

The Painswick Beacon

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The Post Office – great news

As many will know our Post Office has been on the market for many months.

Now it appears that a purchaser has been found who intends, so the Beacon understands, to buy it as a going concern. Annie Littler told the Beacon that the sale is still subject to contract but she expects to complete in July.

More information next month.



Please

– can you help us?

We are leaving Brownies at the end of term and want to go on to Guides, but Julia (the Guide leader) is also leaving, so we urgently need a new Guide leader. We've had great fun over the last few years in Brownies, going on trips, late dancing, cooling, making things and lots more, and we would like to continue having more fun in the Guides.

Please can you be our leader? Or do you know someone who can be?

Molly, Hester, Amy and Eloise

Here shown, left to right, enjoying companionship and childhood fun just two weeks ago. Do please reflect upon their sincere plea.



On other pages this month - immediate chance to visit USA, some razzamatazz, horticultural plots, usher volunteers in the cool, notice of fireworks, latest art to the fore, fine garden party, reader help about drug article, action children, Beacon in palace archives, the older bowler fashion, caution about articles.

PLANNING

SDC AONB Covenant

The Chairman, David Hudson, explained that Stroud District Council was considering relaxing its policy on the sale of ex Local Authority housing in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at the request of the owners of such properties. Under the terms of the Covenant, the purchaser must have lived or worked in Gloucestershire (not South Glos) or in an AONB or National Park for 3 years prior to the application for consent to purchase. If the period is less than 2 years permission will be refused and between 2 and 3 years it is at SDC's discretion. Members agreed that that the terms of the Covenant should not be changed.

PARISH COUNCIL

Over thirty members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting to express their views and ask questions principally on two subjects – the site of the proposed allotments and signage in the village

Signage

Terry Parker opened the meeting by asking for questions on signage. John Patterson, owner of the Falcon, said the concern about signs was out of proportion, that business had still not recovered from the road closure and that businesses needed signs to attract customers. He stated that his signs do not block the pavement and that 15% of his room rentals are down to passing customers seeing his signs. Shelagh Hume, owner of the Royal Oak, agreeing that signs brought 15% of her business, said that 80% of her customers were visitors and co-ordinated signs on the A46 indicating pubs, shops, restaurants etc would guide them to these facilities. Signage was also discussed by members as an agenda item. Jason Bullingham has consulted with John Kay of Gloucestershire Highways. The intention is to direct visitors to the centre of the village without the need for private boards except directly outside the business premises themselves. One option would be for a plain sign saying "Local Shops" which Martin Slinger said might direct traffic into the side roads. A better option might be a generic sign using symbols including the pedestrian symbol. A proposal to place a sign by the telephone box on the A46 was discussed though it would have to be on private land as Gloucestershire Highways would not permit a sign on the pavement. A site visit will be arranged.

Allotments

The Chairman asked for questions from the public on the proposed allotments. David Batty made a presentation to the meeting summarising the objections to the use of Gyde Field. He said the need

to protect the landscape in an AONB was paramount, demonstrated by the petition of 313 signatures presented to PPC. Even partial use of the field will still affect the view of Gyde House. He noted that PPC's application for a Certificate of Lawful Development gave only a limited disclosure.. He asked PPC to look for alternatives and urged members to vote against the use of Gyde field for allotments. Terry Parker responded that he had been advised that a Certificate of Lawful Development was not necessary. However PPC chose to submit an application given the different views of parishioners. PPC will have SDC's decision at the latest by the 27th July and, if necessary, an extraordinary meeting will be called. If SDC do not issue a Certificate, planning approval may be necessary.

Another questioner asked whether PPC had already decided to use Gyde Field for allotments and, if so, what was the purpose of considering other sites and of the consultation period. Terry Parker responded that when the Council had started looking for sites, Gyde Field was the only site offered and therefore the Council had opened negotiations with the Trustees. However no lease had been signed and members could vote to discontinue negotiations. The purpose of the consultation period, he said, was to allow parishioners to make their views known. Finally, he stressed, that the council would willingly consider sites as long as the criteria listed in last month's Beacon are met.

Allotments were also an agenda item. Terry Parker said that Resthaven had offered their former vegetable field, now out of use for 20 years, but it failed on two counts – more than 1 mile from the Post Office and the need for a car. Martin Slinger had consulted maps and landowners throughout the parish for other suitable sites. Only one site was offered but it is too small, has a badger set in one corner, is shaded by large trees, has an underground electricity cable and an old sewer. The Council has also considered the Recreation Ground. However the junior Football Club intend to use the pitch and the 3rd and 4th cricket elevens wish to play there. Also a toddlers secure playground is planned. There was a query that Gyde Field might be considered a "Brownfield site" if allotments there failed. Terry Parker assured the meeting that the field would remain agricultural land and would not be considered a "Brownfield site". A proposal by one member of the public that a field with poor soil could be used with raised beds was responded to by Martin Slinger, who said it would cost about £35000 to supply 6 inches of topsoil on 1.5 acres.

The Gyde Field allotment supporters presented the Chairman with a petition signed by over 240 people in favour of siting the allotments in Gyde Field. One allotment applicant stressed that he had applied because the allotments were going

to be in Gyde Field. He could not grow vegetables at home and Gyde Field was easily accessible. Another applicant said that Gyde Field was suitable for families and children, while Resthaven was not.

The discussion ended with the meeting thanking Martin Slinger for all the hard work he had done, and the public for making their views known.

Lou Kemp – Village Agent

Lou Kemp gave an enthusiastic presentation to the meeting on her role which is to bridge the gap between communities and organisations in rural areas. Anyone over 50 who wants information about almost anything can contact Lou. It could be about Social Security, such as Attendance Allowance, about the care and repair of your home, or arranging holidays, arranging home visits or bereavement. If you contact Lou, she will put you in touch with the right organisation. She does only work part time so she may take a day or two to respond. Her contact number is: 07776 245767

Gloucestershire Calor Village of the Year Competition

Ela Pathak-Sen reported that 2 judges had visited Painswick on Friday 12th June. They saw the country market, the youth club and the new artists studios at the Painswick Centre. They were interested to hear about the proposed allotments, economic enterprise with Painswick Matters and the Gateway project. She thanked all those who helped and we await the judges response.



The 'Race for life'

The 5km run was held at Hartpury College two weeks ago on Sunday 21st June in aid of cancer research. We would like to thank all those who sponsored us.

Back row (left to right) – Caroline Ractliffe, Sarah Whittaker, Alison Phillips, Sarah Slinger, Diane Ravenhill, Shirley Jones. Middle row – Jenny Whittaker, Jo Weatherall, Linda Yates, Chris Wilkes. Front – Lydia and Lucy Ravenhill.



Will YOU help show off Painswick?

Each Summer we organise a rota of people to 'steward' in St. Mary's Church throughout the holiday season – to welcome visitors and hopefully answer their questions.

So many people in the village showed how much they appreciate the church and churchyard by supporting the recent appeal, we hope some of you will feel able to put in an hour and a half stint some time over the summer.

To give you confidence in what is expected, we have arranged 2 sessions in church – and hope prospective stewards can attend one of them. The session will last for half to one hour – the Church Wardens giving practical details, and our local historians, Helen Briggs and David Archard pointing out interesting facts. The sessions are to be either 5pm on Wednesday 15th July – or 9.30am on Saturday 18th July. If neither of these sessions is suitable for you, please do phone Mrs. Frankie Marsh (812829) or Dave Bishop (814205) to arrange a 'personal' session. We have many hundreds of visitors each year – from all over the world – it is fascinating to meet them!

