

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick welcomes Karen in Post



Karen Judd is Painswick's new and very welcome postmistress.

On 8th July Karen officially took charge and the long period of uncertainty came to an end.

This is Karen's first Post Office and she is excited about the prospects. Together with husband, David and daughter, Klara, she has been overwhelmed by the welcome she has received and is keen to offer a first-class service to the community.

A smiling Karen greets her customers warmly and is eager to offer a broad range of Post Office services as well as the shop fare to visitors and locals alike. The front door was opened for the first time in many years and already there is a fresh new feel to the Post Office. *Full story on page 18.*

Gateway closing

The Painswick Gateway project is in the process of being wound up. The ambitious proposals - to create a community facility centred on the Library building and adjoining Church Rooms, opening up an access from Stamages Lane car park to the village centre - are a victim of the depth of the current recession, weakness in the commercial property market, legal constraints on members of the project partnership and strings attached to the sale of the Library building by the County Council.

In a statement on behalf of the Trustees, chairman Edward Young said, "This is a bitter blow after three years of hard work in trying hard to bring together several agencies to make the project viable."

The Gateway Trust is now being wound up and pledges repaid as agreed. *Full statement on page 3.*

Swine flu here, now?

Yes... probably. According to Painswick surgery, there have already been a dozen or so cases of patients with 'flu-like symptoms' in the local area.

Last week the National Pandemic Flu Service was launched to provide those with such symptoms one central service point rather than burden our local GPs and spread the bug further at the surgery.

For advice and diagnosis, call 0800 1 513 100 or go to www.direct.gov.uk/pan-demicflu. *Full details on page 5.*

Allotments decision for Judicial Review?

In a surprise development, a Proposed Claim for Judicial Review challenging the Parish Council's decision to establish allotments on Gyde Field has been lodged with the Council by Mr Philip Rowlands. As the Beacon went to press, a full Council Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 29th July to consider the proposed claim. The Parish Council has until the 31st July to respond to the claimant.

Art Festival opening

Painswick's first Summer Art Festival opens today – Saturday, 1st August – and continues throughout the month.

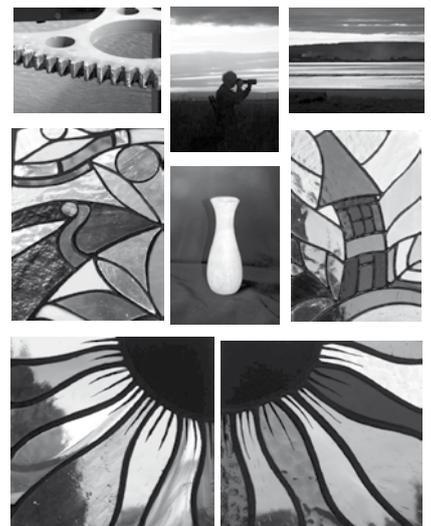
The brainchild of Jackie Herbert, Chairman of the Painswick Centre, the festival links and provides a focus for the growing number of exhibitions that are held every summer in Painswick.

Jackie says "Painswick's reputation as a venue is not surprising given the abundance of local artistic talent. So, it occurred to me that, with the Gloucester Guild Summer Show and Gallery, the newly opened Art Studios at the Painswick Centre and various pre-booked private exhibitions, something could be done to bring everything in the village together under one 'arts umbrella' thus stimulating interest and perhaps more customers."

The idea was warmly supported by the Town Hall, the Library Rooms, Painswick Matters, local artists and businesses alike, but not least by the Parish Council who have supported it by sponsoring the costs of advertising.

"We all hope the banner across the road will encourage passing drivers to stop, walk around the village, experience the wonders and beauty of Painswick, visit our exhibitions and also make good use of our cafés, pubs and shops."

As you will see from the programme on page 16, there is a comprehensive and varied range of arts events available with 15 exhibitions (some including demonstrations and workshops), two private open studios and four Painswick shops all contributing to make this a success and a first step to putting Painswick on the map as an important arts venue in Gloucestershire.



On other pages this month - slow down to **20**, pipped by **Minch**, yet more from the **allotments**, yet more piggin' **flu**, winning **woofers**, **Festive Summer Arties**, pain in **Spain**, hot tripping **ladies**, confusion, still **puffin'** at **20**, and yet more **confusion**...



PLANNING

Minor Amendments

Terry Parker drew to the attention of the meeting that SDC did not inform PPC when so-called minor amendments, which were sometimes substantial, were approved in planning applications with the result that PPC had an incomplete record of applications and approvals. SDC will be asked to change their procedure.

PARISH COUNCIL

About twenty members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting.

Allotments

The Chairman, Terry Parker, told the meeting that SDC had advised the Clerk late that afternoon that a Certificate of Lawful Development was not required to create allotments on agricultural land but that the Certificate could not be issued because the application included a requirement for a drainage ditch. The ditch would require planning consent. He had also learned from the Chairman of the Gyde Field Trustees that another body had made an approach to the Trust for the leasing of the Gyde Field. He therefore felt that PPC should not put off its decision on whether to proceed with Gyde Field.

Several issues discussed at previous meetings were raised by members of the public. Philip Rowlands of Gyde Barn, concerned at the flooding risk, asked that adequate drainage be part of the agreement with the Gyde Field Trustees. Terry Parker replied that the issue of drainage would be negotiated with the landlord and that in any case planning permission would be required. Another member of the public stated that drainage was an existing problem and was separate from the location of allotments. Other issues discussed included the tenant's agreement, parking, traffic on Gyde Road and funding. Terry Parker said a tenant's agreement would be finalised once negotiations with the landlord had been completed, parking for six cars would be available on existing hard core at the top of the field and that it was anticipated that many people would walk to the field and therefore traffic on Gyde Road would not be seriously affected. A member of the public said that allotment holders would seek funding themselves. Another said that allotment applicants did not want to see the horrible mess noted elsewhere. As villagers they were as concerned about maintaining the character of the conservation area and the tenant's agreement would state that any allotment holders who allowed their plots to become a mess would be expelled.

The meeting then voted on whether to proceed with negotiations with the Gyde Field Trust solicitor and agreed by a vote of seven in favour and one abstention to proceed. Two councillors (Andy Cash and Dhushy Mahendran were not present and Jason Bullingham did not vote as he is a Gyde Field trustee).

Signs

Ann Burges Watson reported that the traffic committee had agreed that "Local shops" signs be placed at the junctions of the A46 with Bisley Street and Victoria Square.

Maurice Maggs of the Painswick and District Conservation Society told that he had five submissions for the sign to go at the road entrances to the village. PPC and Highways could add text or information to the signs. After much discussion the meeting agreed

to appoint two parish councillors who, together with Highways, would select the winning sign.

The discussion continued with the untidiness of A boards spread around the village and the obstruction they create and the negative effect that gives to visitors and residents alike. Each business may place one A board outside its premises. If there were more, SDC could be asked to enforce their removal. David Hudson responded that the issue was better solved by negotiation. The Parish Council should talk to traders and explain that planning permission is needed if they have more than one board.

Painswick Gateway

Edward Young, chairman of the Painswick Gateway trustees, told the meeting that the reasons to abandon the project were largely financial and the constraints imposed by GCC. Joan Nash said that all county libraries are to be reviewed and were secure for the foreseeable future. Some hope was also expressed that the Cotswold Way Interpretation Centre might still come to Painswick.

Gloucestershire Calor Village of the Year Competition

Ela Pathak-Sen reported that Painswick has been invited to the prize giving evening on Friday 17th July.

New Councillor

The meeting welcomed Caroline White, co-opted onto the Parish Council as a ward councillor for Slad.

Telephone fraud and speed checks

PCSO Colin Drewitt reported that there is a telephone scam about at the moment aimed at farmers. The caller says he is calling from the Police and asks for a donation of £241 for school holiday clubs or £141 for school books. This is a fraud. The Police never telephone to collect money. Ignore the call. Do not pay any money.

The Police will also be carrying out speed and vehicle weight checks continuously 24 hours a day for seven days in Painswick and Edge in the near future.. Colin reported that one freight company whose lorries were coming through the village at 6 a.m. had been contacted and has now stopped their vehicles entering the exclusion zone.

Joan Nash, Gloucestershire County Councillor

The meeting welcomed Joan Nash who was re-elected at the local elections. She summarised the main points of her monthly letter which the Parish Council will in future receive on news from GCC.

- About 200 job cuts will be made this year in admin staff with a further 300 more in the next two years.
- Births and Deaths can now be registered online.
- All six districts will now work together to negotiate bus concessions with Stagecoach
- GCC will start an investigation into drainage/flooding hotspots.
- The A46 Coopers Hill section will have drains fitted above the road and a retaining wall along the lower side. Work should start at the end of 2009 paid for by £2million from the Dept of Transport and £2.3million from GCC.

Speed Limit

GCC's proposed 20 mph speed restriction area will shortly be open to public consultation for a three week period. Details available from the Town Hall. Councillors expressed concern that Pullens Road, Lower Washwell and the A46 from Pullens Road to the traffic light were not included and proposed writing to Highways about this.

Beacon by email

We welcome contributions by email (beacon@painswick.net) but please check that we've received them.

If you've not received an acknowledgement in 48 hours, it probably means it's lost in hyperspace: please chase us!

Gateway closing

As many readers will have heard by the time this issue of the Beacon is circulated, the Trustees of Painswick Gateway have voted not to go ahead with the purchase of the Library buildings through the conditional contract which was on the table. The full text of the press release is available at www.painswickgateway.org.uk. This is a bitter blow after about 3 years of hard work in trying hard to bring together several agencies to make the project viable. Gateway is therefore being methodically brought to a close.

