.

We are lucky we live where we do with the farmers markets around, but they alone cannot feed all of us.

*Martin Slinger*



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## Worth the wait

After a two year delay the Local History Society was finally able to present what turned out to be a major exhibition in the Town Hall over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July. This has previously been a biennial occasion but of course Covid caused the postponement. By all accounts however, it was, it

would seem, worth the wait.

This particular exhibition featured an interesting range of subjects and presentation formats. On show was the display on education which had been voted the best at the county local history day in Gloucester in May. Also featured was a truly excellent piece of mapping project work on Painswick's buildings completed by the reception year children (age 5) from the Croft School. This was a very impressive display.

One new feature this year was a continuous power point show focussing on many of the shops which had lined Painswick's streets a few years ago – and there were many! This proved to be of great interest to many, both long-term locals ruing the loss of such businesses and more recent residents who were very surprised at the number of shops in the not too distant past.

Of great interest to many visitors was the stunning selection of artefacts unearthed locally in recent years by metal detectorist, Carol Butler. Carol was on hand throughout to explain the finds and also to describe the methods used and the importance of following legal and correct procedures. And speaking of the law, folders containing details of literally hundreds of Painswick crimes and cases since the 15th century were available for anyone to peruse at leisure. This proved to be a cause for amazement and interest; amazement at the punishments given in many cases and definite interest for some spotting one or two of their ancestors in the files!

Finally, perhaps of current significance in this year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was a wonderful collection of photographs taken in Painswick in 1953 on Coronation Day and on the eve of Coronation Day when the foundation stone was laid for the WW2 war memorial (the Nurse's House). The pictures were taken by amateur photographer, Jim Mills. They were truly fascinating inasmuch as they show how differently such occasions were celebrated then compared to now. Today's pictures show fun and informality whereas the tea party of 1953 shows everyone looking very serious, men in suits and ties, women wearing formal hats. Overall, the exhibition, showing yet again many fascinating aspects of Painswick's past, was very well received. It definitely resulted in many saying it had caused them to look with fresh eyes at the Painswick of today.

*Carol Maxwell*

## LEGO® Workshops with Painswick Community Library and Brickbox

In line with the Gadgeteers theme of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, LEGO® Workshops will be held at the Painswick Town Hall on August 31.

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2:30pm to 3:30pm	Bridge-Building
3:40pm to 4:40pm	Race Tracks



Tickets are £4 per participant per one-hour workshop. Family tickets are £12 per hour for 2 adults and 2 children. The minimum age is 5 years old. No unaccompanied children under 13 years old please. Each workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 participants. To secure a spot and arrange payment, please email your preferred workshop/s with the name and age of each participant to [painswicklibrary@btconnect.com](mailto:painswicklibrary@btconnect.com) by August 27th.

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"We were from the area and it was important for us to stay in the Cotswolds... I now enjoy the friendly community here and the feeling of being safe. The social diary run by the activities team is important for me to meet with friends and stay connected."

Rosemary,  
Resident at Painswick

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# Paradise House, builds ties with Painswick

After nine years on the waiting list, Isabel Bennett-Henman, 34, moved to Paradise House, from inner city Bristol, where she'd nearly been run over on a busy road. As if by magic, Isabel's life, and that of our entire family, was transformed overnight. Suddenly she benefitted from pioneering trauma-informed care, a choice of many friends, classes in painting, arts and crafts, a job in the on-site cafe and an enviously healthy diet. Isabel has Down's Syndrome. This community of adults with learning difficulties has transformed her life, and those of the friends she has made at Paradise. Jake Lukas, CEO of the charity that runs the community, emphasises the positive interaction it's had with the town of Painswick over the years. Paradise was gifted by Baroness Freida von Usslar to Friedrich and Eli Roder in 1975. It was a live-in Steiner Camphill community until it merged with the Cotswold Chine School in Minchinhampton.

Sadly, government regulators, such as the CQC (Care Quality Commission) and social services criticise village communities, as 'legacy sites, which are too rural, remote, isolated and disconnected from 'the community''. "They refused us even two more residents on these grounds, when waiting lists are long,' Lukas says. 'Our trustees are discussing ways to enhance our Paradise-Painswick relationship.

