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Post office



The Chairman of the Parish Council, Terry Parker, read a statement to the Council when it met last week; one with which they wholeheartedly concurred. It summarises much of the current position thus: "Parishioners will have been relieved to have seen the absence of Painswick Post Office from the list of proposed Post Office closures in Gloucestershire.

Nationally some 2,500 offices are to be closed in both rural and urban areas. The details of the closures were announced on 5th February with a six-week period of public consultation during which local communities will have the chance to comment before a final decision is made.

It is very important that parishioners do not become complacent because our Post office is not in the list of closures. The need to support the Post office is greater than ever and should be a priority for us all.

The Post Office provides a range of services. It is worth looking at what the range comprises. Vehicle taxation is just one such service from which many local people benefit. You may well be surprised at the number available to you!"

Photograph by our in-house 'Biggles' taken as contractors were clearing the site just before re-opening of the highway.

Traffic flows at last

Friday 15th February has to be one of those days to remember; the day when the cars - and a few lorries - began to pass through the village in numbers last seen over six months ago.

Celebrations greeted the event. The church bells rang out and bunting appeared as if from nowhere, as did the press and other media types from far and wide; we are indebted to the Citizen for our action photograph. The Parish Council, aided by the Country Market, laid on coffee and cakes with the cost being met by the Parish and District Councils. Local residents seemed to have got wind of this largesse and flocked to enjoy the occasion. Celebrations continued at The Falcon with Radio Gloucestershire's lunchtime edition from there by courtesy of the proprietor John Pearson.

We moved around the village centre (after sampling the cake) and invited comments which, in terms of frequency of expression, were such as:

**'Fantastic' 'Marvellous' 'Seeing is believing'
'Delighted' 'Mixed blessing' 'Stroud - here I come'
'Vibrant village restored' 'Good for Painswick'
'Good for Wick Street and Wades Lane'**

Among these spontaneous observations were tributes to the County Council for 'making it all happen',



and to Marcus Anning - the Project Manager - who had the unenviable task of withstanding pressures and 'experts' from all directions while overcoming difficulties and delivering completion precisely on time.

Further, there were hopes expressed that the seriously damaged lanes, 'rat runs' during these six months, would be sensitively restored - not only the road surfaces and their numerous pot-holes, but the verges and their diverse flora and fauna. Meanwhile public opinion has increasingly been

expressing support for permanent restriction of HGV which needlessly use the A46 as an alternative to the motorway. Much has already received local attention, and a petition to HM Government (*see below*) closes next week.

A46 Petition

There has been a good response by people in and around Painswick to the petition to government to have the A46 reclassified as a "B" road. Following the article on page 5 of the February Beacon where Terry Parker, Chairman of the Parish Council, made the point that any weight restrictions on the A46 should be matched by restrictions on neighbouring through routes (the A4173 through Edge and the B4070 through Slad) and discussions with two Edge residents, we have amended the petition to

include the following sentence:

In order that the problems of the A46 are not merely shifted, the A4173 (Stroud Road, Edge) and B4070 (Slad Road) must also become subject to weight restrictions.

New petition forms have been prepared to include this sentence and are available for completion at the Post Office, the Pharmacy, Londis and the Royal Oak. The closing date has been extended until the 9th March. If you have already signed the original petition, you do not have to do so again.

If you disagree with the new sentence, please phone 814548 and your name can be removed.

Charles Dorman

On other pages this month: Entries for the Village Quiz, analysis of that pantomime, up-coming elections, attractions of Alexander, some promises in Sheepscombe, gardeners still knitting, live music starting, surgery with the Police, a Fairtrade boost, lots of birds around the globe, a surprising encounter, craftsmen exhibiting and our appeal for subscriptions.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Nutgrove House - wall

What has been a continuing saga regarding the material upon which the fine new railings are now perched outside this New Street property, seems to have come to an end. The District Council are adamant that their experts regard the walling as fine Cotswold stone, as specified in the planning application and permission; the Parish Council are totally convinced, from their own experts, that the material is reconstituted stone complete with air bubbles. The committee will communicate their firm position to the District Council, if only for the record and posterity.

Lighting - various

The committee spent a few minutes discussing lighting matters.

That relating to **Richmond Painswick** is regarded as within permitted planning guidance, and the high level lighting on the roof garden leading to staff accommodation is now extinguished at 11.00pm to the satisfaction of the nearest neighbour.

At **Three Gables**, where this had greatly exercised committee members, the lights are now switched off much earlier in the evenings.

Large security lights now in situ at **Catbrain Quarry** seem to be to reinforce security while work is in progress to tidy up the quarry area, itself a fact welcomed by committee members.

(See also Street Lighting column 3)

Street naming and numbering

The committee considered proposals currently under review by the District Council, being particularly interested in the light of some local controversy in such matters in recent times.

In respect of in-fill properties it was agreed to support the option which calls for a letter suffix where only a small number of new properties, up to say 3, is affected. Thus there could be an existing number 10 with new properties numbered 10A, 10B and 10C. Where the number of in-fill properties exceeded this number, the proposal was that they should have a distinct name with a number related to that name but still addressed to the same street/road. These properties would have their own postcode different to the adjoining properties. They would also require signage to differentiate them from the surrounding properties.

Well, now you know.

PARISH COUNCIL

Public session

The 15 minute period in which residents may raise matters with the Council.

Vicarage Street - parking

Three residents of Vicarage Street, mindful of the discussions which had taken place in the Traffic Committee on 23rd January, attended and spoke about the intention to remind the County Council's Highways Department of their undertaking over two years ago to write to all residents in this

street about considerate parking.

The understanding expressed by Stephanie Moulton on behalf of the group was that residents she knew in the lower stretch of the street were very cooperative in wanting to ensure that cars parked close to their properties at no time obstructed the free passage of emergency vehicles; the consensus was that any obstructions were mainly in the upper part of the road between Bisley Street and Whitehorse Lane - sometimes causing very real difficulties for such as delivery vehicles. The residents welcomed the intended survey/letter drop by GCC.

A46 reopening (and communications)

The Council expressed its appreciation of the achievement of completion exactly on time of the reopening of this roadway, and that such would be welcomed by the vast majority of residents and businesses. These sentiments would be conveyed to those most involved. Concurrently requests would be made for the complete restoration of the alternative routes used by vehicles in the past six months, not least along Wick Street, Wades Lane and Steppingstone Lane.

The continuing absence of direct communication between Shire Hall and the Parish Council upon matters of immediate concern was deplored and was in the process of examination as in breach of the mutually agreed Charter entered into by both parties. Members had previously stated their appreciation of County Councillor Mrs Joan Nash relaying information to the Parish Council. *(See A46- the next instalment on page 18).*

Feasibility study - community halls

Chairman Terry Parker reported that Members who were available had met on the previous Monday with Barbara Pond, the Village Halls officer of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, to discuss the concept of advancing a feasibility study of usage of the main halls used by the public in Painswick. It was reported that Ms Pond had advised not to proceed with a study at this time, but that the Parish Council initiate discussions with those managing Painswick Gateway and Painswick Centre in particular before making a decision as to how or whether to proceed. The Council endorsed that approach.

Cotswold Way - interpretation centre

The Chairman reported that he and Leslie Brotherton had, that afternoon, attended a meeting of representatives with projects in Gloucestershire and the Severn Vale, and Stroud and Tewkesbury Districts in particular, seeking funding from the EU and DEFRA through the South West Regional Development Agency. They reported that this village's proposal *(reported in detail page 3 of the December Beacon)* remains on the table, although the prospect of a combined set of projects as submitted to SWRDA obtaining funding is far from assured. Further meetings are planned and the Cotswold Way Interpretation Centre and its associated work would be very strongly

represented. Mr Parker affirmed his view that the local scheme 'ticked all the boxes' of meeting the criteria for funding, and Mr Brotherton pointed out that the key word being used was 'footfalls', the extent to which visiting people made their way into this village and made use of its shops and businesses.

Summer Event 2008

Martin Slinger reported that the organisers of the Dog Show had welcomed the suggestion that it be the occasion to extend arrangements under the Council's auspices to have a summer event on the Recreation Field in July - the date to be announced.

Trader notices on pavements

The Council received a letter from local resident Harold Wood who was concerned that some notices deployed by traders, seeking to catch the eye of the public, were placed upon pavements and which caused obstruction to the free movement of those with disabilities or wheeled mobility aids. It was agreed to request consideration from those concerned but members were sympathetic to the recent pressures on traders caused by the A46 closure.

Painswick Gateway - policy

The Chairman reported that the Chairman of the Painswick Gateway Trustees, Edward Young, had been in correspondence with him in an endeavour to clarify the policy of the Council towards this project. He reminded Members that he had written on behalf of the Parish Council to the County Council indicating the Parish Council's support for the Gateway project in a letter of April 2007. He explained that in the now further advanced circumstances the Trustees were seeking an indication of the measure of the Council's support.

Some Members expressed reservations about the financial projections in the Business Plan but, upon Terry Parker's proposition, it was unanimously agreed that 'the Council is supportive of the concept as set out'.

Street lighting - extinguishing

Mr Slinger reported that he was awaiting copy of a map being prepared by the County Council which would indicate their suggestions as to which street lights might be turned off during parts of each night to reduce light pollution, cost, and carbon footprint factors.

Once received such could form the basis of public consultation.

Traffic matters

Arising from the recent meeting of the Traffic Committee Ann Burges Watson presented recommendations to the Council, the following being approved:

- again request the GCC to write to residents of Vicarage Street and Whitehorse Lane
- requesting update of prioritising of a pedestrian crossing integral to the traffic lights in New Street
- undertaking a review of street signage in the village
- requesting GCC undertake a full review of parking along Bisley Street

- to request GCC investigation of surface water drainage on the carriageway near The Park
- request extension of the raised area in front of the stocks in St Mary's Street to ensure no parking into the roadway
- to consider the ways in which pedestrians might be better protected in Victoria Street and whether a one-way system for traffic might be introduced.

