

The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to ISABELLE and JOLYON RIDGWELL on the birth of their son Oliver on 21st June, a brother for Sophia and a first grandson for Patrick Ridgwell

also to CLARE and DAVID DARE on the birth of their daughter, Mia Sarah, in Cheltenham, a first grandchild for Michael and Margaret Wilson

also congratulations to GARY SINGH and SARA DAVIES on the birth of their son, Jaiden, on 27th June, a first grandchild for Julie and Charlie Davies

also to TIM FREEBURY and VANESSA LUSMORE on the birth of a son, Caleb, a brother for Nick, Toni, Fred, Kyha and Moiya on 20th July.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to SUSAN SHEARER, LESLIE LUKER DAVID GUNTON, JULIAN READ and JOHN BAILEY who have all been ill recently.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of EUNICE JOYCE, ROBERT COX and Mrs NEWCOMBE of Cranham who have all died recently.

Comings and goings

We would like to welcome MICHAEL and MARGARET WILSON to Tower Cottage from Bath,

also GEORGE and ANJA SHARPE who moved into 3 George Court on 1st June after living in Stroud for seventeen years,

also Mr and Mrs DUNCAN to Allways in Kingsmead,

also Ms PETERS and Mr MacCARTEN who are the new owners of Laburnam in Jacks Green,

and Mr BAULKWELL who has moved into New Hall in Bisley Street

and PETER and MARGARET MORSE now living at Barncroft in Blakewell Mead,

and Mr and Mrs WILKES now at Cornerways in Edge,

and Mr and Mrs COPESTOCK to Scrubbs Bottom in the Scrubbs

and RUPERT AKER to Old Forge Cottage, in Butt Green

also Mrs WENDY BATCHLOR to The Lamp House,

and Mrs KIM WORSLEY to Woodbury in Vicarage Street,

and Mr and Mrs CRADDOCK to Yoke House in Yoke House Lane

and welcome to BARBARA and HAROLD CLARK now living at the Chestnuts in Gloucester Road,

but we are sorry to say farewell to Mr and Mrs BARKER from Laburnum in Jacks Green.

Personal messages

Betty Cope sends her sincere thanks for all the cards, flowers, cakes and good wishes which made my 90th birthday so special. I had a wonderful day.

Great-grandparents John and Mary Luker wished Ella every happiness on her first birthday on 14th July.

Last month's detail was from the shadow on the inscription to the front of the Town Hall.

Architects

This month we have decided to tease you a little with this shot - but can you recognise these directions?



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The Painswick Abseil

What an afternoon! From the moment when John Longuet-Higgins came flouncing down the side of the church tower, complete with flashing lights on his dog-collar and the most extravagant of church robes, we knew we were in for something special (And now we've seen what a churchman wears under his cassock!) Encouraged by the experienced and friendly staff of The Rock Centre, abseiler after abseiler followed him over the edge. Each in turn fought the mental battle to trust themselves to their harness and the slippery touch of their toes on the wall. Among them were children of the village and of the Croft School, some as young as nine, looking tiny as they came down the great flank of St Mary's.

A crowd of supporters gathered and stayed, standing, or sitting on the tombs in the afternoon sun. Volleys of teddy-bears flew from the battlements, their brightly-coloured parachutes opening like flowers in the updrafts from the tower. One narrowly failed in its attempt to glide over the churchyard wall and onto the A46. There were ice creams and treasure hunts, and tables set café-style outside the church rooms.

And perhaps the best moment of all was when Reigh Sutton, pictured here, and Hugh Jessop came down almost arm-in-arm together, to be greeted at the bottom with champagne prizes for successful fund-raising. These two alone had raised nearly £800 between them. Other star fund-raisers were Jason Bullingham and John Longuet-Higgins, who raised over £300 each.



More pictures on centre pages

The organisers hope that the event may have made as much as £5000, which will be divided between the tombstone project and the school - a great success.

But the fun of it was the most important thing of all.

Photographs taken from the tower during the event are on display in the church porch and in the library. Copies may be ordered, at very reasonable prices, by completing an order form or by contacting John Dickinson on 812965.



Fun Day

Painswick Youth Club is holding a Fun Day at the Recreation Ground on Wednesday 9th August from 4.00pm until 6.00pm followed by a barbecue until 8.00pm. A warm welcome is extended to everyone. Youth Leaders and committee members would like to take the opportunity to hear from existing and potential members what they would wish the Youth Club to provide.

Unique art

Numerous exhibitions of art are held in Painswick; and outstanding they are too.

A quite exceptional one will be in the Town Hall this month between the 12th and 20th.

Martin Aitchison and local resident Robert Ball will be displaying their work. Both were students of the Birmingham School of Art during the 1930s; what they describe as "the vintage years".

Martin, with poor hearing, felt unable to teach, and became an illustrator working firstly with the Eagle comic and later for Ladybird Books. For both he produced a large amount of work. Robert was a full-time teacher, producing less work but was more at liberty to experiment. On retirement Martin was able to work as he pleased. Although Robert had hoped to become a full-time artist he was overcome by blindness.

The core of their exhibition will be Martin's originals for print, and Robert's original prints themselves. We feel this will be a 'must see' exhibition - open from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily.

Feasting in Cranham

You are invited to join in the Historic Cranham Feast and Deer Roast on Saturday 12th August from 3.30pm. There's lots to do, especially for children. The Cranham Players will be performing a mime and there is the challenge of the boundary running race, with events for adults and juniors. Then, before the venison is finally served, there is the traditional reading of the prologue.

The following day, Sunday 13th, at 3.00pm, there will be a travelling open air service, beginning at Cranham Church and ending at the top of the Common with tea and cakes!

And of course lots of children's sports activities.

All this and the colourful Flower Festival, African Style, (mentioned on another page) in the Church! Phone Karen Stageman for further details 812275

Inside, this month, Puffins cope, flowers to the fore, more resurfacing, new web sites, dogs score, to the Palace for tea, a picture from Canada, chance to be Treasurer, the Bath coach awaits, coins being tossed at Lloyds TSB, watch for muntjac trail, see flowers from Africa, chance to see Bohème, archived cards from Charles, our young sporting champions, high bears under canvas.

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 wider interest. The full minutes of Council meetings are available at the Council office on Wednesday and Friday mornings, as well as Painswick Library.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE MEETING Road resurfacing - village centre

An open meeting was held on 4th July in order to hear from the GCC officers about intended resurfacing and associated works to pavements in Victoria Street, Tibbiwell, and the section of St. Mary's Street between these in October this year, and to make known any concerns/ideas the community might have so that these might be taken into account.

Many residents and retailers from this area of the village attended, and their first-hand knowledge of the location contributed to what some would diplomatically describe as a lively discussion. Among ideas rejected was one to protect pedestrians more by introducing bollards in lieu of kerbs in some places in order to ensure free passage on foot and with such as buggies and wheelchairs. Chairman Terry Parker reminded all present that the Parish Council had long supported vehicles parking partially on pavements, provided that pedestrians and the young or infirm could still pass between vehicles and walls.

The officers undertook to seek detailed information from every resident affected by these works regarding such as ownership of pavement, basements extending under the carriageway, and (importantly) routes taken by surface water which could, if not carefully considered, cause flooding of some properties.

The consensus of the meeting was that pavements and carriageways should be retained as at present, with low-rise kerbing in materials in character with the village (not as in Bisley Street).

Although only indirectly bearing upon the subject, one resident vigorously raised the matter of extension of Council tolerance of on-pavement parking by citing the case of several vehicles owned by one person in Pullens Road, to the detriment of other road users and pedestrians.

PLANNING COMMITTEE Richmond-Painswick

Several members of the public attended and Carole Ross spoke on their behalf to pose specifically to the committee the request that it 'use its moral authority to ensure that the full text of the letter received by the Chairman of the Council, in response to his enquiry of the District Council's planning officers, and dated 8th June, be published in the Painswick Beacon'. The Chairman of the committee, David Hudson, indicated that the matters concerned would be dealt with within the agenda. Wally Walters sought information as to whether the Council had been approached by Richmond Painswick as it would seem that, from the letter from Susie Oakley - the Manager of Richmond-Painswick - in the last issue of the Beacon that public consultation was in train. The Chairman assured Mr Walters that no consultation had taken place and that the

Council would not enter such at any stage.

