

The Painswick Beacon

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Artsfest

There can be few who are unaware of Painswick currently presenting its creativity in exemplary fashion.

Last Saturday heralded in no uncertain 'fashion', to those who live here, and more importantly to hundreds of those who live elsewhere, the scope of talent we are inclined to take for granted. We witnessed the 'flip side' of the doldrums which afflicted this community across recent times, with such devastating effect, floods with lengthy highway reconstruction, horrendous winter conditions all but isolating this village, and then the essential but wholly inconvenient replacement of the gas main straight through the heart of the settlement.

Just as art and craft reaches the peak season, and as Painswick is the chosen location for exhibition of the highest skills in so many aspects of creativity, a truly memorable new approach to trumpeting that month or so had been devised in the form of a show-casing of 'Wearable Art'. The imagination of over 30 who responded that day to interpret design and extravagantly imaginative creations, whether bizarre or even just humorous, all compered by Keith Allen, fully lived up to expectations; a challenge to repeat in future years. Three main themes set were 'Lamb to Loom', 'Queen of the Cotswolds', and 'Power Dressing', but an additional challenge was on offer in the 'Bra-tastic' - creation of a bra which lived up to the wildest of dreams. The Beacon suggests they all X-celled.

Coupled with the peels of bells from St Mary's, Morris Dancers, busking and jazz guitarists, the closure of central streets and dual focus upon Victoria Square

and The Cross enabled all to be show-cased and the public to enjoy the 'production' to the full.

A great deal of initiative and sheer hard work went into drawing the threads of this enterprise together, and much is owed to the voluntary efforts of Libby Graesser, Chris Mercer and Stephen Friar among many others, and to sponsorship exceeding £4000 and generous prizes with Hamptons, Good Energy and Robinson Associates front running that support.

The Beacon adds its tribute to the work which went into this endeavour by concentrating upon



pictures across this page and a centrefold in colour illustrating in pictures this and the wider range of summertime delights we also appreciate. Additional copies of the Beacon have been printed for shops and restaurants to give to visitors attracted to our month long celebration.



On other pages this month - allotments up the tree, 20 maximum, tic upstairs, dogs shown off, fun at the club, motorway station, Chernobyl and Painswick, our web site upgraded, lady cricketers and bowlers, phantom prowling, horticultural excellence, new lottery, lorry mystery, lunch club moved, Jeremy on court, and full colour spread of some Painswick leisure pursuits.



These meetings were held in the Village Hall in Edge, thus providing an easy opportunity for residents - quite a few of whom attended - to access proceedings.

Although Council and committee meetings permit questions to be raised by the public before formal business is taken, the Chairman permitted such to be interjected when agenda items concerning the public arose.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

An exceptionally short agenda meant that the committee had only two planning applications upon which to comment.

Asheigh in Gloucester Street has been the subject of changes in detail by the applicant, and it was reported that more were imminent. With information then 'on the table' the committee resolved to object to the application, not least because of the excessive height of the raised boundary wall and the proposed roofing to an extension.

Church House, entrance and gates giving on to Victoria Street. Members were concerned that even though the applicant intended to enlarge these gates by height and width, adjacent to the electricity sub-station, and depth of parking area within the site, the movement of vehicles in and out on to the extremely narrow street at this point represented a real hazard for other motorists and pedestrians. For that reason they decided to record 'uncertain' in their observations to the District Council.

PARISH COUNCIL

Allotments

The first thing to note is a completely new departure for the Parish Council. The whole report of the Council's Allotment Working Group has been published on its web site. Eleven pages of report - including an executive summary, and a staggering 75 pages of appendices. For once, and with some relief, the Beacon need not attempt to summarise matters as extensively as has previously been our self-imposed duty. We urge readers to look at the site www.painswick-pc.gov.uk, and the report set out there. It would be very difficult to fault the presentation, and the manner in which the pros and cons of each of the seven sites identified/offered have been analysed; soil, water availability, planning considerations or other legal constraints, adjacent land use, and a great deal more.

The report states that the most popular sites were in the following order:

- 1) Mop Tree
- 2) Resthaven- Orchard Site
- 3) Land at Tibbiwell.
- 4) Resthaven- Open Field
- 5) Land at Juniper

6) Gyde Triangle

7) Gyde Field

The executive summary states:

'In addition to the public consultation, the Working Group appointed an independent Land Agent to assess the sites professionally. The Land Agent site scoring and weighting of key site criteria is also assessed via tables and a graph in the report.

Following detailed consideration of the results, both public and professional, together with setting up costs the Working Group agreed upon a site selection recommendation. ***The Allotment Working Group recommends the Mop Tree site to be selected to provide up to 30 allotment plots for the Parish of Painswick.***

The Council's debate was extremely well informed and, therefore, devoid of hyperbole of any sort. Caroline White had chaired the group, with Councillors Ela Pathak-Sen and Martin Slinger as members. Mr Norman Rampton and Mr John Sidwell had served as volunteer members since its first meeting in November 2009, Mr Rampton leaving the group in March.

The Council was clearly moved to proceed with the recommended Mop Tree site but recognised the need to obtain clarification of several pieces of information/enquiry which had arisen in the previous few days. It was therefore resolved to determine whether this be the site for village allotments once this information is all to hand, and that the Council meet in August for this purpose.

It was noted that 33 requests had been received for allotments and that a take-up of at least 50% of spaces was required if the site used was to be cost neutral

As Caroline White is expecting a baby within the next few weeks it was agreed that Martin Slinger chair any further discussions on the subject prior to the meeting of the council.

Motorway Service Area - Brookthorpe

The application, not the first, for creation of this service area will be considered by Stroud District Council's Development Control Committee on 10th August.

A summary of the key points contained in the application, a gigantic document, situated on Ongers Farm north east of Brookthorpe had been prepared for members of the Council only.

While this application is for development in a Parish adjoining Painswick, it was contended by Michael Buckland-Smith of Edge that it would potentially impact significantly upon traffic using the A4173 through that village. He particularly recognised the significance of at least 300 jobs being created when the site is complete, and the entirely desirable intention to 'major' upon the sale of local produce. However, real concerns existed in

Edge that these activities would require considerable servicing by suppliers throughout the Painswick/Stroud area and beyond, all of whom would need vehicular access on a road with several bends with poor lines of sight. While an existing service station, Tebay in Westmorland, has pioneered concurrent sale of local produce, its location well apart from urban settlements made comparison tenuous.

The Council took note of job-creation, and its significance for many unemployed residents in such as Matson was highlighted by the Vicar.

After extensive debate the Council decided (with one abstention) to record its objection on grounds of traffic generation on the A4173 as well as a substantial adverse effect upon the environment.

Tourist Information Centre

The Council was reminded that at its last meeting it was poised to sign a lease with the owners of the ex-LloydsTSB premises in Bisley Street for temporary TIC use but that the owners had withdrawn their offer during the period in which the Council was obtaining professional advice upon aspects of that lease, including maintenance.

The most immediate alternative location, if any of the remainder of the tourist season is to be offered TIC volunteer services is the rear segment of the upper hall in the Town Hall. Chairman Terry Parker reported that, if approved, induction of volunteers could commence on the following Monday, with opening starting on Thursday 29th July. The relationship between existing users of the upper hall and there being a TIC in the same room had been explored with each party by the Clerk and in some instances dual operation would be mutually beneficial and in some the TIC would not be open - e.g. while the Puffins were in session. The costs incurred in the setting up of the TIC, estimated to be in the order of £600, would be met by financial support from Stroud District Council.

It was agreed that this arrangement be introduced as a temporary measure and be re-evaluated as soon as possible after the GCC library survey results had been published, probably in September.

The Council, urged most strongly by Ela Pathek-Sen, also decided to place on record its expectation that all or a substantial part of its allocation of financial resources to operate a library in Painswick be not lost to future provision of services in the village after its survey is published. It was ascertained from County Councillor Joan Nash, during this discussion, that Painswick was the only library to curtail its services because of dilapidation of the premises.

Library Services - Church Rooms

The Vicar, John Longuet-Higgins, and Terry Parker reported informal discussions having taken place regarding a church proposal that a form of library and associated provision might be created in the Church Rooms in due course. Both recognised that the outcome of the GCC survey was the predetermining factor before such discussions could be advanced.

