

The Painswick Beacon

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June brought chaos but life went on although most shops and businesses were badly affected

Last month we forecast impending disarray due to the complete closure of the A46 between Bisley Street and Victoria Square. In making that prediction Leslie Brotherton also suggested that the best qualities of our village emerge even stronger in adversity. He was certainly correct on both counts! It has to be recognised, however, that for some there was no way of overcoming the massive inconvenience caused and many shops and businesses suffered disastrous reductions in income due to fewer visitors. Similarly, the number of visitors to the Open Studio artists was far less than previously anticipated.

It is important to recognise, however, that the work really was necessary. Examples of badly corroded pipes are a testament to this. And on the plus side the Beacon is pleased to convey the praise many have heaped on Morrison's workers for the courteous manner in which they conducted themselves - 'fantastic workmen' was a typical comment. And now at last New Street is open to traffic again.

On page 12 we review the problems caused: traffic jams and frayed tempers; Vicarage Street being used as a race track by some drivers and lorries also using this route. At times there was total gridlock partly due to the intransigence of some drivers refusing to reverse. Some of the residents' parked cars were damaged and some damage was caused to walls, gateways and houses. There was no traffic control in operation.

On the plus side - see page 13 - the inconvenience and sometimes deafening noise during the day brought out for the New Street residents an enhanced community spirit. Two Street parties were organised and held in the street - just like the olden days! See photos on page 13. Again on the plus side, village activities carried on as usual - for example the Friday market was as popular as ever and the Painswick Fete was a great success.

Also on page 13 we highlight what could have been done better. Certainly a total ban on traffic would have caused great inconvenience and loss of trade. However, better traffic control should have been organised and many believe there should have been an effective ban on lorries and big vans using Vicarage Street.



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Christ Church – end of an era

Christ Church is to close as a place of worship at the end of September after more than three hundred and fifty years. This is certainly the end of an important era, being the last (with the exception of the Quaker Meeting House) and probably the largest of the historic nonconformist chapels in Painswick.

The congregation has made the decision to close based on the fact that during the past year their numbers have dwindled to an unsustainable level. The congregation is older and smaller and there simply are not enough people able to carry out all the necessary duties to make it viable. During the past year five key people have left the area and the minister has not been replaced, albeit sharing the role with Rodborough, since the Reverend Heather Whyte departed in April last year. All of this was, of course, unforeseen a year ago.

The tiny committee which remains is now struggling to carry out its responsibilities. All the extras have had to be relinquished and there is no sign of new and young folk coming in. The decision has not been an easy one to make. If the Gateway Project had gone ahead there was the possibility of a move into a room in the revitalised premises earmarked for the project, which would of course have been much easier to manage.

There has been a church on the site in Gloucester Street since 1656 and it has a proud history in the Congregational and latterly United Reformed Church tradition. At the end of the 18th century the Reverend Cornelius Winter was a very influential pastor at Christ Church and the chapel was rebuilt during his time and again later in 1892. The interior of Christ Church is impressive and perhaps the crowning glory is the beautiful stained glass window designed by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and installed in 1894.

As yet no decision has been made about the future of the church and church hall. This is for the Synod to decide, hopefully in the near future. In the meantime, both buildings will be in normal use until the end of September. The nearest United Reformed churches are in Rodborough and Abbeydale.

The last service at Christ Church will take place on 26 September.

Carol Maxwell



And Lead Thieves Plunder St Mary's

See article in page 11. Can you help to catch the rogues responsible?

On other pages this month - Arts Festival, Space Hop Challenge, Community Choir, Victorian Costume Ball, Portway Art Exhibition, Indulge yourself for the Playgroup, Painswick in Bloom competition, Hedgehog Warden wanted, Support Walking for Water, Dr Dick Jarrett, Man of Many Parts, Thames Head Singers at St Mary's, Post Office, Golf Club Social Activity & Royal Oak updates and various reports.

One member of the public attended the meeting. Our GCC Councillor Joan Nash and PCSO Colin Drewett attended.

PLANNING

Richmond Care Village - signage

Richmond Village has applied for planning permission to erect two new signs each 1 metre tall and 1.5 metres wide. Sign A is to be placed at the entrance to the Village on the A46 next to the existing sign. Sign B is to be erected about 50 yards uphill of the entrance facing traffic travelling towards Stroud. The meeting decided Sign B was a distraction to drivers and did not support the application for that sign. There was no objection to Sign A.

Painswick Pharmacy – signage

The Pharmacy has applied for planning permission to erect a new sign which as well as having “The Painswick Pharmacy” on it would have the logo of the company sponsoring and paying for the sign, the NHS logo and the international Green Cross logo denoting a pharmacy. The sign would be mounted on a metal frame and screwed to the stonework above the entrance door. After a considerable debate the meeting decided that the sign was inappropriate. A more appropriate sign would be a wooden framed sign just with the pharmacy name. The sponsoring company’s name and the NHS logo were unnecessary and the Green Cross symbol was already displayed on the door. The meeting did not support the application.

More details on all planning applications may be seen at the Town Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL

Allotments

Caroline White confirmed that analysis of the 176 feedback forms had now been completed and a draft report prepared. She reiterated that an open meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th June to present the findings and the report to the public. Comments could then be made to the Parish Council prior to its July meeting at which the Council’s decision would be announced.

Tourist Information and the old Lloyds Bank building

Terry Parker told the meeting that once some minor legal issues had been sorted out, it was recommended that the Parish Council sign a 3 year lease for the old Lloyds Bank building in Bisley Street. The annual rent will be £5000 with no rent review during the term of the lease. The lease will contain a 12 month break clause for which 3 months notice must be given and a £1000 fee paid. The operating costs will be met by the Parish Council with financial support from Stroud District Council (SDC) and a possible contribution

from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC). Further income will be generated by activities in the building and the sale of goods and services. It is hoped that the Tourist Information Office will reopen on the 1st July.

The possible use of the building as a library will have to wait for the findings of the review carried out by GCC, due in early September. Joan Nash stressed that the Parish Council’s position will be strengthened if it has a building available to take a library.

The meeting was concerned at the longer term feasibility of the project. An operating plan needs to be drawn up and probably at least a two year period will be needed to assess whether the project has been a success. Whilst Anne Smith will be in day to day charge of the Tourist Information Office, the Parish Council had overall responsibility. Terry Parker said it was important not to raise expectations which could then not be met. David Hudson said it was a gamble. The meeting voted by a majority to proceed.

Gas Main - road works

Martin Slinger told the meeting that, if everything went to plan, New Street should be re-opened on Monday 21st June, 10 days ahead of schedule. Several members commented on how hard-working, courteous and helpful the contractor’s staff has been, including directing the traffic before a policeman was installed at the top of Bisley Street. There was also praise for the Shuttle bus service provided by Stroud Ring and Ride.

Terry Parker told the meeting that he and Rob Lewis had met with John Kay of Gloucestershire Highways to discuss the lessons learnt from the closure of New Street. The main complaint was the totally inadequate signage at Pitchcombe and Brockworth when the work started. Signs are provided by the contractors and are recycled when the work is completed. Rob Lewis has photographed all the signs subsequently erected and identified their locations, there being 11 between Stroud and Painswick and 6 between Brockworth and Painswick with a further three before the Brockworth roundabout. This data now forms an information pack which Highways were asked to provide to

contractors if the A46 should be closed on a future occasion.

Rob Lewis said the advance warning signs placed at Pitchcombe and Brockworth before the work started in New Street were dangerous, difficult to read, contained too much information and were largely ignored. This resulted in several Heavy Goods Vehicles, which had ignored the exclusion zone signs having to turn round at Painswick, including a Maltese registered lorry damaging the bus shelter at the Sheepscombe turning which, thanks to a local resident, the Police dealt with.

One problem which may delay the total re-opening of New Street along the churchyard is sub-standard tarmacing. The meeting was told that tarmacing in this part of New Street did not meet the required specification and will be replaced with traffic being controlled by lights.

Terry Parker told the meeting that Mr Hancock of Vicarage Street had been in touch with John Kay about damage to properties as a result of the road closure. A site visit with John Kay was to be arranged.

Pedestrian Crossing at the Lychgate

Ralph Drew has contacted the Parish Council about the very dangerous corner at the Lychgate and the need for a pedestrian crossing across the A46. Terry Parker reminded the meeting that installing a pedestrian crossing had been considered over the years at various locations as there is poor line of sight for drivers at the Lychgate corner. One possibility had been to move the crossing north along New Street but that would have interfered with the bus stops. Outside the Pharmacy had also been considered and discarded. The cost of a pedestrian crossing is around £75,000 and the meeting felt it was highly unlikely that funds would be forthcoming. Terry Parker will arrange a site visit with John Kay and Ralph Drew.

Brookthorpe Service Area

Michael Buckland-Smith of Edge has contacted the Parish Council about the planning application for the proposed new Motorway Service Area at Brookthorpe which would heavily impact on the residents of Edge, which forms part of the Painswick Civil Parish. His concerns and that of many Edge residents are twofold: firstly the use of the A4173 through Edge and adjoining lanes by construction traffic and secondly the use of the same roads by delivery vehicles to service the southbound Service Area. As the Parish Council had not been consulted by SDC on this planning application, the meeting agreed to place the item on the agenda for the July Parish Council meeting so that members have time to study the documentation. Joan Nash made the point that every time an objection is made



STOP PRESS

The Parish Council has been informed that the former Lloyds Bank building which it intended to lease for the provision of a Tourist Information Centre is no longer available to the Council. The Parish Council will continue in its endeavours to find a suitable location for the Tourist Information Centre.

Roy Balgobin
Clerk to the Parish Council

the developer modifies the application. The Parish Council has been told that it may submit its comments after the July meeting.

