

The Painswick Beacon

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The good news .. and the other news

■■■ Strenuous efforts are being made by various agencies and statutory bodies to help, in any way they can within the law, to mitigate the very startling impact which the severance of the A46 is having upon local traders.

Just before we put this issue 'to bed' we heard that the District Council has decided to waive the short-stay charges for use of Stamages Lane car park until well into the New Year.

So, it is now permitted to park free for up to five hours. "Every little helps", said Terry Parker, Chairman of the Parish Council, "and we are appreciative of thoughtful and positive action of this sort".



is that the machine which issues tickets has been replaced by the very latest in cutting edge technology. The days of dropping a 10p piece in the ever-welcoming slot, and receiving a slip of paper authorising parking for one hour are behind us.

Painswick is now among those places where one needs to punch in the whole of the car number plate before the ticket is forthcoming; a not inconsiderable feat for those of us who are one step short of comprehending how to type letters with only numbers to use. And if you decide to have another coffee while your car is over-staying its permitted time, all you need to do is pick up your mobile phone and



Unique raffle The Cobalt Appeal Fund

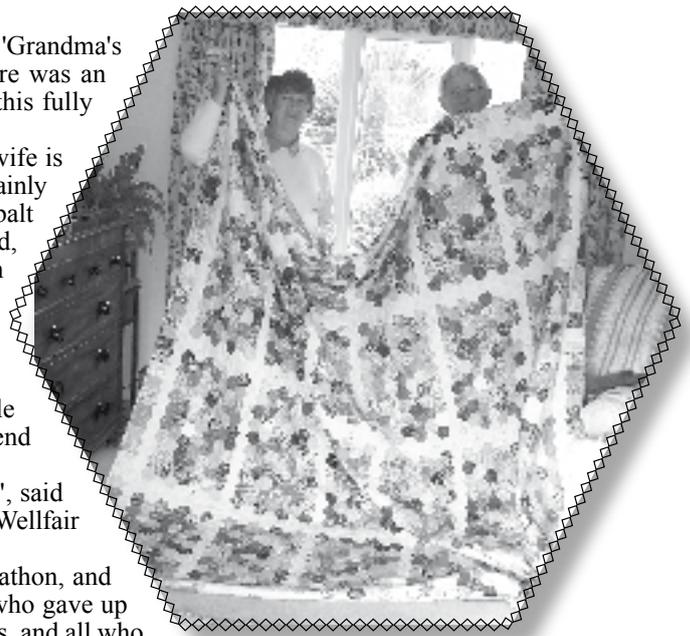
June Gardiner was recently donated a wonderful handmade quilt; 'Grandma's Garden'. It is queen size and its value is at least £500. If ever there was an example of wishing we could give readers a coloured photograph, this fully justified that desire; **it is very impressive!**

June said "It was made by William Ryan from Woodchester; his wife is quoted as saying everything he tackled had to be perfect, and this is certainly the case. Mrs Kathleen Ryan is disabled and had cause to use the Cobalt Unit for an MRI scan and, because of the wonderful care she received, Kathleen wanted the clinic to benefit from her husband's quilt. William was Kathleen's carer, and learned to quilt while home-nursing his wife while she was poorly. Sadly, he died suddenly in February this year of bone cancer".

If anyone is interested in purchasing a raffle ticket to win this superb quilt please contact June Gardiner on 812505. Tickets will be on sale at as many local meetings and events as June and her friends can attend though, until Easter next year.

"The quilt was on display at our coffee morning on 13th October", said June, "with another one depicting a Christmas scene donated by Sarah Wellfair of Goosechase Quilting in Cheltenham, and a cushion by myself.

We raised £450 for our two friends entering the Stroud Half Marathon, and also £57 to make a start on the Quilt Raffle. Many thanks to those who gave up their Saturday to try and help, and those who donated money and gifts, and all who support this cause".



Who cares?

There have already been some residents' fireworks around the village. The pleasure these can give to children, as many of us will recall, can be enormous. We have been asked to point out that cats, dogs, farmers' livestock, and many other creatures could be frightened out of their wits if owners receive no warning of the intention to use explosives nearby.

Please think twice - - before striking those matches or connecting detonators.

On other pages: A46 new dateline, those flu jabs - update, lights switch off, two open days at Richmond, new mail scam, new stewards up the hill, Painswickian nominations, 270 years between three, arty Gloucester Street, to be tried by jury, shopkeepers dressed up, evolution at the oak, composting.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Housing land availability

That the District Council is undertaking a detailed survey of the whole of its area in its quest to identify land suitable for housing, irrespective of whether such is already identified or caught up in the planning process, was reported to the committee. As this exercise progresses during the next four months or so Parish and Town Councils will be consulted.

Slad

Jackie Woof drew attention to expressions of concern from some Slad residents that some changes were seemingly taking place on a farm but no planning application had been made. The sale of produce was apparently being promoted, and the impression created that two or three caravans on site were occupied.

It was agreed to invite the District Council's officers to look into the matter and advise this committee accordingly.

PARISH COUNCIL

Visit to Richmond Painswick

The Council received an invitation from the Standing Liaison Group concerned with the relationship of Richmond Painswick and the community to visit and tour this now complete project in advance of two public Open Days (see page 5). The SLG had suggested that such is the range of services offered, and the significance of this major facility within the village, that Councillors should have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with what it represents. It was agreed to accept the invitation for 2nd November.

Commercial parking - Pullens Road

Roy Welbourn exercised his right to raise a question prior to the full meeting of the Council, being deeply concerned about the parking on or off the pavement in Pullens Road of large commercial vehicles. His main concern, arising from personal experience of the hazard arising, is that if any large vehicle is parked in this road any other heavy goods vehicle needing to pass has no option but to mount the pavement on the opposite side of the road. This thereby has the effect of being a real danger to pedestrians using that pavement, as well as anyone emerging from their private pathways. What was more, a section of pavement had recently needed resurfacing at the expense of the

community, and further maintenance will inevitably be required if HGV are needing to mount pavements.

The Council was reminded that an 'understanding' between the Police and one such vehicle owner (who now parks elsewhere overnight) was reported to a recent meeting, but this was seemingly being breached in particular during some late evenings. It was agreed to seek copy of the understanding, it being hoped that such had been in writing. It was also agreed that the Traffic Committee should reconsider its long-standing policy of supporting the parking of vehicles on pavements throughout the village, even if such still permits free passage of such as pushchairs between parked vehicles and any adjacent structures.

Emergency situations - Working Group

Chairman Terry Parker reported that a meeting of the Working Group (page 2 last month) considering the implications of emergency situations affecting the community was to meet on 24th October.

A46 closure

- highway restoration

It was reported that one matter remained to be resolved, the insurance of particularly heavy vehicles against any claim arising from contractors bringing the major equipment needed to work on the site of the fractured carriageway near Salmon Springs should the adjacent roadway itself break up.

County Highway officers were confident that this would quickly be resolved and the contract let shortly, for completion mid-February.

- permanent redirection of HGV

Ann Burges Watson, Chairman of the Traffic Committee, reported her having made strong representation to the Highway officers to take advantage of this lengthy period in which HGV were becoming used to an alternative routing to avoid Painswick to make such permanent through redesignation of this section of the A46. She had been advised that such could take up to three years and would not be initiated at this time.

- traffic control Edge

Martin Slinger reported discussions between all parties concerning the implications of the introduction of traffic control signals at the church junction in Edge. This had been required to permit buses and HGV to turn on to the Whiteshill Road, that access being frustrated by overhanging mature trees in the one-way link road, Belle Vue, and the impracticality of negotiating that road without damage to the upper deck of buses.

Particular concern related to the long tail-back caused in Whiteshill Road, and the serious possibility of emergency vehicles being unable to exit that road at speed was crucial towards Gloucester.

Mr Slinger reported that an amicable understanding had been reached and that, after tree surgery within the following week, the traffic lights may be removed and Belle Vue opened to all vehicles.

Garden waste - recycling

The Council received a report from three Councillors who had visited the scheme initiated by Bisley Parish Council for the local community to recycle its garden waste on a dedicated site. Many aspects of this project were praised, not least the considerable effort applied to maintain the momentum required to ensure that the process of composting is continuous and thereby efficient; some remunerated staffing had proved to be necessary. The principal drawback had been the reluctance of the public to removed composted material, even though it was free for use on their gardens.