Water Course Warden

The Council heard that the District Council is promoting the concept of Parish Watercourse Wardens. The wardens would be responsible for ensuring that watercourses were not obstructed and, among other responsibilities, disseminating information about flooding and flooding control.

Footpath - Stamages Lane to A46

Ann Daniels reported that the County Council was actively entering into the process for adoption of this permitted walkway as a registered footpath.

Manorial land - Slad

Norrie Curtis reported that Amoury Blow had met with Parish Councillors to clarify

Neighbourhood Warden

Carol Novoth is the new Neighbourhood Warden for Painswick, Upton St Leonards and Brookthorpe with Whaddon.

Carol tells the Beacon that she has lived in the Stroud District all her life and is familiar with the District. She says "I am pleased to be a Neighbourhood Warden as it offers the opportunity to meet and help local people".

The Stroud Neighbourhood Warden service covers a range of community concerns; some of the concerns that have been raised around the District include dog fouling, anti-social behaviour, vandalism, racial incidents, graffiti, fly tipping, fly posting, abandoned vehicles, street lighting and, community safety for the elderly and the vulnerable.

Carol said "If you have a concern and feel I may be able to help, please let me know. You can reach me on either 07970.250343 or 01453.754512 or Email carol.novoth@stroud.gov.uk

I hope to meet as many people as I can over the coming months to familiarise myself with local issues".

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Any change in May?

Local elections loom, and Thursday 1st May is the date to note.

All twelve Parish Council seats fall vacant this year, and one on the District Council.

Whether this matters depends upon your point of view. It is so easy, as many do, to blame 'them' when things are not going the way we would prefer; to attribute shortcomings as we see them to lack of vision, inspiration or sheer competence among the 'powers that be'. Such inferences, of course, that 'they' lack the qualities we ourselves have.

There is a very simple way to rectify such an outlook, and that is to make oneself available to serve on this first or second tier of local government. If that is tactfully avoided, the next step is at least to turn out and vote for (or against) someone else who has the courage of their convictions and willingness to discharge important services on behalf of our community.

If you are mulling over these remarks some facts may interest you:

- Painswick Parish Council comprises four Wards, with 'seats' roughly proportionate to their population
 - Edge 1
 - Sheepscombe 2
 - Slad 2
 - Painswick 7
- Council meetings are monthly, sometimes with intervening committee meetings
- Service is for four years 2008 to 2012
- Candidates must complete a nomination form, available after 15th March from the Parish Council office or the District Council at Ebley
- Completed forms must be returned to the Returning Officer at Ebley Mill by noon on Friday 4th April
- Nomination and candidature for the District Council, for which one of the two local posts falls vacant this year, follows the same timetable
- The Parish Council earnestly hopes that there will be more candidates than seats, this so that there is a contest - and hence democratic selection by the electorate
- The election will be held on 1st May, with voting booths open between 7.00am and 10.00pm
- To qualify as a candidate at least one of the following must apply:
 - be registered as a local government elector for the administrative area of the civil Parish
 - during the whole of the twelve months preceding completion of the nomination form, occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the Parish
 - been employed in the Parish, or
 - during the whole of the last twelve months resided in the Parish or within 4.8 kilometres of it.



Elections are held across all four wards, and beyond, for District Councillor, but in each of these wards for Parish Council only if - as is hoped - there are more candidates than seats.

Such are the publication dates for the Beacon that, regrettably, we will not be able to carry the names of those who have offered themselves for election. Indeed, it is not until June that we can report anything significant - the outcome as declared after the votes are counted as they will be on Friday 2nd May in the Subscription Rooms in Stroud.

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Village Quiz

A true tussle on its way, as intellects and intuition are brought to bear on obtuse or plain obvious questions in this year's Village Quiz.

The Beacon has been proud to organise this annual quiz night, and the more so when the maximum number of teams are squeezed into Painswick Centre.

Early arrival is recommended, the doors will be open at 6.45pm on Saturday 8th March, and a start made on the first round of questions at 7.15. We're not quite sure when it will end, but breakfast at home is probable.

For those who fancy knowing who they are up against, read on; entries and their competition names are:

Conservation Society
Italian Group
Bowls Club
Jolly Stompers Dance Group
Richmond
Painswick Music Society
Dog Walking friends
Short Mat Bowling Club
Local History Society
Niels Jensen
Beacon Conservation Group
Sandra Glass
Ancient Society of Painswick Youths

Painswick Centre
Horticultural Society

Paradise residents
Badminton Club
Book Club
David Gunton
Dave Carlile & friends
Pat Francis and the Rump
Woods and friends
Friday Club
Valerie Sharpe and friends



The Conservators
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Green Bowlers
The Coasters
The Richmond Revellers
Key Notes
Four Wags
Natty Matty Bowlers
The Searchers
Village Idiots
The Slashers
3 glasses and a bottle of plonk
Quasimodos
Esmeraldas
PC Trustees
Seeds and Weeds
The Has Beans
Los Paradisos
The Shuttles
Bookworms
Penny Pieces
The Anglo Scottish Alliance
The Rear Enders
4th Century
The Recycled Teenagers
Three and One



Charles Dorman

30 years of Beacons

As we change the Volume and Number on the front page each month it does occur to us that the months and years are sliding by.

This month is no exception as this issue brings no fewer than 30 years of publication of a voluntary newspaper to a close. Maybe this is an opportunity to remind readers that the committee are committed to ensuring, as best they can, that everyone who lives in this village of Painswick is well informed of what is 'going on' around them - our essential purpose being to communicate information about community activities.

To achieve this end we are almost completely reliant upon you, individual readers and those who help organise our numerous activities, to pass news to us so that it can find its way into our pages. Our task is to make sure those pages contain as much as possible and, in one way or another, that 1550 copies reach everyone who lives here or who wants to remain in touch if they live elsewhere.

So, an opportunity to thank all who are so supportive of this endeavour, whether directly as a subscriber to cover our costs or a contributor of what could be described as a record of living history.

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Painswick's Fairtrade Certificate

Last month's Beacon carried the news that Painswick's bid to become a Fairtrade Village had been successful and that it was planned that the certificate should be presented to the Parish Council by our local MP, David Drew, during Fairtrade Fortnight and on the same day as the Croft School's annual Fairtrade Coffee Morning and, coincidentally, the Women's World Day of Prayer.

The programme of events for the morning of 7th March is as follows.

The Croft School will hold its Coffee Morning from 9.30-11.00am at which Fairtrade coffee and tea will be served and cakes and biscuits (made by the children with fairly traded ingredients) will be on sale.

Shortly after 11.00am a group of children and adults, accompanied by David Drew MP will process, carrying banners and balloons, to the Town Hall where David Drew will present the certificate showing Painswick's Fairtrade Village status to Terry Parker, Chairman of the Parish Council.



After that there will be some refreshments, including a celebration cake (again made with fairly traded ingredients).

We hope that the local media will be in attendance and that as many people as possible will come and join us either at the School or the Town Hall or both.

Alison Robinson

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Leap Day - Reawakening

Friday 29th February sees the reopening of the Fiery Beacon gallery following their annual winter closure.

To celebrate the new season they will be focussing on the work of potter Louise Darby. Louise is based across the border in Warwickshire and is well known for her finely thrown stoneware and porcelain.

"It is fantastic to be able to display a selection of Louise's work in the gallery. Her work is characterised by her stylised images of plants and animals, which are cut into the leather hard pottery prior to firing" says proprietor Janet Groves.

"We also have a selection of photographs from Louise illustrating our spring reawakening theme alongside new work from some of our regular artists."

Our local spa

In response to a number of requests from local people, Richmond Painswick is offering local residents over the age of 50 the chance to experience the Wellness Spa at Richmond Painswick.

On offer is a Spa Day which includes full use of the Spa, Gym and Pool, coffee or tea on arrival and 3 course lunch in the Rooftop Restaurant, as well as a choice of one of four treatments – mini facial, manicure, pedicure or back, neck and shoulder massage. The special offer price is only £49.50 per person. Additional treatments are available at a 10% discount, subject to availability.

For further information regarding the Spa Days or membership of the Wellness Spa, call Bev, Rachel or Simone on 810211.

A retiring lady?

Ann is finally hanging up her physio hands!!

Ann Williams has cajoled, persuaded and encouraged people to keep moving since arriving in Painswick from Harley Street in 1984. Those who have experienced Ann's magic "fixing techniques" will realise that it is not just her hands but her infectious laugh and joie de vivre as she persuades you to go that extra inch, that have endeared her to her patients.

Ann was certainly not the first physiotherapist in Painswick - some of you will remember Margaret Measures - nor will she be the last as Five Valleys Physiotherapy Clinic of Stroud, who some of you are already familiar with, are taking a treatment room at the Wellness Spa at Richmond Village.

As for Ann's treatment room, it's going to be turned into a hobby room, painting and embroidery. That's in between the French

classes, Russian Art appreciation, Friday Club, Rococo Garden duties and book club to mention a few.

We're sure there are many readers who will want to wish Ann the very best wishes for her retirement.



H & A = coffee

Helen and Anne's spring coffee morning is on Saturday the 8th March from 9.45am to 12 noon.

Our Main charity this year is the STROKE ASSOCIATION with donation to the Church of Our Lady & St Thérèse and to Father Franco in Papua New Guinea.



Raffle, cakes including roulades (why not order in advance?!), bric-a-brac, books and plants. All donations of money, raffle prizes or goods will be

gratefully received.

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and home made biscuits will be served.

The STROKE ASSOCIATION is the only National charity solely concerned with helping everyone affected by stroke. A stroke does not discriminate on ground of age or gender. Information leaflets will be available.

Entrance £1.50, including coffee, children free.

We have been given a Poole Pottery Plate to sell - ECLIPSE COLLECTION by Alan Clarke No 1639 of a limited edition of 1999 commemorating the eclipse of 11/08/99; in pristine condition still in the original box. Current value circa £50: any offers?

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Alexander Technique comes to Painswick!