'Paradise is by its very nature therapeutic, because the beauty of the environment creates positive relationships and positive health. These are two of the biggest protective factors which support people who have experienced adversity. They can bring a place of positivity, acceptance and therapy, which allows people to develop resilience. If you look at the Covid times, it was the positive relationships of the residents with each other and the staff, which was the protective feature that got people through it.

'On the other hand, let's say you have learning disabilities and are automatically put into an "independent" supported living house in an urban street. When Covid comes along, people become even more isolated and unhealthy. At Paradise each of the houses was able to "silo down" and benefit from the on-site art rooms and communal spaces, taking safe walks around the grounds.

'That's why having a place like Paradise, and paying attention to the environment, is so important. There's a global problem around mental health and depression and it's because of the isolation. People cannot be around groups.'

Clare Irving, of St. Mary's historic Church, echoes the thoughts of Jake Lukas about the village's connections, pre-pandemic: Residents used to walk to services. They always stayed for coffee, and sought out people they liked to talk to. Our church warden would grab people like Isabel on the day to help with the collection. When they were looking for volunteers to bake cakes residents would volunteer."

Like residential care homes everywhere, Paradise is seeking staff and would especially welcome Painswick residents. As a parent, I know how valuable links with the local community can be. For Isabel, my daughter, Paradise and Painswick together represent something unique – home.

<https://www.paradise-house.org.uk/contact/>

# Remembrance of Things Past

Oakham Treasures, a privately-owned museum near Portbury, is the demonstration of one man's passion for collecting memorabilia throughout his lifetime. The owner, Keith Sherrell, is a fifth generation West Country farmer who began collecting farm machinery in the 60's as a side-line to his business of buying and selling used farm machinery. As Keith says, 'I started buying a bit more, and selling a bit less'. More recently, Keith has turned his interest to retail, and has steadily built up a huge and varied museum across all aspects of the high street including an old grocery store, haberdashery, hardware store, chemist, tobacconist, off licence, and sweet shop.



Denise Magauran has organised an excursion by coach to Oakham Treasures on Wednesday 24th August leaving Painswick at 9.10 am. The afternoon will be spent at Clevedon Court, a picturesque 14th century manor house now owned by the National Trust. Refreshments will be available at Clevedon Craft Centre, with time to browse the studios and workshops housed in the outbuildings of a 17th century Somerset 'long farm', once part of the Clevedon Court Estate. There are still places available on this trip, cost £29 including coach, morning coffee on arrival and entrance to Oakham Treasures. Please contact me, or Denise direct on 814570 for more details.

Next month, the Club celebrates the Queen's Jubilee and the 175th anniversary of the Club's foundation with a lunch at Chavenage House on Thursday 22nd September. The visit includes an optional tour of the House, Gardens, and the Family Chapel, led by Caroline Lowsley-Williams and her brother, whose family has owned the property since 1891. More details from Peter Cornish, tel. 01453 823 286, or from me.

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## Three Peaks Challenge for charity

My names Ione and I'm a local florist and gardener aged 57. I discovered Painswick and have now lived here for 7 years. I love being a small part of this special community. I'm a volunteer for Painswick community support, at Rococo Garden and for the church garden.

I am in training for this fast-paced and challenging adventure of scaling the three National Peaks on Friday 2nd September. Taking on the three highest peaks in England, Scotland and Wales exclusively for Mind. Considered one of Britain's toughest outdoor challenges, the National Three Peaks Challenge takes in the scenic heights of Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon. Over the course of two days, I will trek around 26 miles and ascend a total height of almost 3,000m.

I'm taking on this challenge in memory of my father who died suddenly a year ago in St Mary's Churchyard. I really appreciate your support as this is a huge challenge for me as I'm scared of heights and there's two mountains in one day to crack. Lack of sleep will be a big factor, but really looking forward to this massive challenge.

To support me please make your wonderful donation via

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Ione Woodger-

## LEJOG solo trek for Painswickian

Harry Twigg of Lower Washwell Lane, having completed his degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Southampton University, set himself a new challenge - cycling alone unsupported from Land's End to John O'Groats, camping on route.

He set off on the 12th June after wild camping near Land's End. By the third night he had made it to Painswick, and by day 7 the Scottish border. After surviving a major mechanical bike failure and being scourged by midges whilst wild camping near Aviemore, he reached Tongue on the North Coast on day 13 and completed the last leg through Thurso and Dunnet Head, the most northerly point of mainland Scotland, to arrive in John O'Groats 14 days after beginning his solo trek.