It was agreed to invite public views regarding such a scheme for Painswick, through these columns in due course.

Public meeting places - appraisal

The Council received a request, from the Manager of the Painswick Gateway project, arising from the open meeting convened by the Painswick Gateway shadow Trustees and held on 2nd October attended in the main by Trustees of Painswick Centre. All present at that meeting urged the Parish Council to earmark funding in their 2008-09 budget, for which the precept element was currently being formulated, to meet the cost of an independent feasibility study into the extent of 'community space needs in Painswick, including usage and suitability for purpose' as commended in September 2006 by the (then) Core Group. It was increasingly apparent that any future submission for grant aid from any or all of the larger organisations in the village would be expected to provide evidence of such an appraisal, probably also with clarification of priority status within the village of such applications.

The cost could be up to £5000, but it was reported that Painswick Centre was willing to contribute £1000 and that matched funding had been offered by an anonymous local resident.

Much discussion ensued, it being agreed that such an exercise could not be effectively advanced until it was clear what might or might not be included in the Gateway project. Ann Daniels reminded the Council that history indicated that each



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applicant for funding would have its own advocates; obtaining a consensus view was likely to be very difficult. Chairman Terry Parker tabled a resolution that the Parish Council support a feasibility study in principle and take a lead role to review the usage of public buildings in the civil parish, subject to the terms of reference being agreed by all parties, and that the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council be invited to conduct the study; this being carried with one abstention.

It was further agreed to include matched funding of a further £2000 in the budget for 2008-09 for this purpose. The specific study of meeting halls in this way would, it was agreed, update the Parish Plan in this regard.

Financial strategy

At the request of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which adjourned its meeting the previous week, the Council was requested to clarify strategy to be used with regard to setting the precept upon the District Council with regard to the 2008-09 budget.

It was pointed out that a 'typical' increase of about 2.5% would enable the Council to maintain existing services but fall short of any improvement or catching up with arrears of maintenance or improvements, or any new ventures. The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, pointed out that an increase of 2.5% would lead to a precept of £65,700, last year's precept having been £64,250. He went on to explain that if the Council was minded to make an increase in excess of 2.5%, an additional £10,000 for example would result in a Band D property increase of £5.67 per annum or 11p per week. A one per cent increase brought an additional income of £642.50 per annum.

The Council agreed that the F&GP Committee should not be constrained to single figure percentage increases if they felt circumstances warranted more, but that the public should be made fully aware of the specific projects which would be funded as a consequence.

Public conveniences - St Mary's Street

The Council noted, but took no immediate action upon a suggestion made by David Allott that any relocation of public conveniences in St Mary's Street might be within the grounds of Painswick Centre.



Walkers car park - vandalism

Ann Daniels reported vandalism at the car park adjacent to Painswick Plantation, on the Cotswold Way. Among other mindless actions one of the finger signs had been irreparably damaged.

Services of Remembrance

The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in St Mary's Church at 10.50am on Sunday 11th November.

The service will be preceded at 10.20am by a short period of recollection at the War Memorial during which wreaths will be laid.

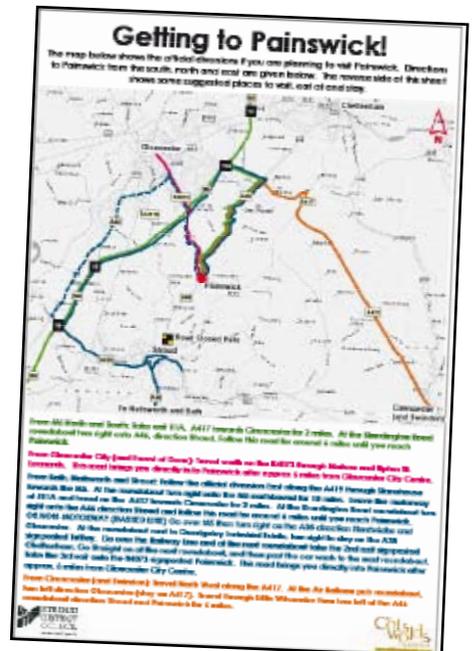
All local organisations are invited to participate in the wreath laying ceremony. Everyone will be most welcome at the services.

Visitor maps

Shirley Wood, the Regeneration Officer (Tourism) with Stroud District Council tells us that they have prepared and printed lots of 'visitor maps' (shown here) of how to get to Painswick during the closure of the A46.

They have been distributed to visitor information centres in Gloucestershire, including Painswick Library, and further afield. If you require any please note they can be down-loaded from www.visitthecotswolds.org.uk, www.cotswold.com and Gloucestershire Highways and various other appropriate websites. The alternative routes coming from the south are, as we all know, tortuous, so it can be helpful if frustration is minimised by sending expected visitors or deliver drivers a copy, or drawing it to their attention.

Shirley can be contacted at Ebley Mill or on 01453.754307 or shirley.wood@stroud.gov.uk



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Music Annual

The annual social evening and AGM was held in the Church Rooms on 13th October. A surprising number of members were present, despite the alternative attraction of the World Cup rugby semi-final!

It was an opportunity for the Society to say a big thank you to Peter Jenkins, who was stepping down as chairman after 13 years. Peter's efforts have seen the Society grow from strength to strength. In recognition of the tremendous personal contribution that Peter has made to the current success of the Society and the obvious support given by his wife, Janet, the Society has given them joint Life Membership. Lawrence Turner has agreed to take on the responsibility for leading the Society going forward.



Following on from the formalities, an excellent recital was given by Edgar Bailey (violin) and Yoko Arai (piano). Edgar reached the string semi-finals of the BBC musician of the Year Award three years ago at the age of 17. His performance was a delight and was ably assisted by Yoko Arai. His ambition

is to become a professional violinist, and I wonder if he will be back in a few years time in one of our Spring concerts.

Then there was time for a little socialising over drinks and bites...

Peter Rowe

Alex Warner local man

will be performing this Saturday, 3rd November at Stroud's 'Space' arts centre, and will be featuring Joan Vinyals & Cristo Fontecilla.



Alex has recorded numerous CD's for both major and independent record labels, including a number one hit in Spain, plus several platinum selling cuts as a writer/singer. Performing a mainly acoustic set, Alex is accompanied by two of the Spain's best guitar players, in what promises to be a memorable evening.

Tickets: £10.00 on the door or from Kane's Records and Stroud Tourist Information Centre 01453.760960.

If interested, sample this outstanding voice on line [www.alexwarner.com] but being there is what matters!

Flu vaccinations

In editing this monthly publication we have cause, all too often, to be reminded of the adage "Don't shoot the messenger". Last month we found a variation, "Don't shoot the non-messenger!"

Within hours of publication we were being asked why we had not carried the information about flu jabs; where and when they were to be available. We soon contacted the fount of all knowledge on this subject, Nicola Hayward our Practice Manager, who was distressed to hear that there seem to be quite a few who remained unaware of this year's arrangements. Nicola had been endeavouring to avoid the shortcomings of this exercise in 2006, when readers will recall that insufficient vaccine was available on the appointed dates. She went on to say "I am very surprised and disappointed that patients have directed their queries your way when they should have come to me. I did put posters up at all the local post offices prior to letters going out and we have been putting notices on prescriptions but anyway.....".

Unfortunately, the date of the latest clinic was last Wednesday, 31st.

Nicola has asked us to pass on her regrets, saying "I am very sorry that some patients have not yet received notification about this year's flu vaccination campaign. Many invitations have been posted out, but I am aware that some will have been delayed by the postal strikes. Many patients have already had their vaccination, but if you haven't already booked your appointment, please contact the surgery on 812545 to book a time. Flu vaccinations are being offered to anyone who would like one, and unlike last year, we have plenty of vaccine".

So, the opportunity remains - and it is not too late.

Seasonal cover

It is a Beacon tradition to publish our December issue with a coloured cover, nowadays extending to the rear page; our gesture to the darker winter months, when we can all do with some brightness in our lives.



We have usually been fortunate enough to attract the attention of a few readers to this prospect, and gratefully receive photographs with seasonal overtones, drawings, paintings and so on from contributors of any age but living whereabouts.