County Councillor report

Joan Nash reported that the GCC had already been informed of impending £6.5m cuts in funding from HMG. Initial cuts have included school, careers and teenage pregnancy advisory services, youth work; activities associated with the Olympics are withdrawn, integrated transport reduced and all highway work restricted to repairs and maintenance only.

The Regional Spatial Strategy has been scrapped and GCC are investigating a mechanism through which future housing needs may be met, including site determination.

Parish Plan - working party

Ela Pathek-Sen presented a paper, to councillors only, in which she rationalised on behalf of her working party that updating of the existing Parish Plan was not the best way of proceeding. Advices from the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council had led her to the view that action such as that being instigated by Minchinhampton PC in their 'Planning for Real' project was closer to meeting Painswick's needs. Further, she asserted, the Big Society policy of HMG impacted upon Parish Plan considerations.

The Council endorsed her proposition that they should move to devising a 'workplan' updated annually and containing identified key areas of tasks for ensuing years.

In order to advance such a proposition it was agreed that councillors should individually prepare for a brainstorming session at its August meeting from which a refined first draft workplan could be prepared for (say) the September meeting. Thereafter the public may be drawn into a consultative process.



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Community Lunches

After organising our Community Lunches for 7 years, Gill Gyde has decided to stand down, especially as the forthcoming months will bring so much extra work for her with the closure of Christ Church.

Thank you so much, Gill, for all your hard work!

We would also like to thank June Tufnell who is standing down after her work on the committee over several years. David Linsell (Treasurer), Clare Cookson and Pamela Westcott have agreed to remain on the committee for continuity.

At the recent meeting when Gill announced her retirement, her job was taken on by Rita Bishop and Anne Leoni. With no Christ Church Hall available after September this year, we have found a new venue in the village. Ashwell Centre has agreed to provide the facilities each Monday. This will be a central, warm and friendly venue – accessible to all, whether on foot or in a car. We hope to begin the lunches again, starting on Monday 4th October, with 10 Mondays up to and including December 6th, then from January 17th in 2011. This programme depends on the different village groups volunteering to cover one Monday each. We will be contacting each group to ask for a positive response, and we know we need 3 more groups this coming session if we are to cover 20 sessions.

This past year £1400 raised has been divided between Christian Aid charity and a local charity – the Doors Youth Project. We need to choose another local charity or group whose work will be enhanced by the money raised in the coming session. Please contact Anne Leoni (812521) or Rita Bishop (814205) with any suggestions.

We do feel that this village “institution”- started in Painswick in 1968 – should continue to provide a friendly gathering each Monday lunchtime through winter with home-made vegetable soups, fresh bread and cheese.

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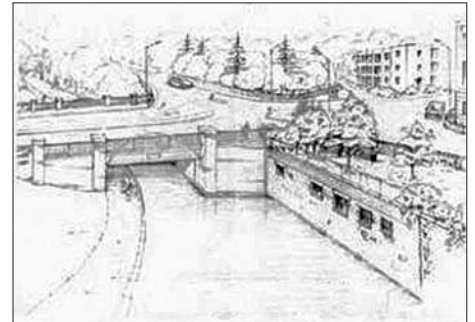
Rita Bishop

Wallbridge & Waitrose

Concerned about navigating through the junction at the lower end of Dr Newton's Way in Stroud while the major remodelling of the roundabout and opening up the flow of the canal thereabouts is active?

There are some, who shall remain nameless, who dislike the double mini-roundabouts at the best of times.

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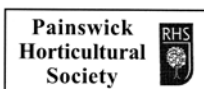
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Annual Show - the 58th

11th September

The usual reminder as the Society's Annual Show approaches that the closing date for entries is Saturday 4th September at 10.00pm precisely. Entries should either be posted early to the Show Secretary or delivered to Betty and Richard Harris at Staveleys in Cheltenham Road (junction with Lower Washwell).



Although the Show is a competition for members of the Society, anyone else wishing to enter may do so by joining for the coming year which otherwise commences on 1st October. The £7.00 subscription includes admission to the Show and a great deal more besides. The Junior Section is open to all school children completely free of charge.

For further detail, or a Show schedule, please contact Philip Berry on 813227.

Artistic welcome

The Painswick Centre will be opening its doors to visitors in August with art on display from each of our resident artists.

Our opening times will be on the door and on the noticeboard outside the Town Hall. Do feel free to drop in and see the work, our artists would be very please to welcome you.

Adele Lambert

20mph

After years of representations, not least genuine worries about the safety of pedestrians, it is the time to report - in case you did not appreciate it - that the whole village is now a 20mph zone.

It matters not whether drivers are flitting around within the village or are late getting to work and commuting between Stroud and Cheltenham, the 20mph applies without discrimination.

As a double-check the Beacon sought clarification as to whether the signs were 'official', or to put it another way, whether drivers could now be prosecuted for failing to have reduced their speed; the limit is enforceable - so beware.



The County Highways Engineer John Kay has written "All the signage is now in place for the 20mph zone and with the delay caused to the wintry weather and subsequent prioritisation of work the legal order has been in place so the new limit is effective immediately."

So we have what the public has repeatedly sought through the Parish Council.

Beacon subscribers		
as at 21st July	2010 - 2011	This date last year
New or renewed after lapsing	94	68
Renewed from last year	446	487
Total including postal	540	555

Up for a 'grand'?

You can win £1,000 and help Cotswold Care Hospice at the same time.

The charity has launched a new weekly lottery, called 'Grand in your Hand'. It just costs £1 a ticket with the top prize of £1,000.

Proceeds from the lottery will help the hospice provide care to people with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

It costs £2.1 million a year to run the hospice. All of its services are provided free of charge. It receives less than 10 per cent of its funding from the Government.

The charity, based in Minchinhampton, supports more than 500 people a year. This year the Cotswold Care's Hospice at Home team, who look after people who wish to spend their final days at home, will provide more than 8,000 hours of care in Gloucester and the Cotswolds.

"We want to reach even more people; to do that we need regular money that we know is coming in. That is why the lottery is so important to us," said Peter Rowbottom, head of fundraising. "More money from every £1 Grand in your Hand ticket goes to a good cause than the national lottery - and you have a better chance of winning."

There are 12 guaranteed prizes and the chance to win the rollover, starting at £100 and peaking at £5,000. You can register online on the charity's website, www.grandinyourhand.org.uk

The first draw is Friday 10th September.

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Tourist Information

As the Beacon goes to press the Tourist Information Office, operated continuously for so many years by local volunteers, will have reopened temporarily on the upper floor of the Town Hall. This compromise location does, at least, meet potential needs of visitors at the peak of our summer season, and will continue as in the past until October.

This was not the first choice of location after closure of the GCC premises in Stroud Road so suddenly last Christmas.

The Parish Council sought to obtain the lease of the previous LloydsTSB bank premises in Bisley Street, but as we report on page 2 this was to be frustrated at the 11th hour. There are, as with any location, good and bad points about its position relative to the visiting public, but in this instance it has to be better to operate slightly tucked away than nowhere at all. Other users of the upper room have cooperated in the spirit of things, and for such as meetings of the Puffins the TIC will not open until later in the morning. Otherwise it is hoped that sufficient volunteers will be on duty to be open mornings and afternoons for six days a week, a best-ever record and doubtless welcomed by our local traders in particular.

Anne Smith, who is key coordinator of this effort, has written to say "I was greatly saddened to read the very negative letters in the July edition regarding the Parish Council and its handling of the negotiations and the right or wrongs of the old bank rooms for a Tourist Information Office.

The Parish Council is often much maligned for how it conducts its business, but on this occasion I can only speak highly of all they have done to try to find a home for the Tourist Office since



the closure of the Library. They didn't have to get involved at all, but after exhaustive attempts to find accommodation, and the best offer on the table was the choir vestry in St. Mary's, which wasn't very practical, I happened across Jason Bullingham and asked what were the possibilities of the Parish Council helping a move to the old bank room.

The response was overwhelming, with a unanimous vote when brought to full Council. Plus a sense of community when we were asked to be more than a Tourist office, providing a six days a week service to all the civil parish, and to include a book ordering service for those not able to get to the mobile library. Plus when the consultation was complete, and the chance the people of Painswick wanted a Library there would have been room to have had a Library service.