The underlying reasons for the negative outcome include, in no particular order, (and in the opinion of the Trustees):

- weakness in the property market, not reflected in the purchase price but apparent in the reduced expectations of capital available from the proposed sale of Chapel Cottage,
- the revelation, of late, that there are limitations on the range of permissible investments to which the lessened capital available from the sale of the URC's Chapel Cottage may be put, with Gateway not aligning particularly well with the criteria; this significantly affecting the evolving capital budget,
- strings, calculated against a gross purchase price that were attached to the sale, whereby the County Council could claw back significant "discounts" on punitive terms,
- strong constraints being applied to the control of the running of the Service Local Agreement covering the library service,
- further deterioration in the fabric of the property since opening negotiations with the County Council (delays demonstrably not being Gateway's shortcoming),
- squaring the capital and revenue budgets in the light of these and other prevailing factors.

Ranged against these was the fundamental desire to try and save the building and the library service for the community and open a safe pedestrian way between St Mary's Churchyard and the car park, together with creating opportunities for local business and mutual benefits for the churches concerned and the wider community.

On a positive note, our County Councillor Joan Nash asserted in public (at the recent meeting of the Parish Council) that the County Council was not going to force any immediate closure of the library but that the newly formed GCC Cabinet would be reviewing the provision of library services county-wide and that we could expect the status quo to prevail at least until such a review has taken place.

The Trustees are engaged in the process of finalising the accounts. As soon as possible they will communicate with supporters who have subscribed with generous donations, in connection with the return of funds in accordance with undertakings made.

Edward Young – Chairman of Trustees

Proposed 20 mph Speed Restriction Area

Gloucestershire Highways is proposing a 20 mph speed limit for most of Painswick, as shown on the accompanying map.

All residents should have received a letter with a map indicating where the speed limit will apply. As speeds of more than 20 mph, apart from on the main roads, are impossible in the village, the Beacon does wonder whether the writer of the letter has actually tried driving round Painswick.

We hope also that this commendable proposal will not lead to a plethora of new signs cluttering up our narrow twisty roads.

Finally we note some curious omissions:

- Gloucester Road north of Butts Green,
- Gyde Road, Pullens Road and Canton Acre,
- Lower Washwell
- the A46 from Pullens Road to the traffic light are all not included.

If you have any comments or suggestions you should reply to Highways by post or email highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk by 11th August.



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Letters



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More from the allotments...

Pamela and Alan Bamber, Bishopswood, Somerset:

As former Painswick residents we have been disappointed by recent correspondence objecting to allotments on Gyde Field. It is fair enough to raise concerns about access and parking near the site, but to state or imply that such allotments would necessarily be visually offensive smacks of middle-England snobbery. How can a community that largely acquiesced in a major development which ruined and suburbanised the south-western approach to Painswick now object to something as benign, visually pleasing and socially beneficial as allotments?

From John Rhodes, PullensRd:

After many years of growing veg we let go our allotment - the only one in Painswick - to some younger families. But after three years the veg bug has hit us again and we now use the end of our very small garden to grow organic veg. If you have never had the joy of growing vegetables from seed to table then you have missed much. Without enough space, which is most people's lot, we cannot feed ourselves in this privileged village. Not everyone has vast gardens or wishes to hide their vegetables away from sight, for shame. Veg gardens are rather pretty, invigorating, inspiring and a very soothing pastime.

It is easy to drive to the supermarket for all your goods, but is it wise?

An allotment close to home is essential in order to carry tools, veg, dogs, children, buggies etc. Many people also realise the need to cut back on the use of cars, foodmiles (money!) etc. The allotments help with this... and 'every little helps!'

Gateway, what next?

From David Allott, Stamages Lane:

Gateway is dead, I've heard it said. But surely that comment was premature and too simplistic? The library building still needs a creative owner. The Church rooms would be improved by a makeover, and who wouldn't like a safe route from car park to churchyard, whoever creates it? Much money, information and goodwill has been assembled. Let's not waste it!

I would so like a parish-wide survey, done with professional assistance, to both finish the Parish Hall's Survey by measuring all the residents' and users' wishes and willingness to support and pay for facilities and, crucially, to include Painswick's 'public' spaces such as all car parks, Rococo, Recreation ground, Broadham Fields, skittle alleys, bowling greens, tennis courts etc. £3,000 was offered towards the cost of this in 2007. Would you contribute some minutes to ask for and complete the survey? How about telling a Parish Councillor exactly what you think?

Painswick pipped by Minch

Painswick was overall runner up (to Minchinhampton) in this year's Calor Gloucestershire Village of the Year competition, winning £100 and a certificate in the process.

Representatives from the villages gathered at Campden House in Chipping Campden for the competition ceremony, run by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC), on Friday, 17th July. Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen is pictured here receiving the certificate on behalf of Painswick from the Honourable Philip Smith.

Ela and Mike Kerton would like to thank all those members of the community who helped put the application together. The judges commended our village for its community spirit, evident from the sixty clubs and societies all run by members of the community. Also mentioned were the Yew Trees Scheme and the reminiscence sessions the school children participated in at Richmond Village. In applying we also learned about some of the things we should consider doing in our village and we will discuss this with the rest of the Parish Council.



Help with Alzheimer's

Do you worry about your memory? I know I do; I've left my dog tied up outside school on more than one occasion, and there have even been times when I've almost forgotten to get the children! I joke, but there is an element of concern behind the laughter. If my memory loss gets worse, will I ultimately be diagnosed with dementia? Well the first thing anyone must do if they have concerns about their memory is to visit their GP. Don't put your head in the sand and if you're the partner/carer of the person who's concerned, urge them to get help as soon as possible.

The term 'dementia' is used to describe the symptoms that occur when the brain is affected by specific diseases and conditions. These include Alzheimer's disease and sometimes as a result of a stroke. Dementia is progressive, which means the symptoms will gradually get worse. How fast dementia progresses will depend on the individual. Symptoms include loss of memory, mood changes and difficulty communicating. In later stages there will be difficulty carrying out everyday tasks and the person will become increasingly dependent on others caring for them. There is help and support out there, so whether you are the person with the condition, or the Carer, you are not alone.

Having company and stimulation is always a good thing and we have in our area the **Uplands Day Care Centre** (Contact Pam Bowen on 01453 759388) service in Stroud which offers day care on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with a range of activities and services available, and an excellent lunch all for £26.00. As from September this year, **Resthaven Care and Nursing home** (Contact Jayne Roberts on 812682) in Pitchcombe will be offering respite care in their newly refurbished room. They are also happy to have someone visit them for the day to join in the varied activities and have lunch. Bathing and shower facilities are also available. Both Uplands and Resthaven will do an initial assessment to ensure that they will be able to meet your needs.

We are fortunate to have an excellent local **Alzheimer's Society** based in Stroud (Helpline: 0845 300 0336, local: 01453 791830). They offer practical support giving information and advice, benefit checks etc. There is an Alzheimer's café open to Carers and people with dementia, and singing groups providing an enjoyable and stimulating environment helping the brain through the fun and exercise of singing. There are also support groups and home based respite available:

- **Crossroads** (Tel: 01453 755999) can offer support to help with managing finances, maintaining day to day living skills and giving relief to carers on a regular basis, under their "Caring for Carers" scheme.
- **Guideposts** (Tel: 01452 410101) specialise in providing help to people with dementia, learning difficulties, or recovering from mental health problems. They will also provide help enabling carers to get a short break.
- **Carers Gloucestershire** (Tel: 01452 386283) can help with emotional and practical support and advice and can help you as a carer to get a Carers Assessment carried out by the Adult and Community Care team. It is not an assessment on your ability as a Carer. This is a really helpful organisation to anyone who is a Carer.

I won't be available for home visits in August but look forward to hearing from you in September.

If you need help urgently, please call the Adult Help Desk on 01452 426868. If you need another Village Agent to call on you, please call GRCC on 01452 528491.

Lou Kemp, Village Agent

Swine Flu here now in Painswick?

According to Nicola Hayward, practice manager at Painswick surgery, there have already been a dozen or so cases of patients with 'flu-like symptoms' in the local area.

Last week, the National Pandemic Flu Service was launched as a one-stop point of access for diagnosis, advice and information on Swine Flu rather than visiting the surgery or calling NHS Direct.

Dr Shona Arora, Director of Public Health, said: "The launch of the National Pandemic Flu Service does not mean that swine flu has become more severe. However, people who have flu-like symptoms will now benefit from one central service and we will continue to provide people with access to treatment as locally as possible. It is important to remember that the vast majority of people who have been diagnosed with swine flu to date have experienced relatively mild symptoms and have recovered well."

So, if you think you have swine flu, you should now call **0800 1 513 100** or go to www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu. You will be taken through a series of questions which will tell you if you have symptoms of swine flu and whether you need antiviral medication.

If antiviral medication is prescribed you will be given a unique reference number and given a choice of several antiviral collection points, staffed by some 80 clinicians and administrative staff from across the NHS and social care, and local volunteers such as the British Red Cross. NHS Gloucestershire has also organised for the British Red Cross to help those local people who are unable to identify a 'Flu Friend'.. from a selection in the county.

Anyone who is prescribed antiviral medication should ask a 'Flu Friend' who is not displaying flu-like symptoms, eg a relative, neighbour or friend, to collect the medication on their behalf. The Flu Friend will require the unique reference number, the patient's ID and their own ID. Anyone attending an antiviral collection point without these three things will be asked to return home to collect them. Anyone who turns up and has not been through the National Pandemic Flu Service will be asked to use the Service before asking a flu friend to collect medication for them, if required.

