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Fireworks explosives

In recent years the Beacon has gone out of its way to draw attention to some of the overlooked effects of displays of fireworks.

There may be good reason to celebrate the frustrating, in 1605, of the endeavours of Guido Fawkes to blow up Parliament and James I; it being Fawkes, as we all know, who was the one drawing the short straw in the group led by Robert Catesby to ignite the gunpowder placed beneath the building - accessing from the cellar next door.

Fireworks hold a special fascination for the young, and the not-so-young if the opening and closing ceremonies of the Beijing Olympic Games tell us anything.

However, the bigger the 'bang' the more the distress caused to wild and not-so-wild animals, and we unhesitatingly publish this letter from the Parish Council.



Players cliff-hanger!

Painswick Players, teetering on the brink of an enforced 'rest', has been saved in true dramatic fashion! Just as in Greek tragedy 'deus ex machina' where the plot having become impossibly tangled, the gods descended and cut through all the problems to save the day, so it was at the AGM. After struggling for 18 months to find a director with enthusiasm, drive and critically, availability, along came George.

Who? To find out you need to come to the casting of his first production for Painswick Players in the Spring (dates will be announced later). After such a disheartening time trying to find a director and enough people to act or work backstage, George is like a blood transfusion. He reminded us of what excellent facilities for staging we have in the Painswick Centre. We know that given a good play the people of Painswick come along as a very appreciative audience. George (an experienced stage manager) brings his enthusiasm and energy to give us back our momentum to entertain our audience. It is very exciting



and we urge you to consider joining us in a small or greater capacity. We have been in Painswick for 85 years. Let us look to continuing such a long tradition.

In the meantime, play readings will take place every month in the Green Room usually the second week in the month (but look out for exact dates in the Beacon and any notices round the village). There will also be various small social events, sometimes combined with the play readings. Keep an eye on the Beacon diary!

Also for Christmas this year, we are planning an entertainment, with refreshments of duologues, readings and play readings. Everyone is invited to take part or to come along to any of these events and have fun.

We really do have excellent staging facilities at the centre but, in the words of the old music hall, we need 'Chiefly yourselves'. Whatever you think of your talents in the drama field, keep in mind that 10 years ago the nearly moribund Players started up again with a small group of enthusiasts with little experience and look how far they came...A Man for All Seasons, Absurd Person Singular, Black Comedy etc. and won awards! Now is the time to build up again so do not hide your light however faint, under the bushel. Come and join the small group of drama enthusiasts. Your first step may be to come to the play readings and get to know a few people and take it from there. You might decide treading the boards is a challenge you want. Even if it is not, you will be warmly welcomed and will make new friends in the process of having an enjoyable evening. So, see you 14th October 7.30pm in the Green Room Painswick Centre, where we will be reading 'Crown Matrimonial'.

Andrew Leach

Dear Editor

As we approach the firework season the Parish Council wishes to remind readers of the distress explosive rockets can cause to animals in general and livestock in particular. The Council asks that where private firework events are scheduled organisers should give advance publicity so that animal owners may afford the appropriate protection for their pets and livestock. The Council understands that the Beacon would be pleased to publish such information. The need to draw attention to the problem was reinforced by complaints made to Parish Councillors following a firework event held towards the end of August on the north side of Painswick.

Yours sincerely

Terry Parker

Chairman Painswick Parish Council

On other pages this month:

Investigating the A46 as well as Fiddler's Elbow, local job opportunities, wrapped in plastic, the show results, an Iberian perspective, ordering for Christmas, the allotment latest, the Melenargia galathea, Queen meets the MP, Eddie and Eileen, Directory '09 once-only opportunity.

STOP PRESS!

Painswick has won the Bledisloe Cup (large village section) 2008.

Presentation on 11th October in the Town Hall 2.30 - 3.10pm. Public welcome.

PLANNING

Cotswold walls

Members discussed whether dry stone walls can be protected by listing. Various possibilities were considered including drawing up a list of walls needing protection and possibly applying for a blanket conservation order. Ann Daniels suggested that all dry stone walls within the Conservation Area should automatically have listed status. It was agreed the Clerk would discuss what was possible with Stroud DC Planning and English Heritage. Members were asked to continue touring their planning areas and report back on any structures which they felt should be listed.

Richmond Painswick – Restaurant

The Parish Council has not yet heard from Stroud District Council on whether planning permission is required to open the restaurant to the public.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman, Terry Parker, welcomed the new Member for Sheepscombe, Andy Cash, to the meeting.

Allotments

The Chairman reported that there are now 10 applicants for allotments and that the Council has had a warm response from the Gyde Trust which is prepared to make land available if legally entitled to do so. The Trust is investigating the period of commitment, the legalities of using Trust land, while the matching of the land available to the number of applicants would fall to the Parish Council. It is envisaged that, if the creation of allotments proceeds, the Parish Council would set up an Allotment Society which would then be responsible for day to day running of the allotments.

Interpretation Centre

Unfortunately the Stroud and Tewkesbury bid for funding from the South West Regional Development Agency, which included this project, has failed. The views of the recently appointed Trail Officer of the Cotswold Conservation Board are being sought and it is hoped that a meeting with him will take place in October.

The County Council - Charter

The meeting agreed to sign the recently revised Charter between the County and Parish Councils.

Removal of Telephone Boxes

It was reported that Stroud District Council supports the objections to the removal of the telephone boxes in Sheepscombe and Slad. The meeting was told of a BT scheme whereby telephone boxes may be 'adopted' by local Councils at a charge of £500 per year, which will include all maintenance charges. The Council did not consider this to be a viable option and confirmed its objection to removal.

Bench in Hollyhock Lane

A possible location for a new seat has now been established. David Hudson was asked to pursue the matter.

Relocation of the village stocks

The Council investigation into the removal of the village stocks from the east of the churchyard to outside the Town Hall has shown it to be complicated and expensive and includes obtaining planning consent from the Secretary of State. An alternative is to keep the stocks in their present position but to place bollards in front of them to prevent vehicles parking there. Two types of bollard have been considered – a polyurethane model at £120 each or a cast iron model at £247 each. The meeting agreed to meet the cost of two cast iron ones, the County Council meeting the cost of their installation.

Bus Shelters

The Council has considered moving the unused shelter in Edge but the cost would be considerably more than buying a new one. The Council will now ask for quotes from contractors to construct a shelter of the back-and-roof-only type to be located close to the junction of Lower Washwell Lane and the A46. The County Council has approved this plan and will meet up to £2000 of the cost.

Bledisloe Cup

The Chairman reported that Painswick is a co-finalist with South Cerney and the outcome is eagerly awaited. (*The humorous idea of Parish Councillors sneaking to South Cerney and spreading litter thereabouts was immediately discarded. Ed.*)

Computer for public use in the Town Hall

In improving the computer/IT facilities in the Council offices in the Town Hall, the meeting agreed to provide a new computer which, in due course, may also be used by the public to access such as SDC planning information.

Parish Plan

The working group of Martin Slinger, David Hudson and Mike Kerton have now set up a process leading to a draft revision of the existing plan and passed the recommendations to the chairmen of the relevant sub-committees for their consideration.

Ramp into St. Mary's Churchyard

The meeting considered a request for funding the building of a ramp from the bus shelter on the east side of New Street into the churchyard which would make access for wheelchairs, electric buggies etc possible. The cost is estimated at £1000 of which the council would pay 50%. If the council applied for planning permission there would also be a 50% reduction in planning fees. The meeting supported the request.

Calor Gas Prize Monies

The Committee agreed that the £400 prize money won by Painswick in the Calor Gas Village of the Year competition should be apportioned between four areas – Community Life, Business, Younger People and Older People.

GAPTC AGM

At the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils AGM in October, Cam PC is putting forward a resolution to

change the law so that the holding of annual parish meetings is not mandatory. The meeting agreed to oppose the resolution.

Community Lunches

Councillors volunteered their services to help with the Community Lunch to be held at Christ Church on the 20th October.

Painswick Chamber of Trade

Robert Cox reported by email that a meeting will take place at the Falcon on the 8th October, hosted and paid for by the Gloucestershire Chamber of Commerce, to set up a Trade Association for Painswick and surrounding areas.

Plastic Bags

David Hudson proposed to the meeting that Painswick should become a 'plastic-bag free' community along the lines of Modbury, Devon. He will contact local businesses to discuss the proposal and prepare an article for the Beacon so that public views could be invited.