The negotiations to secure the full repairing lease were conducted professionally by the County Council to make sure the spending of public monies was properly administered. The fact these terms did not totally fit with the owner of the Old Bank property, and he sadly withdrew their offer. The Parish Council could still have walked away from us, but they haven't, and we opened on Thursday last week, 29th July, in the upper floor of the Town Hall, with 16 volunteers to man it. Better late than never, and a huge Thank You to the Parish Council."

There can be lengthy periods when no visitors call at such as TIC, so we have no doubt but that they would be delighted to see faces they know calling in for a chat, and to see just what they have managed to pull together on behalf of us all.

Beacon web site

We are pleased to draw attention to our web site,

www.painswickbeacon.org.uk

and its being updated in several ways.

Archive copies of Beacon issues dating back to 2002 are available with just two clicks of the mouse, a facility already attracting much attention from around the world. Courtesy of Google those searching can focus immediately upon the lives and events in many of our back issues, and such regularly prompts direct enquiries about friends and relatives.

For newcomers to the village we explain what the Beacon tries to achieve, sourcing of articles, the significance of voluntary subscriptions, key local links, as well as advertising and a street map of the whole village. We have even included the complete current Directory of enterprises and other helpful information as published in free hard copy each December.

The five-day weather forecast as provided by the Meteorological Office, constantly updated for the area is on our home page, making it a useful addition to your 'favourites' list.

We hope this point of reference is helpful, but welcome suggestions about any way in which the site can be improved in the future.



Hush

- please

The Beacon has received several pleas to convey feelings ranging from irritation to outright anger when it comes to noise pollution.

We're not carrying the names and addresses of complainants, nor of those being complained about, but it is sincerely hoped that the remainder of the fine summer evenings we have all been able to enjoy will not be marred by those who fall short in respecting the needs of others.



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Thunder clapped Dog Show Report 2010



Painswick Dog Show and Charity Fun Day was held on the 10th July on the Recreation Field. The weather was overcast but warm.

Our judge Fiona Godwin from Gloucester gave **Best in Show** to Sandra Saunders of Painswick with her **Australian Shepherd Dog**, Thunder - the top photograph here and on page 13. Sandra and Thunder were also Best in Show last year under a different judge, so our impressive trophy will spend a second year on Sandra's sideboard. Reserve Best in Show was J. Miles with her Whippet, Zoe, and the same partnership won Best Puppy.

The Novelty Classes began after a short lunch break, with a good entry in most classes, particularly the Most Handsome Dog and Prettiest Bitch. The overall winner of the Novelty classes was Chris Sterry with her beautifully presented Standard Poodle Sophie who had also won the Prettiest Bitch class.

The Obedience Classes were judged by Liz Davis of Chalford. Our two Obedience winners were Marian Ractliffe with her Golden Retriever, Breeze and Sonia Esplen with her Bedlington/Whippet cross, Rocket. Both these partnerships train with Painswick Dog Training Club.

Among the charity stalls were Stroud Mencap and the Family Haven providing homemade cakes and other delights. For the first time we had pet photographer Christopher Jones of Gloucester in attendance. He had a lovely display of his work and was busy all day answering queries and taking photos.

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

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

The show raised £500 - this year for Dogs for the Disabled, a charity which trains assistance dogs for both adults and children. Thanks to everyone who came along to support us, not least the owners of nearly 100 dogs, each averaging entries in 2.5 competitions!

Fiona Chapman

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The club has a friendly, informal atmosphere, without the competitive edge sometimes found elsewhere. The organizer, Fiona Chapman, thinks it important that newcomers do not feel intimidated and settle in quickly. Even more experienced owners remember their own early attempts to learn to train their intelligent, friendly, but often playful, wayward pets and are quick to praise when others

master new skills. The timing suits mothers with children at school, but men and children are also welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served.



All dogs can benefit from obedience training, which includes walking to heel, staying, retrieving, finding by scent, coping with noise and other dogs, and staying calm in company. Dogs enjoy the stimulus, which helps channel their natural instincts. Owners also derive great satisfaction from learning how to train their dogs to become reliable, well-mannered companions. With a growing antipathy towards dogs, having a reliable, well-behaved dog at home or walking with you is a real boon. By contrast, a difficult, disobedient, or aggressive dog can be a constant worry. Moreover, once the basics are in place, it is possible to graduate to showing, or entering obedience or agility competitions. Members work towards the Kennel Club's Good Citizen Awards. The club is also involved in arranging the annual Painswick Dog Show, reported on this page.

The club's trainer is Mike Vines, with over forty years experience with all types of dogs. He spent many years as a Royal Military Police dog handler. In civilian life, Mike has trained both his own and other dogs to compete in championship obedience shows. He has recently retired from obedience judging, but still judges breed classes and was asked to judge Australian Cattle Dogs at Crufts this year, this being the pinnacle of any judge's career. With his wife, Celia, he runs the successful Parvodene kennels at Stonehouse, with many champions to their credit.

If you are thinking of getting a puppy or older dog, do come to the Club to see what is involved or, if you would like more information, telephone Fiona on 812462. The Club's fees are £7 per annum, plus £3.00 per session. The club is currently looking for new premises, with Christ Church due to close at the end of September. The club may move to the Church Rooms in Painswick or a nearby village hall.

Michael Buckland-Smith

Oz Outback



It was good to welcome husbands and friends to our open meeting in June, when Bob Price gave an outstanding power point presentation of the Australian Outback. Bob and his wife travelled in a camper van for 4,800 miles, one third of which was off tarmac roads in the deep bush, where often they met no one all day. Their route took them from The Northern Area to Western Australia, taking in the reason for their journey, the famous Bungle Bungle, which is a series of amazing rock formations - as shown here. Bob's stunning photo's showed wonderful horizontal strata and vertical erosion in the most beautiful colours, as well as much of the flora and fauna of the bush, a wealth of information.

An invitation from Highnam WI to a Coffee Morning in aid of



Cancer Research turned out to be a treat, as it was held in the Coach House at Highnam Court, where the owner Roger Head gave a talk on the history and restoration of Highnam Court and its beautiful gardens, before letting everyone wander around at their leisure.

Yew Trees enjoyed a Summer Tea together on 22nd July, and appreciated the fine weather!

There will be no official meeting in August, but members will be holding a supper in a member's home. Should you

wish to become a member, or would just like to know more about us, do get in touch on 810919. I look forward to hearing from you.

Janine Clarke

7th day -- Jazz



"Jazz on a Sunday", held on 27th June at the Painswick Centre, raised £1215 for Sue Ryder Care, Leckhampton Court Hospice. Jeanne Marlow, backed by Trevor Emeny and Rod Kelly, gave us another lovely rendering of easy listening classics by Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Rogers & Hart. Local businesses and private sponsors generously contributed no less than £530 and the Silent Auction of various items donated by businesses, both local and distant, contributed a further £423, thanks to some very generous bidding by those who attended the event. "Afternoon Tea For Two" at Liberty attracted a bid of £41 which just beat the corresponding Harrods Afternoon Tea at £35 bid. But the highest bid of the day was for the "Lunch for Two" at Cardynham House Bistro, just beating Tea for

Two at the House of Commons (despite the attendance of Neil Carmichael and his family)!

A big vote of thanks must go to Sue, Pauline, Libby and Joan for their tireless work in the kitchen, producing an endless stream of "unique" Ploughman's Lunches. The lunches raised a further £184 so with the addition of the ticket money the total amount raised was £1215. We understand that the amount raised will fund three residents for one day. So, to all those who supported the event, another big thank you, you deserve it.

Ralph Drew

Community Choir

This choir, already fifteen in number and formed only this year, has firmly established itself on Monday evenings between 7.00 and 8.30pm in the Cotswold Room at Painswick Centre.

In our last issue we accidentally confused the author of a message with the E-mail address from which it came, and can only apologise for its being misleading.

Adrian Brett is the stimulating leader of the group, encouraging harmonising - with styles from all parts of the world. One singer, Sandra Glass, wrote "Having not sung in a choir since my school days I decided to give it a go and despite having apprehensions have thoroughly enjoyed myself. The experience of singing with others leaves me uplifted."

There is nothing exclusive about this group, and they will be delighted if others would like to join them; maybe, after one evening, deciding to attend again?