Christ Church, Gloucester Street

Terry Parker read out a letter received from Maureen Kinnear announcing the closure of Christ Church as a place of worship on Sunday 26th September 2010. The Church Hall will remain available to hirers for the duration of current hiring agreements. The meeting expressed its regret at the closure and hoped that a future owner of the church building would have particular regard for the superb Burne-Jones window.

Fiddlers Elbow – roadworks

Anne Burgess-Watson read out the first bulletin regarding the repair works to be carried out on the landslip site on the A46 at Fiddlers Elbow. Contractors have been asked to tender by the 21st July, the contract will be awarded by the 23rd August, work is to commence on the 7th September with completion by the 1st March 2011. Most work will be carried out under signal control but at times full closure of the road will be necessary. Full closures will be announced beforehand and fully signposted diversions set up.

St Mary's Church – Church Rooms

David Hudson told the meeting that the PCC had decided not to sell the Church Rooms.

County Councillor's Report

Joan Nash told the meeting that local government funding by central government will be cut by around £1.165 billion. However less money will be ring-fenced and Council Tax will be frozen for one year and maybe two.

Painswick is taking part in the night light project when high wattage street lamps are dimmed by 35% between midnight and 5 am. The aim is to save £200,000 and cut carbon by 1400 tonnes.

Bed closures. The closure of 40 beds for elderly patients at Gloucester Royal will be delayed.

Gloucestershire is making the first ever digital drainage map in the UK. The aim is to identify all forms of drainage and rectify any potential problems before they become serious.

Painswick Arts Festival

Opening day celebrations and Wearable Art Parade, Saturday 31st July, 10.30am onwards

This August, Painswick is holding its second Arts Festival, which will coincide with the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen's annual summer exhibition which has been a feature in Painswick for some decades.

As a way of launching the Festival the village streets will be closed for a period. Victoria Street, St Mary's and Bisley Street will be closed from 9.30am till 3.00pm and Friday Street will be closed from 9.30am till 6pm. We would kindly request that all those people who normally park their cars in these areas remove them during this time period. The Recreation Ground Trustees have allowed extra parking on the Rec for this day. There will be a parade of extraordinary creations designed to excite our imagination, and the Event starting at 12pm will be compered by well known actor Keith Allen. The Models will be twirling to music by local composer Jacqueline Kroft, and the creations judged by celebrities in the world of Art and Fashion Dan Chadwick and Selina Blow. Students, Art/Fashion Students, independent artists and veterans are being tempted by the generous prizes from our sponsors available to them and their schools, As part of the parade there will be a BRA TASTIC section for weird and wonderful bra creations when we will be making a collection for Breast Cancer Care Locally. We are sure there will be a real buzz around the streets of Painswick with music, morris dancers and craft stalls to complement the Event. The Winning Entries will be displayed in shop Windows in Painswick throughout the month of August. During August there will be exhibitions and Open Studios throughout Painswick not least the Guild of Gloucestershire Craftsmen's exhibition. www.guildcrafts.org.uk.



There will be an 'Art in the Garden' display at Painswick's Rococo Garden during the month of August, with celebrated Sculptors exhibiting throughout. The Garden is hosting a special Georgian weekend on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of August. www.rococogarden.co.uk

For information about the Arts Festival go to: www.painswickartsfestival.co.uk

Libby Graesser

Gloucestershire's libraries Space Hop Summer Reading Challenge

The Beacon is pleased to pass on the following information from Gloria Curtis, the new Customer Service Librarian for the Stroud area libraries. The library has devised a reading challenge aimed at children aged 4 - 12 years and is free to join.



The Share-A-Book children's mobile library will be visiting Painswick on Tuesdays 27th July, 3rd August and 10th August. It will be in Churchill Way near the school from 10.30am until 12 noon, with storytimes starting at 11.00am. When children sign up for Space Hop at the library they will receive a folder, special member's card and family fridge magnet. They complete the Reading Challenge by collecting stickers when they visit the library during the holidays and sticking them into their Space Hop folder.

Keep a look out for more information from the library about how to become Space Hoppers. Folders can be collected from any library from 17th July. See the library website for what is happening in the libraries this summer: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/>

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Summer Crafts and Arts at The Painswick Centre

We look forward to the opening on Saturday 31st July of **The Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen's Summer Show** in the Main Hall. In conjunction with the Painswick Arts Festival, the Cotswold Room will be featuring different artists each week.



We are also pleased to announce that Olivas, Painswick's family-run delicatessen, will also be serving coffees, cakes, snacks and light lunches in the Green Room throughout the Festival.

The roadworks really damaged the local artists who were opening as part of the Open Studios month. As far as the Artists' Studios at the Centre are concerned, we ask that the public can visit whenever one of them is working in their space. That's an all-year round arrangement. Hopefully, the public will turn out in large numbers for all the artists using space around the village during the Arts Festival. The Artists' Studios will be available to visit during the Festival.

Community Choir

We also extend a warm welcome to the Community Choir which meets on Monday evenings in the Centre's Cotswold Room. Only established earlier this year, this choir is already making an impact under the leadership of Adrian Brett.

Adrian writes: 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. We sing harmonized songs, in different styles from various countries. The experience of singing with others leaves me uplifted. At present there are 15 members but would welcome more voices to raise the roof!!! For further information contact me on 814271

Jane Rowe

Victorian Costume Ball

Painswick will once again return to the elegant days of the Victorian era with Dancing for Pleasure's ever popular Victorian Costume Ball taking place on Saturday 10th July at the Painswick Centre which of course is an ideal setting being a fine building of that age and most suitable for such an occasion. The evening will be one of such lovely dances as gavottes, two steps, polkas and waltzes, plus the Dashing White Sergeant, Roger de Coverley, Progressive Quadrilles and the Galop which were hugely popular at the time. There will be a bar facility and refreshments will be served in the interval. There are still a few tickets available so if you are free and would like to come and enjoy a pleasurable evening of music and dancing please call Geoff and Joy on 01453 833150 for tickets or more information. Dancing will commence at 8.00pm with coaches and carriages at 11.30pm. There will be a workshop on Thursday 8th July when there will be a chance to learn some of the dances ready for the Saturday evening.



Geoff & Joy, Dancing For Pleasure.



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Top photo: Barbara Swindin, Adele Lambert & Claire Nayegon

Bottom photo: Claire at work

Portway Art Exhibition

Barbara Swindin informs us that Painswick Centre Studio artists, Adele Lambert and Barbara Swindin, together with Keith and Sue Gage, David Hunt and Audrey Howell from Upton St. Leonards, will be showing a variety of colourful paintings, etchings and prints at Painswick Town Hall from Thursday 5th August to Sunday 8th August. The exhibition will be open from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm daily.

Dads cycle to raise money for the Playgroup

Dads from Painswick Playgroup took part in a sponsored seven-mile cycle ride with six other local playgroups around Minchinhampton and Rodborough on Sunday 16th May.

Each playgroup was stationed at a pub, with the dads riding between them all, oh and Winstones Ice Cream! The Painswick Playgroup mums were based at the Old Lodge Inn on Minchinhampton Common where they ran several stalls. The weather was not great but a great time was had by all, and the event raised around £850, which was an incredible effort. The money raised will be put towards the purchase of a garden shade to protect the playgroup children as they play in the garden.

Photo (L-R): Charlie Bailey (on the back of the bike), Mark Bailey, Gary Luff, Rob Allen, Costas Tfofa, Graham Warnaby, Mike Dandy. Others who took part not pictured were Mark Smith and Neil Gregory (toddler group dads).



Whilst the children Toddle to support Barnados

The children of Painswick Playgroup have taken part in the Barnados Big Toddle. The Big Toddle is the UK's biggest charity event for children under the age of 5 and each year half a million children take part!

All children who attended playgroup on Tuesday 25th May were sponsored to take part and toddled around The Croft School field, many dressing up for the occasion. Pirates, fairies, firemen and cowgirls were a fun sight to see, as they raised money that goes towards Barnados family centres, play groups and parental support across the UK.

The children taking part all received a sticker and a medal for their efforts! Well done Painswick Playgroup children, what a jolly good effort!

Emma Bradshaw



Indulge yourself and help buy a canopy for the Playgroup!

Jennie Barber writes that the Painswick Playgroup is fundraising to build a canopy in their outside play area, to enable the children to "free play" outside in any weather. The British weather is well known for being unpredictable, and this is what they are trying to counteract! By covering just a small part of their outside area the children will be able to play outside safely on those days when it has been raining on the way in but the sun is blazing by mid-day and vice versa.

On the 16th July the Playgroup is holding an "All About You" indulgence evening at the Painswick Town Hall from 7pm to 10pm. There will be a variety of stalls to include Jewellery, Forever Living Aloe Vera products, Fashion items such as hand bags, purses and scarves, soaps and scents, Cotswold puddings, Cheeses, Wines, Local Cordials and several different beauticians offering treatments such as Indian head massage, Manicures, Neck massage and much more. Tickets are only £4 and this includes a free glass of bucks Fizz and

a mini treat! There will be a raffle, of which all the prizes will be from the stallholders.

Jennie is also looking for sponsors so if you feel you are able to sponsor them in any way contact her on 07769 695772 or 812644.

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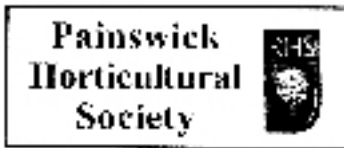
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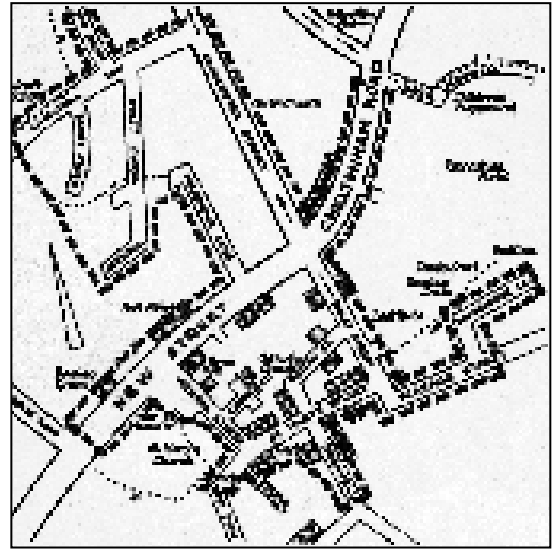


Once again it is time to show off all your hard work with containers and hanging baskets. Judging of these will take place in late July or early August.