Rita Bishop

Painswick Matters

Chris Mercer, Chairman of Painswick Matters, has updated the Beacon about their recent actions. They were recently set up by a core group of local businesses and other interested parties to promote Painswick to the wider world. To this end, they have announced some positive developments.

The web site

The new web site www.painswick.uk.com has been launched and is now live on the internet! For this they are very grateful for the efforts of local whiz web designer and e-marketing specialist Jack Stafford. The web site will continue to evolve and develop and be a place to glean information on Painswick's many attractions for businesses and local residents alike! We all appreciate the statuesque beauty and sumptuous amenities that Painswick has to offer. For existing businesses to develop and thrive here, we need more visitors to visit us and more businesses to locate here and get involved in the community. Please support Painswick Matters in any way you can and ultimately we will all benefit.

Local businesses which get involved will get a comprehensive web site listing to promote their business, with a link to their own web site and also enjoy an increasing array of local inter-business benefits. It is in everyone's interest to have a thriving community in Painswick, and they believe that acting together can make a difference.

The shopping bag

The fashion statement of the summer is now on sale throughout Painswick. The Painswick Jute shopping bag emblazoned with a new Painswick logo on both sides, is a must have for all residents and makes a great gift for anyone not lucky enough to live here. It is priced at £5, so snap one up and take the Painswick name with you on your travels!

The leaflet

Painswick Matters have recently reprinted the Painswick leaflet which is being widely distributed around the area to attract people into Painswick.

For further details, please contact The Chairman on 810820

Monica Ireland

Ashwell Day centre

At the end of May the Wednesday Day Centre said a fond farewell to Pam Bailey, our dedicated leader for so many years.

Pam is indeed a hard act to follow but our thoughts necessarily had to turn immediately to the future. At a meeting of the Committee and Helpers it was decided that Anne Kenber and Etelle James would take over as joint Leaders. Both have a wealth of experience at the Day Centre and have been prominent and active members of the Committee for many years. They are supported by an enthusiastic team of Helpers, all keen to ensure the Day Centre continues to provide a happy and relaxed day for those who are no longer able to get out by themselves.

It is important to note that membership is open to all in the community and transport need not be a problem. We are lucky enough to have a reliable team of drivers ready to help when necessary.

If you know anyone who feels they might like to join us on a Wednesday, please do phone Anne 813259 or Etelle 813358. Either will be delighted to tell you more and answer any questions you may have. Thank you!

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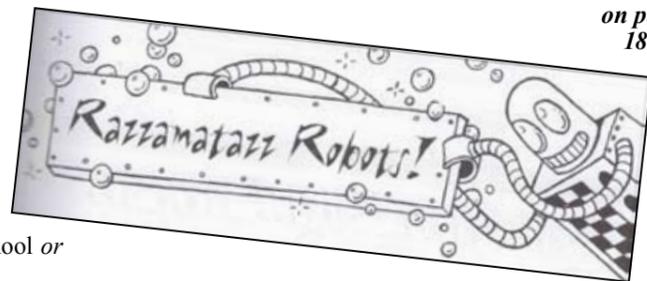
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"I hope to land on page 18"



Oz

A door to a magic land opened in Painswick last month. Down a road of yellow bricks wandered a child who, according to the programme, was Eloise Allen, but who in all other respects was quite clearly the young Judy Garland come back. Accompanied by the perkier of small canines (Charlotte Gamble) she made her way among delightful Munchkins (Olivia Holmes), stately Good Witches (Emily Gray and Alex Holmes), regal Field Mice (Georgina Churchley and Nina Perry) and enigmatic Guardians wielding thick green spectacles (Sophie Hall and Lucy Carlile) to confront the mysterious Wizard (Thomas Carlile) who proved in the end to be... not quite what he seemed.

Along the way she acquired three disparate companions: a superbly leonine Freya Tate, a Tin Man (Sophie Barnett) afflicted with an alarming tendency to rust, and a Scarecrow (George Dickinson) whose every move proved that his limbs, not to mention his brains, were completely stuffed with straw. Together this brave band defeated the scariest Wicked Witch ever seen in Painswick (Eleanor Pickin) and her saturnine Cat (Kyle Douglass), while Toby Green drew wise morals from the sidelines in a fez.

It was a hugely ambitious production, intended not so much for slick delivery as to allow the young Players the chance to showcase their talents to the best of their ability - which they did, growing in confidence and fluency even as the performances unfolded. The simplicity of the set was not only a perfect backdrop to the colourful costumes but also to the wonderful sound and lighting provided by Jacek Wolowiec. As always, no production would be possible without a backstage crew, in this instance Mike Breeze (Stage Manager) and Avril Dory (Prompt). Both performances were to full houses, Dave Carlile having done a great job with publicity.

Special commendations go to the costume and make-up departments and the director (Lesley Wolowiec) is a hot tip for the BAFTAs (Beacon Amateur Film and Theatre Awards) this year.

John Dickinson



Painswick Library News

Wanted! Children who are up for a challenge – the Summer Reading Challenge. Registration starts on 11th July. Join in early for loads of goodies. Look out for extra activities and competitions for the Summer Holidays.

Thank you to the 1st Painswick and Cranham Brownies for their colourful and informative display in the library. Here's to the next 100 years!!



Kath, Lesley and Sheila

Cows at play

There are many 'moments' which do not get caught on film, but this one was.

These nine bullocks had clearly been contemplating the pleasure others gained from playing on Tarmac rather than grass, and found their way on to the Croft School, campus on 16th June.

Having arrived, they soon realised they were not welcome after all when Sarah Taylor, wife of a farmer and a playgroup teacher, managed to round them up and steer them away from the cars parked nearby until the farmer concerned arrived to collect them. We are indebted to Sharla Dandy for this tale of woe.



News from the Croft

Janet Hoyle writes

We are celebrating the reopened swimming pool for the summer season. The PTA committee has worked very hard again this year to ensure that the pool is open for the children for the summer season. The automated chemical dosing system installed last summer is now working perfectly and there is an army of parents who are doing water checks three times per day and ensuring that the plant is all working perfectly. We are very lucky as a school to have such committed parents working so hard to keep the pool not only open but in perfect condition.



There is also a photo of Alphi Living, one of our reception children, enjoying using one of the new computers we have recently placed in the school. Each class has a new desktop and there is also a set of eight laptops which can be used to access the school network from the classrooms. These were largely funded by the generosity of the PTA, to the tune of £6,700. Much of this money was raised at the recent auction of promises. I would like to record the school's enormous gratitude to the PTA for enabling us to significantly increase the ICT provision in the school.

And a photo is of some of our fantastic musicians. Just after the last Beacon deadline, an evening concert was held to raise money for our charity for the year, Clic Sargent. Two of our year 6 children, Holly Peris and Catherine Taylor, organised the whole event, with help from some of their friends. With advice from their music and class teachers, they decided who

should play, drew up a programme, advertised the event, organised refreshments and introduced each musician during the concert. It was a highly enjoyable evening and I was very proud of the musicians and the children who used such skill to organise the event. Over £350 was raised by this event.