Explosive Fireworks

The Council has received complaints from livestock owners about very loud explosive fireworks used at festivities without any warning to residents. The meeting proposed that anyone intending to use such fireworks should give ample warning to residents so that precautions can be taken. The Chairman undertook to express the Council's views in this matter in the form of a letter to the Beacon. Advance notice of impending firework parties could be made known by contacting the local Parish Councillor.

Tree felling on the Beacon

The Council received a report that a silver birch tree had been cut down on the Beacon. David Hudson reported that he had been in touch with the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group who said that it is occasionally necessary to cut down trees to allow for the growth of grasses only found on limestone. A map of where trees are to be felled is available for inspection at the



A46 to Brockworth

The Parish Council has, since its last meeting, received a letter from John Kay of Gloucestershire Highways, which will be of interest to those who travel to Cheltenham by road, north of Fiddler's Elbow.

"Gloucestershire Highways will be undertaking a ground investigation encompassing part of the A46 Painswick Road adjacent to Green Lane. The ground investigation is required to enable the design of a permanent solution to retain the carriageway which in recent years has shown progressive deterioration due to landslip movement(s). Whilst the A46 will remain open during the proposed works, a single lane closure will be required and managed by permanent traffic signals to create a safe area for the workforce. Our current programme suggests that the investigation should begin at the end of October but this may be slightly delayed dependent on the availability of a suitable ground investigation contractor."



Run a Business or Service Locally? Last call for Directory 2009

Each year the Beacon's free copy of the Directory of Painswick businesses and services is delivered with every copy of the December Beacon. This provides a valuable source of information for everyone in the village and our visitors and, of course, benefits those businesses, services, societies and organisations which are included.

If you provide a service or run a business locally it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by traders, club secretaries etc and we need those details

as soon as possible, and certainly by the end of October if you wish to be included.

Please send your details via the Beacon's email address beacon@painswick.net or put it in the Beacon box in New Street.

21st Appreciated

PaMAG came of age on the 19th September!

In the first meeting of its 21st season we listened to recordings of such music as we may hear during the season, and to whet our appetite, Alex Nichols had prepared a wide ranging presentation for us.

Highlights hitting your correspondent's ears were Sullivan's Macbeth overture - tremendous sound; a super bit of Tchaikovsky's violin concerto; Coleridge Taylor's "Legend"; "Death and Transfiguration" by Strauss; a gorgeous song from Berlioz' concert opera "Damnation of Faust"; "Spring" out of Glazunov's delightful ballet music "The Seasons" and wonderful singing by Luigi Fantino in Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore".

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Market for Christmas too

Painswick is as proud as any other rural village in appreciating its very own market. On a recent Friday morning visit the secretary, Pat Davy, reminded us that "Autumn is now here and we have to think ahead and prepare for Christmas".

Having stocked up for that week, Pat went on to remind me that "Christmas cakes and puddings need to mature. It is very helpful, therefore, to have orders in good time so that you are not disappointed".

Now is your opportunity, too.
LWB



Plastic bags

Do we really need to use plastic carrier bags?

They damage the environment and help to increase the mound of disposable waste, nor are they free because their cost is marked up on the goods we purchase. Recent statistics have shown that this country produces enough rubbish to fill Trafalgar Square to the top of Nelson's Column every single day. By bringing our own basket or carrier bag when going shopping we would be doing our bit to help in reducing these statistics.

My hope will be to persuade all the traders in the village to sell or offer reusable cotton or cornstarch bags or disposable biodegradable bags. These bags can be disposed of by putting food waste or grass cuttings into them and then placing them into a composter where they turn into compost.

The Parish Council is fully supportive of the idea that we should aspire to becoming a plastic bag free village.

I hope that the people of Painswick, Edge, Sheepscombe and Slad will find favour with this idea and lend it their active support.

Painswick is already a Fairtrade Village, let us now make it also a Plastic Bag Free Village.

David Hudson

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New season - and as and cs

September marked the opening of a new season for the Society and the first presentation was certainly enthusiastic. Mr Dave Walton gave a very informative and interesting talk on Gimson and the Barnsleys, much of whose influence can, of course, be seen in some of the architecture of Painswick.

He explained the background to the Arts and Crafts movement and to the rather privileged upbringing of Gimson and the Barnsleys before they settled in Sapperton to set up their workshops. Here they established the renowned Cotswold Furniture School but also developed their skills in plaster work and house design and building. They revived many old country traditions, used local materials and few machines and employed skilled cabinet makers who themselves became famous, for example Peter Waals who continued the running of the Daneway workshop after Gimson's death. From 1909 Ernest Barnsley's major project was the building of Rodmarton Manor. In Painswick our beautiful almshouses were designed by Sidney Barnsley and opened in 1913. The Barnsleys both died in 1926, Gimson in 1919, and all are buried in Sapperton.

This month's presentation will be a film – Stroud Before Turnpike Trusts – which has been compiled from archival pictures and features some of the historic development of Painswick. Tuesday, 21st October, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell



From Papua New Guinea

Jennifer Watts has told the Beacon that planning is in progress for the Women's World Day of Prayer, on the first Friday in March, the 6th., for which the women of Papua are preparing the content. WWDP is an ecumenical international movement and parish or church groups hoping to put on a service are supposed to have a committee which ideally represents a variety of denominations. As Jennifer is not a committee, and she and Olive Freeman would like to arrange services at Cranham and Ashwell House, she is asking for some help. This will probably involve two meetings for each service.

Please do get in touch with Jennifer on 616136 if you have any interest in the continuation of WWDP services in this area.

How he cut the carbon



Gloucestershire's Christian Aid Coordinator, Nigel Quarrell, managed to cut the carbon, promote Fairtrade and raise money for Christian Aid all in the space of an hour when he arrived in Painswick by bus on the Winchcombe to Nailsworth leg of his journey – to be met by the Liz Davies and taken to the Church Rooms for a Tea Party organised by Painswick's Fairtrade coordinating group helped by Christian Aid committee members. Fairtrade tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes were served – all donated for the event by the Co-op. The delicious cakes certainly proved Fairtrade foods can be good as well as helping the Third World.

There was a display of the many different Fairtrade foods and beverages that can now be bought in Painswick: a wide range from the Pharmacy included biscuits, sugar, muesli and several types of chocolate; there were three different Fairtrade wines, tea, ground coffees, instant coffees from Londis and Oliva's own brand of Fairtrade ground coffee as well as coffee beans and drinking chocolate.



There was a stir in the hall, followed by applause, as pupils from the Croft School – members of the school's Fairtrade Committee - made an impressive entrance waving banners and balloons and wearing school uniforms made with Fairtrade cotton. They listened attentively as Nigel Quarrell praised Painswick for its commitment to Fairtrade and spoke of his experience of visiting tea plantations in India and seeing the difference that becoming Fairtrade partners had made to the lives of local people.

Then the hour was up and Nigel had to move on to Stroud, his next

Fairtrade stop. David Drew MP, who was also going from Painswick's tea party to Stroud's Fairtrade lunch, offered Nigel a lift in his car but Nigel stuck to his principles of trying to cut his carbon footprint and went by bus!

The next Painswick Fairtrade event will be a wine-tasting in December. Look out for notices in the Beacon and come to taste Fairtrade wines in time to buy some for Christmas.

Alison Robinson



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Meeting Rooms Project - Update

In the July issue of the Beacon, I reported that the Meeting Rooms Project was underway. Put simply, the aim is to identify current usage and future needs with a view to updating the Parish Plan. The project has been split into three parts.

The first two parts of the project are in progress. The first is a survey of current meeting room providers to set out what facilities are available and planned. The second is a survey of current users of meeting rooms (eg clubs, societies, and other organisations) to identify their views on the facilities. By the time you read this, I hope to have sent questionnaires to all the meeting room providers listed in the Beacon in July, and to over 30 users. At the time of writing this article, I have received responses from about 20 providers and 20 users, and the responses are rolling in.

However I feel sure that there are some users I have inadvertently missed – particularly those who use the facilities occasionally. In order to provide an accurate picture, it is important to hear from as many users of our meeting rooms as possible. If I have not contacted your group (or if you are not sure), please do get in touch. Details of all the providers and users contacted can also be viewed on the website www.painswicketc.org.uk/meetingrooms, or from the Parish Clerk at the Town Hall. Spare copies of the questionnaires are available from me, the Parish Clerk or can be downloaded from the website.

The third part of the project will be a survey of residents of the parish. I am starting this now, and will give an update (editor permitting) in next month's Beacon.