Within the formal meeting the Chairman made clear that as no planning application had been received he did not want the committee to discuss what he categorised as 'pre-emptive spin' but only to deal with recorded facts when it was received.

Mr Hudson quoted the 'Richmond - erratum' printed in the Beacon and sections of the SDC Local Plan including reference to an anticipated capacity in its draft of 20 dwellings. That limitation was removed by the Inspector, his reasoning being recorded as only becoming relevant when the detailed planning application was submitted. In the interest of accuracy the full text from the Local Plan as it now reads, and within which any further planning application must be considered, is as follows:

Land to North of Cotswold Mead, Painswick (Hg26) 5.8.35a. Form and Layout - The site slopes steeply from the A46 Stroud Road into the site, and views from the slopes of the site towards the surrounding AONB landscape are extensive. Development on the upper slopes will not be acceptable due to the impact on the wider landscape and development should therefore be concentrated within the site.

5.8.35b Density - The site is allocated for a Nursing Home complex together with associated ancillary dwellings. Density overall is relatively low, due to the extent of the site, however, the amount of land suitable for development will be affected by the landscape constraints that operate on the upper slopes.

5.8.35c. Affordable Housing - It is probable that, given the nature of the associated development within the site, the affordable units provided within the site will cater for older people.

5.8.35d. Access - The current alignment and gradient of Stroud Road, together with the 50 mph speed limit, presents difficulties in accessing the site satisfactorily. Vehicular access will have to be provided to the required highway standard off the A46 Stroud Road. The following are additional requirements:-

- an extension to the 30 mph limit
- street lighting
- the provision of a full width footpath and link to the north

5.8.35e. Transportation - It is unlikely that the scale of this development will be sufficient to generate contributions to improvements to the bus services. However a contribution will be sought towards better associated facilities, such as bus shelters.

5.8.35f. Landscape - The site is located within the AONB and, as a consequence, a high quality development will be expected. The northern part of the site should remain undeveloped to maintain the continuity of the green wedge of this area in views across the valley. The site is currently sparsely planted, and new development should include a scheme for the planting of deciduous species both along the site boundaries and within it to reflect the wider AONB landscape.

5.8.35g. Archaeology - An archaeological evaluation will be required before a definite assessment of archaeological potential can be made.

5.8.35h. Recreation - The District Council's survey of 'Outdoor Playing Space' has highlighted that provision in Painswick Parish is significantly above the Council's adopted standard. Policy RL5 of the Local Plan is not applicable to nursing home accommodation. This aspect of the development will, however, be expected to incorporate substantial areas of amenity space around the home that utilise views out of it towards the surrounding countryside, and south and south western aspects.

The Chairman went on to refer to one of the many conditions attached to the planning approval which required that the residual open space to the north of the site should be retained as such, and that a new fence had just been erected which defined precisely the location of a 105.5m contour. He assured the committee that a special meeting would be convened if a planning application is received during

the recess, and that although he was not anticipating a public meeting on the subject, all plans would be on public display in the upper room of the Town Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Field - youth shelter

Three residents from properties adjoining the field attended and addressed the Council on their own behalf and that of several neighbours with whom they had consulted. They emphasised that there was a history of misconduct by a number of young people on this field, including loud music, under age drinking, litter and bad language, although this tended to occur in 'waves' and that currently it was not at its worst. They suggested that locating a shelter dedicated to young people on this field would not only signal that previous conduct was condoned, but act as a new focus for anti-social behaviour. Pressed as to where they would locate a shelter, if such were to proceed, they recommended the centre of the field!

After discussion it was unanimously agreed, upon a proposition from Martin Slinger, that no action be taken to erect a shelter until such time as an assessment is made consequent upon the imminent introduction of Neighbourhood Wardens to the village, probably in about six month's time.

Neighbourhood Wardens

The Council was informed that its request for a six month 'free' trial of these wardens, employed by the District Council, would commence shortly with an allocation of two personnel for four hours per week. Three councillors were appointed to prepare terms of reference and indicate areas of concern to which the attention of these Wardens could be drawn.

Bledisloe Cup

The Clerk reported that Painswick was among the Larger Villages which had been assessed and that it has progressed to the second round of judging, during July. **Calor Village of the Year** The Chairman reminded members to whom enquiries might have been directed that Painswick is not listed among those entered for this competition in 2006, it being because our successes last year debarred us from entering again for two years.

Road resurfacing

The Council took note of the letter received from David Gunton that parking permitted in Tibbiwell and consequent traffic flow created 'an accident waiting to happen'. Ann Burges Watson reported receipt of a letter from the Puffins expressing considerable concerns that scant regard appears to be given to the needs of least mobile pedestrians in the village centre. *The Beacon noted that no more than these passing references were made to the public meeting regarding resurfacing of the carriageway in part of the centre of the village, our report being above. We understand that such report will be made to the Traffic Committee in due course.*

Library

The Chairman reported that the County Council's officers had inspected the upper hall as a possible temporary or permanent relocation for the library and that their assessment was awaited.

PLANNING MATTERS A summary of information from the Parish Council.

NEW APPLICATIONS

PYLL HOUSE FARM, SHEEPSCOMBE Extension to existing barn & erection of storage building

CHERRY TREE COTTAGE, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Raise roof of side annex with dormer windows

QUIETWAYS, THE HIGHLANDS Erection of an extension & alterations

WELLSPRING, CHELTENHAM ROAD Renewal of application S.01/742 - Erection of 3 sheds

SHEEPSCOMBE C.P. SCHOOL, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE Extension and retention of Pratten classroom

PYLL HOUSE, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of detached car port and workshop block

WAYLAND, COTSWOLD MEAD Provision of additional window to previously approved scheme 05/0676/FUL

GREENAWAY HOUSE, LOWER WASHWELL LANE Erection of a chalet bungalow.

FOREST VIEW, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE Renewal of permission 01/939 for the erection of 1st floor extension

THE OLD HOUSE, SLAD Erection of new garage building & alterations to existing outbuildings

PAINSWICK PHARMACY, NEW STREET Restoration of sundial on SE façade

SEVEN LEAZE, SEVENLEAZE LANE, EDGE Erection of conservatory

PARADISE HOUSE, PARADISE Erection of 2 polytunnels

BEECHWOOD COTTAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of extension

DAMSELLS FARM Landscaping works to form raised beds, paved walkways and terracing to house. (Retrospective)

MILLFIELDS, THE VATCH, SLAD Erection of block of 2 stables and feed store

COURT COTTAGE, HALE LANE Retrospective application for replacement ground floor kitchen windows with double glazing and lock fastenings

WASHWELL FARM, CHELTENHAM ROAD Erection of general storage barn

JENKINS BANK, JENKINS LANE, EDGE Erection of wooden shed/storage cabin.

CONSENT

HIGH VOLTAGE OVERHEAD LINE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Replace existing overhead line with underground cable and relocate terminal pole.

8 HYETT ORCHARD, HYETT CLOSE Works on lime tree.

MILLBROOK HOUSE, KINGSMILL LANE Outline application for erection of 2 detached dwellings with garages

4 ST MARY'S MEAD Works to ash tree

BOUNDARY COTTAGE, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE Erection of a conservatory

DOWN COURT, SLAD Erection of a garden room extension and internal and external alterations

THE ANCHORAGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Extension to existing dwelling house

29 UPPER WASHWELL Erection of a conservatory to rear of property

ROSE COTTAGE, SLAD Erection of a single storey extension

THE ANCHORAGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Replacement of existing garage with double garage/workshop with games room over.

REFUSAL

YEW TREE HOUSE, NEW STREET Conversion of guest annexe to self-contained flat.

REVISED PLANS

THE ANCHORAGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Replacement of existing garage with double garage/workshop with games room over

DAMSELLS MEWS, THE PARK Erection of 2 storey rear extension and insertion of dormer windows & balconies. Construction of detached garage. Main changes:

Removal of garage from application.

PLANS WITHDRAWN

ABBEY BARN, THE VATCH, SLAD Replace existing corrugated iron garage with green oak garage

LULLINGWORTH, STROUD ROAD Alterations to kitchen wing

GORSELANDS, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE Erection of extension.

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Camping General Purpose Trailer - 5ft x 3ft x 18ins sides. In need of some refurbishment, with canvass cover £20. Contact 814241.

Leola Ceiling Light - John Lewis fitting for sale £60.00. Perfect condition. Unwanted due to house move. Contact 810960.