Rachel Stevens MSTAT has been teaching the Alexander Technique for over 20 years and from March will be working from the Wellness Spa at Richmond Painswick. This will certainly shorten the journey for existing Painswick clients, no longer needing to travel to Rachel's home village of Frampton on Severn.

"I love the Alexander Technique. It has corrected my posture, improved my health and changed my life." Alec McCowen CBE, actor.



What is the Technique and who can it help?

Rachel tells the Beacon, "Alexander sessions help us to become more aware of our bodies, our tension patterns and our postural habits. Sessions are therapeutic but also educational in that we are learning what not to do and how to apply our new thinking to everyday life activities from gardening to sitting at our desks, driving the car, dealing with life's stresses etc.

It is especially helpful for chronic pain sufferers and those with lower back and neck problems. Find out more about the Alexander Technique at www.backcareandposture.co.uk"

Rachel is offering free taster sessions on 12th and 19th March. You will need to phone to book up on 813902.

First LONDON - then BATH

Seats are still available on the coach to London on Wednesday 19th March, with the modest fare of £12.50 return. The outward journey starts at 8.30am from Stamages Lane car park, and returns at 6.30pm from Northumberland Avenue.



A coach has also been arranged to go to Bath on Wednesday 16th April with only an £8.00 fare. Outward journey starts at 10.00am, returning from Bath at 5.00pm.

Bookings for both outings may be by cash or cheques payable to 'Painswick L & B Outings' from Joan Truman, Little Place, Hollyhock Lane GL6 6XH. Telephone enquiries to Joan on 813965 or Pauline Berry on 813227.

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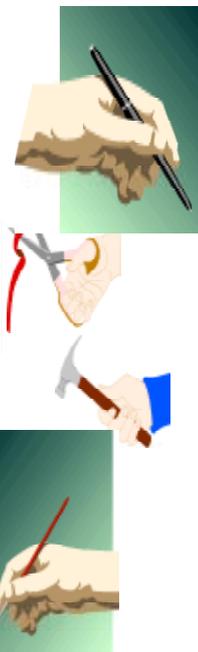
For the time being, the old address (painswickbeacon@supanet.com) will also continue in operation.

Crafty show-stoppers

In order to give members good time to prepare their entries, here is an advance listing of twelve items to be included in the Handicraft Section of the Society's Show on Saturday 13th September.

- A Humpty Dumpty - sewn
- A knitted baby's jacket
- A painted plate
- An animal doorstop
- An embroidered butterfly
- A shopping bag - using recycled materials
- A painting entitled 'Roses'
- A card for a 21st birthday
- A photograph of your favourite pot or planter
- A photograph - anything from nature 'Old is Beautiful'
- A photograph of children at play
- A photograph of a sporting activity

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Student Art

Jane Garbett is hosting an exhibition of her students' work on Saturday 29th March from 11.00am to 4.00pm at her studio.

Jane will appreciate your visiting to support the artists, none of whom have exhibited before. Fifteen students are taking part; they meet once a week and work on all aspects of painting and drawing including life drawing, still life, landscape and portrait.

This promises to be an eclectic and exciting exhibition. The Studio address is Dover Mews, Vicarage Street, near the Friends Meeting House.



A Beacon from the past?

The Painswick Beacon archive is going on-line. As well as the current edition of the Beacon and the updated 2008 Painswick Directory, the Beacon website (www.painswickbeacon.org.uk) now also contains every issue of the Beacon since January 2005. Over the next few months, the intention is to gradually go further back in time, at least to 2002.

The Beacon website currently attracts around 350 'hits' a month from ex-Painswickians and past visitors from as far afield as Poland, Spain, France, Canada and South Africa.

1950s and 60s

An insight to 'those days' is provided by Martin Slinger.

The Police organised a trip most years to watch a rugby match at Twickenham. Travel was by train, with an extra carriage coupled to the rear of a scheduled service. One year all went well, until they came home. The rear carriage was short of the platform when it arrived in Stroud and, as the communicating door to the forward part of the train was locked all the passengers in the rear waited for the train to shunt forward. Imagine their frustration when it actually proceeded through to Gloucester. Fortunately the station staff there arranged for the 'express' service to Paddington to make an unscheduled stop at Stroud to complete the round trip.

Among the passengers on such a trip were my father, the Rev Heal, Vicar of Painswick, and many other friends.

After a game they would visit the members' lounge bar. The Rev Heal would sometimes leave his dog collar off, in which case the language of fellow drinkers could be quite rowdy. Over the years much amusement was caused by his putting his collar on or taking it off during the evening.

Street surgery

On 31st March from 12.00 - 15.00hrs, PCSO Linda Dey and PC Mark Wilson will be in Stamages Lane carpark with the Mobile Police Station. All members of the community are invited to visit and meet with their local police to advise on any issues or concerns they may have within the area.

Linda says "It would be great to meet as many people as possible on this day, so please feel free to pop along and say hello. Alternatively, the Police Information Point is now installed in the local post office in Painswick and there is a secure box where you can post messages to the local officers which are non urgent. We can also be contacted via our website by going to www.gloucestershire.police.uk and clicking on 'Neighbourhood Policing - Cotswolds and Stroud' or by phoning the contact centre on 08450.901234."

They are clearly very keen to directly receive local views, and Linda adds "We look forward to hearing from you".



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is our new, highly memorable email address. For the time being, the old address (painswickbeacon@supanet.com) will also continue in operation.

January boost

The crime figures reported by the Police to the Beacon for January make uncomfortable reading.

Consider the following (last month in brackets):

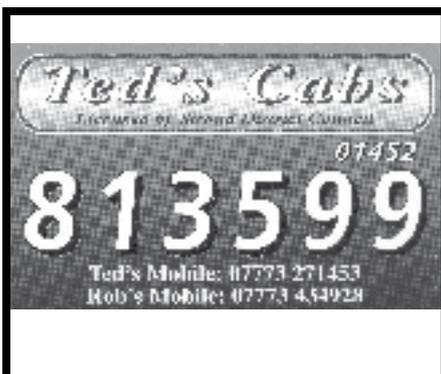
Criminal damage 3 (0)
Theft from motor vehicle 1 (1)
Theft of motor vehicle 1 (1)
Assault 0 (1)
Theft 1 (2)
Burglary 4 (2)
Burglary from non dwelling 3 (0)
Other 4 (2)
TOTAL 17 (9)

Not a pleasing piece of information, and even more uncomfortable when someone taps the side of their nose and says they know the busiest pair of hands involved.

Sheepscombe's Promises Auction

A notice to all supporters of St John's Church and Sheepscombe school: We are hosting a joint promises auction on Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm in Sheepscombe Village Hall. A wide range of 'goods' will be for sale - from pet holidays, gardening, home cooked meals and cakes to a fishing outing, long weekend at a fabulous Cornwall location (see www.summertide.co.uk for more details), tickets to a Status Quo concert, etc.

Contact Pauline Lindeque 814198 or John Todd 812016 for a full brochure.



Fair Trade and serving the community

Jottings from a school Newsletter to parents



Fair Trade Committee

Led by the Year 5 members of Class 5, we have established a Fair Trade Committee.

You may know that Painswick was recently given the status of Fair Trade village, and we will be doing our bit in school, aiming to become a Fair Trade school. We are very grateful to Iris McCormick for her help and support with this.

The committee members are:

Holly Perris	Catherine Taylor
Max Simpson	Joshua Mercer
Kitty Juggins	Toby Green
Charlotte Gamble	William Jollans
Ellie Gobey	James Slinger
Alex Gould	Olivia Holmes
Jane Taylor	Alice Bradley



The first job of the committee is to plan the Fair Trade coffee morning. All of the other children who expressed an interest in being on the committee will help to run the coffee morning, working in small teams. **Please come along and support them: put Friday 7th March in your diary 9.30 until 11.00am.**

Community Lunch

The children in Year 6 hosted the Community Lunch on Monday 11th February, in Christ Church Hall between 12.00 and 1.15pm. All were grateful to Mrs Towler and Mrs Jakeway for helping them with this. The children involved did an excellent job of table laying, waiting, serving and washing up. It was an excellent display of teamwork and their soups were widely described as delicious.



I was disappointed to hear that some of the regulars felt that they did not want to come as the lunch was being served by children. Please come along next year and be open to being surprised. The children were well behaved, pleased to serve members of our community and interested to talk to the people they met. We encourage them to be open to talking to, and learning from, older people. I believe that those of us who are older can gain as much from them.

(See our Letters column for comment by some not-so-young people. Ed.)



Rob Rees visits

On Friday 25th January, The Croft School was delighted to welcome Rob Rees, who many Painswickians will remember as the chef at the Country Elephant in Painswick some years ago. He gave a cookery demonstration to the whole school, cooking three different dishes, and passed around vegetables, herbs and spices for the children to feel, smell and taste. Afterwards he spoke to the Year 6 children at their 'Futures Club'.

This meets after school on Fridays and welcomes people who have a range of occupations and professions to hear about their work.

Our photograph shows, left to right, Lara Fair, James Slinger, Reece Morris and Eloise Allen with Rob and the dishes he cooked.

Janet Hoyle

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Egg Trail at the Rococo Gardens

The Committee at Painswick Playgroup are pleased to announce that they are organising another Easter Egg Trail at the beautiful Rococo Gardens.



This is the third time that the playgroup has organised this hugely popular event. Two years ago over four hundred people came from far and wide to enjoy this fun and different family day out.

The Easter Egg Trail is to be held on Good Friday 21st March from 1.00pm until 5.00pm. Entry is by ticket only, costing £4 if bought in advance or £5 on the door. Family tickets are also available at the cost of £15 for two adults and two children.

The ticket price includes entry to the Rococo Gardens and the Easter Egg Trail (there are a set of questions for the 5's and under, and another for 6-11 year olds). There are also free craft activities and face painting plus many other fun things to do.