The judge is chosen by the Painswick Horticultural Society and this year it will be Austen Perkins of Stonehouse.

- The competition covers all plantings in containers that can be viewed from the road. These may be tubs, pots, window boxes and hanging baskets.
- The area of the village that will be judged is within the dotted line on the map shown. Anyone outside this area who wishes to take part should contact Janet Crispin on 814818 by 14th July. There is no entry fee.
- There is one class for residents and one for businesses with one winner in each class.
- The winner in each class will be presented with the Society's silver Trophy at the Horticultural Show on 11th September 2010. No winner will be awarded first place in two consecutive years.
- The results of the competition together with the judge's comments will be announced in the October Painswick Beacon.

Janet Crispin



WANTED! Hedgehog Wardens and Hedgehog-friendly carpenter

In 2008 Annie Parfitt set up a Hedgehog hospital near Brimscombe in response to news that hedgehogs are dying out at a rate of about a fifth of the population every four years. Indeed hedgehogs are now so threatened that they are on the British wildlife endangered list.

Annie and her team of volunteers have been raising money since then and established a number of sheds to treat injured, sick, underweight and orphaned hedgehogs and hoglets.

They have been able to save many hedgehogs before releasing them into the wild again. Now they want to raise more awareness locally and find out more about the local hedgehog populations. Annie is seeking a volunteer in each village to become a 'Hedgehog Warden' - please contact Annie if you are interested on 01453 886424.

The Hedgehog Hospital would also love help from a volunteer carpenter with a few hours spare, as they have got so much more they want to do with their hospital. For more information see the website www.helpahedgehog.org/

Cllr. Philip Booth



Support Walking For Water

Alex Hewett writes: I'm an 18 year old who lives in Painswick and I am currently finishing my last year of Sixth Form at King's Gloucester. This September a friend and I will be travelling to Dornakal, South India. Once there we will be spending 3-4 months teaching at The English Medium School and strengthening its links with the Gloucester Diocese. Before going, we are attempting to do some fundraising in aid of a new water system. The water table in Dornakal is sinking which means that new bore holes need to be drilled so that clean water, something we all take for granted, can be made available. We have set a target of raising £1000 towards this project, a sum that would enable all the work to take place. In order to raise this amount we will be walking over 100 miles of the Thames Footpath from the source of the river, near Cirencester, to Windsor, starting on Monday 2nd August and finishing on Sunday 8th August. We would be very grateful if you could sponsor us for our walk. We have set up a JustGiving website on which you can sponsor us and find more information on the walk and what we will be doing in India. The web address is www.justgiving.com/DornakalWater. We will also

be posting sponsorship forms around the village or you could send any donations to The Red House, Lower Washwell Lane (please make cheques payable to The King's School Gloucester).

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Focus on ...

Dr Dick Jarrett

Dr Richard Jarrett, the second in our series on distinguished Painswickians, celebrates his 100th birthday on 22nd July. Born in Highgate, he went to Shrewsbury, before reading medicine and pathology at Caius College, Cambridge and St. George's Hospital, London.

After graduating, Dick Jarrett stayed on at George's as a house physician, and later as Registrar in Pathology and Pædiatrics. In 1937, he accepted an invitation to take up another pædiatrics post in Philadelphia, where he spent two years exploring the States. He first took up surfing on holiday at Waikiki, recalling that the boards were so heavy then that avoiding being hit after falling off was more important than worrying about sharks. He also remembers a chance meeting in Palm Springs with Cary Grant, reminiscing about home over dinner late into the evening.

Dick Jarrett returned to England in 1939, with war inevitable and was commissioned into the Royal Army Medical Corps. Shortly afterwards, he found himself en route to Egypt via the Cape in the 'Mauretania', in company with the 'Queen Mary' and the 'Aquitania', which had been re-fitted as troop ships. He recalls how a storm in the Bay of Biscay detached their covering screen of destroyers, leaving just a fast cruiser escorting the convoy to South Africa.

Arriving at Ismailia on the Suez Canal, he joined 19th Base Hospital, working under canvas in support of 8th Army. In 1942, with the Battle of Alamein at its height, Major Jarrett was posted as Medical Adviser to the British Military Mission in nominally-neutral Turkey, leading malarial eradication programmes to enable new RAF airstrips to be constructed within range of German targets in the Balkans. In 1944, as Lieutenant Colonel, he took over the medical detachment supporting Force 438, a combined operations unit running commando raids in the Aegean. Based at Izmir, he would go out in fast inshore craft helping to run much needed medical supplies to islanders under German occupation.

In 1946, having been demobbed, Dick Jarrett became senior consultant physician and cardiologist for Gloucestershire hospitals, based at Gloucester Royal, regularly travelling as far as Malmesbury or Monmouth. Shortly after arriving in Gloucester, he met an attractive young woman at a charity dance at the Royal George on New Year's Eve. They were married three months later. Mrs Joy Jarrett had been a promising actress before the war and served as a 'Wren' at Bletchley Park. They moved to Painswick in 1965. They were devoted to each other, raising two children and working together to support his large practice. Sadly, she died of lung cancer five years ago.

Dick Jarrett recalls an amusing anecdote during his time at Gloucester Royal. He had been called out at midnight by a GP he knew in the Forest of Dean, whose father was apparently having a heart attack. However, he realised on arrival that his patient was asphyxiating, stuck his fingers down his throat and removed his false



teeth with a flourish. History does not relate what passed between father and son after he left.

His years at Gloucester coincided with major advances in cardiology, with the advent of hypotensive drugs, anti-clotting agents and heart surgery. By the early 1950s, he was referring children with congenital heart disease to new surgical units in Bristol, Oxford and St. George's. The harmful effects of smoking and saturated fats had also become clear, leading to major advances in preventative medicine. Dr Jarrett retired from the NHS in 1975, but continued in private practice until 1990, with consulting rooms on College Green.

Dick Jarrett has always been a keen sportsman, winning his prep school long jump with 12ft 9ins when aged 11, playing squash for his college when Caius won the intercollegiate championships and later sailing his X-Class yacht with his brother in Poole Harbour and at Cowes Week. His sailing and surfing equipped him well for his subsequent interest in wind surfing, which he took up in his sixties, having seen this on holiday in Spain. He is the oldest member by many years of the Senior and Veterans Windsurfing Association, becoming National Champion one year. He also appeared on a TV news feature windsurfing on his 90th birthday. He only gave up after his wife fell ill. He is now a keen member of the Richmond Chess Club.



Dr. Jarrett is to be guest of honour this month at his College's gaudy dinner, celebrating the University's 800th Anniversary. There will also be a big party at home. It was a privilege to learn about his fascinating career. We wish him a very happy birthday.

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An Exhibition Worthy of a permanent home

- that is what many visitors said of the Painswick Local History Society's exhibition when it was open to the public on Saturday, 12th June. The Society was honoured to host this year's Gloucestershire Rural Community Council's annual history afternoon on the following day. The Beacon congratulates the organiser seen below.

Ed



History without a Hitch

After many weeks of intensive preparation the big history weekend held in the Town Hall on the 12th and 13th June was a great success – despite the roadworks!

Every year the GRCC invites a local history or similar society to host its annual regional history afternoon and this year Painswick was asked to do the honours. This is a big undertaking and there is some pressure involved as members of history and archaeology groups from a wide area apply to attend. A fairly intensive programme has to be arranged to suit the various interests of the guests.

Painswick Local History Society decided to mount a comprehensive exhibition for the occasion together with a talk, four guided walks of historic interest and a grand tea. As the exhibition took much time and effort to organise the decision was made to open it to the public on Saturday. Dozens of visitors came along and expressed much interest and praise, many posing the now familiar question of why can't there be a permanent display showing the town's history. Many interesting artefacts were loaned for the occasion and Stroud Museum sent two cases of Painswick-related items (not on display at the museum). The Croft School participated with some very impressive history project work.

On Sunday the eighty people who had applied arrived, many having had to be diverted to the Croft School car park because of the road closure. Lord Dickinson, President of our Society, gave the welcoming address followed by an excellent presentation by Mark Bowden. With fingers crossed to keep the promised rain at bay the walks set off, each catering for a particular interest and incorporating various levels of difficulty. Several local residents allowed our guests to visit their homes which were of historical significance and for this we are very grateful indeed. For the visitors it was an unexpected delight and at the end of all the walks they expressed their very complimentary thanks unreservedly. The tea was a great success and the team involved was truly splendid in its efforts. In fact, the whole event was a wonderful team effort with many history society members taking part.

The weather was lovely throughout the afternoon, only breaking into rain twenty minutes after the last visitor had left! All in all, the event was very successful and the Society would like to thank everyone who helped to make it such a problem-free and enjoyable occasion. John Loosley, on behalf of the GRCC, has also expressed his thanks to everyone involved reporting that the occasion was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

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*News snipped
from letters to parents by Janet Hoyle*

Thanks to the PTA

Janet Hoyle praised the PTA for their remarkable fund raising so far this term. £500 was raised through the Safari Supper and £720 by the half term sports camp. This latter was helped by matched funding from Barclays, for which thanks to Marc Weatherall. Very many people have worked hard to improve the pool this season and get it open for swimming.