Lastly we have a request: The Croft Primary School needs a new Clerk to the Governors, following the retirement of Sylvia Steer, who has done great work for us. The contract is from 1st September this year for 30 hours per year, involving attendance at four Governing Body meetings each year, usually held in September, November, March and June. The clerk liaises with the Chair of the Governors and Headteacher to produce an agenda and record minutes for the meeting and also takes the advice of the local authority to provide advice on the governance to the GB. Training is provided. No previous experience is necessary, but word processing skills and use of email is essential. Please mention this vacancy to anyone that may be interested and contact Mrs Hoyle at the school for more details. End of term 2.00pm on Friday 17th July.



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Camelot

There was excited anticipation of this year's club trip 12-14th June to the Avalon Marshes and the Mendips, site 10,000 years ago of a huge estuary, the "Isle of Avalon" so perhaps a reality rather than Arthurian legend? Flooding after enclosure and peat extraction has created a wonderful wetland that we were to explore!

The group, led by Mike Robinson, met at Chew Valley Lake, where lesser black-backed gulls, mallard, pochard, mute swans and great crested grebes with young were seen - buzzard and hobby on high. Reed and sedge warblers chattered from the reed beds, seen only later, as was the reed bunting. After inn fare and at dusk, Chris Sperring, MBE of the Hawk and Owl Trust, led us at Stockhill Forest to sight the nightjar and hear its 'churring' call. Our return to Priddy lodges in the cool, foggy eve released a little adrenaline!

The 13th, brilliant, later hot, took us on trek through the RSPB's Ham Wall National Nature Reserve, perhaps the largest UK, reeded wetland, to see little egret, little grebe, whitethroat and chiffchaff, a heron's languid flight and to hear Cetti's, gar-



den and willow warblers and finally and magically, we saw the low flight of the returning bittern. We next headed through the cool, boggy woodland past the Royal Ferns, before reaching an elevated hide over the largest lake - the vista as a surreal oil painting, white dead trees rising from the



water with many, intensely black, nesting cormorants surveying the scene, greylag geese and mute swans dominating, with much other wildfowl whilst hobbies gulped and grabbed many dragon flies. Even more surreally in full day, a bat gobbled insects over water before the hide - a reminder of our luncheon needs.

Saturday afternoon on the Somerset Levels was at Westhay Moor (Somerset Wildlife Trust) where a kingfisher flashed by the hide. Then it was the board walk over bog and water, imagining ourselves traversing the peat-preserved neolithic, "Sweet Track." Into farmland we spied redshank and lapwing, kestrels were on the wire and finally, a pair of beautiful wagtails were enjoyed at leisure through the telescopes of Mike and John. And so past the rhynes (straight channels = "reens") at Shapwick before evening fare at Priddy.

Sunday was devoted to the Mendip Hills with a volunteer from the Somerset Wildlife Trust to examine some 30 grasses and 60 herbs as well as other plant delights such as tormentil, wild valerian, meadow saffron, common spotted orchid and the peppery biting stonecrop astride black, glassy remnants from lead smelting that began in Roman times. Dams remain of the mining eras, also serial buddle pits. Not to be outdone, our main leader tracked the previously elusive redstart, one of some 72 species sightings. The afternoon visit to the Stockwell pools and moorland focused attentions on the profuse Insecta - presided over by the Emperor Dragon fly mini helicopters - pretty perch and a vast wriggle of tadpoles.

What a surfeit of Nature's wonders, good company and fine weather? All gratitude be to Mike Robinson for his enthusiastic, energetic leadership and to Joy Elworthy for her admirable organisation.

Wendy and Martin Addy



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Country Art

Country Studio Art 2009 Exhibition will be in the Library meeting room from 22nd to 31st August daily - 10.00am until 5.00pm, and admission is free. There is an art group which meets each Tuesday morning in the Church rooms and has painted in Painswick since 1980 when it started at Painswick House.

Joan Bestwick

Friday Club Booted Up

I would just like to let readers know how much we raised at our Car Boot Sale - £170, and to thank everyone who supported us including the Parish Council.

Anne Smith

Poets corner

The Friends of Edge Church have organised a Poetry Evening 'Celebrating Gloucestershire' with Dave Ashbee, Sheila Simmons, Rachel Eade and Kieth Hyett on guitar.

Tickets £6 to include a glass of wine at Edge Church on 1st August at 7.30pm by contacting Ann Kennett 812669 or Glynis Mayes 814148

Ann Kennett

'The three of us'

An exhibition of paintings, drawings and prints by three friends - Penny Payne, Carolyn Galloway and Caroline Payne, of views of Painswick and surrounding areas. Open 9.30am to 5.30pm Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th July at the Town Hall.

All welcome.

Lansdown Art

The club will be exhibiting in Painswick Town Hall 15th to 22nd August openning 10.00am until 5pm daily.

Joan Bestwick



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Players going haywire...



Or, it could be my mysterious friend Miss Flint. Or we could be simply back to confusions. The choice for Painswick Players' December production has come down to a thrilling three-way read-off - and that's not easy to say! - between Haywire by Eric Chappell, My Friend Miss Flint by Donald Churchill & Peter Yeldham and Confusions by Alan Ayckbourn, to be held in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 7th July.

Award winning* director, George Krasker says that all three plays are extremely funny comedies, well written and should suit both Painswick Players and their audience.

"The thing is," he continues, "is to decide between them. So, we've decided to have a competitive read-off and invite as many as possible - members and non-members - to read together excerpts from all three plays and then to plump for one of them."

George, a real man of action, intends to hold auditions for the chosen play the very next week, on Tuesday 14th July, again in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre at 7.30pm, with the object of casting the play before the Summer break and beginning rehearsals as early as possible in September. Production dates are 3rd, 4th and 5th December.

Even if you don't want a part, why not just come along to witness this thrilling thespian trash (which is also not easy to say!)? Who knows, you might meet the mysterious Miss Flint... or go haywire... or just be convivially confused.

* Best Director of a Victorian costume drama.. in April.. in Painswick.. using gaslight.

Jack Burgess

Letters

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

Esther Dangerfield

John H Mears writes from Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear:

I note from your archives that you published details of the death of an Esther Dangerfield on 15th August 2007 at the age of 90, who was then buried in Painswick on 5th September. I wondered if anyone connected to the Beacon knew if Ms Dangerfield was actually born in the USA and had been an artist? I have

recently purchased an oil painting by an 'Esther Dangerfield' and the art references note her as being born in the USA in 1917, but they have no further biographical details. As the dates match, I wondered if the two Esther Dangerfields were actually one and the same? I would be grateful for any information or help that you may be able to provide; jhmclearly@yahoo.co.uk

Allotments

John Sidwell of Cheltenham Road writes:

I am pleased to see that the Queen has become the owner of her own allotment, and indeed I am absolutely delighted that she has had the good sense to set a fine example to her Nation and the people of Painswick, by placing it right at the bottom of her 40 acre garden. Well out of sight from her delightful conservation home. Why do the Painswick councillors have illogical sense of putting their allotments right in the front garden as you enter 'The Queen of the Cotswolds'? Her majesty will not be amused the way they have taken her name in vain. The stocks await you. They should become loyal subjects and follow her fine example. Our councillors may then be awarded the OGS. (the order of good sense).

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Beacon Survey

We are indebted to the many respondents to the survey we included in the Beacon earlier this year, an exercise from which we have learned a great deal.

All the information has been pulled together and will influence our thinking and some actions to make modest changes in layout and content across the coming months.

A number of additional comments were received and these, too, will be most helpful.

Thank you.

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 they're lost in hyperspace: please chase us!