He covered over 1000 miles and has been raising funds for cancer research. If you would like to support please see <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/harrytwigg-solo-lejog-22>

## Natural England

### Celebrating 70 years of National Nature Reserves

Natural England are having a party! Come along and celebrate the habitats and wildlife of the Cotswold Commons

Save the dates

Saturday 10th September 8pm – late. An evening of moth trapping

Sunday 11th September 10am - 4.30pm. Nature walks, talks, stalls and activities at Cranham Scout Hut

## Open Garden

We opened our garden for the first time for the National Garden Scheme in April of this year, when all the bulbs were out and Spring was bursting into life. We had a most enjoyable day and were delighted to raise over £1400 towards the NGS Charities. These include Queens Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Parkinson's Trust and the Carers Trust among others. During the Covid crisis income was down for the NGS but this year the fundraising has blossomed again with many keen gardeners opening their gardens to share with others and help raise essential funds for their well known Charities.

We would love to welcome you again to Sheepphouse Cottage on Sunday 14th August, thus enabling you to compare the promise of Spring to the riotous extravagance of high Summer in Painswick! Teas will be served of course, and offers to help always much appreciated. Tel: 07789 098314

We will be open from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. On Sunday 14th August. Parking available off-road below the house (in paddock) and above the house (by the Barn) both with short walks to the garden. There will be parking for the less mobile in the driveway at the front of the house with good level access to see much of the garden.

Entrance fee £5.00 per adult with children Free. Cashless payments available.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sheepphouse Cottage very soon.

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# The Centre is buzzing at the moment!



The small team at the Centre has been working hard for some time to add in more activities and to generate more income to help cover our huge maintenance and running costs. Providing a wide range of opportunities to as many members of the community as possible is also an important part of our charitable objectives, so it's wonderful to see the Centre so busy.

Always check our social media and website ([www.painswickcentre.com](http://www.painswickcentre.com)) for up-to-date listings, and our noticeboards at the bottom of Bisley Street are also a great place to find out what's happening. If you would like to be included on our email list so we can keep you up to date with what's on please complete the form on our homepage or email [marketing@painswickcentre.com](mailto:marketing@painswickcentre.com).

## New at the Centre

We have recently welcomed a number of new fitness teachers, and there is now a wide choice of classes on offer throughout the week, from chair Pilates to circuits and ashtanga yoga. There are also new pole dancing classes. Yep, pole dancing in Painswick! Some of the classes will be continuing throughout the Summer so please check our website for more details, and contact the teachers directly.

Hannah Ellis will also be running her popular after-school art classes in September, starting Thursday 8th September for 4 weeks, for children ages 7-11. The term costs £60 (reduced rates are available), please email [classes@painswickcentre.com](mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com) to book or for more info.

Wick-Flix is on its summer break and will be back on Friday 9th September.

## Food Nights

Don't miss this month's takeaway Food Nights, serving 5-8pm:

Thurs 4th Aug Mama's Family Food (homemade hearty Jamaican & Italian recipes)

Thurs 11th Aug Bella Mia Pizza (woodfired sourdough pizzas)

Thurs 18th Aug Soul Fries (handcut fries with homemade toppings)

Thurs 25th Aug Burgerlish (organic grass fed beef & vegan burgers)

## Summer workshops for children

The Painswick Centre is now hosting creative holiday workshops for children! We've teamed up with two local artists, Hannah Ellis and Kerry Duggan, to offer a number of drop-off art sessions this summer. £25 per child (reduced rates are available), please email [classes@painswickcentre.com](mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com) to book or for more info.

Objects of Importance: still life with Kerry Duggan, for ages 9-14

Students will learn techniques in drawing line, tone, mark-making and proportion, using a range of media including pencil, charcoal, pastel & ink, drawing an item they have brought in that has significance to them.

Tues 30th Aug, 9.30am-12

Weds 31st Aug, 9.30am-12

Art workshops with Hannah Ellis, for ages 5-11

Children will be led to explore their creativity and create their own colourful masterpiece.

