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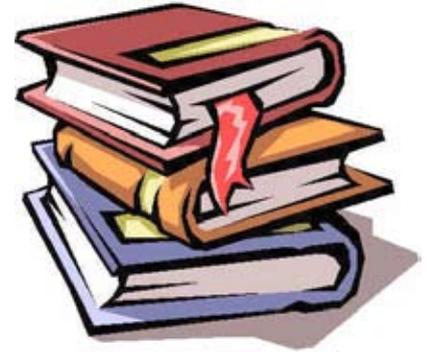
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Bidding for the future

The County Council's Big Community Offer (BCO) has given Painswick the opportunity to seek funding so as to create a Community Library and to modernise the Youth Club facilities. The opportunity has come about because the County Council has agreed to make up to 50% of the money coming from the sale of the former County Library building available to the local community under a bidding process. The County Council's advice has been that the various organisations seeking funding should put together a composite bid rather than have organisations submitting competitive bids. Painswick has achieved this approach, there having been a number of meetings both in the village and at Shire Hall. It is important to stress that money is not guaranteed. Painswick's bid which is being put forward by the Parish Council will have to meet the criteria laid down by the County Council. The deadline for the receipt of BCO scheme bids was the first of June. It is hoped that the County Council's decision will be known in time for it to be reported in the July Beacon.

The Parish Council is in partnership with both the Community Library in Painswick (CLIP) Group and the Painswick Youth Steering Group as the Community Library is to be located in the upper room of the Town Hall and the Youth Club is based in the former Painswick Rugby Club pavilion which came into the ownership of the Parish Council when the Rugby Club moved to Broadham Fields. The Painswick Youth Steering Group comprises the Painswick & Stroud Area Local Ministries (PSALMS) Steering Group for Painswick, the Youth Football Club, Painswick Cricket Club and representatives of the Parish Council.



Goddard celebrations

As parties go this was probably one of the quieter kind but there was no lack of party atmosphere. Throughout the day on Saturday 14th May there was a steady stream of well-wishers wanting to show their appreciation and to help the Goddard family celebrate their hundred years of garage business in Painswick. The numbers ebbed and flowed but the welcome was, as always, genuine and warm. The wonderful food and wine added to the enjoyment and conversation, and it was good to see both past and present members of the garage team in the forecourt, alongside long-standing, new, and even future customers standing with, or held, by their parents.



It would have been good if Rob's late father John had been present at the festivities as he had been such a part of the garage right up until his death. Sadly that wasn't to be and his generation of the Goddards was represented by John's sister Ursula. Those lucky enough to be there towards the end of the day were not only able to watch the ceremonial 'cutting of the cake', which was adorned with 1950's style figures and petrol pumps, but got to eat it as well! Although Robert, Karen, their family and co-workers will want to thank everyone who visited

them on the day and those customers who continue to use their services at the Painswick Garage, we, their clients and friends also wish to thank them for their unique and friendly attitude and professionalism, their co-operativeness and ever-present smiles.



On other pages this month: pickings 2011, bus networks reviewed, Painswick's blitz, Victorian costume ball, cygnets take their first dip, concerts and exhibitions, bulk oil, open gardens, many mini-ads, sports reports, a summer ball, wearable art... and a runaway car!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - by Leslie Brotherton

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of wide public interest, based upon what we see and hear. The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and elsewhere.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 12th May

This is an important event in the Painswick calendar. Most will require no reminder that this is the yearly occasion when the Parish Council, not only with its accolade of Quality status, but now holding the Power of Well Being enabling it to raise substantial funds from us for locally approved purposes, presents itself and its work to the public. Much trouble is taken to set out its report, published in full here last month on page 6, but also to receive exhaustive statements from the District and County Councillors.

Reporting the event one can only deduce that the public the Council serves are well satisfied with their endeavours, this because only six were present to listen or raise questions.

At the start of the meeting Chairman Terry Parker augmented the written report by updating progress upon bids for funding from GCC's Big Community Offer to support a community-run library in the upper room of the Town Hall, a ramp for the disabled at the front of the building and toilets for the disabled, as well as proposals for upgrading the pavilion premises for the youth club and likewise the artist's quarters at Painswick Centre. He also drew attention to allotment negotiations possibly being concluded in the following week, the fact that all planning matters were now dealt with 'transparently' in twice-monthly meetings of the planning committee, and anticipation of the Localism Bill to be published soon. These were all 'warm potatoes', but no questions were asked.

In fact two issues, raised from the floor, which stimulated a modicum of lively discussion were potholes all over the place coupled with speeding motorists within the 20mph limit, and Fairtrade claims. On the former John Gozzard withheld no punches as to his opinion of the County Council's quality of road surfacing and their shortcomings regarding infilling of potholes; he also took a pretty dim view of drivers on the Cheltenham Road, and their wonton disregard for the safety of others. There was a strong consensus for introducing electronic signs, even if the full cost had to be met by the Parish Council. On Fairtrade there was a general feeling that the significance of new signage at the entry points to the village did not match availability of Fairtrade goods or primacy of their use by retailers etc. The Council undertook to refresh public awareness, but all were reminded that whether such Fairtrade

Village status was warranted was a matter for regular review.

A quiet but earnest plea from Councillor Ela Pathak-Sen, just before the meeting ended. Any views of the public upon content of the first draft of the revision of the Parish Plan will be welcomed. Have you ideas?

PLANNING COMMITTEE 18th May

Some 24 members of the public were present and, deduced from the timing of their departure, mainly to hear what line the Council were to take regarding the 'holiday homes' application for Tibbiwell, and the continuing saga of the allotment site at the Mop Tree.

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman Jason Bullingham steered the meeting adroitly and in orthodox fashion through its business.

Tibbiwell - chalets

The application for five chalets, complete with access from a widening of Tibbiwell at its lower reaches, and constructed in timber with rubberoid roofs was clearly not to the liking of most councillors. Affordable housing, in the right place, yes – five new incongruous properties off what is arguably the steepest and narrowest of ancient carriageways in the village, no. Several were the concerns expressed, seemingly alongside 32 letters of objection already lodged with the District Council, with not one supportive. Redirecting the watercourse itself, the disproportionate increase in traffic flow from drivers unfamiliar with the limitations of that lane, impact upon the AONB, and properties totally out of keeping with such a location were primary objections expressed. The committee voted to recommend refusal, although two members did abstain. They also voted to have the application referred to the SDC's Development Control Committee rather than determined by officers under delegated powers.

Wades Farm – Uplands: new estate

Although outside the parish boundary, the application to erect a new estate of 48 dwellings at Wades Farm off Uplands was of deep concern to Slad valley residents. Two strongly expressed views were the inability of narrow feeder roads to cope with the additional traffic, and the precedent such would create for further intrusion into the Slad valley itself. Committee voted unanimously against that plan, and coupled it with a recommendation that its determination be by the SDC's

Development Control Committee.

PARISH COUNCIL 18th May

Being the Annual Meeting the first business was to make any changes desired to leadership of the council itself and membership of committees. No significant changes were actually made, although it was noted that all seats on the council will be up for election in 2012; David Hudson had made known it being his intention not to stand in that year.

For those keen to know which serving councillor to approach upon issues of concern, the listing is

Parish Council: Chairman Terry Parker
Vice Chairman Martin Slinger

Planning: Chairman David Hudson
Vice Chairman Jason Bullingham

Finance and General Purposes:
Martin Slinger

Plantation: Ann Daniels

Footpaths: Terry Parker

Traffic: Ann Burges Watson

Land and Buildings: Martin Slinger

Personnel: Terry Parker

Within the processes of council work, and externally as representatives on other bodies, all work extremely hard upon their duties and responsibilities.

Allotments

Chairman Terry Parker carefully set out the latest position regarding correspondence with Painswick Manorship, and the Council being unable to obtain assurances regarding parking for allotment holders anywhere in the vicinity of the Mop Tree (preferred) site. Deep regret was expressed by several councillors that the Manorship had not been as responsive as was expected, not least given the considerable service rendered in such as the upkeep of plots of its land around the civil parish.