While David Batty from The Highlands says:

People from across Painswick have provided a plethora of substantial reasons not to use Gyde Field for our allotments. There could not have been more coverage of the serious problems and unpopularity of the PPC's proposals. Now, there is a gracious offer of an alternative site at Resthaven, which appears eminently suitable. However, the PPC are prepared to reject it, in favour of Gyde Field, only on the basis of it being little more than half a mile beyond their self imposed limit. The allotments are to be provided for the entire parish. Not just the residents of Painswick. Legally, there is nothing that prevents the PPC from using land outside the Parish to fulfil its obligation. Resthaven presents a wonderful opportunity for a universally acceptable solution that everybody could be proud of. Surely the PPC can relax their criteria to accommodate this. It makes very good sense.



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Stream to river

A wide estuary is the image conjured up for many of us when the words "River Severn" are spoken, but of course we are picturing it after it has travelled over 200 miles from its source in the Cambrian Mountains; there one might be tempted to refer to it as a babbling brook or stream, though that would be an unwise thing to do! During his illustrated talk "From Source to Sea", at the May meeting of Yew Trees WI, Brian Bailey made it clear that however small and stream-like its appearance when it first emerges out of the Welsh hillside at Plynlimon (only a few miles from the sources of the Rivers Wye and Rhedol) the Severn is a river from the start. Brian's photographs showed images of a beautiful peaceful river but he explained how very different it would have looked several hundreds of years ago when the river was a major transport link. Flat bottomed sailing barges known as trows were used to carry raw materials such as coal and iron as well as finished goods. During the summer the flow of water was often

very low and so the trows were pulled over the resultant shallows by teams of men known as bow hauliers. At the end of the 18th century a tow path was built along the river to enable horses to pull the boats reducing the need for bow hauliers.

Brian's fascinating talk whetted everyone's appetite to discover more of the history of the Severn and to explore its beautiful scenery.

After a break for refreshments, members had a change of subject and discussed the vital role that honey bees play in the pollination of food crops. There was unanimous agreement that we should support the resolution to be put forward at the National Federation of WI's Annual Meeting in June urging the Government to increase funding for research into bee health.

Mary Wesley did not start writing novels until she was in her 70s. So you see it is never too late. If you are tempted to put pen to paper (or may be fingers to keyboard) but don't know where to



Women's Institute

DASH - delivering aid to Stroud Homeless

Thank you for the toiletries you have been donating during June. Please keep them coming during July - a single bar of soap or toothbrush, flannel or bottle of shampoo is welcomed and useful. Items can be left at the churches on Sundays and at the Royal Oak or Murrays during the week.

The next item we are asking you for is your loose change - those 1ps, 2ps and 5ps that weigh down your pockets and hide in the corners. Please start saving them: there is often a sudden need at Marah (the Stroud project we are supporting) for a small item (such as a new pair of pants or socks) and we are hoping to build up a contingency fund to provide for this.

Put the coins in a small container and watch out for a notice in the September Beacon about how we propose to collect them. Please do not put money in with any toiletries you may be donating - it can sometimes disappear before the other items are gathered in.

Many thanks to the Beacon for your continued publicity - we are actually doing pretty well with the collecting!

Alison Robinson

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start DO, come along to our meeting on Tuesday 28th July at 7.30 pm in The Town Hall when Jane Bailey is going to talk on "Hatching a Novel". Not only is Gloucestershire-born Jane a novelist, she has taught many creative writing courses and is currently a committee member of the Cheltenham Festival of Literature. It should be a very interesting evening.

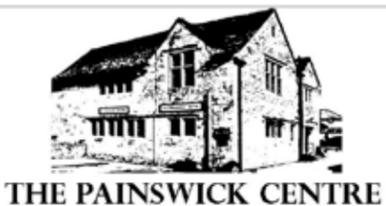
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Did you identify the stonework and line across the picture? On the very end of the north roof of St Mary's Church - and we admit we do not know just what the mason placed above the cross.

Could a Church Warden or historian know the answer?



For this month you most certainly need to possess long vision. Any ideas to its location?



druginsight

Reader advice requested

One of the most powerful and still increasing influences upon our society is that of drugs. A reputable national organisation is considering making six short articles available to the editors of localised newspapers such as the Beacon, nation wide, and we have been asked if we would run the pilot first article and seek your feedback. As we have space this month, we are obliging.

So, they are asking for your help. It will be appreciated if you would let Leslie Brotherton know (mr@lesliebrotherton.com) if you or someone you know would appreciate the whole set of six articles to be completed and published. The draft of the first one appears here.

This series of short non-partisan articles are intended to inform parents and others about identifying, coping with, and combating the effects of drug abuse in local communities. The length of each article may be appropriate to offer to community newsletters, parish magazines and the like - often printing A5 size.

They realise that such newsletters focus on news of seeming immediacy and obvious interest to their local community. However, few would deny that there are other significant issues which are either openly discussed or, conversely, positively suppressed from discussion. A case in point is that of misuse of drugs (commonly referred to as 'substance abuse'). It is suggested that all communities have - to a greater or lesser extent - concerns surrounding substance abuse and that the series of six 'papers' might strike a chord with a number of readers. If so, please contact Leslie.

druginsight

Very few of us know much about drugs, and what influence they really have on individuals, on friendships, family, workplace or the wider community. This short article is the first of a series of six which may inform the thinking of young people, in particular, but also others unsure or concerned about the impact the abuse of substances already has, or may have, on their own lives and those of others. The information is accurate, the source impeccable, and you can not only check this out on www.ndpa/druginisight but obtain copy of the set of six articles yourself and register for these and supplementary information for £4.00.

Parental druginsight - the younger child

We risk stating the obvious, but most of us with a child approaching teenage years are deeply concerned for their welfare. While we fret about whether they will do what we did when we were that age, or maybe exceed what we did, we want them to turn out to be healthy happy achievers. While each youngster must become what they choose to be, it is a path which can be confusing and painful - as we may remember. There is no more powerful assistance we can offer, and it must ideally start from when a child is very small, than share our lives fully with them. Not smother, but talk, go places, play, cinema, create activities, read, eat, have fun.

Be relaxed and involved with them! Children pull away from us to test out their own maturity at every stage of growing up, but it is what they then find out without us around which is being tested against what they have learned from us as parents. To a large extent we have to 'let go' and come to terms with the reality - we already have knowledge, they are acquiring their own - but we should always be around, and not afraid to say 'no' when required.

Among the many experiences gained will be those which give a sense of comfort and well-being and which will be regarded as 'acceptable' among friendship groups. So, a swift graduation from chocolate to trying a cigarette is hardly surprising. All too often, though, it is somewhere within this graduation process, in which other children are more advanced, that alcohol and drugs as we know them are brought within reach.

Starting on drugs - cannabis

While tobacco or alcohol are undoubtedly drugs in their own right, the impact of each is more widely understood. Smoking leads to distinctive health effects, clearly publicised on packets; drinking too young or beyond that acceptable while talking or meeting socially removes inhibitions and frequently leads to uncontrolled and unacceptable or even dangerous behaviour. Drugs which are most immediately to hand in early social groups increase in variety every day, but very often the drug first encountered is cannabis. Evidence of use in the past 6-12 hours includes edginess, reduced appetite, anxiety, lack of concentration with memory loss and, as time goes by, weight loss, depression, heart attacks, and schizophrenia. When taken, by mixing with tobacco and smoking, or creating its vapour alone, but alongside alcohol, the effects can be devastating and permanent.

