

The Painswick Beacon

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Dawn surprised - at dawn

The lovely old bicycle that has been standing proudly outside the Patchwork Mouse in New Street since Dawn Mallinson opened the shop in 1997 is a veritable symbol of the quirky nature of the business and in all those years it has remained untouched. Sadly, a short time after Easter, Dawn found it one morning in a very sorry state. It had been vandalized and the front wheel broken in half. Naturally she was very upset - such a pointless and mindless act.

Imagine then her great surprise and delight when at 6.00am one morning in August she found a replacement wheel propped against the bicycle, but source unknown. Dawn immediately set to, giving the bicycle a new coat of paint, a new saddle cover, a new basket and new flowers.

As the donor of the wheel is anonymous Dawn is frustratingly unable to offer her thanks in person. She is, of course, enormously grateful and sees this generous act as reflective of our caring community. "It's so thoughtful," she says, "I really want to say a big thank you."

Now the bicycle stands once again outside the shop, resplendent and restored to its former glory, all due to the kindness of someone in our midst.



Improvements arriving



The Trustees are delighted to announce that in mid-September, building work starts on the transformation of the front entrance and lobby of The Painswick Centre. The Trustees have spent many hours ensuring the character of the building is not compromised and final planning proposals, which have received the support of the Parish Council are now with Stroud District Council. Improvements include complete replacement of the downstairs toilets with two modern unisex facilities both with feature oak doors to match those already in the hallway. One large cubicle will be suitable for wheelchair users and will also include baby-changing facilities. Gently sloped access to the front of the building will be provided by the installation of an additional door and ramp through the existing side window, carefully rebuilt to retain the features of the existing window and the 'Arts & Craft' style of the Centre's architecture. We hope that the improved access, new toilets and larger, lighter and more welcoming hallway will benefit all visitors and users of the front of the building.

The Chairman of the Painswick Centre, Jackie Herbert, has contacted all regular users of the Cotswold and Green Rooms, plus the Glos. Guild Gallery and the Artist Studios, to discuss measures and alternatives to offset the temporary disruption and noise caused by the building work which will last about 5 - 6 weeks. Several

parking spaces will be out of use for a short period and we apologise to all users of the car park for any inconvenience this may cause.

This project has only been made possible thanks to a most generous grant from the Helen McKee ('Painswick') Trust, for whom the Trustees of the Painswick Centre offer their wholehearted appreciation. Due to the complexity of the work, and our determination not to spoil the building in any way, the Trustees will need to cover a shortfall of around £5,500 to fully complete this project to the standard we feel necessary, so please, if any readers of the Beacon would like to make a donation towards these major improvements it would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to contribute, please make any donation payable to 'The Painswick Centre' and send it to: The Painswick Centre, c/o Mrs Rose Smith, Corner Cottage, Bisley Street, Painswick, GL6 6QQ, marking the back of the cheque 'Front Lobby Appeal'.

Please help us in taking this next step in ensuring a first-class Community Centre is available at all times to all the people of Painswick.

The Painswick Centre is a Registered Charity (no. 301595). We will acknowledge all donations, and, for those donors who pay income tax, we will invite you to complete a gift aid form. If you have any questions about the project and this appeal, please contact Jackie Herbert on 813229. Thank you.

Jane Rowe for the Trustees of the Painswick Centre

Christ Church's last Service 26th September at 2.30pm

The Rev Dr. John Sutcliffe will conduct the Harvest Festival service which will be followed by a get together in the hall.

Members of Rodborough Tabernacle will be joining us as will many friends and members who no longer live in the district. Should you wish to come to the service you would be very welcome.

We wish to finish on a note of celebration and thanksgiving for all the Church has meant to present and past worshippers and to the people of Painswick.

Maureen Kinnear

On other pages this month - flu vac, energy options, clypping v clipping, round the mountain, club fun, those potys, lots of songs, future housing, service station decided, job vacancies, art classes, civic awards, below 20mph, lucky escape, many mini-ads, a diamond wedding, fireworks predicted, directory 2011 invitation.



Normally the Parish Council does not meet in August except to consider urgent items. On this occasion the only item, the site for allotments, has been deferred because certain legal issues are awaiting a response. However a planning meeting was held to consider the items listed.

PLANNING

Brookthorpe Service Area

The proposed new Motorway Service Area at Brookthorpe has now received planning permission from Stroud District Council. However most parish councils in the area and several other organizations as well as our MP Neil Carmichael have written to the Secretary of State asking him to "call in" the application – that means appointing an independent inspector to review the application, report back to the Secretary of State who will then make the final decision. The proposal

before the meeting was that Painswick Parish Council should also do so though members queried whether there would be any cost to the Parish Council in this course of action. The chairman, David Hudson, confirmed that there would be no cost and said he was of the opinion that it was highly unlikely that SDC's decision would be overturned. Four members voted in favour of the proposal to request a call in and two abstained.

Appointment of Tree Officer

The meeting appointed Ann Daniels as the Parish Council's Tree Officer. Two applications are being considered – firstly work on a number of trees at 1 and 3 Gloucester Street, one of which has a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) and all are TCAs (Trees in a Conservation Area). The second application is from Downton House in Gloucester Street where the tree is a TCA. The Tree Officer may review the

protection status of all trees and if there are sufficient grounds for doing so, the Parish Council may apply for a Tree Protection Order. Ann Daniels will also look at the trees at Verlands in Vicarage Street which are TCAs.

David Hudson, the chairman, told the meeting it was important to have a tree officer because the Parish Council had only 10 days to respond to applications for work on TCAs.

Painswick Centre

Consideration was given to replacement of a window with a door, and ramp for disabled access.

Most councillors had been on site and seen how the proposed works would affect the entrance to the Centre. The meeting supported the application.

Regional Spatial Strategy & Housing Needs

The Beacon, ever anxious to ensure that we report information sought or received accurately, last month (*page 3*) reported County Councillor Joan Nash as having indicated to the Parish Council that 'The Regional Spatial Strategy has been scrapped and GCC are investigating a mechanism through which future housing needs may be met, including site determination'.

The full text of Mrs Nash's written report to the Council was, in fact, "As we know the RSS has been scrapped. The County Council will have the difficult task of finding where to suggest the building of houses and to decide how many houses Gloucestershire will need. It is hoped that some useful joint working will take place with the District, Borough and City Councils across the county on this issue. The County Council Leader is in discussion with Leaders of other Councils in the County".

As can be seen, in reporting the proceedings of the Parish Council, I shortened the 73 words used to 24 for publication.

Our attention has helpfully been drawn, by Philip Skill, Head of Planning for Stroud District Council, to the above possibly creating some confusion as it is not the role of the County Council to determine sites for housing as this is dealt with at the District level. He goes on to point out that "In the past, the County used to share out the housing numbers between the Districts; then with the regional strategy, it was transferred to the Regional Assembly, now defunct. As localism, the new buzzword, comes into play, District Councils will have to determine their own housing numbers, and as previously, find sites to allocate. We of course will take advice from the County, particularly on issues such as highways and schools".

The Beacon shares his hope that this clarifies that specific subject.

The scenario within which such now resides was made the more emphatic in the statement by the Housing Minister, Grant Shapps MP, who said "The new Community Right to Build will shift power from the Government to communities to allow local people to deliver the homes and development they really want, without being told that their own expansion doesn't fit with their local (principal) council's plans and should not go ahead."

The Beacon is informed that the National Association of Local Councils awaits more details on this power which will be contained in the forthcoming Localism Bill.

In addressing this particular topic one cannot overlook the fact, which Mrs Nash was in effect touching upon, that the radical new policies of HM Government will inescapably impact upon Painswick, as with all other small communities in the UK; there will be dramatic changes in how our community shapes its future.

For the record, in the Foreword to '**Our Programme for Government**' David Cameron and Nick Clegg stated:

We believe that the time has come to disperse power more widely in Britain today; to recognise that we will only make progress if we help people to come together to make life better. In short, it is our ambition to distribute power and opportunity to people rather than hoarding authority within government. That way, we can build the free, fair and responsible society we want to see.