The nearest antiviral collection point to Painswick is at Badhams Pharmacy in Delta Way, Brockworth (open 9am until 6pm) and there is also a 24 hour collection point at NHS Gloucestershire in Brockworth. Other collection points in Gloucestershire (all open open 9am - 6pm) are at Alchem Pharmacy in London Road, Gloucester, Badhams Pharmacies in London Road, Charlton Kings and Church Road, Bishops Cleeve, and Lloyds Pharmacy at the St Paul's Medical Centre, Swindon Road, Cheltenham.

More collection points will be announced over the next week or so, although not (apparently) here in Painswick.

Do I sense another local campaign brewing...?

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Kate could be so good for your children

Kate Mead has a wealth of experience when it comes to teaching dance to children. With her background of very thorough training, performing and many years of teaching you might expect to detect a rather jaded attitude by now, but not a bit of it. Kate's fervent belief in the enormous benefits that children gain from attending ballet and tap classes is unquestionable.

As she keenly points out, dance develops musicality, brain/body coordination, control, muscle tone, good posture, fitness, strength and of course it is a healthy, fun and social activity.

An elegant and very modest lady, Kate quietly runs part of her dance school, Stroud Academy of Dancing, from Painswick. Her pedigree is flawless. Kate explains that she always wanted a career in ballet and that luckily for her the school she attended in Shropshire was keen on the arts.

At age seventeen she won a place at the London College of Dance where she undertook three years of concentrated study. This included training in anatomy, physiology, movement etc as well as dance and music. Covering all possible related subjects, the training was very thorough with exams every step of the way.

Qualifying in 1969, she decided to specialise in ballet but to teach tap too. Her first major teaching job was with a big dance school in Bristol where she gained much valuable experience in a range of teaching activities including competitions and pantomime. She was also able to perform with leading big companies such as the Royal Ballet when they were visiting Bristol. She found this enjoyable and very enriching but also recognised that performing is a hard life with long days of practice classes, performing and a nomadic existence.

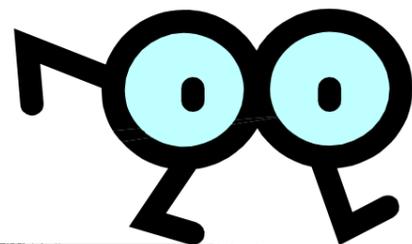
In the late 1970s Kate moved to Sheepscombe and started her own school in Upton-St-Leonards, then in Painswick Town Hall. In the early 1980s she was asked to take over the Stroud Academy of Dancing, from time to time also running classes in Painswick. Over the years she has taught in both state and private schools in addition to running her own school. She has always taught to the Royal Academy of Dance syllabus, entering her students for all the RAD grade examinations.



Kate lives in Painswick with her daughter, Alexandra, and decided to start classes again in Painswick two years ago. These take place in the Church rooms on Wednesdays after school. This very hard working lady retains a refreshing enthusiasm for what she does. "It keeps me young," she explains. But her real zest is for the joy and benefits it gives the children she teaches. "Ballet is good for all children, boys and girls." She tells of a girl with Downs Syndrome who loves the classes she attends and for whom dance has been an important developmental feature.

Kate's classes will resume in September and newcomers from age three upwards as well as returning students will be very welcome. This is a very positive activity for all children, helpful in many other aspects of their lives, and we are fortunate indeed to have Kate Mead's professional and very capable teaching expertise in our midst. Kate's telephone number is 813118.

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Local History Society down among the dead



With burials over at least 700 years Painswick churchyard probably contains thousands of Painswickians. This rather interesting statistic was the introduction to a most informative and fascinating presentation by David Harley and Peter Rowe at the AGM of the Local History Society. Of course, only the wealthy minority have monuments, ie the tombs, to indicate their burial places, the oldest of which is dated 1553. By 1875 there was no more room so the churchyard was closed.

The upkeep of the tombs - over 600 - is traditionally a family responsibility but this task has been undertaken for many years by church wardens. By the 1970s there was concern about their condition and the so-called conservation experts, brought in to remedy the problems, sadly caused tremendous damage by coating them in silicon.

Fortunately for Painswick, Roy Truman's bequest has enabled the current conservation project to go ahead. In 2003 a survey of both listed and unlisted tombs (160 are listed monuments) determined those in poor and very poor condition for which the estimate was £55,000. This meant that more money in the form of sponsorship was needed.

As a result of competitive tendering Centreline of Painswick was contracted to complete the first phase and also took on phase two (unlisted). The damage was complex involving rusting iron cramps, limestone erosion and water ingress. Fortunately, a collection of excellent drawings and plans and a series of photographs taken in the early 20th century show the state of the tombs at that time and these have proved invaluable.

Some stones are missing. Repair is delicate and painstaking and the end result is not necessarily noticeable. However, without the work many would collapse totally. Some parts have of necessity been completely replaced, copied faithfully from the photographs. Perhaps most intriguing was the opening up of the large tomb without inscriptions. Down under, it was found to be very large and with an inner walled-up chamber. Through a small gap could be seen two dilapidated coffins but no-one was quite brave enough to go right in!

Conservationists are still learning and the process is very expensive, but the overwhelming conclusion is that it is definitely worthwhile. After all, Pevsner did consider our churchyard the finest in England.

The new Local History Society season will commence in September.

... and the Local History Teaser

Some smiling, some looking very serious but most clutching what appear to be goodies. Who are they, where are they, when was this and what was the occasion?

We would very much appreciate your help on this one so please get in touch if you can provide any information.



Last month's photograph roused some interesting speculation. It was sent to John Holmes for possible clarification and identity. John surmised that it was likely to have been taken at the Falcon Bowling Club as the smart dress would indicate a gentlemen's club rather than a working men's club (the Institute Bowling Club). This was the division in times gone by.

Norman Rampton agrees that the background does seem to be that of the Falcon Club, taken close to the thatched summerhouse. As no-one can identify any of the men in the picture it makes it almost impossible to date. However, the dress would appear to be that of the 1920s - probably. Norman points out that there is a photograph from the 1870s showing a similar thatched structure but not the same one. It was re-thatched and re-shaped in the 1970/80s.

Many thanks to John and Norman and sorry we could not provide more information.

If you have a picture which you think would challenge readers, we should love to hear from you.

Carol Maxwell

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News from the Croft

Points from the end-of-year newsletter...

I would like to record my thanks to all my colleagues for their hard work and dedication during what I consider has been a very good year at The Croft. Members of staff contribute way beyond the call of duty, which is what adds all the extra value to what we do.

We wish Mrs Hartley all the very best for the birth of her baby in September. I am sure that we will be able to keep you up to date with news next term! Today we welcomed Miss Dewfall to school for the day, and we look forward to working with her, and getting to know her, next term.

Thanks must go to you as parents for all the many and various ways that you support the school. The children at our school are well supported in their learning at home and many of you have devoted many hours to the school this year. Parents have worked in classes, helped with extra-curricular clubs, given lifts to many events, gone on class trips, made costumes for shows, helped to make resources, helped look after our grounds and so much more. And this is not to mention the magnificent efforts of our marvellous PTA committee, so ably led by Julia Churchley. This team has kept our pool open, raised several thousand pounds for ICT equipment and other resources and provided many enjoyable social activities for both children and adults. There have been many new and inventive ways of raising funds this year - thanks to you all, and to Jo Weatherall for agreeing to chair the new PTA committee from September.

I know that all who attended last month's shows will agree that this was an amazing production, and a testament to the skills and commitment of a large number of people. If you helped in any capacity, whether it was with costumes, the backdrop, props, make up, lighting, manning the cocktail bar (what a great idea!) or anything else, please know that we are very grateful. Sue Jollans began the whole thing back in February in drama club, and she truly has been a marvel and an inspiration. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

Swimming Pool

If you are using the pool with your children, please ensure that the pool rules are followed, especially keeping an eye that your children don't run in the pool area and do not run or walk on the pool walls. Make sure that your children are signed in, or they will not be covered by the pool's insurance.

Please remind your children, both the ones at The Croft and older ones, that they should not be on the school grounds for any reason unless they are accompanied by and supervised by an adult.

Swine Flu

I am asked to pass on to you the following guidance from the local authority:

1. If you have flu-like symptoms, stay at home and seek medical advice (via the online flu checker at www.nhs.uk or calling the National Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513 or contacting NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 or phoning your local GP).
2. If in school time, inform the school in the normal way that your child is staying at home with flu-like symptoms.
3. Staff or children without symptoms should be in school - even if they have had contact with someone displaying flu-like symptoms.
4. National guidance is that there is no longer a need to close a school when a child is confirmed with swine flu.
5. Schools need to continue their efforts to promote good hygiene and effective cleaning.
6. Schools should let staff and parents know when there is a diagnosed case, so that everyone is aware of the higher risks for certain vulnerable groups - the under-fives, pregnant women, those with low immunity and those with heart or lung problems.

Transfer To Secondary School 2010

Each pupil in the current year 5 will receive an individual letter in the form of a leaflet sent via school at the beginning of next term. Booklets will no longer be sent to each individual pupil, as encouragement is given for on-line access to gain information for the transfer process. A copy of the booklet will be sent to schools for parents to view, but it is already available to view online at:

- www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

It is worth noting the dates of the various Open Evenings, as some of them are quite early in September. We will hold a meeting in the first two weeks of term to give you further information about applying for secondary school places. The date for this meeting will be confirmed at the start of the new term.

Summer Playschemes

I believe that there are a couple of places left on the 'African Jungle' playscheme to be run here on 4th, 5th and 6th August. Mask and costume making, African drumming and drama, all leading to a performance on the third day. Please phone Fran Webber on 01453 751957 to make a booking.