The papers in this mini-series are:
Parental druginsight - the younger child Teenage druginsight - temptation beckons
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Margaret Young

In the often daunting and slightly rarefied legal world, Margaret Young's fresh and very personal approach to dealing with legal matters makes a welcome change. Margaret is a solicitor who in May set up her own firm, Leigh Young Solicitors, together with partner, Cheryl Leigh. Their office base is in Stroud, appropriately in the court office within the old police and court building (until recently the Liberal Club).

Margaret has an impressive career background and considerable experience in a range of legal areas. Since moving with her family to Painswick about twelve years ago she worked for several years for a long-established family solicitor in Stroud with whom, as she explains, she retains "a happy and symbiotic relationship." However, having initiated this new firm she sees it as an exciting opportunity to develop a truly user-friendly service.

The Stroud office is ideal and has been renovated and decorated in a very welcoming style. Jeanette Gardiner is the legal assistant, shortly to commence formal training as a legal executive, and together these three form an impressive team. They share a real desire to change the traditional rather stuffy perception of solicitors into one of a caring profession, business-like but with an ability to empathise. They are keen to point out that they possess complementary skills and are able therefore to cover a breadth of legal matters. Their mutual support and open communication make for great team work. Margaret really likes the partnership mentality, recognising that it results in efficiency and works best for the client.

When working with clients Margaret and her team understand that a personal and essentially supportive approach is of paramount importance. The key word is effective and the aim is to clarify and inform the client on order to achieve a successful outcome. This emphasis on the need to keep the client informed and reassured generates confidence and a good working relationship, so important at a time which can be distressing.

Working with Cheryl and Jeanette, both of whom grew up in the Stroud area, has already proved successful. Margaret does however still work from Painswick and is happy to visit clients. The team also recognises that sometimes it is not easy for people to visit offices and to that end they are aiming to target local communities on their home ground. Painswick is their starting point and on Thursday, 16th July they have booked the committee room in the Church rooms as a drop-in centre for anyone who wishes to consult with them on a legal matter. This consultation will be free of charge and it is also somewhat experimental because, if it goes well, they would like to follow the arrangement on a more regular basis, eg monthly. They feel it is important to get out into the community and are happy to see people at home if necessary. You can consult them in Painswick on the 16th on any legal matter from 10.00am-1.00pm. Refreshments will be on hand and it would be helpful if you phone beforehand.

This is a golden opportunity to discuss any legal matter in a comfortable situation with very knowledgeable and approachable professionals. "We are good at what we do," says Margaret, and it's true. Do take advantage of this opportunity.

Caroline Crawford

Behind the tiny shop front of Caroline Crawford's premises in New Street there buzzes a surprisingly comprehensive enterprise. The title of interior designer belies the broad ranging service that Caroline can offer, covering small one-off commissions to total all-inclusive projects. She will produce a single cushion or a complete interior design package – and of course everything in between.

Caroline's forte is her ability to visualise the materials, colours and styles that are just right for both the property and the customer. Cleverly combining practicality with creativity, she particularly likes personal contact with her customers, often over a cup of tea, as she feels it gives her an insight into what is right for their needs. She enjoys all levels of the work, happy to advise on low-budget projects through to the super luxurious and with a very wide-ranging set of materials from which to choose.

When it comes to big building projects Caroline really enjoys the role of project manager as that means she is involved in the whole design. Whether it is a traditional historic restoration or an exciting new build she works closely with the architect and building company to plan the layout of the interior, choosing building materials and then attending to the internal details. She advises on decoration, furnishings, flooring, layout and lighting and supplies the products. It can be for a whole house or a single room including kitchens and bathrooms. "I love the creativity," she says. She has real passion about what she does, a very focused involvement and sharp business acumen.

Despite appearances, the premises in New Street are a studio not a shop, so not open for traditional shop hours. The contact number is on the door and arrangements can be made to meet up when and where deemed appropriate. Such flexibility is an attractive feature of the business. She would also be very happy to open up for any group or local society to visit and find out more.

Caroline was always interested in design but on leaving school she went into the world of insurance and became a life underwriter. During this time she met and married Shaun, an artist, and often found herself helping friends with decorating and design. The passion was still there! Her children, Mitchell and Harriet, now 19 and 17 were born and Caroline took a correspondence course with the intention of running her own business professionally from home. Initially the business built up from referrals and moved to shop premises in Cirencester.

The family then moved to Painswick and Caroline decided to emphasise the design element rather than running a shop, so took on the New Street premises six years ago. "It's been fabulous here," she says, "I love living and working in Painswick." She likes the idea of all the businesses working cooperatively for the health of the town, and true to this ideal she liaises with several other enterprises whenever possible.

Caroline has a fantastic selection of fabric samples plus granites, woods etc, so there really is no need to leave Painswick to view possible materials if you are thinking it's time for a change. A warm personality and real flair make her the ideal person to talk to about getting it absolutely right, whatever your requirements.

Ladies making the running



Sharla Dandy

Sharla Dandy is a young woman whose aim, professionally you understand, is to make your financial planning as painless as possible. Sharla is a Chartered Accountant who has started her own practice, Painswick Accounting and Taxation Services Ltd, from her home in Painswick. She offers a broad range of financial services from book keeping to accounts to business planning and more.

Bringing a young, fresh and enthusiastic approach to her work she is, nevertheless, very efficient and serious about what she does. She believes that a quick response is important for the client's peace of mind and is able to offer this because she works from home. Of course she does go out to see clients but works for much of the time on-line and hence the immediate response facility. It also means she can work flexibly and therefore to suit her clients' needs as she is always available.

Sharla's husband, Mike, runs a family business with his brother (John Dandy Motors Limited) and this has enabled her to understand the importance of immediate knowledge. She also likes to work closely with her clients and enjoys the relationship aspect of the work. Sharla is a very personable young woman, easy to talk to and enthusiastic. It is clear to see why she is already gaining new clients. She is aware that people both want and need to understand the technical business side and is keen to explain in straightforward terms. She is also aware of the need to constantly update her knowledge of current and frequently changing relevant laws.

Always interested in business and accountancy – she likes the breadth of the subject – Sharla grew up in Stroud, attended Ribston School and studied at Cheltenham College of H.E. for a degree, with a placement at Boots Co. in Nottingham. After graduating with Honours Sharla trained with Horwath Clark Whitehill and after qualifying as a Chartered Accountant went on to work for Nationwide Building Society as a Management Accountant. In 1993 she won the ICAEW Young Enterprise Business Award at national level. After daughter Emily was born she worked part-time for Price Davis in Painswick which she regards as a wonderful learning experience because, as a small business, they covered all aspects. During this time Austin, her son, was born. He is now three and at play group, Emily is four and a pupil at the Croft School.

Towards the end of last year Sharla decided she was ready to go into practice independently. She had a strong idea of how she wanted to develop a particular ethos and approach, based very much on offering a personal, high quality and affordable service. She also knew that she wanted to work in Painswick with which, she proudly explains, her family has long-established connections. So, in January she started her business from home and is pleased that already she seems to have established a good reputation judging from the number of clients several of whom are from Painswick.

"I love working from home in Painswick," she says, "it's such a lovely place." And somehow you know that this engaging and energetic young accountant will be very successful.