They went on to say, among other policies:

We both want a Britain where our political system is looked at with admiration, not anger. We have a shared ambition to clean up Westminster and a determination to oversee a radical redistribution of power away from Westminster and Whitehall to councils, communities and homes across the nation. Wherever possible, we want people to call the shots over the decisions that affect their lives.

Under the sub-heading Communities and local government, the following are but short extracts:

The Government believes that it is time for a fundamental shift of power from Westminster to people. We will promote decentralisation and democratic engagement, and we will end the era of top-down government by giving new powers to local councils, communities, neighbourhoods and individuals.

- We will promote the radical devolution of power and greater financial autonomy to local government and community groups. This will include a review of local government finance.*

- We will introduce new powers to help communities save local facilities and services threatened with closure, and give communities the right to bid to take over local state-run services.*

The full document is on line at programmeforgovernment.hmg.gov.uk, and well worth a read.

LWB

Annual 'flu vaccinations

Our annual immunisation programme to protect vulnerable patients from the influenza virus will commence in October this year as usual.

All the doctors at Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We would also suggest that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma, kidney/liver, heart and lung disease is also vaccinated as they are especially at risk.

Last year, we ran two very successful Saturday clinics which were very well received by patients and staff alike. We will

therefore be holding clinics on **Saturday 2nd October and Saturday 6th November here at the surgery from 9.00am through to 4.00pm with a short break for lunch.**



Please contact the surgery to book a convenient appointment – we will NOT be sending out routine invitations this year so **PLEASE DON'T WAIT FOR A LETTER** inviting you to come in – we would like as many people as possible to take up this offer. (We won't be organising 'flu clinics at the surgery during the week in order to reduce congestion in the car park.)

Nicola Hayward Practice Manager

Ancient tradition celebrated

Painswick's very own ancient ceremony will take place at St Mary's Church, on Sunday 19th September as the community comes together for the annual Clypping Service.

During the service a procession of 300 to 400 people will join hands around the church, embracing it and singing the traditional Clypping hymn. Very few churches in the UK still perform this ceremony of rededication and thanksgiving. The custom is thought to date back to the early 14th century.

Weather permitting, the service takes place entirely in the churchyard. This year the afternoon begins with professional jugglers in the churchyard and the famous bells of St Mary's will be rung. The Revd Dr Sandra Millar, Diocesan Children's Officer, will preach the Clypping sermon from the steps at the base of the tower. She will be presented with a 'fee' of a bunch of flowers and some Clypping buns.

Children are given money and a Clypping bun, baked this year by Olivias delicatessen, using Fairtrade ingredients. The Gloucester Salvation Army Band will provide music as the congregation marches around the church.

After the service teas and coffees will be served and families can bring a picnic to enjoy while watching a clowning display by the Rev Roly Bain from Bristol.

David Bishop, one of the churchwardens, said: "What is great about Painswick Clypping is that it reinforces the old tradition that the church is the heart of the community. Old Painswickians from far and near use the weekend to reminisce about old times but mix with the younger generation in embracing and adapting the church to the 21st century. This year the inclusion of clowning and juggling will help us to examine our faith in a novel way. All are welcome to this family occasion - we would like to see if we can fill the churchyard."

Yew tree clipping . . . hazard

The annual clipping of the Yew Trees will take place on 8/9th September.

As usual it will involve numerous workmen with specialist equipment, large ladders and platforms. There will, inevitably, be some disruption to parking around the Town Hall entrance to the Churchyard. In previous years, the contractors have been concerned for the safety of visitors and passers-by using the footpaths as the work takes place. It also disrupts the process.

Consequently, on health and safety grounds, the majority of footpaths through the Churchyard will be cordoned off and residents are asked to avoid the area if possible. The main path from the Lychgate to the church will remain open as most of the trees are to the north of the church but there may be some disruption whilst the few yews that border this path are trimmed.

Michael Wilson



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A Painting Perambulation along the Cotswold Way

During the summer local artist Rupert Aker walked the Cotswold Way, painting the landscapes en route. These paintings are now being exhibited at venues on the route, including the Town Hall on Sunday 19th September.



Rupert told the Beacon, "This summer I decided to undertake a painting perambulation along the Cotswold Way, walking the route from Bath to Chipping Campden and painting the landscape en route. The inspiration for my painting perambulation was the idea that through walking, you absorb yourself in the landscape and that really helps capture the spirit of the place in your paintings. You notice how the landscape gradually changes and get into a meditative state of mind which is relaxing and contemplative.

Living near Painswick, about halfway along the Cotswold Way provided the inspiration to walk the route and paint the landscapes and places on the journey. I think as a landscape artist it is really important to embed yourself in your subject, and by discovering the hidden places along

the trail, I feel that I have got to know the Cotswolds much more intimately".

He will have around 30 paintings altogether he will have shown in the Gardens Gallery, Montpellier, Cheltenham in August, followed by Painswick Town Hall on the 19th of this month coinciding with the Clypping event that day. As we go to press he is arranging to exhibit in other venues along the route of the Cotswold Way over the coming months. His aim is to have paintings at affordable prices so that art can be accessible to all.



Examples of the artist's work on www.rupertaker.com

Calling all Quizards 2011 Saturday 19th March

The Beacon is beginning, as is usual for this time of year, to receive news of forthcoming events across the winter which will soon be upon us.

As clubs and societies seem to plan well ahead, we are adding our own fixture for early next year, the date of the Beacon's Village Quiz night.

Do please note Saturday 19th March in those spanking new diaries, and contemplate who might be groomed to represent your interests. Some of the greatest fun can be had by just entering a foursome of friends to 'represent' your street, cul-de-sac, but not avenue (as we have no such highway in Painswick).





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Art Classes

Jane Garbett would like to let readers know that her art classes resume in Painswick the week beginning the thirteenth of September on Mondays (pm), Wednesdays (am) and Fridays (am).

For more information, please ring Jane on 812176.

Do good – feel good



Would you consider helping look after Painswick Beacon?

The Painswick Beacon Conservation Group organises fortnightly working parties on Saturday mornings. Because the precious flowers on the Beacon's grassland are threatened by the spread of brambles, shrubs and trees from the surrounding woods we work to reduce that spread.

The work is not hard, tools and guidance are provided, and we even stop for a midmorning snack and natter. We start at 10.00am and finish, feeling oxygenated and virtuous by 1.00pm.

Interested? Like to know more? Please contact John Rhodes who plans the work (812709) David Little our secretary (813734) or me.

The first few Saturdays are September 11th and 25th, October 9th and 23rd, as can be seen in the Village Diary. We meet in the car park beside the cemetery wall, opposite the golf club.

David Allott Chairman 812624

Polite Notice

On Saturday 18th September there will be a private garden party with music during the afternoon being held at 22 Gloucester Road and apologise for any possible disturbance to nearby residents



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Tour du Mont Blanc

In spite of the limitations of age and injury on the tennis court some 3 weeks before departure, I was able to achieve my life-long ambition of doing this walk. It is rated one of the world's most spectacular walks. The scenery is superb; the high peaks, the glaciers, rushing mountain streams, alpine flowers, and wonderful night skies made this a tough but rewarding challenge. I did the walk with Suzie Bishop, an old friend.

In 9 days of actual walking we covered some 110 miles with about 30,000 feet of up and down. Our guide led us across snow and over mountain torrents. The route crosses the Haute Route (Chamonix to Zermatt) and also includes part of the GR5 which runs from Lake Geneva to Nice. The weather was excellent and every day, except the last, it was hot and clear, giving wonderful views of the various peaks and glaciers. The alpine flowers were abundant including gentians and finally one clump of edelweiss. I was sorry not to see chamois or ibex but we saw and heard many marmots, cows with bells, and occasional birds of prey.