There are a host of other activities on offer for children over the summer. To find details and lots of other support for children and families, please look at:

- www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

I hope that you all have a very good summer. I look forward to seeing most of you again in September, and to hearing how the year 6s are getting on in their new schools.

Janet Hoyle



Ashwells Day Centre: a Beacon casualty



The fact that the Beacon got published at all last month is nothing short of miraculous. Just three days before going to press, the computer of July co-ordinating editor, Leslie Brotherton suffered a total systems crash: he lost not only the 95% complete July Beacon but also all the supporting text, picture and email files. Restoring from back-up was only partially successful and a lot of data was lost permanently. Murphy's Law then came into play in that co-editor, Jack Burgess was taken into hospital for a week, leaving Leslie to deal with the crisis. Of course, the rest of the Beacon team rallied round and the Beacon got published on time, but there were a few casualties in terms of copy and adverts, including The Royal Oak ad - sorry Shelagh!

Another notably sad omission was the picture of the hard-working volunteers from Ashwells Day Centre which failed to accompany the relevant article. So, to make amends, here they are: the drivers and helpers of Ashwells House Day Centre.

And the Royal Oak...

Royal Oak welcomes B&Bs

Local Bed and Breakfast operators got together last month, as guests of the Royal Oak in Painswick. On a delightful sunny evening in the garden of the pub, they enjoyed jugs of Pimms and canapes made from Bob, the Royal Oak chef's favourite recipes.

Landlady, Shelagh Hume said, "We're all so busy, don't get out much and certainly never find time to chat business with each other. We at the Royal Oak wanted to say a big thank you to all the B & B businesses; they are the strength of the rural tourism economy."

She said that it was an opportunity to meet and have a taste of the food their guests enjoy. They also wanted to explore ways in which they could help to support each



others' businesses and to develop ways of marketing themselves better.

"Separately we are micro businesses but together with the lovely shops, attractions, the hotels and restaurants, we are corporate Painswick and that makes us effectively a medium scale enterprise with plenty to offer."

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Tennis Club

The annual parent child tournament took place on Sunday 12th July. After a rainy morning, the afternoon of the competition turned out to be very warm as fourteen family pairings took to the courts to battle it out against each other. Players were divided into three groups according to age (of the child rather than the adult...) and ability. John and Megan Butterworth and Nigel and Sophie Barnett tied to win the top group, Pete and Ollie Williams ran away with first position in the second group and Sally and Barnaby Jackson came out on top in the third.

For the last five years this tournament and barbecue has been organised by Pat Andrew, despite her not having an eligible child to compete with for the last few years. Pat has at last decided to hang up her parent child tournament whistle, so, on behalf of all the families who have taken part in these matches, thank you Pat for all your hard work and for making these afternoons such a lot of fun for all involved. There are still spaces available on the summer tennis camps in the first two weeks of August. Please contact Sharon Hall on 07766732392 for details.



Winners of the Parent Child Tournament – Pete and Ollie Williams, Barnaby Jackson, Nigel and Sophie Barnett, Megan and John Butterworth

Badminton Club

The new season for existing members will start on Monday 7th September and Thursday 10th September 2009. Anyone who would like a game of Badminton should initially contact David Linsell (812464) or Sylvia Steer (812104).

Junior members will start on Thursday 10th September 2009. Anyone aged 8 – 15 years who would like to play or learn to p-lay Badminton please contact Delyth Allen (813182).



Churches Together Around Painswick and Stroud Charity Cricket Match at Broadham Fields

Sunday 9th August
By kind permission of Painswick Cricket Club
Start 1.30pm
Teas from 3pm
Scheduled finish time 4.45pm.
Everyone welcome



Cricket Club

Results

All Saturday matches are league games

(* indicates not out)

Sat 27th June. Kingsholm 1st XI 169 all out Painswick 1st XI 158 all out
Kingsholm 2nd XI 154-9 (K Withers 6-18) Painswick 2nd XI 155-4 (J Telling 79*)
Frampton on Severn 3rd XI 135 all out Painswick 3rd XI 137-4

Sun 28th June. Painswick 199-6 (P Morris 95*) Chalford 161 all out
Wed 1st July. (16 overs) Down Hatherley 145 Painswick 146-1 (I Hogg 75*)
(20 overs) Frocester v Painswick. Painswick Walk over.

Sat 4th July. Kingsholm 1st XI 232 all out Painswick 1st XI 233-9
Kingsholm 2nd XI 176-9 (P Morris 4-57) Painswick 2nd XI 177-3 (N Fenwick 74*)
Painswick 3rd XI 256-7 (M Coombes 74) Frampton on Severn 3rd XI 115 (B Andrews 4-41)
(16 overs) Painswick 100 all out Woodpeckers CC 100 all out. Match tied.

Wed 8th July. (20 overs) Painswick 165-5 (E Bressington 49) Frocester 103 all out (A Wellstead 5-26)

Thu 9th July. Painswick 1st XI v Dumbleton 1st XI. Match abandoned.
Dumbleton 2nd XI 267-8 Painswick 2nd XI 196 (M Taylor 60)
Painswick 3rd XI 151 Slimbridge 2nd XI 105 (D Paulson 6-23)

Sat 11th July. Painswick 253-6 (D Cave 98, A Wellstead 54, B Neville 54*) Slimbridge 178-6
(20 overs) Painswick 138-7 Chalford 90

Sun 12th July. Painswick 1st XI 103 all out Tewkesbury 1st XI 104-8
Wed 15th July. Painswick 2nd XI 196-6 Tewkesbury 2nd XI 176 all out
Sat 18th July. Fri 24th July (20 overs). Painswick 1st XI 122-7 (A Beer 71) Stroud 1st XI 111-7

August fixtures

All Saturday matches are league games

Sat 1st. Hatherley & Reddings 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.
Painswick 2nd XI v Hatherley & Reddings 2nd XI.
Painswick 3rd XI v Chalford 2nd XI.

Sun 2nd. Painswick v Frocester.

Sat 8th. Painswick 1st XI v Fairford 1st XI.
Fairford 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.
Woodchester 2nd XI v Painswick 3rd XI.

Sun 9th. Cheltenham Civil Service v Painswick..

Sat 15th. Woodmancote 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.
Woodmancote 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.
Painswick 3rd XI v Uley 2nd XI.

Sat 22nd. Redmarley 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.
Painswick 2nd XI v Redmarley 2nd XI.

Sat 29th. Painswick 1st XI v Stone 1st XI.
Painswick 2nd XI v Stone 2nd XI.
Stroud 4th XI v Painswick 3rd XI.

Walking for health...

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* My grandfather started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.
* I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me
* The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
* I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain realises what I'm doing..
* I joined a health club last year, spent about £500: haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

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Renewed from last year	487	504
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They were all winners!



The Painswick Dog Show and Charity Fun Day was held 11th July on the Recreation Field in Lower Washwell Lane. The weather was overcast but stayed dry.

Our judge Liz Flint from Bisley gave Best in Show to Sandra Saunders of Painswick with her Australian Shepherd Dog, Thunder. Reserve Best in Show was Dorothy Bridge with her Shih Tzu, Abu and Best Puppy was Mrs. Hiam's Pomeranian, Chase.

Novelty Classes began after a short lunch break, with a good entry in most classes, particularly the Most Handsome Dog and Prettiest Bitch. The overall winner of the Novelty classes was Alison Williamson with her Working Sheepdog cross, Peppa. The Obedience Classes were judged by Jan West. Our Obedience winner was Claire Stewart with her crossbred dog, Bosch.

We had some excellent raffle prizes from local businesses and so thank you to The Patchwork Mouse, Oliva's Delicatessen, Cardynham Bistro and Painswick Rococo Garden,

Thanks to the Trustees of the Recreation Field for allowing us to use the field and to George the groundsman for preparing the field for us.

The show raised £504 for the Midlands Air Ambulance which is a very good result so thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

Fiona Chapman



That Big Weekend

The weekend of exhibitions held at the end of June, and blessed with lovely weather, attracted substantial numbers of visitors from both near and further afield.

The Country Studio group of artists displayed their work in the Library Room and the Church room. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed the paintings and a pleasing number were sold.

Meanwhile in the Town Hall entries for the children's art competition, based on the theme of the Churchyard, displayed in the upper room. The 31 entries evoked praise for both their skill and enthusiasm and judged considerable difficulties for Adele Lambert.

Downstairs the Local History Society exhibition drew in about 400 visitors and much acclaim. The Croft School's contribution was impressive with paintings, clay models and poems relating to the tombs. It was good to see so many children eagerly pulling their parents and families in.

Thanks also to the children who helped with the teas. The exhibition generally raised many queries and comments from individuals on a broad range of subjects – a very desirable outcome from the organisers' point of view.

Many thanks to the army of helpers who helped set up and dismantle all the displays, answered the many enquiries and did such sterling work with the teas.

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Green fingers at Richmond

A green fingered resident at Richmond Painswick Retirement Village is taking part in the fifth annual Barchester in Bloom gardening competition organised by national care home provider Barchester Healthcare.



The competition aims to promote the imaginative planting of flowers, trees and shrubs in the gardens of its homes to create positive environments for their residents and relatives to enjoy.

Richmond Painswick will be competing against 200 other care homes across the UK in the hope of meeting Charlie Dimmock at the final awards ceremony in September and be in with a chance of winning gardening equipment.