Anyone offering this year can get in touch with us by telephone on 814500, 812167 or 813101. We can scan or download, but the end product must be no more than A4 in size.

Our deadline is 15th November, please.

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Richmond Painswick – Open Days

We will be holding two Open Days on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th November from 10.00am to 4.00pm and local residents are invited to view the facilities available and enjoy light refreshments.

A number of the facilities are available to non-residents as well as residents, including the Laurie Lee Restaurant and the Café. Painswick residents over the age of 50 will also be given the first opportunity to become members of the Wellness Spa (including swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam room, gymnasium, exercise studio and treatment rooms) before it is offered to those living outside the parish of Painswick.

To find out more, or to book an individual tour on an alternative day, please contact Susie Oakley or Sue Bishop on 813902.

Susie Oakley

Scam advice - from the Police

The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam especially with the run up to Christmas:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number).

DO NOT call this number,

as this is a mail scam originating from Belize.

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 02072.396655 or ICSTIS (the premium rate service regulator) at www.icstis.org.uk

Pc 24 Reuben Wyatt Mobile Police Station 07734.068276



Men behaving badly

Ian Mackintosh opened this year's program of the Painswick Local History Society, telling us about examples of criminal behaviour back in the 17th and 18th century. In those early days, women were rarely recorded, as the prime interest was the availability of men for military service. It would appear that at that time violence and intimidation was commonplace and rioting in protest at bread prices or the theft

of wool (slingeing) could result in transportation to the Colonies, if lucky enough not to be hanged. Sometimes the poor were assisted by Parish Relief and given subsidised bread, but the 19th century saw the introduction of the dreaded workhouse system, coinciding with unemployment of outworking weavers, as factory production became the mainstay of production.

Carolyn Luke

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Street Lighting in Painswick

The County Council has been piloting a change in street light operation, switching some lights off during the early hours of the morning. The benefits include reduced energy usage and light pollution, though there are often safety and other needs that outweigh the benefits. In many cases the situation requires a judgement to be made, balancing the different factors.

The first pilots started in June, and involved switching off some individual streetlights between 12.00pm and 5.30am GMT. Painswick is not involved in initial pilots but the County Council is now seeking to extend it to other areas. The Parish Council has established a sub-group to look into the matter, and it would welcome your views. The first stage of the exercise is to draw up a list of streetlights that should be considered.

The purpose of this article is to seek your views. In particular, the sub-group would welcome your views on which if any streetlights could be switched off between midnight and 5.30am. The views will obviously carry greater weight if they are the collective views of those living close to or making use of the relevant streetlight. Please send your comments, preferably in writing, to "The Street Lighting Sub-group" at the Parish Council, Town Hall, Victoria Street, Painswick by the end of November. Or contact one of the councillors below.

The County Council has indicated that "fine tuning" may be required following any conversion work, and requests for reinstatement of individual streetlights to all-night operation will be given urgent attention.

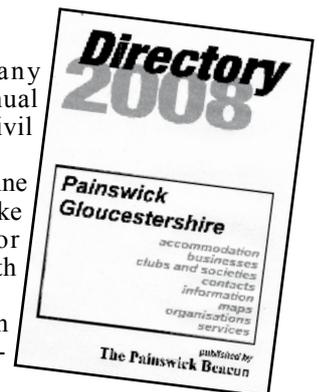
Jason Bullingham Peter Rowe Martin Slinger

Directory 2008

Have you checked whether any information currently in the annual Directory of enterprises in this civil parish are in need of updating.

The deadline for us to make changes for 2008 is 12th November.

In anticipation - Thank you!



Painswick Gateway

In the September issue of the Beacon we were able to include a listing of what we described as 'The key factors' and 'The key proposals' summarising the shadow Trustees main findings and intentions. We went on to say that negotiations with the County Council were proceeding well at that time, but were "unlikely to be concluded for a month or more".

During the intervening weeks more exchanges and more work has been done. As the Beacon goes to press we can report that a formal 'offer - subject to contract' has been delivered to Shire Hall. If the County Council finds the offer acceptable, the next thing will be to validate the offer formally in a public meeting to which the entire community will be invited. The Shadow Trustees will be in a position to publish the full draft proposals before this meeting so that everyone will be able to consider them.

Leslie Brotherton Manager

Shopkeepers in full dress

A minutes silence was observed at the beginning of the September meeting of Yew Trees WI, as members mourned the loss of Shirley Purdy, one of our most loyal and enthusiastic members whose warm and cheerful presence will be greatly missed.

After a sad start to the evening our President, Maggie Drake, was delighted to give a warm welcome to several visitors who had come to hear the ever popular Howard Beard talk on Victorian Stroud. He did not disappoint! His superb collection of old photographs and fluent and knowledgeable commentary had us transported back to a very different era. An era when shop keepers in Stroud did not just dress their windows but adorned the whole of the building with the most ornate decoration and displayed their wares on the pavement.



At our Annual meeting on Tuesday 27th November, Yew Trees will not only be celebrating a third successful year, but will also be welcoming Paul Moir from The Rococo Gardens as our guest speaker. As an enjoyable evening is guaranteed, ladies, do come and join us at 7.30pm in The Town Hall!

Celia Lougher 812624

Crafty Ideas for Christmas

Finding that special gift can sometimes be something of a challenge but there is no shortage of original ideas in the latest exhibition at the Fiery Beacon Gallery.



"We are delighted to have some exciting new work on display" explains proprietor Janet Groves.

"With Christmas in mind we have a new selection of jewellery including some unusual cufflinks for the man in your life. Also new to the gallery is the work of wood turner Kevin Huston and the colourful hand painted scarves of Louise Bassett-Watts"

Hand made Christmas cards, decorations and ceramic tile tags of course also available together with a stunning selection of glass and ceramics.

The new exhibition opens at the beginning of November and will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Christmas.

Christmas Fair

SUE RYDER CARE LECKHAMPTON COURT HOSPICE

This will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 10th November from 9.45am to 12 Noon.

Cakes including our usual Roulades (which can be ordered in advance or on the day for Christmas), savouries, home-made mincemeat, blackcurrant jam and three fruit marmalade, flowers (if ordered), a bumper raffle, good quality bric-a-brac and gifts, Christmas cards and books.



Home-made mince pies and biscuits will be served with coffee/tea/hot chocolate all for £1.50 per person including second helping if one so desires.

This is the only hospice in Gloucestershire offering 24hours expert in-patient care, day therapy rehabilitation and family support for people with life shortening illnesses.

Do please come and support us, all gifts and donations gratefully received. Our small group of helpers give everything towards this, our only fund-raising in Painswick.

Anne Leoni Group Co-ordinator



Rachel Taylor welcomes information for the Personal Column. Space limitations permit only a small amount of text and your assistance in this regard is helpful.

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Random extracts from recent school news sheets to parents, by Janet Hoyle:

Reception 2008

Children born between 1st September 2003 and 31st August 2004 will start school in September 2008. If you have a child born between these dates, and would like a place for them at The Croft, please make sure that you have registered their name at the school office. If you have friends or neighbours with children this age, please tell them that they need to register their child before Christmas.

Accommodation needed

We will have a visiting student teacher with us for three weeks in January, from the University of Zurich. She will be in the area for three months with her partner, who will be working on placement at a local business. They need furnished accommodation at a reasonable price from the beginning of January for approximately three months. If you know of any such accommodation that may be available, please let me know. (see Mini-ad page 19)

What's been going on lately?

For the benefit of those of you whose children don't tell you what's happening in school, I thought I'd tell you some of the things that we have done in the last few weeks:

- The new reception children have had their photos in the Citizen and Stroud News and Journal
- Class 1 visited the Fabric Shop in the village
- The football team competed in a seven a side tournament at Oxstalls Tennis Centre
- The School Council have met members of the Painswick Parish Council to learn about how the council works and to plan a joint meeting between the two councils
- Both cycle training groups were commended for their attitude by the cycle trainers
- The juniors had an exciting Celtic day, involving building a wattle wall (daub to follow!), pot making, weaving, cooking and turning their digital images into Celtic warriors
- Infants and juniors enjoyed a musical afternoon with a banjo player
- Years 1 and 2 have continued their 'Friend of the Week' work in which the children record what they like about the week's friend
- Class 5 have been playing percussion together on Friday afternoons with Miss Atkinson

An Evening with John Stalker

Richmond Painswick will be hosting an "Evening with John Stalker", the ex Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police. John Stalker is most notable for heading the Stalker Inquiry, a police investigation into the shootings of a number of suspected members of the Provisional IRA by the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1983. His temporary suspension from duty and removal from the inquiry in 1986, based on false allegations that Kevin Taylor, an acquaintance of his, was a professional criminal, caused considerable public outcry.