We stayed in comfortable hotels and the food was good. There were 3 days off, one in Courmayeur, Italy; Champex-lac, Switzerland; and Chamonix, France. It was very pleasant to be able to enjoy the scenery at leisure, eat the local food and look at the shops. A striking example of global warming was the visible shrinkage of the Mer de Glace which runs off Mt Blanc into the Chamonix valley. There is plenty of water now from all the snow and ice but will this continue?

Our plane home landed us safely at Heathrow but with no ground steering gear and four fire engines in attendance. I should like to say a big thank you to all my friends and supporters who have helped me raise about £3000 for the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. It will be used to buy instruments for the hospital. If you have not donated and would like to do so, it is not too late.

Ann Burges Watson



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Ruby Turner and the Samaritans

Very few readers will be unaware of the Samaritans or their commitment, as they explain on their web site, to provide *"confidential non-judgemental emotional support, 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which could lead to suicide."*

Whatever you're going through, whether it's big or small, don't bottle it up. We are here for you if you're worried about something, feel upset or confused, or just want to talk to someone.

We offer our service by telephone, Email, letter and face to face in most of our branches.

Samaritans is available to anyone in the UK and Ireland. If you live outside of the UK and Ireland, visit www.befrienders.org to find your nearest helpline."

There are, as Martin Kay of Cranham points out, few more noble causes than that which is provided by volunteer contacts promoted and supported by this organisation.

He goes on to let the Beacon know that Ruby Turner, regarded as one of the greatest voices in the UK, is appearing at The Bacon Theatre in Cheltenham on



Friday 24th September in a concert called "Lifting the Blues" in aid of the local Samaritans.

The concert is being promoted by Dave Jones, a local man and for some years now President of Cranham Cricket Club, as his first "large venue gig". He has been running fund-raising blues gigs at 'Vonnies' in the Charlton Kings Club for seven years, with all of the proceeds going to charity. Last year Dave presented Headway, who support those with brain injuries to recovery, with a cheque for £5,500, and this year the Samaritans will receive a similar amount. Incidentally, 'Vonnies' was closely associated with the popular Painswick Blues Room in its day.

Ruby Turner who is internationally known and is Jools Holland regular vocalist, will be supported by Eddie Martin, who is currently a nominee for best blues guitarist and harmonica player for 2010. Dave Jones said, "I am very excited about taking Vonnies on the road with this gig providing an opportunity for a wider audience to see two top class performers at the top of their field whilst at the same time supporting our local Samaritans. So please come along and enjoy".

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Plumbing the depths

At our July meeting the speaker Roger Jones shared some of his experiences as a senior producer of Natural History programmes for the BBC. Roger had worked in Bristol for twenty years, producing programmes including the "Blue Planet" series, the "Living Isles" series, and "Postcards from the Past". As senior producer Roger was responsible for the budget, health and safety, and care of the staff working on the programmes. One of the frightening aspects of his work under the sea was the use of tiny submarines that went to the depth of twelve thousand feet, where the water pressure was forty tons per square inch. Roger enjoyed the excitement of the scientists working with him when they saw new things for the first time, and the meticulous planning of the programmes.

Roger had always painted, and took early retirement to be able to paint full time, and he was currently running a summer school at Marlborough College. In his programmes he tried to tell a story, and said he tried to do the same with his paintings, likening his brush to vocabulary.

On 28th September local bee keeper, Roger Eldridge will give a presentation on "Bees and Beekeeping". As many will know, especially those who supported our fundraising Busy Bees lunch earlier in the year, WI nationally is committed to help research into the serious decline in the bee population. Yew Trees have sent a donation to Professor Francis Ratnieks at Sussex University, where research is yielding positive results. Five bumble bee houses have also been installed in gardens around Painswick.

So ladies, if you would like to know more about this problem that will affect us all, do come and join us in September, you will receive a warm welcome, and probably enjoy yourselves!

Janine Clarke



Ebworth and the National Trust

I have become increasingly aware over the last few years that many local people are not aware of the Ebworth centre or of what happens there.

I would therefore like to enlighten you and explain what an important part the Ebworth centre has to play in the conservation of the Cotswold landscape.

Ebworth Centre is located in the original farm and stable buildings in the middle of the estate and is the base from where the National Trust warden team (soon to be called Rangers) administer and coordinate the management of 20 National Trust open space properties around the county. It is also the base from where the Belted Galloway cattle have their spring home before being decanted at numerous sites through the year along the escarpment, where they maintain the Sites of Special Scientific Interest, by grazing the herb rich grassland. They even go as far as Bibury to graze the water meadow.

We are joined at Ebworth by Natural England site management team (the government arm for nature conservation) who also use offices there and maintain their nature reserves in the county. The centre is isolated and has been set up to be self sufficient in water and heating so we are pretty green and want to try to be carbon neutral in future. The centre is also used to run training courses and workshops for staff and external organisations about countryside related subjects. We have a regular visit from the Sheepscombe school who use it for all curriculum related subjects that they can apply to nature and the countryside.

I should also explain for those who do not know, in 1994 John Workman donated Ebworth estate to the National Trust. It covers 1000 acres, of which half are fine mixed beech and ash woodland with some small conifer plantations. He established the centre as a place to learn about forestry and the countryside.

John loved his trees and although the market for timber has collapsed we continue to manage the woodland on a rotation to maintain permanent cover. That means no clear felling or large scale planting operations. We encourage natural regeneration as local seed grows with greater vigour. We are always on the look out for niche markets to sell the larger trees as this all helps to pay towards running the estate.

There has been a long history of limited access to Workmans woods and which will continue but the Trust is adding new routes that the public can use. In future we also hope to do more on the training and development of countryside skills so the centre becomes a place of learning about caring for our environment.

I am arranging a walk this autumn for those interested to see the centre at the end of October on the 24th. We shall also look at the trees and the natural history of the property. More details to follow next time.

Paul Rutter: Countryside Manager

The Voskresenije Choral concert to benefit Christian Aid



The Voskresenije Vocal Ensemble of St. Petersburg are back by popular demand on 30th September at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, and will sing a selection of sacred and folk music.

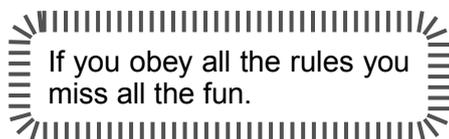
Tickets are £10.00 and available from:

- The Chairman, New Street Stroud Tourist Information Office
- By post: call 812966 to arrange At the door (subject to availability)

Funds generated by the concert will go to a Christian Aid/SPAD (Society for Peoples Action for Development) project working with HIV positive

mothers in India, to provide access to treatment that will help to ensure that their babies are born free from HIV. Every £1 raised for this project will be matched by £3 from the European Commission. Yes, £1 raised is transformed into £4 spent in the field! So there's one more good reason to attend the concert.

The Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee



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Buoyant club

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By the time we were dropped off by Worcester Cathedral it was brilliant sunshine! It rained in Painswick until shortly before we arrived home!

Afternoon tea was served on board, although it has to be said a few found the bar more attractive. Our picture shows us on the MV Conway Castle emerging from a lock just outside Worcester. Most members took advantage of sitting outside on the two decks. We drifted along admiring some riverside homes and spotted kingfishers, herons and mallards with chicks. The trip, organised by Ann Williams, was hailed as a great success.

We have three coach trips a year, all starting from Stamages Lane Car Park. In October we will visit Slimbridge. The club meets twice a month at the Town Hall at 2.30pm on Friday - see Beacon Diary for details - and we are always delighted to welcome new members and non-members as occasional visitors to our meetings and on our trips. After a summer break we are looking forward to talks about the history of x-rays, handwriting, stained glass and stonemasonry, and all of this before the fun of our Christmassy meetings!

So please read your Beacon Diary Page and just come if the subjects interest you.

Jane Robinson



Painswick Singers

In common with most other local organisations, Painswick Singers will begin their new term in September. We practise on Mondays at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms starting on Monday 13th. We shall be working on 'Iolanthe' by Gilbert and Sullivan for a concert performance on Saturday 6th November in Painswick Centre, and on our annual pre-Christmas concert on Saturday 18th December in Pitchcombe Church.