Carol Maxwell



Emailing the Beacon

As with just about every internet user, the Beacon received unsolicited messages. We are very much aware of the damage some attachments can do to our computers, so our instinct and immediate action is to delete them. 'Cunning' is a word describing their authors, but their weakness lies in the banality of their 'subject' line. Our reason for mentioning this phenomenon here is to urge genuine contributors to be quite explicit in their selection of words in that 'subject' line e.g. "Bingo Club report for November". Otherwise we could be deleting the bona fide item!

"Vivaldi in Venice"

... was the enticing title of the Stroud Coral Society's concert on 13th June in the nearly full Subscription Rooms – nearly, because I understand that three supporters stayed away in the belief that the concert was in Venice!! It was Benjamin Nicholas' last concert in Stroud, conducting the Regency Sinfonia, choir and soloists in gorgeous music by Vivaldi and Monteverdi.

They opened with Vivaldi's superb "Magnificat" with full choir and two sopranos, followed by "Summer", part of "The Four Seasons" concerto, probably his best known work – a dazzling example of musical scene painting. Great contrast then with Monteverdi's festive motet "Cantate Domino", composed some 100 years earlier.

Three more motets followed after the interval. "Beatus Vir" and "Christe, adoramus te" by Monteverdi, and "Nulla in mundo pax sincera" by Vivaldi prepared the ground for "Gloria RV 589" his joyful hymn of praise with two sopranos and one alto which has a most brilliant and exhilarating opening with insistent orchestral rhythm leading into triumphant shouts of "Gloria".

The evening concluded with a fine tribute by Stewart Price who thanked Ben Nicholas for his five wonderful years with the Stroud CS in which he had transformed the quality of their performances and provided huge excitement and fun in rehearsals. We can say farewell to him at our next Stroud CS concert, "Missa Solemnis" by Beethoven on Saturday, 21st November at 7.30pm in Cheltenham Town Hall.

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The Mixed American Tournament on June 9th was held on a warm and sunny day. Sixteen players took part in the competition with the eventual winners being Debbie Westgate and Roland Boggon.



Sponsored Walk

On Sunday 12th July there is to be a sponsored walk starting at 10.00am from the Broadham Cricket Club. The route will be over 5 miles, beginning and finishing at the Club.

The walk is to raise funds for the Cricket Club and for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. Sponsorship forms are available from any member of the Cricket Club or the Trust.

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£27 all day session Non Members.

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Thursdays 1 – 4pm.

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Sharon Hall 07766 732392, or Lorraine Ristic 07775 606399

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Junior Badminton

The winner of the Diana Radway Cup for The Most Improved Junior this year was Pippa Speed. Well done to Pippa and also to the following Juniors who represented the county last season - Eleanor Pickin, Pippa Speed, Freddie Speed, William Moir, Kit Kirby and Sophie Hall.
Next season's Junior Badminton starts on Thursday, September 10th.

Delyth Allen

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Sat 30th May. Painswick 1st XI 280 – 3 (S Savides 123*) Fairford 1st XI 180 all out.

Painswick 2nd XI 186 all out Fairford 2nd XI 131 all out.

Painswick 3rd XI 187 – 7 Woodmancote 2nd XI 60 all out.

Sat 6th June. All matches cancelled. Rain.

Wed 10th June. 20/20. Painswick beat Chalford by 10 wickets.

Sat 13th June. Painswick 2nd XI 212 all out Redmarley 2nd XI 91 all out.

Sun 14th June. Painswick 275 – 5 Upton St Leonards 123 all out.

Village Cup Competition. Hatherley & Reddings 1st XI 240 – 8 Painswick 1st XI 178 all out.

Wed 17th June. 20/20. Painswick 133 – 7 Apperley 136 – 5.

Sat 20th June. Painswick 1st XI 216 all out Stone 1st XI 217 – 4.

Painswick 2nd XI 110 all out Stone 2nd XI 111 – 2. Painswick 3rd XI 163 all out Stroud 4th XI 75 all out.

Frampton 3rd XI 128 all out Painswick 3rd XI 129 – 5.

July Fixtures

Sat 4th. Kingsholm 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Painswick 2nd XI v Kingsholm 2nd XI. Painswick 3rd XI v Frampton 3rd XI (At Marling School).

Sun 5th. Painswick v Hardwicke.

Sat 11th. Painswick 1st XI v Dumbleton 1st XI. Dumbleton 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI. Slimbridge 2nd XI v Painswick 3rd XI.

Sun 12th. Slimbridge v Painswick.

Sat 18th. Tewkesbury 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Painswick 2nd XI v Tewkesbury 2nd XI.

Painswick 3rd XI v Frocester 5th XI (At Marling School).

Sat 25th. Painswick 1st XI v Bredon 1st XI. Bredon 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Sun 26th. Painswick Six-a-Side Tournament.

August.

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 (At Marling School).

Sun 2nd. Painswick v Frocester.

Our picture shows Mike Powys of the Painswick Pharmacy, which sponsored the team shirts for the Painswick Under 15 B eleven, presenting one of the shirts to Painswick Cricket Club Chairman Steve Pegram.

Wayne Lee, Painswick's Youth Section Team Leader, is pictured on the right of the Painswick Under 15 B team after their 20 overs match against the Stroud Under 15 B eleven which they won by 15 runs.



Cricket Week

Painswick's Cricket Week begins on Sunday 26th July with the Annual Six-a-Side Tournament. Everyone is welcome at this popular event which includes matches against touring sides. All matches are played at Broadham starting at 2.30pm.

Football

Painswick FC Under 12s Champions League Winners

Adam Foulkes, captain for the day, led his team to victory as they played two teams from Ashleworth. The first game was won by two goals to nil, scores coming from Jake Godwin and Andy Jones. The second game was won by a single goal scored by Tom Davis. And so Painswick lifted their third trophy in one season. Painswick are now recruiting players and coaches for next season for Under 8s through to Under 12s. See website for details: www.painswickfc.com

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Over 100 people helped to make the week a success by giving their time to deliver and collect envelopes for the house-to-house collections, cook meals, staff stalls, serve lunches and coffee, wash up, give tours of St. Mary's tower, and grow, donate or cook produce. Thank you so much to them all, but most importantly thank you to all the people in our villages whose generosity will help Christian Aid keep hope alive for some of the disadvantaged in areas of the world where life is much crueller and harder than in our little corner of England's green and pleasant land.

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Malaysian archives

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How could we refuse? Arrangements were made for delivery by the Monday to the director of the video Shruti Vohra still in London for inclusion in her cabin luggage on the flight that day.

Creative Connections

The auditorium of the Richmond Village in Painswick will be the splendid venue during the first week in August for an exhibition of paintings, textiles and photographs. The three ladies whose work will be exhibited are related through family and marriage ties.

Gill Allen, Mary Ramsell and Shirley Roe were all born in Gloucester and spent their formative years in the city. They were educated at Ribston Hall and Denmark Road High Schools. Gill, who is married to an Old Cryptian, Howard Allen, returned to their home county with her husband in 2004 after some 45 years of "self imposed exile". They now live in the parish of Pitchcombe. Mary Ramsell and Shirley Roe are the elder sisters of Howard. The three ladies share much in common, not least, their love of creating in a broad range of artistic forms.

Gill trained at Gloucester College of Art and Design where she specialized in textiles. Gill was involved in Art Education for many years. In 1980 on moving to the Lake District, Gill developed her skills further to teach textiles in higher education at Higham Hall near Lake Bassenthwaite and in the Cumbria College of Art.