After mulled wine on arrival, guests will enjoy a two-course dinner followed by coffee or tea and an after dinner speech during which John Stalker will be talking about "My Life in the Media".

Tickets for Wednesday 28th November are available at £19.95 per head (to include a glass of wine with the meal) from Richmond Painswick. Please contact me or Sue Bishop on 813902.

Susie Oakley

Book Fair

We will have a book fair running at the following times:
 Thursday 8th November 3.30 – 6.00pm
 Monday 12th November 3.00- 3.45pm
 Tuesday 13th November 3.00 – 3.45pm
 We would be grateful of help to man the book fair.

Can you help in school?

We are desperately in need of some extra volunteers to help in school. All the teachers would be grateful for help, but in particular we are in need of:

- A parent who can help in Class 1 one morning a week
- Someone to help look after the library

PTA Committee

I am delighted to say that the following parents have agreed to serve on the PTA committee this year:

- Julia Churchley (secretary)
- Dave Carlile
- Ali Bullingham
- Holly Lynall
- Karen Ticehurst
- Jo Weatherall (playgroup rep)
- Jamie Gately (pool rep)

There may be others who have agreed to join the committee of whom I am unaware – if so, thank you!

How can you help?

- Offer to join the committee – a few new members are needed
- The committee needs a Chair
- A treasurer is needed (this person need not attend all the meetings, just be able to get to a bank and keep a record of the PTAs funds)
- Without being a member of the committee, offer to help to organise one of the events during the year

The PTA has been a huge strength of The Croft. If you would like the social events and fund raisers to continue, they need more volunteers. Please consider how you can help. See me or any member of the committee if you are willing to help in any way.

Message from Kerstin Friend

SUPA Club has started back Thursdays after school, running for 8 weeks. The club is for juniors and consists of games, activities, crafts and looking at stories from the Bible.

Also... Watch this space!! New monthly event for children. If you have enjoyed Fun Days and holiday clubs, PSALMS are starting up a new regular event for you to come to.

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Not to be missed at the Royal Oak

The Royal Oak has some lively evenings coming up over the next few weeks. On Friday, 16th November there will be folk singing with the Hampshire Boys and, if you missed the Gloucester Morris men in October, there's another chance to enjoy a Mumpers evening on 16 December. On Saturday, 17th November the Oak in association with Olivas promises an evening of cool jazz when you can enjoy tapas and chilli to Future Positive. And on 19th December the Pitchcombe Carol Barkers will bring the festive season right into the heart of the village at the Oak.

Shelagh and Jonathan have made quite a few changes and there are some fresh faces behind the bar. They are keen to make the Royal Oak truly our village pub. In its lovely old traditional premises it is now very family friendly and offers local brews and a good menu. We are lucky to have retained such a traditional local hostelry and you can certainly be assured of a warm welcome and some very enjoyable evenings.

Carol Maxwell

Autumn Play Days

The autumn term is well and truly underway at Painswick Playgroup.

With the dark cold mornings now upon us, the children have been busy preparing warming and healthy food for their mid morning snack. Baked potatoes and vegetable stew have been on the menu. As Beaty Bell, the Playgroup Leader says "this activity gives the children the chance to try fresh, nutritious produce and understand how it is prepared".

The children have also been getting to know their new friends at the Playgroup with the topic 'all about me'. They have been talking about themselves, their families and their siblings. Photographs of each child as a baby and more recent ones are displayed on the Playgroup wall.

The children have been painting salt dough boys and girls plus putting together collages of little people. And, as part of this topic, a paper concertina family has been made with the children discussing about 'how many in our family'.

There are still a few places available at Painswick Playgroup. Call 813316 for details.

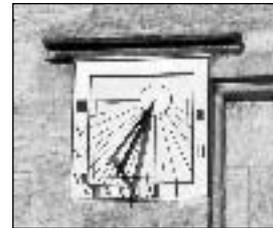
Linda Yates Secretary



Well worth a look

Have you noticed the sundial on the wall of Nutgrove House (the Pharmacy), New Street? It's easy to miss if you don't look up. It's also easy to miss the plaque below which is at eye level and really deserves your attention.

The new brass plaque gives a wealth of fascinating information about time measurement generally and sundials. The Nutgrove House sundial probably dates from the 18th century and is an accurate scientific instrument.



It measures Painswick solar time which is not the same as Greenwich Mean Time, being slightly slower. It is, of course, also very decorative.

Harriet James undertook the task of restoration which was funded jointly by the British Sundial Society, Painswick and District Conservation Society, the late Miss Margaret Hampshire and The Painswick Pharmacy.

It is tempting to include all the information given on the plaque in this account but you should stop and look next time you are passing. You will be fascinated and it takes only a minute or two.

Carol Maxwell



Coach to London

Do you wish to do some Christmas shopping, go to an exhibition or to the theatre? Then come aboard the coach arranged for Wednesday 5th December, leaving Stamages Car Park at 8.30am.

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Tennis

The Autumn season is in full swing at Painswick Tennis Club with a record number of children receiving coaching and the adult winter leagues well under way.

Two important events in the club's year are looming; The AGM will take place on 7th November and the quiz night on the 23rd. Tickets for the latter are priced at £8.50, to include a hot meal, and non-members are most welcome. So muster those teams and sign up on the notice board in the Broadham Tennis Pavilion.

Last Sunday afternoon there was a very pleasant event when club members gathered for the "unveiling" of the Presidents Honours Board. The Board which lists all the Presidents since the club's formation was presented in memory of founder member Philip Boucher by his wife Margaret and his sons Matthew and Oliver. A number of former Presidents were present.



Ladies Singles Winner
Alicia Barnett



Men's Singles Winner
James Barnett (right)
with runner-up Rob Ruggles

Club Tournament Winners



Ladies' Doubles Winners
Lucy Moir (left)
with partner Sarah Thomas



Men's Doubles Winners
Andy Golding (right)
with partner Kirk Plane



Mixed Doubles Winners
Craig Stock
with partner Lucy Moir

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Rugby

October has brought mixed results for the Painswick Club. In the league the first fifteen had a convincing victory over Chipping Sodbury but lost to Bristol Saracens and Longlevens. In the EDF Junior Vase competition there was disappointment in that their opponents had to concede the match as they were unable to raise a team. Painswick are away to Upton-on-Severn in the second round which is to be played on 17th November. Painswick United have made an excellent start to the season having won all their matches in Division 2 of The Citizen Merit Table. However, like the first fifteen they were disappointed last Saturday when their opponents had to concede the match being unable to raise a side. Painswick were able to arrange a fixture with the Matson second fifteen and won a hard fought match against a traditionally strong team. The same situation had occurred the previous week when Cainscross had been unable to field a side. It is surprising that in a season dominated by the World Cup which has attracted many to the game for the first time it should not be possible for clubs to put out a side.

October Results [(L) indicates league match, (M) Merit Table].

Sat 6th. (L) Bristol Saracens 1st XV 31 Painswick 1st XV 16. Painswick United 74 Dursley United 3.

Sat 13th. Painswick United 39 Longlevens 2nd XV 10.

Sat 20th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 33 Chipping Sodbury 1st XV 14.

Sat 27th. (L) Longlevens 1st XV 18 Painswick 1st XV 10. Painswick United 17 Matson 2nd XV 0.

November fixtures

Sat 3rd. (L) Bishopston 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Bream 2nd XV.

Sat 10th. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Southmead 1st XV. (M) Westbury 2nd XV v Painswick United.