Thurs 4th Aug, 1.30-4pm

Tropical birds collage

Thurs 11th Aug, 9.30am-12

Chameleon sculptures

Thurs 18th Aug, 9.30am-12

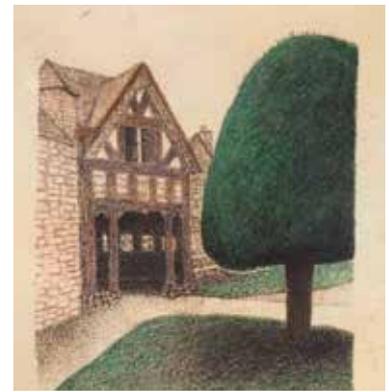
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## Secret Postcard Exhibition

The Secret Postcard Exhibition and Auction will be on display every day in the Handmade in Painswick café from Monday 1st August to Friday 2nd September. We are extremely grateful to all the artists, both professional and amateur, who have generously supported the exhibition by creating miniature artworks, and there is a wonderfully eclectic mix of styles and mediums. Cards will be displayed anonymously and bids are invited on all, starting at £10 – but you won't know who painted what until the exhibition closes! All the artworks are also available to view and bid on online at [www.painswickcentre.com/secret-postcards](http://www.painswickcentre.com/secret-postcards) (all proceeds will go towards a much-needed revamp of the Beacon Hall).

Some of the contributing artists include: Royal Academy-exhibited Painswick artists Ange Mullen-Bryan and Kerry Duggan, Radio 6 Music DJ Tom Ravenscroft, Rupert Aker, Cath Kidston Padgham, Will Harris, Jennie Barber, children's illustrator Hannah Shaw, and Tweedy the Clown. Will you be able to guess which cards are theirs?

*Susie Andrews*



## Heartfelt thanks from Greg

It was so good to see Greg Thatcher back this year, seated beneath the two yews in the churchyard and developing yet another brilliant piece of art work. For Greg too it was a real joy to return especially after being deterred from doing so for the past two years because of Covid.

Greg has been a regular annual summer 'resident' since 1991 specifically focussing on the churchyard yews for his work, namely creating amazing pieces of artwork inspired particularly by the inner parts of the trees. 'This is my life's work,' he explains, 'and I now feel like I'm the spokesperson for the trees.' Greg in fact has an international reputation in the art world based largely on his drawings and paintings of the Painswick yews.

Some of his work is currently on exhibition at the Black Swan Gallery in Frome. This is the result of an international competition which attracted over 1000 entries and Greg's was one of the chosen few. In addition from 24th August three of his pieces will be on show as part of the Gloucestershire Society of Artists in Nailsworth. Furthermore, one of his yew tree drawings is featured in a beautiful and noteworthy new publication, *The Tree Book*. 'It is such an honour to have my work representing yew trees in such an important book' he says.

Greg is keen to express a heartfelt thank you to the Painswick community for its 'continuous support and interest over 31 years.' He explains that people in the village are always extremely welcoming and it is 'so nice to feel accepted as part of the community.' As he sits working under the yews every day many people stop to talk and have discussions about his drawings which of course are fascinating in their detail and execution.

It would seem that many Painswickians say, 'It must be summer – Greg's back.' For his part, this makes him feel truly accepted for which he is very grateful. This year he and wife Jan were able to stay for only four weeks mainly because of accommodation problems. However, they will definitely be back next year for July and August. They will most certainly be very welcome indeed.

*Carol Maxwell*

# Painswick Sports

assembled by John Barrus



## Painswick Cricket Club

Firstly, as many of you know in June 2022, we said goodbye to a true club stalwart and Painswickian, John 'Boss' Hogg. John was a former Chairman of Painswick Cricket Club, a post he proudly held for many years. He was a very good bowler and a very bad batsman, although he had his moments! His fielding and catching were always top rate. However John's recognition of the importance of youth development will be his lasting legacy at the cricket club. He was an extremely enthusiastic co-founder of the youth cricket section that you can see flourishing today at Broadham on Friday evenings. He will always be remembered for his friendly welcome and ability to share a song or a story!! He made many

very good and close friends and will be remembered with much fondness by us all. We would therefore like to thank John so much for all his tremendous efforts over many years and send the club's sincere and heartfelt condolences to all his family.