Pine Kitchen Table (4ftx3ftx2.5ft) with two drawers, plus six chairs of which two have arms. £100.00. Can deliver local to Painswick. 813150

Epsom Aculaser C1900 Colour Printer - for sale with 500page feeder tray, new November 2004, excellent condition lightly used - £150.00. Buyer collects. Ring Charles Dorman 814548.

Wrought Iron Window Box - Very good condition unwanted due to house move - for sale £20.00. Contact 810960.

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FREE of charge

Office Chair - black swivel and gas lift; seat pad needing little attention. 813101

Snooker table (6ft x 3ft), reasonable condition - cushions a bit dead. 812167

Table tennis table, good condition. 812167

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Tue	7	Bird Club: Voyage to St Kilda – Helen Williams ARPS	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	8	Probus: Talks by Members	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	10	Tennis Club Quiz Night	Broadham Fields	7.30pm
Sat	11	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12 noon
Sun	12	Remembrance Sunday Service	St Mary's Church	10.50am
Wed	15	CTAP AGM	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Fri	17	Friday Club Outing to Cribbs Causeway Music Appreciation: La Bohème (see page 7)	Bristol Hippodrome	tba dep: about 5.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: M&S - the first 100 years - Mr Peter Iliffe	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	25	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.00am to 2.00pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI: AGM & talk on Local Cheeses by Liz Godsell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	29	Probus Annual Dinner		

DECEMBER

Fri	1	Friday Club: Flowers for Christmas - Anne Smith	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	2	The Painswick Singers Carol Concert, in aid of Church funds	Christ Church	7.30pm
Mon	4	Advent Agape – bring a plate of food and a reading or other Advent contribution	Christ church Hall	
Wed	6	Probus	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	7	until 9th Centenary 'thingy' Show (see page 12)	Painswick Centre	tba
Tue	12	Flower Guild: Wreath and table decoration workshop Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	15	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch	tba	tba
Sun	17	Children's Party - including magician (see page 6)	Painswick Centre	tba

2007 FEBRUARY

Tue	20	Bird Club: Birds & other wild life of the Forest of Dean, Lesbos and the Galapagos – Terry Wall	Town Hall	2.00pm
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MARCH

Tue	27	Bird Club: The Wildlife of Trinidad & Tobago - Bob Axworthy	Town Hall	7.30pm
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APRIL

Wed	4	Flower Guild: Cookery demonstration by Rob Rees		
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Flower Festival 2007

Of all the fine warm days in June Wednesday 16th at the Sheephouse proved to be one of the coldest on record!! But in true British form we sat through a flower demonstration, and had cream teas and cakes, as if it were a flaming June day. Thank you so much for all the support we had that day, helping us raise approximately £430 towards the flowers for the flower festival in 2007 which in turn is to help the repair of the St Mary's Tombstones and Churchyard pathways.

Our next event is a **recital in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 12th September** at 7.30pm when James Coles violin, and Edith Fellmann harp, will be playing. Some of you may remember James and my husband Douglas Smith giving a concert at Woods Mill in aid of the Lychgate. James lived in Uplands and was educated at Marling before going on to the Royal School of Music. In his professional career he was joint leader of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and leader of the Yehudi Menuhin Festival Orchestra, and having a CD of him playing in concert with Edith I know we are in for a treat. Tickets £7.50, (will include a glass of wine and nibbles) available from members of the Flower Guild, and Anne Smith 812427 and on the door.

Anne Smith



Big success for the Open Gardens

The weather forecast was mixed and the day was blustery but the rain held off and it was another successful day for the Gloucestershire Branch of the British Red Cross on Sunday 9th July. Five lovely gardens were opened by their generous owners in the Kingsmill and Stamages Lane area, and approximately 450 visitors turned up to view them.

This included a coach of 40 from Yorkshire plus 30 French Choir members on tour who came in the morning - a late request we simply could not afford to refuse!

The final total raised on the day came to over £1,330!

Many thanks to all who opened their gardens and to those who assisted on the day. Also very special thanks to the Painswick Rugby Club who kindly allowed us to use their parking area. This allowed an easier and shorter walk for visitors and encouraged them to leave their cars behind thus reducing traffic in the narrow lanes.

If you would like to participate next year, don't be shy, give us a call on 813229.

Jackie Herbert and Lindsay Gardiner

Outstanding Green Garden

Painswick Rococo Garden in Gloucestershire is delighted to have gained a silver award in the Green Tourism Business Scheme. They are the first attraction in the county to have been accredited under this new initiative.

The idea behind Green Tourism is to encourage environmental good practice within the industry. Tourism brings huge benefits to the local economy by creating jobs and promoting local rural businesses, however unless managed there could be environmental disadvantages. The aim is to strike a balance between the needs of the visitor, the industry, the environment and the local community.

Started in Scotland, the GTBS is now being rolled out across the country with the South West being the lead region. In Gloucestershire 20 businesses have already joined the scheme and the Rococo Garden is one of several to have immediately attained the silver award.

"I am delighted we have been given this prestigious award", said Paul Moir, Garden Director, "It shows that even though we are an historic garden we can be seen to be looking to the future as well. A lot of the requirements are things we have always done here and make good sense, like low energy light bulbs and composting waste. The challenge now will be to go one better and make Gold."

"The Rococo Garden also benefits in having a large Kitchen Garden as part of the 18th century design as it allows them to grow fruit and vegetables that can be used in the restaurant. Use of local produce is a big part of reducing the environmental impact of tourism and you can't get more local than home grown", said Paul.

Each participating business is permitted to display the GTBS shield and use the logo on their promotional material. It is hoped that the scheme will soon gain the recognition of the star grading system on accommodation.



For your information there were 11 crimes in the Parish of Painswick during June.



Police Report

They were as follows.

Burglary 2
Burglary non dwelling 6
Theft from M/vehicle 1
Criminal damage 2
As you will see the Burglary non-dwelling is up to 6.

I have no doubt that this is outbuildings getting broken into this time of year and garden implements stolen. We do impress on people to secure these buildings when working in the garden.

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Austerity Lunches

During the next few weeks the committee will be meeting to decide the local charity we wish to support for 2006/7 and would welcome any nominations from Beacon readers.

We shall of course be continuing our support for Christian Aid.

Gill Gyde 812587

Puffins - A Special Day

Pat Davey, of the Country Market, produced an amazing "Puffin" cake for the Painswick Puffins to celebrate Betty Cope's 90th Birthday, in a surprise party halfway through their Wednesday morning session.

They are immensely proud of Betty as she has been a Painswick resident for many years and a Puffin for most of the Club's existence. To this day she executes her gentle aerobics with panache and great humour. She looks good too! She is a real star of the 'club' and the Puffins were thrilled to toast a lovely lady in her favourite sherry!

Remembering Barron & Larcher

I am planning an exhibition in 2008 in the Museum in the Park about the lives of these two fabric block-printers who lived at Hambutts House from 1930.

There is lots of information about them, but if anyone has any memories of them, photos or items passed down through the family, I would be very interested to hear from you.

Please contact me by phone on 01453.766540 or write to Bree Cottage, Selsley, East Stroud GL5 5LP

Mrs Jane Ford



Refuse Collection Bags

A reader suggests "that increasingly, people are putting out black sacks for collection on the weekend, or, occasionally, even earlier; and it seems a bit of a shame for, say, a part of the Cotswold Way or a view through the village to be festooned with rubbish".

He went on to wonder whether we would mention, here, that sacks should not be put out until collection day, or the evening before?

High in The Cotswolds

It was a perfect June day for our first visit to Coldwell Bottom, a high Cotswold valley between Birdlip and Coberley. Experienced and informative guide Martin Wright led a walk from Cuckoopen Barn Farm. We observed several skylarks soaring above the fields, as well as Linnets, Yellowhammers and Meadow Pipits in the Hedgerows. We also had a sighting of a Redstart feeding in scrub. Flower enthusiasts were delighted to see Bee, Common Spotted and Pyramidal Orchids on the valley slopes. Butterflies included Painted Lady, Small Heath and Meadow Brown. A wildlife haven well worth a return visit!

For those who have not already expressed an interest in the RSPB bird watching winter cruise on the Exe estuary in Devon, tickets may still be available. Please contact either Joy Elworthy (813823) or myself (813094).