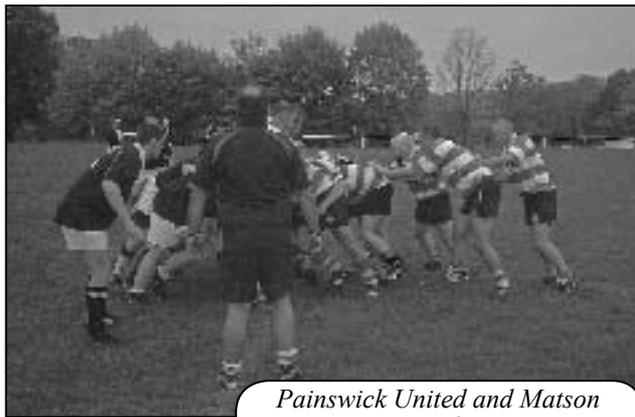
Sat 17th. EDF Junior Vase. Upton on Severn 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.

Painswick United v Gloucester Civil Service.

Sat 24th. (L) Bream 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Berry Hill 3rd XV.

December fixture

Sat 1st. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Brockworth 1st XV. (M) Cheltenham North Painswick United.



Painswick United and Matson scrum down

Golf

Although Painswick were disappointed to have lost their Mail on Sunday Golf Club Classic quarter-final match last month, team captain Paul Gobey said that the players were proud of their success. To have reached the last eight in a competition which had 3,000 entries was an exceptional achievement. The more so as the Painswick club has considerably fewer members than many of the clubs that entered. Paul said that the standard of golf had been very high and the Painswick players had learned much from the experience. He said that there was a tremendous spirit in the club and the team were very much looking forward to next year's event.

I once met . . .

Early one day in July 1969 I travelled with other ladies from the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland to visit the nearest hairdressers some 100 miles away in Bloemfontein. We were going to get our hair styled for an important occasion, the University Graduation Ball which was taking place that evening.

My husband John was the maintenance engineer for the whole university campus and his responsibilities included the supply of electricity and water, the maintenance of roads and grounds and the provision of a fire service as the nearest one was some twenty miles away; in fact, you name it and he was responsible for it.

I worked as secretary for Baron Christian van Nispent Sevenaer who was the Dean of Student Affairs. He was prone to argue with me on a daily basis over the spelling of various English words and place names, including that of Cheltenham where I was born. He was from Holland and although his English was good it was not always accurate; however he had to concede that just maybe I did know how to spell Cheltenham.

Back to the Ball, or should I say preparation for the Ball. Having sorted out my husband's attire and retied his bow tie (he could never get it right) I sat at my dressing table looking glamorous, well I thought so anyway, in my evening gown and new hairdo. I decided that my hair needed a touch more hairspray so I reached for the can and sprayed rather generously. Oh no! Not hairspray, but fly spray, which did not compliment my perfume in any way. Too late to do anything about it, so off to the Ball.

The guests of honour arrived; the King and Queen of Lesotho and Sir Seretse Khama the President of Botswana and his lady, and the dancing got under way.

For weeks previously the Bursar of the university, a big burly kilted Scot, had been attempting to teach everyone to square dance, throwing the ladies around with such vigour that he was a danger to life and limb; he was determined to have at least one square dance at the Ball. The dreaded moment arrived just as I was invited to dance by Sir Seretse. Was that a puzzled look on his face, and did his nose twitch a little? Was it the square dance or was it the fly spray?

The King and Queen sat that dance out. Hopefully it was the square dance and not the fly spray that put them off!

Grace Hanchet

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Heritage Protection for the 21st Century

Amanda Hooper (from English Heritage) gave an enjoyable and informative talk to Painswick Local History Society on the proposed new Heritage Protection legislation. It aims to protect the historical environment in a more holistic way, making use of experience gained from previous legislation which it will supersede. My impression is that much will stay the same – particularly for listed buildings in Painswick – and hope that the new Act will encourage a more practical application and allow minor changes and repairs to be handled in a less bureaucratic way. A single register of historic buildings and sites is planned, which will be accessible electronically. Many existing listings are of limited usefulness, and it is planned to update them – though I can see this taking a very long time to complete.



The “White Paper” was published in March 2007 and draft legislation has been prepared. It is currently planned to introduce legislation in 2008/09 with implementation in 2010.

In response to a question, Amanda advised that English Heritage had recently issued new guidance about the balance between protecting buildings and the need to conserve energy. The document is available from English Heritage and on their website.

Peter Rowe

Local History Teaser

Land’s End is certainly a long way from home according to this photograph. Who are these local Painswickians who strayed so far in the early 1960s? If you can name any or all of them let us know.

Answers in next month’s Beacon.

Last month’s picture showed Jack Wright and Arthur Perrins



standing by a chimney stack on the roof of Court House.

If you have a photograph which you think would challenge readers, or one which you need answers to yourself, we would be happy to feature it as a teaser.

At the next meeting of the Painswick Local History Society on Tuesday, 20th November Graham Pitchfork will give a presentation on the many and various aspects of aviation history in the Cotswolds. The meeting starts at 7.30pm at the Croft School and everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Remember, Remember, the 5th November - Park Legally!

District councils will enforce on-street parking in most of Gloucestershire from 5th November. Five district councils will be taking over from the police traffic wardens in a partnership project led by Gloucestershire County Council and the sixth, the Forest of Dean, is likely to follow next May.

Introducing Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) will help us to manage congestion, improve turnover of parking spaces outside shops, prevent abuse of disabled bays, and release police resources to tackle crime and disorder.

No doubt you've heard, or even experienced, the horror stories about parking in London. We don't want this happening in Gloucestershire! The district councils enforcing on-street parking on behalf of the County Council will be working under Agency Agreements, which emphasise the quality of service. Procedures are based on best practice and all staff are being trained to a national qualification.

So, from 5th November, who does what?

- Stroud District Council will be responsible for both on and off street parking enforcement, with a team of parking attendants on patrol. Cotswold District Council will be carrying out back office functions including payments and penalty charge notice processing on behalf of Stroud District Council.
- The County Council will not be involved in these matters, dealing instead with parking strategy and new parking schemes.
- The police will still be responsible for enforcing cases of 'obstruction', for example cars blocking a private driveway or a road without road markings.

If you remember one thing from this, just remember to 'PARK LEGALLY'. If you do get a ticket, read it carefully - paying late could mean missing your chance to pay at a 50% discount, or even your right to appeal.

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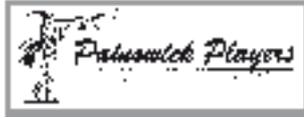
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We have our Dwarves -

- Lesley Wolowiec, the director of **Snow White and Seven Not Particularly Tall People**, announced as rehearsals started in mid October. "Most parts have now been cast", Lesley said, "and I am now waiting for Act 2 from the author to complete the casting of the younger actors". (Act 2, we are assured by the author, will be ready before you read this.)



We have also been fortunate in finding three talented local musicians who have agreed to form an impromptu band to accompany the production.

This is going to be a big show and we are still looking for more people to help on the production side – specifically we need two Team Leaders for makeup (one for adults, one for children), a TL for props and a sub-TL for children’s costumes. If you would like to help, the next production meeting is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6th November in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre or contact Ann or Charles Dorman on 814548.

Performances are at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd February, a matinee and evening show on each day, starting at 2.30 and 7.30pm respectively.

Charles Dorman

WednesDAY CENTRE

With Christmas only a few short weeks away, the members and helpers at the Day Centre are busy planning their annual Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale to be held on Wednesday 14th November from 10.30am-12 noon. As usual we have to thank Michelle Elliot, the warden, for kindly allowing us to hold this in the very pleasant lounge at Ashwell House.

It really is time to begin Christmas shopping, and our coffee morning is the ideal place to start. As well as the exciting raffle (lots of prizes!) we always have great bargains on the bric-a-brac stall and there is an excellent range of preserves to be bought, in addition to the many delicious cakes.

Do make a note in your diary now for 14th November - there will be a warm welcome from us all. We are a happy band of members and helpers and Wednesdays are busy days for us all. If you, or anyone you know, would like a day out once a week, do think about coming to join us. It really is a very relaxing, enjoyable time and if you phone Pam Bailey (813503) or Anne Kenber (813259) either will be delighted to fill you in with all the details.

Please note, transport need not be a problem as we have some very willing volunteers who are happy to drive to and from the Centre. In fact, all our helpers are volunteers and we work on a rota basis, either full day or half day, usually once or twice a month. Naturally extra help is always welcome and if you feel you might like to join us, do call in on Wednesday at Ashwell House, between 10.00am-3.00pm and see us in action, or give Pam Bailey a ring for more details first.