### League cricket

The Painswick first team are, at the time of writing, sitting on top of the WEPL Gloucester league, the team having currently won nine and lost one. There have been some tremendously encouraging team performances but Tom Hayward's bowling has been exceptional including taking 5 wickets for 18 runs against Rockhampton. Skipper Jack Hobbis is as ever top of the wicket takers with 19. The batting lineup has delivered on many occasions but special mentions to George Macduff and Keegan Van Rensburg who both scored centuries against Dumbleton.

The second team remains in the top half of County League Div 7. Highlights for them include Gav Clark taking 5 wickets against St Phillips North and scoring 78 against Oaksey. The main run getters have been Clark, Rob Austen, Dom Barnard, Phil Higgins and Matt Curtis. Bowling wise, skipper Nick Marment leads with 16 wkts.

The thirds march on and are top of Stroud League Div 2 having won 7 and lost only one. Gary 'butter fingers' Fagg, Bruce Walker and Andy Barnard have led the batting with skipper Noel French and young prospect Kit Milner leading the wicket takers.

### Cup news

The club retained the Stroud Fayre Cup for the the third time in a row on 10th July by beating Hawkesbury Upton by 57 runs. Reece Morris (87runs) and Ben French (51) helped set a total of 171, a tight bowling display then restricted the Hawks to 114. (see photo)

The major cup 20/20 highlight however has been the club's performances in the WEPL T20 cup. Having brushed past Frocester and Thornbury in the first group round and then against Cheltenham and Stroud in the second, the club competed in the WEPL finals day at Bristol CC. Painswick beat Bishopston in their semi final and faced Bristol in the final. The crowd were treated to an extremely tight and tense affair that finished on the last ball. Sadly Painswick were the losers by a mere 3 runs but can take great heart from such a remarkable achievement. There's always 2023!

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## Tennis

### Painswick Charity Tournament

Painswick Lawn Tennis Club held their annual charity tournament for 28 ladies from various clubs around the County.

A great morning was had by all the players who enjoyed delicious cakes and coffee and a high standard of tennis. The winner was Angela Follows with Angela Higgins and Megan Williams in joint second place.

Ask Sal was also there with her wonderful selection of tennis clothing.

A huge thank you to all who played or helped.

*Joan Griffiths*



*A cheque for £370 was handed over to Val Smart at the Longfield shop*



### Coln Valley Tournament

Six Painswick tennis club members challenged in the 40th annual Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tournament in June. The event, played on private courts around Chedworth, saw 32 pairs competing either for the Speke Cup or the Scott-Smith Salver. Angie Scott and Andrew Harris (pictured) were runners up in the Cup, losing 6-2 to a coach and former ITF ranked junior who'd travelled from Kent! Charlie Gravestock and Chris Scott made the semi-finals of the plate.

Painswick LTC is holding its annual club championships from 13th-20th August, open to all playing members. Contact Chris Scott [chris@scottwild.co.uk](mailto:chris@scottwild.co.uk) or Ness Fair [nessfair1@gmail.com](mailto:nessfair1@gmail.com) to enter by 5th August.

*Angie Scott*

## Painswick Golf Club

Last month, just before the heat wave, the Seniors Centenary Cup took place. This is a stableford competition over three rounds, with the best two scores counting. The winners of each individual round were John Bentley (with 41 points), Nigel Barnett (39 points) and Nigel Cooper (42 points). The overall winner, with an aggregate 80 points was Nigel Cooper. Congratulations to all.

In the Senior friendly matches the club has had a very good season so far with 7 won, 3 lost and 1 drawn.

Peter Rowe



## Badminton Club

Recommences in the first week of September at the Painswick Centre. If interested contact Boo on [smh801@gmail.com](mailto:smh801@gmail.com) Picture shows the annual BBQ in July





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# Lissey Barnett at Wimbledon.

Painswick tennis player Alicia (Lissey) Barnett made her debut at Wimbledon this year and went beyond expectations. Lissey gained entry on a wildcard into the ladies doubles with partner Olivia Nicholls and came through a three setter against two experienced players and then narrowly lost in the next round in a third set tie break. Just a couple hours after this loss Lissey had to bounce back and play in the mixed doubles. Partnering Jonny O'Mara, they took down the 5th seeds (Olmos #15 and Arelavo #7 in the world).