Susie Oakley, Village Manager at Richmond Painswick, said: Our entry this year is exceptional; a lot of hard work and love has gone into the garden. The Village is entering the 'Best Resident's Garden' category with the help of its keen gardening enthusiast, resident Diana Waldron. The space has been utilised to maximum effect and it creates a beautiful sun trap and oasis of calm. We have heard just today that Diana's garden has reached the semi finals.

Melissa Gough-Rundle, Activities Coordinator, Richmond Painswick

Conservatives party

Painswick Conservative Committee are holding their annual Garden Party on Saturday 5th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at Damsells Cross, The Park, by kind permission of Lawrence Turner OBE.



Drinks and a finger buffet will be available. All Members and Guests are cordially invited.

The Guest Speaker will be Julie Girling, South West MEP, and Neil Carmichael, Prospective Conservative Candidate for Stroud will be in attendance. For information and Tickets (£12), please telephone Jason on 814293 or John on 813848.

John Couch, Vice-Chair, Painswick Conservative Committee

Open Gardens

It was a lovely day for the Red Cross Open Gardens on 28th June. Many thanks to all who opened their gardens, helped with teas and ice creams, provided plants and let us park in the (Rugby Club) Car Park.

We raised an amazing £1235.20 for this very worthy cause so hurrah to all who came and managed all the hills in the heat.

Lindsay Gardiner, Jackie Herbert



Orchid on the Heights

Ralph Drew spotted this beautiful, solitary pyramid orchid on the grass verge on the side of the Heights, on the left-hand side from Stepping Stone Lane.

He says that in the field opposite there are a dozen or more but none with the sheer majesty of this one. "The only other place where such a wild flower can be seen in such splendour is in the garden of Paul and Mary Sparks."

Mr & Mrs Sparks: expect hordes of Beacon reading, pyramid orchid enthusiasts. You have been warned!



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A Tale of Two Health Services

Former Painswickian, Christopher Piper-Short, now living in Spain, and our own Jack Burgess compare scars...

The Pain in Spain

There was blood all over the worktop - mine. For reasons too silly to describe, I'd driven a stanley knife through the fleshy part of the back of my hand and from there across the knuckles. Stitches were required.

A concerned Geraldine (how do I get all that blood off the worktop?) drove me at a breakneck trundle - well it is an old Land Rover, to the nearest A & E. (30 miles). On the way she muttered darkly and ever the linguist "I should have bought a copy of War and Peace to translate into Dutch, I think we could be in for a long wait."

Imagine our suprise to find a bar and eatery at the hospital entrance with tables, parasols and a sumptuous menu. Things were beginning to look up. At emergency reception, the receptionist swiped my Social Security card through her computer. All she said was, "Where is El Contador?" We were quietly pleased about that.

Into the ominously crowded and noisy- not the typical British whispers - waiting area. No Country Life or Hello magazines, not even Spanish versions. I had just started to count the ceiling tiles when my name was called. I was so suprised that Geraldine

had to yank me out of my seat and into the room indicated, to be greeted by a very young doctor and, gentlemen, the most exceedingly pretty nurse. So when she held my hand for the doctor to stitch, I decided, chaps, that I was going to be a very brave boy. After a tetanus jab from the cool slender hands of my ministering angel, a pack of painkillers and a letter for our local surgery we were on our way home in just over half an hour.

My views about the Spanish Health Service had taken a complete round turn. The following Friday I was to report to our surgery in the next village. It was market day. Imagine walking from Stamages Lane to the Surgery except there are market stalls all along the route and crowded with people. Our surgery is at the fruit and veg end, so we had to climb over boxes of oranges and spuds and past a stall selling peculiar fish and live snails in string bags, just to get through to the entrance.

Suprisingly, waiting time was 20 minutes. While the doctor was removing my stitches, he was engaged in conversation with a lady who was standing in the open doorway of his consulting room discussing some ailment or other. I was rather relieved I had not driven the knife into my groin...

Christopher Piper-Short

Off to The Tower! or... two-and-a-half cheers for the NHS

"Well, three strikes and you're out!" declared Dr Rhys Evans grimly, as he admitted that my peculiar rash plus muscle condition had, for the third time in as many weeks, defeated the not inconsiderable combined medical expertise of Hoyland House. "I'm sending you off to see a specialist."

This, he arranged with indecent haste for the following afternoon. So excited was the specialist by his suspected diagnosis of Dermatomyositis - "a rare acquired muscle disease accompanied by a skin rash sometimes triggered by (or a precursor of) a cancer" - that he booked me into Gloucester Royal the following morning for a week's worth of tests.

When I arrived at the hospital, he said they also "just happened to have" a visiting pack of 33 international dermatology registrars in for a one-day seminar and "would I mind being an exhibit?". So, there I was stripped to the waist in a little cubicle whilst this dermatological United Nations gawped at, prodded and puzzled over me, three at a time. It was a bit like TV Quiz show... "Name That Rash!" The high point came when a stunningly beautiful Indian doctor, straight from Bollywood Central Casting, said - imagine the accent - "Would you mind taking your trousers off, please...?"

Someone must have read my evil thoughts, because I was straightaway whisked off to The Tower, that horrendous KGB Interrogation Block that dominates the Gloucester Royal site. Here, I was found a bed in a ward at the very, very top, well out of sight of the squeamish, and ensconced for seven days and seven nights of investigation. Very expertly and efficiently, I was processed through an intensive series of tests by packs of dermatologists, neurologists, urologists, endocrinologists, geologists, campanologists and a passing plumber, all of whom seemed to be just itching (I could have phrased that better) to extract more and different types of bodily fluid and tissue than it's decent to contemplate, from places I never knew I had.

The upshot was that the Urology team struck 'pay-dirt' in the form of a small (1cm) kidney tumour, which - in the words of one of them "was hardly worth doing anything about...yet!" This little tumour, which is dangling handily off the left kidney, just asking to be snipped off, may or may not be malignant and may or may not be the smoking gun causing the Dermatomyositis. The dermatologists think it might be and should go, the urologists think it probably ain't and should be left until it's "more interesting...!" Urologists can be alarmingly blasé: apparently they won't get out of bed for anything smaller than a golfball! Anyway, further tests are plotted...

What really impressed me about my week, apart from the speed and efficiency of the process, was the dedication, skill and good-humoured humanity of the highly motivated team of

NHS doctors, nurses, care assistants, catering staff, cleaners etc working on the ward, which was (bizarrely) a gynaecology ward. Now, given that one of the tests I had was one usually reserved for ovarian cancer, I'm just wondering whether there's something kind of crucial that I've not been told about...

Anyway, why then only two-and-a-half and not three cheers for the NHS? It's all down to a muscle biopsy undertaken at the end of the week, on behalf of the neurology team. I was told that muscles - like their sea food sound-alikes - are best taken fresh and alive, alive -oh. I had also been warned that it would be rapid procedure. Nothing, however, had quite prepared me for The Incredible Hulk that bounded to my bedside with the cry,

"We've got 20 minutes to get the sample. There's a taxi outside waiting to take it. And it'll hurt!"

"The taxi will hurt?", I queried, hopefully.

"No - you will. Sign here!"

He handed me a form which asked (in about 20,000 words) if I understood that this was going to hurt... really going to hurt... no really, really going to hurt... a lot. Bewildered, I signed, whilst he gave me a quick local anaesthetic and cut a neat slit in my thigh. This didn't hurt much at all. I smiled at the charming young nurse who was holding my hand and beaming me an encouraging smile. "That didn't hurt!", I chuckled manfully.

The Incredible Hulk grunted and seized an implement about the size and shape of a pneumatic road-drill. He plunged it in.

This hurt a bit, but only for the first inch or so. Then for the next couple of inches, it really hurt... a lot. The nurse continued to beam encouragement. Then, as the drill-bit kerchunked off the bone, I had this incredible 'Meet Your Maker Moment'. This caused her beam of encouragement to flicker. The Hulk pulled out the device, looked contemplatively at the sample and muttered: "I'll take another one... just to be on the safe side..."

For me, this was a novel use for the word 'safe'. The nurse, who had turned a fetching shade of green, thought similarly and decided she could support me best from the other side of the ward, if not the other side of the M5. The Hulk was made of sterner stuff. Once more, into the breach he went. Once more, the drill-bit kerchunked off my thigh bone. Once more, I Met My Maker, who raised an Almighty Eyebrow quizzically and merely commented, "Back so soon?" Obviously I was halucinating. I decided to reply with a witty, "Aaaaaaaaargh!"

By the time I'd finished the "Aaaaaaaaargh!", the Hulk was gone, along with my sample, to Frenchay Hospital for analysis.

And the result? I have Dermatomyositis. Which we already knew. So, I want a re-match; and this time, I'm having the pneumatic drill thing...