You may be sure you will have a lot of fun and your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

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The seven in Gloucester Street

This year, Ashleigh will be opening again for an Exhibition with a group of 7 Artists.

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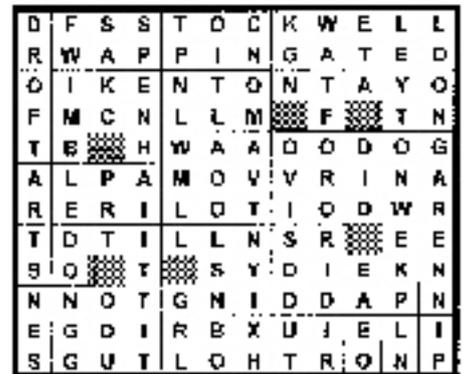
Anne and Joe James hope that you will call in to browse or buy and enjoy a glass of mulled wine.

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The Dental Surgery and much much more ...

The dental surgery has not only moved into new premises but also now offers a much wider service.

Les Robinson established his practice ten years ago at the medical centre in Hoyland House where he and his team have been looking after Painswick teeth ever since. For some time however, Les and his wife, Michelle, who is the hygienist, have wanted to expand the service they offer to include a wide range of treatments and therapies. Limited space at Hoyland House has prevented this expansion. The purchase of Three Gables, a lovely 1920s house on Cheltenham Road, has presented the perfect opportunity to go ahead with their plans.



The house has been beautifully converted to accommodate all the necessary state-of-the-art facilities and equipment in a pleasant and definitely unthreatening environment. Apart from all the usual dental care services, the practice now offers a range of facial and holistic treatments such as line softening, dermal fillers, massage, reflexology, aromatherapy, Indian head massage and hot stone massage.

There is ample parking and disabled access, and late evening and Saturday appointments will be available in addition to

normal hours. Les and his team, Michelle, Eve the manageress, Sylvie and Alison the dental nurses and Jackie who keeps the practice in immaculate condition, are very pleased with the newly formed Three Gables Dental and Holistic Centre.

Do come along to their open evening, 5.00-8.00pm on Wednesday, 28th November, when you can see the facilities, enjoy some food and drink and experience a taster of reflexology treatments.

Carol Maxwell

Letters

The inclusion of letters in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed.

A46 closure: Effect on businesses

District Councillor Barbara Tait writes:

Like many other residents in Painswick, I have been really shocked at the effects of the July floods on several badly flooded households, and the effect the A46 closure has had on local businesses, and extend my deepest sympathies to them all. I know that we are all inconvenienced by all of this, but it is very little compared with these householders and businesses.

Following the meeting at the Town Hall about the closure of the A46, I agreed to make some enquiries about business rates.

Stroud District Council is, of course, the collecting authority. We do not set these rates.

I cannot give ad hoc advice, or make any promises, except to advise businesses to use the contact details below, regarding possible rateable value reductions, hardship relief, extending payment periods etc. The contact details are as follows:

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Anne McKenzie (Revenue & Benefits Manager) ext: 4006

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I have also written to David Drew M.P. to see if the Government can do anything to help everyone. I will let your readers know the result.

I do hope that the above is helpful.

Painswickian of the year

Another year, another nomination please. We will greatly appreciate suggestions our committee can consider for the accolade of Painswickian of the Year - but we need these by 17th November at the latest.

It can be an individual or a couple you feel brought credit to the village in the past year or given exceptional service to the local community. Let us know, by postcard please in no more than 100 words, why

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We like to carry a picture and a few words in the January issue to brighten up the New Year.

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New or renewed after lapsing	119	142
Renewed from last year	484	494
Total including postal	603	636
Painswick village dwellings	1057	1057
Subscribing households	424	556

Local music

After being treated by Alex Nichols to a presentation of the coming seasons's attractions at our inaugural meeting on 20th September, we enjoyed listening to a most varied selection of English music recordings entitled "Gloucestershire Connection" which Howard Allen presented on 4th October. We all knew about Vaughan Williams, Finzi and Gustav Holst and their association with our county, but others like Ivor Gurney and Herbert Howells were new to some of us. The gorgeous violin music of "The Lark Ascending" provided a fitting ending to a programme that made us proud to live in Gloucestershire!



Ralph Kenber

Heavenly music

Christopher Ashman gave us a wide-ranging talk on music written about the Sun, Moon and Stars at our 18th October meeting.

He started with Haydn's description of The Creation, with a generally discordant Chaos, followed with a hymn-like chorus when The Heavens were all in place. This was followed by an early recording of Rimsky-Korsakov's Hymn to the Sun, pagan and barbaric; then Dvorak's song, Fly Me to the Moon, beautifully sung by Lesley Garrett. The theme continued with music from Richard Strauss used in space films and rocket launches. More moon-music followed, concluding with Karl Orff's vigorous retelling of the Grimms' story about the theft of the moon. We subsequently turned to songs about The Stars, including more fine singing by Garrett of an aria by Chabrier. We heard a 1923 recording of Mercury, from the Planets by Holst, and powerful renderings of Sampson Blinded, by Handel, and The Pleiades from Tannhauser, and finally a song from Peter Grimes, about the Great Bear and The Pleiades.

It was an eclectic and entertaining evening.

Richard Burges Watson

Beacon Conservation Group

AGM

Firstly an important date for your diary. On



Wednesday 28th November, from 7.30 pm in the Town Hall we shall hold our 2007 AGM. It will be followed by an illustrated talk on 'Wildflowers of Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds' given by Rosemary Westgate. Rosemary and her excellent photographs are highly recommended.

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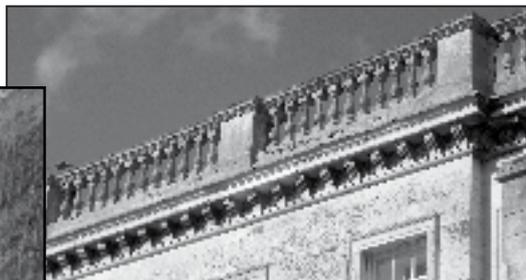
Well done indeed, the slashers! Painswick's conservation work has been awarded the £500 Environment Award from the Calor Village of the Year competition. And we expect £300 for our contribution to DEFRA and Natural England's work on implementing the new Commons Act which has included us hosting groups visiting the Beacon with the Cotswolds AONB's Jenny Phelps. Also our 360 hours of work on the Beacon last season are credited at £10 an hour when we apply for external funding. So

Working parties

We have been pleased to welcome new faces already this season. But we would like even more, of course. Our gangers John and Clare have asked for the diary of work days to be amended so they get alternate weeks off. So please note that up to the New Year our Sunday mornings will be November 4 and 18, December, 2, 16 and 30. See also the Village Diary.

David Allott

ArchiTecs



Last month's parapet was, of course, part of the parapet on Beacon House, in New Street - the fine Grade I listed building.

Not so obvious this month, but as near to the centre of the village as one might get. Should you need half a clue "... is next to Godliness".

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Golf Club - stewards

Peter and Judith Curtis are the new Stewards at the Golf Club, Judith having taken on the catering side, and Peter the bar.

Judith has a wealth of experience across some 30 years. She ran her own catering business in Gloucester for ten of those years, catering for private dinners, corporate business lunches, weddings and hospitality marquees at such as the Cheltenham Cricket Festival. More recent experience has been specialising in setting up catering establishments, including Staunton Garden Centre and two pubs in Newent as catering manager and head chef. A short spell away from the kitchen at the Three Choirs restaurant gave Judith front-of-house experience.

As their advertisement in these pages indicates, Peter and Judith want to welcome and encourage local people, social members and walkers to use the club for lunches, afternoon teas as well as dinners. Evenings are subject to diary entry, so do book ahead - including Christmas Day!

1000 Trees Plant a tree for Gloucestershire's millennium

Gloucestershire 1000 is delighted to be working in partnership with The Woodland Trust, the UK's leading woodland conservation charity, to encourage everyone to plant or sponsor a tree to celebrate the county's 1000th birthday.

The aim is to plant 1000 trees across the county as a lasting legacy of the millennium celebrations.

You can contribute to the grand total by either planting a tree or making a donation towards a pack of trees being planted by a Gloucestershire school or community group. Check out the 1000 Trees Information Pack to find out more.