Gill's work in the exhibition extends over a range of hand-painted, dyed and stitched textiles and botanical watercolour studies. Her work reflects the changing patterns and moods of the Cumbrian landscape and the delicate transparency of both watercolour and dyes.

Mary Ramsell has enjoyed a life-long love affair with natural history and photography. She is a member of the Nottingham Field Club that has a long and proud history. Mary has presented illustrated talks on her photography of wild flowers. Several of her magnificent photographs of flowers and plants are included in the exhibition.

Shirley Roe is a former teacher of Textiles and Fashion. She studied textiles in art at Windsor College of Art under Jan Beaney. In this exhibition of her work, Shirley has used silks and threads to produce wonderful pictures. Shirley has exhibited work with the "The Society of Botanical Artists" at Westminster Hall and the Mall Galleries in London.

Gill, Mary and Shirley have received the most valuable sponsorship and support of the Directors of the Richmond Villages and the on-site manager, Melissa Gough-Rundel, in setting up the exhibition.

Howard Allen

Garden Party

– 12th July from 2.30pm

In aid of International Animal Rescue (I.A.R.) Dancing Bear Appeal.

I.A.R. have rescued 500 dancing bears in India and there are still 130 bears that need to be rescued – bears that are forced to dance using fear and pain – threading rope through their delicate noses, smashing out their teeth and beating their feet to make them dance to earn their captors a living

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All profits go to I.A.R. dancing bear appeal. Entrance: Adults £2.00. Children under 13 free.

Please contact us if you are able to assist on the day – your help will be much appreciated.

*Adrienne and Barry Berman
01452.862343*

Local History Teaser

This splendid set of gentlemen, note not one without a hat, is obviously part of a bowling fraternity. However, we know nothing about them. Are you able to identify anyone in the picture, or say where and when it was taken? We should like to hear from you if you can provide any information.

Last month's photograph brought forth some responses. David Archard recognised himself as the lovely little drummer boy at the right hand end of the line and Ann Daniels spotted herself two to his left in the rather fetching all-in-one outfit. We think the two little girls are the Barnard sisters but do not know who the three old men of Painswick are nor the chap in royalist garb. Jenny Gauguin, whom we thank for providing the picture, is in the centre and the V on her dress signifies VJ Day, the occasion for this magnificent little line-up.

If you have a picture which would challenge readers please get in touch.

Carol Maxwell



BEACO-DOKU

Derived from Sudoku, Beaco-doku replaces the numbers with letters. Last month had June BUSTIN out all over, as you can see, bottom right.

This month being July, we thought we would commemorate the origins of our calendar with Julian. 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, J-U-L-I-A-N, without repetition.

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Care

Those of you, who know me in person, or simply through reading my monthly news pieces, might gather that I am someone who is easily moved emotionally and has passionate views on all sorts of issues. Would you associate "excited" and "passion" with "hospice"? No, neither would I. That is, I didn't until I spent the morning learning about what goes on at Cotswold Care Hospice (CCH) and have had my eyes opened to what has to be one of the most fantastic organisations of this county. Read on.....

I presumed that it focused on people suffering from cancer who needed care in a hospice in the last stages of their illness. I was totally wrong. In fact there are no beds here and the next major fundraising is to be able to provide a purpose-built bed unit. Those people who choose to remain at home in the last stages of their illness can have the "Hospice at Home" Service which along with all the other services, is provided free.

Anyone who has been diagnosed with a life-limiting condition can use the services of the Hospice at any stage of their illness. This also applies to members of that person's family and the condition might range from Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinson's and Multiple Sclerosis, heart or lung diseases.

Hospice Care is tailored to each patient's individual needs. It is based on the simple idea that everyone deserves peace, respect, dignity and to live every moment in whichever way they choose.

Day Therapy based in the new building in Minchinhampton can help people to feel more confident about how to manage their illness and face the future. Generally people find that a weekly visit for about 3 months is very helpful. The Therapy offered consists of Nursing Care, Creative therapies, Art for Health, Complementary therapies, Counselling and Pastoral Care.

In addition to some of the services mentioned above, the Out Patient service offers amongst other things, a Lymphoedema clinic, a self-support group for MS and Palliative Care Consultant Clinics.

This is very much a place for the whole family and a haven for "carers" (yes, that means you; the wife/husband/partner/friend), who can benefit from events such as the Carer's Relaxation day which took place in June.

Whether you think this is a place which you or someone in your family could use, or whether you can offer your services in any way, either call CCH directly on 01453 886868 or call me on 01452.528491 or 07776.245767.

Lou Kemp

VILLAGE
Agents

Beacon apologies

Due to a complete computer crash late in the production process, and with the entire memory wiped from the hard disk, our circumstances were such that retrieving the numerous articles and pieces of information which go to make up a Beacon presented 'certain' difficulties.

Should any article be missing we are sorry, and will do our best to carry information next month.

To about four of our advertisers particular apologies, as we just could not access their art work without such a reduction in quality as to detract to an unacceptable level.

Ed.

PROPERTY REPORT for June from Murrays

There has been a marked difference in activity in the property market recently, which is clearly a good sign for the future. Over the past few months we have seen a large increase in new applicants, a huge rise in the number of viewings, a good number of new properties, covering all price ranges, coming on to the market and most importantly our sales have over doubled. Confidence in the market appears to be higher and people are now looking at taking advantage of some of the many bargains that are out there. Even the national press are being more upbeat about the property market! You are three times more likely to sell your property now than you were this time last year, which we as a company are seeing first hand. However this does not mean that prices are set to rise again and probably will not do so for some time.

As you are probably aware the introduction of the new HIP legislation came about at the beginning of April and now if you decide that you are selling your property you will have to have the majority of the HIP in place before your property can be legally marketed. We first thought that this might cause a long delay between the time that you decide to sell and the time it can first be advertised and put on the internet, but due to our

competent HIP company it is now happening much quicker.

If you should need any further information on the HIPs then please feel free to pop into our office or call us on 01452814655.

Murrays have had a flourish of new properties coming to the market in the past few weeks and new instructions include Moonrakers, a beautifully presented 4 bedroom house with shop use, large garden, garage and parking in the centre of Painswick, Flax Cottage, a pretty 3 bedroom cottage on Vicarage Street, Twineham, 12 Gloucester Road a detached 4 bedroom house with large garden, Suite 10, a one bedroom suite in Richmond Village, 1 Hyett Orchard an immaculate 2 bedroom retirement flat and The Rectory, a 6 bedroom detached old Rectory in Edge with Coach House and lovely views.

Properties that are currently under offer include Hambutts Barn on Edge Road, Twineham on Gloucester Road, 3 Juniper Cottages on Wick Street, Inglenook Cottage in Pitchcombe and Ashcroft on Mill Lane in Cranham. The properties that have competed are Jubilate in Blakewell Mead, Croome House on Bisley Street and The Barn in Upton-St-Leonards.