Bill Boydell

Ed: John Rogers made contact with the Beacon "I live in Canada, and was fortunate to be able to join the group; I enjoyed it very much" and kindly sent photographs, of which we are pleased to use one. We hope he sees it reproduced in our web edition.



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THE VILLAGE DIARY

AUGUST

Sat	5	Exhibition for 350th Anniversary Exhibition for 350th Anniversary – cream teas served Concert by Chor@ - Strawberries & Champagne Served during interval Until 6th Beastly Art Exhibition (see page 9)	Friends Meeting House Christ Church Hall Christ Church Hall	10.30am 10.00am to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	6	Horticultural Society – closing date for Show entries Meeting for Worship (further opportunity to view Exhibition)	Town Hall Highfield, Edge Road Friends Meeting House	10.00am to 5.00pm 10.00pm 10.30am
Tue	8	Exhibition for 350th Anniversary Service for Worship Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall Christ Church Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 4.00pm 4.00pm 9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed	9	Fun Day + barbecue - Youth Club (see front cover)	Recreation Field	4.00-6.00pm & 8.00pm
Thu	10	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	11	Country Market with coffee available: Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	12	"Tea for Tombs" coffee morning (see page 11) until 20th Unique art exhibition (see front cover)	Meadowcote, Stroud Road Town Hall	10.00am to 1.00pm 10.00am to 5.00pm
Tue	15	Jazz Evening no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	16	Watercolour day contact Mark Kelland, 01453 764602	Rococo Garden	9.30am to 4.00pm
Sat	19	Copy dateline for August Beacon		
Wed	23	Watercolour day contact Mark Kelland, 01453 764602 Theatre Club outing to Bath	Rococo Garden The Falcon	9.30am to 4.00pm 12.45pm
Fri	25	Badge making and Story Time (see page 9)	Library	3.00pm to 4.00pm
Sat	26	Country Studio Exhibition of Paintings daily until September 4th	Town Hall	10.00am to 5.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Sat	2	September issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Thu	7	Tea Dances – Thursdays (see page 7)	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: Pilates - Heidi Hardy	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Horticultural Society: Annual Show	Painswick Centre Hall	2.30 to 5.30pm
Tue	12	Flower Guild: Recital Coles and Fellman (see page 3)	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
Wed	13	Probus: The Silk Road – Mr P Covey-Crump Coach to Bath. Enquiries – 813965/813227 Painswick Players AGM (see page 12)	Ostlers Room, Falcon Stamages Lane Car Park Cotswold Room	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm
Tue	19	Fashion Show (see page 6)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Wed	20	Parish Council	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	21	Music Appreciation 1st night 19th Season (see page 7)	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club Outing to Bristol Zoo		
Sun	24	Clipping Sunday	St Mary's Churchyard	3.00pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: Travel that has inspired my paintings - Peter Jenkins (see page 9)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	27	Probus: 20 years as a holiday guide - Hamish Dawson	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am

OCTOBER

Fri	6	Friday Club: Painting with Adele	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	10	Bird Club: From Russia with love – Bewick Swans on the move – Jenny Earle	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	11	Probus: RNLI - Mr Chris Edwards Horticultural Society: The magic of the Outer Hebrides	Ostlers Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club: Susan Marshfield - "Bare foot to Buckingham Palace".	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	22	Voskreseniye Vocal Ensemble from St. Petersburg	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees WI: Cookery demonstration - Robert Rees	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	25	Probus: Writing for change (creative) – Judy Clinton	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am

NOVEMBER

Wed	1	Tennis Club AGM	Sports Club, Broadham	7.30pm
Fri	3	Friday Club AGM: followed by ... "Age Concern"	Town Hall	1.45pm & 2.30pm



Diane – the quintessential village estate agent

When Diane Mearns says that she never thought about being an estate agent you find yourself, head to one side, in a state of puzzled curiosity. For so many people in Painswick, Diane has been pivotal in the buying and selling of their homes. But, as many would agree, she has been so much more than just an ordinary estate agent.

The good news is that Diane continues to buy and sell houses. However, from 1st July she relinquished the role of manager of Hamptons and, in semi-retirement, is now working for three days a week as a negotiator dealing directly with clients, which is what she really likes doing. Diane is, in modern parlance, very much a people person.

She grew up in Hartlepool and at 20 went to London where she studied languages, subsequently becoming a courier with a holiday company. She then set up her own company with three others organising up-market tours. Having met and married John, they moved to Gerrards Cross and later, in 1977, John's job moved to Cheltenham and they set up home in Painswick. At this point they had one small son and Diane assumed she wouldn't work again, a feeling confirmed when her daughter was born.

The situation changed, however, when in 1984 she joined Lear and Lear (later taken over by Hamptons) as a secretary.

This was based in Beacon House, then operated from a private house in Tibbiwell, the home of the other secretary, Carol Cole, before finally moving into its current premises, the Chapel. Over the ensuing twenty two years she has become the consummate estate agent, with a wealth of experience and a true love for what she does.

Diane worries about the widespread perception of estate agents. She wants people to regard the role in a more professional light. She talks animatedly about how much is involved, much more than most of us realise, and how dramatically it has changed during the last few years. Everything is more closely monitored, more legally binding than it used to be. The language has become more factual, gone are those well-known colourful yet ambiguous phrases.

Regardless of change, Diane's approach has always been to be honest and truthful. She likes the personal service which a small office allows (Painswick is the smallest of Hampton's sixty offices) and acknowledges that generally modern-day estate agency is not like that. Her approach is both professional and sensitive



and she sees customer service as critical.

Diane has kept the Painswick office profitable and she wants to maintain the loyalty of the village. Hamptons Painswick is hoping to increase its area and Diane's vast experience and network of contacts will be a great advantage. She is very much part of Painswick life and in particular used to be very active as a leading tennis and netball player.

She has loved her role here, turning down offers to go elsewhere. She is also insistent that teamwork is essential and adds that she is very grateful to Carol Cole and Susan Pyle who worked alongside her for so many years. We too would, in turn, like to express our appreciation to Diane for her early and continued support of the Beacon throughout the years.

And what of the future? Eventually she hopes to travel more. In the meantime, she and John are planning to move into the house they had built in their garden originally for Diane's mother. This involves selling their house which, as she points out with a touch of irony, means they are about to experience the other end of the business themselves for once.

Carol Maxwell

PROPERTY REPORT for August by Hamptons International

I am delighted to be writing my first article in the Beacon and I have been lucky enough to take over from Diane, in what is proving to be a fantastic market. We have sold 64% more properties over the last three months (April to June) compared to the same period in 2005 and a few properties have achieved well over their asking prices. This seems to be a reflection of supply versus demand with too many buyers chasing too few properties. As buyers' minds shift at this time of year to thinking of their summer holidays, we normally expect a property slowdown in August, however this year may be different due to the lack of instructions. We have a large number of motivated buyers who have yet to find their next home and are delaying their holiday plans in order to keep house hunting over the next two months. Indeed, many vendors wanting to sell in the Autumn could take advantage now of the lack of properties on the market.

News just out today on the Home Information pack with the government acknowledging the home condition report cannot be included because of a lack of home inspectors. It would seem that the Home Information Pack, is still on course to be-

come law next June but this will not include the survey but will include the energy efficiency report.

We are delighted to be offering the following **new instructions**: 14 Churchill Way and Wychwood in the Highlands which both went under offer very quickly, Orchard House in Cotswold Mead, Montfort in Upton St Leonards, 14 Canton Acre, 1 and 2 Dormer Cottages and 1 Court Cottage in Butt Green, Yuleston in Gloucester Street and Eversley in Friday Street, The Vatch House, Hazel Mill, and 1 Yew Tree Cottage in The Vatch, Nr Slad.

Exchanges include: Allways in Kingsmead, Laburnum in Jacks Green, Foxgrove in Coopers Hill, New Hall in Bisley Street, Mill View in Kingsmill Lane, Barncroft in Blakewell Mead, The Lamp House in Victoria Street (joint agents), Cornerways in Edge, Scrubbs Bottom in the Scrubbs and Stroud Slad Farm in Slad.

With a much bigger sales team in Painswick we are keen to sell your properties and are now covering a wider area so please do not hesitate to contact us on 01452.812354 to arrange a free market appraisal. *Miranda Harding Branch Manager*

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Post Office

Mr and Mrs Errock of Churchill Way write:

We write about the survival of our village Post Office. We send many letters and parcels by post so we use the Office frequently for postage, savings, occasional foreign currency, car licences and information.