Community Governor

Hi, I am Neena Buntwal. I have been a Community Governor since April 2009. I have lived in Painswick for 6 years and I work as a Psychiatrist in Cheltenham, treating patients with drug and alcohol problems.

I am a member of the Curriculum committee, and with the other members, we meet regularly to look at the school performance, and also make visits of the school to examine one or two specific topics in more depth.

As I do not have any children, I have had a steep learning curve finding out how primary school education works. Not surprisingly, it is full of performance targets and acronyms – just like the NHS!

I wanted to be a governor of The Croft because I believe that everyone has a responsibility to make sure that children have the best opportunities possible in life, and school should be a place where they get a great start.

I am also a Director of a national charity (Phoenix Futures) so have some experience of sitting on the board side of things.

In my spare time I enjoy gardening (definitely a novice), walking, travel, visiting art galleries, museums and the theatre.

I have been impressed by how happy and considerate the Croft children are, and I feel privileged to be one of their Governors.

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The PTA raises more funds for the school

Jo Weatherall writes on more fundraising activities for the school. The running costs of the pool are set to increase, so money is needed to build up the pool fund and fund other PTA projects. As she observed, the children have been busy!

Croft School Sports Camp

On 2nd June the Croft School PTA hosted a sports camp for children in the area. They had a mixed day of athletics/stretching with Marc Weatherall, Self-defence/confidence with Jo Weatherall, Leroy Ellis and Ben Nicholls, first aid /anatomy with Beverly Boyce and Mel, and Rugby/fitness with John Hawker. The total raised for the camp was £710 half of which was sponsored by Barclays Bank. All money raised will go to funds towards the school.



A sponsored swim of the English Channel

On 15th June the 148 pupils of The Croft School achieved an amazing feat. It was an organised event to raise funds for the school through the PTA. The day started with the plan to swim the 19 miles of the English Channel in the school pool, this was a staggering 3378 lengths. The day started well and by lunch time the first 3 classes had reached France so it was then down to the final two classes 4 & 5 to get them back home to England, a total of 6756 lengths of the school pool. With sheer determination and team spirit they made it by 3.15 the end of the school day. The children performed an amazing challenge and should be very proud of themselves. Thanks goes to all the helpers on the day, and a great list of local companies for sponsoring the support canoes, also Hamptons and Barclays bank for their continued support throughout the pool refurbishment. The challenge is estimated to raise around £1000 for the school.





A First Class Performance

Many in Painswick will have enjoyed Robert Burgess's perfect piano accompaniments in a variety of situations. It will come as no surprise then to learn that Robert won the much-coveted first place in the open piano section at the Cheltenham Festival in May.

Robert has often been placed at the Festival but this is his first

win and it is highly deserved. His playing of Chopin's Nocturne in D flat major, a technically and artistically challenging piece, was described by the adjudicator as "a wonderfully poetic and moving performance." He was outstanding in his class.

Having played since childhood Robert recently spent two years studying music at Trinity College where he gained a distinction. Locally he has been a piano accompanist at Painswick Hotel (now Cotswolds88), an accompanist with the Painswick Players, involved in a musical play at the Pittville Pump Rooms and a background pianist on various miscellaneous occasions. He frequently accompanies singers at competitive festivals in Cheltenham. Recently he gave professional performances with cellist, Robina Sabourin, at the AGM of the Music Society and with a singer at a concert in Bristol. He is also accompanist of the Dursley Male Voice Choir.

Currently Robert is working with two flautists and a cellist, developing a range of music styles for formal occasions such as weddings and luncheon parties. This ensemble is named The Real Tonic and they are available for special occasions. He prefers to play professionally with others though does acknowledge that the competition in Cheltenham offered a challenging opportunity as a soloist.

Robert wants as much performance experience as possible as a professional concert musician. He is already known and respected within the region and has had some prestigious engagements of which he is rightly proud. However, he would, of course, like to increase these to a steady flow.

Quite apart from his music, Robert is also studying for a degree in Maths and Statistics with the Open University with a long-term view to giving maths tuition at 'A' level. Maths and music are, it has to be said, an excellent combination and for Robert the music will always be important, especially performance.

Our hearty congratulations to Robert for such a prestigious achievement. His website is www.rjbpianoaccomp.com

Carol Maxwell

We are pleased to reprint this item from last month, part having been accidentally omitted. Ed.



The Thames Head Singers return to Painswick

On Saturday, 10th July at 7.30pm there will be a summer's evening concert at St. Mary's church, where you can relax and enjoy the music of this chamber choir who are returning this month to give their third concert here. The choir of about 25, under the direction of Richard Sharpe, come from a wide area of Gloucestershire – and have five members from Painswick, two of whom will sing a duet – and one – Christina Ashby - take solos. The programme will contain Chopin's only choral work as we celebrate his 200th anniversary and part of Karl Jenkins' Mass for Peace. There will be lighter folk music – and a chance for audience participation! We hope for a delightful summer evening to enjoy the drinks and nibbles (for which we ask for a donation) outside during the interval.

Tickets are available priced £8 from the Post Office and The Chairman shop – or at the door on the evening. The money from the concert is going towards the new lighting project in the church.

Rita Bishop

John Found

May's Beacon carried a request from Liz Moseley of Preston to trace ancestors of her family and in particular John Niblett from Painswick, who was christened in 1800. Graham Gyde has now come up with many details culled from census and death records and sent them to Liz Mosley. It is fascinating to see how much information can be gleaned from such records. For example they show, at 10 year intervals, where he lived and with whom (eg his wife and children and their occupations). Graham even traced John's son who moved to Bermondsey! Well done Graham

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Letters

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Gloucester Street road surface

Professor Angela Newing writes from Hambutts Mead:

We have been informed that Gloucester Street, Painswick is due to be resurfaced in October. In the meantime, the condition of the road surface continues to deteriorate and those of us who have to drive on it regularly fear greatly for our wheels, tyres and springs as we try to avoid the worst of the potholes.

Would it be possible, as a temporary measure, for parked cars to use the right hand side of the road instead of the left so that moving vehicles could have a somewhat better surface? I'm sure that the Highways Department would tell us that to alter the yellow lines from one side to the other would cost an enormous sum. Under these circumstances, perhaps the local people could come up with a satisfactory compromise solution.

Speeding in Edge

Graham Lilley writes from Lower Bumps: The Parish Council Annual Report contained in the Beacon for June reports that the villagers would like to see a further speed restriction on the A4173 (in Edge). I think a more accurate description of their wishes might be that they would like to see the existing speed limit enforced as necessary since there seems little point in introducing another arbitrary limit that will be ignored and risking creeping urbanisation of our rural village with all that that entails. The wish of course is to achieve road safety to which end might I propose an extension of the double white lines in the Stroud direction to beyond the

Cud Lane turning which would protect that junction (where there have been a number of near misses) and also deter those who are determined to overtake and in turn speed through the more densely occupied part of Edge.

Tourist Information Centre (T.I.C.)

Mr T A Radway writes:

I recently stood in Bisley Street observing pedestrian movements. The number of "visitors" to the village using that street is minimal. To even consider the old "Lloyds Bank" premises as a site for a T.I.C. is a travesty of common sense and a potential waste of money being in the WRONG PLACE. Inform those involved in the decision making process if you too have a strong opinion.

Lloyds Building

David Batty, also, writes:

The PPC has voted to commit what amounts to an 11% increase in the Parish Council Tax. Furthermore, their agreement to lease the Lloyds building has been made without any sound business plan.

They hope it will force the County Council to use it for the library. But that will not be considered until the autumn, at least. The current situation is not positive.

Meanwhile, the PPC want the Tourist Information Office to use it. But the main beneficiaries, the traders and businesses, are not prepared to provide financial support.

It is the ratepayers that pick up the cost of £8k - £10k in the first year.

Should the PPC be gambling with our Council Tax like this?

Surely, before committing to the lease, it would be responsible to accommodate the TIO in a temporary office (Town Hall?) and wait until the intentions for the library are clear.

See Stop Press on page 2

Lead Thieves Plunder St Mary's

At some time during the night and early hours of 9th and 10th June a substantial quantity of lead was stolen from the cupola above the porch of St Mary's Church. This amounts to about two-thirds of the covering, the remainder having been partially lifted. A leaded light window was also smashed during the theft. The damage was noticed by a mother taking her children to school at about 8.30 on the morning of the 10th.

About two years ago a lead down pipe was stolen from near the porch and since that theft all the lead has been painted with SmartWater, an anti-theft solution, which allows lead dealers to identify the source of the lead.

This was a particularly slick and nasty crime and the police and church wardens are very anxious to hear from anyone who saw or heard anything that night which may have been connected to the theft.

Carol Maxwell

Social activity at the Golf Club

We are pleased to note that the Pamper evening & fashion show, referred to in the June Beacon, was very successful. We are pleased to report that Wendy Workman, the Events manager, tells us that money will be donated to the Croft School from the ticket sales.

Wendy also mentions that non-members are welcome to come and eat at the club and that snacks and cream teas are served all day made fresh to order.

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The Downside

It was obvious that the complete closure of the A46 between Bisley Street and Victoria Square would lead to tremendous disruption to village life. The only other option for drivers, without having to make an extended diversion via Gloucester or the lanes through Sheepscombe, would be to use Vicarage Street or Bisley Street. The question, which had to be addressed by the Authorities, was the extent to which the Vicarage Street/ Bisley Street route could be open to all users. Clearly the residents of Vicarage Street would have liked a complete restriction on its use; however, this would mean inconvenience for any other local resident needing to cross Painswick from North to South. And shops and businesses would clearly be unhappy at any proposal that would mean those visitors and tourists to Painswick, on whom many depend, would be discouraged. In the end the village seems to have had the worst of both worlds. The original signage was inadequate and failed to satisfy either point of view. From Stroud the signs on the whole seemed clear enough. The A46 was closed and the route to "North Painswick" was diverted through Gloucester because New Street was closed. Coming from Cheltenham the sign after the A417 roundabout indicated that the way to Stroud was straight down the A46. At the Cross Hands roundabout there was a small sign on the roundabout indicating a diversion towards Gloucester for "Painswick South", but no further advice for Stroud traffic. Immediately after the roundabout, at the exit from the garage an "Advance Warning" sign had been put up by Morrison Utility Services explaining why New Street had to be closed but saying "Business Open As Usual".