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THE VILLAGE DIARY

JULY

Mon	6	Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	7	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Chi Kung (Qigong) classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class Tai Chi classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class	Christ Church Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon 7.00pm 8.00pm
Wed	8	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 7.30 to 10.00pm
Thu	9	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dance (Last of the season - re-start in September) Victorian Ball Workshop	Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Fri	10	Country Market - Coffee available - Every Friday Friday Club Outing to Weston Super Mare	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	11	Painswick Companion Dog Show and Charity Fun Day Victorian Costume Ball: for info. Tel: 01453 883150	Recreation Field Painswick Centre	11.00am 8.00 to 11.30pm
Sun	12	Garden Party (Cranham) (see page 15)	Old Overtown House	
Tue	14	Painswick Players auditions (see page 7) to 18th Rococo Players 'Romeo and Juliet' (see page 14)	Green Room Rococo Garden	7.30pm 6.00pm for 7.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: I K Brunel - Links of Iron; Eric Williams Women's Fellowship BBQ at The Latchetts	Shires Room, Falcon Kingsmead	10.00am 7.00pm
Sat	18	Copy dateline for August Beacon		
Wed	22	Horticultural Society Outing to Royal Botanic Garden, Kew Parish Council to 31st Country Art Studio Exhibition Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon	Stamages Car Park Town Hall Library Room The Hill, Stroud	9.00am 7.30pm 10.00am to 5.00pm
Fri	24	Friday Club Presidents Day: Talk by Pat Daly followed by Afternoon Tea	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	28	Razzamatazz Robots: Children's Holiday Club (also Wed. 29th & Thur. 30th) Yew Trees W.I.: Hatching a Novel - Jane Bayley	Croft School Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon 7.30pm

AUGUST

Sat	1	August Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Celebrating poetry	Edge Church	7.30pm
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
Sun	9	Churches Together Cricket Match against Stroud	Broadham Fields	2.00pm
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	Country Studio Art Exhibition - Daily until Monday 31st Aug.	Library Meeting room	10.00am to 5.00pm daily

SEPTEMBER

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 Concert by The Capella Singers in aid of Pitchcombe and Harescombe Church Funds	Painswick Centre Pitchcombe Church	2.30 to 5.30pm 7.30pm
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	



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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		
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: Nature in Art - Simon Trapnell	Town Hall	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
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	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
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)
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Annual Meeting and Talk on Traidcraft	Town Hall	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
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	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am



Fearless

From a fearless cameraman we have these shots of action when funds were raised for the work of World Vision in Lideta on 15th June.

A pretty hairy experience too!



PLANNING MATTERS *A summary of information from the Parish Council*

NEW APPLICATIONS

COCKSHOOT COTTAGE, COCKSHOOT QUARRY, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of single storey extension to replace existing conservatory & store.

BACK EDGE HALL, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE. Replacement of existing entrance gate and stone walls.

EDGE FARM, EDGE. New and replacement windows and alterations to outbuildings. Change of use of barn to leisure facilities ancillary to existing house.

BRAESIDE, SLAD. Erection of a 2 storey and single extension and wood store. Resubmission following approval 09/0423/FUL.

Land at BEECH FARM, BEECH LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of stable block and storage barn.

LULLINGWORTH, STROUD ROAD Installation of pergola frame with solar panels.

PYLL HOUSE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of garden room and glazed link to dwelling.

OLD EBWORTH FARMHOUSE, THE CAMP, SHEEPSCOMBE Installation of 6 no. solar panels and a new twin wall flue.

REVISED PLANS

CLOVERS, KINGS MEAD. Single storey extension and erection of 3 bay garage. Main changes: Reduction of balcony to 'Juliet' style balcony. External garage steps repositioned to other end of garage.

CONSENT

COURTSIDE, HALE LANE. Erection of new car port/garage. Installation of gates and gate posts.

BRAESIDE, SLAD. Resubmission of application 08/2251/FUL (our ref: 11/09) for proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

REFUSAL

BEACON HEIGHTS, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of replacement dwelling.

WASHBROOK MILL, EDGE. Change to the approved design S.07/2264/FUL (our ref:120/07). Proposed addition of natural stone gables to the 3 storey extension.

DAMSELLS COTTAGE. Erection of detached garage with home office above.

PLAN WITHDRAWN

PAINSWICK MILL, TICKLESTONE LANE. Installation of new external door.

Exchange USA?

Greetings. I am a descendant of Painswick, my geneology having been traced back to the mid-1700's in the village. My family and I will be in London the week of July 4th-9th. My sons (ages 13 and 11) and I are on holiday while my wife is conducting business.

We plan on driving to Painswick for a day during our stay and can be flexible for the 6th-9th of July. I am interested in meeting a family with boys of similar ages to visit for a short period (no more than an hour or two). Were there interest from both parties, perhaps we could exchange hosting children in Painswick and at our home outside Eugene, Oregon USA at some point in the future.

We are about 5 hours South of Seattle, Washington and 8 hours North of San Francisco, California. This could be a great opportunity for local lads to experience the Pacific Northwest. I participated in such an exchange when I was 13 in Hertfordshire. I would like my boys to experience similar, but in an area closer to our roots.

I realize that this is very long for your personal column, but I am wondering how I might find a family that is interested in meeting? My boys interests lie mainly in sports and music.

I welcome your feedback. Email will be the only way to contact me after the publication date.

Andy Jacob andyjacob7@yahoo.com

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The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

Weddings

Congratulations to ADAM HOGG and JENNIFER HARVEY who are to be married at St Mary's Painswick on 11th July;
also to FIONA BUTTREY and DAVID MILLS who married on 2nd July at Reynoldston, Gower,
and best wishes to JASON DAVIS and JEMMA BULLINGHAM who are to be married at St Mary's Painswick on 1st August.

Baby

Congratulations to NICKI and IAN CLAPTON on the birth of their baby daughter, Emily.

Over 90 birthdays

Congratulations to BETTY COPE who will celebrate her 93rd birthday on 9th July,
and to KIT BARCLAY who was 90 on 8th June.

Diamond weddings

Congratulations to Dr and Mrs LINDSAY-WALKER who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 4th June,
also to BERYL and JOSEPH IRELAND who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding on 23rd July.

Personal messages

The Family of the late **Hilda Musty** wishes to thank all those who so kindly gave donations in memory of Hilda.

The total donated was just over £1300, which has been sent to Sue Ryder Care.

Alison Heal

Alison is Canon Heal's daughter; he was Vicar of Painswick for 22 years.

Alison and her husband, Michael were celebrating their Ruby wedding on 19th April, and brought their family over to the church in which they were married.

A Church Warden asked if they would like to go up the tower, and Alison - who had never been up the tower during all her years in the village - seized the opportunity, and she and her family were able to get this fabulous view.

Long lasting shops

Helen Briggs has told us that 50 years ago this month her parents, George and Dorothy Fryer, moved from Central Stores to Whitehall Bank, having had the shop for 30 years. John and Barbara Hulme then held the shop for a further 40 years.

Change of house

ANDY LOVELL and ANN HOWARTH and their two boys have moved from Church House, St Mary's Steet, to Ashleigh in Gloucester Street.
MISS MAGAURAN has moved to Croome House,
and Mr and Mrs DAVID MORRIS to The Barn at Upton St Leonards,
and welcome to Professor ANGELA NEWING now at 'Gaudete', 1 Hambutts Mead.

Get well soon

Best wishes to MARGARET MUSTOE who recently had a knee replacement operation in Gloucester Royal Hospital,
also to DAVID VARDY of St Mary's Mead who had a shoulder operation in Nottingham Hospital,
also to CHRISTOPHER HULME, JOHN and BARBARA'S grandson admitted to hospital after a serious motor-cycle accident.

Condolencies

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of DOROTHY HODGSON-NICOLL who died at Richmond on 8th June.



Considerate notice...

to Painswick residents along the A46,

of brief sky activity (sky lanterns and fire works) on Saturday 8th August around 9.00pm weather permitting... sorry for any inconvenience.

J. Weatherall



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