Given that there were alternative means by which allotment users might reach the site, being dropped off, bus, cycle and walking, it was suggested – and agreed – that all 37 expressing interest in obtaining a plot be informed immediately by letter of the intention to proceed without associated parking subject to (a) the holding of a meeting within the next week or two to discuss the implications, and (b) about 30 affirming in writing their continuing desire to use plots. Subject to this outcome all necessary arrangements would be put in hand with solicitors and the land owner to bring allotments into use this summer.



Police Report

Between 10pm on 21st April and 9pm on 22nd April an unknown offender stole approximately 150 pieces of wooden fencing surrounding the Tennis Courts on Stroud Road. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Gloucestershire Constabulary on 0845 090 1234 quoting incident 521 of 22nd April. You can also give information anonymously via the crimestoppers website or by calling 0800 555 111.

Officers are investigating two burglaries on the Edge Road and believe they may be linked:

A Sony TV, two pearl necklaces, five rings, a pair of pearl earrings and several other items of jewellery, along with a blue enamel cigarette case and two heart shaped trinket boxes were stolen from a home in Edge Road between 12.30pm on 30th April and 2.30pm on 2nd May. A second burglary happened at another home on the road between 9.15am on 28th April and 9.45am on 3rd May. In this burglary a key, gold watch and a broach were stolen.

Investigating officers are appealing to anyone with any information about either incident to contact Gloucestershire Constabulary on 0845 090 1234 quoting incident 251 of 2nd May. You can also give information anonymously via the crimestoppers website or by calling 0800 555 111.

Alexa Collicott

Runaway car

On Thursday 5th May a car was reported stolen from the golf club car park. Apparently a Dutch couple staying in the area had left their vehicle there in order to walk on the Beacon. When they returned they found it had vanished together with all their personal belongings and passports.

The police were called, inspected the evidence - one empty space - made out an incident report and departed. Some hours later your correspondent having wine and dined (the food is terrific these days) was asked by a fellow golfer if the club had extended the car park and if so how the devil were we to get back up the slope (golfers are nice people but not always the quickest off the grid. He pointed at a car in the gully now firmly imbedded in the hedge above the A46 (see photo). The theory is that Holland being flat, handbrakes are regarded as an optional accessory.

The car having sensed a chance of freedom headed across the car park down the slope, swerved to avoid the phone masts and was about to cross the A46 on its way to Damsells Cross and Sheepscombe when a sturdy young sycamore barred its way. Much of this report is supposition - the car in the hedge is fact. No CGI was used and no trees were harmed in the making of this report!



Anthony Fisher

Big Community Offer: Library

The Council took note of continuing liaison with the County Council regarding bids for funding of relocation of a library to the upper room of the Town Hall and works associated with such including access and toilets for the disabled, strengthening of the floor, rewiring, and so on. An estimate of these costs had been calculated at £40k. Meanwhile Painswick Centre had tabled a request for £1,500 for improvements to its art studio area, and the Youth Steering Group/PSALMS £81k for

substantial upgrading of the Parish Council's pavilion on the Recreation Field. Much debate surrounded these bids and their needing to be deposited with GCC by 1st June, not least that the £81k submission should not prejudice that for the community-run library. It was agreed that the Youth Steering Group be requested to reconsider its proposals with a view to restraining their ambitions and costs. The three submissions would then be made to GCC collectively by the Parish Council.



Home Security Reminder after Painswick Burglaries

Crime Reduction Officer for Gloucestershire, Paul Francis, advises: "Burglars do not like good neighbours. While you are away, ask them to draw your curtains and turn the lights on. You can always return the favour for them. They could even park a second car in your driveway, if space allows. The aim is to make your house look as normal as possible while you are on holiday. Setting timers to activate lights at certain times, is one way of doing this. Cancelling milk and papers is very old advice, but still good. Again neighbours can help by pushing mail fully through the letterbox. Tools taken from sheds and garages can be used to break into houses, so try to make sure these buildings are secured."



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Pickings 2011

My forecast of glorious sunshine for the litter pick on Painswick Beacon was not quite right this year. Nevertheless just over a dozen volunteers, including a few new faces, turned out on 15th May despite the rain showers and cleared the area over the next hour or so.



This year the strangest find was a huge pile of what looked like split plastic tubing. A passing policeman mentioned that there had been quite a few incidents of electricity power cables being stolen from pylons and underground in the Cotswolds, and the plastic tubing had covered the cables. This must be something of a risk for the thieves as the cables were live at the time, as well as causing problems for local supply. Then there was the best part of a small kitchen – several work surfaces, a kettle, toaster and other items – found behind Catbrain quarry. And the usual litter, plastic bottles, cans etc. The photo shows one of three piles collected this year – apologies to Bill who missed out on the photo.

Finally thanks to David and Rita, Bruce and Sylvie, Terry, Bill, Richard, Douglas, Richard, Celia, Diny and Jane for their help. And thanks also to George for removing the rubbish.

Peter Rowe (813228)

Bus Network Review

The County Council has launched the second part of its review of Gloucestershire's bus network. The Council has stated that it is looking to make significant savings across the Council's budget as part of their £114M Meeting the Challenge programme. The Council needs to save £2M from its £5M transport budget. This means a fundamental redesign of subsidised buses that operate across Gloucestershire. The County Council subsidises 170 different routes and these are being reviewed with final decisions to be made at the end of July. The Council consulted on transport priorities in January. This second consultation runs until Monday 27th June 2011. The 46 service Monday to Saturday journeys are provided without subsidy. All Sunday journeys are subsidised. Two options for change are proposed. Option 1. Run two trips in each direction on Sundays between Nailsworth, Stroud, Brockworth and Cheltenham to cater for Sunday workers and day trip market. Additional journeys on Sundays will run between Nailsworth, Stroud and Brockworth to connect with service 10 for Cheltenham and Gloucester. Option 2. Journeys on Sundays will run between Nailsworth, Stroud and Brockworth to connect with service 10 for Cheltenham and Gloucester. The 256 Eastcombe – Painswick – Gloucester journeys are all subsidised. Option 1. Three times weekly service running on a flexible basis linking most villages served by this route and on services 23 and 63 to Painswick where connections for Cheltenham, Stroud and Gloucester will be available. Option 2. This service could be withdrawn and replaced by a flexible transport service. Depending on the type of service offered, trips may need to be booked in advance. Departure times and precise pick-up/drop off points will be confirmed when the booking is made. Concessionary bus passes may not be accepted on some community transport. Service 93. The service runs Mondays to Saturdays. Daytime journeys are not subsidised. The last journey in each direction between Gloucester and Stroud is subsidised. Option 1. Extend Gloucester City service from St Barnabas Church (passengers will travel via Tuffley). Option 2. This service could be withdrawn and replaced by a flexible transport service. Depending on the type of service offered, it may be necessary to book trips in advance. Departure times and precise pick-up/drop off points will be confirmed when bookings are made. There is to be an information and roadshow in King Street, Stroud on Saturday 11th June between 10am and 2pm. For more information call 01452 425508 or email philip.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Sue Ryder

On Saturday 9th July the Lakeside Concert Band will again be holding an outdoor concert in aid of Sue Ryder - Leckhampton Court Hospice. 50% of the proceeds of the afternoon will be donated to the hospice in a concert which will feature a mixture of light classical, jazz and extracts from musicals. The event will be held from 3pm-5pm at Sheephouse, Stepping Stone Lane by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Lawrence Gardiner. People are advised to bring along a blanket or deckchair and a picnic. In addition to the music visitors will be able to sample the delights of the garden.

Admission is £4 (children free) and tickets will be available at the gate on the day. For more information call Duncan Willoughby at Sue Ryder on 01242 246162. For more information about the band visit their website at <http://lakesideconcertband.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk>

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Bird Club

Like the season, Bird Club field activity is advanced ~ with May trips, first to Slimbridge (9th May) to investigate the new layout and replanting ~ and the luncheon menu! Led by Peter Yeman (Trust volunteer) we enjoyed the array of wetland species with healthy and elegant plumage ~ varying from subtle tone and contrast to colour extremes as with the flamingos. The latter minus suitable aquatic algae, require carotene supplements for their brilliant orange ~ emphasizing the fragile ecological interplay essential to species survival, even mating!