The banks we use have no Painswick branch but we are able to withdraw cash from the accounts, and put in cheques, at the Post Office within walking distance of home.

We understand that the use of 'our' Post Office has diminished and we assume that the adage "if we don't use it, we'll lose it" would apply to it. Closure would bring a significant reduction in convenience to many of us, involving quite a lot of wasted time - together with a probable drop in property values in the village! Please help to keep the village Post Office in being by using it whenever possible.

Wildlife in Hambutts

Audrey Timpson wrote on 11th July: Today at 2.00pm whilst walking in Edge Road, I saw a small deer in The Drive, near the side entrance gate to Hambutts Orchard.

I think it may have been a muntjac, but, as it moved into Hambutts Orchard garden, and disappeared behind a stone wall, I could not get a really close look. I believe one was seen in Churchill Way earlier in the day. Has anyone else seen deer actually in the built-up area recently?

Neighbourhood Warden query

John Parfitt writes:

20 years ago we had a first-class police service from Sergeant Owen and his assistants based in our own police station. After he retired the station was sold, we lost our own officers and the service is now virtually invisible while the police precept we pay has gone through the roof. Where has all that money gone, including the capital receipts from property sales, and how much have we all had to waste on security gizmos for the church, school, bowls club, Ashwell and heaven knows where else?

Now the District Council wants us to fork out more money for wardens for (among other things) "assessing and monitoring... racial incidents" Oh, Please.

Why not send them packing and ask our County and District councillors and Police Committee member (who all live here) to explain what is going on and what they intend to do about it?

Care Centre

Wally Walters of High Clouds, Queens Mead writes:

Soon, Painswick's goal will be achieved. It will have a Nursing Home, irrespective of whether further apartment blocks are built. But, extra apartment blocks will submerge, under concrete, another acre of Painswick's disappearing Greenspace. Another splendid vista will be lost. And what about the Nursing home residents themselves? They will lose half their Greenspace, vital for the mental health of old people, and there will be extra people to share what remains. The apartment blocks will completely obliterate their view of the southern vista, contravening paragraph 5.8.3h of the Local Plan, which requires "substantial areas of amenity space around the home that utilise views out of it towards the surrounding countryside and south and south-western aspects". A planning application for further apartment blocks is imminent. If you care, make your view known to Stroud District Council, as soon as it is lodged.

and Terry Parker, Chairman of the Parish Council, writes:

David Hudson's letter in the July issue of the Beacon clarified the District Council's position regarding possible future development at the Care Centre. It is, I believe, worth stressing that in his letter to the Parish Council the Planning Strategy Manager drew attention to the District Council's condition that "The area of land to be developed by built form shall be limited to land to the south east of the 'development boundary' together with the gazebo located to the north east corner of the site and access roads and footpaths shown on drawing no. 62111J4/E. Remain-



ing areas shall be retained as open space and maintained as such thereafter".

Full Circle?

Russell Herbert writes:

I note the urgency of the Library project, so it is with some enthusiasm I recommend that it returns to its roots - at the Painswick Centre. Those users who have long memories, or have seen the original architects drawings displayed in the Cotswold Room, may have noted this.

Two pleasant ground floor rooms, formally the old Lounge Bar and snug of the 'Club', plus a kitchen and storeroom, have recently been part renovated and are available to let. They have been offered by the Centre to the interested parties to meet this need, and any other purposes providing services to the people of Painswick. Being central and with car parking we are confident this is an ideal location and would fit perfectly with the objectives of the original gift, 100 years ago, by Mrs Frances Sarah Williams.

Temporary or permanent, the Centre could provide a rapid answer to an immediate need.

A few chosen words

Maggie Drake has written:

Decision of Editorial Team, to arbitrarily restrict letters to 150 words regrettable, but not entirely unexpected. Not normal practice in other publications. As general observation, letters are means by which local residents can express opinions/grievances/convey interesting information etc. and reach maximum number of people. Not always possible in 150 words.

Guidelines on letters in June 'Beacon' state that: Item 1 - 'Unsigned or unauthenticated letters will not be reproduced'. This, however, did not apply to article in May 'Beacon' on Richmond Painswick, later attributed, when Editor questioned, to anonymous Standing Liaison Group. Item 6: Accuracy and content. 'Letters accepted for publication assuming in good faith content is accurate.' This certainly did not apply to aforementioned article, which also resulted in space in June 'Beacon' being wasted to partially correct false information. Why should guidelines apply to letters and not articles?

Excuse stilted style - trying to minimise number of words. (149)

and Leonard Chittenden CEng. MTech. BSc.Hons. MIMechE. DipCouns. writes:

So, readers' letters are to be arbitrarily restricted to 150 words. Surely, if somebody has something interesting, important and intelligent to say, it is not beyond the wit of the editorial team to be flexible and exercise wisdom and judgement on what is published. Otherwise, in the context of recent events, where the Beacon's integrity and impartiality are being questioned, the policy might begin to smell of censorship.

I hardly need to point out that Richmond and their cohorts are regularly afforded the privilege of a full-page (approx 1200 word) feature that often appears to amount to little more than a blatant sales pitch based on misinformation. So much for balance!

However I am greatly encouraged by the policy on anonymity - no more pronouncements by the faceless and anonymous Standing Liaison Group then? (133)

and Wally Walters writes:

The Beacon's policy of requiring readers to keep letters short is understandable and one with which I agree wholeheartedly. However, whilst most subjects can easily be accommodated within a limit of 150 words, some, particularly those of a technical nature cannot and the rigid policy, outlined in the July Beacon, seriously compromises legitimate debate. I suggest, therefore, that the committee reconsider this policy and that the Beacon should adopt a more flexible approach.

If I may be slightly provocative, the Beacon would do well to adopt the approach taken by the Inspector of the Stroud District Local Plan, when he advised the Council that they should specify *indicative* rather than *maximum* numbers, when referring to housing density. (117)

Ed. Thank you. We think the correspondence on this subject of letters policy can now be closed.

About a year ago, the Trustees of the Painswick Centre decided to stage a series of events in an attempt to raise funds for much needed improvements to the buildings. It might be useful at this time to assess the success or otherwise of these events, and to seek suggestions from local residents as to the type of event we might stage in the future.

We began, in June last year, with a Country House Sale, which was hard work for the Trustees and their helpers, but was a great success. This was repeated a few weeks ago with somewhat less success - possibly the attics were emptied of the best items first time around, so perhaps we now need to wait while they fill up again! However we still made a modest profit, half of which we donated to The Croft School Library.

The second event, last October, as part of the VE/VJ Day celebrations, was 'An Evening to Remember', which it most certainly was! The Trustees received many nice comments from those who attended this event. Although the event didn't make a lot of money for the Centre, we did have an auction of items generously given by local traders and various personalities, and managed to raise £437 for the British Legion. Ian Towers (with ukulele) and Three Counties Catering will be back in July next year for our Centenary celebrations. Unfortunately we can only seat 100 people in the Hall, so be sure to get your tickets early.

Last December the Trustees staged 'Puppets in the Wild' which was an 'Air in G' production. Unfortunately, although this was a superb puppet show, it was very poorly attended and we actually lost money on this event. This may have been because of a lack of publicity. As a result, the planned Children's Christmas Party on 17th December, will get lots of local publicity! This event is also part of the Centenary programme. A local magician, Mr Fizz, has been booked and all we need now are enough children to fill the Hall!

On Tuesday 19th September the Trustees are staging a Fashion Show in the Hall - but more about that in next month's news bulletin.

The Painswick Centre was gifted to the residents of Painswick, and because of this the Trustees would like to hear from them what sort of events they would like to see staged there. Perhaps you would enjoy a brass band concert, a racing evening (on film of course), a Barn Dance, or a Silent Auction? So, do please let us have your suggestions as to what type of event you would like and we'll try to respond accordingly. Please contact Ralph Drew on 814070 (or e-mail: Ralph@drewland.fsnet.co.uk) with your suggestions.

Coming Soon -

The CENTENARY OF THE PAINSWICK CENTRE DID YOU KNOW? - No. 3

That the Painswick Centre was originally known as 'The Working Men's Club and Institute' but after a few years the former part of the name was dropped - after it became evident that the Women's Institute had come to stay.