If advance information is desired don't hesitate to contact Adrian Brett on 07855.404147, or adrianwilliamsbrett@googlemail.com

23 and still going strong

We begin our twenty third season of Painswick Music Appreciation Group on Friday 17th September. Please note the change of day from Thursday and also the change of venue to the Town Hall.

We have an interesting programme with music by Britten, Howells, Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Verdi and Donizetti amongst others. Four presentations are by visiting speakers, two of whom are musicians, a pianist and a violinist, and two are musicologists. Several presentations are by members which are much appreciated, but no one is obliged to do so, indeed most of our members do not. There are also outings to Birmingham Symphony Hall and Wales Millennium Centre.



Annual subscriptions are £20.00 for single membership with reductions if under 18 or for the family; all are reduced proportionately after 1st January. Visitors are charged £4.00 per session. Subscriptions include refreshments (but not the Christmas Social).

New members will be most welcome at any time, just come along, or contact me on 01453.873396 for more information.

Alex Nichols Chairman

Third Time Lucky

Chloe Smith's telephone number is **07859.880641**, and we must apologise for printing it incorrectly in the last two issues.

Chloe, a fully qualified and experienced beauty therapist, has been working from Three Gables Dental, Holistic and Beauty centre on Thursdays since early June. Being so centrally located and with parking this has been a great benefit to her Painswick clients. But Chloe also points out that many of her clients from further afield are now coming into Painswick on Thursdays and discovering and using many of the other facilities and businesses whilst they are here. This is, of course, very beneficial to Painswick.

With clients ranging in age from the teens to the nineties, Chloe has developed some very special relationships and offers a wide range of treatments. Throughout August she is offering some specials for the holiday season including massage, pedicures and manicures and eyebrow and eye lash treatments. She hopes that this might provide an introduction to beauty therapy especially for people who perhaps would not necessarily see this as a therapy, which, of course, it is.

Chloe works at the centre on Thursdays from 9.30am to 7.00pm, and from her home in Cranham during the rest of the week. She welcomes enquiries about all of the treatments offered.

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Richmond Rowers Victory

Richmond Painswick staff recently took part in the Great Gloucestershire Raft Regatta held at Saul Junction in early July. The event was being organised by local Rotary clubs to raise money for the Great Western Air Ambulance Service and this was the Richmond Painswick team's first time of entering the event.

Despite being novices, they won a cup for being "The Fastest Team in a Hired Raft" and all paid the price when they returned to work the following day feeling stiff! This is now their second cup having one the "Best Team" cup in the Dragon Boat Racing event in Gloucester Docks in 2009. They are now looking for another rowing challenge for 2011!

The staff would like to thank the residents, Spa members and visitors who sponsored them and helped them raise over £250 towards Great Western Air Ambulance.

Susie Oakley



At the centre of things

During August, the Painswick Centre is hosting a number of exhibitions in the Painswick Arts Festival. The Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen's Summer Show is in the main hall. Work by local artists and craftsmen will be on display in the Cotswold Room, changing weekly. The Artists Studios will also open regularly, alongside an exhibition in the Guild's permanent Gallery. We are delighted that Olivas will be offering coffees, light lunches and teas in the Green Room throughout the Festival. A superb eye-catching leaflet is available from the Centre and many retailers with full details of the Festival.

Plans are now well advanced for the start of another major improvement project, which will include refurbishment of the front entrance and lobby leading to the Guild Gallery and



Artists Studios, with improved disabled access and complete modernisation of the adjacent downstairs toilets. A local building contractor has been appointed and work is expected to start in early autumn. More details next month. It seems far too early to be announcing events in December!

However, invitations are already going out to prospective stall-holders for the Painswick Centre's Goodwill Fair on Friday 10th December, from 3.00pm to 9.00pm. If you are interested in taking a stall, please contact Sue Lendon on 813791 for further details. Enquiries from charity groups would be especially welcome.

Jane Rowe

Christ Church – its future?

The Beacon has been informed that a decision has been made about the future of Christ Church.

Members of the congregation met in July with a representative of the West Midlands Synod who is responsible for buildings. A surveyor was also present. At the meeting it was announced that the hall and the church will be closed to the public from the end of September.

The buildings plus the cottage and the Manse will be up for sale, possibly within a year, but there are, at present, no further details.

Players in 'focus'



Painswick Players will be staging "Out of Focus" by Peter Gordon on 25th, 26th and 27th November, in the Painswick Centre.

This delightful comedy is about a group of people who meet one evening by chance in the village hall and, after discussing whether they will play badminton, organise a camp for Brownies, hear a talk on steam locomotives, or run a rehearsal for a pantomime, decide on... well, find out! There are lots of laughs - the last scene even descends into farce - as well as two romantic interludes, a chat on (very) personal relationships and an excerpt from the pantomime itself.

Auditions have already been arranged for the first week in September, with rehearsals scheduled from the following week.

After their successful last presentation those who truly enjoy a night out can make notes of the dates in their diary, now.

George Krasker



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Not a joke



Not a sight we witness very often, but certainly one to get tongues wagging.

Not often that a Sunday morning is interrupted by a lorry attempting to make its way up Vicarage Street from the Beech Lane direction, laden with the likes of field rollers, and breaking down at the narrowest point of that road.

Curiosity is heightened when the driver decides to 'leg it' and leave everything as a bequest to the village, or those in authority who might reopen the route for others. Not before having limped up Vicarage Street and through the village, leaking hydraulic fluid and reeking of burning clutch!

One vigilant reader took this picture as the offending obstacle was loaded for removal - by the looks of it towards a police pound.

Signed off! The Mystery of the Disappearing Signs

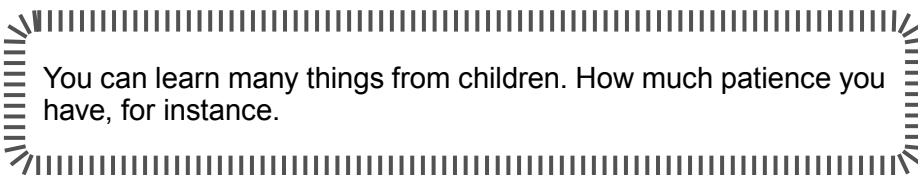
'Now you see them, now you don't', created a mystery surrounding the disappearance of roadside signs heralding the Dog Show on 10th July.

Some particularly neat signs had been prepared, and we think motorists will testify to the fact that they were straightforward and memorable; exactly as intended.

However, we are told by Fiona Chapman - who was deeply involved in the organisation of the Show - that she received a telephone call from a public-spirited Painswick citizen just two days before the event to say that she had seen the Highways Agency loading the signs which had been placed on the A46 near to Broadham Field into their van. Fiona went on to say, "Further investigation by me revealed that our signs on the main road on the other side of the village had also gone".

Enlightenment was to ensue when Fiona telephoned the Highways Agency (08000.514514); and this may be worthy of note to others contemplating this form of advertising in the future. Fiona says "I discovered that one has to apply to them to get permission to put signs out in the way we had done. When the permission is granted you receive stickers for the back of your signs, indicating the signs are approved".

The signs removed are taken by the Highways Agency to their Stroudwater Depot near Stonehouse, by the junction 13 of the M5. She has now retrieved the Dog Show signs from there and obtained a form to remind her to apply next year. Fiona went on to tell the Beacon "There is a good selection of signs in the depot, including some from the Painswick Fete! I asked them to hang on to those as I am sure someone from the Fete would like to get them back as soon as possible".



Club programmes in the autumn

History has a habit of repeating itself, and the whole rhythm of life in Painswick changes in the first week or two of September as we settle into the programmes of activity our many clubs and societies have devised for us. Alongside adjusting to this sea change one discerns the plea of the organisers in our midst, "If only there were new blood influencing and indeed helping run our club!".


From what we see and hear on the Beacon, there is a great deal of 'new blood' around. Statistically this is evidenced by the fact that one fifth of properties in the village changed hands in the last five years.

It follows, from these observations, that September is a prime time for organisers to blow their trumpets, a fanfare about the interesting times ahead - music, sport, games, seniors, youth club, children, outings, meetings, theatre, education, social events, and much much more.

We hope to have many such articles - not too long - for our September issue of the Beacon by 21st August.

Ed.

Letters



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

Phantom ripper

Adele Lambert writes as one voice among many:

Would the phantom notice-snatcher please refrain from tearing down adverts regarding open-studios and other cultural events in the area.