Peter Rowe 813228

Day of Prayer for Peace - Thursday 23rd October

Painswick's annual Day of Prayer for Peace held as part of the World Week of Prayer for World Peace will not be held this year because of the redecoration of the Catholic Church.



However the Churches Together Around Painswick Committee is very pleased to report that the previously arranged talk to be given by Denise Magauran on her work with the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem as part of the Day of Prayer for Peace will be held in the Town Hall at 2.00 pm. The talk will be followed by prayers for peace.

Rita Bishop Secretary: CTAP Committee



Coffee date

Just a fortnight to go, so make sure your diary includes this date - if you like coffee and want to show your support of a premier club.



Amble into the Town Hall on the 18th to meet up with friends, old and new. The Christmas season is looming too, so there will be hand painted cards and other crafts available as well as luscious cakes for sale.

The Friday Club will appreciate your company between 10.00am and 12.30 on that Saturday.

Anne Smith



Remembering those who have gone before us

Sunday 2nd November is All Souls' Day when we remember those who have died. There will be a special Service of Thanksgiving in St. Mary's to which anyone in Painswick is warmly invited. The service will begin at 4.00pm. It will follow a simple pattern of readings, hymns, prayers and a talk. During the service the names of those to be remembered will be read out and candles will be available if you wish to light one in memory of a loved one.

Tea will be served in the church after the service and there will be a retiring collection for the church flower fund.

If you would like a name included in the list to be read out please leave a message, clearly marked All Souls', at the Benefice Office in the Lych Gate.

Revd. David Newell

Remember you can keep distant friends and relatives in touch with Painswick via the Beaconline web edition www.painswickbeacon.org.uk

Coach to London

Seats are still available for the coach to London on Wednesday 15th October.

It will depart from Painswick at 8.30am and leave London at 6.30pm to return. Fare £15.

Book now by cash or cheque (payable to "PAINSWICK L & B Outings"), with Joan Truman, Little Place, Hollyhock Lane, Painswick GL6 6XH. Enquiries to Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227.






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WI consider the joint

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Although there has been no formal WI meeting since July members have been busy. On 16th September a party from Yew Trees had a fascinating tour of the BBC Radio Gloucester Studio. Earlier in the month two members joined a GFWI guided tour of the Stroud County Magistrates Court, while two others joined an excursion further afield - to the Met Office in Exeter. At the end of September others are going off to Denman College near Abingdon, the WI's prestigious residential education centre, to join in the celebrations of its Diamond Jubilee. In October one member is even off to Ireland with a WI group for what sounds like a fascinating holiday.

Becoming a member of Yew Trees can obviously mean so much more than just attending the monthly meeting! The Gloucestershire Federation organises numerous activities as diverse as gliding, flower arranging, theatre visits, country walks and outings to places of interest; all off which are open to Yew Trees' members. Remember, if you join now your subscription lasts through to December 2009.

Our October meeting is a special 'open' one, when all are welcome (male and female). Robert Linsell (known to many Painswickians) is giving a talk entitled "Fancy a Joint"? If you would like to swap your achy old knee (or any other creaky joint) for a spanking new one this is the talk for you! It should be a lively and educational evening so do come along to The Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th October. Visitors £2.50. We look forward to seeing you there!

Celia Lougher

Staff develop in Friendly Painswick

Early in September, teams of teachers and teaching assistants from Calton Infant School in Gloucester, descended on Painswick, armed with clip boards and a set of questions for a staff development day.

Despite the showers, they all said what a wonderful experience they had exploring Painswick and learning about our village.

The staff commented on how the people they met, made them so welcome. They were kind and obviously, very proud of their village. We would like to thank all those friendly residents and shopkeepers who tolerated the Calton invasion, and to Johnnie and the team at the Royal Oak, who looked after us so well.

Researching and walking around Painswick before the day, and hearing such positive comments from the staff, it reminded me again how fortunate I am to be able to live here in such a lovely, friendly community.

Susan Welbourn Headteacher, Calton Infant School

A phoenix?

Committee members eagerly anticipate welcoming visitors and new members to a stimulating autumn programme. The club is run on informal lines, avoiding preoccupation with the esoteric, both in terms of lecture topic and personal equipment for field trips. Evening meetings are at the Town Hall, always commencing with anyone's local bird sightings to keep up to date, before moving on to the visiting speaker's contribution. Club aim is to further observe and better understand bird behaviour, as well as to preserve the wild bird populace.



After the holiday intermission, enthusiastic club activity resumes ~~ emerging phoenix-style from the admittedly damp ashes of sad summer ~~ but with no less verve! The remaining 2008 programme will take us from Finnish spring to Slimbridge winter.

First, however, on Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm at the Town Hall, Graham Wren ARPS, wildlife photographer, lecturer and tour guide, will give an illustrated talk on the changing habitat in Southern Britain for nesting birds and consequences for their numbers - a burning topic. We can't wait, nor hopefully can anyone!

Any enquiries may be directed to either 813094 or to 813823.

Martin and Wendy Addy



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**The Rococo Players
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Productions" present
Macbeth
at Berkeley Castle**

Last year the Beacon drew attention to the Edward II production by the Rococo Players at Berkeley Castle in aid of Gloucester Cathedral charities, an event which raised £5000. As the event was so well received both critically and as a fund raiser the Castle have now made "The Great Hall" available on an annual basis. The Players return this year to perform Macbeth, between 6th and 8th November, a classic Shakespearean production in this spectacular setting to a select audience of only 120 people each night, all seated just a few feet away from the action, this event offers a truly unique theatrical experience.

The Rococo Players were formed in 2003 to take over the Annual Open Air Shakespeare event at the Rococo Gardens in Painswick where they perform to audiences of over 2500 each year. This is now the largest and longest running event of this type in the County.

The Players are also putting on two shows in Woodchester Mansion, probably one of the best possible "spooky" settings for this dark play of Witches and murder!! The run of this year's shows will conclude in England's most prestigious castle at Warwick.

If you want to know more, including booking arrangements, the contact is Chairman, Phil McCormick, on 01452.300220 or 07786.177501.



Singers entertain

Our very own Painswick Singers have no fear, and this month they will demonstrate their latest achievements.

The Singers are performing excerpts from
Acis and Galatea by Handel
King Arthur by Purcell
and

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The bar will be open at 7.00pm, and music will ring out from 7.30pm.

**Painswick Valleys Film Group
Working Out Its Future**

Since our July update, the Film Group has written to those of you who have already shown interest, to assess the extent of support for further film shows. The level of continuing interest has been very encouraging: over 45 people have confirmed that they would be willing to subscribe to a short film season. More than 30 other people have indicated that they would like to attend film shows but prefer to pay 'on the door'.

Armed with this information, we are evaluating the options available to us, both financially and technically. A Gloucester-based firm of audio-visual equipment specialists is providing advice on hardware and costs (which are not insignificant!). All this takes time, and we thank supporters for their patience and continuing interest.

If you would like to be sent a copy of the information already sent to other supporters and/or would like to help, please contact Jane Rowe on 813228.

Jane Rowe Ela Pathak-Sen Gill Richards

**Hospice
Fair**

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 8th November: Do put the date in your diary!

Sue Ryder Care - Leckhampton Court Hospice in our picture, is the only hospice in Gloucestershire offering specialist palliative in-patient care as well as day therapy, complementary therapies and family support

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Delicate in the extreme



Among others, reference will undoubtedly be made to the Marbled White butterfly *Melenargia galathea* - arguably a black butterfly with white markings. Ed.

The Painswick Beacon Conservation Group's AGM will be on Wednesday 29th October in the Town Hall beginning at 7.30 pm. Come and hear about the work of the volunteers and plans to protect the Beacon in the future. The highlight of the evening will be an illustrated talk on Butterflies by "The Two Sues"; Sue Smith and Sue Dodd. Non-members are very welcome. We hope to see you there.



David Allott Chairman

THE Annual Show

With one day left before the closing date for entries, things didn't look too good, but as usual they poured in at the last minute and a respectable but understandably lower than usual 275 was reached.



MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS
 D.T.BROWN'S CUP - best onions *Dylan Davies*
 E.H. CHANDLER PLATE - best collection of vegetables *Dylan Davies*
 D.T.BROWN'S CUP - best culinary herbs *Patrick Ridgwell*
 The Society's Special prize - IN MEMORY OF DICK and SHIRLEY PURDY - best fruit *Mick Shepherd*
 DIPLOMA FOR EXCELLENCE - best veg and fruit *Mick Shepherd*
 JOHN CHANDLER TROPHY - most prize money in veg and fruit *Betty Wood*
 J.S.Dent Cup - best HT rose *Iris Harris*
 FELICITY SHARWOOD SMITH ROSE BOWL - best multi-head roses *Betty Wood*
 CHRISTINE ARNOLD MEMORIAL PRIZE - best decorative shrubs and trees *Midge Leney*
 GUS GAUGAIN'S SPECIAL PRIZE - best foliage pot plant *Reigh Sutton*
 BILL WEAR CHALLENGE CUP - best flowering pot plant *Karin Bellshaw*
 DIPLOMA FOR EXCELLENCE - best floral exhibit *Reigh Sutton*
 BANKSIAN MEDAL - most prize money in Horticultural Section *Philip Berry*
 SOCIETY'S DECORATIVE CUP - best in class 'Razzmatazz' *Karin Bellshaw*
 DAVID MANNERING'S SPECIAL PRIZE in memory of Isobel Mannering - best arrangement in a sherry glass *Jenifer Gaugain*
 SOCIETY'S CHALLENGE CUP - best miniature arrangement *Audrey Timpson*
 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR FLORAL ART - best flower arrangement *Karin Bellshaw*
 JUNIOR CUP (F SHARWOOD-SMITH) - best entry in Section *Hester Elvidge*
 PAINSWICK COUNTRY MARKET SPECIAL PRIZE - best preserves *Betty Wood*
 SPECIAL PRIZE IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY COX - best baking *Pat Francis*
 JOYCE HUNT'S SPECIAL PRIZE - best men's cookery *David Crispin*
 SOCIETY'S HANDICRAFT CUP - best entry *Sue Kerton*
 WI CUP Most money in all Sections *Kathleen Quant of Upton St Leonards WI*.



David Jones deservedly received the silver plate on behalf of The Falcon Inn for

The standard of exhibits was generally very good, and the Horticultural Section judges Martin Davies and Robin Stevens praised the entries in their section particularly with regard to the poor summer. Mick Sheppard's grapes took the eye and hopefully "Randalls Nouveau" will be enjoyed next year. An unusual entry in the foliage pot plant class of 'Whispering' black grass was successful for Reigh Sutton.

It was particularly pleasing this year to find so many people willing to help with the Show. A mixture of new recruits blended well with regular stalwarts. The large number of items donated for teas, raffle prizes and the twenty-pence stall made the Show a successful and enjoyable occasion. Many thanks to all contributors and helpers.

What does that leave? Oh yes, of course - a list of the major prizewinners. We look forward now to our first meeting of the New Season, 'Designing with Pots' with a new speaker Mrs AM Thompson. There will also be tulip bulbs for sale from David Osborne. This is on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm.

Also in October, on the evening of the 25th, the Autumn Supper is to be held at the Painswick Golf Club.

Philip Berry

its Painswick in Bloom business award, while Reigh Sutton won in the private premises class. One among several eye-catching arrangements.

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Relaxing Classics pulls in a good audience

We would like to thank all The Beacon readers who supported the concert in so many different ways. The musicians were pleased to have had such a good audience, who generated a supportive and appreciative atmosphere. People worked behind the scenes, selling tickets and publicising the event as well as helping with finances, stewarding and with refreshments on the evening.

Thanks to so much kind help from so many, we raised a total of £1601, of which £320.20 will go to St Mary's outreach in the local community and £1280.80 to Wotton Lawn facilities for patients.

Wotton Lawn is delighted and grateful for what we raised and are currently giving much thought on how the money will be spent. They want to invest in facilities for patients that will last.

Roy Welbourn



Letters

The inclusion of a letter not imply that the Beacon endorses the views expressed.

Weight v catastrophe

Shelagh Hume writes, from The Royal Oak:

Just to say well done to Charles and Ann for all their hard work and toughing it out with County. I'm sure that a weight restriction will not only improve the quality of life on the village but help avoid another catastrophic collapse of the road between Stroud and Brockworth.

Richmond: Time to re-sign?

Bob Shea comments, from Stroud Road: Apparently, no-one discussed the sign matter with Richmond management to discover if there were any other sides to the sign story. Unfortunately some people do not appreciate the benefits that this development brings to Painswick.

The Richmond centre is currently the largest employer in Painswick, bringing life to the local economy. In terms of good taste, Richmond is architecturally the finest post-war example of sympathetic Cotswold design, using stone building materials that blend into the countryside dare I say, in contrast to some of the 50's and 60's housing projects on the perimeter of the old village.

Richmond has provided, new housing and geriatric services to the benefit of numerous Painswickians who would have otherwise been forced to leave this area.

Richmond has integrated socially, with everything from bridge activities to religious services, providing direct support to numerous charities. The sign in question is a minute cost to the visual enjoyment of Painswick and is recompensed in full by the benefits enjoyed by the community at large.

Richmond: Advertising Hoardings

Leonard Chittenden writes, for P&DCS committee:

Painswick & District Conservation Society has monitored this saga (re: Richmond: Time to re-sign? – September Beacon), and commented to SDC where appropriate. The sequence of events appears to have been:

1. Permission to erect hoardings, granted in 2002, required removal by 22nd Jan 2008.
2. Richmond failed to comply. SDC served enforcement notice 17th March 2008, ordering removal within 14 days.



Did you get the answers to last month? The 13 events in which TeamGB won medals at the Olympics:

- ATHLETICS
- BOXING
- CANOE
- DIVING
- FOOTBALL
- GYMNASTICS
- PENTATHLON
- ROAD CYCLE
- ROWING
- SAILING
- SWIMMING
- TAEKWONDO
- TRACK CYCLE



With Hallowe'en looming at the end of the month, we are indebted to a reader living far away for 20 of the 26 words associated with that 'festival' concealed here this month.



Beacon articles

We remind readers that it is both helpful and important that contributors ensure their articles are acknowledged by us because accidents happen.

Sometimes, we discover, after publication and much to the frustration of the author, that messages had been sent to the wrong address or we received several simultaneously and overlooked one of them. Contrary to the opinion of some, we are human and make errors too. These can be minimised with your help. Please allow about 48 hours and, if no acknowledgement has been sent to you, do please get in touch without further delay.

3. Richmond continued to display signs, but on 25th April 2008 applied for extension of 6 months, because of the extended A46 closure.

4. Request rejected by SDC 12th July 2008.

5. Richmond again failed to comply. SDC served further enforcement notice 30th July 2008, ordering removal within 7 days.

6. Richmond continued to display signs, but on 28th August 2008 appealed against SDC rejection, (despite the fact that the signs had already been displayed some seven months beyond the permission date).

We can but hope that common sense prevails in the forthcoming appeal proceedings – but don't bet on it!

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Local MP has audience of the Queen

A Victorian garden party, staged last week by residents and staff of Richmond Painswick, to raise money for Acorns Children's Hospice Trust and Age Concern, was officially opened by Labour and Co-operative MP for the Stroud constituency, David Drew, in the presence of Queen Victoria (alias resident, Mrs Pauline Foreman) and her 'faithful servant' John Brown (whose real name is Dr John Kayes, also a resident).

The extravaganza of Victorian style fun and games was held at Richmond Painswick's beautiful rooftop gardens, where volunteers from the two charities, all donned in Victorian costume from top hats and frock coats to parasols and bustles, helped to run stalls selling sweets, books and Victorian posies. Visitors also enjoyed a country dancing display by children from the Croft School, Victorian music hall songs by the Age



Concern Choir, and music by Acorns' Folk Duo. Youngsters also enjoyed face painting and a Punch and Judy show, as well as a tombola, raffle and some traditional games.

Susie Oakley, Manager of Richmond Painswick, said: "The residents, Richmond



staff, charity volunteers and children made a huge effort to look the part, and they worked really hard to make sure visitors had a brilliant day. We're very pleased to have raised £1,152 for our two chosen charities."

Andy Jarrett, Acorns' community fundraiser for Gloucestershire and Christina Snell, chief executive officer for Age Concern Gloucestershire, said: "We are delighted to be working in a three way partnership with Richmond, and very grateful that they are fund raising on our behalves. The proceeds from today will be used in services to help children and older people in the area who are in need. A big thank you to all involved!"