Tickets are available from Olivas Delicatessen in Friday Street, or from Painswick Playgroup. Please call us on 813316 or email painswickplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

As Committee Chair, Jenni Rowlands said; "Our thanks go to Paul Moir and the Rococo Garden Trust for allowing the Playgroup to hold this event once again. It is a brilliant way of raising funds for the Playgroup".

Linda Yates 813765



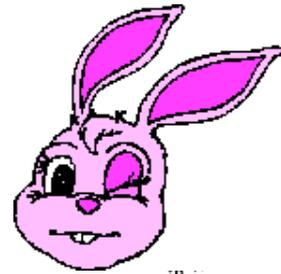
The safety of our children

Janet Hoyle tells the Beacon that they are urgently needing to appoint a community spirited person to be a School Crossing Patrol. If you are reading this and cannot offer your own services, maybe you could pass the information on to someone else?

The duties are for about 6 hours per week at £6.18 per hour, and during school term only.

Applicants need to be reasonably fit, aged above 18 years, and available at the start and end of the school day.

Janet will be very pleased, and relieved, to hear from you on 812479.



Coming to a screen near you

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (Cert 15)

Start at 7:30 pm, Wednesday 16th April in Painswick Centre.

Tickets £5 from The Chairman or on the door. Bar will be open before the Show. Please support this screening if you want to see films regularly in Painswick. More details next month! Any offers to help, please call

Ela on 813458 or Jane on 813228

Invitation to subscribe

The Beacon committee gratefully thanks all who have given us their support across the last year, advertisers, contributors, distributors and subscribers.

However, we must admit to being very disappointed that fewer than half of the households in Painswick village decided to make a subscription last year.

The Beacon is entirely dependent upon two sources of income – advertising (which, despite demand, we limit to 20% of space is each issue so that we can carry the maximum amount of your news items) and subscriptions. We have influence over advertising in that we set the rates, and very reasonable they are too.

We remain determined that every home receives the Beacon every month, so we do not fix subscription rates. We are sometimes asked "What is a typical subscription?" and have to say that we leave it to your own discretion. That said, and for guidance, the actual printing cost per issue is about 40p and we are appreciative of subscriptions which reflect that sum; typically we receive £6.00 - or more.

We hope that the Beacon you receive each month continues to be worthy of your support and that more households will subscribe. As usual, an envelope and subscription slip is enclosed with this copy of the Beacon. Cheques should be made payable to the Painswick Beacon and envelopes may be handed over the counter at the Painswick Post Office, or sent to Corbiere, Hollyhock Lane, Painswick, GL6 6XH.



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Local History Teaser



We've been experiencing some pretty cold weather recently but not quite on the scale depicted in this photograph. When was this and can you explain how those terrifying sword-like icicles formed from the guttering on the house?

Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's picture generated a great deal of interest and brought forth some very full responses. The lady was Virginia Woolf, or Adeline Virginia Stephen as she was then in 1897, aged 15. She is seen sitting on the steps at the front door of The Verlands which was the Old Vicarage at that time. Her half-sister, Stella, had died only three weeks earlier and her mother, Julia, two years before, as a result of which Virginia was probably suffering the first of many nervous illnesses. The photograph is taken from the book 'The Hidden Houses of Virginia Woolf and Vanessa Bell', spotted by Dr Jim Hoyland, and is from the Tate Gallery Archive.

Virginia Woolf made various references to her stay in Painswick in her diaries and autobiographical writings.

Many thanks to Susan Farrant, a frequent visitor to Painswick, and to Edward Young, a former custodian of The Verlands, for providing many interesting details.

...and the Local History Society

At the February meeting Mr Paul Rutter from the National Trust gave an enlightening presentation on the work of the Trust, its aims and its local properties.

The Trust's base at Ebworth was explained, a cluster of buildings with an interesting history and a remarkable woodland. There are no utilities there and he explained how they have developed a compost loo in keeping with environmental concerns. The aim generally of the Trust is not to mothball properties but to both conserve and invigorate them for people to use and appreciate.

Locally the Trust cares for some very important commons and wooded areas with a high level of conservation need. The emphasis is on managing the land to conserve grassland, plants, wildlife etc in order to keep it open. As he demonstrated, we have within a few miles of Painswick some very beautiful and historically important parkland, woods and buildings, Woodchester Mansion and Park, Newark House, Haresfield Beacon, Westbury Court Garden to name but a few.

On 18th March Jill Simmons returns to Painswick to explain the railway that never was. How different our valley might have looked!

Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell




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Calor 2008?

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council have just issued the 2008 Calor challenge, the one to which Painswick has responded with gusto in recent years - and done exceedingly well. The Parish Council will soon decide whether they should consider entering the 2008 Calor Gloucestershire Village of the Year competition. This year's launch took place at Chedworth, who were the overall winners in 2007.

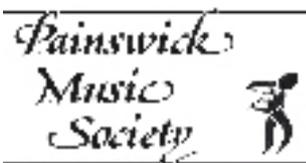
Any village with a population of less than 5,000 and a parish council or meeting may enter. Villages will be judged on up to eight categories, namely **Community Life, Business, Young People, Older People, the Environment, Information & Communication Technology (ICT), Healthy village and Safer village** with prize money totalling £4,500. The winners will be announced at a prestigious awards ceremony held at Highnam Court, Highnam, near Gloucester on Friday 18th July.

In addition to their regular sponsors, GRCC are pleased to announce a new prize, courtesy of the Citizen Newspaper. They will provide expert help and assistance to the winners of the 'Most Promising Website'.

B&Q in Gloucester have also again generously donated a fabulous gas powered barbecue for the Grand Prize Draw. Entries will need to be in by 28th April and will automatically be entered into this draw, with the prize to be presented at the awards ceremony in July.

"When you take part in something like this you learn so much about your own village. And at the end of the day, it's the people who really make a place special."

Llyr Williams comes to St. Mary's, Painswick on 29th March at 3.00pm after having attracted an impressive number of plaudits from the critics wherever he has performed and the list of international concert halls where, and symphony orchestra with whom these have taken place is astonishing for someone who is still only



32 years old. He toured the United States with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales a year ago and is in great demand worldwide. That he started learning the piano at the age of seven and had reached grade 8, the highest, before leaving primary school gives you some idea of his talent; his performances of a very wide range of the great composers' piano masterpieces are universally acclaimed. He also specialises in accompanying opera singers and is much sought after in that

connection. His programme on 29th March comprises the four Ballades of Brahms, Schumann's piano concert No.1, in four movements, and Chopin's four Ballades.

Tickets are £12, students £3, or £32 for all four concerts from Clare Haynes 812514. That represents great value for money – don't miss it.

Maurice Maggs

I once met . . .



In 1973 I travelled across Canada by train from Montreal to Vancouver, then by boat to Vancouver Island. On the ferry I found myself sitting next to Gervase de Peyer, the world renowned clarinettist. As a player he represents the continuation of virtuoso clarinet playing which dates back to Anton Stadler for whom Mozart wrote his great clarinet works. He was principal clarinettist with the LSO for 20 years and played with many chamber groups including the Mandelring Quartet who will be playing in Painswick on 10th May.

Imagine my amazement when, in 1974, I found myself working with him on the Music Cruise ship Uganda. There were 1,000 very musical young people on board, of whom 16 were mine. I was the ship's accompanist and when Gervase de Peyer agreed to give Master Classes on the Mozart Clarinet Concerto to two very talented boys, I was used as accompanist. He was a kindly but exacting teacher.

I was reminded of him again when he celebrated his 80th birthday with a concert at the Wigmore Hall on 4th April 2006.

Barbara Thorley

Up to Speed at The Royal Oak

There's a lot going on at The Royal Oak these days. Shelagh and Jonny are definitely working hard to make this a real village pub at the heart of Painswick, featuring special food and fun events.

The first Thursday of each month is Quiz and Chips night when you can pit your wits against the rest whilst tucking into home-cooked chips – surely an irresistible combination.

Friday night is fish night. Jonny loves cooking fish and produces a different range of exciting dishes each week, including shell fish. If you fancy oysters, all you have to do is phone the Oak and they will be ordered and prepared specially for you. Another introduction on to the menu is game, with home-made pies, stews and soups. These are already proving very popular. The Oak has a very good relationship with Stroud Brewery Ales and a range of good cask ales and local ciders is always available.

How do you fancy trying your hand in the kitchen? Sunday (any Sunday) is on offer as guest chef night to anyone who would like to strut their stuff in the kitchen. It does mean cooking for customers of course, but the Oak kitchen staff will be on hand to support you. Now there's a challenge, and if you feel you'd like to give it a go simply phone the Oak on 813129.

Whilst on the subject of food, look out for the revival of Painswick puppy dog pie. Curious? The story is available at the Oak.

Burns Night was a great success with special menu and local musicians Katie and Danny McCue on top form. Two more special musical nights with the McCues are planned for both 15 March, to celebrate St Patrick's Night, and St George's Day in April. In fact, there are various events coming up so it is worth keeping a regular eye on the boards outside for news. You'll probably spot something to cheer you during the long winter weeks.

Carol Maxwell

Great opera houses of the world

Beryl Bailey started our tour with the Bolshoi in Moscow. Her first illustration was a pavan by Prokofiev, from the ballet, Romeo and Juliet, and her second an aria from Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin. The Bolshoi is in need of repair, and Putin has promised to restore it. We then went on to Berlin, where the opera house was founded by Frederick The Great in 1742. It was bombed during the last War, restored, burned down and again restored. Beryl played us the beautiful Prelude to Act 1 of Lohengrin. She took us on to Vienna, another opera house which was rebuilt after bombing during the last War, and played a favourite waltz by Strauss. We then went to the new opera house in Paris, opened by Mitterand, and heard an aria from Bizet's Pearl Fishers, and then the Clog Dance from the ballet, La Fille Mal Gardée by Herold. Our last visit before the break was to La Scala in Milan, and we heard The Slaves' Chorus from Verdi's Nabucco and Frederico's lament from L'Arlesiana by Cilea.