Too Much Traffic

The net result was much through traffic still continued through Painswick using the Vicarage Street route, causing chaos at times in the village. Lorries and vans used the route. At one time a B & Q lorry on the way to Stroud became stuck, but the police were helpful in sorting out the resulting logjam of cars. Often cars were unable to pass each other resulting in great long queues. Local residents frequently tried to help, if only to stop the angry blowing of horns. On one occasion local resident Ann Williams suggested to one male driver that he reversed a few yards to allow traffic from the other direction to get past. Apparently the driver became rather abusive and declared in no uncertain manner he was not going to reverse for anyone. Ann caustically responded "I thought men used to say that only women drivers couldn't reverse!" Artists from the Open Studio - waiting in vain for visitors - also helped on many occasions. Signage in the village was less than helpful; many motorists assumed they could travel up Bisley Street the wrong way and apparently at least 10 drivers were booked at the top. Some residents would have preferred to have seen a greater traffic control presence at the bottom of Bisley Street. At other times traffic raced down Vicarage Street to get to the next corner before traffic came the other way causing risk to the residents. There was damage to four historic walls, gateposts or houses. Even in New Street there were problems. One impatient motorist drove past the Road Closed sign and ended up trying to exit through Hollyhock lane!

But too few visitors and tourists

Now, although 'non resident' traffic still wound its way through Painswick it did mean that tourists were discouraged, and any that ventured as far as Painswick from the North would have found parking difficult or non-existent. Furthermore, any who ventured as far as the Bisley Street junction were then diverted to Gloucester - assuming they did not deem themselves a "resident". Consequently many shops and businesses have suffered financial loss. Shops and businesses such as Chairman, Olivas, Painswick Woodcrafts, Patchwork Mouse, Fiery Beacon and A Treasure Trove of Lovely Things suffered a massive reduction in trade - typically down 70%. Takings at Londis suffered. The Post Office also suffered badly and some regular customers could no longer get to the shop. Restaurants and the pubs suffered. At the Royal Oak Keith Ayres saw his business reduced by 50% or more. Keith stated he had established that *"For any business or individual who may have suffered financial loss, as a result of the road-works and may wish to make a claim for compensation; they should contact Wales & West Utilities on 0292 027 0653. Wales & West Utilities will take your details and send a pack. They will then instruct a loss adjuster to assess and argue the claim. Whether or not any payment is payable depends upon the circumstances and the level of proof available to establish that the loss was due to the work they have undertaken. Please note this is not legal advice and each should take appropriate advice from a qualified person."*

Visitors to the Open Artists studios were fewer than expected. When the artists had signed up - at a not insignificant sum - for the Stroud Valleys festival the road works were scheduled at an earlier date. What has also been most galling for the artists is that some mean minded individual removed or stole 16 signs they had put up advertising the Open Studios, the signs having been located in places and ways agreed with the relevant councils. How mean can you get?



One of the signs - but was it 'business as usual'?



A rather less than helpful sign?



An example of damage in Vicarage Street - to a 18th century gate pillar

Experiences and lessons learned

The Positive Side



Nothing could stop the Beacon being delivered - and if cars could not be used then there was always the wheel barrow.

New Street and surrounding residents also illustrated the best qualities of our village in making the best of a bad job. There was nothing they could do to stop the fearsome noise of machinery during the day or increase the number of visitors to adjoining shops. However, they could have a street party and indeed two were held. "Community spirit was never higher" was the frequent comment made.



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The Post Office gets ready for the parties



Dawn, the party organiser with Barbara



Conclusions and Lessons learned:

Given that the A46 had to be closed there probably was no easy solution. Undoubtedly there could have been much better signage. Perhaps one of the problems was a possible overlapping of responsibilities. One remembers the old adage "Order, Counterorder, Disorder". It appears that the contractors, Morrisons had the responsibility for signage under supervision of/collaboration with the County Council's Highway Department. The Highways Agency has responsibility if there was a need for diversion signs on trunk roads or motorways. Whoever had ultimate responsibility it should have been made clear that lorries and vans could not use Vicarage Street. Arrangements should have been made for some form of traffic control down Vicarage Street. Diversions should have been better thought through. More parking should have been made available for tourists - Painswick was anything but open for business as usual - even although charges in Stamages Lane car park were suspended by Stroud District Council during the period of the road works. And now we must stop individuals who remove perfectly legal signs advertising local events.



A Great Day at the Painswick Fete



Despite a gloomy start, the sun at last made an appearance for the Painswick Fete on Saturday afternoon (19th June) at Painswick House, to the extent that one was able to enjoy a luxury hot dog, ice cream or cup of tea whilst sitting on the grass outside the glorious tea tent, and so a wonderful day was had by all.

Excitements ranged from the “human fruit machine” (served by robed “priests”) to delicious homemade cakes, to generously donated raffle prizes and Throw the Welly and peaked at 3.15pm when a number of drooling dogs took part in a sausage race. There was a prize for the dog that looked most like its owner - or was it the other way around? The proud owner of the winning dog said "I didn't know we had so much in common!" The Red Arrows also put on a fly past - but perhaps this was just coincidental?

The day was made even more enjoyable listening to music provided by a wonderful youth jazz band. The amazing thing is that they first got together for the fete, although they do play in various bands at the same music group as part of the five valleys music centre run by Gloucestershire Music.



Victoria Elvidge says:

'A huge thank you to all who helped organise it and make it work and of course to all who came – the day was a huge success and your generosity raised nearly £2500; to be split between Cotswold Care Hospice and St Mary's.'



Dave Smith (07805.942995)- Leader and Lead Trumpet, Ed Gamble -Trumpet, Jack Fleming -Tenor Sax and Clarinet, Katrina Window - Tenor Sax, Emily Jenner - Alto Sax, Tamzin Broad - Alto Sax, Carter Taylor - Drums, Hallam Robinson - Bass Guitar, Sam Thompson - Electric Guitar, James Gosling - Keyboard

Two chocaholics guess the weight of the cake



“Epic (real) summer activity continued at Coates on 24th May when led by Martin Wright, the club gathered to hear more bird song within the wooded area, paradoxically once a hive of canal barge activity. At the famous twisting

railway bridge, the willow warbler called and later the song thrush teased with a tiny part of its huge repertoire. Joined by Brian Bailey of Radio Gloucestershire, illustrious officers were interviewed, thus reaching the sound waves on 6th June!

So to the Gower extravaganza (13th-16th June) first with a cliff trudge at Three Cliffs Bay, spirits challenged by sharp rain and wind before reaching brighter beach airs for the photographic record, sight of grouped choughs in black/red panoply and a great black - backed gull cavorting near water's edge. And then a rock pipit posed for some twenty minutes to satiate mental appetites.

Bright day dawned at Oxwich Bay to the cuckoo's call as we were guided through widely varied habitat, consequently with sight and sound of some thirty diverse bird species from strident jackdaw to modest chiffchaff. Academic discussion naturally ensued over dinner at the Oxwich Bay Hotel, sitting amidst amazing coastal panorama, a visual feast indeed!

The Tuesday jaunt was to Rhossili Bay, a great cliff walk to spectacular Worms Head abruptly rising from the sea - perhaps more like a tortoise head and shell - but with no time to brave the causeway and turn of tide. Thirty odd quite diverse limestone flora from hemp agrimony to tiny perfect, pink centaury were spied, a raptor kestrel caught the eye and at the last, a linnets trio among grass stems, red breast and crown aglow. Great was the successful weekend endeavor and gratitude must go to Joy Elwothy and Bill Boydell for its organisation. Why not join us next year?"

Martin and Wendy Addy

Local History Teaser

Oh dear, do we have to see it on the page as well as when we're out and about, you ask. Well, this photograph was not taken in 2010 and it serves as a reminder that digging up the road in New Street is not just a recent cause of annoyance. Have you any idea when the picture was taken and for what purpose New Street was being dug up on that occasion? Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's photograph of Painswick Silver Band dates back to c1949 and has aroused much interest. John Hogg contacted the Beacon to say that his grandfather, William Tranter, is on the back row second from the left and next to him is Johnny Musty. John also tells us that he himself played French horn in the band as a boy. Other people have said they recognise faces but can not name them – so frustrating! The whereabouts of the instruments after the band ceased to exist remains a mystery.



... and the Local History Society looking at letterboxes

Following the AGM reports at the June meeting Trevor Radway gave the members a presentation which guaranteed they would look at letterboxes very differently from now on.

Few ordinary letters were sent before 1840 and those that were were taken to receiving houses – in Painswick the Falcon. The introduction of a new system involving the postage stamp and letterboxes resulted in a huge increase in the sending of mail by 1850. So where is the oldest box in Painswick? Dating from about 1863-73 it is to be found at the bottom of Tibbiwell opposite Brookhouse Mill. The oldest one in England, made in Gloucester, is in Dorset.

Mr Radway illustrated his talk with a startlingly wide range of fascinating designs some of which related to location, some to purpose and others to a particular period of time. Many are now very rare and unusual, for example the fluted variety with vertical slot to be found in Warwick and Malvern, or the Liverpool box of which there are now only two remaining. In Cheltenham there are six unusual Victorian boxes, all listed

buildings. Some splendid Edward VII and George V boxes have also survived. There are surprising differences in height and girth. They are generally marked with the sign of the incumbent monarch though for political reasons one or two in Scotland are anonymous.