The building work for the Painswick Institute was carried out by Burdock & Son, using a technique developed by the Romans. Concrete blocks were made by them in their workshops, formerly a malt-house, where the public baths were built later and which is now a private dwelling house in St. Mary's Street. The fact that so many buildings from Roman times are still standing is a testimony to the longevity of this particular building technique. The Clerk of Works was a Mr J Cutler.

The cost of building the Painswick Centre was at least £4500 (that sum including the acquisition of the land). The cost of the Recreation Ground, behind the Centre was just £1000. Mrs Frances Sarah Williams, who gifted both the Painswick Centre and the Playing Field to the residents of Painswick also paid for the organ in the Parish Church to be restored at a further cost of £500. Small numbers today perhaps, but not so a century ago.

When Mrs Williams gifted the Painswick Centre to the residents of Painswick she instructed the Trustees to pay no regard to 'race, religion or creed'.

If you can add any other information on the history of the Painswick Centre please contact Ralph Drew on 814070.

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Churches Together

The Churches Together Around Painswick (CTAP) cricket team played the Churches Together Around Stroud side at Broadham Fields on Sunday 9th July. The match is played for the Ron Taylor trophy which had been won by Stroud in 2004 and 2005. However this year the Painswick team rose to the occasion and achieved a well merited victory. On a gloriously sunny afternoon the 20 overs per side match saw Stroud restricted to a total of 78 runs. The low score was due to the home team's excellent bowling and to their very good fielding. Outstanding in the field for Painswick were Nik Pathan-Sen who held a brilliant catch on the boundary, and James Mears who ran out the Stroud batsman with only the one stump visible. Painswick passed the Stroud side's total for the loss of three wickets. At the conclusion of the game the Man of the Match award was made to James who has recently moved to the parish. This was followed by a short service conducted jointly by the Vicar, the Reverend John Longuet-Higgins, and Father David Ryan. Youth Minister Tim Friend read from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians. The match and service had been timed to end before 7pm in order to allow the players and supporters to watch the World Cup Final on television. The CTAP committee wishes to thank everyone who supported the event and, in particular, the Painswick Catholic ladies who provided such a wonderful tea. The proceeds from the event will be shared between the St Mary's Tombstone Project and the Stroud Catholic Church Restoration. A cheque has also been sent to the Painswick Cricket Club in appreciation for their kindness in allowing the use of the Broadham facilities. Our picture shows the Painswick team captain, John Hogg, presenting the trophy to the Vicar who was a member of the CTAP side.



Web information

Three interesting addresses revised or notified recently to the Beacon are:

Painswick Country Market on www.painswickmarket.co.uk

Painswick Tombstone Conservation Project www.painswicktombs.org.uk and

The map on the notice board in Stamages car park www.painswicketc.org.uk/map

Coach to Bath

There will be a coach to Bath on Wednesday 13th September.

It will depart from Stamages Lane car park at 10.00am and leave Bath at 5.00pm for the return journey. Fare £7.50.



Bookings with cash or cheque, payable to 'Painswick L & B Outings' may be made with Joan Truman, 'Little Place', Hollyhock Lane, Painswick GL6 6XH. Enquiries to Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227.



Never too old

At the recent British National Masters Athletics Championships held at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham Joyce and John Barrus proved that age is not a barrier to good track performances.

John won a silver medal in the 200m final for the over sixties in 27.6secs, and a bronze medal in the 400m final in 62.7secs. This followed gold medals for the 200m at the Midland Masters Championships and in the 400m in the Welsh Masters Championships.

Joyce meanwhile, although better known for her marathon and 10k running, achieved a bronze at Alexander Stadium for 800m in 2m 42.8 in the over 50's age group. Joyce last week came 5th in the over 50's 1500m final at the European Masters Championships in Poland in a time of 5m 27.2 secs, her best for two years.

Tennis

The formal opening of the club's pavilion will take place on Sunday 1st October at 1215 for 1230pm. The opening will proceed the club tournament finals day which is scheduled to start at 1.00pm.

Six a Side Success

Painswick were very pleased to have won the Six a Side Cricket Tournament held at Broadham on Sunday 23rd July.

Rounders Event

Each year on the Friday evening of the Annual Cricket Week a rounders event is held at Broadham. This year the barbecue, organised by Karen and Robert Goddard raised £70 for the Painswick Cricket Club and the raffle held for the Crack Cancer Campaign raised £71.

Local Derby

The annual Painswick v Falcon mixed bowls match was one of the several activities taking place on 15th July, a truly beautiful summer's day. The players were pampered with a cream tea at half time supplied by the Painswick ladies.

The result was a win to Falcon, but maybe we shouldn't mention that! This event was a precursor to fielding a combined Painswick team to face up to a mixed touring side from Devon on the following day.



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Cricket

Painswick Cricket Club Chairman, John Hogg, writes to express the club's gratitude to its commercial sponsors and to those supporters who help the club in a number of ways. Our picture shows Roger Phillips of Crown Aluminium Ltd and his wife, Wendy, together with Club Secretary Ian Hogg and Club Captain Simon Savides on the occasion of the presentation of a sight screen and cricket net to the club by the Crown Aluminium Company. The Chairman told the Beacon that the Painswick players were particularly appreciative of the presentation of a scoreboard by local resident Ela Pathak-Sen whose sons, Nik and Ishaan are keen cricketers.



The club has gained promotion in the past two seasons and it is very possible that this will happen again this year. However every time promotion to a higher division has taken place there has been the need to upgrade the playing facilities and pieces of equipment such as a wicket roller and mower have clearly been a considerable expense. The financial help provided by friends and sponsors referred to above is therefore crucial to the continued existence of the club. The club has to be prepared for the possibility that next year the first eleven could be playing at a level of cricket administered by the England and Wales Cricket Board. ECB ground inspectors are attending Broadham during August to assess the facilities. One of the criteria for the higher level is the need for cricket pitch covers. Club Secretary, Ian Hogg, told the Beacon that the ECB has approved a new form of lie flat wicket cover made of a material which lets through air and the properties of sunlight but prevents penetration by water. The material is extremely light and can be put in place by one person. At approximately £2,500 it is also roughly half the cost of the wheel on type of cover. Ian added that the club currently boasts between 50 and 60 young cricketers at Broadham every Friday evening and runs teams at Under 11, 13, and 15 age groups: the majority of the youngsters are from local families. The wicket cover facility will help to provide the best quality wicket for the junior games as well as adult.

Because of the need for the wicket cover an Appeal is being made for donations. Anyone wishing to make a contribution should contact John Hogg, on 812505 or write to him at 8 Upper Washwell, Painswick, GL6 6QY. All contributions will be greatly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to "Painswick Cricket Club".

July matches

Painswick's first eleven failed to maintain their excellent run of victories in July with several losses. However the second eleven has continued their fine season with yet another fine performance last Saturday. Playing at Cam, Painswick needed 45 runs to win with just 5 overs remaining. They achieved the required total of 205 with two balls left to be bowled. The annual cricket week was a great success, not least because of the exceptional weather with its temperatures often in the high eighties tested the player's stamina.

Results (Saturday matches all league games)

- *Indicates not outJuly
- Sat 1. Gloucester CS 2nd XI 152 Painswick 2nd XI 201.
- Wed 5. Haresfield 132-7 Painswick 133-6 (M Cook 56*).
- Sat 8. Painswick 1st XI 169-2 (S Savides 69 W Neville 46) Newent 1st XI 168-9.
- Charfield 2nd XI 133 Painswick 2nd XI 137-3.
- Wed 12. Rockhampton 116-8 Painswick 118-4.
- Sat 15. Painswick 1st XI 170 Frampton on Severn 1st XI 171-7.
- Shurdington 2nd XI 217-9 Painswick 2nd XI 218-5 (P Wilkie 107*).
- Sat 22. Rain affected. No results.
- Sun 23. Six a Side Tournament.
- Mon 24. Purbrook 218 Painswick 224-5 (A Bressington 101*).
- Tue 25. Painswick 251-9 (D Cake 104*) Oxfordshire CC 252-7.
- Wed 26. Painswick 239 (R Hopkins 100) Chairman's XI 91.
- Thu 27. Painswick 201 Buxted Park 203-6.
- Sat 29. Stone 1st XI 226-5 (P Lavis 109) Painswick 1st XI 214 (N Bressington 44 W Neville 44 D Barnard 41).
- Charfield 2nd XI 204 Painswick 2nd XI 205-7.