On our resumption, we heard arias by Placido Domingo, in Madrid, and Joan Sutherland, singing two arias from Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor in the spectacular opera house in Sydney. We then crossed to The Metropolitan in New York, with extracts from West Side Story by Bernstein and the Handkerchief Duet from Othello. Finally, we were taken to the extensively modernised opera house in Covent Garden. There we heard Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes (Benjamin Britten), Thomas Allen singing an aria from Don Giovanni and Janet Bailey singing one from Eurydice by Gluck. The presentation ended with the Finale to Swan Lake, given at the Tribute to Margot Fonteyn.

It was an entertaining, varied and informative evening.

Richard Burges Watson

High Fidelity

The enhancement of music enjoyment using Hi-Fi reproducing equipment was fascinatingly demonstrated on 21st February by Robert Nichols, playing jazz and organ music on both an ordinary Lo-Fi machine and on his own sophisticated equipment. This he described in detail with excellent advice on where and what to buy without breaking the bank!

Ralph Kenber

Behind the scenes



Well it's all over now and the exhausted participants should be rested and ready for the next show! Lesley Wolowiec, the director, made a short speech on stage after the last performance thanking all those involved and some of the parents of younger cast members, hearing what she said, commented on the amount of hard work that goes on behind the scenes to put on a production like this. Actors, we know, have to learn their lines and how to act. When they get it right, when they know the audience is with them, the satisfaction is immense. When they get it wrong there are no excuses – just a disgruntled actor, a very disgruntled director and hopefully not a too disgruntled audience.

However the actors (35 in this production including non-speaking roles) are supported by a backstage crew of nearly the same number of people. Where do they get their satisfaction? The designers and makers of sets, costumes, props and so on do not get the buzz of the audience hanging on their every word or the laughter or applause. They know that their many hours of work have contributed either something essential to the impact of the production, or something whose absence would have made for a poorer show. Meanwhile the technical and backstage crew can also join in this sense of excitement during a performance though usually they are too busy making sure that everything that is supposed to happen does happen – and of course things go wrong!

Across this lattice of actors, makers and doers we can weave more threads:- the financial and time constraints, the availability of people with the required skills; providing training where necessary and finding and recruiting new people. Add to this, makeup, publicity, front of house, catering and so on. Often many of these people assume more than one role - set painting and front of house, acting and publicity are two examples. Also as the Painswick Centre is used by many groups, we have to fit rehearsal and set building round these other users. This frequently means rehearsal on the floor of the hall whilst technical staff work on stage or the techies working late into the night after rehearsals have finished. And I haven't even mentioned the techniques we use to persuade the actors to learn their lines ...



So here we have a group of about 70 Painswickians

who are willing to put on a pantomime written by a relatively "unknown" author (sorry Jack!) and hope that enough tickets will be sold at least to cover the costs. Why do we do it? The triumph of hope over experience? No – as Lesley said – it's the buzz. It's taking the risk. Painswick Players are here for all the people of Painswick and if you would like sometimes to stand close to the edge, come and join in.

A final point – even plays with a smaller cast list often require a similar level of support from our excellent backstage crews. However the society is actively looking at ways of providing dramatic entertainment which make less of a demand on these hard-working people. Ideas and contributions welcomed.

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Tennis

The Gloucestershire Lawn tennis Association held its inaugural Junior Tennis Awards evening at the end of January to celebrate a successful year for the county and to reward its top juniors. Ranking awards were presented to those ranked number one in the county for their age group at the end of 2007. Dan Omnes received the Under 14 boys' prize and Alicia Barnett the Under 14 girls'. George MacDuff was also presented with an award as the Under 10 boys' Mini Green Masters Champion.

National Junior Club League medals were also presented during the course of the evening. Painswick had a good season with the Under 18 boys' team (James Barnett, William Unwin, David Reid, Ed Williams and Greg Roberts) coming out on top, as well as the Under 16 boys (David Reid, Joe Milnethorpe, Ed Williams, Dan Omnes, Freddie Speed and William Unwin) and the Under 14 girls (Alicia Barnett, Megan Horder, Megan Butterworth and Chelsea Warrington). Well done to all the prize winners and here's to an equally successful 2008!

Pictured are (from left to right): Megan Butterworth, Dan Omnes, Ed Williams, Megan Horder, James Barnett, William Unwin and Alicia Barnett.



Cricket

The annual Vice-Presidents/Presentations evening was held at the Broadham Clubhouse on Friday 1st February with Club President, Jack Smith, presiding. Painswick Cricket Club Chairman, John Hogg, in his report of the 2007 season, said that it had been one of the most successful in the club's history. Victories over Cheltenham 1st Eleven in the Gloucestershire County Cup competition and the "double" over neighbours Stroud in the league had been the highlights. Player of the Year was Eddie Bressington whose brother Alastair is to captain the Painswick 1st Eleven in the coming season. The Clubman of the Year award

went to Will Von Mollendorf. Jamie Morgan and Tom Pigott, who was unable to attend, shared the Junior Player of the Year award with William (Lippy) Moir gaining the Under 13 accolade. John Pearson of The Falcon Hotel made the junior presentations.

Indoor nets are continuing at Archway School on Sunday afternoons between 4pm and 6pm. Potential new members are very welcome to attend these sessions. John told the Beacon that the club would be delighted to welcome new vice-presidents and sponsors. Anyone with an interest should contact him on 812505. He is also promoting a 100 Club prize draw. The subscription is £10.00 for the season with a total of five draws. Please contact John for more information. Club member Dave Boon is actively promoting a Bonus Ball prize draw fund raising scheme. The subscription is £2.00 per month. More details can be obtained from Dave at his web site, the address of which is: david.boon@historicfutures.com



Pictured is Jamie Morgan



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Rugby

Painswick's first fifteen had an excellent victory at Tewkesbury on Saturday 16th February. The win puts them in fourth position in Division One of the Gloucestershire League. Last Saturday the first fifteen entertained Cirencester in the first round of the Stroud Senior Combination Cup and were defeated by 18 points to 10. On the same day at Broadham Painswick United carried on their winning ways with a resounding 37 points to 3 victory over Dursley in the Stroud Junior Combination Cup.

February Results

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

Sat 2nd. Smiths Industries 2nd XV 0 Painswick United 61.

Sat 9th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 5 Bristol Saracens 1st XV 25. (M) Dursley 2nd XV 14 Painswick United 34.

Sat 16th. (L) Tewkesbury 1st XV 10 Painswick 1st XV 12.

(M) Painswick United 48 Stow on the Wold 2nd XV 10.

Sat 23rd. Stroud Senior Combination Cup. Painswick 1st XV 10 Cirencester 1st XV 18.

Stroud Junior Combination Cup. Painswick United 37 Dursley 2nd XV 3.



Photograph. Painswick United (left) scrumming against Stow on the Wold 2nd XV.

March Fixtures

Sat 1st (L) Painswick 1st XV v Ross on Wye 1st XV. (M) Old Cryptians 2nd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 8th. (L) Old Bristolians 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Cheltenham North 2nd XV.

Sat 15th. Painswick United v Gloucester Civil Service 2nd XV.

Sat 22nd. Painswick 1st v Drybrook 1st XV.

Sat 29th. (L) Painswick 1st v Dursley 1st XV. (M) Berry Hill 3rd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 5th April. Berry Hill United v Painswick 1st XV.

Golf

'Introduction to Golf' success

Last year, the ladies from Painswick Golf Club held 'Introduction to Golf' mornings, which proved to be very popular. 10 ladies attended the various sessions organised at the club, and some were fortunate to secure places for free coaching sessions run by the English Golf Union. These taster sessions were part of a 'Get into Golf in Gloucestershire' initiative, and the P.G.A. Professional Coach, James Latham, who coaches the Gloucestershire County Ladies Team, provided very informative and highly entertaining tuition.

We will be starting more 'Introduction to Golf' sessions for both men and ladies in the spring, and anyone interested would be most welcome. Don't worry if you do not have any golf clubs or shoes, trainers will suffice, and clubs and balls will be provided. Please contact Sylvia Walker on 813141 or Angela Woodward on 813402 if you are interested.

Junior Golf

In April, regular junior golf sessions will be organised, with tuition, competitions, etc. If any juniors are interested, please contact Painswick Golf Club Organiser Simon Overthrow on 01452 543055.

Mail on Sunday Classic

The Mail on Sunday Classic team competition has started, and the Ladies from Painswick Golf Club went through in the 1st round, beating Minchinhampton Old Course by 4 games to 1. The team was Kate Dennison (Captain), Sarah Taylor, Angela Woodward, Jean Kendrick and Bronwen Godley.

Angela Woodward

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Letters



Painswick Gateway

Jim Hodge writes from 7 Gloucester Road:

At the Gateway public meeting, speaking in favour, I emphasised the potential for re-invigorating Painswick.

Some have interpreted this as a criticism of Painswick. This was not the intention. However, I believe there is scope for the improvements the Project clearly offers.

My experience is that the success of any venture is enhanced by positive support. My hope is that even those with genuine doubts will give support to maximise the prospects for success.

The improvements I have seen in 37 years, (eg, Croft School, the Surgery and the Broadham complex), have also seen a serious loss of businesses. Improved visitor facilities will enhance business prospects. We certainly need visitors to support the superb range of eateries now available.

Scope for further radical action exists.

Why not a north visitor gateway, free parking on part of the Rec and pedestrian access, passing the Painswick Centre?

and John Mantell writes from 8 Hyett Orchard:

The Trustees of the Painswick Project must have been aware of the divisive nature of this proposal so far as the village is concerned.

They should take no comfort from the 130 people in the Project's favour - they can hardly represent the total population of Painswick. The Project Managers statement in the January Beacon that the future of the Project "depends entirely upon the outcome of the meeting" is clearly not true.

Presumably this is a private contract

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

(not supported by Parish or District Council Funds). Therefore the Trustees should be able to proceed, without overt public support. They should submit their plans and specifications to the Councils at which time individuals can register their objections.

The Trustees have, no doubt, taken proper advice regarding their own legal and financial responsibilities should the project proceed or fail.