After this they faced the world renowned Jamie Murray and Venus Williams. After losing the first set 3-6 they dug in and came back to win the second set 6-4. The third set was a real battle with Jonny and Lissey playing brilliant tennis and refusing to give in to their well-known opposition. At 6 games each they had to play a 10 point tie break to decide the winner. Lissey was helped through the match with loud support from some of Painswick's finest cheering from all around court 2. The atmosphere was electric as through the next nerve wracking ½ hour each side kept battling back and forth. Lissey and Jonny eventually won 18-16, in the longest and most dramatic tie break of the tournament this year with both teams having 5 match points each.

This put the pair into the quarter finals, where they eventually lost in straight sets to



established mixed double players - Australians, Matthew Ebden (the eventual men's doubles winner) and Samantha Stosur (who together had reached the final of the Australian Open mixed final earlier in the year) and continued their good form to reach the final of Wimbledon.

What a great first time entry at Wimbledon for Lissey, and an especially exciting watch for those who know her. Lissey Barnett has lived in Painswick her whole life, attending the Croft followed by Stroud High. All along she has been a member of Painswick Tennis Club, guided there for many years by coach Lorraine Ristic and supported throughout by Nigel, her Dad, and the rest of her family and friends. Lissey now goes back on the road to compete all over the world and hopefully will qualify for more grand slams after such superb performances at this Wimbledon.

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# PLANNING MATTERS

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.22/1264/LBC Old House, New Street  
Internal & external renovations & repairs.

S.22/1350/HHOLD Yew Trees,  
Slad Road, Slad

Demolition of two-storey rear wing,  
erection of two-storey rear extension &  
single storey side extensions including  
terrace.

S.22/1303/FUL Steanbridge House,  
Slad

Change of use from agricultural land to  
equestrian, demolition of existing portal  
barn and installation of personal use  
riding arena.

S.22/1306/HHOLD The Old  
Vicarage, Slad Road. Slad

Extension to existing annexe and  
associated internal works.

S.22/1425/LBC The Old Vicarage,  
Slad Road, Slad

Extension to existing annexe and  
associated internal works.

S.22/1391/HHOLD Edgewood,  
Longridge, Sheepscombe

Erection of rear and side extensions &  
alterations

S.22/1401/TCA Merry Lodge, 3 Court  
Orchard

T1 - Beech (Fagus Sylvatica) - Dead  
Wood Removal, remove branches down  
to 20mm in diameter. Reduce back  
extended branches by no more than 2m.

T2 - Copper Beech (Fagus sylvatica  
f. purpurea) - Dead Wood Removal.  
Remove branches down to 20mm in  
diameter. Crown thin by 10

S.22/1413/HHOLD 11 Gyde  
Road

Demolition of previous flat roof  
extensions and erection of replacement  
two storey extension and porch.

S.22/1490/AFP A Longridge Farm, Bulls  
Cross, Sheepscombe

Erection of steel and timber clad barn.  
S.22/1437/OUT Land - adjoining  
Stamages House, Stamages Lane

Outline application (all matters reserved  
except access) for the construction of up-  
to 3 self-build/custom build dwellings.

S.22/1464/CPE The Chalet, Bulls  
Cross, Sheepscombe

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use  
of 'The Chalet' as a dwelling

22/0037/STREG3 Croft Primary  
School, Churchill Way

Proposal: Proposed hard landscaping  
extension to school playground and  
associated drainage.

S.22/1578/HHOLD Cotswold  
View, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge

Proposed replacement of outbuilding.

S.22/1418/HHOLD Solway,  
Cheltenham Road

Replace gates and increase height to  
2.1m.

S.22/1436/FUL Land At Beech Farm,  
Beech Lane

Erection of a livestock isolation covered  
yard.

S.22/1523/HHOLD Springfield,  
Catswood Lane

Erection of a timber garden shed

S.22/1519/HHOLD 5 Churchill  
Way. Installation of patio.

## CONSENT

S.22/1246/AFP A Hammonds Farm,  
Wick Street. Erection of 3 polytunnels.