Jack Burgess

More art venues to visit in Painswick during August	
Fiery Beacon Gallery, New Street, Painswick	Fri. & Sats. 10.00am to 6.00pm Suns. 12.00 to 5.00pm 4 th to 8 th August 10.00am to 4.00pm In the Auditorium
Gill Allen, Shirley Roe and Mary Ramsell at Richmond Painswick	Exhibition of Paintings, Textiles and photography (On A46 going south)
Jane Garbett Dover Mews Studio, Vicarage Street, Painswick GL6 6XS	Contemporary abstract and semi-abstract paintings.
Andy Lovell Ashleigh, Gloucester Street, Painswick.	Private Studio. Open 22 nd & 23 rd and 29 th & 30 th Aug 10.00am to 5.00pm. (Weekdays by appt.)
Painswick Woodcrafts New Street, Painswick	Local hand turned & carved wood ware.
'The Chairman' New Street, Painswick	Tues to Sats. 10.00am to 5.00pm
'The Patchwork Mouse' New Street, Painswick	Tuesdays to Fridays 10.00am to 4.00pm
Ha'penny Antiques Tibbiwell, Painswick	Tuesdays to Fridays 10.00am to 4.00pm

The Painswick Centre	
The tea and tart café serving fresh, seasonal, homemade food OPEN DAILY 10.00AM TO 5.00 PM	
Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Gallery & 'Painswick Summer Show'	1 st - 31 st August Daily 10.00 am to 6.00 pm For more info, go to www.guidecrafts.org.uk
'Summer Paintings' Alan Shearer & Jackie Harbert Pam Harmer 'Large, Warm Summer Sun' Ann Wier and Valerie Dugan 'From Pictures to Books' 'Woodchester Photographic Group'	1 st - 8 th August Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm 9 th - 15 th August Daily 10.00 am to 4.30 pm 16 th - 22 nd August Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm 23 rd - 31 st August Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Every Fri, Sat & Sun, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm but please try the door at anytime
Painswick Library Rooms	
'Art For All'	1 st to 9 th August Daily 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
'Cotswold Artists'	10 th to 16 th August Daily 10.00 am to 6.00 pm
'The Country Studio'	22 nd to 31 st August 10.00am to 5.30pm
Painswick Town Hall	
Angela Cash Andy Cash Rupert Akers Jude Wells 'Leaf and Stone' Lansdowne Art Group 'Cotswold Craftsmen' www.cotswold-craftsmen.org	1 st & 2 nd August 10.00 am to 5.00 pm 7 th - 13 th August 10.00 am to 5.00 pm 14 th Aug 6.00 to 8.00 15 th to 22 nd August 10.00 am to 5.00 pm 29 th Aug - 31 st August Daily 10.00am - 5.00pm
Paintings, drawings, fused glass & crafts. Oil Paintings Paintings in all mediums 'The Five Valleys and Beyond' in water colours. 'People and Places' - Photography '50 years of Cider with Rosie' - Oil paintings. Cotswold Photography Paintings in all mediums. Jewellery, glasswork, photography, hand painted silk, woodwork and furniture	



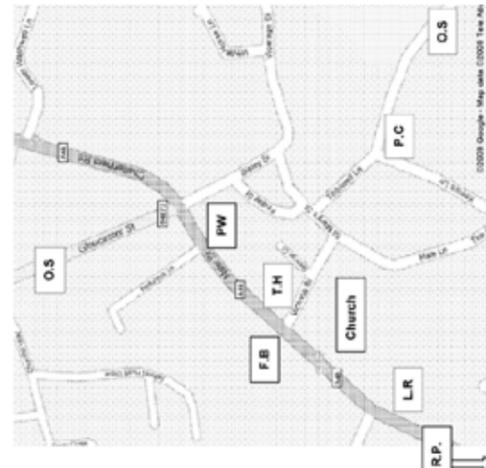
Painswick Summer Art Festival



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Painswick Centre
Library Rooms
Town Hall
2 x Open Studios
Fiery Beacon Gallery
Painswick Woodcrafts
Richmond Painswick

EXHIBITION LOCATIONS IN PAINSWICK



The Main Hall wooden floor is beginning to show its age. It is believed to be the original, laid down in 1906 when the Painswick Centre was built. It has been sanded down many times already to extend its safe life, but this is no longer a viable option.

After taking expert advice, the Trustees have decided to replace the oak-beamed floor later this year. At the same time, new central heating pipes will be installed, so that a start can be made to improving the heating in the main hall.

In order to minimise disruption to hall users, we hope to arrange for the work to be carried out in late December/early January. We will be looking for support for this major project and will provide more information in the coming months.

Following the successful Shopping and Pamper Fair held in May, Wendy Workman is accepting table bookings for a Christmas Fair on Saturday 14th November. Traders interested in taking a table should contact Wendy on 814022.

Finally, a new Table Tennis Club is being launched at the Painswick Centre. Full details below, right.

Jane Rowe

The Secret Severn

A group of local photographers, The Woodchester Photographic Group (WPG), led by well known local photographer Margaret Lister, has been making a study of the River Severn and its environs between Gloucester Docks and the Severn Bridges.

Their photographs cover many aspects of the River, its life and characters and this combined with the photographer's own perspective shines through to provide a rich and varied tapestry of this ever changing and fascinating artery of our County.

They will be holding an Exhibition of their work, some of which has been photographed in places not normally visited by the public, at The Painswick Centre between 24th and 31st August. Everyone is invited to visit and view their work. Some of the pictures will be for sale as well as a variety of cards and postcards.

Entry is free daily between 10.00am and 5.00pm daily.



Confusions, Confusions ... and a confusion

Last month's three-way read off to decide on Painswick Players next production (between *Haywire* by Eric Chappell, *My Friend Miss Flint* by Donald Churchill & Peter Yeldham and *Confusions* by Alan Ayckbourn) led to a thrilling head-to-head final between *Haywire* and *Confusions*. A packed Green Room at the Painswick Centre held its collective breath as the vote was counted...

The clear result was that 124% of those present had clearly gone *Haywire*. Some irritating technical quibble cast some doubt on the statistical validity of the outcome, so a second vote was taken, in which 153% of the assembled Players confusingly chose *Confusions*.

At this point, George Krasker, the director of whatever it turned out to be, decided this alarmingly Iranian electoral tendency had gone far enough. "No more confusion," he declaimed directorially, "It's going to be *Confusions* by Alan Ayckbourn. And the auditions will take place next week!"

And they did. And lots of good new Players came along to these auditions, so many that George was spoilt for choice, which led to more confusion! But finally, it was cast with no fewer than 14 actors playing 22 parts in five separate (but linked) playlets:

Mother Figure

Lucy: Jenny Nixon, Rosemary: Cathy Munday, Terry: Dave Carlile

Drinking Companion

Harry: Kevin Parker, Paula: Natasha Dickenson, Bernice: Jenny Nixon, Waiter: Jack Burgess

Between Mouthfuls

Waiter: Jack Burgess, Donald Pearce: David James, Emma Pearce: Sue Leighton-Boyce, Martin Chalmers: Dave Carlile, Polly Chalmers: Jean Burgess

Gosforth's Fete

Gosforth: Kevin Parker, Milly Carter: Cathy Munday, Stewart Stokes: Dave Carlile, John Braithwaite: Peter Minall, Mrs Pearce: Avril Dorey

A Talk in the Park

Arthur: Mike Breeze, Beryl: Natasha Dickenson, Charles: David James, Doreen: Sue Leighton-Boyce, Eric: Jack Burgess

And now we're all looking forward to rehearsals kicking off after the Summer break.

So, no more confusion, just *Confusions*... definitely... except that this, our customary December production at the Painswick Centre, will now (confusingly) be staged from 26th to 28th of... November. It's something to do with a clash with the Salvation Army: don't ask: it's all too confusing...

One final confusion from last month: in his otherwise exemplary write up of the Yippies' *Wizard of Oz*, John Dickinson plumped for the wrong sister as playing that enigmatic Oz Guardian. He should have said Emily and not Sophie Hall. We're happy to clear up this confusion and hope that the correct Miss Hall's acting career hasn't been totally destroyed through such confusing sibling rivalry.

Jack Burgess

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Service with a big smile

The front door of the Post Office is open again. Sitting behind the counter and waiting to serve you with a warm smile is Karen Judd, our brand new and very enthusiastic post mistress. For Painswick this is welcome news indeed.

For Karen, taking on this role is also the culmination of a long process. For many years she was the credit manager at the Financial Times with a substantial team under her and considerable responsibility. The looming financial crisis caused her to re-think her whole situation and she decided that a village/small town Post Office would fit well with her family life. Her own village Post Office in Orsett, Essex, was for sale and this was her original focus. However, the sale fell through.

Our own Post Office, also up for sale, caught her attention and, though far from Essex, she considered it the ideal location. Karen applied, attended an interview with a presentation and undertook an intensive training course. It is our good fortune that she has now taken up the post.

The terms which she has had to agree to are tough, involving no lunchtime closing and no mid-week half day off. So, the Post Office is now open continuously from 9.00-5.30 Monday to Friday and 9.00-12.30 on Saturdays. Karen believes that staying open is good for customers though she also recognises that it means working long hours. However, for her, running a Post Office is first and foremost about providing an essential service within the community and this she regards as an exciting challenge.

The decision to re-open the front door has already proved popular especially for those with pushchairs etc. Possibly in the future there will be a shop re-fit but Karen points out that she has to bring in more business first. She intends to promote Post Office services, of which there are so many, more obviously in one of the windows and on a new Painswick Post Office website. She also needs to assess the shop stock carefully before making any radical decisions about changes. Karen would welcome all comments and suggestions which would lead to positive developments. Already, for example, she is planning to sell cold drinks after many requests to do so since moving in.

Karen's daughter, Klara, who has recently celebrated her 8th birthday, started attending the Croft School a few weeks before the end of the summer term. She does miss her old friends but is excited about the move especially the house behind the shop which is fascinating with all its medieval and Tudor details. The Judds see the house and garden as a bonus, the building being the oldest in England housing a Post Office.

The one difficult aspect of life for Karen at present is that husband, David, a plasterer by trade, has yet to find work locally so that he can move here properly. Currently he has to drive back to Essex early on Monday, returning late on Friday to be with the family. David has many years experience in the plastering trade and is eager to find work in and around Painswick. He talks animatedly about some of the projects he has worked on which include restoration work on many beautiful listed buildings in and around London. He is as keen as Karen to become part of the community and enjoy full family life here.

Karen wanted a challenge and this is perfect and set in what the family sees as the loveliest, ideal location. "What's not to love about Painswick?" says David, and Karen adds, "Everybody's been so kind and welcoming, it's lovely."