Many (sadly) missed a treat

Helen Baker has written from Berry Close:

I write to thank the teachers and pupils of Croft School for my simply delicious Community lunch on 11th February at Christ Church hall. We were beautifully waited on by pupils, our every need anticipated.

What a shame more people were not there to share such a magical experience.

They certainly missed a treat. Jamie Oliver would have been very impressed!

Don't forget Community Lunches, every Monday at Christ Church hall.

and Janet Crispin writes from 'Corvara' in Cotswold Mead:

I have just returned home from a delicious soup, bread and cheese lunch prepared and served by class 6 Croft School. The children, clearly, thoroughly enjoyed serving leek and potato and tomato, pepper and basil soup, together with croutons, that they had made themselves. What saddened me, though, was the lack of support from the people of Painswick. Where were the mothers and many of the regulars?

Fortunately the children were not aware that they were not supported as well as they should have been. I would like to congratulate class 6 of Croft School for

being excellent hosts.

If the school hosts a lunch in the future, I would like to think they will be better supported.

Dilemma at Christ Church

Jim Hodge writes, for Christ Church:

When deciding our 2008 Charities, with experience of loss of water, how could we help those whose very life hinges on water?

We decided on three charities; Stroud Mencap Homes, (a continuing cause), Gloucestershire Air Ambulance, (the second year) and Prostate Cancer, less well known than breast cancer but a greater killer in the UK.

So what about Water? We found that Severn Trent, will funnel individual contributions to International Water Aid, with the added benefit that it can be Gift Aided.

Details may be found at www.wateraid.org. The need is enormous - water and sanitation is the first step in lifting people out of poverty and disease. Can you help with this?

In 2007 you helped to raise over £2000 for our Charities of the Year in our fundraising events. We hope you can help again this year.

Pin Project

Pat Chase mailto:patchase@dsl.pipex.com has asked if you can assist:

I am just returned from a visit to South Africa and to the Pin Project.

A couple of years ago I held a coffee morning in Sheepscombe Village Hall. A grandmother purchased 2 small bracelets which had been made by children who have been orphaned by the AIDS virus. Before I made my next visit I received two letters addressed to the children in South Africa thanking them for making the bracelets. I did not take the name of the Grandmother and am not too sure that she actually lived in Painswick but I was wondering if you would put a small advert in the Beacon for me as one of the children has passed on a reply to one of the letters. It would be wonderful if I could deliver it

I am looking for a Grandmother who has a grand-daughter called Frances.



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Churches Together Around Painswick Holy Week/Easter Services

Sunday 16th March

- 8.30am St.Mary's - BCP Holy Communion
- 8.30am Our Lady & St.Thérèse - Mass
- 9.30am St.Mary's - Raising of Cross outside St.Mary's: Communion
- 10.30am Friends Meeting House - Meeting for Worship
- 10.30am Christ Church - Sunday Service
- 6.30pm St.Mary's Church Rooms - Beacon Service

Maundy Thursday 20th March

- 7.30pm St. Mary's - Compline
- 7.30pm Christ Church - Holy Communion

Good Friday 21st March

- 10.30am at the Lychgate. Procession of Witness. Start from different churches and process to the Cross by the Lychgate for 10.30. After the procession and short service we go for hot cross-buns and coffee at Christ Church Hall
- 12.00-3.00pm St.Mary's - Meditations

Easter Day Sunday 23rd March

- 6.00am Cranham - Sunrise service/breakfast
- 6.00am Edge - Sunrise service & breakfast
- 8.00am St Mary's - BCP Holy Communion
- 8.30am Our Lady & St.Thérèse - Mass of the Resurrection.
- 9.00am Christ Church - Easter Breakfast
- 9.30am St.Mary's - Holy Communion
- 10.30am Christ Church - Morning Worship & Holy Communion
- 10.30am Friends' Meeting House - Meeting for Worship.
- 11.15am St.Mary's - Family Service
- 6.30pm St.Mary's Church Rooms - Beacon Service

For the details of other Holy Week and Easter Day church services in the parish, please see the various church notice boards. Details of services at Prinknash Abbey are displayed on the notice board at the Church of Our Lady & St. Thérèse.

Painswick Gateway

Five key pieces of work have been put in hand since the public meeting held on 22nd January; these being absolutely necessary before the plans outlined in the Prospectus can be progressively moved into place. These all stem from the resolutions passed that evening (a) contract of sale of GCC premises, (b) the Local Service Agreement concerning operation of a library, (c) a long lease of the Church Rooms, (d) the sale of Chapel Cottage and terms attached to contribution from proceeds, and (e) scrutiny and revision of constitutional matters.

As time and opportunity permit other matters which will require early attention are being examined and actions upon them planned.

So, there is nothing more to report at this stage other than that the concept of a National Trail interpretation centre along the lines of that set out in the December Beacon (page 3) has yet to be determined.

Leslie Brotherton - Manager

MARKEastEr

Only three weeks to Easter!

Please note that our Market will be on Maundy Thursday the 20th March: we are **closed on Good Friday**.

Orders for cakes and other baking or supper dishes would be welcome as soon as possible to enable cutting down on your cooking.

We offer home made chutneys, preserves, marmalade, honey, free-range local eggs and crafts; we also have an interesting plant stall.

We have also freshly brewed filter coffee and cakes on sale.

We are open from 10.00 to 11.00am .

We are currently looking for more bakers and helpers: why not call in and see what we are about; we are a very friendly group!

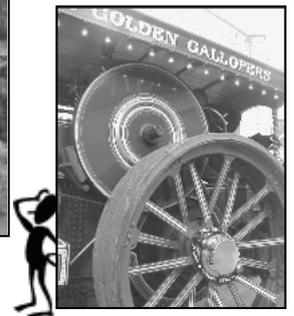
For further details contact Pamela Westcott 812471 or myself on 813232
Patricia Davey Secretary



ArchiTecs

Last month's memory test came from the Victorian Market day in Painswick in 2003, part of the flywheel of this wondrous machine.

This month we are back on foot; but where?



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Lost or stolen from Painswick belfry ?

A few weeks ago Jean Ryland, our bellringing correspondent, had a phone call from a lady in Cambridge saying that she had found a Painswick peal board at St. Martin's in the Field, Trafalgar Square when they were having a clear out prior to refurbishing the bells there. Did we want it back?

Jean obviously said yes.

But to complicate the geography of this story further it was then explained that the board was in East Grinstead, Sussex and would have to be recovered from there. Fortunately one of the Painswick ringers is going in that direction in early March and so we hope the board will be restored to its home by Easter.

A peal board records a particularly long session of change ringing - usually at least three hours long - and is normally hung in the belfry concerned. This particular peal board records a peal of Stedman Cinques rung in Painswick in September 1923. How this board came to be in London and where it has been in the past 80 odd years is a mystery ?

Perhaps one of the Beacon readers can shed some light ?

David Bishop

Savour the bouquet!

Patricia Burrows has good-naturedly written to the Beacon to say "Thank you for your charming apology about addressing me as Pamela. I have to admit however that I rather enjoyed basking in the glamorous light of that name for a while, glamour that has somehow eluded me heretofore. However I do feel that reclining on a bed of sweated spinach may have contributed to your indigestion and may even have given you rheumatism. If you must be a couch potato you may find that a glass or two of red wine helps in the matter of a happy tummy.

Which brings me to the main point of this missive.

Recently I took part in a wine-tasting quiz and although my natural modesty would normally forbid my publicly proclaiming the result, I actually guessed two wines out of twelve correctly. So I feel eminently qualified for the position of resident wine-critic on the Beacon (for a small fee naturally). I do not think you will find many more suitable candidates in the village as my inordinate passion for chocolate cake is only equalled by my insatiable love of champagne. So please may I join that queue too?"

Ed. Lest others regard themselves as pretenders for the post of Chocolate Taster, we have to inform all readers that the post and the occupant (as his silhouette reveals) is already filled by a Beacon committee member. As for wine, we are aware of several who fancy their abilities in matters vintage, so maybe Pat will convey first hand opinion upon one purchased locally at (say) less than £6.00 we can publish, and invite the opinions of others?

A46 - The next instalment

Remedial work on the A46 will not stop at Salmon Springs, Gloucestershire Highways pledged through a press release on 21st February.

The section near Stroud, which was closed for six months, was re-opened following major reconstruction work on the 15th February. Over the next twelve months, further geotechnical investigations will be carried out to see if other parts of the road are in need of attention.

Gloucestershire County Councillor Stan Waddington, cabinet member responsible for the environment said, "The works on the A46 were very important to the local community and represented a key scheme for Gloucestershire Highways, so to carry it over the worst part of the winter and to have the road re-opened on time has been magnificent. Damage to the A46 was unprecedented and not something that the Council could control, however, we do recognise that this has caused disruption to the public and impacted on local businesses, so I'd like to thank them for their support and patience whilst the works have been undertaken.

Now, though, we need to make sure that we conduct a thorough investigation of any other potential issues along the A46 so that we can approach Central Government for funding for any sites that we identify as possible risks".

Gloucestershire Highways are currently working on around 400 projects across the county, repairing roads damaged by last year's floods. These include emergency repairs to minor routes around Painswick, which were used as a diversion while the A46 was closed at Salmon Springs.

Wick Street, Wades Lane and Pincot Lane all sustained damage to the carriageway and borders and repairs are due to be carried out as a matter of urgency. A further inspection of roads through Whiteshill and Edge that were also part of the Salmons Springs diversion will also be carried out.

Jason Humm, Gloucestershire Highways, said, "Now that the A46 has reopened, making urgent safety repairs to the verges and potholes on some of the surrounding roads is our priority. Once we've completed these essential repairs, we then need to take a more detailed look at the road condition throughout the area and plan any repairs to the worst sections of road during the summer."

Work will continue throughout next year on any flood-damaged roads still in need of repair as well as the county's ongoing schedule of maintenance and improvement work for the rest of the network.