Simone's Challenge

Simone Harris, Marketing Manager of Cotswolds88hotel, is bracing herself for a major fund-raising challenge next February. Her objective is to raise money for Severn Sound's Money Mountain which will go directly to local charities, a cause she feels strongly about. However, this will involve some strenuous and not particularly comfortable activities as the challenge is about Arctic survival.

Simone will spend eight days in -30 degree temperatures learning various survival techniques and culminating in sleeping in an ice-hole which she must first dig out herself. For a self-confessed beach lover this will be some challenge but she is determined to face it for the cause.

If you would like to sponsor Simone she would be very pleased to hear from you at the hotel.

...and talking of the hotel

A very special Halloween celebration is planned - 'Friday Night Fright' – for which the staff and hotel will be themed and a 4

course gastronomic candlelit dinner will be served. Booking is advisable.

Painswickians should also watch this space as the hotel is planning a loyalty or privilege card available only to local residents and which will mean attractive discounts on many of the hotel's services.

Carol Maxwell



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Clypping Service

The annual Clypping Service was held on Sunday 21st September in glorious sunshine. There was a good attendance comprising many parishioners with friends and relatives as well as a number of visitors.

Many joined in the clypping or embracing of the Church which entails circling the Church with everyone holding hands.

The theme of the day was the dance and the guest preachers, Revds Paul and Catherine Williams from Tewkesbury Abbey, explained the importance of the dance as a form of worship throughout the ages. Children from The Croft School delighted everyone with their dance performance. At the conclusion of the service a Treasure Hunt was held with some 48 entrants.



Traffic Management and the A46

At the public meeting held on Thursday, 25 September, details of the Cotswolds Freight Management Strategy proposed by the GCC were presented to a small but concerned audience.

A lorry management zone which involves an area-wide 7.5 tonne weight restriction to prevent heavy lorries using inappropriate routes for through-journeys will be implemented early in the new year. The zone, bounded by the M5, the A429, the A40/A436/A417 and running parallel with the A419, includes Painswick and the A46. The assumed outcome of enforcing this strategy is a 37% reduction of heavy lorries on the A46 section.

The key factors in implementing the proposed strategy are: communication with hauliers, clear and effective signing, capacity improvement plans for the A419, re-design of the freight route map, liaison with OS and the Regional Freight Forum to

develop SATNAV accordingly and proper investment in the Air Balloon roundabout.

In response to the many concerns raised by the audience several points were made. Weight restriction is considered to be preferable to de-classification to a B-road which is unlikely to reduce HGV usage. Local freight ie within the zone will be allowed to use local roads. When there are motorway closures weighted traffic will be diverted to the A38.

One of the main points of contention was the problem of enforcement, apparently the responsibility of the police, given high profile initially, with fines to be issued to offenders.

It was stressed that this is a pilot scheme, to run for 12-18 months after which, if it proves successful, will be implemented county-wide.

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Wartime memories

The residents and staff at Richmond Painswick are hosting a day of Wartime Memories in support of the Croft School's project on World War II. Various educational activities are planned for the children who will also have the chance to chat with residents and sample food from the period of rationing.

We would very much like to involve any Painswick residents who are able to join us for the day to share their personal wartime memories, photographs and memorabilia with the children. Transport can be provided. If you are interested, please call Melissa Gough-Rundle at Richmond Painswick on 813902.

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Falcon Bowling end of season

The outdoor bowling season is coming to a close. One of our members Max Hart, Gloucestershire Men's President, held very successful matches at the Falcon Green, welcoming Warwickshire, the Three Counties and the Royal Household.

Falcon Bowling Club played host to the Gloucestershire Bowling Association for the last match on 9th September, despite the wet weather!

Our Ladies Captain, Myra Savage, will be County Ladies President next year and with the support of the club, will enjoy yet another very busy season. Local and then National publicity, even Gardeners World, helped put Falcon B.C. more in the public's eye and they were most grateful to have so many people visit the club, to have a look around, and even trying the 'beautiful game'.

We have had a group of new bowlers, coached by David Holmes, join us on Friday afternoons, thoroughly enjoying themselves. We have one of the best greens in the county which is well kept, fine and fast, due to hours of effort by an enthusiastic team. We are grateful to the Painswick Bowling Club for their help filling in team vacancies, The Falcon Inn, the residents of Painswick and particularly the local press who have supported us this year.

Daphne Brown

Rugby

The new season has seen mixed results for the two Painswick fifteens. The United have begun the season in fine style with convincing victories over Cheltenham Civil Service, Cainscross and Old Patesians. James Wynn had a personal tally of 32 points in Painswick's 52 points to 7 victory over Cheltenham Civil Service's second fifteen. The first fifteen are still looking for their first victory. Last Saturday they lost to Ross on Wye in a Gloucestershire League Division 1 match. This was a particularly disappointing result for the Cherry and Whites as in recent times they have had a successful record against the Herefordshire side. Painswick's main problem stems from the loss of the entire front row since last season.

Results [(L) indicates league match: (M) Citizen Merit Table].

Sat 6th Sep. Painswick United 52 Cheltenham Civil Service 2nd XV 7.

Sat 13th Sep. (L) Painswick 1st XV 3 Dursley 1st XV 55. Cainscross 2nd XV 7 Painswick United 46.

Sat 20th Sep. (L) Old Bristolians 1st XV 27 Painswick 1st XV 18. Longlevens 2nd XV 0 Painswick United 17.

Sat 27th Sep. (L) Painswick 1st XV 14 Ross on Wye 1st XV 21. (M) Old Patesians 24 Painswick United 32.

October fixtures

Sat 4th. (L) Tewkesbury 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Stroud Nomads.

Sat 11th. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Ashley Down OB 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Cheltenham Sabres.

Sat 18th. Painswick United v Drybrook 2nd XV.

Sat 25th. Painswick 1st XV v Chipping Sodbury 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Old Centralians 2nd XV.

Sat 1st Nov. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Longlevens 1st XV. (M) Brockworth 2nd XV v Painswick United.

Experimental Laws

It will be interesting to see how Painswick react to the Experimental Law Variations (ELV) which have been introduced by the Rugby Football Union this season. The following is an outline of the changes.

Cricket

Painswick Cricket Club held its annual dinner and dance at the Painswick Golf Club last Friday evening. The guest speaker was the former Gloucester RFC star and Stroud Club cricketer Russell Hillier.

Club Chairman John Hogg told the members that there was good reason to be proud of the Club's achievements in recent times. He spoke of the success of the junior section which had begun to bear fruit with a number of former juniors now playing in the senior elevens. Presentations were made to first eleven Player of the Year, James Harbour, with Anthony Martin Williams receiving the second eleven and Chris Loveridge the third eleven awards. The Clubman of the Year award went to David Cave with Ben Neville named as Best Young Cricketer.

ELV 1. Assistant referees are able to assist the referee in any way that the referee requires.

ELV 2. Remove reference to head and shoulders not being lower than hips.

ELV 3. Players are able to defend a maul by pulling it down.

ELV 4. If a team puts the ball back into its own 22 and the ball is subsequently kicked directly into touch, there is no gain in ground.

ELV 5. A quick throw in may be thrown in straight or towards the throwing team's own goal line.

ELV 6. There is no restriction on the number of players from either team who can participate in the line out.

ELV 7. and 8. 1. The receiver at the line out must be 2 metres from the line out. 2. The player who is in opposition to the player throwing in the ball must stand in the area between the 5-metre line and the touch line but must be 2 metres away from the 5-metre line.

ELV 9. Lineout players may pre-grip a jumper before the ball is thrown in.

ELV 10. The lifting of lineout players is permitted.

ELV 11. Introduction of an offside line 5 metres behind the hindmost feet of the scrum.

ELV 12. Identification of scrum half offside lines.

ELV 13. The corner posts are no longer considered to be touch-in-goal except when the ball is grounded against the post.

Language – a barrier to good Rugby?

One aspect of the oval ball game that the Rugby Football administrators may soon have to consider is how to stamp out the incessant use of bad language that has become a feature of the game. The use of the "f" word has become so commonplace that it's unusual when a few minutes go by and it's not heard. In fairness the players may not be aware of the "turn-off" such language is to some spectators.



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Tennis

Seniors

Painswick LTC's Annual Club Tournament was scheduled to be played last Sunday (28th September). The results will be published in next month's edition. The winter leagues have started with mid-week floodlit as well as day time week-end matches.