The K4 telephone kiosk with post box and stamp dispenser all in one – and also at about that time special blue boxes were made for airmail letters. One of these survives in Cirencester, still visible through its flaking red paint. The original boxes were green but have all been red for some time now. As with the free-standing types, wall boxes come in a surprising range of designs and also the tiny pole boxes installed in rural areas. Some now do not have large enough apertures though all modern boxes are designed to take all sizes. Our letterboxes are all protected and, as they are here to stay, it may well be worth taking a closer look at this very British institution.

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Beacon Clear Up

My forecast of glorious sunshine for the litter pick on Painswick Beacon was perfect. A dozen volunteers, including a few new faces, gathered in the car park near Catbrain quarry and cleared the area in about an hour. The amount of rubbish seemed less than previous years – though the grass was longer and may have hidden some. Our strangest find was an electrical generator bearing a reference number X2/6115-99-102-1041. It was heavy – it took three of us just to drag it to the road. Then one of our volunteers created an artwork (rivalling Tracey Emin in my view) comprising an armchair, a collection of cushions, a bread maker and a bonnet from a car. And there were slices of brown bread, the usual cans, bottles, crisp packets and other rubbish which was collected up in black bags.

Many thanks to David and Celia, Tim and Louise, David, David, Donald, Terry, Sue, Dini, and Jane. And thanks also to George for removing the rubbish and the artwork.

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Man of Many Parts

Richard Lovell is certainly a man with many skills at his fingertips. Living in the heart of Painswick at Tibbiwell Lodge in Tibbiwell, he keeps a veritable juggling act of activities up and running on a daily basis.



Richard has been involved in the building trade all his life and currently runs his own business. He is very experienced and in all aspects of the trade. Locally he has developed a good reputation for the many jobs he has undertaken ranging from extensions to house remodels to small repairs. Richard is happy to take on the smallest to the grandest of projects. He also includes hard landscaping in the services on offer.

Having moved to Painswick in 2000, Richard bought what was at the time a very small bungalow. He then set about converting it into what is now a rather fine house, ie Tibbiwell Lodge. For most people working all week as a builder would probably be more than enough. Not so for Richard. He decided to open part of his lovely house for Bed and Breakfast. Now in its third year it has 4-star accreditation from the English Tourist Board and Richard does all that is necessary for the guests at weekends. During the week he has help. "I enjoy the interaction with the guests who come from all over the world," he says.

His latest enterprise is an additional self-catering unit converted from the former garage and workshop. This is brand new, and very attractive it has to be said. Richard is a very sociable person and for him having visitors in his home is a joy even after a hard day's building work.

As a single parent, his other major responsibility is his son, Harry. Aged ten, Harry is a pupil at Croft School and clearly at ease with the presence of their many interesting visitors.

Richard grew up in Bristol but talks of his many happy boyhood memories of family outings to Painswick. Living here is obviously a pleasure and he is very happily settled. He can be contacted with regard to all building work and his B&B business on 812748, or mobile 07872310393, or email lovell_richard@hotmail.com.

Carol Maxwell

More of making the most of your Post Office

Painswick Post Office offers so many services and products, just some of which have already been described in previous issues. To add to the wide and varied list, here are two more.

Turkish Lira are now obtainable in addition to the Euro and US dollar. Other currencies can of course be ordered with one or two days notice. For next day availability simply order before 12 noon on the previous day.

A new product this month is the Post Office Budget Card which has replaced the £5 savings stamps. Application forms are available at the Post Office and you will need ID details on the application form. You can transfer your savings stamps to the card.

We are lucky to have our Post Office and our ever helpful Postmistress. It is important, therefore, to continue to show our support.

Carol Maxwell

Four Months ... so far so good at the Royal Oak

In a March article the Beacon welcomed the arrival of Keith Ayres and Claire Harper as the new proprietors of the Royal Oak, and Keith and Claire are grateful to the support received from the residents of Painswick. Keith has written: "We would like to thank each of you for the support you have given us to start the long process of turning the Royal Oak Inn into.... a thriving traditional local pub."

Keith also has a new member of staff, Chaos, a Siberian Husky. He is nearly 10 years old and Keith says he loves all, dogs and people alike (especially if they have crisps). He has classic wolf markings so can look intimidating but is in fact softer than a pussy cat. In fact, Keith says that the Royal Oak Inn is dog friendly (for well behaved dogs), provided they are kept on a lead at all times. However, people allergic to dogs will also be well looked after!

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Tennis

The new courts at Broadham will be officially opened by tennis ace Jeremy Bates on the evening of Thursday 8th July. Current and past members are welcome to attend with tickets available from Ruth Smith (07919246386) priced £7.50 to include a hot supper and a glass of wine. Tennis Club committee members look forward to a unique and memorable evening and hope that many will join them.

Cricket

Painswick first eleven have been producing some solid performances in recent weeks and have climbed to third place in the Gloucestershire Premier Division. They have been strengthened by the arrival of several new players. Abhijit Joshi has been especially impressive as a batsman and spin bowler. In a 16 overs per side match against Gloucester Harlequins he scored an amazing 147 runs. On Saturday 19th June Painswick first eleven played Tewkesbury and defeated the home side by 8 wickets with James Cook and another welcome newcomer, wicketkeeper/batsman Christian Marsh sealing the victory with undefeated knocks of 70 and 44 respectively. On the same day at Broadham Painswick second eleven had a very exciting victory over their Tewkesbury opponents scoring the winning runs with the last pair at the crease. Paul Morris has continued his good form for the second eleven scoring an undefeated 79 against Stone as well as taking 5 wickets. Alastair Bressington played an important part in the first eleven's victory over Redmarley taking 5 wickets and scoring 75 runs.

Results (All Saturday matches are league games unless otherwise stated: * indicates not out)

Sun 30th May. Painswick 200-9 Frocester 201-4.

Painswick under 13XI 117-5 Hardwicke under 13XI 71.

June results

Wed 2nd. 16 Overs. Painswick 149-4 (Abhijit Joshi 49) Walls Crescent 92.

Thu 3rd. Old Down under 17 148-4 Painswick under 17 152-2 (Abhijit Joshi 55).

Fri 4th. 20 Overs. Corse & Staunton Women's 1st XI 142-2 Painswick Ladies 1st XI 103-2.

Sat 5th. Painswick 1st XI 273-5 Redmarley 1st XI 94-9.

Redmarley 2nd XI 207-9 Painswick 2nd XI 208-5 (P Morris 89).

Sun 6th. Painswick 209-5 declared Bisley 177. Apperley 236-8 Painswick 100.

Wed 9th. 16 Overs. Painswick 122-8 Woodpeckers 123-3.

Sat 12th. Painswick 1st XI 233-7 (J Cook 46 W Neville 65) Stone 1st XI 141.

Stone 2nd XI 143 Painswick 2nd XI 145-2.

Whitminster 1st XI 278-8 Painswick 3rd XI 184-6 (S Pegram 48* J Hall 45*).

Sun 13th. Upton St Leonards 81 Painswick 82-2 (Abhijit Joshi 43).

Wed 16th. 16 Overs. Painswick 204-3 Gloucester Harlequins 127-6.

Fri 18th. Rockhampton under 17 v Painswick under 17. Rockhampton conceded.

Sat 19th. Tewkesbury 1st XI 172-7 Painswick 1st XI 173-2.

Tewkesbury 2nd XI 214-8 Painswick 2nd XI 216-9.

Painswick 3rd XI 184-9 (S Pegram 43*) Stroud 3rd XI 187-6.

Stroud 4th XI 94 Painswick 4th XI 98-7. Fixtures

Painswick's Cricket Week

The annual cricket week starts on Sunday 25th July at Broadham with a 6-a-side tournament. For details of the matches being played throughout the week please

see the notice board in the Broadham Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to this very popular event.

Fixtures

Sat 26th June. Painswick 1st XI v Woodmancote 1st XI.

Woodmancote 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Painswick 3rd XI v Cam 3rd XI.

Cam 4th XI v Painswick 4th XI.

Sun 27th June. Painswick Ladies 1st XI v Gloucester City Winget Ladies 1st XI.

Wed 30th June. 16 Overs. Painswick v Shurdington.

Sat 3rd July. Painswick 1st XI v Dumbleton 1st XI.

Dumbleton 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Cam 3rd XI v Painswick 3rd XI.

Painswick 4th XI v Cam 4th XI.

Wed 7th July. 16 Overs. Walls Crescent v Painswick.

Fri 9th July. Painswick Ladies 1st XI v Old Bristolians Westbury 1st XI.

Sat 10th July. Cinderford St John 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

Painswick 2nd XI v Cinderford St John 2nd XI.

Painswick 3rd XI v Uley 1st XI.

Uley 2nd XI v Painswick 4th XI.

Sun 11th July. Painswick v Slimbridge.

Wed 14th July. 16 Overs. Painswick v Woodpeckers.

Sat 17th July. Painswick 1st XI v Lydney 1st XI.

Lydney 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Stone 3rd XI v Painswick 3rd XI.

Painswick 4th XI v Frampton on Severn 3rd XI.

Wed 21st July. 16 Overs. Shurdington v Painswick.

Sat 24th July. Kingsholm 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

Painswick 2nd XI v Kingsholm 2nd XI.

Slimbridge 2nd XI v Painswick 4th XI.

Painswick 3rd XI v Frocester 5th XI.

Sat 31st July. Painswick 1st XI v Redmarley 1st XI.

Redmarley 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Eastington 1st XI v Painswick 3rd XI.

Painswick 4th XI v Woodchester 2nd XI.