In addition, Gloucestershire County Council will be using the additional funds provided through the one off council tax levy to target specific schemes that will improve the capacity and condition of the drainage network with the aim of reducing the risk of potential flooding in some of the most vulnerable areas.



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War Memorial – can you help?

I am currently researching Painswick's war memorial in order to write an article for the Painswick Chronicle. As 2008 marks the 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War, my research focuses particularly on the dead of that war, probably forty nine in number although a different number of names is listed in the Church.

To date, I have found information about some of the names on the memorial, but this information is somewhat patchy, and for other names I have found nothing. If anyone is able to provide any details and/or photographs relating to any of the names I would be very pleased to hear from you. I do appreciate that none of them will be remembered now.

I am also trying to find information about the memorial itself ie who built it and how it was paid for.

If you can help in my quest please phone 813387 or email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net. I would be very grateful.

Carol Maxwell

Something Special in the Bothy

A top quality WEA (Workers Education Association) course has been relocated to the Rococo Gardens.

Botanical illustration classes are now running in seven week blocks, almost continuously, in the restored Bothy, and the next one commences on 2nd April.

Diane Hyett-Hudman, who organises and teaches the course, is keen to emphasise that these classes are definitely non-competitive, and open to anyone from complete beginners to those with experience. The appeal is wide-ranging as it covers not only the discipline of fine botanical drawing and painting but also the study and understanding of plant structures.

Both horticulture and botany are part of the basis of study and a microscope and books on the science and art of plants are put to use. This fundamental understanding of plant structure enables the students to focus their art work more keenly and the end product is impressive.

The Bothy provides an ideal setting for the classes and the current group of students is hoping to be able to exhibit some of their work at the end of the course in either the Orangery or the tea room. They are very enthusiastic about the course, eager to point out that Diane is an excellent tutor and that self-confidence and a sense of fulfillment have built up quickly. The group is noticeably friendly and sociable and there is much mutual support. Diane, whose own background in the subject is impressive, feels that some students may eventually be able to enter their work for RHS display and this reflects the standard that students are beginning to achieve.

If you would like to join this very inspiring and happy class, whether from an artistic, horticultural or botanical interest, you should contact Rosie Cave on 07825.861782 or email rcave@wea.org.uk.



Carol Maxwell

World wide wild life

A goodly number of members and guests attended the Town Hall on 19th February to hear of Dr Richard Sale's polar exploits. It was around 4 deg.C but Dr Sale's flight to Buenos Aires and Ushuaia and his Russian-ship voyage eastward along Canal Beagle soon took us 40 deg.C under and on a circular route via South Georgia, the South Orkneys and Elephant Island to mainland Antarctica. The black-backed albatross does not seem to have alarmed him but in South Georgia, Dr. Sale showed rather more caution, faced by an elephant seal around 15-feet and 9 tons, with surprising speed and a head 'butt' capability that would make Tyson's efforts look feeble!

And in the background, a spectacular mountain scenery of amazing grandeur. On the South Orkneys, were many breeding birds and sights of the skua predator of aviation fame. And so to the Antarctic mainland with its 500,000 chin-strap penguins, immensely noisy chat and elaborate rituals. (The spiky crown of one type of penguin was strangely reminiscent of an adolescent hair style lately quite popular!)

But if this were not sufficient, Dr. Sale, like a musician seeking counterpoint, took us to the other end of the Earth for the vision of the midnight sun, the Arctic's own bird extravaganza --- and yes the polar bear and cub duo. A touch of comedy, white not black perhaps, was provided by rapid-sequence photography, demonstrating a polar bear completely upended in a remarkable vertical

dive through ice to capture its seal prey via its breathing hole! Dr. Sale had been much transported but so had his rapt audience! The rigorous, enormous icy wastes so elegantly displayed had entered for us, no less than art form --- the wandering caribou herd against that snowy vastness, a fantastic, final depiction of a distant world under threat.

Our next meeting is as usual in the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th March when we are to visit a rather warmer clime with the aid of Ged Cassell, a college lecturer who is keen to tell us all about "The Birds of Australia." We shall then break-off for our AGM, an exciting event of exceeding brevity!

Finally, anyone who has expressed an interest in the Club's weekend field trip to Dorset but has not yet booked a place, should contact Joy as soon as possible please on 813823.

Wendy and Martin Addy



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'Gateway or the Painswick Centre?'



When I first heard that a group had been formed to save the Library I was delighted. When a walkway to the village was added to the project I was even more pleased. Then, alas, the Project became so enlarged that I fear it now threatens the very heart of Painswick – like Topsy, it grew and it grew ...

At the presentation at Christ Church on Tuesday 22nd January, less than 5% of the population of Painswick voted in favour of the Gateway Project. This is hardly the sort of resounding send-off a project of this magnitude, full of uncertainties and with so many obvious risks, should require. One of the 'Achievable Aims' of the Gateway Project as detailed in the Prospectus is 'To create high quality spaces for use by clubs, societies and church groups designed to complement those already established, with realistic charges'.

I wish to challenge the Prospectus on behalf of the much larger proportion of the Painswick population who regularly use the Painswick Centre. The Prospectus states that the Gateway Project will complement the Painswick Centre, but the only example it provides is most unconvincing. In fact, the Gateway Project will compete directly with the Centre for a major part of its current income. The Painswick Centre's facilities are, despite the best marketing efforts of its Trustees, unused for two thirds of the time. The last thing Painswick needs is yet more space! The Painswick Centre has currently "frozen" a number of major projects, aimed at improving its facilities, because of the fear that Gateway will have a very significant, adverse effect on its income. Furthermore, the Painswick Centre trustees have just let the Lounge Bar in the Centre after 4 years of supreme marketing effort. Oddly enough, it has been let to a business already operating in Painswick. Under these circumstances do we really need more commercial space in Painswick?

It was not so long ago that the Painswick Centre was on its knees. The trustees of the day worked hard and long to restore it to its present state and the present trustees do the same to maintain it. We trade in an inelastic market and unless the Gateway trustees can identify more precisely where the extra demand for space will come from, they should be very wary of risking what we already have. If the Gateway Project fails, its trustees may well be able to compensate the people who donated funds to the Project, but who will compensate the people of Painswick for the loss of its Centre?

Ralph Drew

GGC 'Spring is Sprung'

The title of a new exhibition by The Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen.

A special exhibition celebrating the arrival of spring, it is open from 1st March - 29th March, Tuesday - Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm at The Guild Gallery, The Painswick Centre. 814745

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Kate Hammersley
Guild Administrator*

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is our new, highly memorable email address. For the time being, the old address (painswickbeacon@supanet.com) will also continue in operation.

PROPERTY REPORT for March from Murrays

The Road is now open and Painswick seems set to become bustling with activity again!

Activity in the property market continues to amaze us. Despite the recent bad press and predictions of doom and gloom on what is happening with the market, the level of confidence and the rising number of property sales continues unabated, helped probably by the two reductions in the interest rates that we have seen since Christmas. All our offices work closely together and are reporting selling more than this time last year so this is a clear case of "don't believe what you read in the papers"! Normally at this time of year we are building our stock of property for sale ready for the Spring but this year they are selling quicker than we can find them and as stock is 10% up on this time last year all is so far looking good.

Home Information Packs seem to have now settled into our everyday lives and things are running smoothly and taking a surprisingly short time to be completed. All properties that our going on the open market are now required by law to have a HIP. If you would like any further information on this subject then please do not hesitate to pop into our office and we will be very happy to answer any questions that you may have. We are already providing HIPs for a lot of our clients and the price

of a HIP is included in our fee; all sellers are entitled to have access to their HIP at any time.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jennifer Selby on her starring role as the Wicked Witch in Snow White, and the rest of the cast. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We had several new instructions in January, Fig Tree Cottage in Kemps Lane, an architecturally designed house in the centre of the village which has already gone under offer, Roseleigh on the Cheltenham Road which has been completely refurbished to a contemporary style and Brookdale, a substantial family house in Far End in Sheepscombe which has also been snapped up very quickly and is also now under offer!

Properties that we currently have under offer are 9 Berry Close, Mermagen House, Land at Mary's Acre, 13 Gyde House, The Former Lloyds TSB, 7 Hyett Orchard, and Fig Tree Cottage all in Painswick, Elmbank in Pichcombe, Brookdale in Sheepscombe and 1 Springfield Cottages in Birdlip.

Properties that have now sold are Court Cottage in Hale Lane, 4 Clattergrove Cottages, Highfield in Edge Road and Well Cottage at The Camp.

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Mon	3	Community Lunch: Hosts - Conservation Society	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	4	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	5	Probus: Architecture of the Mogul Empire - Leslie Dalton Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813011/Liz, 813130	Shires Room, Falcon Painswick Centre	10.00am 7.30 to 10.00pm
Thu	6	Tai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dances - Thursdays Cotswold Care Support Group Jolly Stompers line dancing: new starters (Thursdays) Improvers & classic dances (Thursdays) Music Appreciation: Ballet Music	Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Ashwell House Rugby Club, Stroud Rd.	9.30am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm 2.30pm 7.00 to 8.00pm 8.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market - coffee available (Fridays) Women's World Day of Prayer, Coffee & Meeting Fairtrade Coffee Morning (see page 8) Presentation of Fairtrade Town Certificate (see page 3)	Cotswold Room Town Hall Ashwell House The Croft School Town Hall	10.00am 10.00am 10.30am 9.30 to 11.00am 11.00am
Sat	8	Anne & Helen's Annual Coffee Morning: Stroke Association Village Quiz	Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.45am to 12noon 8.45 for 7.15pm
Sun	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (location check 812700)	Painswick Beacon	8.30am to 1.00pm
Mon	10	Community Lunch: Hosts - Horticultural Society	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	11	Bird Club: Birds of Australia - Ged Cassell and AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	12	Alexander Technique: first taster session (see page 6) Horticultural Society: Take a Closer Look - Andy Purcell Women's Fellowship: Recycling - Sue Hurt, Stroud D G	Richmond Town Hall Christ Church Hall	 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	13	Bingo evening - Supporting Cobalt Unit	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	14	Friday Club: Experiences of a Town Crier	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	17	Community Lunch	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: The Railway that Never Was - Simmons	The Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	19	Coach to London, £12.50: Enquiries 813005/813227 Probus: A look at Stained Glass - Richard Cann	Starnages Car Park Shires Room, Falcon	8.30am 10.00am
Thu	20	Country Market - coffee available Music Appreciation: Pictures in Music	Town Hall Cotswold Room	10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	21	No country Market Today - see above (see page 15) Good Friday procession of witness around Painswick Easter egg trail (see page 9 for advance tickets) Painswick singers: Mozart Requiem (see page 7)	St Mary's Church Ranoc Garden St Mary's Church	10.25pm 1.00pm to 5.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	22	Copy deadline for April Beacon		
Tue	25	Year Trees Wt: The history & work of The National Trust - Paul Ruller	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	26	Theatre Club outing to Cheltenham	The Falcon	6.30pm
Sat	29	Painswick Music Society Concert - Lyr Williams, Piano Student art exhibition (see page 7) Sheepscombe: Promises auction (see page 7)	St Mary's Church Dover Mees Village Hall	3.00pm 11.00am to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Mon	31	PCSO Street Surgery (see page 7)	Starnages Car Park	12.00 to 3.00pm