Fixtures

- August
- Sat 5. Birdlip 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Painswick 2nd XI v Hatherley & Reddings.
- Sun 6. Painswick v Cheltenham CS.
- Mon 7. Painswick v Dutchworth.
- Sat 12. Painswick 1st XI v Fairford 1st XI. Painswick 2nd XI v Cheltenham CS 2nd XI.
- Sun 13. Painswick v Gloucester Badgers.
- Sat 19. Cinderford St.John 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Painswick 2nd XI v Haresfield 2nd XI.
- Sun 20. Painswick v Stratford Court.
- Mon 21. Painswick v British Officers (Philadelphia USA).
- Sat 26. Tewkesbury 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

Steven Gerrish

Congratulations to Steven Gerrish who passed his Professional Golfer Playing Test at Tredegar Park Golf Club, South Wales on 3rd July.

Steven started playing golf at the age of 13 at Painswick Golf Club, representing the 1st team and winning 11 trophies. Steven then left the Painswick club to play for the Gloucester Golf Club where he is a member now. Steven works at the South Herefordshire Golf Club, Ross-on-Wye, where he is the Assistant Professional and TRI-Golf instructor.



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Invitation to La Bohème

This Group proudly sets about its 19th Season of presentations and concert outings from Thursday 21st September, and copies of its full programme can be obtained merely by telephoning 813101, or 814241 or me on 01453.873396. All of last season's members will be receiving their copy this month.



Last year the visits to concerts were opened to non-members, and several people took advantage of - and enthused about - the coach transport to the door of the venue, and the significantly reduced prices obtained through group discounts.

One of the difficulties associated with making bookings for prestigious events is that tickets have to be earmarked some months in advance and, more seriously, they are only held for clients until a few weeks before the performance.

The first concert to be attended this year will be the Welsh National Opera at Bristol Hippodrome performing La Bohème. Tickets have been held in the Grand Circle and in the Stalls at about £29.50 and £21 respectively, excluding about £10 for the coach. These must be secured by mid-September, so anyone interested should contact Stewart Price on 814241 without delay.

Alex Nichols

Victorian Costume Ball

On Saturday 8th July we were very honoured to have Queen Victoria attend our very successful Costume Ball at the Painswick Centre.

Her Majesty, accompanied by her Lady in Waiting and Personal Guard made their first official visit to the town and were delighted to attend the Ball which brought to a close our fifth year of dancing at the Centre which was decorated especially for the occasion. We had dancers from as far away as Leicester and Southwick in Sussex



for what was a most enjoyable evening of dances including several Victorian favourites such as The Dashing White Sergeant and the Sir Roger de Coverley along with some lovely Old Time Dances including the Lilac Waltz and the Boston Two Step.

Our new season of Tea Dances starts on Wednesday 7th September at 2.30pm so if you feel you would like some gentle exercise (doctors say it is good for you) do come

along, you will be made most welcome and it is a great way of keeping fit in a very sociable and friendly atmosphere.

Geoff & Joy, Dancing for Pleasure.



LloydsTSB

The Beacon is as aware as many in this community that real frustration has been caused by unscheduled closure of the Painswick Branch from time to time in recent weeks. Our understanding, as we go to press, is that **the future of this Branch IS under active review** and that any comments customers may have on the subject will be noted by staff and reported to the Senior Manager in Stroud, Tom Ward. It would appear that this is the time to contribute your comments, so we can only urge customers do so, unambiguously. The Parish Council has written to LloydsTSB expressing residents' concerns. We will be pleased to receive copy of views you express.

An African Flower Festival

Cranham Church on August 12th, 13th and 14th will be the location for vivid colours and a festival-with-a-difference.

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The Queen and I



"A wonderful experience, just like a fairy tale!" is how Rose Smith describes her afternoon tea with the Queen. Along with husband, Jack – and about 7,000 other guests - Rose attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 18th July. Neither Rose nor Jack claim to know why they had been so honoured, but we suspect it might be

something to do with a lifetime of dedicated service to the Painswick community, as evidenced by their selection as this year's joint Painswickians of the Year.

What Rose calls her 'adventure' started back in May when they received a slightly mysterious letter from Buckingham Palace suggesting they might like to keep the 18th July clear but not to mention it to anyone. Then in June came a second letter formally inviting them to a Garden Party at the Palace and instructing them to bring their passports with them for identification purposes. Just two small problems with that: Jack's passport had expired and Rose had never had one! 'Weston-super-Mare is as close as I've been to going abroad!', Rose joked.

So, with barely a month to go, they both set about applying for new passports: a comedy of errors ensued. First, the passports were erroneously mailed to another Mr and Mrs Smith in Bisley, who helpfully brought them to Pain-

swick. Then they realised that whilst their Buckingham Palace invitations referred to Jack and Rose Smith, their passports were in their real names of John and Rosalind, which meant hurried calls to the Palace to get new invitations sent out.



Eventually, everything came together and they enjoyed an unforgettable afternoon in the beautiful Palace grounds, with brilliant sunshine, two bands, ice cold drinks and superb food in an enormous marquee, and a close encounter of the royal kind with the Queen, the Duke of York and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

And to cap it all, on leaving the palace to cross Birdcage Walk, Rose was assounded when "Two handsome coppers stopped the London traffic just for me and escorted me across the road!"

JRB

How true

Last week was Butterfly Week with many talks and walks taking place in the area.

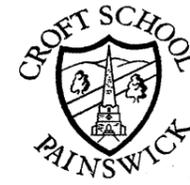
A reader writes to tell us that he had been walking through a hamlet near Painswick on a glorious summer's afternoon recently when he came across a flowering bush teeming with butterflies of all kinds. There were Red Admirals, Painted Ladies, Peacocks, Tortoiseshells and many others. It was an idyllic scene.

He had been there for a few minutes when a lady came down the slope towards him. He commented to her on the bush and its wonderful setting.

"Well" she said, "this is Paradise!"

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Renewed from last year	490	461	492
Total including postal	631	575	608
<i>Dwellings in Painswick village</i>	<i>1057</i>	<i>1057</i>	<i>1057</i>
<i>Subscribers in village</i>	<i>556</i>	<i>395</i>	<i>423</i>
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District Sports

We are pleased to repeat the message sent to all parents and children from Janet Hoyle "Congratulations to The Croft School athletics team, who recently won the small school's District Sports competition in Stroud. The event took place over two evenings, with jumping and throwing events first, followed by track races. Thirteen schools from the Stroud area took part.



It was a magnificent team effort, with every member of the running team qualifying for an individual or relay final and many outstanding performances in the jumps and throws. Every team member truly contributed to the winning score and our team were, as always at these events, a credit to the school.

The team were presented with a magnificent trophy and a cup for the school to keep."



... and they were so calm in their success!

The PTA Fayre

"An enormous thank you to everyone who was involved in any way with the organisation of the fayre on Sunday 2nd July" said Janet Hoyle.



"There was a super atmosphere and much fun had by all. Special thanks to the PTA committee and other parents who joined them to organise this event, putting in hours of work both before, during and in clearing up in such heat afterwards."



Our gratitude is both for a very enjoyable afternoon and for money raised towards new computers for the suite."

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Numeracy skill . . . job opportunity

The Horticultural Society is in urgent need of a Treasurer. After five years in office Alan Major did not seek re-election at our AGM in May, but has kindly carried on 'into extra time' for us, but will not be able to continue beyond 1st September.

Hopefully, a member of the Society will come forward to take on the role. If not, the committee will consider some paid assistance from outside our membership. This will inevitably lead to a considerable increase in subscriptions, way above the present modest level.

If neither of these two options materialise then sadly the Society will be wound up in May 2007. Please, if you can help, either permanently or on a short-term basis, please contact me on 813227.



Philip Berry

At last! The 1906 AGM

Last month Painswick Players held a sort of party/auditions thingy with a view to collecting people and ideas for our planned Painswick Centre Centenary celebration/show thingy (7th, 8th, 9th December). The result - in the words of celebration/show thingy director, Alistair Anderson - is "a cantatonical, kaleidoscopic cornucopia of comedic colloquies, choral co-articulations and kinematic quixoticisms - not to mention a chorus line of curvaceous cleavages!"