We are particularly keen to recruit new members of 'The House of Peers' for 'Iolanthe'. Ladies who fancy themselves as members of the supporting 'Fairies' are also more than welcome. No auditions necessary, just enthusiasm and commitment.

Further details from the secretary, Kevin Ashby, on 814620 or kevinashby@phonecoop.coop

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Sheepscombe Bridge Club

Our new season starts on Thursday 16th September, running on alternate Thursdays, in the small Village Hall starting at 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start.

All are welcome although the club is not really suitable for complete beginners. If you need a partner or for more information please ring Joy on 812588 or Hugh on 814081.

Joy Edwards

Chess

The chess club is a small informal group that meets on Fridays from 5.30 - 7.00pm. Hosted in the comfortable surroundings of Richmond, the club is open to all.

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Masters in their fields

Both Richard Overs and Mark Hancock are renowned for the excellence of their craftsmanship. It is no surprise then that they have won a coveted civic award for work they undertook jointly in Cheltenham, though it did come as a surprise to them as they were unaware that they had been nominated.

Each year Cheltenham Borough Council in association with the Civic Society give civic awards to encourage high standards in the restoration of historic buildings. Richard's and Mark's award has been given for the gates, pillars and railings they made for a Georgian house in Cheltenham.

The news came "out of the blue," says Richard, "but it's nice to have an award in Cheltenham and very good to be recognised." He sees his and Mark's work as perfectly complementary. Mark too is very pleased. "It was great to be given an award for our work. When your attention moves on to the next project you don't often get the time to look back with satisfaction."

These two fine craftsmen are both locally based in Painswick. Richard, a blacksmith whose business, Firecraft, is in Catbrain Quarry, explains that his work ranges from producing "a nail



to a five-storey staircase." His projects are mostly personalised commissions and he particularly likes the aesthetics involved in working on traditional pieces. The work covers both domestic and industrial areas, wrought iron, gates, railings, leaded-light windows, fireplace pieces, to name but a few. Trained in Cheltenham with a well-established firm, Richard also enjoys giving demonstrations at regional shows.

Mark's business, Centreline, is based in Vicarage Street with a workshop in Miserden. He trained as a stonemason and has a Masters degree in building conservation. Specializing in the care and maintenance of traditional stone buildings of all sizes, Mark also runs an advice and consultancy service for architects. His work, like Richard's, is very much concerned with individual commissions and ranges from intricate carving to renovation. He undertakes a good deal of work locally and has also been involved in work on several prestigious national buildings.

Both Mark and Richard are rightly proud of their achievement. It is gratifying to know that this high-quality craftsmanship and the pursuit of such standards of excellence are taking place here in our midst.

Carol Maxwell

Celebrations in Painswick

On 15th August 1934 Bishop Lee came to bless and dedicate the church of Our Lady and St Therese in Painswick. As this year the Feast of the Assumption fell on a Sunday exactly 76 years after its opening our congregation decided to mark the occasion in a special way.

Our usual 8.30am Mass was celebrated by Fr David Ryan, our parish priest in Stroud. The Sanctus and Agnus Dei were sung in Latin from the Missa de Angelis, and incense was much in evidence. The final hymn was one to St. Therese, specially written at some time in the past by Fr Mark Hargreaves of Prinknash Abbey, and sung to the tune of "Praise to the Holiest in the height". Deacon Steve Bentley gave the homily in which amongst other things he reminded us that Mary was the first disciple of Christ.

Standing on the altar were the candlesticks which were in use when the church was opened. They can be seen in a small painting done in the early years. These candlesticks were rescued after the church was bombed in the early hours of 14th June 1941.

After Mass, the weather being kind to us, we adjourned to our garden behind the church to partake of birthday cake, cut by Fr David and Deacon Steve, accompanied by a lightly alcoholic beverage. Some of the local residents had also been invited so it was a very pleasant social occasion for us all.

Clare Haynes



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The People's Post Office is proudly supporting Barnardo's. Top up £15 on your mobile and the Post Office will donate 10p to Barnardo's. There are Postman Pat badges, stickers and a donations box for you to add your support to this worthy cause.

Karen and Jillie would like to thank everyone for their patience on 17th August when a software upgrade to speed up transactions was installed. And finally, Karen adds that it is now over a year since she and her family arrived in Painswick. She thanks everyone for the warm welcome and hopes that she is providing the service you would expect. She always welcomes comments and suggestions adding that she looks forward to many more years here.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Educational Trust

The Trust will be meeting again shortly to deal with applications from young people resident in the Painswick area for financial help with their studies and apprenticeships. Previous successful applications have been made for money towards books, computers, catering equipment, course fees and educational trips. If you are interested in finding out more, please telephone Joy Edwards on 812588 or Michael James 812646 for an application form.

Fireworks



Firework night at The Croft School will be on Friday 5th November, with gates open 6.00pm for fireworks at 6.45pm, Adults £3, children £2. Tickets will be available from the school office or the Painswick post office. Hot food and drinks will be on sale.

Jo Weatherall

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Lucky escape

Dick Jarrett reminded Times readers, in response to a letter about meteors, last week of an occasion "a few years ago I was in the garden at around 3.00pm when a brilliant white point of light shot down past my left shoulder and into the ground a yard from me, followed by a diminuendo high-pitched scream which faded away after 4 or 5 seconds. On examining the spot, there was nothing to be found but burn marks on the stones at the point of entry. I was lucky not to be hit".

The Stuart Singers of Minchinhampton A Handful of songs

A concert conducted by Gerry Palmer, and accompanied by Barrie Cooper is being held at St Mary's Church Painswick on Friday 8th October at 7.30pm. This concert is in aid of Sue Ryder Care – Leckhampton Court Hospice. The hospice near Cheltenham provides specialist palliative care to people from across Gloucestershire and is Gloucestershire's only in-patient hospice.

The singers will help to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the hospice with a programme which features works by Abba, Simon and Garfunkel, and Tommy Steele and Lionel Bart amongst many other familiar tunes.

Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the concert.

Tickets are £8 and will be available on the night, by calling 01242.246162, or in Painswick from the Chairman, the Post Office and by calling Anne Leoni on 812521

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Stroud Rotary - Thanks for Life

The Rotary International "Thanks for Life" campaign, in conjunction with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has raised significant monies internationally to help eradicate polio in the world through immunisation. However to complete the mission Rotary clubs around the world are being asked to assist in raising additional funds of \$100 million over 3 years. Stroud Rotary wants to get involved in a national scheme to plant 1,000 purple crocuses on a single day, with the crocuses being sponsored by donors. The significance of the purple crocuses being, that each child once immunised has their finger dipped into a distinctive purple dye to denote immunisation.

Richmond Painswick has agreed to provide a site for the crocuses, and to assist with the planting by local children of the bulbs. They further agreed to raise the funds to purchase the bulbs and raise money for the campaign – target £500+. The event will take place on Friday 1st October.

You can help by donating your time assisting in preparation of the patch of land for planting, or on the day to help with the planting process and we desperately need the loan of hand tools on the day. If you want to be involved we would love to hear from you, please contact Melissa Gough-Rundle at Richmond Painswick on 813902.

Playgroup is 'Outstanding'

The week before the end of term we received our Ofsted Inspection and we are very pleased to announce what we were rated as Outstanding in all categories!! The staff have worked unbelievably hard over the last few months to ensure that we achieved this result and the committee and parents would like to extend their warm thanks to them. The Ofsted report can be viewed at Playgroup and will very soon be available on the Ofsted website.

Indulgence evening

Playgroup held an Indulgence Evening in July at the Town Hall. It was a great success with many stalls and treatments on offer. The event raised around £450 which will be put towards the purchase of a new outdoor canopy which will enable the children to play outside in all weathers. Thankyou to everyone who supported the event and to Jennie Barber for organising.