APRIL

Tue	1	Bird Club: Birds of Ecuador & experiences in conservation - Renton Righelabo - Trustee, World Land Trust	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	2	Probus: History of Junk - Roger Hennessey	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group Music Appreciation: Donizetti	Ashwell House Cotswold Room	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	4	Closing date Council election nominations		midday
Sat	5	April Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		



Sun	6	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (location check 812700)	Painswick Beacon	8.30am to 1.00pm
Wed	9	Music Appreciation Concert Outing: Welsh National Opera - Eugene Onegin	Bristol Hippodrome	7.00pm
		Horticultural Society: Climbers, Ramblers & Scramblers - Mr R Bracher	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	11	Friday Club: Whitley Colony - Joy Thacher	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	12	Painswick Music Society Concert - Ashley Wess (piano) & Alexander Chausian (cello)	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
		and 13th: Charlie Taylor's unique Sale of interiors, painted and garden furniture etc.	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 6.00pm daily
Tue	15	Local History Society: Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Probus: AGM	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Coach to Bath. Enquiries - 013005813227	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
		Film Group: 'The Last King of Scotland' (see page 9)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Thu	17	Music Appreciation: A Mystery	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Sun	20	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (location check 812700)	Painswick Beacon	8.30am to 1.00pm
Tue	22	Year Trees Wt: The Story of Tea - Alan Hudson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	25	Gloucester Police Choir Concert	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
		Friday Club: Sailing around the Caribbean	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	26	Cream Teas and Announcing winner of Quill raffle	Town Hall	2.00pm - 4.00pm
		Painswick Music Society Concert: Arpeggio Ensemble	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed	30	Probus: On being a Magistrate - Celia Hargrave	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM: The Painswick Tombstone Restoration Project	Church Rooms	7.30pm
MAY				
Thu	1	Council Elections	Ita	7.00am to 10.00pm
		Cotswold Care Support Group	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat	3	'Too Hot to Handle'	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Thu	8	Music Appreciation: Members' Night	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	9	Friday Club: Indian Cooking Demonstration	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Painswick Music Society Concert: Mandelring Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed	14	Probus: Living Creatively - Judy Clinton	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Horticultural Society: AGM	Town Hall	7.30 / 8.15pm
Sat	17	Horticultural Society: Chairman's spring social event: Blenheim Palace & supper at Miserden Vill Hall	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
Tue	20	Local History Society: Annual Outing	Croft School	7.30pm
Fri	23	Friday Club outing: Beauty and the Beast on Ice	The Everyman	
Mon	26	Crafts & Antiques Fair	Painswick Centre	8.30am to 3.30pm
Tue	27	Year Trees Wt: Wit & Wisdom - Mike Rafferty	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	28	Probus: Members Talk(s)	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	29	Theatre Club Outing to Bath	The Falcon	8.00pm
JUNE				
Thu	5	Cotswold Care Support Group	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	6	Friday Club: The Lighter side of Policing	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	11	Probus: Club Outing		
Sat	14	Painswick Fete in aid of Painswick Tombstone Restoration & Cotswold Care Hospice	Painswick House Park	2.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club: Woodchester Mansion	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	24	Year Trees Wt: Pub Signs - Angela Pancruder	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	25	Probus: Sue Ryder Homes - Duncan Willoughby	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
JULY				
Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	4	Friday Club: A Rotary Project	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	6	Countryside Sports Day	Owers	1.00pm (Picnic)
		Events start	Owers	2.00pm
Wed	9	Probus:	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	10	Theatre Club Outing to Stratford upon Avon	The Falcon	10.00am
Sat	12	Summer Concert: Return visit by Thames Head Choir	St Mary's Church	7.30pm



PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

18 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Single storey side extension.

21 CHURCHILL WAY. 2 storey and single storey extensions.

SPRING COTTAGE, TICKLESTONE LANE. Proposed sun room to rear elevation, with additional change of roof to flat roof dormer, with additional dormer to front elevation.

Overhead Power Line, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of additional pole in diverted high voltage overhead line.

3 COLDSTREAM COTTAGES, SHEEPS-COMBE. Retrospective installation of a satellite dish.

6 STROUD ROAD. Erection of a conservatory.

BEACON HOUSE, NEW STREET. Replacement render and repair to brick work on the rear extension exterior wall.

2 WOODBINE COTTAGE, SLAD. Erection of replacement dwelling.

REVISED PLANS

FAIRINGS, CASTLE CLOSE. Erection of extension and alterations. Main changes: Reduction in height of 2 storey extension & obscure glazing of rear dormer window.

CONSENT

TANGIER COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of an extension

THE LODGE, GYDE HOUSE, GYDE ROAD. Erection of side extension BEECHWOOD COTTAGE, SHEEPS-COMBE. Installation of dormer window and dormer roof structure over french doors.

MILTON COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET. Roof covering over outside area & repositioning of steps up to garden shed.

BEARS DEN, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of single storey side extension. Field at BEECH LANE, SHEEPS-COMBE. New field access.

THE OLD MANSE, SLAD. Works to copper and silver trees. (TPO 298)

LABURNUM COTTAGE, SHEEPS-COMBE. Variation of condition 5 of application 07/0278. New stone window to west elevation.

1 CANTON ACRE. Change of use of garage to habitable accommodation.

FURNERS FARM COTTAGE, CATSWOOD LANE, ELCOMBE, SLAD. Erection of a conservatory.

REFUSAL

LADYMEAD, KEMPS LANE. Erection of single storey extension.

SPRING COTTAGE, TICKLESTONE LANE, KINGS MILL LANE. Change of flat roof dormer to twin gable dormer, insertion of new dormer to front elevation. Erection of replacement sun room.

MINI-ADS

Free taster sessions of the Alexander Technique with experienced practitioner, Rachel Stevens, at the Wellness Spa, Richmond Painswick. 12th and 19th March from 1.00 to 5.00pm. Please telephone to book on 813902.

Professional and experienced carer (living in Painswick) available for emergency or respite bookings. Please call 812361 to discuss your requirements.

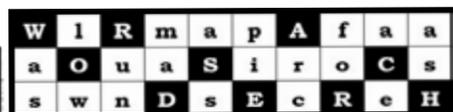
Nokia mobile phone 3330, recent new battery but no Sim card. Leather case and pedestal charger. £30ono. Telephone 813101

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This month we wonder if those who moved here from London can remember 17 of the 22 Outer London Boroughs?



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DORCHESTER
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LEWES
MAIDSTONE
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Last month we invited you to identify 12 County Towns south of here - but beware of false ones! The first on this list were the chosen ones.

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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to Dr and Mrs Sipos on the birth of their daughter, Anna, on February 16th, a sister for Esther and Rebecca.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to FELICITY SHARWOOD-SMITH, DAVID RYLAND, DICK PURDY, TIM DAVIES and DAVID RENSHAW.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of LOUIE ROBINSON, OLWYN (Olga) HILL, GORDON GARDNER, PHILIP MEIGH, STEPHEN PRICE and PHYL LACEY.

60th Wedding Anniversary

Our best wishes to WYNNE and HELEN ROBERTS who will soon celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary (*see below*)

On the move

Welcome back to Painswick to Rev CHRIS GARRETT and his wife SANDY.

Wedding

Congratulations to ANDY DAVIES and BECKY POWNALL, who were married in Cuba on 14th February.

Personal messages

The families of PAT CLIFFORD thank the neighbours and friends for their messages of sympathy and support following their recent loss. Thank you to the Rev John Longuet-Higgins for his help and kindness in the service preparation and the excellent care provided by the undertakers. Donations received are for St Mary's Church, the RNLI and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

ANNE SMITH and her family thank so many friends for their kindnesses and support when Douglas passed away, and who joined us for his distinctly 'musical' memorial service in Cheltenham.

Mr DOUGLAS WHILLOUGHBY would like to thank the people of The Park for their kindness and who helped him in the time before and after the death of his partner for many years, MARY SMITH.

JACK SMITH thanks everyone for their kind messages and cards during his stay in hospital. Also for the very generous offers of lifts to the hospital. Special thanks go to Jenny Jones and Freda Knill.

An overwhelming feeling of village continuity at difficult times, but that is 'Painswick'.

My parents, WYNNE and HELEN ROBERTS, who are currently in a retirement home in Leeds, lived in Painswick for many years. They delivered The Painswick Beacon and, at one time initiated a crazy series of letters to the magazine written by the dogs of Painswick. They still receive your magazine and enjoy keeping in touch with Painswick events through it. They asked me to send you the following;

'Wynne and Helen Roberts are happy to announce their 60th wedding anniversary on 3rd April. We will be raising a glass (shown here) to all our good friends in Painswick on the day.



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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