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Tripping ladies hot to plunge after early postmen

"I spent a fortune on postage" is a claim I have often heard – well be thankful you were not writing letters in 1812! Then it cost one shilling to send a letter from London to Edinburgh, plus one penny for every additional mile, and this for just one sheet of paper – no envelope. This was just one of the surprising facts learnt by the ladies of Yew Trees WI when Trevor Radway came to our June meeting to talk on Early Postal Services in Painswick. We were intrigued to browse through some of Trevor's treasured collection of postal memorabilia.

Members had to suppress a strong desire to dive into the swimming pool when a party of them visited the gardens of Hillesley House on a very hot afternoon in early July. On arrival the party was met by Head Gardener, Stewart Taylor - an amazing man who has lovingly created and cared for the garden for 24 years. At the moment he tends all 4 acres, more or less single handed, a demanding task in such a varied garden, comprising a shrub collection, a vegetable patch, a small arboretum, a rose border and an unexpected collection of topiary. Where else can you see a teapot, a wine bottle and even a man doing a handstand - all clipped in yew?

There will be no formal meeting of Yew Trees WI in August, but members plan to get together for an informal social evening.

Celia Lougher



Still puffin' at 20!

Forty-three of the Painswick Puffins celebrated their 20th Anniversary with a wonderful lunch at Richmond Painswick on July 15th, including a scrumptious 20th Birthday Cake from Trish Davey

Jenny Oakley, the original inspiration for the Puffins, is still at the helm and Jane Truman, who coined the Puffins name, is also still 'puffin'.



BEACO-DOKU

Derived from Sudoku, Beaco-doku replaces the numbers with letters. Last month's answer used the letters from JULIAN - as you can see, ?

This being August, you're bound to need a sunhat, aren't you? So, see if you can fill the blank squares in the grid on the right so that each column, each row and each block of six squares contains each of the six letters, S-U-N-H-A-T, without repetition.

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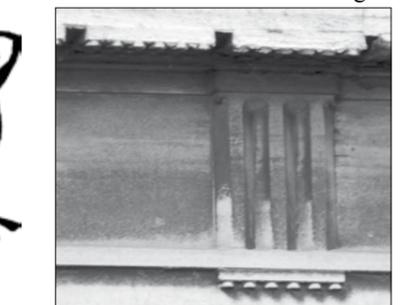


ArchiTecs

Did you spot the ball last month? We needed a tele-photo lens to see it atop Lovedays House - firmly set in its base.



For this month, where does this particular stonework adorn a frontage?



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Publish your life story

Writing your life story can be a therapeutic pastime and a wonderful legacy to leave for your children and grandchildren, not to mention an interesting documentation of social history. But although many of us are always meaning to get those memories down onto paper while they are still clear in our minds, it's often a daunting prospect trying to decide how to go about it.

Local mother and daughter team Barbara Acock and Charlotte Goodworth have started 'My Life Story', a local firm that offers to turn memories into a well-edited, hardback book to keep and share. They interview clients about their lives from childhood to the present day. These sessions are recorded, then transcribed and edited into chronological chapters. Books can also include up to ten photographs.

Barbara is a retired banker who now dedicates much of her time to charity work when she isn't writing people's life stories, while Charlotte has ten years' experience as a national magazine editor and was recently launch editor of Cotswold Style magazine.

If you would like to have your life story published in a book, or you would like to write the story of someone who has passed away to create a positive reminder of them, you can get in touch with Barbara or Charlotte at My Life Story on 01452 522328.

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BNP in Painswick pub fracas

According to a story posted on the ITN website, a Painswick hostelry was the location for BNP supporters to beat up a man after he spilled beer over visiting party leader Nick Griffin.

Source for the story was our MP, David Drew who claimed during a Commons debate that one of his constituents, "a totally upstanding young man" was given "one hell of a hiding" after the incident.

Mr Drew told MPs that Mr Griffin had visited his constituency last month. "I don't know why he was wine and dined in Painswick but he was. It just so happens that one of my constituents took offence at this and happened to spill some beer over Mr Griffin. As a result of this he was taken outside and given one hell of a hiding."

Mr Drew added: "I am not prepared to accept that any politician has a private army. I am not prepared to have the BNP anywhere near my constituency. In previous times we have chased these individuals around. But I hope that we will take action and will look at the actions of the BNP. I don't know whether a court case is proceeding because I think the young man is too shocked, but that's just indicative of what the BNP is like."

Tory MP Nigel Evans (Ribble Valley) said he was "very disturbed" to hear about the story: "What a dreadful waste of beer..."

Three Other Tenors

Come and enjoy 'Three Other Tenors' from the Welsh National Opera in an evening of popular songs and arias in Painswick Church on 30th October at 7.30pm, all in aid of the important re-ordering of Edge Church.

With over 120 performances at venues throughout the UK, WNO's Three Other Tenors take the platform with a sparkling selection of songs by popular composers such as Lehar and Novello as well as favourite arias from the great operas. They will be joined by one of WNO's principal sopranos and the whole evening will be linked together with anecdotes and humorous tales from the world of opera.

Tickets at £15 available from Glynnis Mayes 814148; Ann Kennett 812669; Elizabeth Ward 812188 and the Benefice Office.



Annual Show

The 57th Annual Show of the Society will take place in Painswick Centre hall on Saturday 12th September; opening to the public at 2.30pm. Exhibits will be staged between 9.30am and 12.30pm that day, with the closing date for entries being Saturday 5th September at 10.00pm.

The Show comprises no fewer than 84 classes of vegetables, fruit, flowers and arrangements, handicraft and domestic entries. There are also classes for Junior entries, these being free to enter and open to all of school age.

Society members are urged to enter the Show, and if possible donate cakes and scones for the teas, raffle prizes, plants and produce and appropriate items for the 20p stall.

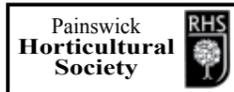
Subscriptions may be renewed at the Show and new members are welcome to join the Society. For further information please contact the Show Secretary, Phillip Berry, on 813227.

Yoga

Kim Brockett's Yoga classes will resume after the summer break in the week beginning the 7th September. Locations and times are:

- Sheepscombe village hall, 6.30pm and 8.15pm on Monday evenings
- Painswick, Tuesday mornings 10 - 11am meditation and gentle stretching at private studio
- Sheepscombe village hall, 9.30am on Wednesday mornings
- Painswick Centre, 9.30am on Thursday mornings.

Check availability with Kim (on 812623). New students are very welcome, first class is free.



PROPERTY REPORT for July from Hamptons

Confidence is returning to the property market and it has become an excellent time to sell as demand is far outweighing supply. So far this summer we have 63% more buyers registering and the number of sales we have agreed is up by 80% compared with last year! As widely expected mortgage lenders are preparing for a revival in the market, increasing their fixed rate offerings, therefore encouraging buyers to act now to avoid missing out. This has led to some sensible selling prices of late and even competitive bidding in some cases. If you were holding off, now is the time to put your property on the market rather than waiting until everyone reads that the market has picked up and decides to sell too causing a shift in supply/demand which would dampen down the green shoots!

Hamptons are again one of the main sponsors of Gatcombe Horse Trials on 7th - 9th August which is a fantastic family day out with over 100 shopping stalls, arena events such as the shetland grand national and Falconry display to name but a few. Please do come and have a drink on our hospitality stand and your kids can enter the colouring competition.

New Instructions - Painswick: The Nurses House, delightful 3 bed house in village centre with garage; 8 Brookhouse Mill, charming three bed house with garden and garage; 2 Rockmill Cottages, a three bed cottage with large garden. Upton St Leonards: Bondend Farm House, a characterful four bed house with outbuilding (pp for holiday cottage) and large garden; 1 Abbottswood, a four bed semi-detached house with outstanding views. Brimpsfield: a four bed detached family house; Slad: Recreation Cottage, a striking Grade II listed cottage with separate studio/garage.

Sold - Rockleigh on Kingsmill Lane, Field House at Cockshoot, Scrubbs Bottom in the Scrubs, Slad Valley House.

Under Offer - In Painswick: Rose Cottage, Phoenix cottage, Park Edge Barn, Oak House; The Crossings in Longridge, Mardens Cottage in Upton St Leonards, The Old Bakehouse in Colethrop and Pear Tree Cottage, Brookthorpe.