Busy children

The children at Playgroup were very busy in the last few weeks before the end of term. We enjoyed our annual trip to Cotswold Farm Park, although the weather was disappointing. The children who are leaving this year have visited the school on a number of occasions and had their own leavers party. On the last day of term we had a very enjoyable Teddy Bears Picnic and a few tears when it was time to say goodbye!

Onwards and upwards

We wish all our leavers our very best wishes as they start school in September. Also, we do still have some spaces for new children starting from September, please contact playgroup on 813316 if you are interested.



Lisa Warnaby Treasurer

Registering with Funclub just got even easier

Funclub runs from 3.15pm to 5.00pm at the Croft School, every weekday during termtimes and is now available to all primary school age children in the surrounding villages.

If you wish to use Fun Club we would now like carers to visit www.croft.gloucs.sch.uk to download a registration form and take it to the Croft school office which will be open from 6th September. You can also learn more about Fun Club at this website.

On 24th September, Fun Club will be hosting Film & Popcorn, screening Monsters Inc. and this is also open to all who have registered. There will be other themed activities running up until Christmas including Halloween, Circus Skills and more.

Jenni Rowlands

Letters

The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise.

What an amazing day!

Stephen Friar expresses the thanks of everyone, and mentions next year:

Libby Graesser and her band of enthusiastic, industrious colleagues certainly got this year's Arts Festival off to a spectacular start with the Wearable Art event.

As Chairman of the Festival my role was that of a 'critical friend' and I must admit that on several occasions I thought that we had over-reached ourselves. Clearly I had not taken into account Libby's extraordinary powers of persuasion and (above all) her infinite optimism.

The challenge now is to build on this year's success. To that end, I hope to convene a meeting of interested parties in the autumn. We very much depend on the enthusiasm of our supporters and their willingness to offer their time and talents to the project. Without them there would be no Arts Festival and the cultural life of Painswick would be so much the poorer.

Woodborough

Peter Harris, of Woodborough in Knapp Lane writes:

My house is a hundred years old this year. Has anyone any photos, information about who has lived here, etc?

20mph speed limit

Ross Munro has written:

"20 mph limits without self-enforcing features have the attraction of being relatively inexpensive to implement. However, regard must be given to the 'before' speeds, because the higher they are the less likely speeds will be reduced to 20mph."

"The review has indicated that using 20mph speed limit signs alone, without supporting traffic calming features, led to reductions in 'before' speeds, on average, of 1mph."

The above are from The Department for Transport leaflet 9/99 "20mph Speed Limits and Zones" and explain why there has been no change in vehicles speeds since the implementation of the Painswick 20mph zone. The next phase is also predicted ...

"...whilst residents tend to be enthusiastic about the proposed implementation of 20mph speed limits, they become less supportive following implementation if the speed limit is not observed"

What further measures will the Country put in place if this is not to be a waste of public money?

and Douglas and Alison Robinson from Hazelbury Cottage:

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If you run a service, business, society etc it is in your interest to ensure the relevant and correct details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on, and we need these details as soon as

possible if you wish to be included in the 2011 edition. Inclusion costs you nothing; out of date information is most irritating for all concerned.

If you are already in, please check the details and let us know

if there are any changes to be made. If you wish your entry to be removed, you should let us know as soon as possible.

This is a free community resource and it is important that it is up-to-date, comprehensive and accurate. Please send your details via the Beacon's email address – beacon@painswick.net – or put it in the Beacon box in New Street. After the end of October will be too late.

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In my Gap Year in Chennai

My name is Ishaan and I have lived in the village for 11 years. After I had finished college in the summer of last year I decided that I wanted to do some volunteering. I chose Tamil Nadu in South India firstly at a place called the Peoples Craft and Training Centre where I was helping disabled children develop their skills. This was located in a small village outside the town of Tiruvannamalai. Unfortunately for me but fortunately for the children the summer holidays intervened and the children all went home! I used some of my time to help build a garden and play football with the local children. Luckily I was able to arrange a placement at the Gremaltes Hospital in Chennai. Two bus journeys and seven hours later I was back in Chennai at the start of one of the most amazing experiences and memories that will be with me for the rest of my life.



During my 3 months in Chennai I lived in the Gremaltes Hospital. This hospital specialises in TB and Leprosy. It is not funded by the Indian government and is a charity which relies heavily on donations. I was able to see the great work the nurses, doctors and management do to help cure people of leprosy, TB, HIV/AIDS and skin diseases. I learnt so much when I was there: volunteering and awareness raising on issues related to these diseases. I understood more about the social problems of the people in India who carry these diseases. Often they are met with prejudice and rejection because people have misconceptions about them and the diseases they hold. I saw first hand how some communities, especially in the slums and villages, intend to help poor people with their difficulties through self-help groups.

I was involved in many educational presentations to aspiring doctors and nurses who were in training or at university. I went to many schools and informed them about the dangers of leprosy, diabetes and HIV. We visited many slums where people couldn't afford to send their children to school or hospital. I also organised games and entertainment with the other volunteers. Cricket was our common language but they didn't think much of our English team!

The most enjoyable experience of volunteering within Gremaltes Hospital was seeing the smiling faces of the patients in the hospital and people on the streets when we came to see them. I have made lots of friends with the staff of Gremaltes and the volunteers who I met. One of the biggest things I will take back with me is the thought of how lucky I am here. We have so much and a lot of people in India have very little.

Finally I would like to thank all the people who helped raise money for Gremaltes Hospital. I would like to thank the Painswick Educational Trust, my church Our Lady and St Therese and last but not least I would like to thank my parents Paul and Ela for all their support and faith in me.

Ishaan Sen

How are your French connections?

Stroud French Connections, twinned with St Ismier, a town near Grenoble, is a local society with lots going on. With occasional exchange visits it also has a dynamic and interesting social programme including wine-tastings, quizzes and dinners during the year. For instance, just recently an enjoyable boules and buffet evening was held at Pitchcombe Village Hall.

Chairman, Warren Knock, extends a warm invitation to anyone in Painswick who would like to join the society, adding that knowledge of the French language is not necessary. The next event will be an Anglo/French meal, again in Pitchcombe, on Friday, 22nd October. Details from Hilary Penney on 01453.750972.

Why not brush up your French connections and have fun whilst doing so? Warren's telephone number is 813933.

Carol Maxwell

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POTYs still doing it ...



Our Painswickians of the Year are relentless. June Gardiner and Sue Coates continue to make stupendous efforts to raise as much money as possible for the Cobalt Cancer Research unit and use every opportunity, great and small, to do so.

The Kemble Vintage Steam Rally is one of the big events of the year for them and this year was very successful. Their stall was laden with home-made jams, chutneys and scones, garden ornaments, table ornaments, the Cobalt Cookbook, pots and baby knitware, all representing hours of diligent preparation. Working all weekend to sell the goods at this popular event is certainly exhausting but for June and Sue and their faithful hardworking 'gofors', John and Alan, it was all worthwhile. Their takings were in excess of £2,250, surely a gratifying sum.

Just four days later more chutneys, pies and pots were being sold at the Falcon Bowling Club to boost the sum already raised.

It's easy to see why you voted June and Sue Painswickians of the Year – their tireless and utterly selfless endeavours are amazing and have enabled them over the last few years to make an outstanding contribution to the Cobalt Research unit.

Carol Maxwell

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With so much to please the eye all around us in August we invited you to fit **B-E-A-U-T-Y** into the frame. Were you successful?

A reader suggested we could reasonably follow that seasonal theme by tempting you to fit **B-A-S-K-E-T** in which the fruits of the summer are gathered, into the frame this month. Each row, in each direction, and in each of the six boxes.

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Symphony Hall Mahler and Bach



As usual, PaMAG has included in the season's programme a number of concert outings to top venues, and non-members are again invited to join us. The first of these is to the ever popular Birmingham Symphony Hall on 24th November, but unusually we are this year trying a matinee performance at 2.15pm -- though to take full advantage of the trip, we shall depart at 10.30am to give some time in Birmingham for lunch and a browse.