- Why not plant a tree with your children/grandchildren to encourage an interest in the natural world? Add it to the grand total on our website.
- Thanks to The Woodland Trust's Tree For All campaign, community groups can apply for a grant to help with their tree planting.
- If you're a company, why not add a link on your website letting people know that you're making a donation towards 1000 Trees for every item sold?
- You could even grab a spade and team up with your local community group to help them with their tree planting!

Please talk about this with friends and colleagues who might want to make a difference to Gloucestershire's future and do get in touch if you need more information.

Happy digging!

1000 Trees is made possible by the generous support provided by UCAS, The Woodland Trust and the University of Gloucestershire.

*Laura Fleming, Project Co-ordinator Gloucestershire 1000
University of Gloucestershire, Hardwick Administration Centre, St Paul's Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 4BS*

PROPERTY REPORT for October from Murrays

HIPs NEWS - THREE MONTHS ON!

As we all know a home information pack became a legal requirement for properties being placed on the market for sale from the 1st August for properties with four or more bedrooms and is now also a requirement for three bedrooomed properties too. By the end of the year we expect it will apply to nearly all residential homes. Properties placed on the market before these deadlines do not require a HIP until the end of the year but you are still free to change agents during that period without having to invest in a HIP as long as you have not taken your property off the market.

It is hard to judge as yet what affect the introduction of HIPs is having on the market. Our valuations requests are very much the same, with many new instructions promised and expected, but we are busy agents and I believe that it is agents like ourselves who were prepared

and are already successfully and quickly producing HIPs for our properties that will see little change. It will be those who left it until the last minute and are still struggling to find quality providers for their HIPs who will suffer and so, of course, will their clients.

Soon every property in the market will have a HIP, and I suspect soon, those who haven't got one will be disadvantaged. Buyers will be expecting a HIP with every property and in particular want to know what your properties energy performance rating is before they buy, so don't be surprised if you don't have to have a HIP done anyway before you can sell. At Murrays we include the cost of your HIP within our sole agency fee, which also includes your local search fees, Energy Efficiency Rating and Environmental Impact Rating, so why get left out in the cold, don't get stuck in the market until the New Year. If your resolved to sell your home you have nothing to lose, get it done

now and have peace of mind and an easier property to sell.

New Instructions for us include Linkside, a superb chalet bungalow with a large garden on the outskirts of Painswick, 12a Hyett Orchard, a two bedroom, two bathroom cottage, The Old Post Office, a charming cottage in the centre of Cranham, 50, Six Acres a very spacious five bedroom house in Upton-St-Leonards and Rowans, an exciting project in the Colony in Whiteway.

Properties that are currently under offer or Sold are Mary's Acre, Mary's Acre Building Plot, Highfield, 13 Gyde House, Court Cottage, Mermagen House, 4 Clattergrove Cottages 7 Churchill Way, 9 Berry Close, Windrush in Beacon Close and Roseleigh all in Painswick, Allanhay in Edge, Orchard Bungalow and Elmbank in Pitchcombe, Barley Mow in Slad, Winding Waters and Vermont in Cranham and Harefield Farm in Bird in Hand.

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NOVEMBER

Sun	4	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (location check B12700)	Painswick Beacon	8.30am to 1.00pm
Mon	5	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christ Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	6	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Yoga: Beginners welcome - Tuesdays - contact Emma 01453 840305	Christ Church Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon 10.00 to 1.15am
Wed	7	Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813011/Liz, 813130 Tennis Club AGM	Painswick Centre Broadham Pavilion	7.30 to 10.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	8	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dances - Thursdays	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	9	Country Market with coffee available and 10 Open Days Richmond Painswick	Town Hall Stroud Road	10.00am 10.00am to 4.00pm
Sat	10	Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair "The Tiler of Gloucester" - The Fargame Theatre Company - Tickets £5. Tel: 814130	Town Hall Edge Village Hall	9.45am to 12 noon 7.30pm
Sun	11	Remembrance Sunday Service	St Mary's Church	10.50am
Mon	12	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Purfins	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	13	Bird Club: Gardening for Wildlife - Helen Williams ARPS- Cards and pictures for sale.	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Probus: Early Ships - Mr Bill Cowie Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Stall for Ashwell House Day Centre Women's Fellowship: Scrap Booking - Lindsey Davis Churches Together Around Painswick AGM	Shire Room, Falcon Ashwell House Christ Church Hall Church Rooms	10.00am 10.30am to 12.00noon 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	15	Music Appreciation - Janacek	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	16	Friday Club: outing Filkins Cloth Mill and Burford Garden Centre		tea
Sat	17	Copy deadline for December Beacon Christian Aid Coffee Morning and 18th, 24-25th Art Exhibition: 7 exhibitors (page 13) Trial by Jury (G & S Operetta) and other musical items by the Painswick Centre Painswick Singers	Town Hall Ashleigh (Gibs St) Painswick Centre	10.00am to 12noon 10.00am to 6.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	18	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (location check B12700)	Painswick Beacon	8.30am to 1.00pm
Mon	19	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Women's Fellowship	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	20	Music Appreciation Concert Orling to CBSO Local History Society: Aviation history in the Cotswolds - Pritchfort	Stamages Car Park Graham Croft School	4.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	23	Tennis Club Quiz	Broadham Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat	24	St Mary's Church Annual Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.00am to 2.00pm
Mon	26	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Mr & Mrs A Luck	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees WI: Annual Meeting and talk on Rocco Gardens - Paul Muir	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	28	Probus: Christmas Lunch Open Day: Three Gables - dental and holistic (page 14) Women's Fellowship social evening, bring & share supper Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM & Open Meeting - Wildflowers of Gloucestershire & Cotswolds - Rosemary Westgate	Cheltenham Road Christ Church Hall Town Hall	5.00pm to 8.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	30	Friday Club: 100 years of life in Painswick; David Archard	Town Hall	2.30pm

DECEMBER

Sat	1	December Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Annual Christmas Lunch for members & supporters of Constituency Labour Party (01452 814008) Salvation Army Brass Band - Seasonal Concert	Stroud Town Hall Painswick Centre	12.30pm 7.00pm
Sun	2	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (location check B12700)	Painswick Beacon	8.30am to 1.00pm



Mon	3	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	5	Coach to London E12. Enquiries 813885/813227 Theatre Club outing to Bath	Starnages Car Park The Falcon	8.30am 10.30am
Thu	6	Cotswold Care Support Group Christmas Dinner	Painswick Golf Club	7.00pm
Fri	7	Friday Club: Handbell Ringing – Steve Coleman	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	8	Music Appreciation Outing to Messiah	Teatlesbury Abbey	11a
Tue	11	Year Trees Wf: Spicecraft – Katherine Kear	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	12	Probus: Making Music - Leslie Burgess Women's Fellowship Carol Service	Shire Rooms, Falcon Ashwell House	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	13	Music Appreciation - Christmas Social	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	14	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch		
Sun	16	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (location check 812708) Painswick Singers Christmas Concert	Painswick Beacon Christ Church	8.30am to 1.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	30	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance Working Party (location check 812708)	Painswick Beacon	8.30am to 1.00pm

JANUARY 2008

Wed	9	Probus: Cotswold Canals – Bruce Hall	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	10	Music Appreciation - Chopin	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Sun	13	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (location check 812708)	Painswick Beacon	8.30am to 1.00pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: A Briggs / Archard production!	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	23	Probus: Building a Medieval Cathedral - Peter Peirie	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	24	Music Appreciation Outing to Boummouth Symphony Orchestra, Colston Hall, Bristol	Starnages Car Park	5.00pm
Sun	27	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (location check 812708)	Painswick Beacon	8.30am to 1.00pm

FEBRUARY

Sat	2	and 3rd Painswick Players 'Snow White and Seven Not Particularly Tall People' (page 13)	Painswick Centre	2.30pm and 7.30pm
Thu	7	Cotswold Care Support Group Music Appreciation: Great Opera Houses of the World	Ashwell House Cotswold Room	2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	6	Probus: Air Force Banders - Norman Brown	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	16	St Valentine's 'Too Hot to Handle'	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Tue	19	Bird Club: Wildlife encounters in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean – Dr Richard Sale Local History Society: Local properties and the work of the National Trust – Paul Rutter	Town Hall Croft School	2.15pm 7.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Wine Tasting - John Storer	Church Rooms	11.00am
Thu	21	Music Appreciation: Hi-Fi	Cotswold Room	7.30pm

MARCH

Wed	5	Probus: Architecture of the Mogul Empire - Leslie Dalton	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	6	Cotswold Care Support Group Music Appreciation: Ballet Music	Ashwell House Cotswold Room	2.30pm 7.30pm
Tue	11	Bird Club: Birds of Australia – Ged Cassell: followed by AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: The Railway that Never Was - J.M. Simmons	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	19	Probus: A look at Stained Glass - Richard Carr	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	20	Music Appreciation: Pictures in Music	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Sat	29	Painswick Music Society Concert - Llyr Williams, Piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm

APRIL

Wed	2	History of Junk - Roger Hennessey	Shire Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group Music Appreciation: Donizetti	Ashwell House Cotswold Room	2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	9	Music Appreciation Concert Outing: Welsh National Opera - Eugene Onegin	Bristol Hippodrome	7.00pm
Sat	12	Painswick Music Society Concert - Ashley Wass (piano) & Alexander Chausion (cello)	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm



PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council.