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THE VILLAGE DIARY

AUGUST

Sat	1	Painswick Summer Art Festival (until 31st Aug)	Painswick Venues	daily
		Summer Paintings by Jackie Herbert & Alan Shearer. Daily until Sat 8th	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 5.00pm
		Celebrating Poetry	Edge Church	7.30pm
Mon	3	Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	4	Exhibition of Paintings, Textiles & Photographs by Gill Allen, Shirley Roe and Mary Ramsell. Daily until Sat 8th	Auditorium, Richmond	10.00am to 4.00pm
		Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed	5	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 10.00pm
Thu	6	Theatre Club Outing to Bath	Stamages Car Park	10.30am
		Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
		T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072	Town Hall	9.30am
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market - Coffee available - Every Friday	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	8	Cream Teas	Christ church Hall	2.00 to 5.00pm
Sun	9	Churches Together Cricket Match against Stroud	Broadham Fields	1.30pm
Sat	15	Lansdown Art Exhibition	Town Hall	10.00am to 5.00pm
Wed	19	Horticultural Society Outing to RHS Gardens - Wisley, Surrey	Stamages Car Park	9.00am
Sat	22	Copy dateline for September Beacon		
		Country Studio Art Exhibition - Daily until Monday 31st Aug.	Library Meeting Room	10.00am to 5.00pm daily

SEPTEMBER

Sat	5	September Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
		Conservatives Summer Garden Party: Tickets £12 - Tel. 814293 / 813848	Damsells Cross	6.00 to 8.00pm
Wed	9	Probus: Schubert - the young genius: Anne Dunn	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	11	Friday Club: Orchard Flower Craft with Yvonne Mort	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	12	Horticultural Society Annual Show	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 5.30pm
		Concert by The Capella Singers in aid of Pitchcombe and Harescombe Church Funds	Pitchcombe Church	7.30pm
Thu	17	Theatre Club Outing to Stratford	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Sun	20	Painswick Clypping Service: Speaker David Drew MP	St Mary's Churchyard	3.00pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: Wild Flowers of Cyprus	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	23	Probus: Pioneer Emigrants to South Australia - Neil Curven	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	25	Friday Club: Bletchley Park - Kitty Floyd-Smithies	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	27	Harvest Lunch	Painswick Centre	

OCTOBER

Wed	7	Probus: The Archers at Poitiers 1356 - Ian Shapter	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	9	Friday Club: "Mazes & Labyrinths" - Angela Newing	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Friday Club Coffee Morning	Town Hall	10.00am
Tue	13	Bird Club: The Wildlife & Beauty of Working Quarries - David Boag	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Horticultural Society: Autumn colour & Interest in the garden	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	21	Probus: The History of Cheltenham - Susan Newton	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	23	Friday Club Outing to The Cotswold Perfumery, Bourton on the Water		
Sat	24	Conservatives Bridge Drive	Town Hall	2.00 to 6.00pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: Nature in Art - Simon Trapnell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	30	The 'Three Other Tenors' from the Welsh National Opera	St Mary's church	7.30pm
Sat	31	Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Stamages Car Park	1.30pm
		Painswick Singers Concert - HMS Pinafore	Painswick Centre	7.30pm



NOVEMBER

Wed	4	Probus: Growing up in Norway during the German occupation - Tore Fauske	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	6	Friday Club: Guests of Richmond Painswick	Richmond Painswick	2.30pm
Sat	7	Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair Coffee and Crafts	Town Hall Christ Church Hall	9.45am to 12.00noon 10.00am to 1.00pm
Wed	11	Bird Club: A Calendar of British Wildlife - Andy Purcell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	14	Christmas and Pamper Fair - enquiries to 814022	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 5.00pm
Wed	18	Probus: Evolutionary Pessimisms - HG and Other Wells - Roger Hennessey Ashwell House Day Centre Coffee Morning	Shires Room, Falcon Ashwell House	10.00am 10.30am to 12.00noon
Thu	19	Churches Together AGM and Speakers	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club AGM followed by "Handbell Ringing" with Steve Colman	Town Hall	1.45pm (AGM)
Sat	21	Christian Aid Coffee Morning	Town Hall	10.00am to 12noon
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Annual Meeting and Talk on Traidcraft	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	26	Painswick Players present - Confusions by Alan Ayckbourn. (also 27th & 28th)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm

DECEMBER

Wed	2	Probus: The Archers at Agincourt - Ian Shapter	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	4	Friday Club Outing to Bath Christmas Market Salvation Army Brass Band Seasonal Concert - enquiries to 813228	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	5	Conservatives Xmas Party and Quiz	Town Hall	tba
Wed	9	Probus: Christmas Dinner	The Hill, Stroud	
Tue	15	Yew Trees W.I.: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Friday Club Christmas Lunch		

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JANUARY

Wed	6	Probus: The Severn Bore - Chris Witts	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Wed	20	Probus: County Air Rescue Trust Bird Club field trip to Cotswold Water Park	Shires Room, Falcon Gateway Centre	10.00am 10.30am

FEBRUARY

Thu	11	Bird Club: The Wildlife of Shetland - David Scott-Langley	Town Hall	7.30pm
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MARCH

Thu	11	Bird Club: Islands of the Indian Ocean - David Cramp	Town Hall	7.30pm
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PLANNING MATTERS *A summary of information from the Parish Council*

NEW APPLICATIONS

BUTCHER'S ARMS, DAMSELLS MILL LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Roof repair and part replacement including new flashings.
Land adjacent to MILLBROOK HOUSE, KINGS MILL LANE. Proposed new house.
BOUNDARY COTTAGE, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE. Erection of a conservatory.
RICHMOND VILLAGE CENTRE, STROUD ROAD. Replacement of existing roof-lights with dormers and addition of new dormers.
BEECHVIEW, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a replacement dwelling. (Revised application following permission S.09/0381/FUL)
THE TYTHE BARN, PAINSWICK COURT, SHEEPSCOMBE. Demolition of stables and erection of Garaging/storage.
HINCHLEY, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of extension.

REVISED PLANS

1 HAMBUTTS COTTAGES, EDGE ROAD. Extension at first floor level. Main changes: Reduction in width of extension, change in materials and reduction in window size.

CONSENT

ST MARY'S CHURCH. External alterations, replacement of steps with ramp.
PAINSWICK COMMUNITY FIRE & RESCUE STATION, PULLENS ROAD. Creation of vehicular access to A46.
BEADS COTTAGE, THE PARK. Single storey extension for new kitchen.
CLOVERS, KINGS MEAD. Single storey extension and erection of 3 bay garage.
THE SCHOOL HOUSE, SLAD. Erection of fencing.
HYETT ORCHARD, HYETT CLOSE. Works to lime trees (T1 & T2).
4 SPRING COTTAGES, THE VATCH, SLAD WARD. Single storey extension to rear of dwelling to provide a larger kitchen.
BYWAYS, SLAD. Demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of new double garage.
DRY KNAPPS FARM, EDGE ROAD. Demolition of existing extension, replace with 2 storey extension & internal alterations.
STOCKS COTTAGE, ST MARY'S STREET. Installation of a replacement suspended wooden floor.
ST MICHAEL'S, VICTORIA STREET. Conversion of attached former scout rooms and change of use to residential. Alterations and extensions, change of use of owners' accommodation to guest accommodation.
BEACONSTONES, BEACON CLOSE. Proposed extension and alterations.
OLD EBWORTH FARMHOUSE, THE CAMP. Internal and external alterations.
RICHMOND VILLAGE CENTRE, STROUD ROAD. Erection of signage to entrance.
THE ANCHORAGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of extension and replacement double garage.
THE OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL, SLAD. Removal of condition 1 of permission S.08/0466/FUL
WOODY STEEPS, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Demolition of existing conservatory and garden room and erection of extensions. (Revised scheme following permission S.09/0306/FUL)

PLAN WITHDRAWN

12 CANTON ACRE. Erection of an extension.

NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS

BEACON HEIGHTS, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of replacement dwelling.
COTSWOLD HEIGHTS, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of 1.4m metal railing.

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The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

Weddings

Congratulations to ALASTAIR BRESSINGTON and RHIANNON HARRIS who were married at St James, Cranham on July 18th (not 27th June, as previously announced);

also to JASON DAVIS and JEMIMA BULLINGHAM whose marriage will take place at St Mary's, Painswick on August 1st; PAUL DAVENPORT and GEORGINA STOCK who are to be married at Cranham Church on August 8th;

also to ROGER STANDEN and GEMMA TOCKNELL who are to marry at St Aldates, Saintbridge on 8th August;

also to BRADLEY SEEMAYER and ANNA DAWS marrying in St Mary's, Painswick on August 8th;

also to CLIVE HARRIS and LUCY WALKER to be married at St Mary's, Painswick on August 22nd; GRACE GYDE and STEVEN PETERS to be married at the Bear Hotel, Rodborough, on August 28th;

and THOMAS HILL and FRANKI BROWNING marrying at St Mary's, Painswick on August 29th.

Engagement

Congratulations to MICHAEL SMITH of Pullens Road and JEN HINDE of St Helens who have announced their engagement.

Babies

Congratulations to ALEX and DAVID MILNER whose baby daughter, Georgia was born on June 24th, (a sister for Kit),

also congratulations to AIMEE and MATTHEW CLUTTERBUCK on the birth of their son, Piers Jack on July 9th. (a brother for Esme, a grandson for Pam and David Collins, and a great-grandson for John and Barbara Hulme);

also congratulations to ROZ and PERRY LOVEDAY on the arrival of their daughter, Lyra at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford on July 6th. (a first grandchild for Anthony and Liz Fisher);

and congratulations to ALEX and SIOBHAN HERBERT whose twins, Esther Kathleen and Victor Samuel were born at Kings College Hospital on 25th June. (Two more lovely grandchildren for Russ and Jackie Herbert)

Emerald Wedding

Congratulations to JOHN and BARBARA HULME, married 55 years on June 14th.

Graduations

Congratulations to Major JOHN BREEZE for passing his final MBBS examinations with Distinction. He now leaves Guy's Hospital School of Medicine for Post Graduate training at Birmingham Selly Oak Hospital;

also congratulations to JESSICA BARNETT (daughter of Jennifer and Nigel Barnett) who graduated from Cardiff University on July 15th having gained a 2.1 BSc honours degree in Marine Geography.

Welcome

We would like to welcome KAREN and DAVID JUDD and their daughter Klara to the Post Office;

and SALLY GOODMAN who is moving to Hambutts Barn

Farewell

We say goodbye to ANNIE LITTLER and her daughters Clemency and Harriet who have moved to Hucclecote.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to MARGARET RICHARDS, in hospital, after a fall

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of SARAH ANNIE HOOPER who died recently in Horsfall House.

Personal message

JEAN CLARKSON and PAULINE BREEZE would like to say a big thank you to neighbours, friends and Puffins.

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