Many of the events in question are part of Stroud Valley Arts and are sponsored by Stroud District Council. Art-lovers may have missed out on attending due to your actions.

Hands off!

Gloucester Street - potholes

Ross Munro writes, from Gloucester Street:

As a regular user of Gloucester Street your correspondent last month will by now have realised that parking on the left is not enforced by double yellow lines on the other side of the road. However, I suspect trying to move parking to the opposite side of the road would be a task similar to organising a nation change to driving on the right!

Meanwhile, if your correspondent is concerned about her wheels, tyres and springs can I suggest she slow down. Complying with the new 20mph limit would be a good start. Slowing down would also reassure pedestrians using this narrow road with inadequate pavements, and, for residents, would reduce noise, dust and pollution, all of which are much increased as a consequence of the road surface breaking up.



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Local History Teaser

An interesting group, assembled for a special occasion. Can you say what the occasion was and give the date? Are you able to name any of the gentlemen in the picture and, perhaps even more intriguingly, is it possible that you might be one of them?

Answers in next month's Beacon.

Last month's photograph evoked familiar feelings of despair so recently aroused by the digging up of New Street. However, this picture was taken in 1908 and shows the installation of the new sewers in Painswick. For several decades, plans to construct a railway line through the valley from Stroud had been drawn up and seriously considered. Many eminent local people had been involved and funds had been raised. The project was finally abandoned in 1906 and much of the money raised was used to bring much-needed amenities to the town including the sewers.

Carol Maxwell



Edge Fete pictures tell the story



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And those that
mind... Don't
matter."

Singing for Sue

The Stuart Singers are singing at a concert at St Mary's Church in Painswick on Friday 8th October in aid of Sue Ryder - Leckhampton Court Hospice.

Entitled 'A Handful of Songs' it will be an evening to enjoy - tickets are £8, and further information is available from Duncan Willoughby on 01242.246162.

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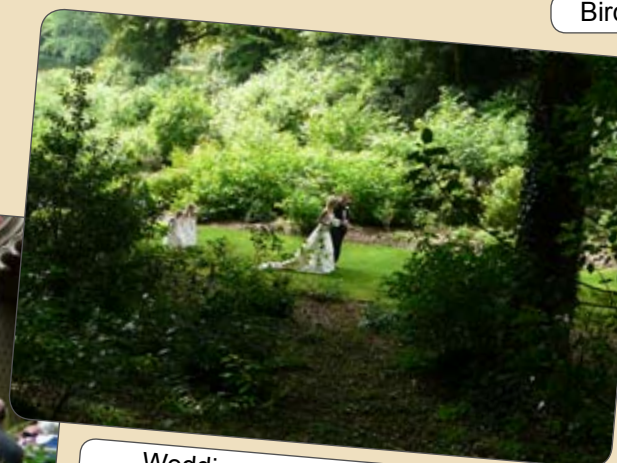
Falcon hosting County Finals



Monday walkers take to ferry



Wedding - Rococo style



Tending the garden

New name for Croft PTA

From September The Croft School PTA is to be known by a different name – Friends of The Croft School.

The reason for this change is to involve members of the Painswick community, who do not necessarily have a child at the school, in the running of this organisation. We believe many local people have plenty they can offer and we would like to give Painswick residents the opportunity to get involved.

As a registered charity, the committee is currently made up of parents and teachers. Each September a new committee is selected consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and a number of committee members.

A committee meeting is typically held once a term where we discuss and plan fundraising activities. These include family events such as the Christmas or Summer Fayre; social nights such as the popular Quiz Night, Safari Supper or Auction of

Promises; or activities that are purely for the children such as the Sponsored Swim or the Butterfly Trail around the village. Other jobs include, application for grants, manning the tea table at parents evenings, keeping the notice board up to date, and many more.

This year the committee has funded many things for the School including educational workshops, coach transport to the Christmas pantomime and various play equipment. We have also completely updated the swimming pool area.

Painswick residents who are interested in joining this dynamic organisation should contact Jo Weatherall (Chairperson) on 813684 before 21st September. Being part of the Friends of The Croft School will prove to be both fun and rewarding, with real tangible benefits for local children.

Fun Club - open to all!

Fun Club is an after school activity club based at the Croft School, and runs from 3.15 to 5.00pm daily in term time. From September it will be now open to all Primary School age children regardless of which school they attend.

Each day brings a different theme or activity. The emphasis is on play and the ethos is to have fun - that may be outdoor games in the beautiful surroundings of the school or doing activities in the hall such as computers, cooking, hairdressing, craft, building dens or more active games. We are always looking for people to come and demonstrate interesting skills or exciting activities, this may be storytelling, the arts, physical activities or showing the children something of interest.

From September we will be starting a film and popcorn session every last Friday of the month. The first 'Film Friday' showing is *Monsters Inc.* on the 24th September.

Every term we put on an event; the most recent summer BBQ party was wet and wild themed, with prizes for dousing the staff!!

Parents must register their child before they can use the Club, and while pre-booking of places is essential, via the school office, ringing on the day is fine.

If there is interest in attending or for further information please contact Sharron Andrews on 07787.325040 term times or email: croftschoolfunclub@hotmail.co.uk

The Funclub is an independently funded and committee-run after school activity club. It is currently under threat of closure due to falling numbers, so the measure of support from this autumn could be critical to its future, bearing in mind that there are no other childcare facilities in Painswick.

Jenni Rowlands

The Fun Club in the context of the school

There must be quite a number of parents who do not have first hand knowledge of just how this club relates to the school, so we invited Jenni Rowlands to tell us more.

"Funclub was set up by parents of the Croft School needing after school childcare about 10 years ago. It is run by a voluntary committee of parents of children who attend the Croft and use Funclub, it is not for profit but needs to be sustainable. The staff are employed by the committee and are fully CRB checked and have attained NVQs in childcare; Sharron Andrews is also Deputy play leader at Playgroup so lots of the youngsters already know her from there, as they do Sam Foweraker a popular teaching assistant.

The club is fully endorsed and supported by Mrs Hoyle and the Governors but is completely independent and not financially assisted by the school or governors - hence the need to keep numbers up. We are in regular contact with both and they are supportive of our efforts to keep Funclub going for the long term .

I, like most of the parents on the committee, live in Painswick and we are all working to make the club viable in the long run by making the club more visible to families in the village and trying to attract more children by bringing new activities to Painswick."

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Excerpts from newsletters to parents:

Firstly, I would like to scotch a rumour. It has come to my attention that several people seem to think I am leaving the school at the end of term, indeed there even seems to be a story that one of the teachers has told their class this news! This is not the case. What many people do know is that I am moving to Bristol, but I will be here in

September as usual!

Moment of glory

Congratulations to Hannah Cox, who was recently selected to be Headteacher for the Day. I hear that she did a grand job.

OFSTED

We have survived the Ofsted inspection and we are pleased that so many positive aspects of our work have been recognised. The report will not be published until September, when all parents in the school will receive a copy. If your child will have left the school by then, you will be able to download a copy from the school's website.



Inter-schools sports

The team's performance at the recent district athletics meetings was very commendable. We have moved into the large schools' league this year (through other schools reducing rather than our growth) and so we were the smallest school represented. We came about half way down the table, which was a very pleasing result. There were some great individual efforts and especially strong performance in the relay races.

I am delighted to tell you that our swimming gala team came fourth out of the sixteen schools in the Stroud area that took part. We have some excellent swimmers and all the team were a credit to the school.



Teachers for next year

All of the children have spent a lesson with their teachers for next year. Mr Wells, Mrs Soutar and Mrs Hartley have all been in school to plan for September.

The new school year starts for children in years 1 to 6 on Monday 6th September.

Sponsored swim

The sponsored swim was a huge success. I hope you saw the publicity in the local papers. The children not only swam to France, but swam back again as well! The whole event was a great display of teamwork, both on behalf of the children and the parents and others who worked so hard to organise it. Thank you to everyone who was involved.



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Firefighter Chris at your service

Last year Chris Garbett was the latest recruit to pass all the very rigorous tests necessary to become a retained firefighter. Twelve months on and Chris is just as enthusiastic as ever about his role in the Painswick unit.