The programme features the Mahler Symphony No.5 and the Double Violin Concerto of Bach, with the much acclaimed charismatic Director of the CBSO, Andris Nelsons, conducting. Good circle seats will cost approximately £27 with coach at about £11; both figures depend on numbers attending. We should be back in Painswick by early evening. To book, or for further details, please contact me no later than 27th September on 814241.

Stewart Price

Stroud & District Mencap Society Christmas Fayre

The Mencap Christmas Fayre this year is to be held in the Painswick Centre. This is a new venue for us and we hope to you will join us and see our wide range of stalls, with Christmas goods, cakes, cards, raffles and much more.

Do come and enjoy a coffee and refreshments on Saturday 20th November between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

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Local History Teaser

An idyllic summer scene from yesteryear – well, probably the 1930s or early 1940s. Ann Reeves has sent the photograph and asks if anyone can identify any of the ladies. The gentleman is Tom Tuck who lived in Painswick at that time. If you are able to name any of the ladies we should like to hear from you.

Last month's photograph elicited an interesting response from readers. It was, in fact, taken on the occasion of the dedication of the newly-built church porch, 12th January, 1969. The gentlemen are from left to right: David Archard, his father Ken Archard, Robert Patterson (the architect), Jack Smith, Arthur Perrins, Jack Irwin, Canon Heal (vicar), Charlie Davies, Derek Hodges (headmaster of Painswick School) and Sidney Brown (the last two being churchwardens). The porch was built by Burdock & Son.

Sue Jones (nee Wear) wrote in to say that her father, Bill Wear, was part of the Burdock team which worked on the porch and that he left his trade mark – a coin with the initials WW set discreetly in the cement in the dome of the porch. She also explains the presence of each of the men pictured (including 'a young and dashing David?!'). David Archard was, of course, able to identify all the men, Diana Barclay also recognised the occasion and the fact that those present were representatives of Burdocks, and David Ryland identified several of the men too.



Alison Godsal sent an email saying, 'As a great reader of the Painswick Beacon I was thrilled to see a lovely photograph of my late father Canon Harold Heal surrounded by his church wardens – Sidney Brown and Derek Hodges, the cathedral architect and all the wonderful firm of Burdock's and Son. I remember so clearly the porch being built by the

legacy of William Goddard a late Treasurer of Painswick Church and above all how delighted my father was that the building contract went to the local firm Burdock's. They were all such special people and as I look at their photograph I remember all that they added to the life of the village. Thank-you for this photograph it is great!

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

... and the Local History Society

The first meeting of the new season will take place on Tuesday, 21st September when Mr Phil Moss will give a presentation on Priors and Friaries of Gloucester. 7.30pm Croft School. Everyone welcome

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Richmond weeding out competition

Richmond Painswick Retirement Village has been selected as a semi-finalist from more than 115 entries to be the sixth annual Barchester in Bloom gardening competition.

As a green fingered semi-finalist in the garden of the year category of the competition, organised by national care provider Barchester Healthcare, the village is preparing for a visit from the judging panel which is currently touring all the semi-finalists to select the lucky winners.

The judges will be assessing the design and quality of floral designs, the imaginative use of shrubs and trees, as well as the benefits to residents, staff and the local community. Finalists will then attend a prestigious awards ceremony in Birmingham in October where they will meet celebrity gardener Charlie Dimmock and be in with a chance of winning gardening equipment for their care home.

Richmond's gardener Owen Vaughan said: "We've all worked very hard to make our garden a lovely environment for the people who live here and their relatives, and so it's a great honour to reach the semi-finals. We hope the judges will be blown away by our exceptional gardens.

The categories for this years' competition include: Best Sensory Garden, Best Hanging Basket/Container Display, Best Floral or Vegetable Display, Best Residents' Garden or Project and finally the coveted Barchester Healthcare Garden of the Year 2010.

Melissa Gough-Rundle Activities Coordinator



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Change of seasons

September brings the end of summer sports events and the start of the winter games. 2010 brought a certain amount of frustration for Painswick's sportsmen and women not least within the cricket club as, after a glorious June and July, August saw the majority of matches cancelled through rain.

Cricket

Painswick ended the season on a high note with all three teams winning on the final Saturday of the league season. The fourth eleven's game against Stroud was cancelled.

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August Results (All Saturday games are league matches).

Sat 7th. Stone 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI — match abandoned.

Painswick 2nd XI 127-2 (N Fenwick 48 P Morris 39) Stone 2nd XI 125.

Painswick 3rd XI 197 (P Giles 55) Hardwicke 2nd XI 198-7 (B Overs 5-65).

Rockhampton 4th XI 33 (0 Hall 5-11) Painswick 4th XI 37-1.



Sun 7th. (20 overs) Cranham 187-6 (J Pockett 73 B Pockett 51) Painswick 162-4 (G Ayland 56 J Cook 61). Sat 14th. All matches cancelled.

Sun 15th. Oak and Ash 1st XI 190-7 Painswick 191-6 (A Hewitt 54).

Sat 21st. All matches cancelled/abandoned.

Sat 28th. Bredon 1st XI 90 (E Bressington 6-19) Painswick 1st XI 191 (J Griffiths 56).

Painswick 2nd XI 200-9 (A Wager 77 not out P Morris 52) Bredon 2nd XI 193-7.

Painswick 3rd XI 187-7 (P Giles 52) Stroud 3rd XI 119.

Pictured is Paul Morris who scored a century (111) against Woodmancote earlier this season.

Under 13s

The Under 13 XI finished third in the Stroud District League. They also reached the final of the Stroud Area Under 13 Village Knock Out Competition. The Most Improved Player of the Season was Rowan Sopp and The Player of the Season, Reece Morris.



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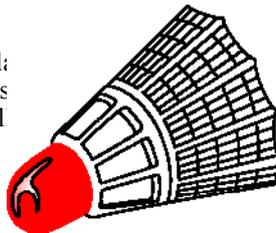
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Badminton Club

The new season for club members will start on Monday September and Thursday 9th September. New members welcome and anyone who would like to play should initial contact John Wylde on 814349 or Sylvia Steer 812104.

Junior Badminton will start on Thursday, 9th September. Anyone aged 8-16 years, who would like to play or learn to play Badminton, should contact Nicola Robinson on 812563.



Sylvia Steer Secretary

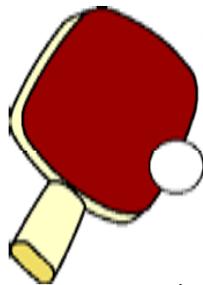
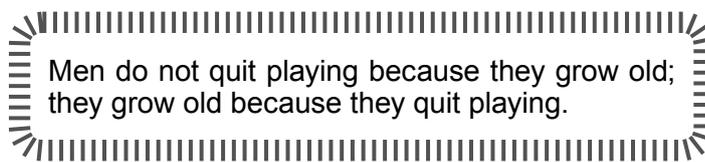


Table Tennis

The Painswick Centre's Table Tennis Club returns after its summer break, on Wednesday 8th September, in the Main Hall. We are a mixed ability club of all ages, meeting from 7.00 to 9.00pm, on Wednesday evenings. We have four tables and play both singles and doubles, rotating players to ensure that everybody enjoys as many games as they want. We charge £4.00 per player for each evening played and in order to maintain the new hall floor, we ask all players to bring a change of footwear to play in.

We offer a warm welcome to new players. Please do come along – even if your last game of table tennis was many years ago. For further information, please ring David Linsell on 812464.

David Linsell and Jane Rowe



Men do not quit playing because they grow old;
they grow old because they quit playing.

Rugby

Painswick Rugby Club's league season begins on Saturday 11th September when the first fifteen are at home to the Bristol club, Ashley Down Old Boys.

Fixtures

Sat Sep 11th. Painswick 1st XV v Ashley Down Old Boys 1st XV.