Juniors

The annual County Closed Junior Tennis Tournament took place at the East Gloucestershire Club in Cheltenham during the last week in August. Once again the Painswick LTC juniors did us proud coming away with a fair proportion of the titles and medals on offer. Lara Fair and her partner were runners up in the U10 girls doubles, narrowly beaten over three sets. Christopher Morrow won both the U12 boys singles and doubles, while his brother, Matthew, matches him in the U14 events. Robert Smithson won the U12 boys consolation final against Hugo Stennard-Green, and Flora Mc Farlane and her partner finishes as runners up in the girls U14 doubles competition.

The Painswick U16 boys managed to make a clean sweep of the medals. Ed Williams beat Dan Omnes in a very close singles final. Freddie Speed beat Oliver Smithson in the boy's consolation event. Dan and Ed won the boys doubles. Alicia Barnett



was beaten in a close three set match in the U16 girls singles, but Chelsea Warrington and her partner won the doubles. The U18s had a good run too, with David Reid beating Ed Williams for the singles title and, in yet another all-Painswick final, Alicia Barnett beat Sarah Thomas in the girl's singles. Alicia and Sarah then went on to win the U18 girls doubles competition. James Barnett and James Morrow were runners up in the U18 boy's doubles competition. Congratulations to all the juniors who competed.

Jillie Speed

Badminton

Congratulations to William (Lim) Moir who won the Under 15 Gloucestershire County Badminton Junior Restricted Tournament in Boys Singles. He also won the Boys Doubles partnering Harry Rymell (Stroud) and was runner up in the Mixed Doubles, missing the title by just one point! His partner was Zoe Balfour.

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Cuttings

from newsletters to parents

We welcome Miss Gorman to Class 4 also Miss Bullock, who is working temporarily as an additional teaching assistant. We are also joined by Bridie Beresford in Class 5, Toby Reid in Class 4 and Jack Higgins in Class 2.

Instrumental lessons

There continue to be lessons in brass, woodwind and strings. Violin lessons are suitable for Year 2 children upwards, most woodwind and brass for junior children (once they have their adult teeth) and saxophone from Year 5. Lessons are as follows:

Brass: Mr Anderson on Wednesday mornings, Violins; Miss Stagg Wednesday afternoons, Woodwind Miss Atkinson Friday mornings

Helping the school

We would be very happy to hear from anyone who would like to hear children read, or take small groups of children to the library to change books.

Parent Governor Elections

As there were no further nominations for the two vacant posts of elected parent governors, Delyth Allen (mother of Eloise in Class 5) and Rupert Holmes (father of Olivia in Class 4) have been elected for a further term of office. Your other elected parent governors are David Perry (father of Nina in Class 3), Andrea Robinson (mother of Lettie in Class 3) and Andrew Taylor (father of Jane in Class 3 and Catherine in Class 5).

House Captains

Congratulations to this term's house captains:

BEACON: Lara Fair

JUNIPER: Josh Newton

RUDGE: Toby Green

School Council

The school council committee for this year is:

Chair: Joshua Mercer

Secretary: Ellie Gobey

Treasurer: Francesca Mowatt

The children elected to serve on the School Council until Christmas are:

Year 6: George Jones and Bridie Beresford

Year 5: Robin Watkins Davis and Freddie Whittaker

Year 4: Alex Gould and Olivia Holmes

Year 3: Lettie Robinson and Will Greenwood

Year 2: Charlie Murray and Helena Cox

Year 1: Darcy Lynall and Walter Lovell

Report from School Council Secretary

In the first meeting we talked about who was going to do simple jobs like set up the room for our meetings, write the policy for school council elections and make the school council ideas boxes. The school council then went off to make the boxes and Josh and I carried on counting the votes from last year about the new playground equipment. *Ellie Gobey*



Local History Teaser

There was a time when wearing a hat in nearly all situations was de rigueur. Our picture reflects just such a time.



The happy group of Painswickians were photographed in a central location which we would like you to name if you can. Are you also able to give an approximate date? Even more important, can you name any of the people? As we are able to identify only one of them we really do need your help on this one.

Answers in next month's Beacon.

Last month's picture showed three members of a family which had been at the heart of the village for a long continuous period. Pauline Berry wrote in correctly identifying all three. They were the Reverend William Herbert Seddon, who was Vicar of Painswick from 1885 to 1890 and again from 1897 to 1917, his wife, Mrs Frances Isabel Seddon and their daughter, Miss Ruth Seddon. The rather modern-looking photograph was taken as long ago as 1917. We must thank Mr Reg Daniels of Cranham for providing the picture.

If you have a photograph which you think would challenge readers, we'd like to hear from you.

Carol Maxwell



The 'Beacon Service' investigated

Our ears pricked up when we came across the expression 'Beacon Service', wondering whether we might be expected to do more than produce this monthly newspaper and undertake some other public function of which we had been unaware.

It did not take long to trace that pair of words to St Mary's, and the Church Rooms. Mike and Chris Campbell were our main 'informants'. Under a theme of 'The best is yet to come.' some sixty adults and children gathered for the launch of what they describe as a new-style Beacon Service on 14th September. The preface 'New style' was used as the timing had been changed, the format is different, and it is positively designed to appeal to people of all ages - to meet the needs of a changing congregation.

By way of background Mike told us that six years ago a number of Alpha Courses had been run in the Beacon Benefice and the leaders felt that a more informal and less structured Service might appeal to those who had been on those courses - so the Beacon Service was born! Although at first the services moved around the six Anglican churches and were held at a later hour, they now meet weekly on a Sunday in the Church Rooms at 4.30pm with a tea, mainly for children, but no adults need go hungry! At 5 o'clock the worship begins with everyone together for about 15 minutes. People who are seeking informal worship are also attending from beyond the Benefice and, we are told, although meetings are on Anglican premises the worship does not follow any particular denominational format - it is Christian Worship. A supportive music group has evolved within the larger following.

Before the get-together ends about 6.15pm, with coffee and biscuits, the meeting has divided into about four groups for a while;

- crèche for Pre-schoolers
- Sunday Club for those in school up to year 6
- discipleship Group for teenagers
- Bible Teaching for adults.

Mike said "We believe exciting things will be happening, so, if the idea of meeting with a warm and friendly group of people who enjoy lively and informal worship sounds good to you, why not give 'Beacon' a try? Just come to the Church Rooms between 4.30 and 5.00pm any Sunday - we'd love to meet you!"

The Leadership Team for more information:

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- Attila Sipos c/o 812600 or Victoria Soutar 813543
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BofB and jazz

'Jazz on a Sunday' on 7th September was a fabulous success with over 90 people contributing to a full house. Jeanne Marlow was superb and so were the backings of Trevor Emeny on sax and Andy Christie on keyboards. We served more than 60 Ploughman's lunches, and the most frequently asked question was 'when will you repeat it!' Thanks to everyone who came (and also helped).

Unfortunately we were not so successful with "The Best of British" as, due to the small number of tickets sold, we reluctantly had to cancel the event. The problems seemed to be that a lot of our regulars were on holiday and others were already feeling the pain from the rapid increase in the cost of living. However, this should not detract from the fabulous events staged in the past.

So, as it happens, Jazz on a Sunday was the last event I organised, and this will also be my last Newsletter. After nearly four years, having organised more than a dozen events, I have decided not to stand again at the AGM, (which is to be held on 13th October), and let someone else have a go! Joan and I have had a wonderful time staging these events and we are most grateful for the wonderful support we have received. We would like to send a big thank you to those businesses which supported us with items for auction, the table and bar sponsors, and the many helpers who have, over the years, baked cakes, arranged flowers, manned raffles, etc. Also to Chris Mercer at The Chairman for selling tickets so effectively, and to Paul Gray who has contributed so much to decorating the Hall for the various events. But most of all we'd like to give a massive thank you to those regulars who have appeared at virtually every event we've staged. Without your support there would be no events and the Painswick Centre would not come to life as it has for the Supper Dances, Country House Sales, Craft & Antique Fairs, the Brass Band Concert, fashion show, and the visits by the Gloucester Police Male Voice Choir.

Ralph Drew



Resurrection choir

The Resurrection choir Voskresenije from St Petersburg will be returning for a fourth concert at St Mary's on Sunday 19th October at 7.30pm. Concerts by this highly acclaimed choir are becoming an annual event. The first half of the programme will be devoted to Russian sacred music. The programme will include three pieces by Sergei Rachmaninov who developed a deep fascination for unaccompanied music from the Russian Orthodox Church and Ave Maria by C Saint-Saens. After the interval the choir will sing folk music dressed in their national costume.