He explains that the probationary period, once you have been accepted, lasts for three years and is in three stages. There are three reviews which cover a wide range of theoretical, physical and practical competences, and occurring at ten months, twenty two months and thirty six months. Chris has just completed the first of these. This system is a fairly recent introduction, formalising the need to meet the required competences and providing a highly structured training scheme. Although it sounds very rigorous Chris is content to undertake such training because, as he says, "It's about raising standards and professionalism."

Chris's commitment is clearly evident as he talks about what is involved. On a ninety hour per week call-out, he emphasises the importance of the Monday evening training sessions at the Pullens Road station. He is proud to be part of the very efficient team we have in Painswick explaining that visiting members of other local crews are always impressed by the Monday evening sessions. Serious about the ongoing training, the team is a very professional unit but, as the Painswick crew comprises a

group of real characters, there is also a great social atmosphere of friendship and fun. As Chris says, as soon as there is a call-out the team immediately acts as one and there is a mutual feeling of complete confidence in every member. The spirit of co-operation is palpable. Being part of a team like that is certainly rewarding.

Call-out can be at any time, day or night, and the possibilities are endless including fires in buildings, chimney fires, grass fires, flooding and rescuing animals and people in dire situations from the proverbial cat up the tree to the victims of serious car crashes. The range and severity of incidents is very wide though Chris notes that currently road traffic incidents are more common than fires. On one occasion during the recent road works there was a call-out to Stroud and, although the traffic was gridlocked on New Street, amazingly the appliance was able to get through as the cars all quickly moved over on to the pavement. And on the subject of vehicles, Chris does point out that cars parked thoughtlessly in our narrow streets still present a real problem when that is the only route to an incident.

Of course, there are the community occasions too such as the team having a presence at local fairs and fetes. Chris feels this is important as it increases awareness, especially in children, of both the dangers and the work of the team. The service is trying to build links with youth groups. Chris is also keen to highlight the home safety visits which the service provides. These are free of charge and include a complete fire safety check and the fitting of alarms. He feels it is a pity more people do not take advantage of this.



Chris is part of a tremendous team providing an invaluable and essential service to our community. His enthusiasm is as strong as ever and his pride in being part of the team is positive and a joy to behold.

Carol Maxwell

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Chernobyl

Two young men, Alex Walker and Liam Kirkwood, reached Painswick on Monday, 12th July, on a 1000-mile charity walk from Land's End to John O'Groats, raising funds for the Chernobyl Children's Project UK. They were given free board and lodging for the night by Andrena and Arthur Lock, the proprietors of Meadowcote B&B on Stroud Road. While there, they were interviewed by Steve Rowley for the Painswick Valley Radio Show.

The charity provides humanitarian aid to those still suffering the profound effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986. It is shocking that children under ten are still contracting cancers as a direct result. Alex and Liam explained that, besides donating aid, the charity brings children and sometimes their mothers from the affected area in Belarus for short, recuperative holidays in the UK, to benefit from fresh food and clothing, and clean air and water. Their involvement was all the more remarkable because the Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurred two years before they were born. Alex had been moved by a documentary about the after-effects, prompting him to read Russian at UCL next year, while Liam, who has already graduated, had learnt about Chernobyl when studying geography and environmental sciences at Cambridge. They had realised that few young people knew anything about Chernobyl and one of their objectives is to raise awareness among the young. They observed that so many disasters only stay in the news while they are current but many, like Chernobyl, leave survivors coping with the consequences sometimes for the rest of their lives. The area around Chernobyl will remain dangerously contaminated for between 175 and 200 years. Besides suffering chronic unemployment, the affected areas are still dangerously unhealthy.

Neither had done any serious long-distance walking, despite extensive fitness training and had not realised just how hard this would be on their feet. They had a difficult time over Bodmin Moor but are now getting into their stride, learning how to cope with cows, torrential rain, blisters and cramp. They have been bowled over by the generosity of B&B and campsite owners and householders en route who, in many instances, have provided free bed and board. They are also keeping a blog, which may be accessed at www.walkonethousand.blogspot.com. If readers wish to learn more about Chernobyl, the charity and how to donate, please go to www.walk1000.co.uk and www.chernobyl-children.org.uk.

Liam and Alex hope to raise £3,000 and are well on the way, having had £1,800 in donations so far.

After leaving Painswick, Alex and Liam walked to Gloucester, where they were introduced to the Gloucester and Cheltenham group of the Chernobyl Children's Project UK. Pam Day is one of the organisers and explained that, coincidentally, a group of children would be arriving for a recuperative holiday on Sunday, 25th July. Such holidays are vital in boosting immune systems, as many children from the contaminated areas may fall ill after remission for a second or third time and the death rate is high. However, not all the children are suffering from cancer. The charity also supports children with other illnesses and disabilities, or living close to the exclusion zone. In addition, the charity supports parenting training, respite care and further education. If anyone would like to become directly involved, please email Pam at abday@supanet.com.

Michael Buckland-Smith



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last month inspired by the World Cup did not bring as much glory as it might. Ah well!

With so much to please the eye all around us as the summer moves towards its close, how about **B-E-A-U-T-Y** fitting into this frame?

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Wimbledon Finalist Opens New Courts

Fresh from playing in the Senior Men's Doubles Final at Wimbledon, Jeremy Bates visited Painswick Lawn Tennis Club to open two new courts.

Over 100 members and guests gathered to watch him lead some coaching drills for members prior to playing in an exhibition doubles match with the men's 'A' team.

The ribbon to open the courts was cut by Jeremy to a fanfare, release of balloons and cheers from those present. Before this he had said what an important role local clubs could perform in welcoming juniors and potential new players.

The evening was completed with an alfresco supper and social tennis.

The courts have been built with the assistance of substantial funding from the LTA and Van Willerton, Operations Manager Midlands Area, said how pleased they were to support a progressive club such as Painswick and would be watching further developments with great interest.

John Courts, President of Painswick LTC, in welcoming everyone thanked all those who had supported the project and particularly the LTA.

He said: "This is an excellent example of funding coming into 'grass roots' tennis and Painswick LTC is delighted to be the recipient. It is now up to the Club to make best possible use of this facility to expand tennis activity for all ages and provide juniors with a skill for life." He added: "Maybe we can even uncover a Wimbledon champion".

For information about PLTC and how to join please see www.painswicktennisclub.co.uk



From left:
Joe Morris, LTA Gloucestershire
Tennis Development Manager
Van Willerton, LTA Operations
Manager Midlands Area
John Courts, President Painswick
Lawn Tennis Club
Jeremy Bates

Painswick LTC Junior News

The annual Parent Child Tournament took place on the afternoon of Sunday 11th July, timed very carefully to be completed before the World Cup Final!

Two separate competitions were held simultaneously, one being for the 'minis' using a three-quarter court and softer balls. Ian Taylor and son Dylan (*left in our picture*) won this competition by a massive fifteen games, while Rod and Jamie Gordon won the older age group tournament, narrowly beating Pete and Ollie Williams, one of the winning partnerships from last year. Several of the families stayed on afterwards for a barbecue, rounding off a most enjoyable afternoon.



Painswick Tennis Academy

If the children are already bored, or the grandchildren are visiting and you are looking for local activities to keep them occupied, there are still places available on the summer tennis camps. These day and half day camps are open to 5-16 year olds of any ability, members and non-members. More information can be found at <http://painswickltd.co.uk/junior-holiday-courses-2010.html> or by contacting Sharon Hall on 07766.732392.

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Falcon Bowling Club

Falcon Bowling Club recently played host to the Gloucestershire County Ladies for their County Competition Finals.

Play started at 10.00am and carried on until late evening. Top players from various Clubs provided keen competitive bowling throughout the day. One player from a Bristol Club in her late 70's qualified to play in no less than three Finals matches in the morning, afternoon and evening sessions - phew!



The winners and runners up now qualify to go on to the National Championships to be held at Leamington Spa in August where they will represent Gloucestershire Ladies.

Norman Rampton

Cricket Ladies

Pictured are members of the Painswick Ladies Cricket team.



Bryony Overs is the team captain and main organiser. The team and Painswick Cricket Club would like to thank Leigh Young solicitors for their generous shirt sponsorship.

Any lady interested in joining the growing ranks should contact Bryony on 07776. 301828.