Sat Sep 18th. Bishopston 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.

Sat Sep 25

Painswick

1st XV v

Bream 1st

XV.

Sat Oct 2nd.

Cheltenham

Civil Service 1st XV v Painswick 1st

XV. Painswick United v Old Centralians

2nd XV.

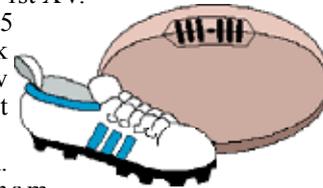
Sat Oct 9th. Painswick 1st XV v Cotham

Park 1st XV.

Stroud Nomads

v Painswick

United.



Police Report

There isn't much to report, but changes seem to be in the pipeline.

In response to suggestions from a number of readers we have sought to restore at least the data of any criminal activities in Painswick on (say) a monthly basis; this we did many moons ago when we were provided with such, broken down into about eight categories.

Despite representations to the Chief Constable since April no such statistics can seemingly be readily extracted from

those logged by the Police. We could give you some broad figures for the whole Cotswold and Stroud Division, but the territorial area is so great that the information would be irrelevant. If you are super-keen, try their site on <http://maps.police.uk/view/gloucestershire/> We are meeting with the police shortly and hope to resume some coverage of criminal activity.

Currently with the graffiti incident enquiries we reported last month are continuing and the police are still urging people to give any information that may help and to report any sightings of the 'tag' that was used. New activity include officers investigating a burglary at a house in Sheepscombe Lane between 9.55am and 10.05am on Saturday 21st August in which unknown offenders forced entry to the address damaging

a window and a door. Nothing was stolen in the burglary. Anyone with any information, please, call Gloucestershire Constabulary on 08450.901234 quoting incident number 193 of that date.

Between 3.30pm on 12th August and 7.00am on 13th August unknown offenders entered a shed at the Painswick Golf Club. It's thought that they were attempting to steal fuel stored in the shed. A padlock was damaged but no fuel was stolen. Anyone with any information is asked to call on 08450.901234 quoting incident number 72. Calls can be anonymous to Crimestoppers on 0800.555111.

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Agents

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E.ON - Stay Warm Tariff specifically designed to help customers over 60 years of age. This tariff is a fixed-price tariff that keeps energy costs the same as the previous 12 month consumption period. To apply telephone: 08000.510760. E.ON also offers a Warm Assist Tariff for customers over 60 years of age who are in receipt of Pension Credit Guarantee, Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance. Some customers over 80 years without benefits maybe entitled to a 15% discount on the standard unit prices of gas and electricity for a 12 month period. For more information telephone: 08000.154244.

Npower: Spreading Warmth Tariff offers discounts to customers with household incomes of £13,500 or less, who have someone in their household aged 60 years or over, or have someone in the household who is disabled or suffering

a chronic illness, or have a child under 16 years of age. Household income includes all benefit payments except Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance.

To apply telephone 08009.751373

Scottish and Southern :- Energy Plus Care Tariff offers two levels of discount to their customers experiencing fuel poverty. Customers who are spending 10% of their total income on energy costs per year will receive a credit of £50 each for gas and electricity each April. For those customers who are spending 15% of their total income on energy costs per year, a discount of 20% of the unit price of gas and electricity will be applied to their energy bills. To apply telephone: Careline Team 0800.622838

EDF Energy: Energy Assist Tariff is aimed at those customers who are experiencing fuel poverty where they have to spend more than 10% of their household income on gas and electricity, or those customers who receive Income Support or Pension Credit Guarantee. The Energy Assist Tariff offers a 15% discount on EDF's standard energy prices. To apply telephone: Priority Services 08000.962250

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Lou Kemp 07776.245767

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PROPERTY REPORT for August from Murrays

After a period of resurgence and recovery in the property market the media are yet again "predicting" that the housing market shows sign of stalling as more homes become for sale and the demand from buyers weakens. For the first time since July 2009 the media have reported a fall in house prices, however we have seen no such thing in this area. Confidence still remains strong within the Cotswold villages and what we all have to remember is that there are certain areas of the UK that will not be affected as much as others. For example no one hears about the fact that Aberdeen property prices are soaring due the oil industry! It is however still difficult for the first time buyers to get on the ladder as they need to borrow more money and raise a larger deposit than any time over the past 25 years, with the price of a home now 4.6 times higher than the average salary.

August is traditionally a quite month for sales as it's the school holidays and a lot of people go away themselves. However we have remained very busy, having a very busy July and steady into August taking on a lot of new property in the area and sales are still remaining high. We are now coming into September and this is always a busy month as the kids are back at school

and people are eager to find somewhere to move to before winter and Christmas.

We have taken on many new properties recently and these include Ashcroft, an impressive four bedroom house close to Painswick with beautiful gardens, The Cup House, a lovely 2 bedroom with pretty courtyard on Bisley Street, Maisie Cottage an elevated 3 bedroom on Vicarage Street, Linkside a 4 bed chalet bungalow on the Painswick road, Bisley Farm, a newly renovated farm in the centre of Bisley, Beech Close a 2 bed bungalow in Cranham, Tudor Cottage a beautifully presented 2 bed with barns in Upton St Leonards and many more! To see all the new properties visit Murrays website at www.murraysstateagents.co.uk.

Properties that we now have under offer are: Amesbury House on Vicarage Street, Belle Vue and Southview also on Vicarage Street, Greenways in Pitchcombe, Woodlea in Slad, and 3 Mulberry Gardens in Gloucester. Properties that are now sold are Packers on Edge Road, Twinham on Gloucester Road, 9 Berry Close, and The Orchard in Edge.

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SEPTEMBER

Mon	6	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Extraordinary General Meeting of Painswick Valley Group	Pitchcombe Village Hall	7.30pm
Tue	7	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Christ Church Hall Ashwell House	9.30 to 12.00noon 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	8	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Gloucester Docks, Past & Present - Hugh Conway-Jones Table Tennis Club - Wednesdays and 9th Yew Tree clipping <i>see p 3</i>	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Shires Room, Falcon Painswick Centre St Mary's Churchyard	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 7.00 to 9.00pm daily
Thu	9	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	10	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays Friday Club: The History of X-Rays - Prof Angela Newing	Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm
Sat	11	Horticultural Society Annual show Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Painswick Centre Painswick Beacon	2.30 to 5.30pm 10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	13	Painswick Singers resume meetings <i>see p 7</i>	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	15	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	17	Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Introduction	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	18	Copy dateline for October Beacon		
Sun	19	Annual Clypping Service with Gloucester Salvation Army Band. Also Clown & Jugglers. Bring your own picnic Art Exhibition - Rupert Aker <i>see p 4</i>	St Mary's Churchyard Town Hall	from 2.00pm 9.30am - 5.30pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: Priors & Friaries of Gloucester - Phil Moss <i>see p13</i>	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: Hidden Gems of Gloucester - Philip Moss	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	24	Friday Club: Stone Masonry - Art or Architecture - Mark Hancock	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	25	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees W I: Bees and Beekeeping - Roger Eldridge	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	30	Voskresenije Choir, St Petersburg will perform Choral & Folk Songs <i>see p 6</i>	St Mary's Church	7.30pm

OCTOBER

Fri	1	Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Andre Previn	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	2	October Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Annual flu vaccinations <i>see page 3</i> Painswick Music Society AGM: followed by Social Evening and Recital	by appointment Church Rooms	9.00am to 4.00pm 7.00pm
Mon	4	Community Lunch: Hosts - Country Market	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	6	Probus: Birds & a Lancaster Pilot - Peter Roberts Parish Council Planning and F&GP Committee Meeting	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.00pm
Thu	7	Theatre Club Outing to Bath	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Fri	8	Friday Club: Laughter is a daily exercise - Patrick Graham Stuart Singers Concert in aid of Sue Ryder Care <i>see p9</i>	Richmond, Painswick St Mary's Church	2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709 Autumn Afternoon Teas (Cream Teas, Cakes, Stalls) for Christian Aid	Painswick Beacon Church Rooms	10.00am to 1.00pm 3.00 to 5.30pm
Sun	10	Think Twice about Climate Change: talk & discussion panel chaired by Bishop of Tewkesbury	St Mary's Church	7.00pm
Mon	11	Community Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Church	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	12	Bird Club: Britain's Breeding Seabirds: Graham Wren APRS	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	13	Ashwell House Day Centre: 25th Anniversary Coffee Mng. Probus: Visit to the Morgan Car Works, Malvern	Ashwell House	10.30am