Those who have attended the earlier concerts will know that the choir's composition changes each year as some members leave to develop their careers on the international circuit. We have been promised some exciting new talent this year with the conductor recruiting outstanding young vocalists from St Petersburg Conservatoire. However, the rare voice of Basso Profondo, Anatoly Artamonov, will be returning for his fourth visit. The choir will sing two movements from Rachmaninov's Vespers including the fifth. When Rachmaninov first played the fifth on the piano prior to its first performance the choirmaster shook his head and saying 'Now where on earth are we to find such a base? They are as rare as asparagus at Christmas'.

Proceeds from the concert will be used to further develop music in St Mary's Church. Donations will also be made to the Family Haven and the Marah Trust in Stroud.

Tickets priced £12 are available from: The Chairman New Street Painswick or the Stroud Tourist Information Centre; by post, or telephone 810935 or 813977. At the door (subject to availability).

For further information please contact me on 810935.

Nigel Burt

Gallery exhibition

We would like to thank all the people who supported us in August when we had the 'Gallery Café' open along with a four week exhibition of nine different artists during the Guild Exhibition month, if you missed it you missed a treat.

Rosa, Valerie and Jane enjoyed your company and your favourable comments about the home made cakes and scones. Many hoped it would continue afterwards and were disappointed that it was not to be, but there again you never know what may happen!

Paul Gray



David Morris, Valerie Dugan and Claire Nayegon in the Gallery

ArchiTecs

Just where is this plaque laid, for all to see?



Last month we asked if you recognised this sign. High on the frontage of what is now Hampsons International, yes; but no one has told us more than that the central word is 'CHAPEL'.

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From the Sierra Maria

Christopher and Geraldine Piper-Short used to live in Painswick and follow events here through the Beacon. They offered us an article and, as space just about permits, we think many will find it of interest.

"We have lived in a village in rural Spain now for just over 3 years and one cannot help making comparisons with the village life we left behind.

Our village of El Contador is high (3000ft) in the mountains of The Sierra Maria on a plateau right on the border of the provinces of Granada and Almeria

This a farming community blessed with very fertile soil due to many underground watercourses, so the land hereabouts is very green during Spring, Summer and into Autumn, with riots of wild flowers at the roadsides. Crops are Almonds and Wheat. Herds of goats also roam the landscape as they have for centuries.

Like Painswick, we have a church with a clock that strikes the hours, a tapas bar that also has a very small restaurant - speciality, leg of lamb cooked in a woodburner, and a village shop which I swear sells everything. I'm sure if you needed a car part they would have it out back somewhere !

Idyllic you may think - our nearest Post Office is 30 miles away (use Annie's office or lose it !)

Likewise, supermarket and bank. We see our postman twice a week. There was a time he would leave all the post on a bench in the village square to be sorted out by the villagers, he delivers to your door these days.

Unlike Painswick we see the police at least 3 times a day/night. They are The Guarda Civil and dress more like soldiers than policemen. They usually stop for coffee (and brandy) in the bar before patrolling the village. Very stern looking; they are in fact very friendly. More so in fact when they discovered that Geraldine is fluent in Spanish : they call her out on odd occasions if a Brit has fallen foul of the law. I get a salute now when they drive by! They take crime in their area personally and are outraged by the smallest infringement. It is in fact a mark of hospitality to leave your front door wide open in Summer - even if you are out! Crime in this area is virtually unknown. Cars are left around the village windows down, keys in the ignition and mobile on the dashboard. Tractors and machinery are left in fields overnight.

Painswick community life is thriving. Our monthly "fix" of The Beacon proves that. Community here is somewhat different. Regretfully there are no village clubs or societies to join. There is a sense of family however. This makes you feel that everyone is related in some way. The elderly are revered and looked after in the family. Village children are respectful, wish you good day and idolise the old ones. As in Painswick, help is always at hand. When there is a wedding, the whole village attends. At the last one there was a sitdown meal for 600 at a hotel some miles away !

Life here is a curious mixture of the hi-tech and medieval and I hope in a "slow" news month, The Beacon may allow me to tell you about the strange customs here and the exhausting and ear shattering Fiestas.

Good luck with the A46 and welcome back Dawn."

PROPERTY REPORT for October from Hamptons International

The conditions for selling this Autumn are improving with the supply of property tightening, lenders becoming more competitive and pressure on interest rates to come down before the end of the year. Despite August being quiet we did manage to sell quite a few properties so this goes to prove that the market is still moving despite what the press says! The National Newspapers base their data on Land Registry figures which show what happened in the market 3 months ago and considering the market has changed significantly over the last 3 months it is very out of date! We are finding that desirable properties coming to the market are still selling well because there are quite a number of motivated buyers out there who want to buy in the next couple of months. We are already beginning to see potential purchasers who went into rented in the Spring, returning to the buying market again after seeing a fall in prices and now want to be in their new home by Christmas. It is very important to have a network of offices when you instruct

an agent in this market (we have over 80 offices) because you need your property details to be sent to as many buyers as possible as you never know where your buyer will come from.

Hamptons International have also launched a new Exchange service linking buyers with sellers to facilitate part exchanges, create chains and help the market to move quicker (for info log onto www.hamptons.co.uk).

For those of you thinking of selling we are again having our London Property exhibition on Thursday 16th October in our Grosvenor Square Head office. It is a great opportunity to showcase your property to an invited audience of motivated London buyers, tenants, relocation agents and investors and our properties will be exhibited in the windows of our 20 London offices the week prior to the event. If you want to take advantage of this you need to instruct us by 10th October. As well as selling properties we are now running a lettings service from Painswick. This is run by Natasha Dickenson and she

has already let a number of properties in Painswick!

On 23rd October from 2-5pm Richard Madley (valuer behind Dickenson's Real Deal) and colleagues will be in our office to value any antiques you may have stored in your house.....you may be worth more than you thought! Bring along your antiques and have them valued at £1 per item in aid of the Princes Trust charity.

New Instructions: In Painswick: Clev-erleys- a detached 3/4 bedroom house in Vicarage Street with outstanding views, Evenlode, a modern 4 bedroom detached house in Brimpsfield, Monterosso: a detached family house in need of refurbishment with a fabulous 0.33acre garden. Near Bisley, Scrubs Bottom: a 4 bedroom rural idyllic house. Properties sold (exchanged): In Painswick itself: Painswick Mill and 1 Hyett Orchard, in Sheepscombe: Lavender Barn, and in Pitchcombe: Springwaters.

If you would like a free market appraisal for both sales or lettings please contact us on 812354.

Miranda Heynes Manager



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OCTOBER

Sun	5	Harvest Lunch	Painswick Centre	12.30pm
Mon	6	Short Mat Bowls (Mondays) contact 813627 Community Lunch: Hosts - Country Market Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812823	Town Hall Christ Church Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am & 8.30pm 12.00noon to 1.15pm 8.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	7	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Chi Kung (Qigong) classes - Tuesdays - £5 p.p. per class Tai Chi classes - Tuesdays - £8 p.p. per class	Christ Church Hall Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon 7.00pm 8.00pm
Wed	8	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812823 Probus: Arenas of sport - Cricket, Racecourses, Rowing - Aylwin Sampson Soul Café - Contemporary Spiritual Bible Study - Rev H Whyte	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Shires Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 2.00pm
Thu	9	Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813011/Liz, 813130 Tai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072 Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Gotswold Room 812823 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dance - Thursdays Bird Club: Breeding birds of S. Britain - Graham Wren (see p6)	Painswick Centre Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall	7.30 to 10.00pm 9.30am 9.30 to 11.00am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm 7.30pm 10.00am
Fri	10	Country Market - coffee available (Fridays)	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	11	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party. (location check 812708) Building Peace: talk by Carolyn Hayman Painswick Music Society AGM	Painswick Beacon Friends Meeting House Church Rooms	10.00am to 1.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm
Mon	13	Community Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Church Painswick Centre AGM (see p15)	Christ Church Hall Gotswold Room	12.00noon to 1.15pm 8.00pm
Wed	15	Coach to London. £15. Tel: 813885 / 813227 (see p 5) Women's Fellowship Social Evening	Starnages Car Park Christ Church Hall	8.30am 7.00pm
Thu	16	Music Appreciation Group: Arthur Sullivan	Gotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	17	Friday Club: A Painting Experience with Adele	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	18	Copy deadline for November Beacon Coffee Morning in aid of The Friday Club: Cakes / Arts & Crafts / Christmas Cards etc. (see p 5)	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.30pm
Sun	19	Return: Vozbresenje (Resurrection) Choir from St Petersburg	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Mon	20	Community Lunch: Hosts - Parish council	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	21	Clothes Sale (also 22nd, 23rd & 24th) History Society: 'Tumpike' film (see p 4)	The Patchwork Mouse Croft School	10.00am to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: Humour & songs from the wars - Mike Wallace Day of Prayer for Peace: Talk - Denise Magauran (see p 5)	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 2.00pm
Sat	25	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party. (location check 812708) Liberal Democrat coffee morning and book sale (see p7) Knitwear Sale: Great labels at even greater prices - cashmere, botany, lambswool etc. Painswick Singers concert version of Oklahoma and other music (see p7)	Painswick Beacon Town Hall Painswick Centre	10.00am to 1.00pm 10.00am to noon venue to be confirmed 7.00 for 7.30pm
Mon	27	Community Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Group	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI: Fancy a Joint? - Robert Linsell (see p6)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	29	Theatre Club outing to Cheltenham Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM & illustrated talk (see p6)	The Falcon Town Hall	8.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	30	Music Appreciation Group: Tchaikovsky Concert	Gotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	31	Friday Club: Halloween Event Closing date Directory 2009 entries (see page 3)	Richmond Painswick	