Steve Pegram

Table Tennis

Following its first successful Season, the Table Tennis Club will be restarting again on Wednesday 8th September at the Painswick Centre 7.00 - 9.00pm. Any queries please ring me on 812464.

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Kenny the Club Champion

Kenny Overthrow won the Painswick Golf Club championships over 36 holes on a glorious sunny Saturday.

The 16 year old Crypt School pupil stormed back in the 2nd round with a 63, 4 under par to take the title by 2 shots from former Club champion Pete Jelf.

After the 1st round Pete Jelf & Brendan Nunan shot 66 with Simon Green & Jack Hume 68 followed by Archie Macshannon & Kenny Overthrow with 69. In the 2nd round Pete Jelf followed up with a 68 however Kenny Overthrow secured the title, with an eagle 2 on the par 4 16th helping him on his way.

Kenny who also represents Gloucestershire at u16 level seems to, has one Painswick member said" be the first of many" Club Championships

Leading Scores		TOTAL
Kenny Overthrow	69 + 63	132
Pete Jelf	66 + 68	134
Brendan Nunan	66 + 71	137
Paul Thomas	71 + 67	138
Simon Green	68 + 70	138
Jack Hume	68 + 72	140
Kish Venkatasami	74 + 68	142
Martin Angel	73 + 70	143

In the NETT competition for the Browning Cup Jack Hume won with a nett 57 + 61 118

And to complete a good weekend for the Juniors Niall Macklin won the Rabbits Cup with a nett 60 on c/b from Geoff Evans.

Simon Overthrow

Cricket

Painswick's first eleven have continued their fine form during July, losing only the one match against the league leaders Dumbleton. Painswick are currently in second place in the Gloucester Division. The month ended with a comprehensive victory over Redmarley at Broadham. Painswick batted first and amassed a total of 334 for the loss of seven wickets in their allotted 45 overs. Painswick's total was founded on an exceptional innings by Jonathon Griffiths who was undefeated on 139 when the 45 overs were completed. George Ayland was also in good form scoring 67. Redmarley were always in difficulties against the Painswick bowlers with Ed Bressington taking 4 wickets for 52, Alastair Bressington 3 for 13 and Simon Base 3 for 40. Redmarley were all out for a total of 148.

July 1st/2nd XI league results

Sat 3rd. Painswick 1st XI 236 Dumbleton 1st XI 237-3. Dumbleton 2nd XI 275-8 Painswick 2nd XI 202.

Sat 10th. Cinderford St John 1st XI 227-7 Painswick 1st XI 228-8. Painswick 2nd XI 118 Cinderford St John 64.

Sat 17th. Painswick 1st XI 231-7 Lydney 1st XI 154. Lydney 2nd XI 230-3 Painswick 2nd XI 109.

Sat 24th. Kingsholm 1st XI 197-9 Painswick 1st XI 201-4. Kingholm 2nd XI 215-9 Painswick 2nd XI 219-9.

Sat 31st. Painswick 1st XI 334-7 Redmarley 1st XI 148. Redmarley 2nd XI 247-9 Painswick 2nd XI 234.

Painswick's fixtures and results can be found on <http://painswick.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp>

August News

VILLAGE
Agents

Thank you to the numerous kind readers who contacted me to see how I was following my back up. The good news is that it was a great success and I am a "new" woman, but the embarrassing news is that it was 14 years ago, and so the wording in last month's article must have been a little misleading. However, should I ever be due to go in for surgery again; I promise to let you all know!

Have any of you come across a brilliant organisation called Fair Shares? It is a Time Bank project which will enable you, once you are a member of the scheme, to swap time and skills with no money changing hands, thus giving you the chance to both give and receive help. For every hour of help that someone gives to another member of the Time Bank they earn one time credit.

You may have something you wish to have done but for some reason are not able to do. You may need a lift somewhere, someone to take a dog for a walk, or even write a letter for you. On the other hand you may be able to make a cake, mend a sock or be able to give information about the history of your area. These are just ideas as there are so many needs and skills out there.

When someone joins, they provide details of the skills, talents and experiences that they would like to share, and a record of these will be kept at the Time Bank. All information is kept confidential and is only accessed by the staff of the Time Bank, whose job is to find the right person for each job. If you join don't worry, there's no pressure put upon you to help every time, but you have to be prepared to give as well as to take, to make the scheme work. Even if you're house-bound, you might be able to befriend someone using the phone, and that would be your contribution.

The joy of this scheme is not only to get help when you need it, but also you have the opportunity of making new friends, using your skills, as well as giving you the 'feel good factor'.

I am not going to be around for August but if you need a Village Agent, please call my colleague Angela King on 07776.245791, Fair Shares Stroud 01453.750952 or Adult Help Desk (social services enquiries) 01452.426868

Lou Kemp

...and We Did Like It

For five evenings, plus a matinée, many picnickers enjoyed warm sunshine for this year's performances of Shakespeare in the Rococo Gardens - a wonderful start to last month.

This was a very different production of *As You Like It*. The jollity came across well, and it was imaginative in its presentation and full of vigour - with a cracking pace - and well located in a new and more intimate setting low down in this delightful garden.

Always a difficulty identifying exceptional performers but special mention just has to be made of Alexa Bull as Rosalind and Catherine Faulkner as Celia, both of whom were outstanding. It was a pleasure to see Phil McCormick as Corin, Geoff Charrot as Amiens and Joe Hackett as Touchstone, all established Rococo players. This was a super cast all obviously enjoying their performances speaking clearly and in character.

All who saw the play agreed that this was one of the Rococo Players best productions.



Stella Bavister

Short Mat Bowling

The club has decided to close its Monday sessions for August.

It will re-open, and welcome any interested for the winter season, on 6th September

PROPERTY REPORT for June from Hamptons International

We are now over half way through 2010 and there have been several events that could have derailed the property market - snow in January, General Election in May and the Emergency Budget in June to name but a few. However, at the moment the market seems to be holding up well and activity levels are very strong with July to date being our best month for sales agreed since June 2007 and there is still a week to go!

What we have seen during the course of this year is a change in the balance of the market with more stock having come onto the market to ease some of the upward pressure on prices that we saw throughout the latter half of 2009. On the surface of it, you may think this is bad news but I am of the belief that what we are now seeing is a stabilising of the market with the volume of transactions

gradually increasing and confidence growing on the back of low interest rates and reports of greater economic stability. How long conditions will remain like this is an impossible question to answer but I think most people will feel happy with stability after the ups and downs of the last three years.

We have taken on some 20 or so properties in the Painswick area since I last updated you but in particular it is worth mentioning the following, all of which are already under offer: Bay Tree Lodge at Gyde House, a stylish semi detached period dwelling; Staddlestones, a four bedroom family house in the Highlands; Portlett Cottage, a charming Listed cottage over-looking the churchyard; Vatch Cottage, an imposing house in the Vatch in need of

modernisation; 3 Horsepools Cottages, a wonderful "bolthole" in Edge; Eastgate, a three bedroom bungalow in Cranham; Chapel Cottage, a delightful period house on the Green in Edge; and Colethrop Cottage, a chocolate-box-pretty cottage in Colethrop. Other notable new instructions include Owlcote in Stamages Lane, Avalon on Upton Hill, Trillgate in Slad and a new house being constructed by Partridge Homes (Cotswolds) Ltd in Cranham.

Other properties to have gone under offer include: Jays Hill in the Highlands, Sam Scotts in Jacks Green, The Orchards in Styles Lane and Merrills and Coomb House both in Friday Street whilst those now sold include Sunnydale in Staites Orchard, Long Acre in Naas Lane and The Coach House in Hale Lane.