A reverential pause before the bust of Sir Peter Scott was to recognize the human need for an appreciation, scientific as well as aesthetic, to maintain the natural world. After Amy King's Feb. account of the 'Crane Project,' ending our visit lakeside was apt, sighting metre~ high cranes proceeding and trumpeting grandly, yet young for mating dance? Contrastingly came tiny young, coots and oyster catchers.



bird, willow warbler to goldcrest, then raucous raven family in the spruce. So to the ascent and nesting house martins gathering mud. 'Silvery songsters sweetly singing summer's soothing serenade' ~ mostly anyway!

To complete the trio of field trips, we look forward to enjoying 'Wildlife at Thistledown' led by Philip Williams to sight the wild birds and flowers, sculptures and views over Woodchester Park, meeting on Tuesday 7th June at 9.45am at the Tinkley Lane entrance between Nymphsfield and the Lynch Knoll wind turbine (SO 811007)

Martin and Wendy Addy



Festival of British Archaeology

The Council for British Archaeology is promoting a UK wide celebration of archaeology in July. The Stroudend Tithing Educational Trust will be taking part and two events are scheduled, exploring the historic local landscape and especially its relationship with the cloth industry.

Both events are free, but booking is essential. Further information is available at www.britarch.ac.uk.

A clothiers landscape.

Sat 23rd July 10.00-12.00

A walk along lanes and footpaths in the Painswick Valley, looking at the development of the landscape since the 16th century under the influence of the Palling family of clothiers.

Booking: Carolyn Luke
Tel: 01452 814139

The rise and fall of Painswick's cloth industry

Sun 24th July 10.00-12.00

A walk past some of the mills associated with the former cloth industry in the Painswick Valley.

Booking: Carolyn Luke
Tel: 01452 814139

Oil



In last month's edition we reported that Roy Wallis, a local user of domestic oil, had been in touch with us concerning a potential money-saving suggestion. He suggested that an approach to local suppliers with a bulk buying strategy might achieve a better price. He is looking to form a syndicate. If you are interested his address is:

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Probus Report

On 30th March our speaker, Norman Brown gave a talk on Big Bands. In his unusual approach to the subject he took us on a tour of various countries playing Big Band music from each country. The talk was sprinkled with humour and historic information.

On 13th April we were treated to a presentation on Chile with a wealth of photographs showed great holiday destinations interspersed with grand gestures like huge glaciers. Bob Price introduced us to a country with friendly people and strong European influences.

We learned about the vast contrasts in geography throughout Chile, ranging from the Atacama desert which has vast mineral wealth to the wine growing areas and then to alpine and rolling landscapes of the coastal strip. The one constant being the ever present and spectacular Andes range.

On 11th May Ian Mean, editor in chief of Gloucester Media Ltd, gave us a thought provoking talk entitled 'The Changing Face of the Media'. From describing the impact that new technology has made, he went on to look at many of the issues affecting the country and Gloucestershire in particular.

Glynn H. Nixon

Painswick will have seen nothing like it!

As part of this year's Painswick Arts festival, the Painswick Players are presenting Duets by Peter Quilter at the Church Rooms on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July beginning at 7.30pm. Wine and soft drinks will be available during the interval and we are hoping to make this a really entertaining night out for you and your friends.

Duets comprises four two-handed plays, each a gloriously funny examination of the chaotic world of love, relationships and why the grass is never greener. It will be performed on a low, thrust stage with the audience in close proximity on three sides, thereby presenting a very real challenge for the actors and an exciting evening in prospect for the audience. £8 tickets are available from the Post Office - seating is limited so book yours now!

Stephen Friar

New service for older people from our local CAB

Stroud and District Citizens Advice Bureau has been lucky enough to receive a grant from the Nationwide Foundation to increase their services to older people. If you would like some advice, there is now a new telephone number, just for those aged sixty five and over. The dedicated phone number for those aged 65+ is 07815166143 and will run until the end of 2011. All advice is independent and confidential. We can ring you back to keep down the cost of your call and if you are housebound, we may be able to arrange a home visit. We can help with a range of issues including debt, benefits, housing, employment, tax, utilities and consumer problems. If you are unlucky enough not to be over 65, you can still ring the bureau for advice, but the number to use is 08444 111 444.

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Painswick Music Appreciation Group



Members Night, our last meeting of the season, was held on the new date of Friday 13th May with a large number of members present. First came the discussion best entitled "what kind of music?" - to clarify the aims of our Music Appreciation Group. Result: carry on much as before! Then the AGM: Alex Nichols was re-elected Chairman. Josephine Matchett is our new Treasurer, replacing Duccio Leoni who has given 7 years' excellent service. Re-elected Committee members Beryl Bailey and Stewart Price were joined by new members Ann Williams and John Herbert. Then came music: a selection of recordings of members' own choice, interspersed with wine and nibbles - an excellent combination!

We look forward to the new season, provisionally arranged for Friday 23rd September - watch this space! New members and guests always very welcome.

Ralph Kenber

Art in the Garden Volunteers

During the month of August the Rococo Garden is repeating last year's popular sculpture exhibition.

The number of pieces for display in the garden itself is currently over 60, double last year so we are already very excited about the quality of the exhibition. In addition for this year we have decided to show smaller works and some paintings in the Bothy. However as these pieces are by implication smaller we will need to have an 'overseer' in the room concerned.

Therefore the Trustees are looking for anyone who may be able to volunteer a few hours during the month of August to fulfil this role. It will just involve sitting in the room to ensure there is a constant eye over the pieces of art.

We are open daily from 11.00 – 5.00 so if anyone can spare some time please contact Paul Moir on 01452 813204. Your help would be much appreciated.



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The Painswick Valleys Conservation Society

At its recent well attended AGM The Painswick and District Conservation Society decided unanimously to change its name to The Painswick Valleys Conservation Society following the decision of the Painswick Valley Group to amalgamate with PDCS. This was in recognition of the force for good conservation that the PVG has established for itself in the Painswick Valley. At the AGM its chairman, Paul Castle, described the work of the Society's committee over the year in responding to the District Council's consultations on Core Housing Strategy proposals, Settlement Boundary adjustments and routinely monitoring all planning applications for conservation issues. The year had been an eventful one starting with the erection of the Village Signs sponsored by The Society, the uncertain future of the listed library building in the neglectful hands of the County Council, and the selection of a site for public allotments, all had fully engaged the committee and it had recently become concerned about a proposal to develop Wades Farm, Slad. It was actively considering the possibility of securing a covered access into the village from the car park. The committee were very grateful to the membership for showing their support for its work by continuing to renew membership year on year.

After the meeting and enjoyment of gossip with wine, the Society was treated to a fascinating talk by John Lawrence on the restoration works being carried out to Cirencester's Parish Church and Town Hall. This staggering project had necessitated the provision of a railed transport system inside the church but closure for only 3 weeks whereas Sir Gilbert Scott had closed the church for 2 years when he carried out his renovations in 1865. We were told of tombs being discovered, of graves and forty boxes of bones collected, of the Clutterbuck family and other benefactors over the years. The current work to the Porch and the Town Hall is remarkable with arrangements for visitors to inspect in small groups on Wednesdays and Fridays, not to be missed.

A new feature being added is a cathedral standard, 3,600 pipe organ, replacing a 1,700 pipes one, with a 32 ft. stop guaranteed to make the foundations tremble. This will put Cirencester in the big league for organ concerts.

Maurice Maggs

Art Exhibition at the Town Hall

Saturday June 18th - Sunday June 19th
9.30am - 6pm

A group show by selected local artists part of the Site 11 Stroud Valleys Open Studios. Original paintings by artists passionate about art, landscapes, abstract, figurative, semi abstract and floral.

Ray Hill/Teresa Poole/Ahrabella Lewis/ Sophia Hughes & Richard Straley.