NEW APPLICATIONS

RUDGE COTTAGE, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE Erection of an extension and alterations

DOWNFIELD COTTAGE, BULLS CROSS, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of a wooden double garage.

CASTLE LODGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Installation of dormer windows to rear elevation and alteration of roof space.

THE LODGE, GYDE HOUSE, GYDE ROAD Erection of extension.

BEAMSLEY, CHELTENHAM ROAD Garage conversion and new detached garage.

THE VATCH HOUSE, THE VATCH, CATSWOOD LANE, SLAD Alterations to the dwelling house.

CHAPEL COTTAGE, THE GREEN, EDGE Creation of gable roof & replacement doors.

Land at MARY'S ACRE, STAMAGES LANE Erection of a detached dwelling & garage.

WASHBROOK MILL, EDGE Erection of 3 storey extension, double garage & annexe. External landscaping.

DORMER COTTAGE, BUTT GREEN Erection of a conservatory.

CONSENT

COURT HOUSE, HALE LANE Erection of new walls, removal of old wooden garage and lean to car port.

THE DOREYS, EDGE ROAD, EDGE Erection of a 2 storey extension.

9 CANTON ACRE New access, extensions and alterations.

DAMSELLS FARM Additional rooflight. TPO 15, PARADISE Remedial works to beech tree.

WASHWELL FARM, CHELTENHAM ROAD Erection of an agricultural storage barn.

NUTGROVE HOUSE, NEW STREET Renovation of railings and erection of dwarf wall.

REFUSAL

BARN AT STEANBRIDGE LANE, SLAD Conversion of barn to holiday let accommodation. (Resubmission following Refusal 06/3030/COU)

DAMSELLS MEWS Erection of coach house.

WASHBROOK MILL, EDGE ROAD, EDGE 2 storey and single storey extensions.

XMAS FAYRES in Sheepscombe

Sunday 2nd December is an early opportunity to join in the fun and excitement of one of the highlights of the Christmas season in Sheepscombe, when FOSS and Sheepscombe School brings you the Christmas Fayre at the village hall between 12.00 and 3.00pm.

Be aware - among other attractions are light lunches, tea and cakes, and super opportunity to buy home produce, handmade presents, book and jewellery, wrapping paper and cards. Yes - a certain Santa will be 'present' in his grotto.



Pauline Lindeque

and Cranham

As you know, we have a Arts and Crafts Fayre at Cranham Village Hall in November each year to raise monies for the upkeep of the Hall.

This year the Fayre will be on Sunday 18th November, from 10.00am through to 4.00pm.



In addition to a wide range of traditional and not so traditional crafts, we have hot and cold refreshments on sale all day, including a variety of home made soups.

The range of exhibitors we hope will include: WILLOW BASKETWARE, INDONESIAN CRAFTS, HAND MADE JEWELLERY & PAINTED GLASS, CERAMICS, CANDLES, OIL PAINTINGS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, CUSHIONS & TEXTILES, WATER COLOUR PAINTINGS AND PRINTS, HAND CRAFTED POTTERY, DECOUPAGE PICTURES.

Admission to the Fayre is free but we do have a raffle prize of a Large Christmas Hamper and like to encourage visitors to try their luck by buying ticket!

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MINI-ADS

Two students working in Painswick from January to end March 2008 are looking for accommodation for that time. Please contact sbabler@student.ethz.ch (This is a corrected reprint. Ed.)

Red and white chess set wanted, privately. 812156

Two bedroom flat to let - part of 17C mill house; good parking, garden, use of tennis courts, idyllic location. Ring 812245 or 07970.448426

MINI-ADS - As from next month, there will be a flat charge of £5.00 for non-commercial mini-ads, maximum of 30 words, paid for (by cash or cheque payable to The Painswick Beacon) in advance. Please send money with mini-ad to Dermot Cassidy, 1 Painswick Heights, Yokehouse Lane, GL6 7QS.

Do you know your own children?

There have been a number of break-ins recently reported to me by Painswick residents who have been walking along the alley-way between the recreation field and the centre of the village and witnessed young people on our green and in the summer house. Reports have included bike riding on the green, and from inspection, these youngsters have been hitting golf balls and taking out divots from the green and also poking sticks into the green (may be from a spear type activity?)

Our green is reasonably well secured and gates or fences have to be climbed to gain entry. There is no evidence of attempted break-ins to the locked buildings. However, the summer house is not locked as it contains only garden furniture. A recent development has been that the youngsters have thrown out and broken the furniture and are using this summer house as a meeting place to smoke and eat crisps & sweets. However this has now escalated into what looks like butane gas abuse.

This is very serious and has been reported to the police. The evidence is a used butane blowlamp. Some one, perhaps a father, must be missing this blowlamp. I would like to appeal to parents to know where their children are and what they are up to.

With such an excellent recreation field, why do children have to vandalise our green?

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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to KATIE and MORRIS MAY on the birth of a son on 11th September, Douglas William Keanie, a brother for Cressida, Angus and Gregor; a fourth grandchild for Robin and Stephanie Grayson,

and also our congratulations to TOBY and JANE RICHARDS on the birth of their son Alexander Edward Campling on 30th September, a fifth grandchild for Margaret and the late Rev. Peter Richards.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to JUNE and KEITH CRANE on their Golden Wedding on the 26th October.

Canadian visitor

HELENDUNLOP, who came to Painswick every year for 13 years, staying a couple of months, was back again in October for a short visit. Helen is one of our most distant postal subscribers.

Lucy Lee

Claire Haines tells us that LUCY LEE, who was a resident of Cranham, came to live in Berry Close towards the end of her life. Now her nephew Jonathan and his wife have moved into Cloth Hall recently.

Nonagenarians

Congratulations to QUEENIE BALLINGER (top right) who celebrated her 90th birthday on 19th October,

also to DORRIE CHILD (joined by Bernard at a Puffins morning) who was ninety on 8th October,

and to PEGGY PERRINS, (bottom right) belated congratulations

on her 90th birthday on 11th September.



Personal messages

Louie Robinson would like to thank friends and neighbours for cards and inquiries during her recent stay in hospital. She is now improving.

Fran Halliday would like to thank her friends for the many cards and visits while she was in both the Gloucester and Stroud Hospitals recently. Thanks also for all support everyone has given Eddie during this time. A very special thank you to Gladys and John for their prompt action at the time. I don't think I will be 'Bungee jumping' again.

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to TED BURGE, ANGELA HUDSON, LOUIE ROBINSON, JUNE CRANE and LUNA CAMPBELL who have all been ill recently.

House moves

ANNE SMITH has moved into Hyett Orchard from Painswick Heights, and Mr and Mrs CORLEY from Edge to Richmond Painswick.

Deaths

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of DEB WILSON, NANCY ASHBY, GEORGINA STONE and JOY SHAW who have died recently.

Comings and goings

Welcome to Mr and Mrs (CHRIS and AMY) LEIVERS who have come to live in Queensmead from Billericay in Essex,

and Mr and Mrs BARFOOT who have moved into Marlowe in Edge,

and Mr ALEXANDER THORPE, now living at Highgrove,

and GWEN GORTON in Richmond Painswick.

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