No-one's really sure what he means by that, but I can reveal that one of the nuggets unearthed was a contemporary, near-verbatim account of the ceremony when Mrs. Frances Sarah Williams (whose gift to Painswick, the Centre was) formally opened the Institute in 1906. This will enable us to reconstruct and stage the Opening Ceremony, a hundred years on, in detail and with some authenticity. So, you will be able to see and hear the terrifying Mrs W, along with such prominent Painswickians as the Revd William Herbert Seddon, Sir Francis Hyett and his daughter, the formidable Miss Lucy, founder of the Painswick Players. To say nothing of a certain Mr G Worgan.

Mr G who?. Sadly, I can say nothing of Mr Worgan: he must remain a mystery... perhaps until next month.

After the Opening Ceremony, there will be an equally authen-

tic Edwardian Music Hall. Already some intriguing acts are emerging from the Institute woodwork. The Painswick Tappers, for example, will be making a welcome return with a series of dance routines culled from the last hundred years, including an exceptionally naughty Edwardian Bathing Belles number! And Painswick's Anciently Youthful team of bell ringers plan a demonstration of their skills on stage, with audience participation and (presumably) extremely long bell ropes!

Other items include a 'Silent Movie', a Sensational Mind Reading Act and, for the first time in Britain, an appearance of the Baron von Finkelstein Fabulous Freakshow, which - rumour has it - will include the firing of a small boy from a cannon on stage to the back of the hall. Or rather four small boys, since (apparently) a different one is used for each performance... And, of course, there will be much music and song, solos and chorus numbers, tuneful tear-jerking ballads and raucous street songs.

You can hardly wait, can you? You might even want to take part: there's still time. Call Alistair Anderson on 01453.762070. And/or why not come along to the ever popular Painswick Players AGM (Wednesday, 13th September at 7.30 pm in the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre) and help finish up the last of the PP summer wine (Waitrose, Hungarian, Red...cheap)

JRB



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Readers without two left feet were, we suggested, in with a chance last month. Did you find twenty dances in the A-L range of first letters? We know some came very close.

Just to make matters worse, here are 19 more + one repeated, beginning with M-S.

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Yew Tree . . . and badgers

The last month has been a busy one for members of Yew Trees WI. At the June meeting Sarah-Jane Hasman from The Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham gave a lively talk on all aspects of the theatre, starting with its history and moving on to explain how productions are staged. The Theatre's varied objectives include seating their twenty-first century audience comfortably in an eighteenth century auditorium and striving to make their programme interesting and varied enough to satisfy 'everyman'! Quite a tall order. Sarah-Jane's enthusiasm for the Theatre left her audience convinced that if the rest of the team are anything like her, they will succeed!

There was much relief when at lunchtime on 6th July the rain clouds blew away and the sun appeared. The chairs and tables could then be set outside for a strawberry cream tea for members and their guests. A jolly time was had by all, and a big thank-you was given to Shirley Purdy who had kindly allowed her house and garden to be used for this event.

There was no such worry about the weather when members and guests went on a badger watch. The concern then was that there might not be any badgers to watch since the dry weather and lack of earthworms (their staple diet) is causing distress to badgers, and many other animals. However, we were in luck; not only was the Slad Valley looking idyllic, but three badgers came out to entertain us and to be fed by Tony Dean.

Like the Everyman Theatre we try to offer a varied entertainment to our members but unless we get some offers of help to run Yew Trees WI, and some new members to support us, we fear we will have to close at the end of this year. Having successfully set-up this WI, three members of the six-strong Committee understandably feel that after two years it is time to hand on their responsibilities to others. But who will take on these responsibilities? If you are interested in joining and/or helping please phone the secretary: on 812624 or come along to our next meeting in The Town Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 26th September.

Celia Lougher

"Another Beastly Art Exhibition"

run by Jane Vernon and Hazel Morris, is back in Painswick for its eighth year. This year Hazel and Jane are joined by guest exhibitor, painter Julia Paul.

The exhibition is already open until **this Sunday 6th August, between 10.00am and 5.00pm** and admission is free. All three Gloucestershire artists are inspired by nature and between them produce a rich and varied display of work. Items from greetings cards and mugs through to individually designed pieces of jewellery and larger paintings provide a selection of items for sale suitable for a range of budgets.

Arkane jeweller, **Hazel Morris**, specializes in unique, individually designed, hand-crafted silver jewellery alongside a range of other precious, non-precious and mixed metal pieces. The upheaval of moving premises has finally had to take place and the return to making larger work may well be a reaction to the smallness of the new premises! Visits to new larger premises by appointment are still welcome at Wimberley Mills, Knapp Lane, Brimscombe, Glos, GL5 2TH 07961.914957, email - haze.morris@virgin.net

Jane Vernon lives and works in Stroud. She makes colourful silk wallhangings, many with ceramic pieces suspended from their lower edge, and a wide range of domestic pottery. Jane can be contacted on 01453.763590 or by email to jane@clothandclay.co.uk and work can also be seen on her website, www.clothandclay.co.uk

Julia Paul grew up in the Painswick Valley and decided to become an artist at an early age. The underlying themes of her work have always been the shifting seasons, changing light, moods of the weather, the cycles of sun and moon and the living world of nature. Telephone: 01453.763590

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We are also holding a special storytime with juice and biscuits on Tuesday the 1st of August from 4.00pm-5.00pm and badge making and storytime on Friday 25th August from 3.00pm-4.00pm. All ages are welcome. There are also plenty of quizzes, word searches, colouring sheets and code breakers to keep you busy through the holidays.

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Painswick Dog Show Report

We had another fine sunny day for Painswick Dog Show and Charity Fun Day held on the Recreation Field. Unfortunately due to illness and other unforeseen circumstances only two charity stalls were able to attend, but the Dog Show continues to be well supported.

Judging of the Show classes began at 11.00am and our judge Pat Banks found her Best In Show in Anne Bishops' Flat Coated Retriever Junco. Anne, who lives at Bourton on the Water, trains at Painswick Dog Training Club and has been breeding Flat Coated Retrievers for 25 years. Reserve Best In Show was H. Wayman with her Whippet, Sophie and Best Puppy was Ute Zillick with her Tervuren, Amina.

After a short break for lunch Novelty and Obedience Classes began at 1.00pm. Our Novelty Judge, Pam Broughton, was impressed by the quality of the entries, particularly in the Best Condition and Best Movement classes. The overall winner of the Novelty classes was Matt Tottle with his Flat Coat Retriever, Bruce, bred by the afore-mentioned Anne Bishop.

The Obedience Classes were judged by Tanya Grigg who had a good number of entries. The winner of the first class was Heather Spence with her Cocker Spaniel, Misty and it was good to see two members of Painswick Dog Training Club take second and third places. The winner of the Done it for a While class was Mr. J. Hamid with his Border Collie, Astro, who was also our Best Veteran.

We would like to thank everyone who helped the show to run smoothly, particularly our willing volunteers at Painswick Dog Training Club. Local individuals and businesses offered very generous Raffle prizes so our thanks to the Painswick Hotel, Rococo Garden, Prinknash Abbey, Veterinary Surgeons



Aspinall Auld and Stevenson and the Royal William. First prize was a pleasure flight given by pilot Ed Stinton and the winner is pondering whether this is a good thing or not! Thanks also to the groundsman for presenting the field beautifully, all our visitors comment on what a lovely venue it is.

We have raised approximately £490 for The Cinnamon Trust.

Finally, someone has left a red folding chair on the field. Please contact me on 812462 to collect it

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Fiona Chapman



These, and many more, photographs taken from the tower during the event are on display in the church porch and in the library.

Copies may be ordered, at very reasonable prices, by completing an order form or by contacting John Dickinson on 812965. All proceeds will be divided between the tombstone project and the Croft School.

Postcard collection

On Wednesday 19th July Charles Muller, together with myself and Howard Beard, presented his vast collection of local postcards to the Records Office in Gloucester. He wants them to be used as reference by anyone who asks at the Record Office.

If Painswick should ever have a museum and the conditions are suitable for the collection he would consider them being accessed there. He will decide at the time.

Mr and Mrs Muller lived for many years at Lovedays Mill, and now live in Bath.

Mr Muller collected local post-

cards along with a vast collection of the countries of South America. Many of these have now been presented to the countries concerned.

There are about 500 of the Painswick area and a similar number of the Stroud valleys. We are all very lucky to have these for our reference, and well worth a look.

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