S.22/0957/HHOLD Butts Cottage,  
Edge Road

Ground and first floor extensions

S.22/0888/HHOLD Fairings  
House, Castle Close

Proposed outbuilding to rear of house

S.22/1401/TCA Merry Lodge, 3 Court  
Orchard

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## REFUSED

S.22/0842/FUL Land adjacent to 15  
White Horse Lane

Erection of dwelling

S.22/0822/FUL Land adjacent to 14  
Pullens Road

Erection of a new single storey 1 bed  
dwelling

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## Personal Column

### Condolences

To the friends of JOHN LEE who died on  
29th May. John and Linda lived in The  
Highlands with their sons Mark and Paul  
for 23 years and then moved to Itchenor  
near Chichester, where Linda still lives.

To the friends of SHEILA LANYON who  
died on 14th June. Sheila and Claud lived  
at Yew Tree House in Vicarage Street with  
their family for 16 years from 1976. They  
then moved to a delightful cliff-top house  
in St. Just-n-Roseland in Cornwall and left  
there 4 years ago for Tregony a few miles  
away. Sheila taught the piano to lots of  
people, both children and adults, so will  
be well remembered.

You could help Vicky Aspinall, if  
you would send information about  
those you know for whom a mention  
in the Personal Column would be  
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	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am	
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am	
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm	
	Badminton(juniors). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.00pm	
	Badminton(adults). Contact John barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 9.30pm	
	Community Choir. Contact Sophie sophie@sophiesterckckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm	
	Short Mat Bowls. For beginners and experienced players. All equipment provided. 2.00/session to cover refreshments	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm	
	Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
		Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
Painswick Art Club		Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm	
Rococo Sprites. See <a href="http://www.rococogarden.org.uk">www.rococogarden.org.uk</a>		Rococo Garden	9.45 am	
HIP Pilates 50. Contact JoannedaleyPilates.com/07968799741. From January 11th		Zoom Class	11.00am	
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or <a href="mailto:tennpatricia@gmail.com">tennpatricia@gmail.com</a>	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am	
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am	
	Yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am	
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm	
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm	
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or <a href="mailto:fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com">fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com</a>	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm	
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am	
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am	
	Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am	
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain <a href="mailto:cgswain:btinternet.com">cgswain:btinternet.com</a> or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm	
Saturdays				
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am	
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am	
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## Village Diary

Please let me know your club and society dates for the diary on [cvasp.26@gmail.com](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)

### August

Thurs	4	Food night - Mama's Family Food	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
		Art workshop with Hannah Ellis - tropical birds collage. To book email classes@painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 4.00pm
Sun	14	Open garden: in aid of National Garden Scheme. Teas served . Entry 5.00. Children free	Sheephouse Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane, Painswick GL6 6 RX	11.00 - 5.00pm
Thurs	11	Food night - Bella Mia Pizza	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
	11	Art workshop with Hannah Ellis - chameleon sculptures. To book email classes@painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	9.30am - 12.00pm
Sun	14	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Thurs	18	Food night - Soul Fries	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
	18	Art workshop with Hannah Ellis - bug and butterfly sculptures. To book email classes@painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	9.30am - 12.00pm
Sat	20	Painswick Art exhibition. 20th & 21st August	Church Rooms	10am - 4pm
Sun	21	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	21	Holy Baptism	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tues	23	Yew Trees WI: Summer Supper . Members only - prior booking essential	Royal William, Cranham	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed	24	Cotteswold Naturalists visit to Oakham Treasures and Clevedon Court (NT) by coach. Prebook 814570	Stamages car park	
Thurs	25	Food night - Burgerlish	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Sun	28	Beacon praise	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Tues	30	Holiday drawing course with Kerry Duggan. To find out more and to book email classes@painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	9.30am - 12.00pm
Wed	31	LEGO™ workshop. email painswicklibrary@btconnect.com to book tickets	Town Hall	10.30am - 4.40pm
	31	Holiday drawing course with Kerry Duggan. To find out more and to book email classes@painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	9.30am - 12.00pm

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Our June Meeting started on a sad note as members stood in silence to remember Andrea Linsell, a much loved founder member of Yew Trees WI, who died in May. Andrea had served on the committee, acted as Treasurer and was always to be found helping with, if not organising, any catering that was required.

Dr Katy Bellamy, a lively cognitive neuroscientist, gave an intriguing talk on The Joy of False Memory. She explained that her heroes were Professor Charles Bartlett, a British psychologist and one of the forerunners of cognitive psychology, and the American Dr Elizabeth Loftus, a distinguished Professor of Psychological Science and a leading expert on memory who, through her studies, revealed that not only is human memory often surprisingly unreliable, it is prone to errors and suggestion.