Simon Wheatley - Memorial Bench

Treasured friends and family turned out in force to remember the unforgettable, kindhearted, well loved and respected Painswickian of 21 years, Simon Wheatley who tragically passed away 3 years ago, aged 44. They joined Reverend John Longuet-Higgins at Painswick Recreation Ground to dedicate and bless the engraved bench in memory of Simon Peter Wheatley, a friend of Painswick Youth Club. The bench was kindly donated by the former Youth Club. Simon selflessly dedicated his spare time to redecorating the Youth Club, giving up a full week of his annual holiday. The bench can be a place to relax, find comfort and reminisce.

Jason Bullingham



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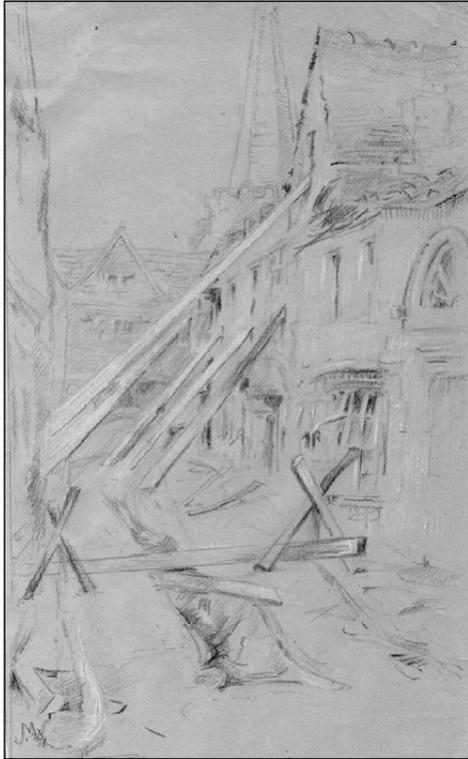
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Painswick's very own Blitz – a significant anniversary

Seventy years ago in the early hours of 15th June 1941, without any warnings Painswick suffered its own blitz when several German bombs rained down on the town. Why Painswick was targeted remains unclear – the attack could hardly have done less military damage anywhere. The most plausible explanation is that the bombs were being offloaded after another abortive attempt on the Gloucester Aircraft Co. Ltd. at Brockworth and Hucclecote.

Tibbiwell, Poultry Court and Friday Street received direct hits. Four houses were destroyed, seven were badly damaged and thirty-five were damaged to some extent. Two people, both evacuees, were killed outright and several others injured. The damage was considerable and it is astonishing that more people were not killed. However, twenty-nine people were rendered homeless. Needless



to say, because of the embargo on detailed news, the Stroud News headlined the story 'Bombs on West Town' and did not name Painswick!

Clearing the debris, re-housing those made homeless and restoring the gas, electricity and telegraph cables presented a major challenge but various local groups set to on the task. An Air Raid Fund was created and many of the homeless received small grants. The rebuilding, however, turned into a very long drawn-out process. Over the following few years there were several proposals for the reconstruction of Friday Street including a rather fine-looking shopping centre designed by Norman Jewson. Many arguments and disagreements eventually led to the building of what we see today and the little-known fact that the Nurse's House on the corner, finally completed in 1953, is Painswick's official World War II memorial.

Carol Maxwell

Picture by courtesy of the Stroud District Museum

In search of Henry Butt

Mrs Rosemary Kernohan arrived in Painswick in May having come all the way from Australia. She was here seeking information about her great-grandfather, Henry Butt, about whom no-one in the family had previously seemed

to know much. And the reason? Henry Butt had sailed out in 1866 on the 'Belgravia', one of the last four convict ships taking England's offenders to Australia.

Rosemary had discovered a little about Henry before she arrived. He had been convicted at Gloucester and sentenced to seven years penal servitude of which he served three in Portland Prison. Prison records describe him as 5 feet 6 1/2 inches tall with light brown hair, light hazel eyes, a stout appearance and a carpenter by trade. He eventually received his Certificate of Freedom in 1871 but, like so many other transportees, Henry did not return to England. He found work, married Susan McKenzie, raised a family and at last made a good life for himself.

Henry's crime, one of many, had been committed in Painswick and Rosemary wondered if he was a Painswick man. Research using the censuses and local newspapers of the time has revealed nobody named Butt living here, though he may have been working locally. His crime was a violent one – he had assaulted a Sheepscombe man, Levi Gill aged 62, and stolen from his person the sum of five shillings. Henry was 19 at the time and it was, apparently, a nasty attack.

Henry was one of 277 convicts all from Portland Prison on board the ship. Since 1718 transportation, first to America and after 1787 to Australia, had been an expedient method of dealing permanently with recidivists and Henry's shipload was presumably just about the last batch. As Rosemary pointed out, Henry appears to have become a reformed character eventually, even though the family did not discuss his background! He lived to an old age, dying in the 1930s.

During the 19th century several Painswick men were transported to Australia for a variety of crimes ranging from stealing pigs, wool cloth, apple trees and shop goods. There is a list if anyone is interested. Meanwhile, here is a picture taken of Henry in his old age.



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Local History Teaser

It shouldn't be too difficult to work out where in Painswick this photograph was taken, but what on earth were those sheep doing in the middle of the road? Answers in next month's Beacon.

Last month's photograph produced a very definite response from Anne Leoni. She writes: This was taken on the 17th December 1987 in the Town Hall to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Painswick W.I. Market the forerunner of today's Country Market. A kneeler made by Dorothy Hurn was presented to St Mary's Church. The people in the picture are left to right, back row: Janet Dent, Joyce Smith, Gladys Hobbs, Helen Briggs, M.Barston and Muriel Andrews. Front row: Katherine Jones, Isobel Jones, Lulu Swain, Queenie Grant, Dorothy Cox, Annette Bretherton and Dorothy Hurn.

Many thanks to Helen Briggs for providing such an interesting group photograph. If you have a picture which would present a challenge to readers we should be very pleased to hear from you.



... and the Local History Society

For its annual outing members of the Society were taken for a walk along Westgate in Gloucester in May – and what a wealth of truly interesting features were revealed. A Roman street with a continuous history spanning two millennia this is but a small section of Gloucester's amazing heritage.

On the ground blue bricks along the length of the street denote various features of interest (though typically with no explanation). To left and right the original medieval burgage plots are still evident in the narrowness of many of the buildings and some of the original medieval streets can be seen in the form of what now appear to be narrow passages. Along one of these lies the magnificent 16th century Judges House, an absolute gem of a building from the period and in excellent condition. Sir Charles Wheatstone's house stands a short distance away and further along is Dick Wittington's 15th century town house.

Bishop Hooper's Lodging is now the folk museum but was previously one of Gloucester's many 18th century pin factories. Shire Hall, dating from 1816, is based on a classical ionic design and stands rather grandly still as a focus of civic authority. Westgate had many churches too at one time though most have now gone.

With buildings and architectural features from many periods, Beatrix Potter's association and a plethora of murder and ghost stories, Westgate is a veritable treasure trove of historic riches, noticeably under-played and not presented to full advantage. There was a distinct feeling among the members as they came

away that such a wonderful heritage deserves greater recognition.

The next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday, 21st June when Alec Hamilton will give a presentation on Friends of Friendless Churches. Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell



Victorian Society

Pictured below, some of the thirty members of the Victorian Society who visited Gyde House in May. Designed by architect Percy Richard Morley Holder (1870-1944) construction of the Gyde Orphanage started in 1914 and was completed just as the war ended in November 1919. With its rows of gables, tall chimneys and mullioned windows, Gyde House has the appearance of an Oxbridge college rather than a home for destitute children.

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The King's Singers

This celebrated ensemble performed on 7th May at St Mary's Church for the Painswick Music Society's closing concert of the 66th Season. Their programme began with an examination of the close artistic collaboration between William Byrd (d 1623) and his teacher Thomas Tallis (D 1585). The King's Singers sang five works by these two including Hear the voice and prayer, by Tallis which they described as one of the earliest examples of an anthem composed in English. These works enabled us to appreciate their range and precision.

The Singers then went on to sing some new works composed with the help of Andrew Motion to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee and reflecting different aspects of life in 21st Century Britain, all impeccably sung, some with an underlying humour, such as Mobile, with suitable telephonic sounds. They then turned to old favourites from Gilbert and Sullivan: The Pirate King from The Mikado, fearsomely sung by the Bass, was particularly applauded. After the interval, they examined another relationship between Master and Pupil, Edward Bairstow (d 1946) and his illustrious pupil, Gerald Finzi (d 1956). In conclusion they sang in close harmony, including a dedication to Barbara Thorley who had made a notable contribution in putting together the programmes of the Music Society. The Singers gave a memorable performance of great musicality.