NOVEMBER

Sat	1	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Coffee & Galesau: Morning Conservatives Wine Tasting. Tickets £12 to include supper. Tel: 813258 / 812743	Christ Church Hall Church Rooms	10.00am to 1.00pm 7.00pm
Sun	2	All Souls Day: Service of Thanksgiving (see p 5)	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Mon	3	Community Lunch: Hosts - Christ Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	4	Bird Club: Finland - winter to spring: Helen Williams	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	5	Probuc: The Archers at Crecy 1346 - Ian Shapter	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	6	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting at the Hospice Music Appreciation Group at Richmond Painswick	Minchinhampton Richmond Painswick	2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	8	Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair (see p7)	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
Mon	10	Community Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	11	Remembrance Service	War Memorial	for 11.00am
Wed	12	Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale for Ashwell House Day Centre Soul Café - Contemporary Spiritual Bible Study - Rev H Whyte	Ashwell House Christ Church Hall	10.30am to 12noon 2.00pm
Fri	14	Friday Club outing: A Day at the Races Children in Need Day Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing	Croft School Bham Symphony Hall Town Hall	7.30pm 10.00am to 12.00noon 12.00noon to 1.15pm
Sat	15	Christian Aid Coffee Morning (see p6)	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Mon	17	Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins	Painswick Golf Club	
Tue	18	Fashion Show in aid of Cotswold Care. Tickets £10 to include glass of wine. Tel: 813141		
Wed	19	Probuc: Life upon the wicked stage - Diane Hayman Women's Fellowship: Bookbinding - Anne Wsare	Shires Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	20	CTAP AGM	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Sat	22	Conservatives Bridge Drive: tickets £7 to include afternoon tea. Tel: 813258	Church Rooms	2.30 to 5.00pm
Mon	24	Community Lunch: Hosts - Women's Fellowship	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: AGM & 19th century evening with magic lantern show - David Bayley	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	27	Music Appreciation Group: Vaughan Williams	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	28	Friday Club: AGM followed by 'Preparing for Christmas'	Town Hall	2.30pm

DECEMBER

Mon	1	Community Lunch: Hosts - Arthur & Andy Lock	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	3	Probuc: Memoirs of Japan - Marion Begley	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	6	Conservatives Christmas Mince Pies Party. Tickets £8. Tel: 812158 / 813841	Church rooms	7.00pm
Mon	8	Community Lunch: Host - Margaret Hodge Bird Club: field trip - Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust	Christ Church Hall Slimbridge	12.00noon to 1.15pm 10.45am
Tue	9	Yew Trees WI: Puds & Puzzles	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	10	Theatre Club outing to Malvern Soul Café - Contemporary Spiritual Bible Study - Rev H Whyte	The Falcon Christ Church Hall	1.00pm 2.00pm
Thu	11	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	12	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch		
Mon	15	Croft School juniors Christmas Concert	Christ Church	7.00pm
Tue	16	Everyman Pantomime workshop at school	Croft School	

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A summary of information from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

HORNBEAMS, SLAD Erection of an extension and alterations.

WICKSTONE, BISLEY STREET Erection of extension, installation of satellite dish, installation of mini dish.

SEVENACRES, THE CAMP, SHEEPS-COMBE WARD Increase height of dwelling and replacement roof.

REVISED PLANS

2 WOODBINE COTTAGE, SLAD Erection of replacement dwelling. Main changes: Clarification of site area, landscaping and access arrangements. Reduction in size of proposed dwelling.

WELL COTTAGE, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPS-COMBE 2 storey rear extension. Main changes: Revised plans and elevations to reduce impact upon neighbouring property.

CONSENT

HALCYON, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPS-COMBE Replacement dwelling.

3 THE CROFT Proposed Conservatory/sunroom

21 CHURCHILL WAY Resubmission following refusal S.07/2744/FUL. Erection of extension to enlarge kitchen and provide cloakroom and porch.

MERRILLS, FRIDAY STREET Internal and external alterations.

REFUSAL

SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, VICARAGE STREET Installation of French doors.

PYLL HOUSE BARN, SHEEPS-COMBE Erection of single storey extension. (Full planning application. Listed Building application withdrawn)

ELM COTTAGE, FAR END, SHEEPS-COMBE Extensions to existing dwelling.

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- We have noticed, of late, that we sometimes receive two fairly weighty items for an event two months hence. Unfortunately this can mean that we become short of space for the one closest to the date of the event itself, which means we may seek to precis the second one to the disadvantage of the organisers. We much prefer a short 'advance notice' and the most important pre-event item later.

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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to EMILY and BARNEY MACER on the birth of their baby girl, Matilda, on 21st July, a sister for Max and a first grand-daughter for Mary and Tony Macer,

(My apologies for the 'generation' error which crept in last month - entirely my typo. LWB)

Congratulations, too, to SARAH and RICHARD ALLEN of Paradise on the birth of their second daughter, Emma Louise, on 12th August, a sister for Lucie.

90th Birthday

Congratulations to MARJORIE BARNFIELD who celebrated her 90th birthday on 26th September.

Engagements

Congratulations to NED ABEL-SMITH of Througham, and ELIZA PEARSON of Cowdray Park in West Sussex who announced their engagement recently,

also to RICHARD WOOF of Slad and LAURA McKAY of Limavady in County Londonderry, whose engagement was announced recently; both are teachers in Scotland.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to MARGARET and FRED JONES who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 6th September.

Diamond Wedding

Congratulations to Tony and Joan Bradley who will celebrate their 60th anniversary on 9th October at Richmond Painswick.

Such Good Friends

Eddie and Eileen Cook celebrated their Golden Wedding in July this year and the highlight was the happy gathering of good friends and family.

The celebration party was held at Painswick Rugby Club and twelve lifelong friends, who grew up in Painswick and attended Painswick School, came specially for the occasion from far and wide. "We have kept in touch for the last 60 to 70 years," explained Eileen, and this despite the fact that many of the group live quite some distance apart. The photograph was sent in by Helen Fletcher who also celebrated her Golden Wedding in February this year.

From left to right: Peter Foy, Helen Fletcher (nee Perrins), Gill Johnson (nee Perrins), Eileen Cook (nee Hogg), Vena Hitchens (nee Barnard), Serena Smith (nee Barnard), Betty Hemmings (nee Perrins), Hilary Grey (nee Fletcher), Jill Jones (nee Barnfield), Les Jones, Jean Jellyman (Barnfield), Derrick Jellyman, Jane Dudley (nee Perrins).

Carol Maxwell



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome IDA WILLIAMS who has moved to Richmond Painswick from the Wirral, and to FRANK DRINKWATER from Gloucester who has also moved there.

Welcome back

We would like to welcome back ELLA ADLAM to No.1 Hyett Orchard from Buckinghamshire.

Get well soon

Best wishes to KEN OLIVER and JOYCE WEIR who have been in Gloucester Royal Hospital, and JUNE CRANE recuperating at Richmond Painswick.

Deaths

Our sincere sympathies to the friends and family of GLADYS HILLIER and GORDON BIRCHER, both of Cranham, who have died recently.

Wedding couple

We are pleased to share this photograph of SOPHIE (nee HODGSON) and TOM RADCLIFFE who were married at St Mary's church on 9th August.



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