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July News



The summer months are upon us now (I hope) and even I who can wither a plant at a glance, feel compelled to potter in the garden. I've had major back surgery so have to limit myself to short bursts of light weeding; sadly my jungle requires many hours of heavy duty attack, but so be it. So as frustrating as it is, if your body is telling you that you're overdoing it, then give it a treat and sit in the deckchair and admire the view. As the saying goes "weeds are simply plants which are growing in the wrong place". Regular readers will know that I do like to have the odd nag or two about Care Lines that are not worn and this is the perfect opportunity to repeat a worthy cause! Most personal alarms have a range of 50-60 yards/ meters and I know many people who have been lucky enough to have been wearing theirs when they fell in their garden so could get help immediately. Only yesterday I was with a lovely lady who while showing me her "Bee Orchards", tripped on an uneven step and took a tumble. By the way, her Care Line was lying on the table in her sitting room. My advice would be simply to wear it all the time, even in bed. Don't worry about setting it off; the people on the other end would rather know it went off by accident than it couldn't be used when you needed it. It's also worth looking at where you think it might be useful to have a handrail (Care and Repair can put them in for you) and if there are any wobbly steps/ paving slabs that need repairing.

Talking to our local chemist in Painswick I was very interested to find out the other useful services offered there which might interest you. In addition to the friendly and helpful staff and the large choice of products available, you can also make use of something called a MUR (Medication Use Review). This takes place in the privacy of the consultation room and here you can discuss how you use your medication and any problems that you might have. It's not about what you take for what condition because that's something you discuss with your GP. It might be something like you need to be refreshed in how to use your inhaler properly (most people get into bad habits). It might be that you have problems swallowing some tablets, or don't follow or understand the importance of the time schedule specified on the prescription.

A particularly useful service which I have taken advantage of recently of someone is the use of a weekly dispenser tray for the variety of medication you might be on. The tray is divided into the days of the week and each day has the different times marked that the tablets need to be taken. The tops are sealed so if you can't remember if you took the particular tablet, you can check the seal. This is invaluable for people who are getting confused especially if they are living on their own and can't ask their partner / carer to help them out. It can easily be arranged at the pharmacy who will consult with your GP. Other chemists in the area carry out similar services, so if in doubt, simply ask the pharmacist. And finally... please check what medication is tucked away in drawers and cupboards and are no longer required or even out of date. Again, this is where you local chemist comes in handy; they will happily take it off you and dispose of it safely.

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Lou Kemp

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Owls and belly dancing

Were you aware that you can tell which owls hunt at night from those that hunt by day? If you can get near enough to see, you will find that the day hunters have light coloured eyes while the night hunters have much darker ones. This was one of the many interesting snippets from the presentation given by Vincent Price in May, when he came to tell Yew Trees WI about his dedicated work at the Barn Owl Centre.



Vincent sold a thriving business to start this sanctuary for injured and abandoned birds, where he nurses owls back to health, and releases them back in to the wild if appropriate, and cares for them if not. A beautiful barn owl, Luna, who is fourteen years old, accompanied Vincent, and sat patiently while he showed a spectacular power point presentation of his work, often turning her head to look at the portrait of the Queen on the wall of the Town Hall, much to the amusement of the members.

Five members attended the Group Rally at Upton, on June 4th, where they were entertained by a belly dancing troupe, and enjoyed meeting other WI members. Lunch at the Rococo Gardens was the reward for walking there the long way round for several members this month, avoiding the ever increasing grand prix through the village!

For those ladies not on holiday, do come and join us to hear Roger Jones talking about life "Beyond the BBC" on July 27, 7.30 at the Town Hall. This will be the last formal meeting before the August break, and you will be given a very warm welcome, which in the last few months has encouraged five new members to join Yew Trees WI. So hope to see you there!

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Washing in El Contador



You may be forgiven for thinking that the picture is one of The Beacon's local history teasers taken around the end of the 19th. Century. In fact it is the village's recently refurbished wash house. We supposed that when work was completed it would become just

a curiosity - until we saw our neighbour Isobel (she is 87) pushing a wheelbarrow full of washing down our street. We are no longer surprised by anything in rural Spain.

Supplied by well water, which is surprisingly warm, flowing continually through the building, the wash house also now competes with Maria Rosa's shop as the "gossip point".

We are at the beginning of the Fiesta season in Spain with El Contador's first in a few days time. A 2 day/night fixture celebrating the village's patron Saint who is San Antonio de Padua. Our main Fiesta follows at the end of July when the village really gets down to some serious partying. We are in for an exhausting summer, I hope to be able to tell you all about it later in the year, including the sheeps head alfresco feast this coming Friday evening.....

If you have been, thanks for reading, have a jolly good summer.

Christopher Piper-Short

Field Club Excursion to Leckhampton Hill

On Thursday 27th May, a small group of members of The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club gathered on a warm, sunny afternoon at the Hartley Lane car park, for a Wild Flowers walk around Leckhampton Hill. Guided by Clare and Mark Kitchen, county recorders for botany, we started with the flora of the unimproved calcareous grasslands for which Leckhampton Hill was awarded SSSI status. We were rewarded with three orchids, Common Spotted, Common Twayblade and uncommon White Helleborine, Leckhampton Hill being the best site in Gloucestershire for the latter. This year's cold, dry spring has delayed flowering of White Helleborine by almost two weeks, which means that it may not have a successful season. Leaf-cover from the more advanced beechwoods overhead may deprive this plant of the necessary light and moisture to complete its life cycle.

Our route then took us past the 'trig' point and the topograph where the group paused to enjoy the stunning view, from the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons, round to the Clent and Abberley hills. Our return route took in the outer wall of the once-extensive Brownstones Quarry, where members identified rhynchonellid brachiopods and an echinoid (possibly *Clypeus Ploti*). At the end of a leisurely two-hour walk, we were treated to tea and cakes at the home of the Club's President, Jenny Jackson.

The Club's next Lecture Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th July at 7:30pm in the Town Hall, when Duncan Coombes will talk about 'Spring in Japan'. Our next field meeting on Saturday 3rd July is a full-day geological excursion to Westbury and Nailbridge with Dr Joe Angeseing. For further details, including Field Club membership, tel. 813228.

Jane Rowe

PROPERTY REPORT for June from Murrays

There have been a few important changes since the last time that I wrote, the main one being the change of Government to a hung parliament. This has meant one important change to the housing market in the form of the abolition of the Home Information Pack. Therefore you now no longer need this pack in order to market your property and meaning also that you will be saving money. You will however still need to have your energy efficiency rating measured as this is still a legal requirement within the EC and it essentially measures our carbon footprints. The EPC rating only needs to be ordered before your property can be marketed thus making the whole process a lot quicker between deciding to sell and being advertised and on the internet etc.

As I'm sure you are all aware there is also a budget coming up next week, and although there have been many opinions about what changes this may bring we will just have to wait and see what happens on the 22nd June and hope that it is a decent forecast for the future.

Confidence still remains high within the property market and although we are taking on a lot of new property we are selling quicker than we are taking on. We therefore need more new properties all the time so if you are thinking of selling then this

is a great time of year to do it and we can provide you with a free valuation straight away.

We have taken on lots of lovely new properties including; Wellington House, a classic 4 bedroom townhouse on Stroud Road (already under offer) 9 Berry Close, a 3 bed recently refurbished and extended house, (already under offer) 7 Berry Close an end of terrace 3 bedroom, The Old House also newly renovated spacious 3 bedroom on New Street, The Orchard a 4 bedroom house with lovely garden in Edge (already under offer), Wren Cottage a pretty 4 bedroom in Callowell, 45 Churchfield Road a spacious 4 bed in Upton-St-Leonards, Old George Coach House a period 3 bed cottage in Bisley and Maurica a large bungalow with potential in Whiteway.

Properties that are under offer are 9 Berry Close, Owlcote on Stamages Lane, Wellington House on Stroud Road and Badgers Lawn in Cranham and properties that have now sold are 12a Hyett Orchard, 11 Hyett Orchard, 11 Stroud Road, 35 Ashwell, Packers Edge Lane, Twineham Gloucester Rd, Prospect House in Sheepscombe, The Laurels in Slad and The Orchard in Edge.

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Tue	6	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) to 10th Rococo Players production - As You Like It	Christ Church Hall 9.30 to 12.00noon Rococo Garden 7.30pm
Wed	7	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: The Severn Bore - Chris Witts Parish Council Planning Meeting	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall 9.30 to 11.00am Shires Room, Falcon 10.00am Town Hall 7.00pm
Thu	8	Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139 Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre 7.30 to 10.00pm Painswick Centre 9.30 to 11.00am Town Hall 9.30am Town Hall 12.00 to 1.00pm Town Hall 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	9	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays Conservatives Summer Wine Party £10: guest speaker Neil Carmichael MP. By kind permission of Mr & Mrs L Gardiner	Town Hall 10.00am Sheephouse, Painswick 6.30 to 8.30pm
Sat	10	Painswick Companion Dog Show & Charity Day Thameshead Singers Summer concert Victorian Costume Ball. For info Tel: 01453 883150	Recreation Ground From 10.30am St Mary's Church 7.30pm Painswick Centre 8.00 to 11.30pm
Sun	11	Croft School PTA Butterfly Trail	Croft School 2.00 to 5.00pm
Tue	13	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	Stamages Car Park 6.30pm
Thu	15	Horticultural Society Outing to the Laskett Garden - Herefordshire	Stamages Car Park 1.00pm
Fri	16	Friday Club: President's Meeting "All About You" Indulgence Evening in aid of Painswick Playgroup. Tickets £4 to include glass of bucks fizz	Town Hall 2.30pm Town Hall 7.00 to 10.00pm
Wed	21	Probus: Ladies' Summer Luncheon Parish Council Meeting	Edge Village Hall 7.30pm
Sat	24	Copy dateline for August Beacon	
Tue	27	Share-A-Book children's mobile library and Storytime. Yew Trees W I: Beyond the BBC - Roger Jones	(near Croft School) Churchill Way 10.30am to 12 noon Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat	31	Arts Festival Opening Day Wearable Art Parade Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Summer Show	Town Hall From 10.30am Painswick Centre 12noon to 2.00pm Daily
AUGUST			
Tue	3	Share-A-Book children's mobile library and Storytime.	(near Croft School) Churchill Way 10.30am to 12 noon
Thu	5	Portway Group Art Exhibition - daily until Sun 8th Aug	Town Hall 10.00am to 4.30pm
Sat	7	August Issue of The Painswick Beacon published	
Tue	10	Friday Club Outing on River Severn from Worcester to Upton-on-Severn Share-A-Book children's mobile library and Storytime.	(near Croft School) Churchill Way 10.30am to 12 noon
Thu	19	Horticultural Society Outing to Powis Castle	Stamages Car Park 8.30am
Wed	25	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	Stamages Car Park 1.00pm
SEPTEMBER			
Wed	8	Probus: Gloucester Docks, Past & Present - Hugh Conway-Jones	Shires Room, Falcon 10.00am
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
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: Priories & 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			
Wed	6	Probus: Members Talk	Shires Room, Falcon 10.00am
Fri	8	Friday Club: The History of Writing - Pam Harmer	Richmond, Painswick 2.30pm
Sun	10	Think Twice about Climate Change: talk & discussion panel chaired by Bishop of Tewkesbury	St Mary's church 7.00pm