Richard Burges Watson

Celebrating the 400th anniversary of The King James Bible

I am inviting anyone who would enjoy reading or listening to part of The Essential 100 Passages to join me in St. John's Church, Sheepscombe on Sunday 31st July. The 10 hours of readings will be divided into 20 half-hour sections from 8.30am to 6.30pm and participants can stay for as long as they wish during that time. From 8.30am until 1.30pm readings will be from The Old Testament and from 1.30pm to 6.30pm from The New Testament. There will be a service of Compline at 7.00pm.

Anyone interested in reading should phone me on 812040. I will try to accommodate preferred times and will allocate the passage/s to be read (from The King James Bible!) in good time for practice. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Please encourage anyone who you think might appreciate this opportunity to read or listen. It would be wonderful to have 100 readers and a good audience. We will hope to do justice to this beautiful prose and make the day a real celebration. There will be

a retiring collection in aid of St. John's Church roof appeal (Project Heartbeat).

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Field Club

Local experts lead the Field Club's walks and talks

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club's next event will be a Geological and Archaeological walk on Painswick Beacon, on Monday 27th June, lead by local geologist, Janet Jenkins. Meet at Painswick Golf Club, lower car park at 10.00am, where a car-pool will be available to Catbrain car park, as necessary. Discussions can continue over lunch at the Golf Club. Contact our Walks Organiser, Joyce Barrus for further details on tel. 812942.

We also have two further summer outings, both with a few remaining spaces. The first, on Wednesday 20th July, is to Boughton House and Gardens/Estate. Described as the 'English Versailles', this spectacular and historic property is open to the public on a very limited basis. For further details of this rare opportunity, tel. 814763.

The final outing, on Wednesday 17th August is led by Dr Steven Blake, an expert on medieval churches in Gloucestershire. The day includes guided tours of Meysey Hampton and Fairford churches, both noted for their exquisite stained glass windows. Lunch and tea are provided and full details are available from Jenny Jackson, 01242 230755 or myself (see below).

The Field Club's next evening meeting will be on Wednesday, 1st July at 7.30pm, in the Town Hall, when Sue Smith will give an illustrated talk on Butterflies. Sue is chairman of the Gloucestershire branch of Butterfly Conservation, so this will be a splendid chance to hear from a local expert. Visitors are very welcome to come to the above outings, walks and talks.

Jane Rowe, Membership Secretary, tel. 813228

Victorian Costume Ball

The year, 2002, the date Saturday 12th July, the day of the Painswick Victorian fair, and to end a day of fun and frivolity in and around the town we held our very first Victorian Costume Ball. Sadly, the Fair was discontinued but the Ball, held in the magnificent Victorian Painswick Centre, has continued and this year we are celebrating our 10th year. The Painswick Centre has undergone a programme of restoration during the last ten years and is an ideal venue for this occasion. The evening consists of a programme of traditional and old time dances which would have been popular at the beginning of the last century and during the reign of Queen Victoria, such as the Dashing White Sergeant and the Virginia Reel. Dancing commences at 7.30pm, there is an interval for supper with a bar facility and the evening finishes at 11.00pm. Further information can be obtained by phoning 01453 833150. The date of this year's Ball is Saturday 9th July and we will be holding a workshop the previous evening when there will be an opportunity to learn some of the dances. So if you would like to return to the elegant days of the late 19th, early 20th century, why not try this evening of music and dance.

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New Picture-hanging System Being Installed



The Painswick Centre will be fitting a simple to use but totally professional picture hanging system in the Cotswold Room in time for this year's Painswick Art Festival in August. This will save artists a great deal of time and effort in setting up their exhibitions as well as more flexibility in the way they display their work. If any artists wish to hold a personal or group exhibition, the Cotswold Room is still available for some weeks in August: for example, the third week in August, coinciding with the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen's Summer Show; and the last week in August, which includes the Late Summer Bank Holiday weekend. There will be no increase in price for the Cotswold Room despite the improvements, i.e. £10 per day (or £60 for a whole week) + 10% of sales. The Centre will also have a well-advertised café open next door in the Green Room from Wednesdays to Sundays throughout the Guild's exhibition. For all bookings please contact our Manager, Jennie Barber, on 07769 182229.

We are looking for new Trustees to join the Board of Trustees at the Painswick Centre. Currently, we have eight Trustees who meet once a month for management meetings and, in-between, stay in touch by email. We each take one or more responsibilities to ensure the smooth-running of the Centre as a charity. In addition to the usual roles found on any committee, of chairman, finance, minute-taking, health and safety etc., the Trustees share out the responsibilities associated with the estate, letting the cottage and rooms to long-standing tenants, utilities, security, fund-raising, publicity, licensing, and parking agreements, to name a handful. Bigger projects such as refurbishments involve several Trustees. Most importantly, knowledge and expertise is pooled and every Trustee has a chance to give his/her views. Decisions are taken as a group and we elect our Chairman on an annual basis. The day-to-day business of room booking and preparation, book-keeping, cleaning and maintenance falls to the Centre's Manager who works closely with the Trustees. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Chairman, Jackie Herbert tel. 01452 813229. We hope to co-opt some new Trustees this year, before they are formally appointed to the Board next April.

Jane Rowe, on behalf of the Trustees of the Painswick Centre

Sheepscombe Open Gardens

In aid of the PHB (Church Restoration) and Village Hall Extension
Sunday 12th June. 11am to 6pm.

This event is a not to be missed opportunity to enjoy a variety of gardening styles, pick up tips and ideas, take in spectacular views and of course have that well deserved tea and homemade cake. We are delighted that the following gardens will be open by kind permission of their owners:

Trench Hill - on the road to Cranham from the Butchers Arms.
Magpie Cottage - in Magpie Bottom.
Knapp Cottage, Lowood and Yew Tree Court - all in Far End.
Spindlewood in Church Hill.
Southwood, The Coach House and Copse Cottage - all in Jack's Green
Detcombe House at Bull's Cross.

Entry to the event is £5, with accompanied children free.

Car parking, information and ticket sales will be at Sheepscombe Village Hall, with further car parking at Trench Hill, Bull's Cross and Magpie Bottom (limited). Tea and light refreshments will be available at the Village Hall, Trench Hill and Detcombe House. Plants will be on sale at some gardens. No dogs allowed.

If you can help on the day or would be willing to provide a cake we would be really pleased to hear from you or if you just want more information, please contact Celia Hargrave on 814306 or celia.hargrave@btconnect.com or John Todd on 812016 or jm.todd@toscali.co.uk



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

At the Crossroads

Roy Wallis and fellow residents at Clattergrove, Ian Turner, Dr Dean Blaby, Mrs S Eaton, Mr J Side and Ms Khirsty Cater write:

A car was crossing from Cemetery Road to enter the Sheepscombe Road. A motorbike travelling on the A46 from Cheltenham crashed into the car, the rider being thrown over the car's roof landing on the verge. He was taken to hospital. To enter or leave Cemetery Road is dangerous but especially looking north where the Mop Tree field hedge obscures much of the view. There are no signs indicating a "Blind Bend", "Danger" or "Crossroads" approaching this area of the A46; "SLOW" appears on the road as does a 50mph sign but few take notice. A response from Gloucestershire Highways was to state that "...there is little else that needs to be done to highlight the junction and speed limit at this time".

We are seeking support and assistance to suggest measures to reduce the chance of accidents along this part of the A46.

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Swans in Painswick

Diane Mearns writes to the Beacon that she has had an email from her neighbour Pater Clarkson with photos of 7 baby cygnets just hatched from their two swans. Diane reports that it is about 8 years since the swans arrived on the Painswick Mill Pond and at the time they were told that both were male. She says "It just goes to show after all this time and many years of building nests they have proved us wrong. I am abroad at the moment but very excited by the news and looking forward to seeing them on my



garden on my return!"