Fri	15	Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Benjamin Britten	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Mon	18	Community Lunch: Hosts - Croft School	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	19	Local History Society: Brickmaking in the meadows from the Civil War to the Victorian Period - Jackie Perry	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Hidden Meanings - Peter Petrie	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: Autumn trip to Slimbridge		
Sat	23	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	25	Community Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees W I: Demonstration of Enamelling - Jeff Ford	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	29	Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Beethoven	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sun	31	Closing date 2011 Directory entries see p11		

NOVEMBER

Mon	1	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	3	Probus: Fylingdales - We are Watching: Mike Speed	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Parish Council Planning & Land, Buildings & Footpath Committee Meeting	Town Hall	7.00pm
Fri	5	Friday Club A.G.M. - Followed by a talk on Stained Glass - Clare Nayegon at 2.30pm	Town Hall	1.45pm
		Firework Night at Croft School: Adults £3, Children £2. Doors open 6.00pm	Croft School	Fireworks 6.45pm
Sat	6	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
		Annual flu vaccinations see page 3	by appointment	9.00am to 4.00pm
		Painswick Singers perform 'Iolanthe' by Gilbert & Sullivan	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Mon	8	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	9	Bird club: Mysteries of migration - Charles Martin	Richmond, Village	7.30pm
Fri	12	Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Felix Mendelssohn	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Mon	15	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	16	Local History Society: Blackfriars, Gloucester - recent archaeological work - Lisa Donel	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: Who'd be a Rugby Referee - Mike Wallace	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	19	Friday Club: Food for Christmas - Gillian Hancock	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
		Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
		Stroud & District Mencap Christmas Fayre see p12	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 2.00pm
		Fairgame Theatre Co.: Cinderella. Contact 814139	Edge Village Hall	
Mon	22	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	23	Yew Trees W I: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Tracey Stevens. Followed by AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	24	Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing to Birmingham	Stamages Car Park	10.30am
		Parish Council Traffic Committee Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	27	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford Playhouse	Stamages Car Park	12 noon
Mon	29	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm

DECEMBER

Wed	1	Probus: Carry on up the Khyber - Railways in Pakistan: Michael Burdge	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	3	Friday Club Christmas Lunch	Sheepscombe V. Hall	
Sat	4	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	6	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	8	Probus: Christmas Dinner	The Hill, Stroud	
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	10	Christmas Fair & Goodwill Evening. Enquiries 813791	Painswick Centre	2.00 to 9.00pm
Tue	14	Yew Trees W I: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: Falkland Islands - Paul Stevenson	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	17	Friday Club: The Art of Belly Dancing - Ann Blagdon	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Christmas Social	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm



NEW APPLICATIONS

ENDERLEY, Longridge, Sheepscombe. Re-submission following withdrawal application S.10/0531/HHOLD for the erection of extension at first floor level.
 FLAX COTTAGE, Vicarage Street. Fell Cotoneaster to leave a 1m stem. Reduce height of the Cherry tree
 RICHMOND CARE VILLAGE. Extension of existing covered walkway and new access doors into existing terrace area.
 THE BULL, Wick Street. Works to demolish a single storey extension to the side of the property and build a new two storey side extension with attic room.
 BELL YARD, New Street. Conversion of office/studio to one residential unit.
 THE PAINSWICK CENTRE. Remove window and replace with disabled access.
 1 & 3 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Works to Maple, Horse Chestnut, Plum trees and Elder (TPO-105).

PYLL HOUSE, Sheepscombe. Re-opening of two blocked windows in east gable end.
 DRY KNAPPS FARM, Edge Road. Demolition of existing extension, replace with two storey extension and internal alterations. Revised scheme following permission S.09/0724/HHOLD
 MAPLE COTTAGE. Proposed first floor side extension & single storey side porch.
 16 GLOUCESTER STREET. Crown Lift Yew Tree.
 VERLANDS, Vicarage Street. Works to oak, lime, cedar, Wellingtonia and copper beech trees.
 CARDYNHAM HOUSE, Tibbiwell. Fell cherry tree x1. Replant with silver birch.
 1a UPPER WASHWELL. Alteration and extension of existing dwelling.
 7 CANTON ACRE. Discharge of conditions.

Of exceptional interest

All the Anglican Churches in the Stroud area are putting on events with a wider appeal. Locally our churches are trying to encourage us to "Think Twice" about a number of issues.

On Sunday 26th 10.00am at St Mary's Painswick Revd Dr Alison Morgan is speaking on "Has science made God unnecessary?"

7.00pm Monday 27th September the Archbishop of Canterbury's adviser on inter-faith issues, is talking at Cranham Village Hall on Christian and Muslim young people in dialogue.

7.00pm Friday 1st October under the title "Cross about the credit crunch?" at Sheepscombe Village Hall will be a panel including Paul Moore, the HSBOS whistle-blower, Revd Dr Edmund Newell, business ethicist and Sub-Dean of Christ Church Oxford, and Richard Harvey, former boss of Aviva/Norwich. This event includes wine and a finger-buffet. Tickets are £5 (cheques payable to "Sheepscombe PCC") with S.A.E. from Chris Williams "Cottys", Longridge, Sheepscombe GL6 7QU.

For the other events in October pick up a "Think Twice" leaflet in Painswick Church.
Revd John Longuet-Higgins

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Congratulations to CAROLINE and SIMON WHITE of The Vatch on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Beatrice, weighing 8lbs 8ozs, on Saturday 21st August at Stroud Hospital.

Congratulations

Our best wishes to BILL and PHYL VARAH who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 29th July. The past Painswickians of the Year are pictured cutting the cake during a gathering of family and friends at The Bear at Rodborough; and to CHARLES and MARY MULLER who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 25th August. They lived in Painswick for many years, now Bath and they will be remembered by their many friends.



Get well soon

Best wishes to MARG SHEA who fell from a step-ladder and is nursing a painful leg

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of IVY KILMISTER, LIONEL HUXFORD MM aged 94, and SYLVIA WILCE who have died recently

Personal messages

John Griffiths would like to thank his very kind friends and neighbours for their help and support during his recent stay at the Winfield Hospital and on returning to Vicarage Street.

Thank You. I wish to thank all those who kindly wrote letters of support for me during my recent difficulties, which came to a satisfactory conclusion recently. **Edward Lane (Ted) Ted's Cabs**

From floods to sunshine . . .

Anna and Richard had planned the most beautiful wedding to take place on Saturday 28th July 2007 at 12 noon. The date and time was chosen because it was Susan and Roy's, Anna's parents, wedding day at St. Mary's Church, Painswick back in 1973. It just so happened in 2007, the 28th July was on a Saturday.

However as many of you will remember it was the year areas of Gloucestershire became an island. We suffered terrible floods, no water and the threat of the electricity station going under water too.

Our wedding was cancelled 24 hours before we were due to marry. It was such a dreadful time as the hotel was unable to do the reception, the photographer, bridal party and many guests were unable to reach Painswick owing to flooded roads and hotel closures.

It took us 3 years to save again and plan for our new wedding day. We chose Saturday 26th June this year, and it was in complete contrast to 2007 as it was the hottest day of this year! We would like to thank everyone in the village for all their kind words of support, good wishes, cards and gifts. It certainly was such a wonderful and memorable day!

My maiden name was Welbourn so I am Susan and the late Roy's daughter, just in case you may wonder who I am! We now also live in the village in Vicarage Street.

Anna Quarry



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