Tue	12	Bird Club: Britain's Breeding Seabirds: Graham Wren APRS	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	13	Ashwell House Day Centre Coffee Morning	Ashwell House	10.30am
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
Fri	22	Friday Club: Autumn trip to Slimbridge		
Tue	26	Yew Trees W I: Demonstration of Enamelling - Jeff Ford	Town Hall	7.30pm
NOVEMBER				
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 - by Clare Nayegon at 2.30pm	Town Hall	1.45pm
Sat	6	Painswick Singers perform 'Iolanthe' by Gilbert & Sullivan	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Tue	9	Bird club: Mysteries of migration - Charles Martin	Richmond, Village	7.30pm
Sat	13	Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
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
Tue	23	Yew Trees W I: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Tracey Stevens. Followed by AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
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	
Wed	8	Probus: Christmas Dinner	The Hill, Stroud	
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
Sat	18	Painswick Singers Christmas Concert	Christ Church	7.30pm
Mon	20	Carol singing around Painswick: Contact Iris McCormick 812879		6.00pm

Headline writing gives much scope for errors

One of the tasks of the editor is to choose suitable headlines for articles etc. My neighbour, Sheila, recently sent me a collection of actual headline howlers - examples below - what a warning!

Ed

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

No, really? Do you think so?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

What a guy!

War Dims Hope for Peace

I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Really?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Who would have thought!

Painswick to host Monte Carlo Style Road Race

Only a nightmare

BEACO-DOKU

Sad, really, but last month we inadvertently published the answers to S-O-W-I-N-G instead of missing out some letters. Only one reader pointed this out, which goes to show how polite you are - or how few tackle this conundrum

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No such opportunity this month. With the World Cup in full swing England may be reliant on strikers, but are just as concerned that one of David James, Rob Green or Joe Hart does what is required as G-O-A-L-I-E.

Can you find a way of fitting those letters into each row in both directions, and in each of the six boxes?

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NEW APPLICATIONS

RICHMOND CARE VILLAGE, Stroud Road. Erection of temporary signs.
PACKERS, New Street. Alterations to access.
BARN at Down Farm, Slad. Conversion of barn to holiday let.
THE PAINSWICK PHARMACY. New non-illuminated fascia lettering & new non-illuminated timber projecting sign
LAND AT BUTTS COTTAGE, Edge Road. Replacement of extant permission S.07/1869/FUL (Erection of a dwelling and conservatory).
ASHLEIGH, Gloucester Street. Erection of extension to dwelling & studio, internal alterations. Demolition of garage & widening of rear gate & increase height of boundary wall.
WASHWELL FARM, Cheltenham Road. Extension to existing agricultural barn.
GARDEN COTTAGE, Stamages Lane. Erection of lean to conservatory onto existing patio base.
BROOKDALE, Far end, Sheepscombe. Erection of balcony, cladding of walls & replacement windows.
CLOVERS, Kingsmead. Erection of new 3 bay garage & associated landscaping works.
PYLL HOUSE, Sheepscombe. Erection of environmental energy room.
EDGE LANE HOUSE, Edge Lane, Edge. Demolition & rebuilding of existing outbuilding, erection of open bay porches, installation of paved verandah & associated works & planting, removal of tennis courts & area & reinstatement of land.
DOWN FARM, Slad. Part retrospective application for a Pole Barn.

CONSENT

CEDAR HOUSE, Stamages Lane. Revised plans to demolish single garage & replace with double garage.

WORGANS BARN, Folly Lane, Slad. Variation of condition 1 of permission 05/0372/FUL (extension to time period for implementation)
YEW TREE HOUSE, Works to tree (TCA 13).
CASTLE HALE, Stamages Lane. Work to trees (TCA13).
HILL HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe. Remedial works to Yew Tree rear of lawn (TCA 41)
MILLBROOK HOUSE, Kings Mill Lane. Discharge of conditions 2,4,8&9 of Permission S.10/0089/FUL
GOLDEN HEART, Tibbiwell Lane. Replacement of doors & windows & internal alterations.
THE CHURN, Hale Lane. – Works to tree.
CLEVERLEYS. Vicarage Street. Demolish existing garage & build new 2 storey extension & enlarge conservatory.

REFUSAL

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

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Nine Pin Victors



The Wickians Skittle Team, playing at The Painswick Centre, have won Division 2 North of the Gloucester City Skittles League. They have also won through to the Semi Final of the K.O. Cup.

Mark Hammond


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The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

Baby

Congratulations to WATTIE and ROZIE ROWCROFT-JAMES on the birth of their first son Gabriel Rowcroft-James on 29th May, (a seventh grandchild for HYWEL and SARAH JAMES),

and to ELISABETH & JONATHAN LINEKER on the birth of their daughter, Imogen, on 26th May, a sister for Charlie and second grandchild for Craig & Naomi Dunn.

Weddings

Congratulations to CHARLIE HANSON and REBECCA CREAM who are to be married at St James, Cranham on 17th July,

also to GREGORY CAULTON and CHARLOTTE SCOTT whose wedding is to take place at St Mary's, Painswick, also on 17th July,

and to MARVIN BROOKS and LAURA BYRNE who are to be married at St Mary's, Painswick on 24th July,

and to XHAVIR GJOCI and AMY ROBERTS marrying in Cranham Church also on 24th July,

and to STEVE GRIFFITHS and KAREN BROWN who are to be married at St James, Cranham on 25th July,

and to MICHAEL HARTER and HANNAH CHAMBERLAIN to be married at Harescombe Church on 31st July.

Sapphire Wedding

Congratulations to MICHAEL and EDWINA BUTTREY who were married on 10th July 1965, 45 years ago.

Personal Messages

FELICITY SHARWOOD SMITH would like to thank all the friends who have shown such kindness and sympathy to her during her recent visit to hospital and since she came home.

KATH PERRINS and family would like to thank all who attended the service at St Mary's in celebration of the life of her husband ARTHUR who will be sadly missed by his family and the community. Also thank you for all the cards the family received.

Brendan Gibbs writes: I would like to convey my thoughts in respect of the late Arthur Perrins. I first met Arthur in Jan 1969 when I joined the Fire Service in Painswick, at the time Arthur was second in command, but with the untimely death of Frank Price he was promoted to station

Diamond Wedding

Congratulations to PHIP and BILL VARAH who were married on 29th July 1950.

Engagement

We would like to congratulate JAMES, son of Mr and Mrs John Milne of Painswick and AMELIA MARLING-ROBERTS of Beaulieu, Hampshire on their recent engagement.

Welcome

We would like to welcome ROBERT COX who has moved into 12A Hyett Orchard

Farewell

Mrs GOODE leaves 35 Ashwell and we wish her well

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of DOROTHY SAUNDERS, MARJORIE MATHERS and IVY HAYMOOLDER who have all died recently.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to SANDY EMERY, GWYNETH GIBBENS and ANDREW LEACH on their recent ordination,

and to KIRSTY KENNETT on obtaining an Hons. Degree in Veterinary Pathogenesis from Bristol University. Kirsty will now be studying for her PhD at Liverpool University for the next 3 years. Congratulations & love from her grandparents ANNE & CHARLIE KENNETT and JOHN and LINDA COOKE

100th Birthday

Our congratulations to Dr RICHARD JARRETT who celebrates his 100th birthday on 22nd July.

commander. He was a great influence over his many years of dedicated service.

There were many moments of fun and laughter and of course moments of great sadness. Arthur was a big man with a big heart and able to take the ups and downs of station life in his stride and instilled confidence in everyone around him. It was a pleasure and privilege to have served with him

The **BEACON TEAM** would like to thank Shirley Clark who has been overseeing subscription collection and maintaining records of such for the past five years but has now passed that 'baton' to Peter Roberts - as shown alongside. This change does not affect methods of making subscriptions and we continue to appreciate their being conveyed through the Beacon Box in New Street, by leaving an envelope with Karen Judd at the Post Office, or by post to Peter at Long Finals, Stamages Lane GL6 6XA.

ERRATA

- Last month we 'jumped the gun' and reported that **LEE SCOTT** of Cotswolds88 had won the Chef of the Year title in the Cotswold Life Food and Drink Awards for 2010. We had not appreciated that he had in fact been selected as one of the three finalists, the decision as to which will be the winner not being until 5th July. To achieve that status still deserved recognition, and we wish him well in the last stage of judging.

- Our apologies to **CHLOE SMITH**, about whom we printed an article last month, for giving a wrong telephone number. Her correct number is - 07859.889641.

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