Guy Tabony Branch Manager



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AUGUST

Sat	7	Portway Group Art Exhibition - daily until Sun 8th Aug	Town Hall	10.00am to 4.30pm
Mon	9	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
Tue	10	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Friday Club Outing on River Severn from Worcester to Upton-on-Severn Share-A-Book children's mobile library and Storytime. (near Croft School)	Christ Church Hall Churchill Way	9.30 to 12.00noon 10.30am to 12 noon
Wed	11	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	12	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 Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	13	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Mon	16	Theatre Club Tea Party	Rococo Garden	2.00 to 4.00pm
Tue	17	Clothes Sale (also Wed, Thur & Fri)	The Patchwork Mouse	10.00am to 4.00pm
Wed	18	Parish Council (<i>see p2</i>)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	19	Horticultural Society Outing to Powis Castle	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
Sat	21	Copy dateline for September Beacon		
Wed	25	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	Stamages Car Park	1.00pm
Sun	29	Resthaven Nursing Home: Summer Fete - Stalls, Games, Refreshments. All welcome	Resthaven, Pitchcombe	1.00 to 4.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Wed	1	Parish Council Planning Meeting	Town Hall	7.00pm
Sat	4	September Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	6	Short Mat Bowls Club re-opening (<i>see p 18</i>)	Town Hall	10.00am and 6.30pm
Wed	8	Probus: Gloucester Docks, Past & Present - Hugh Conway-Jones Table Tennis Club - Wednesdays (<i>see p18</i>)	Shires Room, Falcon Painswick Centre	10.00am 7.00 to 9.00pm
Fri	10	Friday Club: The History of X-Rays - Prof Angela Newing	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	11	Horticultural Society Annual show	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 5.30pm
Wed	15	Parish Council Meeting	Sheepscombe	7.30pm
Fri	17	Painswick Music Appreciation Group (<i>see p8</i>)	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sun	19	Annual Clypping Service with Gloucester Salvation Army Band. Also Clown & Jugglers. Bring your own picnic	St Mary's Churchyard	from 2.00pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: Priors & Friaries of Gloucester - Phil Moss	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
Tue	28	Yew Trees W I: Bees and Beekeeping - Roger Eldridge	Town Hall	7.30pm

OCTOBER

Fri	1	Painswick Music Appreciation Group	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	2	Painswick Music Society AGM: followed by Social Evening and Recital	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Mon	4	Community Lunch: Hosts - Country Market	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	6	Probus: Members Talk 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: The History of Writing - Pam Harmer Singing for Sue - concert (<i>see p23</i>)	Richmond, Painswick St Mary's Church	2.30pm
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 Morning	Ashwell House	10.30am
Fri	15	Painswick Music Appreciation Group	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		
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	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm

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
Fri	5	Friday Club A.G.M. - Followed by a talk on Stained Glass - Clare Nayegon at 2.30pm	Town Hall	1.45pm
Sat	6	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	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	13	Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
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
Fri	19	Friday Club: Food for Christmas - Gillian Hancock	Town Hall	2.30pm
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
Thu	25	to 27th 'Out of Focus' Painswick Players (see p9)	Painswick Centre	
Fri	26	Painswick Music Appreciation Group	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
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	
Mon	6	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	8	Probus: Christmas Dinner	The Hill, Stroud	
Fri	10	Goodwill Fair (see p9)	Painswick Centre	3.00pm - 9.00pm
Tue	14	Yew Trees W I: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	17	Friday Club: The Art of Belly Dancing - Ann Blagdon	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Painswick Music Appreciation Group	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	18	Painswick Singers Christmas Concert - Followed by Mince Pies & Mulled Wine in the Church Hall	Pitchcombe Church	7.30pm
Mon	20	Carol singing around Painswick: Contact Iris McCormick 812879		6.00pm

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SEVENACRES, The Camp, Sheepscombe. Raising roof height and introduction of windows, doors and roof windows.

AMBLESIDE, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge. Revised application following permission S.09/1626/HHOLD for the erection of an extension.

PYLL HOUSE, Sheepscombe. Revised plans received for erection of environmental energy room.

FOLLY ACRES, Folly Lane, Slad. Erection of an outbuilding for agricultural & forestry purposes.

BELL YARD, New Street, Conversion of office/studio to additional residential accommodation.

CANTON ACRE, Two Storey side extension.

COCKSHOOT COTTAGE, Cockshoot Quarry, Sheepscombe. Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey extension to replace conservatory.

2 ROSEBANK COTTAGES, Slad. Repair of chimney and addition of windows to attic.

HAMFIELD, Edge Road, Painswick. Single storey extension to existing outbuilding to form annexe.

ELM COTTAGE, Far End, Sheepscombe. Erection of first floor extension and replacement dormer.

CONSENT

PACKERS, New Street, Painswick. Alterations to access.

APPEALS

WASHWELL FARM, Cheltenham Road. Re-submission of 09/1857/OUT for the erection of one dwelling.

MINI-ADS

Clothes Sale. Add some excitement to your wardrobe - mid-Summer clothes sale starts on Tuesday 17th August until Friday 20th August at the Patchwork Mouse - 10.00am until 4.00pm each day. Do pop in and have a browse.

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Graffiti In Painswick

Gloucestershire Constabulary issued the following on 30th July:

Criminal damage has been caused to a number of community buildings in Painswick.

Between Monday 26th July and Tuesday 27th July graffiti reading the word *Mias!* in silver paint has been sprayed at four different locations; a wall belonging to the Painswick Centre in Bisley Street, a toilet door at the public toilets in Stamages Lane, four separate areas of St Mary's Church in New Street and the front of the Youth Centre building on the Recreation Ground.

Officers investigating the damage, which could be extremely expensive to repair, have released a photo of the graffiti *Mias!* and are asking anyone who saw the damaged being caused, or knows who is responsible, to contact them.

Anyone with any information about the damage is asked to contact PCSO Colin Drewett or PC Craig Murray at Gloucestershire Constabulary on 08450.901234 quoting incident number 354 of 27th July. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800.555111.



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Erratum

In our item on the Gas Works last month (page 12) we inadvertently referred to the shop trading under the name 'Kate Rich', as 'A Treasure Trove of Lovely Things'. We apologise for this error.

Ed.

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Weddings

Congratulations to KATHRYN WARRINER and MATTHEW HODGSON who are to be married on 7th August at Bowden Hall;

also to CHRISTOPHER IRELAND and KAREN CLARKE who are to be married on 14th August in Edge Church.

Babies

Congratulations to DAVID and LINDY NOTTINGHAM on the birth of their daughter Martha Florence Jane, a sister for the twins James and Imogen; also congratulations to SARAH and MICHAEL FOX on the birth of their daughter, Constance India on 25th May, a third grandchild for Gail and Jim Fox and a third great-grandchild for June and John Privett; also congratulations to SARAH and JAY WHITING on the birth of their daughter Amy Joanna, a sister for Toby.

Engagement

Congratulations to CHLOE SMITH of Cranham and a beauty therapist at the Three Gables Centre in Painswick and BRIAN MCCARTHY of Brockworth who have announced their engagement

Birthday

Congratulations to BARBARA ELSTON who will celebrate her 80th birthday on 26th August

Ruby Wedding

Congratulations to ANN and CALVIN GAIGER who were married on 25th July 1970

Sapphire Wedding

Congratulations to DAVID and HILARY SIMPSON who celebrate their Sapphire Wedding on 21st August

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to BRENDA and HARRY EASTLAND, who lived for many years in Painswick, but now live near Harrogate in Yorkshire who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 23rd July

Diamond Wedding

Congratulations to DON and GLADYS HARDING who were married on 2nd September 1950 at St Mary's Church, Tetbury. (Pictured at foot of page 13)

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to PATSY MERRYWEATHER, and COLIN TREGLOWN

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MARY ALEXANDER who died recently.

Congratulations

Congratulations to LEE SCOTT of Cotswold 88 Hotel who won Chef of the Year Award 2010 in the Cotswold Life;

also to KIRSTY KEMMETT on obtaining a First Class Honours Degree in Veterinary Pathogenesis from Bristol University. Kirsty is now moving on to study for her PhD at Liverpool University.

We apologise for the typing errors in this item last month.

Hello and Goodbye

Hello to Mr COOK who has moved to Badgers Lawn in Cranham and farewell to Mr and Mrs PATRICK who have moved from Badgers Lawn;

we welcome Mr and Mrs TABOR to Packers in Edge Road

and say farewell to GRAHAM RUSSELL who has moved from Packers;

also hello to Mr and Mrs CRAVEN who have moved to Prospect House, Sheepscombe

and farewell to Dr ALLEN who has moved from Prospect House

and, lastly, we welcome Mr and Mrs SOFER and family who have moved to The Orchard, Edge

and we say farewell to Mr MALCOLM PRICE who has moved from The Orchard.

Personal Messages

Alan Bamber wishes to express his thanks to the kind people of Painswick who generously donated money to MS Research in support of his recent 'five nations' bike ride. The trip was completed without any serious problems and was a great experience.

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