Do not regret growing old. It is a privilege denied to many.

WI

The concept of living in 'a modern box' takes on a whole new meaning, when compared with the tiny, cramped space which served as home to the families of barges in the 19th century. This became apparent when a trio of lady volunteers from the British Waterways Museum in Gloucester gave an enlightening talk to the WI in May, on the subject of 'Barge Women', in which they described the physical and financial hardships of these women, who lived, along with their husband and anything up to six children, in a space about the size of a modern bathroom, but with the headroom of under six feet, and whose lot it was to steer the barge, fully exposed to all weathers, for as many hours a day as it took to transport the goods on the barges. They also operated the many locks on the canals along the way, and then, at the end of their working day cooked a meal and caught up with all the other household chores that befall a wife and mother.

The Speakers, dressed in traditional costume had also brought with them many and varied fine examples of barge women's handicraft, including rag rugs, crochet work, embroidery and several of the typical and beautiful bonnets, designed to afford protection from sun, rain and dirt, while at the same time, giving their wearers some semblance of femininity.

At Yew Trees WI meeting this month, at 7.30 on 28th June in the Town Hall, Ray Drew will talk about 'My Life in the Fire Service', and as this is an 'open' meeting, guests- husbands, partners and friends- are invited to join us.

Maggie Drake



Painswick Dog Show and Charity Fun Day

The Dog Show and Charity Fun Day will take place on Saturday 9th



July at the Recreation Ground. Our chosen charity this year is Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. The show opens at 10.30am and judging of the Show Classes begins at 11.00am, judging of the Obedience and Novelty Classes at 1.00pm. Refreshments will be available in the Youth Club building and Supa Scoops ice creams will be on the field. Pet photographer Chris Jones will be in attendance and also Canine Bowen Therapist Madeline Freeman. We hope to have our usual selection of charity stalls as well. For more information, or if you would like to run a stall, please contact Fiona Chapman (01452 812462) or Chris Campbell (01452 812600).



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Wearable Art Painswick

Wearable Art Painswick Festival 2011 Sunday July 10th

Preparations for this year's Wearable Art Painswick Festival are progressing very well and it really promises to be a very exciting day.

Under our patron, Plum Sykes, we have assembled an incredible panel of celebrity judges from the worlds of art and fashion: fashion designers Savannah Miller and Lulu Guinness, milliner to the stars Stephen Jones and the artists Tim Noble and Sue Webster, join last year's veterans Dan Chadwick and Selena Blow. Master of Ceremonies, returning by popular demand after his very successful stint last year, is the inimitable Keith Allen!

The judges have the unenviable task of selecting the winners by sifting their expert way through the plethora of weird, wild and incredible creations of wearable art, which as I write are being conceived, designed and realised around the country, ready for the big day.



If you are in any way creative and have a gem of an idea within you for a piece of art, which is wearable, it is not yet too late to enter as there are still a few places left! Or if you do not feel like tackling a full outfit, you may consider the Bratastic category, which directly supports our two charities, Cotswold Care Hospice and Cobalt. The cut-off date for entries is JUNE 10th and then you will still have a month to bring your idea to life!

We are particularly keen to encourage children and students to enter the competition, with generous prizes on offer for both the competitors and schools. Even if you enter for your school/college without their direct input/knowledge, think how delighted they will be if you win and present them with a handsome cheque for perhaps some much needed art materials they've been hankering after!

It is not too late to become Friend of WAP and receive a much coveted invitation to our pre-event Cocktail Party, kindly hosted by our very own Cotswolds88 hotel on June 9th! You can become a friend simply online at our website or by popping into The Chairman, Painswick Fabrics or Olivas, where

you can fill out a form and receive one of our specially created WAP bracelets.

On the 10th July, the village will be thronging with people; the closed streets will be full of fabulous craft, art and produce stalls and purveyors of the most sumptuous food. Accompanying these delights will be three stages of music, dance and entertainment, as well as of course, the Wearable Art itself.

We hope you feel inspired to become a Friend and join in the exciting build up to WAP 2011, starting with our cocktail party and culminating with the event itself on July 10th, when you can enjoy a great day out for all the family.

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Last month we set the garden word seasonal word of **P-A-V-I-N-G** and it seems to have been too easy. Not our objective at all.

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Staying in the garden, we will test you further with the gardener's wee critics - **G-N-O-M-E-S**. Can you find the full set of 42 combinations of this word?

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Golf Club

Mens Section:

The A Team started their season with a draw against Cotswold Edge (3:3) at home. The B Team managed a closely fought win against

Naunton Downs 3½ - 2½ followed by drinks and an enjoyable meal in the Clubhouse.

Seniors Section:

The Seniors Open on 18th May was well attended with about 110 entrants from both Painswick and further afield. The overall winner was John Weston (Painswick) with a stableford score of 43. Other winners were G Hood (Cotswold Hills) for the longest drive on the 8th hole, Paul Williams (Shrivenham Park) for the straightest drive on the 13th and Roy Henderson (Painswick) for nearest the pin on the 18th hole. Many thanks to Richard Wright for organising this efficient and friendly day.

The match season is well underway with matches normally going with home advantage. Two exceptions happened since the last report, with a drawn match at Minchinhampton Old Course, and a loss at home to Minchinhampton (New) Golf Club, led by Painswick resident Tony Pleass.

Ladies Section:

The match and competition season started with a Mixed Match at Cleeve Hill Golf Club resulting in a home win for Cleeve. The match at home with Brickhampton was won by Painswick.

A 9 hole Stableford competition is played every month where possible. Audrey Payne won in April and Sarah Taylor in May. These 9 hole competitions which have been introduced by the ladies section in the last few years are particularly useful for those golfers who find it physically difficult to play a full round, and can be used to maintain their handicaps.

Audrey Payne, the Lady Captain also won the KitKat Qualifier and Rosebud Competitions. June Davis won the April Medal.

Juniors Section:

The Junior Section started the season with three impressive scratch match wins against Brickhampton (2:1), Cotswold Hills (2:1) and Cirencester (3:0). They also drew in the Junior league against Cotswold Hills, and lost against Cirencester (1½ :2½).

Social Events

Events in June include a Food and Gift Fayre on 16th June, and a Beer Festival and BBQ on 24th June. All are welcome so please come along.

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On Sunday 17th April Painswick Tennis Club held the finals of the over 50's tournament. The ladies doubles was fiercely contested with Ruth Smith and Tonia Robinson defeating Wendy Wood and Phillipa James in three sets. It was a straight sets win for John Barrus and

Malcolm Andrew over Nigel Barnett and Robin Hall in the men's doubles. John was also successful in the mixed doubles with Alison Pritchard defeating Nigel Barnett and Phillipa James in two close sets.

The Summer League matches are now underway. The ladies have 7 teams from Premier Division to Division 6. The men have 6 teams from Premier Division to Division 5, a competitive level to meet all needs. Four courts at Broadham have been cleaned and painted and the warm Spring evenings have encouraged our members to enjoy social tennis on club evenings. We welcome new members. Contact Ruth Smith, Club Secretary on 813693 for details.



Badminton Painswick Junior Badminton Club

It was a successful year with a number of new faces and the return of Lucy Richardson after a few years away.

This year, the Diana Radway Cup for most improved player will be awarded to Dougie Vance. Dougie has played for

the County U13 boys team and as in past seasons, Pippa Speed and Eleanor Pickin have represented the County at U15 level and although Will Moir and Sophie Hall no longer attend, they both still represent the County at U17 level.

Eleanor Pickin continues to go from strength to strength and along with her County partner regularly beats the U15 boys.

Elizabeth Roberts and Johnny Goddard have also improved greatly this season.

The Cup will be presented at the start of the new season in September.

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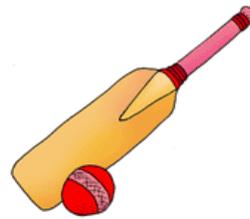
Football Painswick FC developments

As the football season comes to a close, our football club is making exciting plans for the new season. New players are wanted for all age groups (6 -15 years), as are coaches to manage new teams.