Katy explained that our memories are affected by our early lives, our cultural and our social background. The second and third retelling of a story will probably vary from the first until a final version of the story will be fixed in our memory. Katy reassured us that the phenomenon of false memory – a phenomenon which all of us produce all of the time - has helped scientists understand how true memory works. Without false memory we are unable to produce true memories. It was a most thought provoking talk but an alarming one to report on. If you were in the audience with me and don't agree with this account you should understand why!

There is no official meeting in August but members will gather as usual on the fourth Tuesday in the month for a dinner out together.

*Celia Lougher 812624*



## Rococo Garden News for August

This summer we have a brand-new holiday family trail 'The Enchanted Garden' running until 4th September and it really will add sparkle to summer visits. Children will love the handmade willow sculptures of fairies, dragons, boggarts and other fantastical creatures dotted around the

Garden and designed to inspire magical ideas. So if you are looking for a day out with children, then the Garden has the perfect low-cost answer! For more information go to <https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/news/the-enchanted-garden/> to find out more.

The Garden has a long history of outdoor theatre events and provides the perfect backdrop to a show. This August Bank Holiday we present Rapunzel, an exhilarating, heart-warming production about one girl's longing to break free from her imposed lockdown. There are two shows in the Coach Field next to the Garden on Monday 29 August. To grab the last few tickets left visit <https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/news/ikps-rapunzel/> I hope you are inspired by the seasonal energy of nature and the beauty of our Garden and I look forward to seeing you there soon.

*Tim Toghill, Volunteer*



## Gardening Club

Despite the very hot weather, our members turned out in force to welcome Tim Walker for a third visit with his talk entitled Sex, Lies and Putrefaction. With the help of his wonderful photographs he told us how animals, birds, insects, bats, wind and water all contribute to the fertilisation process and

he explained how plants change their colours and landing platforms to entice more pollinators.

He asked us to help the pollination by mixing plants, building bug hotels, reducing the use of pesticides and creating meadows and plants that give year round interest.

There is no meeting in August but Rod and Terry Clifford of Little Orchard, Slad are kindly opening their garden to us on 24th August at 18.30 for a private viewing and refreshments. For more details and to book your place, please contact Barbara at [bvmitchell@mac.com](mailto:bvmitchell@mac.com)

## Painswick Art Club

Painswick Art Club is holding its Annual Art Exhibition on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August in the Church Rooms, from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be tea and coffee refreshments.

*Joyce Barrus*



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# The Croft School Summer Fair 2022

Coconut shy shown below

The fair took place on Saturday 16th July and what a day it was. The weather was kind to us and we were able to enjoy a fun filled day with lots of games and activities for all ages! We are very grateful that both the school and local community turned out to celebrate the end of the school year with lots of fun and laughter.



Face painting

The parent bike race and tug of war seemed to be particular favourites, bringing out the competitive side in many of us. Well done to the Fox's team who won the Parent bike race and to the Key Stage 1 team who won the tug of war. We are already looking forward to seeing who takes home the trophies next year!

A close second came the art of welly wanging which seemed to draw in the crowds with everyone attempting to throw their welly the furthest.

All of the winners of the raffle have been notified and should now have their prizes within their possession.

Congratulations to the winners of the Garden Plot on a plate competition. There were some very creative entries and it was wonderful to see the children getting involved.

None of this have been possible without the generosity of local people and businesses and the many volunteers on the day so from all of the Friends of the Croft Committee a great big thank you for all of your help and support. Well done to all the pupils who were running stalls on the day and those from both the Choir and Miss Heather-Warner's class who did fantastic performances.



Garden on a plate



Tug of war winners

## Painswick Community Support

### Highgrove Tea Dance

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, The Princes Foundation, in collaboration with Age UK Gloucestershire, invited groups from around Gloucestershire to enjoy an afternoon of tea and music at Highgrove. Pamela Westcott and her daughter, Patricia Stephens, were the winners of our lucky dip held during one of our coffee mornings; Pamela reported they had had an amazing afternoon, made particularly special as His Royal Highness Prince Charles was in attendance (see photo of Pam and Tricia attached).

Our thanks go to Age UK Gloucestershire for kindly including Painswick Community Hub in this very special event.