The club already has five teams with 85 registered players. Head Coach Dave Bullingham would like to get a further three teams up and running, taking the age of players up to 15. He said 'Training youngsters and seeing them develop is very rewarding. If you are at least a level 1 coach and would like to get involved with the club all the contact details are on the club website www.painswickfc.co.uk

Chairman Howard Davis from Price Davis Accountants which sponsors the club said 'New coaches will be warmly welcomed into our team of volunteers and will receive plenty of support. We are also able to help coaches who want to work towards other qualifications from the FA.'

Training for all the teams takes place at the Recreation Ground on Wednesdays from 7pm and Thursday evenings from 6pm. Boys and girls from all age groups who would like to try the club are welcome to come to a taster training session at any time. However, training for next season starts now, not in September, so interested youngsters and potential coaches should come along to a training session or get in touch as soon as possible.



Cricket

Painswick Cricket Club have got the season off to an excellent start with the first eleven winning their first three matches in the West of England Premier Cricket League – Gloucester Division One. The second eleven are playing in Gloucester Division 2 with

the third eleven in Division One of the Martin Berrill Stroud & District Cricket Association League and the fourth eleven in Division Two.

May results

Sat 7th. Painswick 1st XI 254-6 Charlton Kings 1st XI 129 all out.

Sat 14th. Woodmancote 1st XI 222 all out Painswick 1st XI 227-4 (N Talbot 129).

Painswick 2nd XI 183-9 Woodmancote 2nd XI 187-8. Slimbridge 2nd XI 150 Painswick 3rd XI 153-2.

Sat 21st. Kingsholm 1st XI 177 all out Painswick 1st XI 179-1 (J Cook 84* A Beer 57).

Painswick 2nd XI 224-5 (J Telling 73 P Wilkie 60) Kingsholm 115 2nd XI all out (M Wilkins 9-39).

Painswick 3rd XI 187-7 (S Pegram 44) Cam 3rd XI 60 all out (J Morgan 4-14).

Stone 3rd XI 139 all out (N Evans 4-19) Painswick 4th XI 100 all out.

June fixtures at Broadham Fields

Sat 4th. Painswick 1st XI v Redmarley 1st XI.

Sat 11th. Painswick 2nd XI v Tewkesbury 2nd XI.

Sat 18th. Painswick 1st XI v Lydney 1st XI.

Sat 25th. Painswick 2nd XI v Hatherley & Reddings 2nd XI.

Broadham Summer Ball

The Painswick RFC and Sports Club Ball this year is to be held on Friday 24th June at Broadham Fields, Painswick.

There will be an excellent 3 course dinner and dancing to "Top Catz".

Tickets will be £50 each. Available from Chris Hall on 07977-176606 or email chris.hall@pb.com



'The Door' Charity

On the 2nd May Bank Holiday Painswick Cricket Club played a match against a Painswick & Stroud

Local Ministries PSALMS) eleven at Broadham Fields. The match had been arranged by the Sports Youth Minister, Andy Harding, as a fund raising event in aid of the Stroud charity for young people 'The Door'.

On a beautifully sunny day with a good attendance the Painswick Club team proved to be the stronger side in spite of the guest appearance of Stroud's Member of Parliament Neil Carmichael in the PSALMS team. In the twenty overs match PSALMS were all out for 133 with Painswick reaching 134 for the loss of 4 wickets. Andy expressed his appreciation to the Painswick Club for hosting the event.



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June News from your Village Agent

The role of Village Agent has been recognised as being such a success that MacMillan have linked in with us to provide a similar service to anyone affected by cancer who is over 18. My colleague Angela King and myself are covering the Stroud area. I have had the great privilege of attending our local Breast Cancer Support group which is held every 1st Monday of the month (2nd if a Bank Holiday) at Stroud Hospital Outpatients Department. Coincidentally the group was celebrating its 18th anniversary when I went, which is testimony to those who have supported it all this time. The women attending were very welcoming and made myself and the lady I took feel very much part of their celebration. There is a different speaker most months and a chance to share and chat with other members, some of whom are currently being treated for breast cancer and others who are cancer survivors. The coordinator is Jacky Davies: 01453 872567

While I was there, I was asked by one lady to find some information about a company called "Pink Insurance" because friends have told me about the difficulties of getting travel insurance if you have a serious health condition. My friend who has a terminal diagnosis was quoted over £1,000 last month, but managed to get insured for £150.00 by going to a specialist company. I have put together a list of specialist insurance companies. I cannot guarantee that they will offer cover for all individual cases, but I hope that the information is helpful to you. AllClear, Freedom and Pulse offer cover for a variety of pre-existing health conditions.

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Look out for the GUIDE bus which will be in the Tesco car park in Stroud on Wednesday June 22nd. Because that day coincides with "National Falls Awareness Week", there will be a focus on information around falls prevention. GUIDE is the health, social care and disability information service for Gloucestershire

Lou Kemp: Tel 07776 245767

PROPERTY REPORT for May from Hamptons International

The property market in and around Painswick continues to show strong and healthy levels of activity. After a frantically busy March, the market, as anticipated, was a little more subdued in April as a result of the Easter break, the Royal Wedding, a glut of bank holidays and the fine weather. However, as things return to normality now in May we are seeing very positive activity in the market as people make every effort to move home before the summer months arrive.

Research carried out across our network of over 85 offices confirms that the "ripple" of activity seen early this year in London is now spreading well beyond the M25. Closer to home, we are experiencing a strong demand for realistically priced property across all price ranges in Painswick with an independent survey of the Painswick area reporting Hamptons are leading the market with more than twice the number of properties sold (subject to contract) when compared to our nearest rival*.

In line with my report for March, we are still emphasising the need for realistic pricing when launching a property to the market. When it comes to selling your home, we encourage you to take a dispassionate view of your property and where it sits in the market and it is critical to consider your house alongside others that the agent has actually sold and not just those offered to the market.

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New instructions that have already gone under offer include: Mayfield in Vicarage Street whilst Anns Cottage in Pitchcombe has already exchanged contracts and Skyrack, in the Highlands, exchanged contracts in a record 48 hours at significantly in excess of the asking price! Other properties now under offer include Eden Cottage, Clovermead, Slad Valley House, Long Mynd, Vatch Cottage and the New House in Cranham. Properties now sold include Coomb House, Lawn Cottage, 1 Hambutts Cottages and Maisie Cottage in Painswick, Field Croft and 3 Wordings Mount in Sheepscombe and Sweetbriar in Cranham.

Guy Tabony, Branch Manager

*Source: Based on an independent survey of property websites undertaken by Vizzihomes, the independent estate agency market research provider, covering all properties in the GL6 6 area the period from 7 January to 13 May 2011.

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		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries Adrian 07855404147)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	7	Painswick Bird Club Field Trip: "Wildlife at Thistledown" near Nympsfield - meet at entrance (SO 811007) Horticultural Society Outing to Ryton Organic Garden, Coventry, Warwickshire	Nympsfield Stamages Car Park	9.45am 10.00am
		Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	8	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: A Career in Policing - Tim Brain Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Excursion to Greys Court	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Shires Room, Falcon	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am
Thu	9	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Rococo Gardens Friends' Outing to Abbey House Gardens, Malmesbury Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Rococo Gardens Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 10.00am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	10	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays Salsa Evening with Nigel May in aid of Painswick Playgroup - tickets £5	Town Hall Painswick Centre	10.00am 8.00pm
Wed	15	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	17	Friday Club: A Newcomer to Painswick: Jane Jennings-Taylor	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	18	Copy dateline for July Beacon		
Tue	21	Local History Society AGM & Talk: Friends of Friendless Churches - Alec Hamilton	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: Humpty Dumpty - Malcolm Watkins	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	25	Concert: 'This is Our Joyous Song' in aid of The Haven Breast Cancer Support Centre - Hereford	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Sun	26	British Red Cross Open Gardens: at least 5 gardens open: Teas/Ice Creams/free parking: Adults £5, children free	Painswick	2.00 to 6.00pm
Mon	27	Field Club walk for Geology/Archaeology on Painswick Beacon: Leader Janet Jenkins. Enq. 812942	Golf Club lower car park	10.00am
Tue	28	Yew Trees W.I.: My Life in the Fire Service - Ray Drew Painswick Players Playreading 'Boeing Boeing' - all welcome	Town Hall Green Room, P. Centre	7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	29	Friday Club Summer Outing by Train & River to Bath Horticultural Society Outing: Sandywell Barn House, Whittington, Glos.	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
Thu	30	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford	Stamages Car Park	11.30am

JULY

Sat	2	July Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Painswick Conservatives Summer Garden Party at "Woodridings" - Cotswold Mead	Cotswold Mead	6.30 to 10.30pm
Wed	6	Probus: The Edwardians - Malcolm Lewis Parish Council Planning & Recreation Field Trust Meeting Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Butterflies - Sue Smith. Details 813228	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	9	Dog Show Lakeside Concert Band outdoor concert in aid of Sue Ryder - Leckhampton Court Hospice. £4, children free Victorian Costume Ball - for info. Tel. 01453 833150	Recreation Field Sheephouse Painswick Centre	10.30am 3.00 to 5.00pm 7.30 to 11.00pm



Sun	10	Wearable Art Painswick 2011		
Thu	14	Painswick Players production: "Duets" by Peter Quilter (also 15th Church Rooms & 16th)		7.30pm
Fri	15	Friday Club: History of Ballet Music - Maurice Maggs	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	20	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Outing to Boughton House & Gardens	Stamages Car Park	8.25am
		Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon		
		Parish Council Meeting	Edge Village Hall	7.30pm
Thu	21	Horticultural Society Outing to Barnsdale Garden, Oakham, Leicestershire	Stamages Car Park	9.00am
Sat	23	Walk along lanes & footpaths in Painswick Valley to look at development of landscape since 16th century. Booking - Carolyn Luke 814139		10.00am to 12 noon
Sun	24	Walk past some mills associated with the former cloth industry in Painswick Valley. Booking - Carolyn Luke 814139		10.00am to 12 noon
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I.: The Auction Business - James Taylor	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	27	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Summer Lunch, Minchinhampton Golf Club. Details 813228		12 noon for 1.00pm
Fri	29	Friday Club: President's Meeting	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	30	Field Club walk: Aust (am) & Hock(pm) Cliffs for Geology, History & Plantlife Leader Joe Angseesing. Enq. 812942	Old Passage, Aust	10.00am

AUGUST

Wed	17	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Excursion: Tour of Meysey Hampton & Fairford Churches + lunch & tea	Stamages Car Park	10.45am
Thu	18	Horticultural Society Outing: Hidcote Manor Garden, Chipping Campden	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Fri	2	Friday Club: A Walk in The Alps - Anne Burges-Watson	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	7	Probus: The Extraordinary Life & Death of Edward II - Peter Petrie	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	10	Horticultural Society Annual Show	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	16	Friday Club: Textile Art - Gill Allen	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	24	Friday Club Autumn Outing to Malvern Show		
Sun	25	Annual Clipping Service - Preacher: Rev. Tim Hastie-Smith	St Mary's Churchyard	3.00pm
Mon	26	Painswick Bird Club Residential Field Trip to Oxfordshire, Blenheim & The Thames	Oxfordshire	
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: Presentation by Waitrose	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	29	Theatre Club Outing to Stratford	Stamages Car Park	10.00am

OCTOBER

Wed	5	Probus: National Parks - Anne Saunders	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	6	Painswick Bird Club / Glos Naturalist Soc. "Sense & Non-senses of Birds - Dr Timothy Seller	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	19	Probus: Silver - Nigel Dimmer	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Tue	25	Yew Trees W.I.: A Year in Nepal - Bob Price	Town Hall	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	2	Probus: Freemasonry & its Secrets Part 2 - Ray Pearson	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Wed	16	Probus: History & Development of Helicopters - Mark Wilkins	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	17	Painswick Bird Club: At Home with the Robin - Mike Read, Wildlife Photographer	Richmond Village	7.30pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: The Joys of Running a Charity Shop - Adele Lang (followed by AGM)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	30	Probus: Field Gun Battery in WW2 - Norman Snowden	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Wed	7	Probus: Club Christmas Dinner		
Tue	13	Yew Trees W.I.: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Probus: Old Tyme Music Hall - Mike Wallace	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Eddie Buttrey** at em-m.buttrey@virgin.net



NEW APPLICATIONS

HAZELBURY HOUSE, New Street
Raise canopy of 1 Beech & 1 Yew by 3 metres. Reduce and reshape 1 Walnut.
BUNCH OF GRAPES, Cheltenham Road

Removal of Cupressaceae tree.
MULBERRY HOUSE, Churchill Way.
Prune & reduce to 4 Yew trees & remove 1 ornamental tree.

BROOKLANDS COTTAGE, Sheepscombe

Fell and remove 1 Ash tree.

SCHOOL HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe

Replacement of existing slate tiled roof with zinc roof.

LAND AT TIBBIWELL LANE

Proposed change of use from agricultural land to site for 5 No. holiday homes with roadways and access off

Tibbiwell Lane to provide passing bay.

HILL VIEW, Butt Green

Two storey extension.

UPPER VATCH MILL, The Vatch, Catswood Lane

Erection of two bay garage in oak.

EDGE HOUSE, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge

Alterations and new railings.

LAND AT WADES FARM, Vatch View, Uplands.

Erection of 48 dwellings with associated car parking, access, allotments, landscaping and public open space.

PHOENIX COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane

Revised application following permission S.10/0225/HHOLD for changes to the dormers.

NORWAY HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe

Alterations and extensions to existing house and erection of a home office/ garden room

THE COACH HOUSE, Tocknells House, Painswick
Restoration of the right hand wing, the central & left hand of the Stables.
Demolition the existing concrete garden store & create a new contemporary extension at the rear of the Stables.
Re-use an annex room in Tocknell's House to create a biomass boiler room.
A further annex room is required to provide a storage solution for the proposed use of wood pellets.

CONSENT

PODGWELL BARN, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge.

Erection of new garage and external alterations. Revised plans received 23 March 2011.

WASHBROOK FARM, Edge Road, Painswick

Removal of conservatory. Installation of new window & glazed door to west elevation. Alteration of internal partitions. Removal of existing dormer & PVC windows, replaced with new windows and catslide roof. Installation of stairs and stair well. Minor landscaping to steps, kitchen, garden and parking area

PYLL HOUSE, Sheepscombe
Replacement of windows and internal alterations.

THE BARN, Slad Lane.

New entrance lobby, following from withdrawn application S.10/2374/HHOLD.

REVISED PLANS

ROSE COTTAGE, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe

Revised Plans – Main Changes are:

Deletion of parking area.

Reduction in length of extension.

Amended design. Use of ashlar stone.

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Wedding

Congratulations to FIONA ELIZABETH JANE WELBOURN and ROBERT IAN TALLIS who are to be married at 12 noon on Saturday 11th June in St Mary's church

Welcome

Welcome to BRUCE and SYLVIE FRASER who have come to live at Courtside in Stamages Lane after some twenty three years in Asia mainly Hong Kong

You could help Jenny Gaugain, whose contact details are in the column to the right, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.

Rachel Taylor

Beacon Team members have been saddened by the news of Rachel's death. Rachel was an original member of the Beacon Editorial Committee when the newspaper was first published in April 1978. She continued her association with the Beacon until her death producing the Personal Column singlehandedly until recently when she was joined by Jenny Gaugain. Our sincere sympathies are extended to her family.

Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family of KOBY ALEX FRANCIS de HAVILLAND-HALL who died suddenly on May 2nd aged six months, beloved son of Philip and Amy, adored grandson of Margaret and great grandson of Nora Regan

Erratum

In the May edition we referred to Prince William and the Countess of Cambridge. The caption in the centre pages should have read Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge.

Apology

We would like to apologise in advance for any noise disturbance on Saturday, 18th June from a party we are having on Greenhouse Lane.

Ella Skelston

Gyde Almshouses Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for an Almshouse at Gyde Road, Painswick. Application forms can be obtained from Mrs D. Baker, Clerk to the Trustees 37 HILL PAUL, CHEAPSIDE, STROUD, GL5 3BL. Applicants must have been resident in Painswick and be over the age of 60 years.

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